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White River Clean-Up

9 a.m. Saturday
Meeker Town ParkCome help pick up trash along the river.
Bags provided.

A 'Red Letter Day' for historic building

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MEEKER I Tomorrow—April 26—is Red Letter Day for Meeker's Mountain Valley Bank (MVB). Historically, festivals and holidays were marked in red on calendars, noting by color that there was something special occurring to pay attention to. Since 2015, MVB has celebrated the anniversary of its renovated building being listed on the National Register of Historic Places with an all-day open house.

From 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, the public is invited to stop by for refreshments and view the historic photos and displays inside the bank that create a timeline of events from the building's beginning until today.

"It has quite a history that not even the old timers are completely aware of," said bank president Tawny Halandras.

The letters IOOF on the outside of the building are a mystery to many. The letters stand for Independent Order of Odd Fellows. While no one can say for certain why they came to be called "odd," the organization can trace its roots back to the at least the 1600s.

The "History and Manual of Odd Fellowship" states: "The Odd Fellows started as a way to care for their members in a time when there were no systems in place to insure one's welfare, health of job protection. Back in the early days, insurance companies and government programs that provided sick and death benefits did not actually exist. Sickness or death of a breadwinner frequently meant poverty and

the responsibility of burial depended on the family. During the 19th Century, life insurance was available only to the wealthy and beyond the financial ability of the average working class. For these reasons the Independent Order of Odd Fellows took on the responsibilities of visiting the sick, burying the dead, educating the orphans and caring for the widows as a way to support widows, orphans and families in need."

When construction was completed in 1897, the two-story brick building in Meeker served as the home for the Independent Order of Odd Fellows Lodge, Valentine Lodge No. 47 for nearly 100 years, with a commercial business on the lower level and a community room in the rear one-story section.

The IOOF provided a social outlet for citizens in and ranchers near the small town of Meeker, and its members were supplied with insurance that medical assistance was available in the event of injury, and in the event of death, burial and survivor benefits were available.

The Aug. 15, 1896, issue of the *Meeker Herald* noted: "Workmen commenced on Thursday, tearing down the old McHatton adobe on the site of which will be erected the new Odd Fellows hall."

The McHatton adobe was the former military barracks building.

The grand opening was held April 26, 1897, to coincide with the date of the North American Odd Fellows founding, 78 years earlier on April 26.

For the dedication and grand opening, the lodge planned a com-

munity parade and an evening ball to which the public was invited.

The IOOF also had a drama club and a women's group called the Josephine Rebekah Lodge (The Ladies Auxiliary to the IOOF), both of which produced plays as fundraisers. The *Meeker Herald* reported in its Dec. 25, 1897, issue the performance of "Ragged Jack the Vagabond," complete with a new orchestra. These performances continued through the 1960s.

As a point of note, alcohol was not permitted in the building. However, it was not unheard of that folks attending events from the 1940s to 1960s would slip out the side door to enjoy alcoholic beverages in their cars.

"Throughout its history, it has been used by the community, not only by IOOF members but by other organizations, clubs and even as classrooms when the nearby schools could not be used," Halandras said.

The local telephone company occupied the building for a time as did the Rio Blanco County offices.

After the Meeker IOOF Lodge discontinued its charter in 1993, the lodge space was used as a private residence. The building has also carried the names of Rooney's Hall and the Star Theater during its time.

In 2004, Mountain Valley Bank purchased the building and began restoring it for use as a bank on the first floor and storage on the second floor. The original meeting space in the one-story section continues to serve as a location for community meetings.



COURTESY PHOTO

The letters I.O.O.F. on the historic building that now houses Mountain Valley Bank stand for Independent Order of Odd Fellows, a philanthropic organization that operated in Meeker for more than a century. Friday, April 26 is the anniversary of the building's grand opening in 1897 and the bank is hosting an open house all day. Scan the ZAP code to see a progression of the building's construction.

ON A MISSION ...



Children in Meeker and Rangely set out Saturday with baskets in hand to collect Easter eggs. The annual Easter egg hunt in Meeker is put on by the Lions Club. The Rangely event is sponsored by the Western Rio Blanco Metropolitan Recreation and Park District. For video and more photos, scan the ZAP codes with the free Zappar app.

Rangely students praised by Ignacio superintendent

By ROXIE FROMANG
Special to the Herald Times

RANGELY I Rangely Board of Education President Kurt Douglas called the monthly meeting to order on Tuesday, April 16 at 6:15 p.m. Everyone was in attendance except Casey Ducey at the time of roll call but he was present later on in the meeting. Approval of the meeting agenda was moved by Joyce Key and seconded by Sam Tolley. Approval of the consent agenda was moved by Key and seconded by Jason Cox.

Rangely Jr./Sr. High School Principal Crandal Mergelman presented the December, January and February students of the month awards. The December students of the month, sponsored by Rangely Conoco, were Alanna Wiley and Dylan LeBleu. The January students of the month, sponsored by Jerry Lebleu, were Alexis Wiley and Tytus Coombs. The February students of the month, sponsored by Rangely Napa Auto Parts, were Paityn Myers and Justin Rusher.

RE4 Superintendent Matt Scoggins praised the Rangely School District students as "awesome." He received a compliment from the Ignacio, Colorado school superintendent regarding the behavior of Rangely's students during a recent sporting event.

Scoggins reported that the health and education fair was very successful, he thanked all the staff and community organizations that participated. He recognized Kris Denny for her efforts in organizing the event. He also thanked all the parents, staff and community members who donated their time and items for the Rowdy Worm

after prom party.

Scoggins spoke about the mock accident coordinated with the state patrol and other first responders. "It was phenomenal and impressive," he said. Scoggins expressed his utmost appreciation to all the students and people who helped put it together. "It touched the students deeply and made an impact on them."

During the principals' reports, Parkview Elementary Principal Mike Kruger spoke about the pep rally that was executed to get the students excited for their CMAS testing. The testing will last throughout the month of April. He also noted that the school's technology has held up great and every time they had a hitch IT Director Blake Mobley fixed it in a timely manner. He reported that elementary enrollment is currently 278 students; this time last year it was 290.

Principal Mergelman agreed with Kruger saying they have not had an issue due to technology during the state testing. He reported that nearly all students had tested, with the exception of some scheduled make-up tests due to student absences. Graduation is scheduled for May 19 at 2 p.m. this year.

Douglas asked Mergelman why we are having home baseball games in Hotchkiss when our field is playable. Mergelman said he didn't have the answer to that. This is the third year the team has traveled to Hotchkiss, Paonia, etc. Douglas expressed his concerns saying "it is unfair that Rangely is traveling all of the time."

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Sunday: 70s/40s Mostly Cloudy



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MEEKER BUSINESSES ...



COURTESY PHOTOS

Meeker Chamber and WREA are proud sponsors of **LOVEMeeker Biz of the Month for April**. Congratulations to Hair Hut and Ma Famiglia, April businesses of the month. Make sure to stop by to enter their drawings.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- **RBC Fair Board Meeting** April 25, 6 p.m. Extension Office Kitchen, Meeker.
- **Interested in learning Mah-jongg?** Come join us at the Meeker Public Library. Thursday evenings through the month of April. 6:30 to 8 p.m.
- **Arbor Day tree planting** April 26 at noon at Paintbrush Park. Join ERBM as a tree is planted and learn if you are the winner of the essay contest! ERBM Recreation & Park District 970-878-3403.
- **Projects in Grocery Sacks** April 26, 1 to 4 p.m. at the Meeker Recreation Center. Grab your crochet hooks and yarn and join us for an afternoon of crocheting and conversations. ERBM Recreation & Park District. 970-878-3403.
- **Wagon Wheel OHV Club** will meet Wednesday, May 1 at 7 p.m. at Kilowatt Korner. Everyone welcome.
- **Tiny Open Gym** Tuesdays from 10 to 11 a.m. at the Admin Gym. Bring your one to four year olds to this free open gym to burn off some energy. A gym supervisor will be present, but will not lead organized activities. Max three children per parent/caregiver. ERBM Recreation and Park District 970-878-3403.
- **Warrior at Heart men's prayer group.** Thursdays from 5:45 to 7 a.m. at the Meeker VFW. Non-denominational and non-doctrinal. www.waheart.com
- **A Night Under the Sky - Answers to the Unknown** May 14, 6:30 p.m. at Meeker Heritage Culture Center. For more information call 970-596-5230.
- **Art On A Kart Master the Masters.** Mark your calendar for the third Thursday of each month. Invite your friends and hone your creativity and painting skills with an evening of art and friendship. Canvas, paint, drawing and painting techniques are included. \$30 per person. This month's Master the Masters will be "The Kiss" by Klimt on March 21 at 6 p.m. in the Meeker Coworking Space. Call or text Liz Waters 970-274-3794 to confirm or ask questions.
- **Storytime** at the Rangely Regional Library Tuesdays, 10 a.m.
- **Meeker Lions Club** meets every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at 290 Fourth St. New members are always welcome. It's a great way to give back to the community and spend time with a fun group of people.
- **Rangely Community Resource Pantry Winter Hours:** Mondays from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m., Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and the first and third Saturday of the month from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.
- **The Rangely Moms Group** meets the first Thursday of each month from 9-11 a.m. at First Baptist Church (207 S. Sunset Ave.) to help connect moms in our community. Any moms who have newborn through elementary aged children are welcome to join us for food, fellowship and fun. Childcare is provided. The first meeting is free. Subsequent meetings are \$5. Scholarships are available if needed.
- **Children's Story Hour** Wednesdays at 10 a.m. at the Meeker Public Library.
- **Gentleman's Group** meeting every Tuesday at 9 a.m. at the Meeker Recreation Center lounge. Adults 55+, stop by for refreshments and conversation. ERBM Recreation & Park District 970-878-3403.
- **Celebrate Recovery** meetings every Friday from 6 to 8 p.m. at Meeker Assembly, Fourth and Market Street. Meeker Council of Churches.
- **The Meeker Library Book Club** will meet Monday, May 13 at 1 p.m. to discuss "The Magnificent Mountain Women" by Janet Robertson. All interested readers are welcome to join in the fun. Stop by the Meeker Library for details.
- **Game Day** for adults 55+ on Wednesdays at 9 a.m. in the Meeker Recreation Center lounge. Stop by for refreshment, conversation and a game of cards.
- **Real-Tea Roundtable.** Join real estate expert Suzan Pelloni for helpful hints on buying and selling property. The first Wednesday of the month at 7:30 a.m. at Wendell's.
- **Free Adult Open Gym Volleyball** (18+): Tuesday at MES gym. 7:30-9 p.m. through May 14. ERBM Recreation and Park District. Call 878-3403 for details.
- **Free Community Dinner** every Thursday at 5:30 p.m. at St. James—Richards' Hall, Fourth and Park.
- **Free Adult Open Gym Basketball** (18+): Wednesdays at MES gym. 7:30-9 p.m. through May 15. ERBM Recreation and Park District. Call 878-3403 for details.
- **Free Teen Open Gym Basketball** (7th to 12th grade): Thursdays at MHS Gym. 6:30-8 p.m. through May 16. ERBM Recreation and Park District. Call 878-3403 for details.
- **Quilting Group.** Tuesdays from 1-9 p.m. at the Meeker Public Library. All are welcome. Come during hours that fit your schedule. Bring your sewing machine and project. Making quilts for the Walbridge Wing and hospice care.
- **Tootsie Care Day** has joined with Pioneers Hospital Home Health Foot Clinic. To help reduce confusion, Vicki will be at MVCC on the 2nd Wednesday of each month, to trim toenails of anyone who has trouble with the task. Please call PMC Home Health 970-878-9265 to schedule an appointment. Thank you.

Email events by 5 p.m. Monday to calendar@ht1885.com

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NEWS BRIEFS

Human traffi king awareness campaign

RBC | The human trafficking awareness mobile exhibit will be in Meeker Saturday from 6 a.m. to noon at the Meeker Elementary School and Sunday at the Meeker Public Library from 12:30-3:30 p.m., and in Rangely at the Jr./Sr. High School after an 11 a.m. assembly Monday, at CNCC until 3 p.m. and at the Rangely Chamber of Commerce for the general public from 4-8 p.m.

River clean up this Saturday

MEEKER | Several agencies have joined forces for a community clean-up effort along the White River from Sulphur Creek to the 10th Street Bridge. Spearheaded by Shawn Welder from the White River Alliance and the Yellow Jacket Conservation District, the goal is to "bring more attention to the river and its health." Volunteers are welcome. Meet at Town Park at 9 a.m. on Saturday, April 27. Bring gloves and boots, if desired. Lunch will be provided.

CNCC Spring Community Education

MEEKER | It is time to take advantage of the new sketching, food safety and cottage food training classes starting very soon. May 2—food safety training for three-year certification for food service workers: 9-11 a.m. or 2-4 p.m. May 4—sketching our landmarks with Pat Daggett. Enjoy a day sketching our historical buildings and landmarks. This class was rescheduled so don't miss this opportunity. May 9—cottage food training to certify persons operating a food business from a home kitchen at 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. or 2-5 p.m. Register online at cncc.edu, degrees and program, community education, Meeker classes. Click at left on registration form. Stop by the office at 345 Sixth St. on Tuesday or Wednesdays, call 878-5227, or email iris.franklin@cncc.edu.

Fundraiser for Bob Shelton May 4

MEEKER | A fun evening with friends, family and community in support of Bob Shelton and family. Shelton has been diagnosed with throat, head and neck cancer. The fundraiser will be Saturday, May 4 from 7:30 p.m. to midnight at the Meeker 4-H Building. Door entry is \$15 for adults and \$5 for kids, and includes appetizers, live music and dancing, and a live and silent auction for items including two processed quarter steers, guided fishing tours, overnight pack trips, a Yeti cooler, range finder and more. Non-alcoholic beverages will be provided but you are welcome to BYOB. Come and enjoy.

CNCC graduation events

RANGELY | 10:30 a.m. May 2—NPR PRELA graduation ceremony at the Rangely Campus. 7 p.m. May 3—Aviation Technology Wings Ceremony, Rangely Campus. 6 p.m. May 3—Nursing Pinning Ceremony, Craig Campus. 9 a.m. May 4—Dental Hygiene Pinning Ceremony at the Rangely High School auditorium. 2 p.m. May 4—2019 CNCC Commencement at Rangely Campus.

CORRECTION

MEEKER | In the Meeker school board story in the April 18 edition of the *Herald Times*, we incorrectly reported that the groundbreaking ceremony for the new high school would be held May 2. The correct date for the groundbreaking will be Wednesday, May 22. Further details will follow in coming editions. We regret the error.

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CNCC faculty to receive outstanding educator award

Special to the Herald Times

RBC | Colorado Northwestern Community College (CNCC) faculty, Elizabeth (Liz) Johnson, PhD, was recently selected to receive University of Colorado Boulder's Outstanding Colorado Educator Award. The award is presented to educators across the state of Colorado who have demonstrated a commitment to helping students achieve their higher education goals. These individuals are counselors, faculty, and staff members nominated by their colleagues for their hard work and dedication to student success.

In her nomination, Johnson's colleague noted, "To Liz, every student is an individual and she has a personal approach with each and every one of them. Liz not only teaches; she leads, advises, and is with students in the classroom or out in the field digging up dinosaur bones. She always directs students to the future and does not stop with just what they

are doing now."

Of the award Johnson said, "It is an honor to be selected as an Outstanding Colorado Educator. Community colleges play a crucial role in transitioning students to institutions of higher education and equally to the workforce in our communities. I have the pleasure to take part these students' individual growth and play a role in their life story. It is why any educator comes to work: we thrive on seeing our students grow."

Johnson teaches many science courses on the CNCC Craig campus. However, her focus and true love is with paleontology. When she is not in the classroom, Johnson coordinates summer dinosaur digs and manages CNCC's federal dinosaur repository.

Johnson will be recognized formally at University of Colorado Boulder's Outstanding Colorado Student and Educator Awards Night on Friday, May 3, in Boulder.

CU Boulder Outstanding



Liz Johnson

COURTESY PHOTO

Community College Educator Award Each year, the University of Colorado Boulder community is delighted to see so many talented and excited Colorado community college students join us to advance their academic careers. This year, we have created the Outstanding Colorado Community College Educator Awards to recognize the hard-working community college professionals who support these exceptional incoming transfer students in achieving their educational goals.



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EDITOR'S COLUMN...

'Small' is in the eye of the beholder

By NIKI TURNER
niki@theheraldtimes.com



I live in a small town. The population is just 10,000."

It's a conversation we kept overhearing while we were in Denver this month. Apparently the definition of "small" is quite subjective. For example, the television show "Twin Peaks" (which some of you remember from 20+ years ago, and some have just watched for the first time on Showtime) was originally set in a town with a population of 5,120. Executives at ABC didn't think a show about such a small community would be popular, so they added a one to the number, making the population 51,201... basically the population of Grand Junction, which I don't think any of us would classify as a "small town."

I guess "small" is in the eye of the beholder.

Another perspective is that even folks who live in the city have their own neighborhoods, and interact with the same approximate number of people, so it still feels like a small town. Except for the traffic and the

congestion.

For myself, I'd rather live in a tiny town of 2,500 where a morning stop for coffee involves hugs from friends and the barista knowing my regular order than a city where I'm just one of the masses in line at Starbucks and my name will always be spelled wrong on my cup. We may be small in numbers, but we're big in heart.

order than a city where I'm just one of the masses in line at Starbucks and my name will always be spelled wrong on my cup. We may be small in numbers, but we're big in heart.

Some of you—only a few, I'm guessing—may notice minor stylistic changes in the paper, like not abbreviating state names or using the percent symbol instead of writing out the word. What's up, you ask? We're trying to adopt the latest round of changes from the Associated Press Stylebook, which provides guidelines for journalists and editors in the same way medical research writing refers to the AMA (American Medical Association) Style guide.

As language has to be somewhat

fluid to adapt to modern inventions, the adoption of slang, and changing preferences, these style guides are updated periodically. Usually just about the time you get in the habit of doing something the "right" way.

When I first learned about AP Style, we were still using typewriters and putting two spaces after a period as we'd been taught in typing class. AP Style frowned on that double space, as well as the use of the Oxford comma (which is still a raging debate for grammar geeks). The reason, according to my journalism teacher, dates back to the old printing presses when printers tried to take out every nonessential letter and space for efficiency and economy, which makes sense when you realize every space and punctuation mark had to be placed by hand, and ink and paper were at a premium.

On a funny note, I happened to make a snide comment about the frequency of AP Stylebook changes to the fellow sitting next to me during the press convention, only to have him be introduced as the next speaker—an Associated Press staff member. Oops. Color me red.

GUEST COLUMN: HD-57 Rep. Perry Will

First legislative update from State Rep. Perry Will

By REP. PERRY WILL
Special to the Herald Times



Perry Will

RBC I As my first legislative briefing op-ed, I wanted to take the time to describe some of the issues and bills that have dominated much of the debate here in Denver. The newest member of the house, I have already begun to sponsor and work on the legislation that affects our corner of the state most. I have worked to have the Colorado Department of Natural Resources more clearly define a landowner's ability to allow recreational users to access their property for hunting and other outdoors activities without liability—something that was persistent during my tenure as a game warden. I am working to protect the Colorado River Basin, help solve the maintenance problems with our roads and much more. It has already been a great honor to serve the constituents of HD-57 and I look forward to addressing the needs of the district in the future.

On the subject of pieces of legislation that I have heard a lot about from residents of House District 57, the "Red Flag" gun bill, I

want to explain my reasoning for voting no. I believe an opportunity to address the issue of mental health was missed, and further, I believe that this bill will lead to dangerous situations for our law enforcement officers, and violations of law abiding citizens' rights guaranteed under the second, fourth and fifth amendments. It is these same concerns that formed the basis for our law enforcement communities and more than half of Colorado's counties' opposition to the bill. I want to be clear on this, I will side with our law enforcement, local officials and our judges whenever these communities stand united against a single issue. As of April 12, HB19-1177 has been signed by the Governor and my concerns remain. It shares similarities to other bills across the country that fail to protect potential victims and aid the mentally ill. In this case, I was sad to see

politics, not sound policy, under the dome.

On a positive note, I am happy to be working for additional rural school funding as well as coming legislation to keep our children safe on the way to and from school. I am also very excited to see a proposed rural economic grant program for early stage rural businesses.

I remain thankful for the opportunity to serve this great community and every day I look to approach each issue with respect and an open mind. Though I may be the newest member of the legislature, I have been working hard to ensure House District 57 has strong advocate for its interest on the other side of the slope. I will continue to fight for the values of the western slope in the 14 remaining days of the legislature. I look forward to hearing from you and the chance to work to solve issues to make HD-57 an even greater place to live.

If you find yourself in Denver, please stop by and say hello at the capitol. I am always open to hearing questions, comments and concerns via phone or email (repwillhd57@gmail.com).

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

It's a reappraisal year for property values

Dear Editor:
To all Rio Blanco County property owners, as required by the Colorado Revised Statutes, 2019 is a reappraisal year. Therefore, all properties within the boundary of Rio Blanco County have been revalued. Market sales, business income, and/or appraisal data for an 18-month period, Jan. 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018, was used to establish real property values. This data was analyzed to ensure the use of the proper valuation models as well as

the setting of correct values. You will receive notification from this office on May 1. If you have any questions concerning your Notice of Valuation, please contact our office. This notice is not your Tax Bill; it is only notification of the value of your property that will be taken by a percentage to arrive at your taxable value. The State Legislature stipulates the assessment percentages the Assessor's office uses when determining the taxable value of your properties. This is then multiplied by the mill levy for the taxing district boundaries where your property is located.

The Colorado Constitution

requires the Assessor to rely exclusively on market (i.e., sales) information when valuing improved residential property. During the 18-month period,

Jan. 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018, our analysis of Rio Blanco County indicates an appreciation in the market value of property. It is the Assessor's responsibility to ensure all taxable property is assessed equitably and at the correct level of value. Colorado procedural and statistical standards for mass-appraisal and assessment equity for real property are some of the most stringent in the United States. To ensure compliance with these

strict procedures and standards, the Assessor's office is audited yearly by a State of Colorado auditor.

Taxing entities supported by your property taxes provide vital community services to the citizens of Rio Blanco County, including schools, municipalities, regional libraries, fire districts, cemetery districts, hospital districts, recreational districts, river and water conservation districts, etc.

Please contact the Assessor's office if you have any questions concerning your Notice of Valuation. If you would like to discuss your valuation, please contact the Assessor's office at

970-878-9410 to schedule an appointment. Protests to real property valuations must be postmarked by June 1, 2019 or delivered in person no later than June 3, 2019.

Renae T. Neilson
Rio Blanco County Assessor

Would rather have lower bills than charging stations

Dear Editor:
Since White River Electric Association is clearly swimming in cash, I would like to ask them how

much we can expect our electric rates to decrease in January?

I withheld my frustration after WREA purchased the Mexican restaurant, a commercial business for the so called future opportunity to expand, even though our population and electricity demand are not exactly rapidly escalating. But to hear they spent almost \$10,000 of our money to put in frivolous electric car charging stations has me feeling the need to call them out on not managing their resources effectively. Whether or not there is a grant opportunity

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should not eliminate your sense of financial responsibility to your member owned cooperative. Charge your members less for the service you monopolize.

Sincerely,
Kelly Scott
Meeker

Thank you to all who helped bring awareness campaign to county

Dear Editor:
When the Rio Blanco County Farm Bureau Association Board voted to pursue scheduling the human trafficking trailer for presentations in the county, the biggest obstacle we faced was funding. As I approached other organizations to partner with us, the response was nothing less than overwhelming. Again and again, I am amazed at the heart of our community and thankful to call Rio Blanco County home.

Thank you to the following for making the upcoming Human Trafficking Awareness/Prevention Campaign possible both in Meeker and Rangely: Town of Rangely, VFW Post 5843, White River Electric Association, Meeker Lions Club, Rio Blanco County Commissioners, Rio Blanco County Sheriff, Commissioner Jeff Rector, Kevin Amack Agency—State Farm, Rio Blanco Herald Times, Meeker Regional Public Library, Colorado Northwestern Community College, Rangely Public Schools, TiRynn Hamblin—Rangely PD, Rangely Chamber of Commerce, Bear Mountain Inn, The Church at Meeker, Nita Smith—NLS Business Solutions, Clark's, Little Cheese Shop/Blanco Cellars, Meeker Safe House, Meeker Arts and Cultural Council, Rob Baughman.

Thank you for giving of your resources and time to help protect our families and children.

Sincerely,
Nancy Amick, Sec/Treas.
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OBITUARIES

Alton 'Bud' Miles

March 21, 1940 ~ April 21, 2019



Bud Miles

Alton "Bud" Miles, Jr., of Meeker, Colorado, left his earthly vessel to receive his glorified body on April 21, 2019.

He was born in Kilgore, Texas, on March 21, 1940, to Alton Leroy Miles Sr. and Pauline (Edwards) Miles. Bud graduated from Gladewater High School in 1958 and received an associate's degree from Colorado Northwestern Community College and numerous technical certifications. He was married to the love of his life Pam

(Halford) on April 14, 1979.

He was preceded in death by his parents Alton Leroy Miles, Sr. and Pauline Miles and leaves behind with anticipation of seeing again his loving wife Pam (Meeker, Colorado); siblings Paul Miles (Clovis, California), Sharon Kellogg (Ft. Morgan, Colorado), Gary Miles (Ft. Morgan, Colorado); children Tony Miles (Grand Junction, Colorado), Shaun Roark (Ft. Morgan, Colorado), Bob Roark (Lakewood, Colorado) and Chris Roark (Bridgeport, Ohio) and 12 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren, numerous nieces and nephews, and friends too many to number.

Bud lived a lifetime of community service including wastewater management, pastor and volunteer firefighter/emergency medical

service, underwater search and rescue, Rio Blanco County and Town of Meeker planning commissions, and the Pioneers Hospital Board. However, his greatest passion was his love for the Lord Jesus Christ and the sharing of the Gospel not only by means of preaching but in the way that he lived his life.

Celebration of life will be held at 11 a.m., Saturday, April 27, 2019, at the Meeker 4-H Building at 700 Sulphur Creek Road in Meeker, Colorado followed by graveside services at Highland Cemetery also in Meeker.

In lieu of flowers please send donations to Calaway-Young Cancer Center at Valley View Hospital in Glenwood Springs, Colorado, or Meeker Fire and Rescue Department.

B. Curtis Smith

Feb. 27, 1941 ~ April 21, 2019



Curt Smith

B. Curtis Smith, 78, died April 21, 2019, following a long illness.

Born Feb. 27, 1941, in Liberal, Kansas, he was the son of the late Charles and Mary Smith.

Curt graduated from Fort Hays State University in Hays, Kansas, with a bachelor's degree in botany.

Curt had been employed by the Bureau of Land Management for 31 years where he retired in Meeker, Colorado, as the district manager and then spent another 20 years consulting related to land management.

He participated and enjoyed many sports in school and was an avid Denver Bronco fan. Some of his favorite hobbies that he shared with his family were fishing, hunting and the love of the outdoors.

Curt is survived by his wife Sharon Smith; sons David (Michelle) Smith, Douglas (Jennifer) Smith; daughters Diana (Vernon) Harris, Danette (John) Kyle; step-daughters Teresa (Mark Miller) Waller, Misty (Shawn) Bolton, Jill Massey; brothers Jack Smith, Norman (Maxine) Smith, Ray (Bess) Smith; 12 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

In respect to Curt's wishes, no services will be held.

A memorial contribution may be made in Curt's name to: HopeWest (Hospice) 3090 North 12th Street, Unit B, Grand Junction, Colorado, 81506.

Mary Margaret (Yeakel) Mobley

Nov. 1, 1930 ~ April 16, 2019



Mary Mobley

Mary Margaret (Yeakel) Mobley passed into eternity Tuesday, April 16, 2019.

Mary was born in Silt, Colorado. She went to college in Denver and then moved to Meeker in her mid- to late-20s. Mary had a full and wonderful life. She was known for her pretty smile and hard work ethic which she learned from being raised on a ranch in the New Castle area with her parents and six brothers. Some favorite memories as a kid were

riding her horse to school in the rain and snow and taking turns churning the ice cream. Oh, how their lips would drip even before the ice cream was completed.

When she was 20 years old, she married the love of her life, Bruce Mobley. She helped him herd the sheep and build fence for many, many years. Many a time they stayed in a sheep camp with her children in tow for days on end. They were married for 63 years before he passed in 2013.

She retired from working at the Barone Jr. High School lunch room after 30 years of making fresh, soft dinner rolls and cinnamon rolls. Anyone that you talk to will remember her cinnamon rolls as they were their favorites!

Mary is missed dearly by her

children Joline (Peter), Marcia (Curtis), Cindy (Brian), Crystal (James); and her seven grandchildren Joel, Danielle, Sidney, Jenni, Angeline, Serena and Benjamin; and four great-grandchildren Grace, Jacob, Elektra and Joel Jr., plus many other family members including Mary's brothers Jerry, Walter (Ardis), Bob, and George. She is preceded in death by her parents, David and Mollie Yeakel, her brother Dick, her brother and sister-in-law John and Natalie, and the love of her life, her husband, Bruce.

Memorial services were held on Tuesday, April 23, 2019, at the Meeker United Methodist Church followed by internment at Meeker Highland Cemetery with Pastor David Petty officiating.

Sonny Schillings

Oct. 22, 1948 ~ April 14, 2019



Sonny Schillings

Sonny Schillings was born on Oct. 22, 1948, and passed away on April 14, 2019, in Meeker, Colorado.

His was a life well lived with adventures and curiosity. His talents were many. If you put a scrap of paper in front of him, he was likely to doodle you a piece of artwork. One of his greatest joys was playing his guitar. He could play country, rock, folk, Flamenco, jazz, blues. Anyone who spent time with Sonny was regaled with animated stories, filled with details about his motorcycle trips, his life going "back to the land" and his precious son, Silkor.

Friends and family always sought his advice when they needed to fix just about anything. There wasn't

anything, or anyone, that he couldn't make better.

His insatiable curiosity led to his many hobbies because he always wanted to learn about something in as much depth as possible. He saved up and bought his first telescope and microscope before he was 10. He made his first crystal radio even before that. He never lost his interest in the large, the small or taking pictures of anything.

He grew up hunting, fishing and camping and was heavily involved in going to rendezvous' while Silkor was small. He broke his own land in Missouri and proceeded to build a homestead complete with running water, solar electricity and habitat for the wildlife he loved.

No tribute to Sonny would be

complete without mentioning his love of the earth and all the living beings that share our beautiful planet. Animals and small children were drawn to him like magnets. He will be missed by the many people whose lives he touched.

Sonny is survived by his wife Kristine Hicken, son Silkor Schillings, grandchildren Saigen and Katia Schillings, sister Sharla Schillings, and the many people who will always miss him. A barbecue sometime the week of July 4 is being planned so Sonny's Meeker friends can gather and share their memories of this special man.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to HopeWest.

Patricia Ann 'Pat' McComsey

March 23, 1934 ~ April 9, 2019



Pat McComsey

Patricia Ann "Pat" McComsey passed away April 9, 2019, in Phoenix, Arizona. She was born in Lincoln, Nebraska, on March 23, 1934, to Margaret and Leonard (Griffin) Styer. The family moved to Wolcott, Colorado, when she was young. From there the family moved to Rangely, Colorado. Patricia graduated from Rangely High School.

On Nov. 16, 1957, she married Arthur McComsey. They started their family: Mark McComsey, and Lori McComsey, and lived in Rangely until 1969.

In July 1969, Patricia and her family moved to Kenai, Alaska, living there for 35 years. They then moved

back to Colorado, living in Palisade until her death.

Pat loved the outdoors, be it desert or mountains.

She was preceded in death by her parents. She is survived by her husband, Art McComsey; sister Francis Kane of Hawaii; brother Leonard Styer of Death Valley, California; children Mark and Lori of Kenai, Alaska; grandchildren Kayleena, Marylou and Jacob; great-grandchildren Levi and Lexis; several nephews and nieces.

A Mass, celebrating her life, will be held April 25, 2019, at St. Ann Catholic Church in Palisade, Colorado, at 10 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to any hospice organization.

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Practical Faith

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

But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him. (Heb. 11:6)



Dr. J.D. Watson

OSWALD Chambers has often been quoted: "Faith enables the believing soul to treat the future as present and the invisible as seen." While that is most certainly true, how do we make it practical? Our text, of course, appears in the context of Enoch's faith, and we will meditate on him in a future study, but we should examine this verse now as it relates to the greater context of the whole chapter. Building upon what we have already seen, this verse goes deeper by providing us with four principles of practical faith.

First, we recognize the impossibility: without faith it is impossible to please him. This is first and foremost in putting our faith into practice. Some think they can please God by their religion, by performing various rituals, or practicing certain sacraments (cf. Gen. 4:1-7). Others think they can please God by their own good works and moral living (cf. Is. 64:6; Eph. 2:8-9; Titus 3:5). Still others think God will be pleased with them because of their nationality or family heritage, just as the Jews thought because they were descendants of Abraham (cf. Jn. 8:39-44). But there is no other way to please God than by believing what He says.

Second, we see the inclination: he that cometh to God must believe that he is. The word translates *esti*, a form of the word *eimi*, the usual word for existence. Paralleling the OT "I AM" (Ex. 3:14), Jesus used this word to refer to Himself as the "I AM." As noted in our last study, faith relies not on arguments or proofs, but simply on what God says. There is never enough evidence for the unbeliever.

Third, we feel the intimacy: diligently seek him. Not only must we believe that God is, but we must also seek and believe in the God who is holy, personal, loving, and gracious, the God who responds to those who come to Him. **Diligently seek** is the verb *ekzeteō*, to seek out, search diligently, and is in the present tense. Practical faith, then, continually seeks God with full diligence. Our faith is constantly growing because it is based on the Word of God. The more diligent we grow in the Word, the deeper our faith and relationship become.

Fourth, we note the incentive: he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him. While it is certainly enough for godly believers that God tells us to have faith, He adds an extra incentive by His grace—He adds reward. The greatest reward, of course, is our salvation and its assurance. As we will see in other verses, however, God has given us far more. Because of our faith, we will: receive God's approval (v. 4), one day be translated into God's presence (v. 5), receive guidance (v. 8-10), enjoy provision (vv. 24-26), and claim victory over difficulties (v. 30).

Such practical faith wonderfully equips us for service. **Scriptures for Study:** What do these verses say about diligence: Psalm 119:10; Proverbs 8:17; Jeremiah 29:13; Matthew 6:33?

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



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Meeker High School FFA students shared their agriculture knowledge with groups of Meeker Elementary School students last week as part of the Ag in Motion educational program, sponsored by Farm Bureau.



OFFICER FRIENDLY ...



CAITLIN WALKER

Returning to his role as "Officer Friendly," Meeker Police Chief Phil Stubblefield demonstrated proper bicycle hand gestures to Meeker Elementary students as part of the annual bicycle rodeo.



2019 / 2020 Property Valuation



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What is a Reappraisal?

- Property is valued every two years for property tax purposes
- According to state law, only sales from the study period can be used to value residential property
- Property is valued as of an appraisal date – June 30, 2018

In Colorado, all properties are re-valued every odd-numbered year —this is called a reappraisal. When a property is reappraised by the Assessor's office, we estimate the market value as of the appraisal date, which is set by statute as June 30 of the preceding year. The appraisal date for the 2019 Reappraisal is June 30, 2018. In even numbered years property values stay the same unless a change has occurred to the property.

Colorado law requires that residential property be valued using sales from a specific time frame. This time frame, known as the "study period", is a minimum of eighteen months, and may extend up to five years prior to the appraisal date. We cannot include transactions that occurred after the appraisal date in our analysis. The Rio Blanco County Assessor's Office provides tools and publications on our website so that property owners can research their value. One example is the Property Database, which shows a sales history as well as other properties for comparison purposes. Another example is the yearly Sales Book which provides information regarding area sales.

Your Notice of Valuation

On May 1, the Assessor's Office mails each property owner a notice of the appraised value of their property. After receiving your postcard, we recommend that you visit the Assessor website to review your property characteristics and study period sales in your area. Remember, the total value stated on your Notice of Valuation is an estimate of your home's worth on June 30, 2018. Total value does not necessarily reflect market value.

UNDERSTANDING YOUR 2019 NOTICE OF VALUATION

Sales used for analysis during reappraisal process are valid, arm's length transactions. Rio Blanco County uses a 18 month cycle to ensure that all sales are considered and that we have an accurate view of our market trends.

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Your Rights of Appeal

If you feel that your valuation is incorrect after reviewing sales and characteristics for your property, you may appeal your property valuation to the Assessor between May 1 and June 1. Assessor level appeals may be filed by mailing back the appeal form that is part of the NOV postcard. You may also meet with an appraiser and appeal in person (by appointment only). Regardless of the method you choose, each appeal receives careful consideration and review. Be sure to include any information you have gathered in your research to support your appeal. The assessor will make a decision and mail a Notice of Determination to you on or before June 30.

If you still disagree with the Assessor's valuation, you may file a written appeal with the County Board of Equalization (CBOE) on or before July 15. Hearing officers are appointed by the County Commissioners to administer the cases and provide a recommendation for each appeal. The Board schedules and completes their appeals by Aug. 5. Written notification is mailed within five business days once the Board has approved recommendations made by the hearing officers.

How are Residential Property Taxes Calculated?



Property taxes are calculated by first multiplying the actual value of your property by the statewide residential assessment rate to arrive at the assessed value. The assessed value is multiplied by the mill levy to arrive at the taxes due on your property. The County Treasurer is responsible for mailing the tax bill and collection of taxes. You will receive a tax bill from the Treasurer each year in January for the taxes due for the previous year.

Senior Citizen and Disabled Veteran Tax Exemptions

Seniors over 65 who have occupied their home as their primary residence for over ten years as of January 1 qualify for a state funded property tax exemption. For those who qualify, fifty percent of the first \$200,000 of actual value of the home is exempted from taxes, and this reduction is noted only on the homeowners tax bill. Qualifying senior citizens must submit their application to the Assessor's Office prior to July 15, and once approved there is no need to reapply. Forms are available on the Assessor website.

A similar exemption is available for Veterans who have been rated by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs as 100% "permanent and total" disabled. Application for this type of exemption is made to the Division of Veterans Affairs, however the application and other important information are also available on the Assessor website.



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RE-4: Scoggins opposes mill levy stabilization bill

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The BOCES meeting is scheduled for April 23 and they will finalize the plan for the end of the year. Key gave the RDA update and reported that the museum requested money for a five-year plan from a company that they were happy to finally receive. The RDA meeting for this month has been cancelled.

During the superintendent update Scoggins said he questions whether the district will receive \$30 million or not from the state. He reported that full day kindergarten looks like it will be going through and everyone should know more in two weeks. Scoggins and his staff are putting together a budget with a \$250,000 deficit.

He attended the Western Slope Superintendent meeting and at that meeting they discussed the possibility of mill levy stabilization bill. Scoggins feels that he may be the only superintendent at the meeting who opposes this bill and said "it will have a negative impact on our community and we are the lone voice out there." He spoke briefly

about the sexual education bill and expects that it will get passed. He expressed his concerns about the teacher shortage. Mergelman attended a UNC job fair and reported that no elementary teachers stopped at his table during a recruitment event.

Kruger said three or four elementary teachers at the Colorado Mesa University Job Fair he attended stopped at his table and expressed interest in coming to Rangely to teach.

During the past two and a half weeks the school server has crashed and Mobley has worked tirelessly to keep the district running. Scoggins spoke about consideration of changing the age requirements for preschool so that children would be a bit older in order to enroll. He reports that research suggests that children enrolled older are more successful in high school and beyond. Scoggins presented the 2019/2020 school calendar and reported that the final changes have about 95% support from the staff. The calendar has gone from 150 to 148 full calendar days. Ducey moved to approve the calendar as presented and Tolley

seconded it and the calendar passed unanimously.

A first reading of purchasing procedures is due and Douglas said next month they will need to approve it.

A proposed salary schedule was discussed. There are two different salary schedules. The proposed starting point changes the base salary of district teachers from \$33,733 to \$34,500. This change will move the RE4 School District up from 85th in the state to 71st for teacher salary. Scoggins recommended to change the weighted GPA cap for next year and honor the 4.0 GPA for the purpose of class ranking and valedictorian. Key moved to approve the contract for Principal Crandal Mergleman and it was seconded by Cox, the board approved it unanimously.

Key moved to go into executive session at 7:47 p.m. to discuss personnel matters and the public portion of the meeting was adjourned. The next Rangely Board of Education meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 21 at 6:15 p.m.

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Meeker board considers affordable housing project

New housing would be targeted toward location-neutral employees/owners

By NIKI TURNER
editor@ht1885.com

RBC I As part of their ongoing contract with Better City, Meeker's Board of Trustees heard from Kelby Bosshardt, chief operating officer, about the next steps toward moving ahead with plans for developing affordable housing in Meeker.

Bosshardt said they have been in discussion with local property owners, particularly with interest in the Sanderson Hills area who have expressed interest in the town's plan to develop properties at a price point of \$220,000 to \$260,000.

"There seems to be a low percentage of multiple affordable single-family attached homes on smaller lots compared to the rest of the state," Bosshardt said.

The plan includes potential for townhomes, "twin" homes, and patio homes. Some of those would require rezoning and lot line adjustments.

Previously, the town considered putting townhomes or patio homes on the former hospital property, but were

met with opposition from residents.

The new housing would be targeted toward "location-neutral" employees or business owners, and Bosshardt suggested creating incentives for buyers to provide security for developers that the properties will sell. Cities like Tulsa, Oklahoma, and Newton, Iowa, have offered incentive packages for homebuyers that include things like a down payment or closing cost allowance, or a welcome package, (e.g. chamber bucks, prepaid membership to the rec district, discounted outfitting or recreation rentals, prepaid membership at coworking space, prepaid broadband, etc.).

Town attorney Melody Massih asked if there are any Colorado communities that have carried out a similar incentive program. Bosshardt said he would look into it.

Makayla Barton with the county's economic development department asked how the town would limit the purchase and incentive program to new residents, when there is a waiting list of people looking for homes in this price range.

Before the town can move ahead with a Request for Qualifications, the incentives need to be determined.

Staff updates:

■ There were 284 calls for the Meeker Police Department in March, two arrests, 12 summons, 49 warnings and nine animals picked up. Chief Phil Stubblefield said the town's newest officer is "doing well" and should complete training by mid-May. One position remains open and there have been no applications.

■ Public Works Superintendent Russell Overton said his department purchased a new tool for pulling water lines without digging across the street. "We used it for the first time today," he said.

■ Town Clerk Amy Tupy said she's planning to attend a week-long training in Denver in July.

■ Town Administrator Lisa Cook introduced Lisa Pakuer as the town's new administrative assistant.

■ All departments are "at or under budget" at this point, according to Cook.

■ The town will put out a Request for Proposal to find a consultant to assist with updating the town's comprehensive plan, and a Request for Qualifications for

contractors to submit plans for the town's Third Street improvements.

Public hearings:

■ Approved a special review use permit to Charles and Jennifer Whiteman for the operation of a small retail business at 320 Third Street, formerly the offices for Schmueser Gordon Meyer in Meeker.

■ Approved a request from the Meeker Arts and Culture Council for four special even liquor license permits this summer.

■ Awarded the 2019 chip seal project bid to United Companies for \$396,640.

Students bring history to life

Special to the Herald Times

RBC I History came alive at the RBC Historical Society quarterly meeting on April 14. Much to the delight of the 40 attendees of the meeting the Barone Middle School history class taught by Kris Casey presented their projects.

Many questions were asked of the young presenters. Every question was answered in detail that proved to the audience that these students have done their homework. Everyone in attendance went home with a better knowledge of a historical event and a feeling that our young people are being well educated and we are in good hands.

Presentations (skirts)

The encampment of Valley Forge: Aiyana McCook and Lily Cox (pictured)

Marylin Monroe: Ruby Holliday, Katie Lockwood, Melayni Wangnild, Brea Garcia

Websites:

War of Roses: Deana Wood
Amistad: Emma Luce, Kenzie Keetch, Autumn Hobbs, Grace Roberts, Maddie Mendenhall

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Aiyana McCook and Lily Cox presented "The Encampment of Valley Forge."

Appliance repair and sales comes to Meeker

By DOC WATSON
Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER I While the old expression "Jack of all trades, master of none" applies to many of us, it doesn't apply to Roy Morse. Growing up in the auto body business, which he pursued for some 30 years, he mastered several other trades along the way and has brought those skills to Meeker with a new handyman and appliance repair business.

Both Roy and his wife Lilly are Colorado natives—fourth generation, in fact, for Lilly, whose family homesteaded in 1852—and both are involved in this new venture.

"I grew up in Littleton, so I remember when downtown Littleton kind of looked like our little town here, just when they first paved Main Street," Roy said.

Growing up in the oldest house in Littleton—Baker Mansion, built in 1886—Roy fell in love with old

houses. This is reflected not only in houses he has remodeled but also in the house he bought at 490 11th Street. "This house was pretty much abandoned. There were no appliances, the plumbing didn't work; it was bad, and Lilly cried for two weeks," he said.

After three decades in the auto body business, losing his father, mother, brother and key employees to death, the difficulties in finding good help, and the hardship on his own body, Roy needed to turn to something else.

"I decided to go into appliances with a partner, then I worked for Sears, I worked for Appliance Factory, and then I started my own used appliances business," he said.

While Roy has worked as a handyman to make ends meet here in Meeker (and this will not disappear immediately), they started gathering appliances from different parts of the state and began to "repair and care."

Many of these are "parted out" so the parts can be used to repair other appliances, and what remains is recycled or scrapped.

"We will also be selling used appliances," Roy added. "We'll (sell) the real sweet ones that I can fix, and even put pairs together, for folks who can't afford new ones."

"He's the craftsman, I run the business end," Lilly interjected. "I do all the estimating, scheduling, and (money matters)."

"We also try to help people out who don't have much," Roy said. "We have given a lot of things away, especially to the elderly." Out of courtesy, he has also diagnosed problems for people over the phone.

There is not yet an official name for the business—there are a few legal and other matters to work out first, such as advertising—but in the meantime you can call 970-942-3285. From "flipping to fixing," Roy and Lilly might be able to help.

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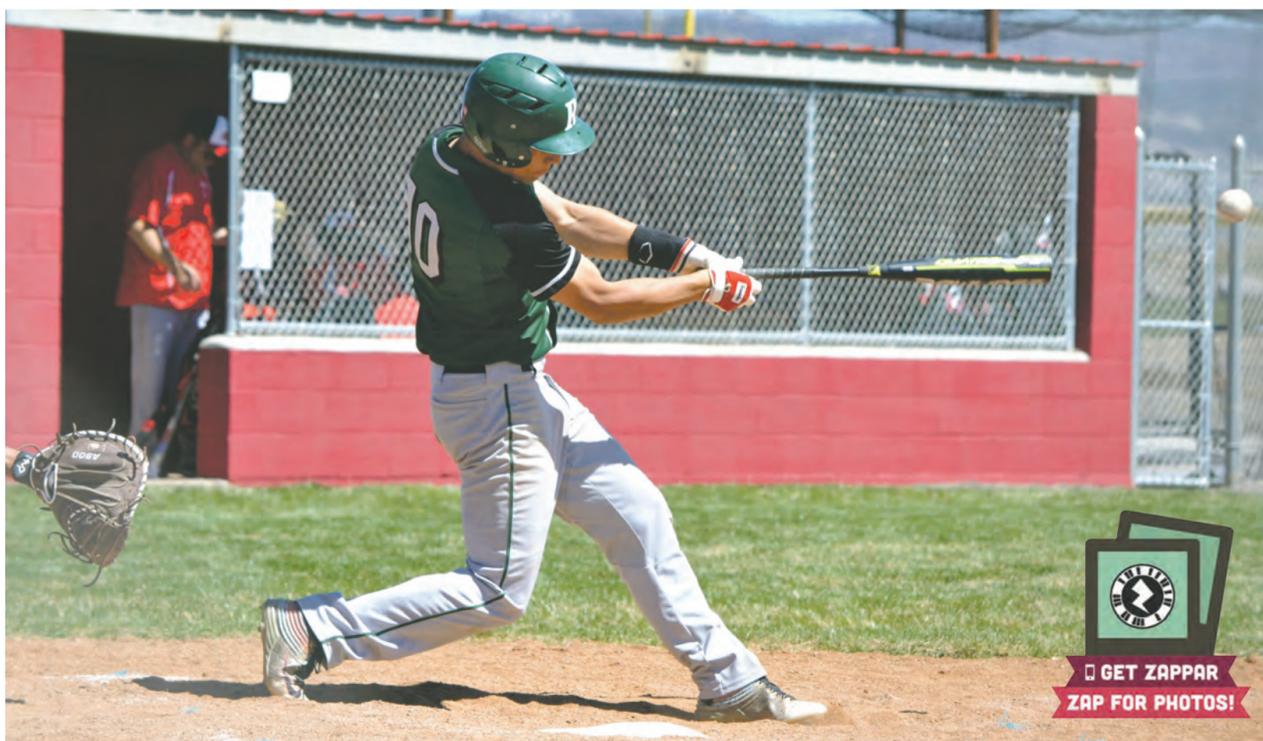
April 25 @ West Grand (pole vault only)

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JOEL PRIEST/SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Rangely senior Tristan Moore (10) launches an Ignacio pitch during neutral-site [Kevin Ritz Field at Sunset Mesa Sports Complex in Montrose] action this past Friday, April 19. Moore went an outstanding 5-for-5 batting—including a triple on the game's first pitch and a two run homer in its final inning—and scored five runs with two RBI from the leadoff slot in the order—helping RHS rout IHS 14-0 in five frames. Download the free Zappar app and scan the code to see more photos.



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Panthers take down Bobcats 14-0

Special to the Herald Times

RANGELY I The Rangely High School Panthers baseball team traveled to Olathe and Montrose on Friday to take on Dolores and Ignacio at a neutral site for a pair of 2A Western Slope league games. The Panthers were able to end an eight game losing streak by defeating the Ignacio Bobcats 14-0 in five innings. Earlier in the day, the Panthers fell to the Dolores Bears 9-3 to go 1-1 on the day.

In game one, sophomore Austin Davis toed the rubber for the Panthers and gave a two and one-third inning performance where he only allowed one hit while surrendering four unearned runs. Davis walked six Bears hitters while not recording a strikeout. Davis left the game in the bottom of the third inning when the Bears were able to take a four-run lead on the Panthers. Freshman Keihlin Myers came in a pitched a solid relief effort. Myers went three and two-thirds innings and gave up five scattered runs through those

three innings while striking out one Bears hitter with no walks.

Offensively against the Bears, the Panthers succumbed to some base running miscues that allowed the Bears to wiggle off the hook in the first four innings without surrendering a run to the Panthers. In the top of the fifth inning, the Panthers got on the board when senior Drew Brannan smacked a double to left field that scored two runs for the Panthers. Sophomore Austin Davis then followed up with a single to center that plated Brannan on the next pitch and brought the game to 6-3. The Bears were able to tack on three more runs in the next two innings to end the game with a score of 9-3 in favor of the Bears. Drew Brannan led the Panthers at the plate as he went two-for-two at the plate with two walks to along with his hits and he drove in two RBI's for the Panthers. Fellow senior Tristan Moore also continued his hitting streak as he went two-for-four at the plate with a double and single as well. Seniors Stetson Cudo and CJ

Lucero also added a hit each for the Panthers, junior Dylan LeBleu also contributed to the hit column with sophomore Davis.

In game two, the Panthers traveled to Montrose to take on the Ignacio Bobcats. Junior Dylan LeBleu took the mound against the Bobcats and was brilliant in his five innings of work. LeBleu only allowed one hit while striking out 10 and not walking a single Bobcat hitter. With this performance, LeBleu brought his ERA down to 1.68 in 25 innings of work. In those 25 innings, LeBleu has struck out 52 batters while only walking 14.

At the plate, the Panther bats came alive with runners on base to help them to the 14-0 victory. Tristan Moore continued his hot hitting from the game before where he went five-for-five including a triple, three singles and a home run. Moore scored each of the five times that he reached base with five runs. Only to come a double short of the illustrious cycle in the game of baseball. Fellow senior Grady Nielsen also proved

difficult to keep off the base paths as he recorded one hit, two walks and a hit-by-pitch in three at-bats on the day. Dylan LeBleu added a four-for-five hitting performance to his great pitching for the Panthers. LeBleu drove in two RBI's for the Panthers with his four hits. Stetson Cudo went three-for-four with a hit-by-pitch in five plate appearances. Drew Brannan continued to hit the ball hard with a pair of hard hit singles. Austin Davis added two more hits to his stats as he went one-for-two with a walk and a hit-by-pitch in four plate appearances. Freshman Justin Cudo recorded his first varsity hit that plated two runs for the Panthers as well.

With the win, the Panthers now hold a 3-8 mark on the season with a 1-3 record in the 2A Western Slope League. The Panthers will host the Moffat County Bulldogs on Monday, April 22 and then travel to Meeker on Friday, April 26 to take on the Meeker Cowboys in a game that will determine the host site for the 2A Western Slope Pigtail game.

Cowboys 4-10 for the season

By TIFFANY JEHOEK
Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER I Three games this past week and the Cowboy baseball record has improved from 2-9 to 4-10. In Thursday's win over the Coal Ridge Titans the Cowboys consistently scored throughout the game closing out the final score 8-6. On the mound was senior Luis Villalpando who threw 93 pitches, striking out two, and sophomore Liam Deming, who rounded out the game throwing 33 pitches and striking out one. Cole Rogers led the team in scoring, making it around the bases to score twice.

The second win in a row, bringing some positive energy to the team, was a huge win over Ignacio, 20-3 in Montrose, Colorado.

"It's a mental approach that has been positive," commented head coach Donald Blazon. "The boys understand how important it is to believe in themselves and each other."

Josh Murphy pitched the entire four inning game that was called early due to the overwhelming victory over the Bobcats. Offensively scoring was led by Murphy with

Rogers, Villalpando, Hanks, Colton Wille, Braydon Garcia, CJ Wagnild, Tristan Wille, and Ryan Phelan all contributing the the 20 points in just four innings. Defensively, Elijah Deming couldn't be more accurate fielding six of six.

Rounding out the double header the team took on Dolores, a tough loss, with the game called after five innings. Final score of 8-20 at the hands of the Bears, who had strong defensive play, six boys fielding over 0.750 and five at 1.000. Garcia, Murphy, and Phelan were all on the mound, with Garcia throwing 60 pitches with very few errors. Once again Rogers' bat was on point, and he was able to score three runs on the evening.

There are five regular season games left before Districts. Coach Blazon is hoping "Cowboy fans will come down to the field to cheer on their team and fill the stands." Thursday, the Coal Ridge Titans will travel to Meeker with varsity at 4 p.m. and JV to follow. Friday, the weather looks to continue to be excellent for a double header against Rangely, the Panthers will travel to Meeker with games beginning at 2 p.m.



JOEL PRIEST/SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Meeker senior C.J. Wagnild crashes into Ignacio catcher Lawrence Toledo, disrupting the Bobcat's tag attempt near home plate during neutral-site [Kevin Ritz Field at Sunset Mesa Sports Complex in Montrose] play this past Friday, April 19. MHS trounced IHS 20-3 (Wagner went 0-2 but did reach on an error, scored once and drove one Cowboy in via a fielder's-choice grounder) in a game shortened to four innings. Download the free Zappar app and scan the code to see more photos.



Back-to-back meets for Cowboys

By TIFFANY JEHOEK
Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER I “Going to two meets gave us a great opportunity to really focus on what we wanted to work on each day,” said head coach John Strate of last week’s back-to-back track meets.

The season has now reached the point where the kids are trying to solidify state qualifying.

The weekend opened Friday at Coal Ridge, the girls 4x800-meter relay of Hailey Knowles, Julia Dinwiddie, Briar Meszaros and Tatum Kennedy ran “a great race,” according to Strate. Their time of 11 minutes 21 seconds has them in qualifying position. “We will have to keep an eye on that one to see if it will stick as a qualifying time,” commented Strate.

The girls 4x100-meter relay also ran on Friday. The team of Gracie Bradfield, Megan Shelton, Kenzie Turner and Sarah Kracht ran their season best time of 52.38 seconds and they are currently sitting fourth in the state.

Bradfield ran a new, non-wind aided personal best in the 100-meter dash with a time of 12.75 seconds. She placed second only 0.2 seconds behind the first place finisher.

In girls’ field events, Shelton had an excellent day in the discus with her throw of 127 feet, beating her own school record by 3 feet and setting a new meet record.

The boys’ also continue to set personal bests and improve, Kelton Turner ran his personal

best time in the 100 dash at 11.64; placing fourth. Tevin Pelloni won the pole vault clearing 11 feet 9 inches and trying his personal best height. Colby Clatterbaugh had a big day in the high jump setting a new personal best of 5 feet 7.5 inches for fifth place. This height currently has Clatterbaugh at 19th in the state “it will be fun to watch him try and qualify as we near the end of the season,” commented Strate.

Also placing in the top six was Turner, girls’ pole vault, (9-3, third place), Shelton, girls’ shot put, (33-5, sixth place), Turner, boys’ pole vault (11-3, third place) and Jeremy Woodward, boys’ triple jump, (38-5.50, fifth place).

It was another sun-filled day for a meet in Rangely which, “also went well in terms of moving kids up into the top 18,” said Strate.

Dinwiddie ran a season best time in the 100-meter hurdles with her time of 18.16 seconds. Strate, looking to state commented that, “Her work ethic is really paying off for her as she looks to qualify in more than one event this year.”

Bradfield ran an excellent 400-meter dash, in her career best time of 59.12 seconds to take first. This time breaks the school record she set last year at the state meet, and broke a meet record that was set over four decades ago in 1973.

Lady Cowboys finishing in the top six include, Bradfield in the 100 dash (12.75, first place), Savannah Mendenhall, 200 meter run (28.49 seconds), Briar Meszaros, 3,200 meter

run (14:17.95 seconds, fifth place), Emma Knez, high jump (4-7, third place), Kirsten Brown, triple jump (32- 3.25, fourth place), Shelton, shot put (33-4.5, second place), Shelton, discus (123-9, first place), Knez, discus (96-10, fifth place), and Hailey Knowles, discus (96-, sixth place).

The boys’ sprinters also had a good day. Running a 4x100 relay, for the first time this season together, Andy Kracht, Woodward, Porter Hossack and Turner won the meet with their time of 46.02. This time will qualify them for the state meet. The boys 4x400-meter relay of Woodward, Clatterbaugh, Tannen Kennedy and Spud White “ran a really tough race, winning the meet, and most likely qualifying for the state meet with their time of 3:40.67 seconds,” commented Strate, adding, “Just like last week we are seeing exciting improvement from our young boys’ team.”

Other top six place finishers for the boys at the Rangely track meet are: Turner, 100 dash (11.82, sixth place), Brayden Woodward, 110 hurdles (19.38, sixth place), Brandon Blaisdell, 300 meter hurdles (45.86 seconds, third place), Clatterbaugh, high jump (5-5-, fifth place), Woodward, long jump (18-11, fifth place), Kracht, long jump (18-10, sixth place), Ryan Phelan, triple jump (35- 7.75, third place), Woodward, triple jump (35-, fifth place).

Friday the team is back on the road, a bit closer to home, in Craig, for a meet that will begin at approximately 10 a.m..



Megan Shelton beat her own school record and set a new meet record in the discus at Coal Ridge, then went on to take first in the discus in Rangely. Scan the ZAPP code with the free Zappar app to see more photos.

MATT SCOGGINS PHOTO



Panther tracksters continue to improve times, scores

Special to the Herald Times

RANGELY I The Rangely Panthers had a busy week with several athletes heading to Rifle Wednesday for a JV meet, then several heading to Coal Ridge Friday for a meet and then Saturday the Panthers hosted a meet.

“It was a busy week, but one with lots of improvements, and one where we learn how to push even if we are tired,” said head coach Beth Scoggins.

The week started with six athletes heading to Rifle. The athletes consisted of mostly freshman and sophomores which gives them a chance to compete against athletes their own age.

Angelina Peck pole vaulted for first time in more than three weeks at a meet. She cleared opening height then was able to get two more heights, she was able to clear 6 feet. She also ran the 100-meter dash, long jumped and triple jumped. Chloe Goshe competed in the triple jump for the first time and did really well, then ran the 100 dash, 300-meter hurdles and long jump. Dixie Rhea threw the discus for the first time as well as ran the 200-meter dash and long jumped. Chloe Filfred worked on some speed with the 100 dash as well as the 400-meter dash. Brooke

Filfred threw the shot put, discus and ran the 100 dash. Brent Cantrell also competed in the shot put, discus and 100 dash.

Friday coaches Colt Allred and Boydston took seven athletes to the Coal Ridge Invitational to get an extra meet. Many of the athletes earned new season best times and score. Angelina Peck had another chance to pole vault and cleared 6-3 for personal best and school record. Timothy Scoggins attempted pole vault, but wasn’t able to clear opening height. He did get a new personal best in the triple jump with a jump of 32-9.5. Marshall Webber earned a new personal best in the 110 high hurdles with a time of 16.93 placing ninth. Riley Boydston got a new season best in the discus with a throw of 129-9 placing fifth and then placing seventh in the shot with a throw of 39-9. Makenze Cochrane had a good day of throwing with a throw of 102-3 taking sixth place in discus then a throw of 32-9 for ninth place. Breanna Davies threw a 35-3 taking third in the shot and a new personal record.

This year the Rangely Invitational played host to eight teams ranging from 1A schools to 4A schools on Saturday, April 20. There was a lot of good competition as the Rangely athletes defended their home turf.

The girls took sixth place while the boys took seventh place.

“We had a lot of our athletes placing but with us being such a small team it is hard to compete against teams with 40 plus athletes,” Scoggins said.

For the boys, senior Marshall Webber took first in both hurdling events as well as getting new personal records. In the 110 hurdles, he ran a 16.61 and in the 300 hurdles, he ran a 43.02. Riley Boydston, senior, took first in the discus with a throw of 128-4 and then fourth in the shot with a 39-9.5. Freshman Timothy Scoggins took sixth in the high jump. He also got a new personal best in the long jump for a jump of 16-4.5 and 200 dash 27.59. Brent Cantrell didn’t place but earned a personal best in the discus with a throw of 52-6.

The girls had lots of placers as well as personal bests. For the senior girls, Makenze Cochrane took two fourth places, one in shot 32-1.5 and one in discus 98-3 and had a new seasonal best in the 100 dash. Breanna Davis took third in the shot for a throw of 32-4 and had a new personal best in the discus. Eleana Forbes didn’t place but had personal best in the discus and 100 dash. For the juniors, Hannah Wilkie placed first in the 800-meter run with a new school record of 2:19.43. Chloe Filfred ran

the 3,200 placing sixth with a time of 15:42.34. Audrey Patch got a new personal best in the 100 dash as well as the 200 dash. Dixie Rhea, sophomore, placed sixth in the 100 dash for a new seasonal best time of 13.33. Rhea also placed third in the 200 dash for a time of 27.46. Freshman Mary Scoggins led the team in points with a first place in the triple jump and a sixth place in the long jump. Scoggins’ triple jump was a season’s best of 32-11.25 and her long jump was 14-7. Chloe Goshe placed ninth in the 100 hurdles and got a personal best in the long jump of 13-7 and triple jump of 29-9. Brooke Filfred got two personal bests, one in the 100 dash and the discus 70-0. Angelina Peck earned a new personal best in the triple jump with a 26-2.

The girls put together some relay teams: the 800 sprint medley and the 4x400. The 800 sprint medley was made up of Chloe Goshe, Dixie Rhea, Skylar Thacker and Mary Scoggins; they took fourth place overall with a time of 2:01.13. The 4x400 took first with a new season’s best of 4:28.18, which was made up of Dixie Rhea, Mary Scoggins, Hannah Wilkie and Skylar Thacker.

The team will be competing at the Clint Wells Invitational on Friday, April 26 in Craig.



(Left) RHS junior Hannah Wilkie placed first in the 800-meter run and set a new school record at the Rangely Invitational home meet. (Right) Makenze Cochrane took sixth place in discus.

MATT SCOGGINS

Home games for RHS soccer this week

Special to the Herald Times

RANGELY I The Rangely Panthers soccer team loaded the bus to go to Colorado Rocky Mountain School (CRMS) last Monday, the day after Rowdy Worm which is an after-prom gathering for the students.

There were some tired players but as they unloaded their enthusiasm picked up as they changed and stretched to warm up for the game. They continued to work hard at

passing and to try to score.

Freshman Norrah Patch followed through with a shot and crashed the net to come up with a goal. The lady Panthers fought hard against CRMS but came up short to get the win. The girls were tired but continued to give 100% at practice and at the games. The lady Panthers will have their last two home games this week on Wednesday, April 24 against Moffat County at 4 p.m. and on Friday against Vail Christian at 4 p.m.

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WHAT IS A SOLAR BLOCK? A Block in White River Solar represents the same value as the previous Meeker Solar Garden panel leasing program; a Solar Block can be annually leased for \$36.00 and generates a \$5.00/month solar production credit.

HOW DO I LEASE A SOLAR BLOCK? A lease form has been mailed to all WREA members. Lease forms are also available on the WREA website (www.wrea.org) or can be picked up at the WREA front office. Members are required to turn in a lease for each meter they wish to sign up for a Solar Block. Begin by reviewing your per meter energy consumption, then select the appropriate number of Blocks/Tier, sign and return the lease to WREA by email (sgarcia@wrea.org), by mail (PO Box 958) or by delivery to WREA (233 6th Street). The selected lease fee will automatically appear on your May electric bill and is due no later than June 15th. You may pay it as a part of your monthly bill or send in a separate form of payment. Either way it must be paid no later than June 15, 2019.

HOW DO I FIGURE OUT THE APPROPRIATE TIER? The appropriate Tier is based upon your monthly energy usage. Energy usage can be found on your monthly bill, online through SmartHub (www.wrea.org), or by calling WREA (970.878.5041). The monthly production credit cannot exceed the minimum monthly energy charge. Please select the Tier that does not exceed your lowest energy usage based upon the previous year. Monthly production credits cannot offset a meter's monthly Service Charge. Should the monthly production credit exceed the monthly energy charge, the excess monthly production credit will be forfeited.

Example: A member's lowest residential monthly energy usage, based upon the previous 12 months, is \$30 (energy usage is in addition to the monthly Service Charge), then the member is eligible to lease up to 3 Solar Blocks for the specified meter. The annual Solar Block lease fee is \$108 with the production credit of \$15/month (\$180 / year). Alternatively, the member could elect to lease just 1 or 2 Solar Blocks. If a member has 3 meters, then 3 leases will be required.

WHO OWNS AND OPERATES THE SOLAR PANELS? White River Solar combines solar energy from the Meeker Solar garden, located adjacent to the Meeker High School, and the Piceance Creek Solar Farm located off of 567 RBC Road 83. WREA owns and operates the Meeker Solar Garden. WREA purchases all the solar production from Piceance Creek Solar as a part of its project with Cypress Creek Renewables. Leasing members do not "own" any portion of the solar facilities and have no responsibilities or liabilities associated with either solar production facility.

WHAT IS IN THE LEASE? The lease is intended to be a straightforward document whereby the WREA member commits to leasing the specified Solar Blocks, agrees that the selected lease fee will be applied to their May electric bill, agrees to pay the lease fee and agrees that if the elected Solar Production credit exceeds the monthly energy usage, then that unused energy production credit will be forfeited for that month. The lease also outlines that it is a one-year lease, the lease fee is non-refundable, and the lease is not assignable or transferable to third parties. However, if a Member moves within the WREA service area, the Member can direct to apply the Solar Blocks from one specified meter to another eligible meter at its new house or business. Members need to return a signed lease for each meter they wish to apply Solar Block production credits.

WHY ARE THERE A LIMITED NUMBER OF SOLAR BLOCKS AVAILABLE FOR LEASE? WREA has allocated a specified amount of solar production for membership leasing and the balance will be applied the benefit of the entire WREA system. WREA's mission is simple; develop local renewable projects that make electric and economic sense for WREA and its membership. For WREA to maintain the successful economics of the project, WREA is required to maintain a portion of the solar production for the benefit of the entire system.

DO THESE PROJECTS MAKE WREA COMPLIANT WITH STATE RENEWABLE MANDATES? Yes, WREA is proud of its diverse renewable portfolio which includes the WREA Miller Creek Hydro Project, the Meeker Solar Garden and Piceance Creek Solar. These combined projects exceed existing renewable mandates and has WREA well situated to remain compliant even if renewable mandates increase over the next few years.

WHEN ARE LEASES DUE? Solar Block leases are due to WREA no later than Friday, May 3rd, 2019.

DOES THIS REPLACE MY MEEKER SOLAR GARDEN PANEL LEASE? Yes, existing solar panel leases were for one-year terms and automatically terminate May 31, 2019. Solar Block leases begin June 1st. Members with a 2018/2019 Solar Panel lease are guaranteed an opportunity to lease a minimum of one Solar Block. Available Solar Blocks are limited, so interested members are encouraged to promptly review, execute and return the lease(s).

WHAT ARE THE TIERS? Tiers represent the options for Solar Block leasing along with corresponding yearly fee and monthly/yearly Production credit.

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Tier Options	# of Blocks	Yearly Lease Fee	Production Credit (Mo/Yr)
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2	2	\$72	\$10/\$120
3	3	\$108	\$15/\$180

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Tier Options	# of Blocks	Yearly Lease Fee	Production Credit (Mo/Yr)
1	5	\$180	\$25/\$300
2	10	\$360	\$50/\$600
3	20	\$720	\$100/\$1,200

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Students of the month from December through February at Rangely High School are Dylan LeBleu, Tytus Coombs, Justin Rusher, Paityn Myers, Alexis Wiley and Alanna Wiley.

RHS honors students of the month

Special to the Herald Times

RANGELY I The Rangely High School (RHS) students of the month for December are Alanna Wiley and Dylan LeBleu. Alanna is the daughter of Mike and Lindsey Wiley. Alanna plans to attend Utah State University next fall and major in agricultural business. She has been active in volleyball, basketball, soccer and cheerleading. Besides athletics, she has also been an active member of National Honor Society (NHS), Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA), student council, Rowdy Worm, and has just completed her year as president of her Future Farmers of America (FFA) chapter. Alanna is a hard worker who always has a smile on her face and is willing to do whatever is asked of her. Dylan is the son of Jerry and Danielle LeBleu. He is a junior at RHS. He hopes to play college baseball and will study criminal justice. Dylan has been an active member of the basketball team, baseball team, NHS, and student council. He is currently the treasurer of STUCO and has put in many extra hours making sure that the funds are correct and the vending machines are always full. Dylan is a student that is always positive in all that he does and will go out of his way to help any teacher or student. Congratulations to the December students of the month.

The RHS students of the month

for January are Alexis Wiley and Tytus Coombs. Alexis is the daughter of Mike and Lindsey Wiley. Alexis plans to go on a mission next year for her church. Once she returns, she is trying to decide between becoming a music teacher, or going to cosmetology school. Alexis has been involved in FBLA, FFA, student council, and is finishing this year as president of NHS. Alexis has been a student leader, and especially in the music department. She has been an integral part of the choir throughout her years in high school. On many Fridays and Saturdays during the last four years you have probably heard her singing the national anthem at many of our sporting events. Tytus Coombs is the son of Roger and Rosalie Coombs. Though Tytus is only a junior, he is already looking at colleges where he can play college athletics and study to become an athletic trainer. Tytus has been active in football, wrestling, track, baseball, as well as NHS. Tytus also has gone above and beyond within the community by becoming part of the Jr. Fire Department. Tytus brings an outstanding level of leadership to the school, his athletics, and anything he becomes part of. Young kids love seeing Tytus show up to the pep rallies at Parkview Elementary, and helping with wrestling tournaments. Congratulations to Alexis and Tytus on being the January students of the month.

The RHS students of the month for February are Paityn Myers and Justin Rusher. Paityn is the daughter of Ken and Jenine Myers. Paityn is currently enrolled at Colorado Northwestern Community College (CNCC) in the dental hygiene program. Once she completes this, she is contemplating enrolling in the flight program at CNCC. Paityn is a very hard working student who excels in all that she does. When she graduates high school, she will only be three classes short of her associate's degree. This demonstrates her drive for success. While excelling in her classes, she has also been active in volleyball, soccer, cheerleading, NHS, FBLA, student council, and is part of the 4-H shotgun shooting sports. Justin Rusher is the son of Wade and Lynn Rusher. Justin plans to attend CNCC where he will enter the flight program. In his high school career, he has been active in football, wrestling, FFA, and is active in 4-H shooting sports. Justin is always ready and willing to step up and help his fellow students. This became very apparent when his friend Tytus Coombs qualified for state wrestling this year. Justin stepped up and continued coming to practice, kept pushing and working Tytus, and was there step for step to help prepare him for his tournament. This passion for success is contagious. Congratulations to our February students of the month Paityn and Justin.

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MAMBA is now more than just a dance

By DOC WATSON
Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER Alice and Jared Harvey stopped in at the April 16 Rec District meeting to share with the board the founding of MAMBA, the Meeker Area Mountain Biking Association.

"We are happy to announce that finally, after a couple of years of planning, we started MAMBA...about a month ago," Alice said. "That (name) was born from our sister organization in Rifle, RAMBO, Rifle Area Mountain Biking Organization."

Reflecting the fact that mountain biking is a growing sport in the area, some 30 people showed up at the first meeting of MAMBA on April 4.

"We discussed mission and goals. We are definitely going to be focusing on promoting the sport itself, but a big part of our focus starting out is fund raising to get bikes for people who want to get into the sport but can't afford one, especially

kids," she said.

There will also be collaboration efforts with other entities, such as the Rec District itself as well as the Forest Service and the BLM.

Significantly, as Jared added, not everyone at the first meeting rides a mountain bike. "A lot of people just want to support the outdoor trail opportunity in one way or another," he said. Also emphasized was the economic growth this could bring to the community.

The "kick-off event" is scheduled for Saturday, May 18 at Sanderson Park, which they have booked for the entire day at a cost of \$50. There will be general information provided for those interested, group trail rides and an instruction clinic.

They are also hoping for donations from area bike shops that can be raffled off to attendees with youth again being the main focus. It is also hoped that a bike shop will provide a few demo bikes for the event.

What's this kind of event without food, right? Some suggestions have been made to have a taco bar with smoked meats, and they are asking for other suggestions or additions.

As can safely be assumed nowadays, there is a presently a Facebook group, MAMBA, for general communication, but as things get rolling (no pun intended), there will also be an email address dedicated to the club.

As a side note, the Natural Resources Management Act has passed both the House and the Senate, and President Trump is expected to sign it into law. It is a public lands bill that expands and protects mountain bike trails and gives permanent authorization to an important funding tool.

Like the Meeker Classic and other events, it looks like MAMBA could be yet another tourist draw to Meeker.

COUNTY BEAT



By NIKI TURNER
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RBC Bringing everyone into agreement when it comes to public land use is a daunting task. Rio Blanco County is a rarity in the state: a county that has made its desires for land use management known through an official land use plan. Commissioner Gary Moyer, who did extensive work to develop the plan prior to his term as a commissioner, wants to make sure agencies like the Bureau of Land Management are abiding by the desires of the people.

Kent Walter, BLM White River Field Office District Manager, accompanied by staff, updated the Rio Blanco County Board of Commissioners Monday about proposed changes to the travel and transportation management plan.

Walter and BLM planner Heather Sauls explained the agency's method for identifying areas valued as "wilderness."

"A lot of times wilderness is an inflammatory term," Sauls said. "It's just mapping where we have these opportunities."

Areas identified as wilderness must meet specific "values": at least 5,000 acres, natural appearance, opportunity for solitude, etc. If those values exist, BLM determines how to manage that area based on a tiered plan.

Walter said 33 areas totaling about 300,000 acres have been identified by BLM as wilderness in the White River Field Office jurisdiction, which includes parts of Moffat and Garfield counties as well as most of Rio Blanco County. Of those 33 areas, 24% are considered Tier 1—managed to protect characteristics (no surface occupancy and right-of-way exclusions). Another 22% are managed to limit impacts with stipulations for controlled surface use. The remaining 54% are Tier 3 areas, managed for multiple uses.

The revised travel management plan proposes closing 19.5 miles of roads, less than half of which is in Rio Blanco County, to protect bald eagle and endangered fish habitat in riparian areas.

One of the areas identified as

wilderness extends into the proposed area for the Wolf Creek Reservoir. The commissioners asked if that classification would be a possible hindrance to the reservoir's approval.

"Working through that whole process will require a plan amendment and an EIS [environmental impact study]," Walter said.

Walter asked the board to con-

September," Walter said.

In other work sessions Monday, Human Services Director Barb Bofinger said her department "has been pretty consistent," with an uptick in the number of adult protection referrals in April.

Public Health Director Julie Drake said her department could use a Rangely-based nurse. "The back and

said she was willing to negotiate. The commissioners notified Drake Monday afternoon that her last day will be May 6.

In other business:

■ Approved provision of wireless internet by Visionary at the R100 archery event in June.

■ Approved a BLM right-of-way notice related to the installation of secondary broadband towers in the Piceance Basin.

■ Appointed Victoria Berardi to the Columbine Park Board (Rangely).

■ Moved to submit into the permanent record a revised memorandum of understanding establishing the Western States and Tribal Nations Natural Gas Initiative between the BoCC, the Utah Governor's Office of Energy, the Wyoming Governor's Office, Mesa and Garfield counties, and the Ute Indian Tribe.

"We feel like the governor's office is going to pull out of an [energy] agreement with Wyoming and Utah," said Commission Chair Jeff Rector, "Hopefully this gives us a little strength as western Colorado as it comes to energy."

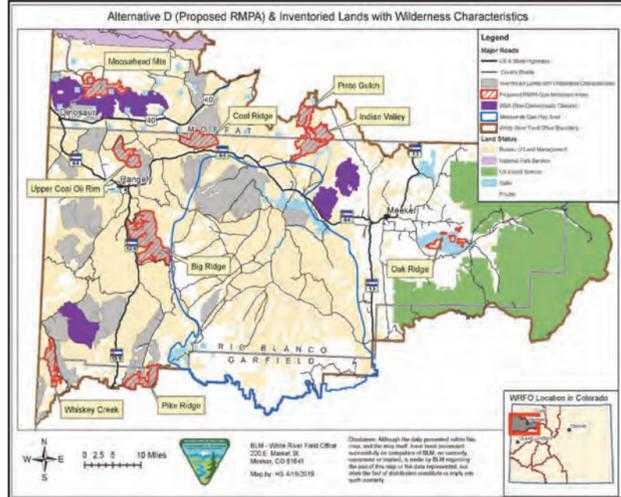
■ Signed a letter to allow the Lions Club to serve liquor downtown or at the Fairfield Center at the Meeker Chamber's annual meeting May 31.

■ Approved the purchase of 2019 Volvo dump truck with equipment for \$177,991 to replace a truck wrecked while plowing snow earlier this year.

■ Awarded bids to United Co. for \$935,956 for the Rangely district chip seal project and \$190,602 for a CR 101 and CoLo building parking lot surface treatment project, also in Rangely.

■ Approved a contract modification on the 2019 bridge maintenance project, increasing the contract by \$9,631 to \$212,246 (budgeted amount was \$285,000)

■ Approved an agreement between the board, the Colorado Department of Local Affairs and the Associated Governments of Northwest Colorado to provide technical assistance for the 2019 Rio Blanco County Relocation Guide, in a total project cost of \$10,000 with a 50% county match.



sider supporting the proposed plan. "We've tried to be respectful of the county's resource plan. You talk a lot about custom and culture. Five generations from now can we still provide these same experiences on our public lands?"

"My concern is since we just got this plan done a couple years ago we make sure it's being abided by. If the land use plan says no more wilderness, then you respect that," Moyer said.

"My goal today was to explain that we're not being inconsistent with your plan. I think we're actually closer than you may believe," Walter said.

The proposed Travel Management Plan—in the works for three years—will go to the public for a 30-day review period in July, at which time the public will have opportunity to comment before it goes to the governor's office for a 60-day consistency review.

"We hope to have a decision by

forth breaks our efficiency," she said.

Public Health Nurse Alice Harvey has met with the school nurse in Meeker and is attempting to connect with Rangely. Meeker has a high proportion of elementary students who are unvaccinated. With the current measles outbreaks nationwide, Drake said Public Health is working on updating its pandemic plan.

Harvey said, "There is legislation going through that will require parents to go through public health for vaccine exemptions instead of just the schools."

Drake then told the commissioners that she has been offered a job with Providence Recovery Services in Craig—expected to open June 1—and "after much wrestling" has decided to leave public health and take the position in substance abuse treatment. She offered the commissioners a two-month transition period "so that whoever takes my position understands the role they're stepping into" and

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Thirteen MHS students traveled to Denver last week to attend the FCCLA 2019 Colorado State Conference and competed in nine different events. Every competitor received a medal.

COURTESY PHOTO

MHS students attend FCCLA state conference

Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER April 17-19 was an inspiring weekend of competition, recognition, and making new friends for the Meeker High School FCCLA members who attended the 2019 Colorado State Conference. Taking place in Denver, members had opportunities to interact with students from around the state and showcase the leadership skills they developed throughout the year. Meeker High School brought 13 students to this conference and experienced all the conference activities. From state officers hosting through all the general sessions, advocating for family and consumer sciences with Colorado legislators, to the outside speakers who came to share their leadership tips and hints, students were able to gain valuable leadership skills from this conference.

On Thursday, all the hard work the chapter put into competitive events finally paid off; it was competition day. Meeker High School students competed in nine different events. Awards for their achievements were given Friday and every Meeker High School competitor received a medal. First and second place gold winners will have the opportunity to attend the National Leadership Conference in Anaheim, California, June 30-July 4. Meeker High School FCCLA is ready to continue on its FCCLA journey with the ultimate leadership experience.



COURTESY PHOTO

Up next for the Meeker FCCLA is the National Leadership Conference in Anaheim, California June 30-July 4. First and second place gold winners will have the opportunity to compete.

Competing in: Illustrated Talk—Devin Gullion (Bronze) and Shelbi Blazon (Silver); Career Investigation—Kallie McCain (Silver) and Kirsten Brown (Gold); Cake Design—Sierra Gomez (Silver); Job Interview—Abigail Moon (Silver) and Jeni Kincher (Gold 1st Place); Leadership—

Grace Gibson (Gold 1st Place); Fashion Construction—Kolbi Franklin (Gold 1st Place); Nutrition and Wellness—Mariah Hood (Gold 2nd Place); Gourmet Food Presentation Sweet—Sophia Goedert (Gold 1st Place); Sports Nutrition—Hadley Franklin (Gold 1st Place).

Garner resigns from Rangely board

By BRITTNY CAMPOS
Special to the Herald Times

RANGELY Rangely's Board of Trustees met Tuesday, April 23 and discussed the crosswalk signs with public works director Jeff LeBleu. LeBleu is looking into push button solar-powered crosswalk signs. Altogether there is a need for eight crosswalk signs. Town Manager Lisa Piering is working with the Colorado Department of Transportation to help pay for installation. She is also pushing to get a speed trailer for the town as complaints have been made about vehicles speeding down Main Street because there is no longer a stoplight. LeBleu plans to partner with Officer Hamblin to update some of the signage throughout Rangely. When the layout is complete, a public safety meeting will be held to

approve the changes.

At the beginning of April, Trustee Rich Garner resigned from his position. The Town of Rangely will be accepting letters of interest to fill the vacant seat on the Town Board of Trustees. Submit all letters of interest to the Town of Rangely ATTN: Town Clerk, 209 E Main Street, Rangely, CO 81648. All letters need to be received by April 30, 2019.

May 1 is the Western Colorado Peace Officers Graduation. Daniel Connor will be graduating at that time and will be joining the Rangely Police Department. Connor plans on going to work May 2 and will begin his three-month training period with the police department at that time.

The county will hold a special work session in Rangely April 30 at 6 p.m. to discuss building codes and enforcement in unincorporated parts

of the county. The meeting will be held at Rangely Town Hall and is open to the public.

A team from Rio Blanco County will be attending the Strengthening Economies conference in Denver May 1-3. Strengthening Economies is aimed towards coal-reliant communities throughout the West. Community representatives from Colorado, Utah, Arizona, New Mexico, Montana, and Wyoming will be in attendance.

Associated Governments of Northwest Colorado (AGNC) will give a presentation May 16 regarding the Enterprise Zone program. The Enterprise Zone program was established to provide tax credits to businesses that locate to or expand in designated economically distressed areas of the state, according to a statement on the AGNC website.

CPW meeting in Craig April 30 to address CWD

Special to the Herald Times

RBC Colorado Parks and Wildlife's efforts to learn more about chronic wasting disease and how the agency will respond to increased prevalence will be the topic of a public meeting in Craig April 30.

Chronic wasting disease is a fatal neurological disease found in deer, elk and moose. To learn more about the disease in Colorado, CPW has required hunters to submit samples taken from deer harvested in several herds in Colorado since 2017. Mandatory submissions will resume in 2019.

During the public meeting, agency managers and biologists will reveal the results of last year's man-

datory testing within the Bear's Ears deer herd.

"We needed better data to make informed decisions about how we can tackle this disease," said Area Wildlife Manager Bill de Vergie of Meeker.

FAST FACTS

WHO: CPW
WHAT: CWD
WHEN: 6 p.m. April 30
WHERE: CNCC-Craig
2801 W. 9th Room 175

According to CPW managers, hunters will play a critical role in the coming years as the agency continues to address the challenge.

"Hunter harvest is one of our primary management tools," said de Vergie. "Hunters will be a major part of our response to CWD, but everyone's participation and input will be important, they hunt or benefit from hunting. Not everyone will agree with every decision, but either way, our goal is to keep the public informed as we proceed."

CPW researchers and biologists have studied chronic wasting disease on numerous fronts. The agency's work and expertise with CWD are recognized both nationally and internationally.

WEEKLY CALL REVIEW

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

April 15-21, 2019

Meeker Dispatch Center received 450 phone calls last week including 21 911 calls, 63 calls for Meeker Police Department (MPD) and placed 124 outgoing calls. A total of 153 calls for service were created, 75 for the Sheriff's Office, 57 for MPD and two assists with Rangely Police Department (RPD). (Please note the department breakdown of calls reflects a different number

because of incidents with multiple agency responses).

The Sheriff's office conducted eight traffic stops, issued two citations and MPD had nine stops and issued one citation. Highway 13 had three traffic stops and issued one citation.

Other calls for the Sheriff's Office included 16 agency assists, two 911 hang ups, 15 animal calls, two civil papers served, three civil issues, three disturbances, two motorist assists, two suspicious incidents, five VIN inspections, two warrant arrests and one each: alarm, business check, harassment, K-9 deployment, narcotics, property, traffic arrest, traffic complaint.

MPD calls included four agency assists, one 911 hangup, 13 animal calls, seven business checks, three citizen

assists, four disturbances, four motorist assists, two property, five suspicious incidents and one each: alarm, gas slip, traffic arrest and VIN inspection.

There were eight calls for Meeker Fire and Rescue including two ambulance requests, two controlled burns, one each disturbance, fire alarm and two medical transports to another facility.

There were two assists with Colorado State Patrol.

Rio Blanco Detention facility booked in four, three by the Sheriff's Office, one by MPD. Three inmates were released. There were seven transports to or from another facility and there are currently 16 inmates in the facility.

There were no DUI arrests. Two vehicle crashes were reported in the county both involving deer.

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1. book of words and their meanings
2. the classics make for good _____
3. words of a language; a list of words
4. printed pages bound between two covers
5. 26 letters, A-Z
6. the order of letters that make up a word
7. a way to teach reading by learning the sounds of letters or groups of letters
8. person at home who reads with you
9. helps people find information and books
10. reading begins for most people when they use their _____ to see printed words
11. a person trained to help children learn how to read
12. what one needs to do every day to get better at something

How many words can you find that have 3 or more syllables? **Circle them.**

Lots of people are reading text messages on their cell phones.

Books are so tasty!

I love to read the newspaper.

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Read the clues to fill in the crossword with library reading fun:

1. activities planned
2. pages of words bound
3. the main idea
4. enjoying written stories
5. rewards and treats
6. fun gathering of friends
7. tales being read aloud
8. series of pictures on screen
9. discussions of books
10. lists of books read

- magazine
- calendar
- recipe
- bulletin
- postcard
- rhymes
- computer
- newspaper
- instructions
- test
- GPS
- book
- comics
- letter
- poetry
- map
- report card
- lunch menu
- sports scores
- text messages
- musical notes

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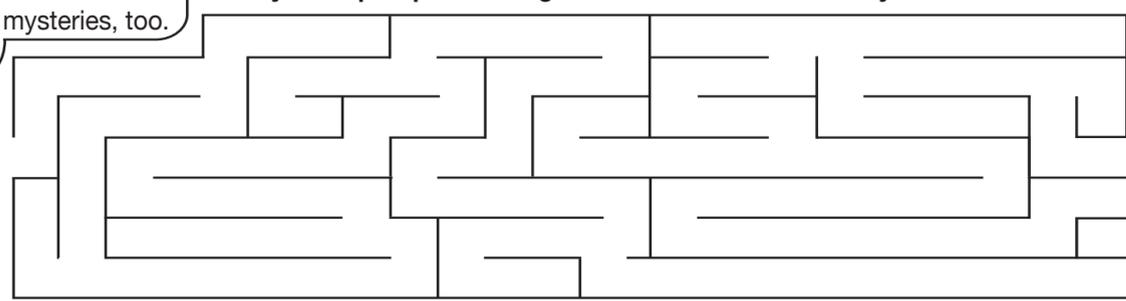
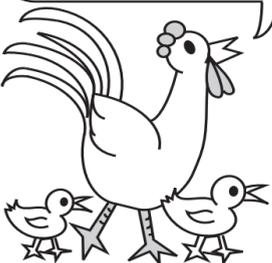
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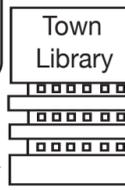
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DAYS GONE BY

The Meeker Herald
125 years ago

Henry Pearson has bought Lewis Allen's ranch in Powell Park. The ranch is one of the best in the park.

Sheridan and Mootz erected substantial sheep pens on the Sheridan ranch last week. This week they "dipped," next shearing operations will commence.

As the smallpox is raging in quite a number of the large cities, Dr. Bruner has sent to the celebrated Lancaster county, Pa., vaccine farm for fresh virus, which will arrive on Monday, May 7, when he will be ready to inoculate all those dreading this fearful disease.

The Meeker Herald
100 years ago

Last week at Glenwood, several athletic events took place, among them being a spirited basketball contest between the crack Glenwood high school team and the Hoel-Ross Business college team of Grand Junction. The former won by a close margin. Commenting on this contest, the Glenwood Avalanche says: "Fairfield, the classiest center in Grand Junction, got his range and made 16 points. We might mention that Fairfield is one of the most gracious and gentlemanly players who ever appeared on our floor. He plays clean basketball and is an excellent basket shooter." The

Fairfield referred to is none other than Freeman, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Fairfield, of this town.

The Meeker Herald
50 years ago

Rio Blanco County stands to lose \$120,000 in road and bridge fund money and \$80,000 in school funds, if Senate Bill No. 351 is approved. The bill concerns monies received under the federal oil leasing act of 1920.

At 12:00 o'clock pot luck luncheon was held at Kilowatt Korner on the exact date of the 11th anniversary, March 27th, that the Rio Blanco Cowbells were organized.

The Meeker Herald
25 years ago

Everyone has seen the TV commercials featuring Bo Jackson. Bo knows this. Bo knows that.

Meeker doesn't have a Bo Jackson, but it does have a Larry Shults, and Larry Shults knows fly fishing. But, you'd have to press him to get him to admit it. "I guess I know what I'm doing," acknowledged Shults. "I generally manage to catch fish. That's probably the mark of whether you are doing it right or not."

Meeker resident and rancher Lenny Klinglesmith of L K Ranch, was nominated and selected to attend the Colorado Cattlemen's Association (CCA) 1994 Young Cattlemen's Leadership Conference in Denver, on behalf of the Rio Blanco County Stockgrowers Association.

Rangely Times
50 years ago

On Tuesday April 15, 22 high school counselors from the Denver area were flown from Denver on a

chartered Aspen Airways plane to Rangely where they were shown around Rangely College Campus, and introduced to the facilities and programs offered at Rangely College.

Rangely Times
25 years ago

She wasn't elegant. She didn't stand out in the crowd and she has been all but forgotten for over ten years and was showing signs of neglect. But she undoubtedly was one of the most important buildings, historically speaking, of relatively early Rangely. She was the former Rangely Town Hall that stood on the northeast corner of Stanolind and Prospect. Now she is being torn down to make a parking lot for the auto repair business of Allen Dunn just to the west. When it is completely gone, the history of

Rangely that the walls could tell will go with it.

The Rangely Police Department received a check from the Rangely Human Resources Council last week for \$200. This is from a Venture Grant request submitted in February. The money received by the Rangely Police Department will be used for transient assistance. This includes meals, gas and, if the newly formed emergency shelter is not available, one nights housing for indigent transients requesting assistance at the Police Department.

Sometime from Friday night to Monday morning the weekend of the nineteenth of this month, a theft amounting to about \$6,000 worth of materials took place at three buildings on CNCC campus. Stolen was three monitors, three keyboards, two CP units, two printers and one fax machine.

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- Worry excessively
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- Evening in Roma
- Turn red
- Co-eds' military org.
- Isaac's firstborn
- Informal wear
- Part of play
- *Downs
- Olden day women's riding garb
- Dutch cheese
- Home to Burj Khalifa
- Florida Key, e.g.
- Steeped beverages
- Opposite of potential
- Caribbean rattle
- *Race, literally
- European sea eagle
- *Official Kentucky Derby broadcaster
- Lungful
- *Second leg of the Triple Crown
- Calf at a grocery store
- Between NE and E
- Sigma Alpha Epsilon
- Beer garden mug
- Catcher's catcher
- Snakelike reef dweller
- Winter glider
- * as a fiddl
- Peter of the Lost Boys
- **The Most Exciting _____ in Sports*
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- Bear's hang-out
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- *Official flower of the Kentucky Derby
- Attention-getting interjection
- Napoleon's stay on St. Helena, e.g.
- Bear constellation
- Play on words, pl.
- *Between walk and canter

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Notice of Public Meeting
Town of Dinosaur, Colorado
Date: May 21, 2019 Time: 6:00 p.m.
Location: Dinosaur Town Hall, 317 Stegosaurus Freeway, Dinosaur, Colorado
Topic: Final Phase of Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements Project

A Public Meeting will be held to inform citizens and solicit public input, both written and oral, regarding the final phase of the Town of Dinosaur's (Town) wastewater treatment improvements project to address the Town's Discharge Permit Compliance Schedule. The Public Meeting is required by the State of Colorado's Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund (WPCRF) loan program that is being used to fund a portion of the project. The purpose of the Public Meeting is to discuss alternatives evaluated, the preferred alternative selected, projected costs and any possible rate increases (if any) necessary to fund the improvements, and construction related and/or environmental concerns of the project.

A brief summary of the nature and scope of the proposed improvements, the associated projected costs, and project schedule are provided below. The meeting is open to the public and interested parties are encouraged to attend and participate.

General Background

The Town currently operates a 2 cell non-discharging evaporative lagoon system that relies entirely on evaporation for wastewater treatment and effluent disposal that was originally constructed in the early 1980's. The evaporative lagoon system consists of two earthen lagoon cells that are approximately equal in size and surface area. The original lagoons were lined with a native clay or bentonite liner to prevent leakage.

In 2008, the Town was notified by Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment's (CDPHE) Water Quality Control Division (Division) that the Town's Discharge Permit would not be renewed due to concerns that seepage rates may be exceeding allowable limits. As a result, the Town completed a Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) in 2013 and a Project Needs Assessment (PNA) in February 2019 to identify and assess possible treatment facility improvements. The following treatment alternatives were evaluated in the PER and PNA:

- Modifications/improvements to the existing evaporative lagoon facility to install synthetic liners in each lagoon.
- Construction of a new aerated lagoon treatment facility with discharge to Dripping Rock Creek, a tributary to the White River.
- The preferred alternative identified in the PER (and repeated in the PNA) was to upgrade the existing evaporative lagoon system to bring it into compliance with seepage criteria. The preferred alternative was determined to be the most

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cost-effective from both a capital investment and operational standpoint, and consumes the least amount of energy.

Previous and Proposed Improvements

After the PER was completed the Town embarked on a multi-phased project. Previous phases consisted of constructing a new headworks structure with continuous flow monitoring that was completed in 2014 (Phase I), and installing a synthetic liner in the then inactive Lagoon Cell #2 that was completed in 2017 (Phase II). After Phase II was completed, all flows were diverted directly into Lagoon Cell #2, and Lagoon Cell #1 was taken off-line and pumped dry in anticipation of completing Phase III.

The proposed Phase III improvements are the final phase of the multi-phased project and builds on the previous phases of the project. Phase III consists of the following major items:

- Removal of dried biosolids from the now inactive Lagoon Cell #1.
- Installation of a synthetic liner in Lagoon Cell #1 with a passive gas vent piping system installed underneath the synthetic liner.
- Installation of new concrete inlet and outlet piping structures.
- The Phase III improvements are to be constructed in two separate phases. The first phase (Phase IIIA) is to remove biosolids in the inactive/dry Lagoon Cell #1. Biosolids are being land applied for beneficial use to an agricultural field referred to as the Prater Field in Rio Blanco County (CDPHE Notice of Authorization (NOA) BMP #2374). Phase IIIB consists of installing a synthetic liner in Lagoon Cell #1 and associated appurtenances once the biosolids have been removed. Completion of Phase III will bring the Town's wastewater treatment facility into compliance for a non-discharging two cell evaporative lagoon system.

Estimated Cost and Project Funding

The estimated construction cost for Phase IIIA is \$180,000 for which the Town received a Colorado Department of Local Affairs (DoLA) Energy Impact Assistance Fund (EIAF) grant. The estimated construction cost for Phase IIIB is \$630,000. The Town has been awarded a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) from DoLA for the Phase IIIB improvements with the balance of the project costs to be funded through the WPCRF loan program. The Town received approval from the Town's electorate in the November 2018 election to incur the long-term debt in anticipation of the WPCRF loan.

Environmental Review

In an effort to identify potential environmental issues with the project, an Environmental Report was completed in accordance with the CDBG environmental review process. Based on informal consultation with state and federal agencies, it is anticipated that the project will

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qualify for a categorical exclusion to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), since all of the improvements are contained within the existing treatment facility.

Project Schedule

Proposed construction for the project is scheduled to commence in 2019 with completion expected by the end of 2019. Copies of the Preliminary Engineering Report, the Project Needs Assessment, and Environmental Report are available for public review prior to the Public Meeting at the following location: Dinosaur Town Hall at 317 Stegosaurus Freeway, Dinosaur, Colorado. For project questions please contact Town Hall at 970-374-2286 or email dinoclerk2@outlook.com.

Published: April 18 & 25, 2019
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BEFORE THE OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF COLORADO
IN THE MATTER OF THE PROMULGATION AND ESTABLISHMENT OF FIELD RULES TO GOVERN OPERATIONS FOR THE NUBRERA FORMATION, WILDCAT FIELD, RIO BLANCO COUNTY, COLORADO
CAUSE NO. 0
DOCKET NO. 190600422
TYPE: SPACING
NOTICE OF HEARING

Augustus Energy Partners II, LLC (Operator #10591) ("Augustus" or "Applicant"), filed an Application with the Commission for an order to establish a drilling and spacing unit, as well as to set the maximum number of wells that may be drilled in the proposed unit on lands identified below. This Notice was sent to you because the Applicant believes you may own oil or gas ("mineral") interests within the proposed unit. Generally, spacing is the process whereby an applicant obtains Commission approval to assign certain mineral interests to be developed by a specific number of wells. Important! , spacing is not pooling, and it is not an application for a drilling permit.

APPLICATION LANDS
Township 3 North, Range 97 West, 6th P.M.
Section 15: E½
Section 22: E½

DATE, TIME, AND LOCATION OF HEARING
(Subject to change)

The Commission will hold a hearing on this matter at the following date, time, and location:
Date: June 17-18, 2019
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Place: Colorado Oil & Gas Conservation Commission
The Chancery Building
1120 Lincoln Street, Suite 801
Denver, CO 80203

PROTESTING OR INTERVENING

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DEADLINE FOR PROTESTS OR INTERVENTIONS: May 17, 2019

Any interested party who wishes to participate formally must file a written protest or intervention with the Commission no later than the deadline provided above. Please see Commission Rule 509 at: <http://cogcc.state.co.us>, under "Regulation," then select "Rules". Please note that, under Commission Rule 506.c., the deadline for protests and interventions will not be continued even if the hearing is continued beyond the date that is stated above. Protests and interventions must be sent to the Applicant at the below address, and must be sent to the Commission via email to: Cogcc.Hearings_Unit@state.co.us. Under Commission Rule 511, if no protest or intervention is filed, the Application may be approved as part of the Commission's Consent Agenda.

Anyone who files a protest or intervention must be able to participate in a prehearing conference during the week of **May 20, 2019**, if a prehearing conference is requested by the Applicant or by any person who has filed a protest or intervention.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For more information, you may review the Application, which was sent to you with this Notice. You may also contact the Applicant at the phone number or email address listed below.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if any party requires special accommodations as a result of a disability for this hearing, please contact Margaret Humecki at Cogcc.Hearings_Unit@state.co.us, prior to the hearing and arrangements will be made.

OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO
By
Mimi C. Larsen, Commission Secretary
Dated: April 18, 2019
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c/o Greg Nibert Jr.
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RANGELY JUNIOR COLLEGE DISTRICT NOTICE OF 2019-2020 BUDGET APPROVAL

Notice is hereby given that a proposed 2019-2020 budget has been submitted to the Rangely Junior College District Board of Directors for the ensuing year of 2019-2020; a copy of such budget is on file at Linda Gordon/Budget Office , 215 Hillcrest Avenue, Rangely, CO where same is open for public inspection; such budget will be considered at the regularly scheduled board

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meeting of the Rangely Junior College District to be held on May 13, 2019, Noon CNCC, Johnson Banquet Room for final adoption of 2019-2020 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 25, May 2, and May 9, 2019
Rio Blanco Herald Times

BEFORE THE OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF COLORADO
IN THE MATTER OF THE PROMULGATION AND ESTABLISHMENT OF FIELD RULES TO GOVERN OPERATIONS FOR THE WILLIAMS FORK AND ILES FORMATIONS (INCLUDING THE SEGO FORMATION), PARACHUTE FIELD, RIO BLANCO COUNTY, COLORADO
CAUSE NO. 527
DOCKET NO. 190600407
TYPE: SPACING
NOTICE OF HEARING

Ursa Operating Company LLC, Operator No. 10447, ("Ursa" or "Applicant"), filed an Application with the Commission for an order to establish a drilling and spacing unit, as well as to set the maximum number of wells that may be drilled in the proposed unit on lands identified below. This Notice was sent to you because the Applicant believes you may own oil or gas ("mineral") interests within the proposed unit. Generally, spacing is the process whereby an applicant obtains Commission approval to assign certain mineral interests to be developed by a specific number of wells. Important! , spacing is not pooling, and it is not an application for a drilling permit.

APPLICATION LANDS
Township 2 South, Range 98 West, 6th P.M.
Section 24: S½NE¼, N½SE¼, SE¼NW¼, NE¼SW¼

DATE, TIME, AND LOCATION OF HEARING
(Subject to change)

The Commission will hold a hearing on this matter at the following date, time, and location:
Date: June 17-18, 2019
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Place: Colorado Oil & Gas Conservation Commission
The Chancery Building
1120 Lincoln Street, Suite 801
Denver, CO 80203

PROTESTING OR INTERVENING

DEADLINE FOR PROTESTS OR INTERVENTIONS: May 17, 2019

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OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO
By
Mimi C. Larsen, Commission Secretary
Dated: April 18, 2019
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Public Notice

A public hearing has been scheduled for May 7, 2019 at 7:00 pm at the Meeker Town Hall, 345 Market Street, to consider a request by Meeker Lions Club, for a Special Event Liquor License for the following event:
555 Main Street, Court House Lawn - May 31, 2019 from 4:00 pm to 11:00 pm
Or in case of bad weather
200 Main Street, Fairfield Centre , Meeker Colorado- same date and times;
§ Kathleen Sizemore
Liquor Clerk
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BEFORE THE OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO IN THE MATTER OF THE PROMULGATION AND ESTABLISHMENT OF FIELD RULES TO GOVERN OPERATIONS FOR THE WILLIAMS FORK AND ILES FORMATION (INCLUDING THE SEGO FORMATION), PARACHUTE FIELD, RIO BLANCO COUNTY, COLORADO CAUSE NO. 527

DOCKET NO. 190600408
TYPE: POOLING
NOTICE OF HEARING
Ursa Operating Company LLC, Operator No. 10447, ("Ursa" or "Applicant"), filed an Application with the Commission for an order to pool all oil and gas ("mineral") interests in lands identified below. This Notice was sent to you because the Applicant believes you may own mineral interests that will be pooled if the Commission approves the Application. Pooling is the consolidation and combining of mineral interests so that all mineral interest owners receive payment for their just and equitable share of produced oil and gas. For more information about the Commission's pooling process, please see a brochure on the Commission's website here: <http://cogcc.state.co.us/documents/about/Help/Pooling%20Pamphlet.pdf>.

APPLICATION LANDS
Township 2 South, Range 98 West, 6th P.M. Section 24: S½NE¼, N½SE¼, SE¼NW¼, NE¼SW¼
DATE, TIME, AND LOCATION OF HEARING
(Subject to change)
The Commission will hold a hearing on this matter at the following date, time, and location:
Date: June 17-18, 2019
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Place: Colorado Oil & Gas Conservation Commission
The Chancery Building
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Denver, CO 80203

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RBC Fair Board Meeting - Meeker
4/25/19, 6:00 p.m.
Extension Office Kitche
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TOWN OF DINOSAUR DISBURSEMENTS FOR MARCH 2019
Gross Salaries \$9,664.96
PERA, Monthly Contributions, \$2,094.59
Colorado Dept of Revenue, CWT, \$295.00
IRS, FW7/Med, \$1,016.76
Centurylink, Phone, fax, internet, \$398.39
Moon Lake Electric, Electricity, \$1,287.20
Rangely Trash Service, Trash Service, \$82.00
Mesa County Health Dept, Water test, \$40.00
Caselle Inc, Support, \$340.00
Lizard Analytical Lab, Wastewater tests, \$40.00
City of Grand Junction, Wastewater test, \$175.50
Office Depot, Printe, stapler, mouse, tags, \$90.36
Sav on Propane, Propane, \$1,118.21
Rangely True Value, Locks, ice melt, air wick, pump, \$146.53
Comdata, Gas, \$209.97
Pinnacle, Workers comp, \$664.00
Petty cash, Gas, dog food, postage, \$168.43
WestWater Engineering, Sewer project, \$8,428.87
Colorado West Contracting, Sewer project, \$30,148.25
TOTAL ACCOUNTS PAYABLE \$56,409.02
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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF RIO BLANCO COUNTY, COLORADO
Tuesday, April 30, 2019
Rio Blanco County Annex Building
17497 Highway 64
Rangely, CO 81648
RANGELY
SPECIAL WORK SESSION
The Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County is hosting a Special Work Session to obtain public comment regarding building codes and enforcement in unincorporated Rio Blanco County.
Light refreshments will be provided.
If you are unable to attend, but would like to provide comment, please send your comments to talia.rosas@rbc.us. In the subject line make sure to include "Building Code Public Comment".
When
Tuesday April 30, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. Mountain Time - Denver
Where
Rangely Town Hall, 209 E. Main Street, Rangely, Colorado 81648
NOTE:
Work Sessions in Rangely will be held at the Rio Blanco County Annex Building, 17497 Highway 64, Rangely, Colorado 81648. Work Sessions in Meeker will be held at the Rio Blanco County Historic Courthouse, 555 Main Street, 3rd Floor Commissioner's Hearing Room, Meeker, Colorado 81641. Work Sessions may change depending on scheduling conflicts or changes. To schedule a Work Session or if you need special accommodations please call 970-878-9431 in advance of the meeting so that reasonable accommodations may be made. Please check the County's website for an updated agenda: <http://rbc.us/129/Agendas-Minutes>.
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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF RIO BLANCO COUNTY, COLORADO
Monday, April 29, 2019
Rio Blanco County Historic Courthouse
555 Main Street, 3rd Floor
Meeker, CO 81641
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INVITATION FOR BIDS
CLOSING BID DATE - MAY 7, 2019
TOWN OF MEEKER
345 Market Street
Meeker, CO 81641
You are hereby invited to bid for the construction of the Water Tank Drain Lines Project for the Town of Meeker. This project includes the construction or lining of approximately 680 linear feet of water line and the installation of appurtenant fittings. The project site is located at the north end of 7th Street to Pine Street. The Project Owner is the Town of Meeker. The Project Engineer is Chris Hale, P.E. of Mountain Cross Engineering, Inc. in Glenwood Springs. A complete set of plans, specifications and contract documents may be obtained after April 8th, 2019 from the offices of Mountain Cross Engineering, Inc. (970-945-5544) or at the Meeker Town Hall, 345 Market Street. A mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held at the Meeker Town Hall, 345 Market Street, on Wednesday, May 1st, 2019, at 10:30 a.m. Bid Proposals shall be mailed or delivered to Meeker Town Hall, 345 Market Street, Meeker, CO 81641 by 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 7th.

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HELP WANTED: GENERAL

Our office is looking for a professional individual to fill front office position. Dental experience a plus, but can train the right person. Ability to multi-task and capable of working on your own. Absolute reliability, and impeccable communication skills are a must. Excellent interpersonal skills, attention to detail, and a high level of organization is required. Position will be three and a half days per week, and will earn paid time off along with yearly wellness bonus. Pay is commensurate with experience. Send or drop off resume with: Kenneth K Myers DDS PC, 225 Eagle Crest Dr., Rangely, CO 81648 4/18-5/2

HELP WANTED: GENERAL



We're expanding our team and looking for experienced:
• Dozer and Loader Operator
• Laborer
Full time positions with benefits including health insurance, paid holidays, and retirement savings program available. 970-756-3671 or send resume to dan@msgreadymix.com www.msgreadymix.com

Rio Blanco BOCES is currently accepting applications for a position in our Rangely Preschool for the 2019-2020 school year. Position is to assist, support, and work closely with teachers and other team members in providing educational benefit for students. Early Childhood Preschool Director of Early Childhood Teacher qualifications preferred. To apply please fill out classified application located



HELP WANTED
• Office Assistant
• Mechanic
• Shop Assistant
Subject to prior experience. Application available at Northwest Auto. Send resumes to office@nwaugmc.net

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on our website at www.rioblancoboces.org or mail applications to Rio Blanco BOCES, 402 West Main St., Rangely, CO 81648. For more information please call 970-675-2064. Open until filled. 4/18-4/25

Full/Part Time housekeeping. Apply in person at Blue Spruce Inn.

Rio Blanco BOCES is currently seeking applications for a Paraprofessional at Meeker Elementary for the 2019-2020 school year. Position is to assist, support, and work closely with teachers and other team members in providing educational benefit for students. To apply please fill out classified application located on our website at www.rioblancoboces.org or mail applications to Rio Blanco BOCES 402 West Main St. Rangely CO 81648 Open until filled. For more information please call Brad Bauer at 970-878-9050 ext. 134 4/18-4/25

HELP WANTED: SEASONAL

WESTLANDS HELP WANTED SEASONAL EMPLOYMENT
Private ranch in the White River Valley is seeking applicants for a few qualified and detail-oriented full-time seasonal summer staff starting in May. Applicants should be neat in their appearance, be able to work well with others and provide several

HELP WANTED: SEASONAL

personal references. Competitive starting wages. Call (970) 878-3714 for an application or apply online at www.westlandranch.com. 4/18-5/9

HUNTING

Looking to purchase 3rd season Unit 22 buck land owner tag(s). Unit wide. Please contact Mike at mk.landini@gmail.com 3/28-5/30

Browning compound bow with sights, 12 arrows, 2 quivers, 2 stabilizers, 2 mechanical releases and hard case. \$350. 970-404-1238

MISCELLANEOUS

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

RENTALS: MEEKER

2 BDR/1.5 BA Townhouse. Available now, deposit required. No smoking. No pets, fenced yard. Section 8 welcome. 970-620-0917

STORAGE DEPOT 10x25 unit. 878-4808.

RENTALS: MEEKER

Mobile home and RV spaces available in Meeker for rent. First two months free with longterm lease. 970-220-2150

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

AVAILABLE NOW: retail space in the center of Meeker at 6th and Main in the historic Hugas Building. Includes over 5000 square feet and loading dock in the alley. This former general store has Main Street display, windows, antique ceiling, freight elevator, built-in cupboards and 1910 era show cases. Call 970-878-4138 for details.

CLEAN REMODELED 2BD apartments, in-house laundry, storage units available, close to shopping and the downtown area & more. \$595 per month. Western Exposures Realty LLC (970) 321-2777.

Bachelors apartment. No pets. \$395 + deposit. 970-260-8844 or 970-878-5265

SPACIOUS 2BD/1BA apartments available immediately. Owner pays trash, sewer, water and heating. Coin operated laundry on-site. \$550/\$600 monthly. 970-756-4895.

RENTALS: RANGELY

Rangely Duplex for Rent 1 or 2 bedroom duplex -Newly remodeled & landscaped. Please contact Rodney 970-462-6538 or Dan 970-462-6858.

2 BDR house, fenced backyard, central heating and AC. 970-629-3605

2 BDR/2BA Apt/Duplex, covered parking, No Smoking/No Pets. Call 970-778-5040

SILVER SAGE RV PARK RV
314 E. Main Street.
RV Spaces for rent.
Managers: Dan & Debbie Shadlow
(970)675-2259 or cell: (253)222-3261 or (253)222-3469

WANTED

Cleaning out your freezer? Finicky little white dog needs old venison or beef for dog food. Freezer burned ok. No sausage, pork or chicken. Call, text or drop off at the newspaper office. 970-948-9547.

YARD SALES

MOVING SALE
1168 Cleveland, Friday-Sunday, 4/26-4/28, 9 a.m.-?. Lots of goodies from Lee's sewing shop & Roy has stuff for guys.
Roy & Lee Light

2 Family Yard Sale
Saturday, April 27th, 8 a.m. to noon, 259 Hill Street.



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- Caseworker
- Economic Development Coordinator
- Facilities Worker, Rangely
- Public Health Director
- Relief 911 Dispatcher
- Relief Control Room Specialist
- Relief Radino Driver, Rangely
- Temporary Fairgrounds Laborer, Meeker

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

RECREATION & PARK DISTRICT
Meeker, Colorado

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Part-time, non-benefited:
- Lifeguards
- Recreation Assistants
Work up to 30 hours per week

Seasonal:
- Park Laborer, April through Aug. 31, \$14.96 - \$20.70/hr.

For details and an application, go to www.ERBMRec.com or 101 Ute Road, Meeker CO. 970-878-7417 EOE

TOWN OF RANGELY BOARD TRUSTEE VACATED SEAT

The Town of Rangely will be accepting letters of interest to fill a vacated seat on the Town Board of Trustees. The remaining term of office on the position will be until April 2022. Please submit all Letters of interest to the Town of Rangely, 209 E Main, Rangely, C) 81648, ATTN: Town Clerk, no later than April 30th, 2019.

If you have any questions please contact Lisa Piering, Town Manager at (970) 675-8476.

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■ Occupational Therapist
■ LPN or RN - LTC
■ MLT or MLS - Laboratory
■ LPN or RN - LTC - Nights

FULL-TIME: (eligible for benefits):
■ Cook
■ Radiology/CT/US Tech
■ Surgical Services Director
■ Medical Laboratory Director
■ Environmental Services Tech
■ Physical Therapist
■ Patient Access Rep. - Emergency Dept.
■ Patient Access Rep. - Hospital
■ Laundry Tech
■ Dishwasher
■ Food Service Tech

PART-TIME: (eligible for benefits):
■ Environmental Services Tech

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

Pioneers Medical Center
Phone: (970) 878-0947 Fax: (970) 878-2285
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Eastern Rio Blanco County Health Service District

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NEW! 740 11TH STREET All new flooring, move in ready 3BD/1.5BA, north side of duplex. 4,575 SF lot w/ lg. fenced backyard & storage building, nice open kitchen w/ patio doors leading to back deck. Great for BBQs! Affordably priced at \$105,000!

- ◆ 2002 Mobile Home — Located in trailer park. No land included. 2 BD/ 1 full BA. Great starter home! PRICE REDUCED! \$24,500.
- ◆ White River Rancho — Awesome Acreage! 35 acres with peaceful river frontage, includes both sides of the White River. 9 miles west on HWY 64, turn Left on CR 66. \$200,000.
- ◆ SOLD! 790 12th St. — 3 BD/1 BA needs TLC and lots of clean up. Good potential! \$85,000.

NEW! 756 HILL STREET
1880 square foot home with 1550 square foot heated garage, all one level! \$270,000!

Real-Tea Roundtable
Wednesday, May 1 7:30 a.m., Wendli's

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2604 Rd. 53 - 1,951 Acre Hunting Paradise	\$3,850,000
2204 Rd. 7 - 618 Acres, 2 Homes, Shop, Grazing Permi.	\$2,390,000
Elk Creek Ranch Lot - World Class Private Fishing & Amenities	\$1,300,000
1168 Rd. 63 - 506± Acres, Custom Log Home & Shop	\$1,170,000
NEW 134 Road 102, Rangely - Stunning 184 acre ranch, close to town	\$1,100,000
Ridge Estates Subdivision - Full 26 Lot Package	\$999,000
Elk Mountain Inn - 21 Room Motel, Bar & Restaurant, Courtyard	\$975,000
Wyatt's Sports Center & Residence - Fully Remodeled, Privacy	\$790,000
5086 Rd. 7	SOLD
1287 Market St. - Multi-Use Commercial Building w/ 4 Lots	\$455,000
NEW 915 Market St. - Great business opportunity with income property	\$405,000
NEW 585 Cleveland St. - 3,806 SQFT, fully remodeled, beautiful landscaping.	\$397,000
6321 Rd. 7 - Spacious 3+BD/3BA home on 10+ Acres	\$365,000
175 5th St. - Log Home or Office, Large Corner Lot	\$266,500
NEW 830 10th St.	SALE PENDING
295 Park St. - Freshly remodeled, 2BD/1BA, Garage, Private Yard	REDUCED! \$239,000

NEW 1022 Julie Cir.	SALE PENDING
TBD E. Market St. - 7.46 Acres, Multi-Use Opportunity	\$249,000
345 Cleveland St. - 2.28 Acres, Potential for 12 Building Lots	\$216,000
760 5th St. - 2+BD/2BA, attached garage, shed, views!	REDUCED! \$204,000
112 Main St. - Historic Brick Home, Cottage, Corner Lot	\$207,000
560 5th St.	SALE PENDING
NEW 681 Water St.	SALE PENDING
109 Market St. - 0.5 Acre HWY Commercial Lot	REDUCED! \$175,000
1105 & 1107 Market St. - Large Commercial Lot	\$149,000
1259 Garfield St. - Nicely remodeled 2BD/1BA	\$146,000
852 9th St. - 2BD/1BA, open floor plan, large lot	\$145,000
304 4th St. - 4,437 SQFT Downtown Commercial Office Space	\$139,000
Yoleta Ln. east of CRAIG - 40± Acres	\$69,000
2 Sage Hills Lots - Build your dream home!	\$59,000
Ridge Estates - Rural Residential Lots	Starting at \$45,000

752 2nd Street
Unique property, perfect for large family with potential for in-home business.
Price Reduced! \$248,000
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CONGRATS TO APRIL BUSINESS OF THE MONTH Ma Famiglia Italian Restaurant!
410 Market St. — Business & Real Estate offered together or separate. Turnkey & Profitable. PRICE REDUCED to \$695,000!

RESIDENTIAL
235 Water St. — Really clean and cute well maintained home with garage, greenhouse, hot tub, new storage shed, large lot, RV parking, in excellent condition. \$179,900! UNDER CONTRACT!
1254 Sunridge Ave., Rangely — Nice 3BD/2BA home in La Mesa. Large lot & hot tub. \$175,000!
752 2nd St. — 4BD/2.75BA Close to schools, Rec. Center and Fairgrounds. PRICE REDUCED to \$248,000!
855 5th St. — 5BD/2BA, new roof, siding, windows & flooring. \$189,900! UNDER CONTRACT!
767 12th St. — 2BD/1.5BA, townhouse, well kept. \$68,000. REDUCED!

RURAL RESIDENTIAL
1083 Boulder Dr., Craig — Wilderness Ranches cabin, turnkey. PRICE REDUCED to \$162,000!

VACANT LAND
NEW! 1417 Silver Sage Road — 2 nice lots with views. \$45,000.

NEW! 1176 Main St. — Nice vacant corner lot with water and sewer taps. \$28,500!
NEW! Vacant lot — Adjoining 1176 Main St. \$23,500
NEW! Vacant land in Craig, CO with surrounding nice views!
• 11 AC. with well, electricity & storage shed. \$60,000 UNDER CONTRACT!
• 8 AC. with electricity pole. \$31,000
• 8 AC. parcel with good building sites. \$27,000.
Above listings are approx. 7 miles from Craig, CO
Two Sac. lots, Strawberry Patch Rd. — Ponds, fence & electricity. \$56,500 ea.
32 lots, Sanderson Hills — Great bldg sites. \$29,000/ea. or \$25,000/ea. in pkgs of five.

COMMERCIAL
975 Market St. — Commercial Property located with prime corner location on Highway 13 \$220,000. REDUCED!
Brontosaurus (Hwy. 40), Dinosaur — Lg. Building. \$155,000. UNDER CONTRACT!

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HOMES IN MEEKER ...
*1123 Park Ave. - Nice 2007 singlewide manufactured home on 1 full lot. 2 BR, 2 BA. Furnished. REDUCED! \$115,000
*564 7th St. - Large 2 story home, big lot, fenced yard, shop. \$215,000. SOLD!
*871 10th St. - 4 BR, 2 BA home. Family room, living room, fireplace, garage. \$199,900. SOLD!

RANCHES — RURAL RESIDENTIAL — HUNTING PROPERTIES...
*92 CR 59- 5 acres 10 miles up Buford/New Castle Road. Home sites. Borders forest. \$175,000.
*210 CR 75- Papoose Creek Cabin in Forest Service lease land, log cabin, outhouse. \$55,000.
*CR 8- 88 Acres just east of Meeker. Hunting, dry land pasture, development potential. REDUCED! \$400,000.

RAW LAND AND HOMESITES ...
*92 CR 59- 5 acres 10 miles up Buford/New Castle Road. Home sites. Borders forest. \$175,000.
*2101 Meath Dr. - 35 acres in Little Beaver Estates 8 miles east of Meeker. Good pasture. Great views. \$89,900.
*1751 Bright Water Lane- 39 Acres with White River, irrigated hay meadow, and great home sites. 5,000 sq ft barn with power, septic & cistern. Borders BLM. 14 miles west of Hwy 64. Great hunting area. \$375,000.
*2 Large Multi-family Lots in Sanderson Hills, near Rec Center. Zoned MF-A. \$140,000 for both, or sold separately.
*5807 CR 7- Vacant 20 acre parcel, 9 mi. North, on Strawberry Creek. Good home site & views! \$75,000.
*CR 8- 88 Acres just east of Meeker. Hunting, dry land pasture, development potential. REDUCED! \$400,000.
*100 acres- 29 miles east of Meeker, surrounded by Nat'l Forest, covered with Aspens. \$1,395,000.00.
*TBD CR 13- 35 Acres, 4.5 miles south of town. Fenced, borders BLM on 2 sides. \$189,000. SOLD!

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