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## Healthy...

Roughly 600 area residents got out in spite of heavy snow Saturday to take part in the annual 9Health Fair. At right, students from the Colorado Northwestern Community College dental hygiene program joined the many other volunteers at the fair, checking blood pressure and oxygen retention. For more on the health fair, please see Page 2A.



# Fire destroys Meeker home; cause of blaze not known

By **DOC WATSON**  
Special to the Herald Times

**MEEKER** I At about 3 p.m. on April 22, fire destroyed the home of Glen and Rose Abbott at 1107 Pinyon St. The garage was spared when Meeker firefighters on Engine 1 were able to contain the blaze. No one was in the house at the time, and there were no injuries.

Carol Crain, a neighbor across the street from the Abbott home, reported that she looked out her window and saw the house on fire.

"I was just so scared when I looked out that possibly someone was in there," she said.

Fire Chief Marshall Cook was quickly on scene and conducted a 360-degree evaluation of the situation. He found fire presenting itself on two sides and venting through the roof in the area of the living room and kitchen of the 30 by 60 foot modular structure. Rio Blanco County Sheriff Anthony Mazzola recalled that the home was originally set on site by Benny Jensen about 15 years ago.

The fire was initially fought with hand lines with the assistance of a master stream.

"Master stream" is a term for a water

stream of 350 gallons per minute or greater delivered by a device such as a deck gun or deluge gun mounted on the fire engine. The master stream was soon shut down as the fire was under control with the hand lines.

Of critical concern to Chief Cook was trying to save the garage when the fire vented through the roof.

"Once it goes through the roof, you now have what we call a defensive fire," he said after the fire. "Your objective is now to protect the exposures, not let the fire spread to other buildings, so you just start pouring water on it. In this case, once it started vent-

ing through the roof, our objective was to protect the garage, which was unhurt as we pushed the fire away from it."

After the main body of the fire was out, firefighters continued to extinguish hot spots with the help of a thermal imaging camera. With that completed, the scene was turned over to the Meeker Police Department.

The Colorado Bureau of Investigation was also called to the scene the following day.

CBI agent Jerry Means, assisted by his K-9 partner Riley, investigated the scene throughout the day. The use of a K-9 is standard procedure because a dog can detect

hydrocarbons left behind by the burning of accelerants, such as gasoline, which could indicate arson. The canine, "Agent Riley," found none.

According to the official fire report by Chief Cook, dated Monday, the fire seems to have started in the living room, but the cause is listed as unknown.

"Due to the significant amount of damage in the room of origin, we are currently unable to determine a specific point of origin or ignition source," the report reads. The report also stated that the "investigation continues."

## Kristin Steele fills Rangely council seat

By **JENNIFER HILL**  
Special to the Herald Times

**RANGELY** I The Rangely Town Council met April 7 to announce and swear in newly appointed town council member Kristin Steele, honor the Rangely Police Department for its DUI enforcement work and learn about several projects nearing completion.

Steele was chosen from among four candidates who applied for the position left vacant by former Mayor Pro Tem Brad Casto, who resigned last month. She was sworn into office by Town Treasurer Lisa Piering.

The other candidates included Clayton Gohr, Jane Miller and John Perry. The council interviewed all four candidates in a work session held prior to the regular meeting Tuesday.

Steele, currently employed as executive director of the Rangely Chamber of Commerce, will serve on the council for a one-year term. In April 2016, the position will be up for public election.

During the meeting, the council heard updates from several departments including the Rangely Police and Public Works departments.

Rangely Police Chief Vince Wilczek informed the board of current departmental projects, including an inventory of all stored evidence. Each piece of evidence is receiving a barcode for tracking purposes. The department is also attempting to destroy any unnecessary evidence.

Wilczek also reported that last year the Rangely department conducted 29 felony arrests.

According to Wilczek, this num-

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Kristin Steele

## HOUSE FIRE...



At about 3 p.m. on April 22, a home at 1107 Pinyon St. in Meeker, above, was reported on fire. The fire quickly consumed the home of Glen and Rose Abbott, but no one was home and no one was hurt. Meeker Fire and Rescue was able to save the garage, just a few feet southwest of the home. Below, the home was destroyed, but a cause has not been determined.



SEAN MCMAHON

## TELL results show good, bad with MHS teachers and administrators

By **REED KELLEY**  
Special to the Herald Times

**MEEKER** I Results of the 2015 Colorado TELL Survey, made available last week, show that only 42 percent of teachers and administrators at Meeker High School (MHS) believe that, overall, the school is a good place to work and learn.

That's a drop of 15 percentage points from 2013. With interviews for the new high school principal having taken place this past Monday, it's a good time to review the TELL survey for MHS.

Twelve of the 16 high school educators (75 percent) participated in the 2015 survey (compared to 51 percent statewide). Six of the 16 high school staff are new since 2013.

Another big change from 2013 regards community support as 93 percent felt two years ago that the community was supportive while only 8 percent believe that this year, the equivalent of one person out of the 12 high school respondents.

Initiated by the legislature in 2008, the Teaching, Empowering, Leading and Learning (TELL) Survey is sent to school-based teach-

ers and leadership statewide, biennially, to record perceptions of the teaching and learning conditions in their schools.

Participation by educators is voluntary and anonymous. The TELL effort is led by the Colorado Department of Education in partnership with the Colorado Association of School Boards, Colorado Association of School Executives, Colorado League of Charter Schools and the

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## Rangely School Board considers accessing RSD savings account

By **JENNIFER HILL**  
Special to the Herald Times

**RANGELY** I With the school year winding down, the Rangely School Board met April 21 to discuss several issues of potential impact on the 2015-2016 school year, including vacated teacher positions, grade point average (GPA) calculations, alternative school options and budget considerations.

Superintendent Matt Scoggins had mixed news for the board in regard to next year's budget. He said the current proposal from the state is to increase funding by 2.8 percent for public schools. In Rangely, this would

amount to an additional \$104,000.

Scoggins suggested the board consider giving 2 percentage points of the total 2.8 percent increase as a raise in salaries and that the remaining 0.8 percentage points go towards the district's Public Employees Retirement Association (PERA) contribution.

Scoggins set the tone for future budget discussions, telling the board, "I don't want to approach (the budget) and say we have to have a perfectly balanced budget next year. I'm very comfortable dipping into our fund balance."

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## Meeker's Evelyn Metzger, 102, enjoys birthday party

By **DOC WATSON**  
Special to the Herald Times

**MEEKER** I The term "senior citizen" is an understatement in the case of long-time Meeker resident Evelyn Metzger, who turned 102 on April 20. She spoke among friends who had gathered for a surprise birthday party in her home:

*Herald Times:* Happy birthday, Evelyn. Where were you born?

*Evelyn Metzger:* I was born in Nebraska. I was just a baby when we moved to Lander, Wyo., and 7 when we came down here in a covered wagon. My dad (who fought in the

Spanish-American War in 1898) died (of pneumonia when I was three), so my mother loaded up us five kids and here we are.

*HT:* What did your family do down here?

*EM:* My mother bought a ranch and we milked cows and used the cream for everything. (She eventually bought a hotel.)

*HT:* So what does it feel like to be 102?

*EM:* About like what I did when I was 101. (Laughter from the group.)

*HT:* So what are some of the great

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Evelyn Metzger

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## STEELE: New council member

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ber is quite high. Wilczek provided a point of comparison saying that both the Meeker Police Department and Rio Blanco County Sheriff's Office had 26 felony arrests combined. The high number of arrests is causing an influx of trials that officers have to attend in Meeker.

After his update, Chief Wilczek presented Rangely Police Officer Jonathan Mazzella with an award for DUI (driving under the influence) enforcement. Mazzella issued 41 DUIs in 2014, eight of which were considered "extremely dangerous situations."

According to Wilczek, one offender tested with a .269 blood alcohol level, substantially higher than the legal .08 limit.

"We receive a lot of criticism for our DUI enforcement from citizens ... but these guys are saving lives," Wilczek said. The department plans to continue high enforcement and will be sending Officer TiRynn Hamblin to drug recognition training over the summer.

Following the police update, the council heard from Public Works Director Mike Englert, who informed the board about several projects currently under way at the White River Village Apartments, including cleaning and repairing vacated apartments and constructing a new enclosed breezeway.

Englert said the existing breezeway needs to be taller to allow people to enter without ducking.

The town has received a grant from the Lung Association for \$3,000

towards a project to encourage smoking outdoors instead of inside buildings. The council approved spending up to \$23,000 on the project.

Town Manager Peter Brixius provided the council with several operational updates. Brixius said the Highway 64 water line boring, which had previously run into difficulties, has finally broken through. Brixius said he expects that the project, which will provide water services to the Chevron offices along with several other customers, will be fully operational in the next three weeks.

Brixius also told the council that the design for the updates and changes to the Town Hall building should be completed and ready for construction bids by July. They will also prepare grant applications at that time.

Another project nearing completion is the rehabilitation of the corner of Stanolind and Main streets, where the town expects to remove 900 yards of material in the coming months.

The 10-year process was undertaken to alleviate damage done by an old gas station located on the lot. The station had several tanks, including gas and waste oil, underground that leaked into the surrounding soil. Brixius estimates the total cost of the rehabilitation to be around \$500,000, all of which he expects to be eventually reimbursed to the town by the state.

Near the close of the meeting the council was informed that town employees Lisa Piering and Kelly Neiberger have been selected as "Safety Champions" by the Colorado Intergovernmental Risk Sharing Agency, or CIRSA, and will be honored at an upcoming luncheon.

## RSD: Budget planning

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However despite his ease with spending into savings, Scoggins told the board that he was considering several cuts, including reducing a preschool and a kindergarten position, both of which could be accomplished through attrition.

Board member Joyce Key asked that the district consider using split classrooms, where one classroom has multiple grade levels, as another way to keep class sizes small without adding staff. "Statistically it has had some positive impacts," Key said.

Another impact on the budget is a potential increase in health insurance costs. In an attempt to mitigate the cost, the district is considering a switch in providers, which, according to Scoggins, could save the district approximately \$80,000 next year.

Currently, the district has six positions, five at Parkview Elementary and one at Rangely Junior/Senior High that are open for the coming school year. In order to fill these positions administrators have been attending job fairs to recruit applicants, although, according to Scoggins, recruiting can be tough.

"It's hard to get people to talk to Rangely because they don't know where it is," he said.

Rangely Junior/Senior High Principal K.D. Bryant fielded questions from the board regarding the development of a new alternative school program. The program, currently titled R-4, takes place in a room in the high school and has students from the high school and middle school in attendance. Students participate in an online program and are

overseen by a para-professional.

The program offers a flexible start time for students who struggle to begin school on time. Principal Bryant describes the program as "for the few, not the many." He is currently seeking a new name for the program, expressing concern about calling it an alternative or at-risk school.

"When I say you are at-risk, it doesn't feel very good," Bryant said.

The board reviewed a draft policy of potential district changes to the way GPAs are calculated. The district is considering weighting student GPA's to give more preference to college and advanced placement (AP) courses. If approved, the new policy would allow students taking college-level courses or who take an AP class and receive a score of three or higher on the AP test to receive a score of five for an A grade instead of the traditional four. To qualify, college courses must be in one of the core subjects such as English, math or science.

There will be an appeal process if a student would like to have another course considered. The goal is to encourage students to take challenging courses without fear of damage to their GPA.

After a short executive session, the board voted unanimously to approve the contracts of all district administrators, including Superintendent Matt Scoggins, Parkview Elementary Principal Mike Kruger, Junior/Senior High Principal K.D. Bryant and Assistant Principal Crandal Mergelman.

The Rangely School Board will meet again at 6 p.m. on May 19 to further discuss next year's budget and end-of-year items.

## Rangely Museum opens Friday

**RANGELY |** The Rangely Outdoor Museum will open to the public on Friday.

Museum hours will be Friday and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sundays from noon to 4 p.m. through May. In June, hours change to Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sundays from noon to 4 p.m.

## State gets tough on vaccinations

Special to the Herald Times

**RBC |** The Colorado Board of Health has passed new immunization rules that will require parents to obtain non-medical exemptions from immunization requirements more frequently. Currently, parents who wish to sign a non-medical exemption do so just once.

Beginning in July 2016, parents seeking non-medical exemptions for pre-kindergarten children will need to submit exemption forms at each age when recommended vaccines are due. Then, from kindergarten through 12th grade, they will need to submit exemption forms annually.

Dr. Larry Wolk, chief medical officer and executive director at the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, said, "Reducing vaccine exemptions is just one part of ensuring Colorado's school children and communities are protected from vaccine-preventable diseases."

Research shows that children whose parents claim exemptions are more likely to get and transmit vaccine-preventable diseases. Increased exemption rates lead to greater rates of vaccine-preventable diseases in communities.

Also beginning in July 2016, schools and child care centers will be required to annually submit data on immunization and exemption rates to the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment. The department will make the data available to the public. This will allow parents who are concerned about risks of vaccine-preventable diseases to make informed decisions on school and child care choices. It also will provide more timely and accurate data for schools and public health officials in case of outbreaks of vaccine-preventable diseases.

In addition, the department will make available a voluntary online education module including information on the diseases that vaccines prevent, the benefits and risks of immunization and evidence-based research, resources and information from credible scientific and public health organizations.

Colorado's current non-medical exemption rate is 4.6 percent. That national average is 1.8 percent.

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## 9HEALTH FAIR ...



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Volunteers were helping en masse at the 9Health Fair at Meeker Elementary School on Saturday. Above, phlebotomists from all neighboring towns were on hand as were students from the CNCC dental hygiene school and health agencies from throughout the area joined efforts to deal with the roughly 600 people who attended the health fair on Saturday. The fair was sponsored by Channel 9, Pioneers Medical Center, the Rio Blanco Fire Protection District and the Meeker Lions Club. Organizer Christy Atwood of Pioneers Medical Center said, "It was another successful year. I appreciate working with Channel 9 and appreciate all the members of the community taking part."



SEAN MCMAHON

After having the tests she wanted to take at the 9Health Fair on Saturday morning at Meeker Elementary School, Angie Arnold of Meeker, front left, enjoyed the breakfast offered by the Meeker Lions Club and its members to those who took part in the health fair. The Lions offered free pancakes, syrup, sausage, eggs, orange juice and coffee to those who participated in the fair.

## Meeker Recreation Center Annual Shutdown

The Meeker Recreation Center is open to the public an average of 345 days per year or 4,700 hours annually and is visited by the public over 30,000 times a year. Although ERBM Recreation & Park District staff and contractors are able to perform basic maintenance, repairs, and upkeep to sustain this rigorous operation schedule, there are numerous projects that can only be accomplished by closing the facility.

**This Year's Center Maintenance (Center Closed from May 22–25)**  
Deep cleaning and waxing the floors throughout the Center will take place during the long Memorial Day weekend closure.

**This Year's Pool Projects (Pool Closed from May 8–31)**

### Tile Upgrades

- > Demolition and replacement of tiles in pools and hot tub
- > Re-grouting and sealing

### Window Replacement

- > Replacement of several windows due to seal breaks allowing moisture between panes

### Lighting Upgrades

- > Demolition, replacement, and relocation of wiring and fixtures to provide better lighting

### General Natatorium Maintenance

- > Sheet rock repair
- > Water slide frame repair
- > Truss repair on roof of natatorium
- > Decks thoroughly scrubbed and all pool structures meticulously sanitized
- > Acid wash, fill, heat, and balance chemicals in pools and hot tub



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The members of the royalty court for the Meeker High School Prom on Saturday at the Fairfield Center were announced at 10 p.m. following the royal march. From left to right are: Duchess Reagan Pearce and Duke Sam Baylie; first attendants Tristin Pelloni and Sydney Hughes; and MHS King Anthony Watt and Queen Brittany Smith.



It was mostly a full dance floor when the Meeker High School juniors, seniors and their dates were dancing at the MHS Junior/Senior Prom at the Freeman E. Fairfield Center on Saturday. D.J. music entertained the students until 1 p.m., when many of those who took part moved over to the after-prom party at the Meeker Recreation Center.

## Turkey hunters got to hunt Meeker area

Special to the Herald Times

**MEEKER** In what is now an established tradition in Meeker, local Colorado Parks and Wildlife managers and area landowners joined together April 10 to give a trio of young novices a few memories that will last a lifetime—a three day, high-quality turkey hunt on private land with education and mentoring provided by experienced wildlife officers.

As part of CPW's statewide Hunter Outreach Program, the annual turkey hunt brings skilled mentors together with inexperienced youth who want to learn and participate but do not have someone to teach them the skills necessary for a safe and successful hunt.

"We have been offering this opportunity for several years and my fellow officers and I have loved every minute of it," said hunt organizer District Wildlife Manager Bailey Franklin of Meeker. "It's very rewarding to give a kid an experience like this."

The youths selected for this year's hunt were 14-year-old Charlie Day of Meeker, 13-year-old Kathryn Walsh of Denver and 10-year-old Garrett Hayden of Monte Vista. Each qualified by fulfilling their hunter education requirements, then submitting a 500-word essay about their lack of experience and willingness to learn.

"These kids had never hunted before and neither have their families, and that is a key factor in why they were chosen," Franklin said. "With the skills they learned, they can now go out on their own and maybe they will be the mentors someday."

Along with Franklin, District Wildlife managers Mike Swaro, Terry Wygant and Johnathan Lambert pro-

vided expert guidance during the three-day excursion. The various lessons covered by the wildlife officers included ethics, biology, firearms safety, regulations, how to use a call and reading turkey sign in the field.

"Responsible hunting is not just about aiming and shooting," said Swaro. "There is a lot to learn before anyone heads to the field."

Using borrowed youth model shotguns provided by CPW, the young hunters spent a little time practicing and learning about the safe use of firearms at the Meeker Sportsmen's Club, a long-time supporter of the Hunter Outreach program.

Another important lesson imparted on the youths by their mentors is how to care for their harvested turkey and prepare it for human consumption, a critical part of all successful hunts.

According to wildlife officers, a significant reason for the success of the guided hunts has been the generosity of local landowners who allow access to their properties. This year, they included the Jensen Family Ranch properties leased and managed by Rocky and Sparky Pappas and Travis Flaherty, the Clark White River Ranch owned by Mike Clark, Seven Lakes Lodge, K/K Ranch, Elk Creek Ranch, CPW commissioner Jeanne Horne, Charlie Barrett, John Etchart, Mike Fritzier, Pete Swenson and James Ritchie.

"We had even more interest and support from landowners from Meeker this year, which is very encouraging," said Franklin.

Landowners interested in supporting CPW's youth hunting programs in Northwest Colorado are encouraged to call Colorado Parks and Wildlife's Meeker office at 970-878-6090.

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FROM MY WINDOW...

# A busy week looking out the window in all directions

By SEAN McMAHON  
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The saying goes regarding Colorado's weather, "Wait around for five minutes, and the weather will change." That was true 60 years ago. It is true today, only it isn't only relative to weather. The last week seems to have been a study in change.

There was rain, snow, hail and sunshine.

There was a variety of activities, including the annual Colorado Northwestern Community College Foundation Dinner and Auction, the Rangely and 9Health fairs in Rangely and Meeker, the Meeker High School Prom, the highly promoted program

on Bruce Jenner, who certainly was one of the heroes of my childhood, and I'm not even talking about watching all the television promotions for next weekend's boxing match—most likely the richest of all time—between Floyd Mayweather and Manny Pacquiao.

This past weekend was a good one for just sitting back, reading, watching television or reflecting on just about anything that would pop into one's mind.

One of the first things that came into my mind was the difference in the Meeker and Rangely attitudes as far as fundraisers are concerned.

Both towns have those who spend a lot of money.

In Meeker, it seems that it is the

corporations that give. In Rangely, the perception is that it is the people who give. Regardless of which town you are talking about, you can tell which corporations in Meeker are going to be the givers and in Rangely, one knows which individuals will be the big spenders.

But nothing seems to pull out the local money quite like the CNCC Foundation Dinner, which sees the big bucks roll out from all around Rangely.

Unless you count all the money raised through all the animals being



auctioned off at the Rio Blanco County Fair, nothing comes close to raising the funds that are raised during the CNCC Foundation Dinner, which has the primary goal of raising money for student scholarships, which is a most honorable purpose.

I didn't have a whole lot of time to just sit down and relax on Saturday with an early start taking photos at the 9Health Fair in the morning at Pioneers Medical Center and meeting a commitment at 10 p.m. at the Fairfield Center to shoot photos of the Meeker High School prom royalty.

It does seem that those at the prom had a very good time. There was a catered dinner, which I understand was "pretty good," a couple of

participants said. At 10 p.m. was the royal march followed by dancing until 1 a.m., then the seniors and juniors who were allowed to, moved over to the ERBM Recreation Center to continue their festivities until about 3 a.m.

Bruce Jenner is four years older than I am, and I can safely say that he was one of the all-time athletes around, having won the title of "best athlete in the world" in 1976 after winning the gold medal in decathlon.

I never had the honor of meeting Mr. Jenner, and long admired him. He obviously disappeared from the limelight for several years but I was slightly excited to see him on TV again in the story of Kardashian fam-

ily following the death of noted father and lawyer Robert Kardashian.

I must admit it didn't take too long to get a bit tired of the Kardashian females and I quit watching the clan on TV—something I still don't do.

But I did admit it caught my attention about two or three weeks ago, when Bruce was obviously on this way to transgenderism and becoming "her" as he said this past weekend.

Quite a surprise! There is nothing about his life—past, present or future—that I envy him for.

I wish him all the best on his voyage and hope that if he ever finds out where that voyage is taking him that he is happy.

## WHAT'S UP WITH THE COUNTY?

# Rio Blanco County updates on fires, broadband and justice center

By KATELIN COOK  
Special to the Herald Times

**RBC 1** In an effort to keep the community updated, Rio Blanco County employees have provided updates on their various departments and projects.

### Sheriff's Office:

In recent weeks, the Rio Blanco County Sheriff's Office has been assisting with out-of-control fires stemming from residents burning ditches. Thankfully, there have been no injuries and minimal property damage. Check out the Rio Blanco County Sheriff's Office Facebook page for suggestions on agricultural burning.

Long time deputy Frank England retired on April 3. Frank has been associated with the RBCSO since 1986, starting as a reserve deputy and becoming a full-time deputy in 2001. We will miss Frank and wish him the very best. Job well done!

With Frank's retirement, a deputy

was hired to replace him. Jackilyn Green will be starting on April 22, and will be residing in Rangely. Green grew up in Elk Springs, is most recently from Craig, has a bachelor's degree in criminal justice, and is in the process of completing her master's degree. We are very excited to have her on our team.

Citizens can receive sheriff's office updates now on Facebook and Twitter.

### Broadband Project Update:

The Rio Blanco County Broadband Project is under way. Engineering for Meeker and Rangely fiber installation is nearly completed, and engineering is about 40 percent complete for the wireless broadband solution in rural areas.

Recently, several proposals were received for the role of network operator, and a selection should be made soon. The network operator will manage maintenance and repair of the county's broadband infrastructure, and



Katelin Cook

they will also work with service providers to ensure reasonably priced Internet and cellular services are available to Rio Blanco County residents and businesses.

The broadband project is critical to Rio Blanco County residents and is necessary for Rio Blanco County to be a competitive place to do business, recruit future employees and keep up with current technological demands in supporting students, visitors and those who live here. Just like well-maintained roads, water or sanitation utility lines, broadband service (Internet, cellular capabilities, and emergency management services) is a requirement for today's consumer which is why the Federal Communications

Commission (FCC) reclassified broadband as a Title II public utility earlier this year.

So, what's next? Rio Blanco County will chose its network operator and then work to identify Middle Mile and Local Service Providers who will ultimately serve the end consumer. Rio Blanco County was awarded up to \$2 million in DOLA grant funds to offset project expenses, and once those funds are available, infrastructure installation construction will begin.

To learn more about this great project, visit [www.rbc.us/wcic](http://www.rbc.us/wcic).

### Capital Improvement Projects:

Rio Blanco County hired an arborist to perform a health evaluation on all trees located on Rio Blanco County-owned properties in Meeker. All trees located at the Fairfield Center and White River Museum are in good health. There were some concerns about trees located at the county courthouse. Twenty-five of the 52 existing trees were removed due to their degrading health and proximity of growth to other trees located on the property.

Construction of the Justice Center continues to be on schedule and on budget.

All foundation work has been completed, and by the end of April all concrete slabs on grade work will be completed. During the month of May, structural steel will be erected, CMU blocks will be installed and mechanical, electrical and plumbing site work will continue. Also in May, construction will begin on the Meeker Town Square Park Pavilion, and the plan is for that to be complete in time for July 4 events.

Renovation of the Department of Health and Human Services building in Rangely is also progressing. Selective demolition has begun and finalized design documents are completed. This project is scheduled for completion at the end of September.

Restrooms will be constructed at Columbine Park, and schematic design work and design of on-site waste water treatment has been initiated. This facility will be a CMU block structure with a metal roof, constructed on slab on grade foundation, and includes shower facilities. The intent

of these restrooms is to service patrons of the boarding facilities and CNCC programs. Construction is scheduled to be complete by the end of summer.

Radino Hall will also be receiving capital improvements. Kitchen, flooring and entryway upgrades will be the focus of the project. Proposed designs will be reviewed with stakeholders in May.

Columbine Park and Meeker Fairgrounds facility planning has been started to help prioritize capital improvement projects and maximize facility usage. User groups of these facilities will help guide the direction of future improvements, working toward these facilities providing positive economic impact to the communities through greater usage and additional events.

Rio Blanco County has contracted with the University of Colorado-Denver, University Technical Assistance program to assist with conceptual site design and development of capital improvement prioritization.

Katelin Cook is the Rio Blanco County Economic Development Director

The CNCC Foundation would like to offer a BIG THANK YOU to all of those who purchased dinner/dance tickets and participated in bidding for the silent auction and live auction on April 18! You all helped make the 11th Annual Dinner Dance Fundraiser a success again this year!

EXTRA thanks to those who donated wonderful items to the Auctions and/or gave Cash Donations:

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Thank you **Sodexo** for catering a fabulous meal!  
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Thank you **Shae Brammer** and **Kellen Michael (the GREEN ROOM)** for providing entertainment!

Thank you **CNCC Students** for Your Attendance & Participation:  
*Colby Demo, Colton Onyett, Dax Koskie, Jamie Revels, Landon Wardell, Selina Pacheco, Stephen Claassen, Taylor Duzik, Tim Dal*

Thank you **Dinner Dance Committee & Helpers:**  
*Diane Sizemore, Peggy Rector, Becky Dubbert, Gisele Futch, Amy Griffin, Janet Mackay, Dorinda Hardcastle, Bethany Green, Camilla Kennedy, Kirstin Cushman, Natalie Kurrasch*



Thank you!

The family of Don Blanke would like to thank everyone for the beautiful cards, lovely flowers, incredible food and the many donations made in Don's memory and also for all of the love and support given to our family during this difficult time. We are truly blessed to live in a community like Meeker.

Much love and gratitude to you all.

## RIO BLANCO COUNTY FAIR BOARD MEETING

Thursday, April 30 6:00 p.m.  
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Thursday, April 30 6:00 p.m.  
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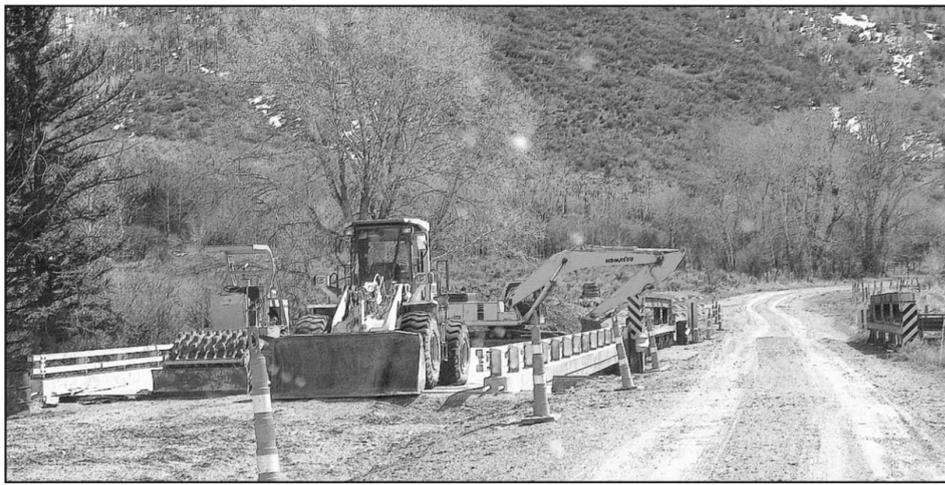
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



**Prose on new bridge**

Dear Editor:  
Above is a picture of the new bridge over the South Fork of the White River, downstream about four miles from the South Fork Campground, showing the width of the old bridge on the right and the new bridge on the left.  
The bridge carries County Road 10 over the South Fork and is nearly finished with completion of the connecting approaches by early summer.

The final cost will be about \$1 million with funding as follows: Federal funds are \$757,289 with Rio Blanco County funds of \$189,323 for an approximate total cost of \$946,612.

Some county citizens expressed consternation over spending these county funds on a bridge where the road is only four miles from a dead end (at the South Fork Campground) and is closed for at least seven months each year.

However, the county should be proud of a brand new, full-strength bridge good for many years of service. The county engineers office direct-

ed the work, and construction is by G.A. Western.

Dick Prose  
Meeker

**Clearing up question of authorship**

Dear Editor:

Thank you for publishing the article which you placed as a letter to the editor in your April 16 issue headed "Letter from a pilot on Germanwings tragedy."

For clarification, I did not write

this as a letter to the editor. However I forwarded an article published on LinkedIn by and written by Erika Armstrong, who is a pilot, author, aviation recruiter/analyst and editor, with her permission to you.

She published this under "A Letter From Your Pilot: the Germanwings Tragedy," and I asked her permission to reprint it in the *Rio Blanco Herald Times*.

I have long supported women in aviation and she is eminently qualified as an airline pilot and writer.

I felt that her summary of the difference of background and training required of United States airlines was well contrasted against some foreign carriers and that it would be of interest to your readers.

Thanks for printing this to give her proper credit for its content. Anyone who is interested in re-reading it can do so at [disciplineof-flight.com/letter-from-your-pilot-germanwings-tragedy/](http://disciplineof-flight.com/letter-from-your-pilot-germanwings-tragedy/)

David Cole

Cole Aviation Consulting  
Meeker

Georgann Amack, Volunteer

**Grateful for caring**

Dear Editor:

There are no words to express how thankful we are to those who showed how much they care for our family!

Thank you for the cards, flowers, meals, and donations to the Backpack Program. Thank you, Heather Zadra, for writing an obituary that was as original as she was, and to the *Herald Times* for finding space to run it.

Thank you to Dr. Ting (Barbara was your biggest fan), to Kim and Rhonda, the home healthcare nurses who were a blessing to her, and to the staff at Rangely District Hospital and St. Mary's Hospital. We will miss this amazing woman so very much, but will carry her love from us forever!

Cheri Smith

Rangely  
and the family of Barbara Wade

**Thanks to ERBM**

Dear Editor:

The Meeker High School Student Council, as well as sponsor Klark Kindler and volunteers Alicia Watt and Georgann Amack, would like to give out a big thank you to the ERBM Recreation Center for hosting and paying for the fun "After Prom Party," early Sunday morning after the prom.

Thank you to Kim Kendall for coming to the MHS Student Council and asking the students what activities the ERBM could host for them.

It is wonderful to see partnering between the schools and the ERBM recreation center for such a wonderful event.

Madeline Amack, MHS Student Council

Klark Kindler, Sponsor  
Alicia Watt, Volunteer

**Meeker Chamber of Commerce warning of possible scam involving the chamber**

Special to the Herald Times

**MEEKER** | The Meeker Chamber of Commerce is warning Meeker residents not to fall for some kind of scam that includes telephone calls directed locally by someone saying they represent the Meeker Chamber of Commerce.

The chamber reports that the caller claims to be from the chamber and is

requesting information to update their files.

According to the Meeker Chamber of Commerce, this is not a practice carried out by the Meeker

Chamber of Commerce.

The chamber requests that if you ever receive questionable calls from the Meeker Chamber of Commerce, to please call them at 878-5510.

**BLM field travel plans to be discussed**

Special to the Herald Times

**RBC** | The Bureau of Land Management White River Field Office will hold a public workshop on May 6 to discuss the public review period for its 2014 Travel Route Inventory and future travel management efforts.

This meeting is intended to provide the public an understanding of the multi-year process the BLM is undertaking in order to complete travel management plans for the White River Field Office and to answer questions about these efforts. This is an opportunity for the community to be engaged in this complex planning effort before it begins.

The field office currently has comprehensive travel route data on 650,000 acres of the 1.5 million-acre field office, including more than 1,833 miles of routes, collected in the 2014 Travel Route Inventory. The remainder of the field office will be inventoried this summer. How to review this information and what type of feedback the BLM is seeking will be discussed at this meeting.

The meeting will run from 6 to 7 p.m. at the BLM White River Field Office, 220 E. Market St., Meeker, Colo., 81641.

To review the travel route inventory, visit the White River Field Office homepage at [www.blm.gov/co/st/en/fo/wrfo.html](http://www.blm.gov/co/st/en/fo/wrfo.html) and click on the Travel and Transportation Management link. This page contains links to the 2014 Travel Route Inventory and information about how to download maps and submit comments. Hard copies of this information are also available at the White River Field Office and the Rangely Chamber of Commerce. Comments may be submitted at the site above, by email to [blm\\_co\\_wrfo\\_tmp@blm.gov](mailto:blm_co_wrfo_tmp@blm.gov) or by mail to the BLM White River Field Office, 220 E. Market St., Meeker, Colo. 81641.

Comments on the 2014 inventory will be most helpful if received by May 31. For more information, contact Aaron Grimes, Outdoor Recreation Planner, 970-878-3837 in Meeker.

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**Darius Avenue, Rio Blanco Avenue, West Bell to Stanolind Avenue, South Sunset Avenue, South Grand Avenue, Ridge Road, North Cedar, and West Rangely.**  
The Town will be sweeping and prepping starting **May 11-14**. United Companies will begin the chipping application **May 18** and, weather permitting, will complete work **May 22**.  
We would advise residents to remove all personal vehicles or items off the roads during this time. Please be advised to avoid travel on these roads during the chip seal process until the project is complete to avoid damage to vehicles. We also ask to be aware of the flaggers and signage.  
Thank you for your cooperation and if you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact one of the supervisors on the job.  
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**The Prince and Perfecter of Faith**  
By Dr. J. D. Watson  
Pastor-Teacher, Grace Bible Church

**LOOKING** unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith . . . (Hebrews 12:2). The context of our text, of course, is the "great cloud of witnesses" (v. 1) listed in chapter 11. While each of those witnesses is a "great" example of saving and serving faith, it is Jesus who is the supreme pattern to follow. In that light, the word **looking** is of very special importance. The Greek is *aphoraō*, which appears in the NT only here and Philippians 2:23. Comprised of *apo* (from) and *horaō* (to perceive with the eyes), it means not just to look upon something with understanding but to look away from everything else. We could literally translate this, "Looking away unto Jesus." We are so consumed with gazing upon Christ, so intently focused upon Him, that we consider nothing else (such as the "weights and sin" of verse 1) that might distract us from that singular sight. Why should we look so intently upon Him?

*First*, because He is the *Prince* of faith. **Author** translates *archēgos* (747), which is derived from the verb *agō* (71), to lead, and therefore refers to an "originator, founder, leader, chief, [or] prince, as distinguished from simply being the cause." It is, in fact, rendered "Prince" in Acts 3:15, where Peter boldly declared to the religious leaders that they "killed the Prince of life, whom God hath raised from the dead." We again read in 5:31: "Him hath God exalted with his right hand to be a Prince and a Saviour." Here in our text, then, He assumes His rightful place as Prince "at the right hand of the throne of God," the place of honor. Further, as Leader, He goes before us in the battles of faith.

*Second*, we also look intently upon Jesus because He is the *Perfecter* of faith. **Finisher** is *teleiōtēs*, which appears only here in the NT and means: "A completer, perfecter, particularly one who reaches a goal so as to win the prize." A 1916 article in the *New York Times* reported how "a glance over his shoulder at the trio of flying runners in his rear, cost Joseph T. Higgins of Holy Cross College the victory." Looking back is, indeed, the cardinal sin a runner can commit, which is the very analogy in the passage before us (v. 1). Our Lord never looked back and neither should we. We are to be so intent upon Him in our race, our eyes so fixed upon Him who stands waiting for us at the finish line, that nothing can divert our gaze. In the spirit of the old song "Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus," we offer this:

Looking away unto Jesus alone,  
So transfixed are we on His wondrous face,  
That nothing can cause our gaze to roam,  
In the brightness of his glory and grace.

**Scriptures for Study:** What do the following verses tell us about the race we are in: 1 Corinthians 9:24-27; Galatians 5:7; Philippians 2:16; and 2 Timothy 4:7?

You are 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 the expository preaching of God's Word. Please visit our website ([www.TheScriptureAlone.com](http://www.TheScriptureAlone.com)), where you will find many resources for Christian growth, including messages in MP3 media files.

# TELL: Mixed results

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governor's office.

According to the online fact sheet, TELL surveys take about 20 minutes for educators to complete. The 90 questions focus on time, facilities and resources, community support and involvement, managing student conduct, teacher leadership, school leadership, professional development, instructional practices and support, future employment plans, new teacher support and district support for school leadership.

In 2013, 64 percent agreed that MHS teachers are allowed to focus on educating students with minimal interruptions. This year only 42 percent agreed. In contrast, only 31 percent in 2013 believed the non-instructional time provided teachers was sufficient. In 2015, that's risen to 50 percent.

Whereas in 2013, 93 percent agreed that teachers had sufficient access to instructional technology, including computers, printers, software and the Internet, only 67 percent agreed this year. Whether teachers have sufficient access to a broad range of professional personnel dropped from 54 percent to 25 percent.

Agreement that the school maintains clear, two-way communication with the community dropped from 57 percent to 33 percent. Agreement that community members support teachers, contributing to their success with students dropped from 77 percent to 42 percent.

On student conduct, belief that students understand expectations for their conduct improved from 43 percent to 67 percent, and that the administration supports teacher efforts to maintain discipline in the classroom increased from 36 percent to 58 percent.

Regarding teacher leadership, belief that teachers are recognized as educational experts dropped from 57 to 42 percent, while whether teachers in the school trust each other dropped from 50 to 25 percent agreement.

In contrast, the percentage of agreement that educators in the school take steps to solve problems increased from a very low 21 to 42 percent, and belief that the faculty has an effective process for making group decisions to solve problems increased from an even lower 14 percent to 36 percent. Only half the teachers believed they were trusted to make sound professional decisions about instruction in 2013 and 2015.

On school leadership, 21 percent agreed that there is an atmosphere of trust and mutual respect at the school stayed, and that dropped from 25 percent in 2013. Whether school leadership makes a sustained effort to address teacher concerns about community engagement dropped from 64 percent agreement to 27 percent, and about student learning from 71 percent to 50 percent.

The area of professional development appears to have the most consistent improvement with agreement that professional learning opportunities are aligned with the school's Unified Improvement Plan, increasing from 42 percent to 73 percent.

That professional development offerings are data driven and enhance teachers' ability to implement strategies that meet diverse student needs increased from 31 percent to 58 percent.

Belief that assessment (testing) data are used to improve student learning dropped from 64 percent to 36 percent. Agreement, however, that provided supports (instructional coaching, learning communities) translate to improvement in instructional practices increased from 31 to 58 percent, and that teachers are assigned classes that maximize their likelihood of success with students increased 38 percent to 75 percent.

Complete results of the Colorado TELL Survey for all three Meeker schools plus other participating districts are available online at [www.tellcolorado.org](http://www.tellcolorado.org). The New Teacher Center, a national teacher induction non-profit, administers the survey.

## OBITUARIES

### Denise Jean Pearce

April 15, 1961 ~ April 17, 2015



**Denise Jean Pearce**

Denise Pearce, 54, passed away at Pioneers Medical Center in Meeker, Colo., on Friday, April 17, 2015. In spite of her cancer diagnosis in 2000, her positive attitude never faltered and she lived life to the fullest.

Denise Jean Pearce was born April 15, 1961, to Tom and Ruth Pearce in Glenwood Springs, Colo. She grew up on the family ranch in Meeker and attended the Meeker schools, having been graduated in 1979. She received her associate degree in applied science in animal health technology from Colorado Mountain College in 1981. She was employed as a certified vet technician at the Meeker Veterinary Clinic for many years. Denise also worked at the White River Inn and spent 25 years tending bar, 16 of which were at Sleepy Cat guest ranch. Many of her fondest memories and lifelong friendships were from her years at Sleepy Cat.

Denise was always involved in the family ranch and assumed operation of the ranch upon the death of her father in 2007. She loved her cows and often said, "There's just hardly anything better than a cow."

Denise never hesitated to speak her mind or voice her opinions.

She was fiercely loyal to her friends and the Denver Broncos and will always be remembered for her amazing wit.

Denise is survived by: her sister, Chris; brother and sister-in-law, Hal and Julie; and nieces and nephews Matt, Jim and Tom, Heidi and Hallie Pearce.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents, her parents and an infant brother, Mark.

A celebration of Denise's life will be held in Meeker on May 30, 2015.

Memorial contributions may be made to: Rio Blanco County Historical Society (RBCHS), [www.rioblancocounty.org](http://www.rioblancocounty.org) or mail to: Janet Clark, 5967 CR 6, Meeker, Colo., 81641 for the society's rural schools project in memory of Denise Pearce; or to HopeWest-Meeker, [www.hopewestco.org](http://www.hopewestco.org) (select Meeker), or mail to: 575 Third St., Meeker, Colo. 81641 in memory of Denise Pearce

### Nancy Lucky Hughes Eubanks

Dec. 10, 1935 ~ April 19, 2015



**Nancy Lucky Hughes Eubanks**

Nancy Lucky Hughes Eubanks left this earth on April 19, 2015. She was welcomed into this world on Dec. 10, 1935, in Rifle, Colo., by her parents, Clara Belle and Kay Hughes.

Her mother chose the name Nancy after her own mother, a Cherokee Indian named Nancy Jane. Nancy's dad chose the middle name of Lucky. When folks asked why "Lucky," Nancy would reply "he wanted me to have lots of it. She joined three older siblings—brother Boyd and sisters Colleen and Jenne Kay. This family of six made its home on Yellow Creek at the 84 Ranch in Rio Blanco County and lived there for several years. While there, the family welcomed a second brother, (John) Torrance, who was delivered by their father at home on the 84 Ranch.

Nancy enjoyed her childhood at the 84 Ranch—playing, swinging on the swing her father built and running through the irrigation flume. She also helped run the ranch as much as a child can by milking, feeding chickens, collecting eggs, gardening, gathering wood for cooking and heat and surviving on a ranch that was 50 miles from the nearest town. Although she was little, she enjoyed helping her dad train horses and it was here that she first discovered how much fun it was to gallop her horse and fly like the wind.

The family moved from the ranch in the early 1940s in time for Nancy to begin first grade. She attended several years of schooling in New Castle and had her first encounter with sorrow when her older brother, Boyd, died. Happiness returned in the fall of 1943, when Nancy helped welcome her baby sister, Grace Wynn, to the family.

That next spring, the family moved to Rifle, where Nancy completed her formal education and was graduated from Rifle High School in 1954. That fall, Nancy joined the United States Air Force, hoping to fulfill a dream of becoming a pilot so she could fly high over the land.

But as the saying goes, "Life happens while you're making other plans." When Nancy was stationed in Pensacola, Fla., she met her husband-to-be Jim Eubanks. They married in Arkansas on Oct. 17, 1956. Nancy completed her assignment with the Air Force when she became pregnant with their first son as the Air Force did not yet have provisions for expectant mothers.

Nancy was blessed with her first son, Wesley, on June 26, 1958. When Wesley was a toddler, Nancy's beloved father, Kay Hughes, died, so Nancy and her son returned to Colorado to be with her mother while her husband, Jim, reenlisted and served in Saudi Arabia. Once Jim completed that tour of duty, the family of three made its home in Arkansas. There, the family was joined by three more sons, Stanley Kay, James Thomas (Tom) and Torrance Allen. This was a busy time for stay-at-home-mom Nancy with schooling, 4-H projects and boys' activities. The boys have fond memories of the many walks exploring the land with their mother.

In 1980, the family left Arkansas and moved to Meeker, Colo., to be

near Nan's family. Once the boys did not need a full-time mom at home, Nancy decided it would be good to work outside the home. She began collecting her first paycheck from the CB track on

Piceance Creek, working with the security detail. After that, she applied for and began a job as a nurse's aide. She liked the job because it made her feel good to bring smiles and a bit of daily happiness to those patients at the Meeker Pioneer Nursing Home. From there, she went on to work in the records administration department at the hospital.

When Nancy retired, she began pursuing her passion. Secretly, she was an amateur archaeologist. She loved to go into the hills, and on her walks she searched for discards of the Ute and Fremont cultures. She seemed to have a gift for finding the artifacts and arrowheads that the ancients left in the hills. Even when those friends and relatives who went on walks with her found nothing, she would have something to bring back home whether an arrowhead, a grinding stone or a fossil tooth from the prehistoric animals that once roamed the mountains of Colorado.

In addition to this passion, Nancy was a frequent patron at the New Castle Library, where she checked out books on anything related to the artifacts and geology of Colorado as well as many other subjects. She was an avid reader.

Nancy loved gardening as well. She planted vegetables and flowers and always marigolds (because they were the one flower the chipmunks didn't eat), and bachelor buttons because blue was her favorite-colored flower. She and Jim planted many kinds of fruit trees at their home on Silt Mesa. In between these pursuits, she liked to go fishing and was always on the lookout for owls. Her home was decorated with all things owl-related.

Nancy was preceded in death by: her parents, (Adron) Kay Hughes and Clara Belle (Raley Hughes) Just; brother Boyd Flemming; and sister Jenne Kay Hughes.

She is survived by: her husband, Jim of Silt, Colo.; children Wesley (Shawna) Eubanks of Blair, Okla., Stanley (Sandy) Eubanks of Cortez, Colo., Tom Eubanks of Meeker, Colo., and Torrance (LaDonna) Eubanks of Boulder, Colo.; grandchildren: Shaun, Brandon, Casey, Amanda and Marinda; her sister, Colleen Fleming Wilson of Grand Junction, Colo.; a brother: (John) Torrance (Connie) Hughes of Meeker, Colo., and Gracie Wynn (Bob) Petrakian of Flanders, N.J.; and great-grandchildren Justice, Cason and Adakin. She is also survived by numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. She will be missed by all.

A celebration of her life will be held on June 13, 2015. The family kindly requests you make your donation in her memory to your local library.

## RIO BLANCO ON PATROL

### From the Rio Blanco County Sheriff's Dispatch Center

Special to the Herald Times

**RBC** The following information is a weekly review of the calls for service that were reported to the Rio Blanco County Sheriff's Office. If you have any questions or would like an explanation of the call types listed please make a comment on this posting. We will not release any information as to the names and addresses on any incident.

**Sheriff's Dispatch Center calls:** 911 misdial 2; Accident Property Damage 2; Assist Meeker

Ambulance 1; Animal Call 11; Assist CSP 3; Assist DoW 1; Assist Meeker Police 2; Assist Other Out of County 2; Assist Rangely Police 3; Citizen Assist 2; Citizen Contact 5; Civil 1; DUI 1; Fire 2; Jail Transport 3; Property 1; Suspicious Incident 1; Theft 1; Traffic Complaint 1; Traffic Stops 12; VIN Inspections 4

TOTAL CALLS: 67

**General Synopsis:**

Assisted Moffat County with Domestic Violence case. Traffic Arrest for a DUI. A wallet was found on County Road 8 and was successfully returned to the owner. Meeker Fire and Rescue responded to a 4-year-old female whose hand was stuck in a vehicle door. She was transported to Pioneers by private vehicle. Assisted Moffat County with report of a suspicious vehicle prowling about a local businesses with no headlights. No contact was made by deputy but received an additional report about the vehicle in Utah.

**Meeker Police Department:**

911 Misdial 1; 911 Pocket Call 1; Accident Property Damage 3; Alarm 1; Alimal Call 5; Assault 1; Assist CSP 1; Assist Human Services 1; Assist Other In County 1; Citizen Assist 3; Civil 2; Criminal Mischief 3; Disturbance 2; Fire 1; Fraud 1; Harassment 1; Motorist Assist 2; Property 2; Suspicious Incident 1; Traffic Arrest 1; Traffic Complaint 4;

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## Riding the Yampa River rapids



Photos by Kayla Newbanks

Top: Rafters enjoy the scenic views that the Yampa and Green Rivers have to offer.

Bottom: Rafters approach Tiger Wall on Day 3 of the Yampa Rafting Trip and prepare to give it a kiss for good luck.

By Zachary Glasgow  
Business Manager/ Copy Editor

One of the outstanding themes of the whole trip? It was cold. Very, very cold.

During the first two days of our four-day rafting trip, the weather was not very enjoyable. The rain never ended. Neither did the snow, or the wind. Stopping for lunch or pee breaks were some of the greatest moments of those first two days because we could walk around or, in my case, run, and try to get warm. During those first two days, I became comfortable with not feeling my hands or my toes, just like everyone else.

On top of the weather, my luck (which is usually pretty good) turned very, very sour. A pair of my pants mysteriously went missing on the third morning, and I spent three nights crammed into a small tent (recommended for one-to-two people) with two other dudes.

I dropped a paddle on my big toe, resulting in an injury that, after several days, still has not healed and causes me to limp around campus. Did I mention that my bag – which contained my shoes, clothes, and blanket – fell off the trailer on the ride back home? Thankfully, the park rangers in Dinosaur National Monument found it along the side of the road and returned it two days later.

But the single word I would use to sum up the entirety of the trip? Spectacular.

The sections of the Yampa River and Green River that we rafted through were almost entirely through a massive canyon. In some spots, the canyon walls rose 1,100 feet on either side of us. I'm sure that the four other people on my raft, named "Lucy,"

were impressed. I know for a fact that I was.

My raft guides, Chad Thatcher (the outdoor program director at Colorado Mesa University) and Sam Morrison, were great to be around. Both are rafting experts who raft all around the world. They're even making a documentary about the Río Marañón, the principal source of the Amazon River. I don't know much about the documentary, but it came out April 29 and is called "The Primary Source."

The Tiger Wall, a section of the canyon stained black from water runoff, supposedly brings good luck to those that can kiss it without letting the raft touch the wall. Everyone that was able attempted the kiss. I was sitting on the back of the raft and couldn't get to the wall so I had Sam kiss it for me. One student fell in the river trying to do so. I wish I had my camera on hand for that!

While rafting, we saw great blue herrings, what looked like big horn sheep, fish, bald eagles, rabbits, and many other animals. For a time, the sheep ran with our raft along the canyon walls. Geese and ducks seemed to live in unison along the river as well.

Having a slight background on river rafting, I knew what to expect for the most part. Having to cook hamburgers and hotdogs in the pouring rain wasn't too much of a surprise, and neither were the rapids. The class 3+ rapid that we encountered on the trip might have seemed scary to some, but to me it looked like a fun ride. The scariest part of the whole trip probably had to be walking to the river to pee at night.

But regardless, where's the sign up sheet for the next trip? I'm ready to get back on the river!

## Rolling on a river: one rafter's day-by-day experience and insight

By Kayla Newbanks  
Spartan Times Adviser

Cold seeped through the water booties, past my wool socks, past my damp skin, seeming to reach to my bones and causing them to ache from the chill.

"Why did I sign up for this? I want to go home," I thought, as my raft "Nessie" docked at Ponderosa Campground. I could be in my warm bed, with dry clothes and my purring cat, away from the wind and sleet.

Instead, I'd decided to join in on CNCC's annual Yampa River rafting trip. Twenty-three participants, six rafts, four days of rafting nearly 70 miles of the Yampa River — the last free-flowing waterway in the Colorado River system.

When I enlisted, it seemed like a grand adventure — I envisioned it as a warm sunny escape to the untamed nature in Rangely's backyard; I'd pack sandals and T-shirts and be racing to reapply sunscreen before my pale skin burned. Boy was I wrong.

I've never been rafting before, and I haven't had much river fun, besides

a couple of day trips in college tubing the Blackfoot River and attempting to kayak the Clark Fork River in northwestern Montana. But now, here I was freezing and hesitant about the voyage I'd signed up for. I was somewhere on the eastern side of Dinosaur National Monument, roughly 9 miles and three hours away from the boat dock where we launched the journey. The miserable weather was starting to wear on me, and my trip just started.

"Keep moving! Move your toes to get warm! We'll have hot drinks soon," shouted John Whipple, CNCC's Outdoor Leadership Program Coordinator. Not only was Whipple one of our seven raft guides on the trip, he lead the journey and planned every detail. At our previous stop, he challenged students to races along the bank of the river, encouraging them to warm up.

"We need a fire line to unload our boats," a guide yelled. "Translation?" I thought. It didn't take long for me to realize I needed to join the line that started at the riverbank and lead up to the campsite. I grabbed gear

and passed it off to the next person. In about a half-an-hour all our gear was unloaded. One by one we'd passed off dry bags filled with extra clothes, sleeping bags, tents and other essential items.

I wasn't the only one suffering in the nasty spring storm. There were 23 people on the trip, which included 14 students and three faculty members from CNCC (including myself), five river guides from Colorado Mesa University — one of which was their outdoor program director — and veteran river guide/local Rangely resident John Field.

Over the next 96 hours I wouldn't be just cold. I went through a whole gamut of physical/emotional feelings including but not limited to: numb, wet, damp, warm (thankfully), hot, sweaty, awestruck, anxious, adrenaline-filled, out-of-breath, calm, baffled, excited, hungry, full, tired and completely rejuvenated by this special waterway and the natural beauty of the terrain that surrounds Colorado's Yampa River.

To get a taste of my trip, read on from daily entries I made in my

reporter's notebook:

### DAY 1

**6 a.m.** I hop into the driver's seat of one of CNCC's passenger vans. Glancing in the rear-view mirror, I see the vehicle is filled with dimly-lit, groggy, student faces. Some are quietly munching on bagels with cream cheese, sipping juice. "You guys want some radio?" I say as I drive out of campus' parking lot.  
**7:30 a.m.** We arrive at Deerlodge Park Campground to even more dreadful weather. The wind picked up. This was my last chance for a private toilet at the campground's facilities. We unloaded our trailer full of gear. I was baffled how we were able to store 100 gallons of water, more than 29 dry bags, six full 80-quart coolers, eight back-up paddles, one portable toilet (better known as "the groover," I'll elaborate more on this later), several ammo boxes for ashes/storage, a big box of kitchen supplies, one bocce ball and one horse shoe set, four buckets for dishwashing and six rafting tool kits all on six rafts. How did we ever get this on our trailer? On top of all of that, we had

an average of 4 people on each raft. ASTONISHING!

**9-ish a.m.** We launch our rafts into the Yampa attempting to float downstream. The wind and rain hammer right into us, and the flow of the water isn't strong enough to carry us against it. Our guide rows with all her might. I help paddle at the front of the raft to increase momentum.

**10 a.m.** It's nearly whiteout conditions on the Yampa. I cinch the hood of my splash gear tighter. Is this for real? We had the blandest winter I've ever experienced, with snowless months. Now in mid-April winter reemerges with a vengeance. The spectacular view along the Yampa's banks is dulled by low visibility. But it doesn't matter anyway, sleet is pelting me the face and I don't want to keep my eyes very open. My extremities are numb. All anyone can think about is staying warm (and avoid getting any wetter). I munch on pieces of our packed sack lunch, hoping the calories will warm me. No such luck.

See "Rolling on a river," page 8

## New student government representatives elected for next school year

By Zachary Glasgow  
Business Manager/ Copy Editor

With an astoundingly low 32 votes – just slightly more than 20 percent of CNCC’s student population based on FTE (Full-Time Equivalent) – CNCC’s five new student government officials have been elected.

Provided that no one’s GPA drops below a 2.5 when Kayla Cates, residence life coordinator and student government adviser, does her end-of-the-year grade check, Rangely’s CNCC campus can expect to see new faces running student

government in the next school year. Student government is an organization that “promotes higher education and upholds the morale of CNCC and promoting the best possible relationship between all parties,” according to the bylaws.

These newly elected student government representatives are not guaranteed a position next semester. Four qualifications have to be met in order to be on CNCC’s student government.

First, you have to be elected. You must have attended CNCC for a minimum of one semester, maintain

a 2.5 or higher GPA (checked periodically by Kayla Cates), and be a full-time student.

Student government is comprised of eight positions total – the president, the vice president, the secretary, the treasurer, two sophomore representatives and two freshman representatives.

Elections were conducted in the cafeteria on April 6 during lunch (11 a.m. to 1 p.m.) and dinner (5 to 6 p.m.).

Originally, elections were going to be conducted through e-mail ballots. However, absolutely nobody

responded to the mass e-mail that was sent out, which asked for people willing to run, according to Cates.

This led student government officials to conduct open ballots in the cafeteria, a common action advertised with posters around campus, where anybody could vote for anybody, regardless of whether or not those elected wanted to run for a position.

Freshman representatives won’t be elected until September, when the new freshmen come in to CNCC.

This will be advertised at the start of the fall semester through posters

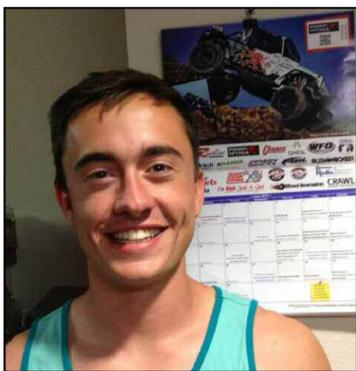
and another mass e-mail seeking students who desire to run for a position.

“A few votes were for ‘Pedro,’ from ‘Napoleon Dynamite.’ I thought that was kind of funny,” Cates said.

Here are next year’s elected student government representatives, excluding one sophomore representative – a position that was declined by Trevar Bradley – and the two freshman representatives. These positions will be filled in September.

## Meet CNCC’s elected student government officials for the 2015-16 school year

Next year’s Spartan representatives introduce themselves by answering *The Spartan Times’* four questions 1. Where are you from? 2. What year in school are you? 3. Why do you want to run for SG? and 4. What are your goals?



President Caleb Lowe



Vice President Makayla Pierce



Secretary Kierstyn Roundy



Treasurer Kayla Durfey



Sophomore Representative Stasys Kulvinskis

1. I’m from Salida, Colo.  
2. This is my first semester here at CNCC.  
3. I want to be on student government because it gives me a chance to lead and leave a mark on the school.  
4. I’d really like to create an awesome community throughout the school. I also want to make the school a place that anyone can come to and feel comfortable in.

1. I am from Juneau, Alaska.  
2. I am currently a freshman, and next semester I will be a sophomore.  
3. I want to be a part of student government because I want to make student’s time here as enjoyable as possible, and I believe that I have a lot of great ideas on how to do that.  
4. While in student government, I want to be able to make improvements around the college, such as updating the Den and the common rooms of the dorms. I also want to plan some fun events that we could make a usual thing for CNCC. I think CNCC could use some fun events that the students could look forward to.

1. I’m from Wellsville, Utah.  
2. Currently a freshman, and next semester I’ll be a sophomore.  
3. I didn’t really know a lot about [student government] until I got elected by a few teammates that thought I would like the job.  
4. I hope that I can help the students of CNCC by being treasurer. I hope that I can have fun activities, as well as fulfill all my duties.

1. I am from Murray, Utah.  
2. I am currently a freshman and I will be a sophomore next semester.  
3. I am happy with my future position and letting everyone know the balance of the student government.  
4. I want to make next year fun and exciting for returning and new students. Also [keeping] things up-to-date the best way we can. I want to make CNCC a great experience for everyone and give everyone a comfortable learning and life experience.

1. I am from Littleton, Colo.  
2. I am a freshman this year, and I’ll be a sophomore next year. I will hopefully be here for only two years.  
3. Honestly, I wasn’t expecting to be on student government, and I had no idea I was elected in the first place.  
4. My life goals are to become a pilot and go from there. I don’t have any idea on any goals for being on the student government. In all honesty, I don’t know what a student government can even do.

## STAFF EDITORIAL: In order to grow, CNCC needs to foster more school spirit

By Spartan Times Staff

If you get the chance to take a stroll around campus, take it. On a typical school day, you’ll get to appreciate the pretty mesas in the distance, the green lawns, the nice-looking campus buildings... but hold on a second – isn’t school in session? Shouldn’t there be students... somewhere?

Student life on this campus is so dead. None of the students have any spirit or any pride in their school. It seems like all they do is go to class and then go back to their rooms. Why isn’t there more student life?

Well, there are multiple reasons. The first being, that there are rarely any activities for students. Given, there was a luau on the lawn in front of the cafeteria last week, but activities like that are few and far between. In addition, it wasn’t even advertised that that was going to happen.

That’s the other thing, whenever something does happen, nobody knows about it. If it hasn’t become clear by now that 1. nobody looks at pieces of paper taped to walls and doors and 2. very few students even

check their student e-mails, then it’s a tough battle from here on out to attract any crowd to any event.

And as far as awareness of school events goes, as of press time, the calendar on CNCC’s website under “news and events” is still showing March 2015. April is almost over.

But back to the fact that nothing ever really happens on this campus. It’s true that there’s a climbing gym that’s open to students, and there’s also the Den in the Weiss Center where students can hang out, so maybe a large part of the problem is that students don’t take advantage of these things. But it’s also not fun to go to these things alone – there should be events organized and opportunities for students to come together and have fun.

Spartan Times staffers have been in Student Government meetings where CNCC staff and student officials discuss how they can rectify these situations. We know an effort is at least being discussed. But in these meetings, they talk about improving the Den, or making the announcement boards more decorated. Those ideas aren’t bad, but

are they making the difference that the Spartans need at this time?

Consider the story about the cafeteria expansion on page four. According to this story, CNCC plans to potentially spend \$4.5 million to expand the cafeteria because we have to stay competitive and attract future students. That sounds reasonable; of course a college would be interested in expanding and growing. But what about focusing on the students that are already here? That’s what’s going to up the retention rate and keep students happy.

Many of the students that attend here don’t feel like they’re even wanted here. We go to games, we try to cheer on our classmates and get into the game and end up getting yelled at for being “disruptive” and “too loud,” making it hard for those who are “trying to enjoy the game.” Since when is cheering and showing school spirit/support for schoolmates NOT trying to enjoy a game?

In fact, the fans are often referred to as “the twelfth player” (at least, in football). This basically means that the fans are an important part of a team’s success – that the cheering

is beneficial and encourages them to play harder and motivate them to win. In that case, cheering should really be encouraged at games.

Additionally, why is the mascot hardly ever present at games? That’s a pretty simple way for the school itself to have some pride and show some spirit, but they don’t take the opportunity.

To increase the spirit in students, a few suggestions would be to have a spirit club – like the student government, even – that runs the cheers at games, makes rally rags, designs/sells foam fingers, shirts, paper helmets, anything spirited. It doesn’t take too many to lead until others follow, and the students will follow when they see that they can have fun and be supportive of their friends and the school they’ve enrolled in.

Student athletes also should show pride in their sports. Sure, we don’t have the best win records as CNCC Spartans, but with a little pride and spirit in your own sport, maybe that could change. Dress up for game days! Not only would that show some team and school pride, but it would

also make other people aware that there’s a game that day or weekend, and maybe more people would come.

Other than sports and games, though, there are more opportunities for student involvement at this college. Not all events need to be expensive. Dodgeball competitions and dances, for example, are low-to-no-cost events that attract a good turn out and are fun. Also, considering all the student fees that go toward student government, events like these would ensure that that money goes back to helping the students actually enjoy their time here.

We know that everyone has a lot of things on the to-do list. It’s probably hard to run an institution full of young adults. But the job isn’t as difficult as everyone seems to be making it out to be. If we want this institution to be successful and grow, we need to back our sports teams. We need to foster an environment where students want to be. And we need school pride.

## Register early and win



Photo courtesy of Robyn Wilson

The winner of last year's early registration raffle was Kellie Percival, who won a laptop. Whoever wins this year's raffle will be the recipient of a Chromebook raffle.

By Tyffani Hoff  
Co-Editor-in-Chief

Does the opportunity to win a Chromebook laptop sound appealing to you? No doubt, as a college student, your wallet isn't exactly overflowing, and school these days requires Internet and typed papers. Well, you could be in luck!

To motivate students to register early, CNCC has made an effort to make it fun and exciting. Every student who registers for fall semester classes before finals week, comes back, and sticks with those classes through the drop date, will be entered into a raffle to win a Chromebook laptop. The laptop raffle is valid for both the Rangely and Craig campuses.

The semester is ending and with it all the stress of schoolwork, finals, and other academic commitments. The summer approaches with the promise of relaxation and not needing to think about anything educational.

However, thinking about the next school year early on can end

up curbing future stress for those students who now choose to be proactive about planning their future.

CNCC Academic and Intervention Specialist Robyn Wilson said a study done at Northern Arizona University showed a direct correlation between those students who registered early for classes and how successful they were in those classes.

"It is not a published or a purely scientific study," Wilson said. "There are a lot of different factors involved. But students who register early are more prepared, more dedicated and more interested. Many returning students who need certain classes for their degree are more likely to get them if they register early—and get the ones they want and are interested in which will help them do better."

This summer, there will be two dates that the college will welcome incoming freshmen for new student testing administration registration (STAR) days, an estimated 35 students each day. Those dates will be June 19 and July 10. Wilson said it's important for returning students to know about those dates so that they can register before them so their classes don't fill up.

Wilson recommends all students to talk to an adviser before registering to see what classes they still need. She mentioned that a student can also find a degree check in the student tab on Crossroads, which tells them what credits they have and still need for their degree.

Advisers can also help students who are not returning to CNCC. "Advising can help with transferring and career planning," Wilson said.

Advisers are located in the Johnson building, but a student can also talk to a trusted instructor or faculty member for help with registration. If a student wants to switch advisers, they can fill out a form to do so at Wilson's office.

"We just want to empower you guys to talk control of your education," Wilson said. "We're definitely here to help you figure that out."

## England prepares to leave after next semester

By Tim Dal Bon  
Reporter

After 29 years of hard work and dedication, Tresa England, dean of enrollment services, is preparing for life after Colorado Northwestern Community College. England will retire January 2016.

England's journey to CNCC began in 1981 while in her mid-20's. She was a banker who first stepped on Rangely's campus as a student looking to further her studies in banking.

Although she has California roots, England found herself moving from city to city. Having brief stops in Idaho, and settling in Durango, Colo., she discovered this small college on top of a hill.

This was the beginning to a new journey in her life. After a couple years, she moved on to begin her career with Colorado Northwestern as an employee beginning in June 1987. She began as the cashier in the front office.

England continued to take classes for a couple years while still working. In 1992, she began taking classes that counted toward her degree. She eventually graduated in 1996 with her associate's with an emphasis in business.

As time went on, her role at CNCC grew. She recalls growing up with the school, because at that time, the college was expanding itself. A campus that did not have Ross Hall, the Rector Building, or any of the modern renovations we have today, is the campus that England started with. She saw it grow to the size that it is now.

England was promoted to dean of enrollment/registrar seven years ago.

CNCC President, Russell George, refers to England's presence as "totally critical" and says that, "without her job, we don't get students."

"She works at the heart of the institution and is a get-it-done



Photo by Tyffani Hoff

Tresa England, dean of enrollment services, sits at her desk to do computer work.

person," George says. "She really knew what she was doing and she has done everything for us."

England's long relationship with the college has also greatly impacted her family. Seeing her two sons graduate from CNCC has been one of her proudest moments here.

Throughout the years, England believes her biggest impact was on the students and helping them achieve their personal goals. That, she says, will be the one thing she misses the most, along with her coworkers. That feeling seems to be mutual.

"Tresa has been such a lovely person to work with," says first-year student, Janay Yulis, a work-study employee who helps England. "Her bright smile and positive energy is the main reason I enjoy working there."

As George reflects on his 5 years here, he agrees.

"I've never seen her unhappy," he says. "It's truly been a joy, and we will miss her."

CNCC's Director of Recruiting, Kelly Scott, will move up into

England's position.

Although her time here was enjoyable, England says that "there was always the challenge of trying to balance the needs of the students and what they want, and keeping up with federal and state compliant issues without trying to get behind on one or the other."

Her long, yet successful journey comes to an end at the start of a new year, but not completely.

"I will still be around the school, I just haven't decided on what I want to do yet. Who knows," she says, jokingly, "I might be the next part-time Sodexo cashier."

In the process of discovering new hobbies to fill her free time, she plans to spend quality time with her husband who also recently retired.

England has been a key component to the college, and her many loyal years will always be remembered and recognized. Although she will be out of office, she will always have CNCC in her heart.

## Academic dishonesty; students only cheating the future

By Tyffani Hoff  
Co-Editor-in-Chief

With a foggy mind and tired eyes, she slumps down in her seat at the start of class. The instructor calls all the students to clear their desks for the test. The test! She completely forgot there was a test today. She shoves her backpack to the side and grips a pencil with one hand as she cradles her face in her other palm, waiting. This next test was going to be a shot to prove herself, to get her grades up—but it had slipped her mind, and so slipped also her chance to study. She needed to pass this class.

The test comes. She reads the first question. She knew she had heard something about it, read something about it, even, but her memory failed to remember what. So, knowing it was wrong, but desperate for help, she snuck a glance at the test next to hers and began copying down the answers. At least this way she had some hope.

Every day, students are bogged

down with pressures of life pulling at them from all angles. Whether it be family, friends, sports, jobs, physical ailments or emotional issues, in conjunction with academic pressures, students sometimes opt to act irrationally—and they cheat.

"It was an easy grade," said second-year CNCC student, Kelly Gonzalez, who has previously cheated, but doesn't anymore because "you got to learn your stuff in order to be successful in life. [Cheating is just] taking the shortcuts, but not really learning anything."

Cheating is, and has always been, an issue. Many students do it, and successfully. They copy the people next to them, they use their phone and the internet, they buy papers, they become "sick" the day of the test and have their friends in the class take pictures of the test and send it to them.

"There's a term for it in social psych called 'self-handicapping,'" said Jessica Kruger, Instructor of Psychology and Sociology. "Basically, it's if they procrastinate and they don't study, they think

they're forced to cheat. But they do it to themselves."

There is a lot of speculation as to why students do this.

"A lot of it is pressure," said Judy Allred, dean of instruction. "They can't beat the deadline, they back themselves up against a wall and fail to plan ahead and start working early enough. It becomes easier to buy a paper than to write it."

Allred is the administrator to whom instructors go when they suspect and have reasonable evidence that a student was cheating.

"It's my favorite part of the job," she said sarcastically. "I hate it."

The first offense, students receive a warning and a zero for the assignment. For a second offense, they receive another, stronger, warning. It is the third attempt that can get the student suspended from the institution. Although Allred sees a number of cases a semester, in all her years at this institution, she has never seen it get to the point of suspension.

"Usually they understand by the second warning that it's serious," Allred said. "And they don't do it

again."

Allred says that the top two most common types of cheating are plagiarism with papers and cheating on exams. She further explored the reasons why students cheat as being: to maintain eligibility for sports and to keep a scholarship. However, she affirms that the worst offenders are not, in fact, athletes or those who are barely passing their classes.

Instructors have many ways of trying to combat cheating methods. Some instructors do randomized online tests which present the same questions but in different orders so that every student is working on a different question at the same time. Some instructors have two different test versions, with the questions also randomized. And some other instructors just "watch like a hawk," as Kruger said that she does.

"Education is about learning," Allred said. "When a student cheats, they only cheat themselves out of the opportunity to learn and true integrity is about putting forth what you really know as you move forward."

And, just as Allred said, in the

end, it truly does come down to the integrity of a person. Allred remarked that cheating is a "clear blatant attempt to be dishonest." The behavior of a student can tell a lot about his or her character.

"If you lie and cheat, what does that say about you as a person? About your character and development?" asked Instructor of English and Philosophy, Joe Wiley. "I think it was Socrates who said it diminishes your character. It's not the consequences to society, it's not necessarily the bigger consequences, it's the fact that you know—you know that you're a liar and you're a cheater, and that's how you perceive yourself."

Allred urges all students to take advantage of the resources that they have on campus, the learning center, instructors, and even herself, before they resort to cheating.

"Just ask," she said. "If you don't understand a concept before an exam, ask. If you don't know how to cite sources, just ask. It's always a better alternative to cheating."

## CNCC graduates 232 this spring

By Tyffani Hoff  
Co-Editor-in-Chief

As graduation draws near, so does the stress of finals and the hope of relief. Students obtaining a degree are notifying family and friends, packing up to go back home or making/confirming their post-grad plans. Things are looking up.

According to a report by the Times Union, a New York newspaper, only one-third of students who enter community college actually finish—and even less finish at the same institution in which they started. This study is accurate for CNCC, too, with its graduation rate being 33 percent (according to the Student Right to Know tab under “consumer information” on CNCC’s homepage).

There are many different reasons for this—non-traditional students, students who only wanted to take a few classes, and so on, but the fact remains. Not many people stay in the same place for long.

“We end up with a lot of transfer students,” admits Tresa England, dean of enrollment services. “We’re working on increasing our numbers.”

The retention rates for first-time students (students who leave high school and come to CNCC as their first college) is 41 percent for full-time students and 27 percent for part-time students according to the National Center for Educational Statistics.

“Graduation is really exciting,” England said. “To me it is the reward for the hard work we put in. To help the students get through and graduated, it’s a big ‘yes’ feeling.”

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## Plans to expand the cafeteria are announced

By Tyler Stueve  
Reporter

CNCC is a growing institution, which is why plans for a potential \$4.5 million cafeteria expansion are in the works for the coming years.

“This school is actually one of the only two schools in the community college system that showed growth this year,” said John Bottelberghe, facilities director. “We are continuing to see growth. We’ve got a few options that could bring in a large number of students that while it right now seems like we don’t need this additional space, the fact of the matter is that we have to keep growing to stay competitive.”

According to Bottelberghe, the tentative plans include doubling the seating, expanding the kitchen, rearranging the layout, and modernize the appearance. This new cafeteria plan also includes a rentable space for special events to be catered, within the community.

“What we want to do is open up the food service area, upgrade the utilities, upgrade the equipment, expand the seating area and provide room rental space,” Bottelberghe said. “The town rents a lot of our space, so we want to provide them with a rentable space that is better suited for their needs as well.”

The increase in efficiency will be far-reaching, Bottelberghe said. Not only with the staff, who will not need to run back and forth between the Weiss and Johnson building for catered events, but also for the equipment.

“In the Johnson building, it’s been remodeled a different number of times throughout the life of the building, and its hit a point where it’s just not very efficient,” Bottelberghe said. “The water heaters are in the building on the north, it circulates hot water all the way to the cafeteria in the south end of the building. That’s not a very efficient way of doing things. We can do better than that.”

This project, like any renovation and upgrade, is proposed to make the school more attractive to possible students.

“We’re showing better facilities to our prospective students,” Bottelberghe said.

Though it’s in its early stages, funding for this project could be acquired in many different ways, including “financial partnering with Sodexo or a larger firm, going for donors, floating a bond and then paying that bond off over time, going for grant money, (or) doing the very typical loan,” Bottelberghe said. “We’re really hesitant to change

tuition or meal rate or room and board, because we know that students are really sensitive, especially right now. So any change that we make, that could make five less students, 20 less students and we shy away from that,” Bottelberghe said. “I don’t even think we would consider it. I don’t even think we can change tuition without state board approval through the Colorado community college system.”

The construction for the project will take place over an estimated 14 to 16 months, and will have to be done in phases.

“If funding was not an issue we’d probably start true in depth design this summer with the assumption of starting construction next summer,” Bottelberghe said. “Probably right after graduation, jump in there because that’s our only food service location, we can only shut down food service for May, June, July and half of August so that does not give much construction time.”

Bottelberghe said that the innovation, though lengthy, costly and time consuming, will be worth it.

“I’d like to think that by upgrading a building, you’re never hurting the school because you’re bringing something attractive, new, innovated,” he said.

## CNCC Remembers with Holocaust Awareness Week



photo by Tyffani Hoff

To represent the number of those killed in the Holocaust, more than 2,000 flags, each representing 5,000 victims, were lined in remembrance during CNCC’s fifth annual Holocaust Awareness Week.

By Tyffani Hoff  
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More than 2,000 flags were lined in rows on the lawn in front of the McLaughlin Building the week of April 20-25. Each individual flag represented 5,000 deaths in the holocaust; each color, a major group targeted in the mass genocide.

Head Volleyball Coach and former history instructor, April Sanchez, teamed up with Jessica Kruger, instructor of psychology and sociology, five years ago to start the tradition of “Holocaust Awareness Week” at CNCC Rangely campus. Each night for a whole week, presentations about the holocaust and other genocides were presented to students, staff, and community members by Sanchez, Kruger, and Ryan Wilson, instructor of history.

Sanchez, a history major and former history instructor, has always been intrigued by the holocaust since she first learned about it in eighth grade. Her interest in the area grew and really peaked when she went to college at Mesa State (now known as Colorado Mesa University).

“I had the best Holocaust teacher ever,” she recalled. “We studied the Holocaust over the course of an entire semester. Some historians take eight years to study just one part of it, so there’s a lot to be learned.”

Inspired by the Holocaust Awareness Week at Mesa, Sanchez decided to bring the tradition here, to educate about the past and how fortunate we as Americans are.

“Honestly, it’s because of the lack of knowledge about the Holocaust in modern Americans and we are so lucky to be able to know about it,” Sanchez said. “So many genocides have occurred before us and it’s eye opening because the U.S. has always had stable government. The

democratic process has proved successful here, and it’s hard for us to imagine today charismatic people with ideology.”

The topics presented over the course of the week ranged from the early stages of the Holocaust (before persecution), to the concentration and extermination camp system that happened during the Holocaust, to the resistance during the Holocaust.

The Rwandan and Cambodian genocides were lectured on as well.

“We didn’t have many people come on the first night or the last night, but we had about 50 some of the other nights, so I’d say we had a pretty good turn out,” Kruger said. “Also, Jessica Hearn and John Whipple were the first faculty members to ever come. And we appreciate that, it means a lot to us when our co-workers support us.”

Many teachers decided to offer students extra credit if they attended the sessions, which also brought a lot of faces to the crowd.

“I was always interested in the Holocaust,” said Josie Moody, CNCC student who ended up going to two of the five lectures. “But I also got extra credit, so it was a win-win.”

Kruger and Sanchez plan to continue this tradition of Holocaust Awareness Week at CNCC. In the past, they have even had students give presentations, which they’d be open to doing again in the future because “it’s always nice when students get involved,” Kruger said.

“The thing I liked most about it was that she was so passionate,” said John Whipple, Outdoor Leadership Program Coordinator, about Sanchez’s presentations. “She knew it front to back, and she cared. And that’s what brought me back the next night, and the next. If we could give you passion like that, imagine what you could do with it.”



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April Sanchez, head volleyball coach, gives a presentation on resistance during the Holocaust on the last night of Holocaust Awareness Week, Fri. April 24.

## Hitting the bulls-eye: A bull rider's take on what goes on inside the helmet

By Tyler Stueve  
Reporter

The bull rider is known for making a living 8 seconds at a time atop an animal 10 times their size that literally wants to kill them. Some people say it's crazy. Some people say it's stupid. But for me and my fellow riders, we say it's the best life you can live.

"Too lazy to work, too nervous to steal, and too jealous to pimp" said CNCC bull rider Colby Demo on why he rides bulls.

The bull can weigh anywhere from 1,200 to 2,000 pounds. Some have horns sharp enough to pierce human skin. Either by getting stepped on or gored, the rider can die. Yet we still crave the ride.

"It makes me feel like a wild Indian," said CNCC bull rider Jeremiah Fat.

The adrenaline rush alone is like the taste of a really good drug and it's highly addictive. I started riding bulls when I was 9 years old and never looked back. That was 13 years ago.

The idea of dancing with the devil and surviving is another reason why we do it.

"The feeling of beating an animal 10 times your size is why I do it," Wyatt Redamonti said, a CNCC bull rider.

Riding bulls isn't all fun and games, though. It takes good preparation and focus to be able to face the fear of death and injury.

I prepare for the challenge by practicing on a barrel that simulates the bull and working out daily to

stay in shape. Before I ride, the main thing I do is control my breathing. I focus on each breath to distract my mind from wandering in the wrong direction — like thinking about all the what-ifs.

"I put my headphones in, chew a piece of gum, and get my bull rope ready," Demo said.

Every bull rider prepares in their own way. Each rider has to face death alone — this sport has no teammates or helping hands. Some riders prepare by joking around and not focusing on riding at all.

"[I] put a big dip of Redman in, slap myself around for 20 minutes and warm up my bull rope," Redamonti said.

The military saying, "there's no atheist in a fox hole," is also true for bull-riders — meaning each and every one of us has a relationship with God and trusts that what happens within that 8-second ride is God's will.

Without being well-prepared, like getting enough sleep before the rodeo, even one's best methods of thinking, or physical training, can raise chances for serious injury. This is not a sport to be lazy or unfocused in.

There's a saying in bull riding "It's not 'how?' It's 'when?'" That's the only statistic given to each of us before we get on — never knowing when the injury is coming, but knowing that it's coming for sure.

When it comes to our families, we're quite selfish. We don't think about who has to deal with the struggle if we get seriously injured or if we die. But I know from my own

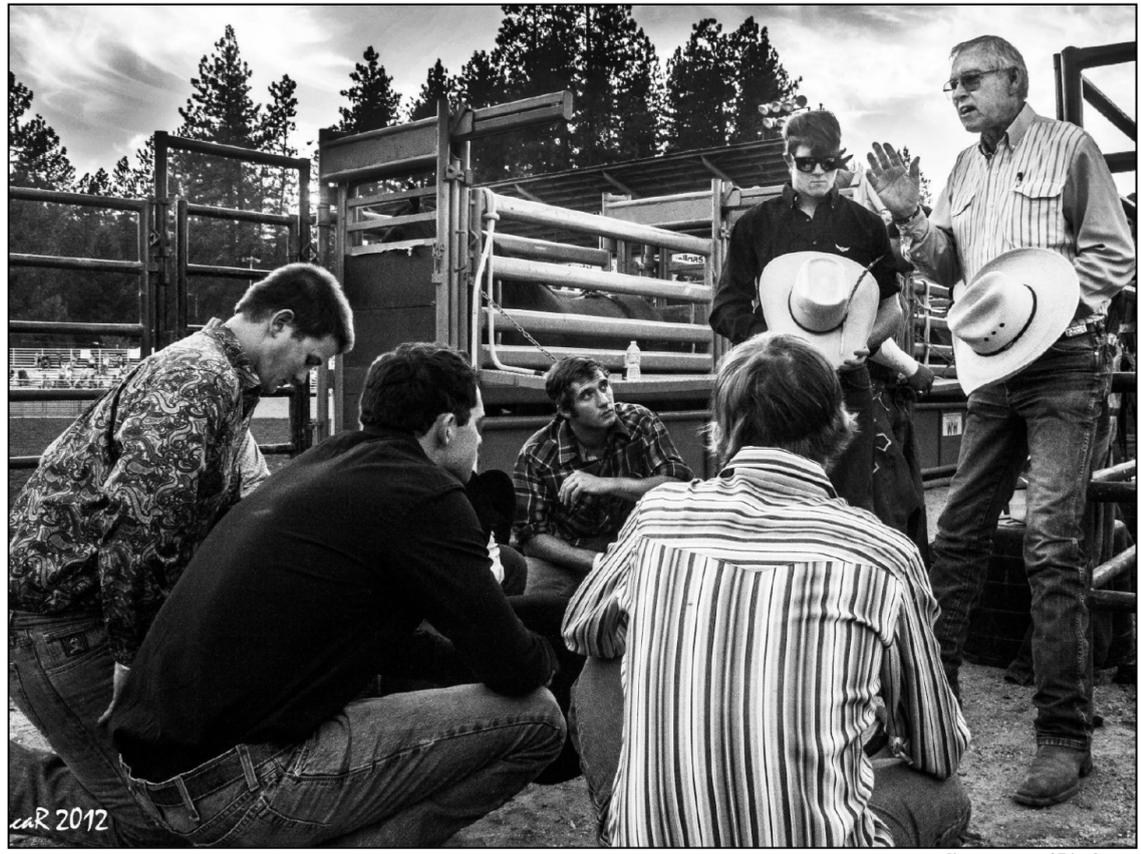


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Rodeo bull-rider Tyler Stueve and one of his previous rodeo teams says a prayer before the rodeo competition.

mother's mouth that "at least I see you happy chasing the dreams and goals you have."

"When you were in football, I was more nervous for you. I feel like you got more injured playing football than rodeo," said my mother, Tracey Stueve.

Even with all the risks and requisites, rodeo is still the fastest-

growing sport. But with increasing popularity also comes increasing criticisms. I don't know how many times a doctor or someone I tell I'm a bull rider to, has asked or commented, "are you stupid?" "your mother must have dropped you on your head," and the biggest one, "are you trying to kill yourself?"

I sometimes take the criticism a

little too seriously, but it's not about being "dumb" or "crazy." It's about going out there and chasing life for all its worth and testing your faith with God. This sport has turned me into a smart, God-fearing man, and I wouldn't change it for the world. In fact, I'd die for it.

## From wheelchair to saddle: One USU rodeoer's story of hope of triumph

By Cristy Brinkley  
Reporter

When you type in the name "Amberley Snyder" in a Google search, you get links to a young woman who has become an inspiration and role model to people all over the United States. Why? Because her story is one of overcoming the obstacles when all the odds were against her.

Five years ago, Amberley Snyder, a 24-year-old Utah State University rodeo team member, was headed to Denver, from Utah, to work her "dream job" at the Denver stock show when she was ejected from her truck into a fence poll. She suffered major spinal cord injuries, including a broken back, and was paralyzed from the waist down. The doctors told her that she would never ride a horse again.

Overcoming those odds, however, Snyder was back on a horse four months after the incident and ran the barrels again for the first time a year and half later. There was a brief time after the accident, though, that she

did consider giving up riding.

"I told my mother to sell my horses at one point because I felt like I was wasting such talented animals. I went to school for a year without them and barely any contact," Snyder said. "I still surrounded myself at school with pictures and buckles and things from my rodeo life—I never pushed it all away, I couldn't. There was a time when I also didn't know if I would get back to competing because everything felt so different and my balance was so off."

But she has gotten back into it, and adjusts to her circumstances as needed. She has a custom-made saddle to help enable her ride. Snyder tries every day to make the best of her situation, challenges and all, by setting goals for herself, making plans, and figuring out her next steps.

"Life with my horses has been an upward climb," she said. "I love figuring out new ways to be independent. Catching, haltering and bridling were my first goals, then my goals grew to being able to pick out my horses feet, saddling,

and getting on by myself. Every day I try to find a new way to become more independent, and, while doing that, teaching others in similar situations that they can become more independent as well."

While always anxious to be independent, Snyder appreciates all of the help and support she has received from her team, her family, and her friends.

"I have great teammates who help with what I need, I can do most by myself but get the help where I need it. I have amazing horses that are very patient with me and work with me."

One of her teammates, Tyler Wadsworth, admitted that there are challenges to having Snyder on the rodeo team, but claims that the benefits outweigh the costs.

"We are also competing and have our own worries, but, with a little coordination, we can usually always have someone around to help her when she needs it," he said. "Amberley is one of the most inspirational people I know."

Utah State Rodeo Coach, Doc Hall,

echoed the Wadsworth's sentiments.

"Having Amberley is inspirational to others on the team since she is highly competitive," he said. "We as a team help Amberley and have to book special hotel rooms for her, but I, as a coach, make some special accommodations for others on the team in regards to travel and practice."

During the time of her accident, Snyder was the president of the Utah State Future Farmers of America. She started her motivational speaking with her retiring address as State FFA president. Snyder wrote her speech in December of 2009—two months before her accident.

"I had decided that the message I wanted to share with FFA members was that they can overcome any obstacle that comes their way," Snyder said. "I didn't know that I would be living that speech less than a month later. When I gave that speech two months after my accident I realized that I could take this situation and turn it into something positive. I now had the opportunity



Photo courtesy of Amberley's Facebook

Amberley Snyder and her horse--and the contraption that helps her mount him.

to change and inspire people with my story, I started being asked to speak after that retiring address and it has grown ever since."

Snyder travels to do inspirational speeches. She recently participated in the American Rodeo in Dallas, Texas, as the voted-in fan favorite.

## Superstitious pitcher practices the same routine before every game

By Ben Martinez  
Reporter

Baseball is a very superstitious game. Maybe you played well with your pants up one day, so you're going to do it for the rest of the year. Maybe you have to do pushups before you bat because you think it gives you a little more power when you hit the baseball.

Pitching, of all positions, is probably the most superstitious. Every baseball pitcher has their

own routine before a game: from a kid playing his first year, to a professional pitcher pitching his last game.

Antony "Toast" Antos, a first-year pitcher for the CNCC Spartans, is one of these superstitious players. A Las Vegas native, Antos has been pitching since he was 7-years-old, and still has the same routine to this day.

Before every game, while the team is hitting batting practice, Antos

listens to 20 minutes of Trap and Dubstep music to put him in the right mind set. Then he walks to the right field foul pole and begins to run, stretch, and throw. After the National Anthem, Antos steps on the mound and closes his eyes and says a little prayer, and ends by kissing his crucifix.

While Antos is on the mound, the only thing he thinks of is pounding the strike zone with any pitch he's throwing. All he's trying to do is

make sure that the batter doesn't reach first base. He doesn't care how the teams gets the out— whether it's a strike out, or a ground ball to the shortstop—because he has all the confidence in the world in his defense.

Caden Woods, a catcher for the Spartans, believes that Antos is a real team player.

"That kid comes out every game giving it his all, and I'm sure if you were to ask anyone else on the team

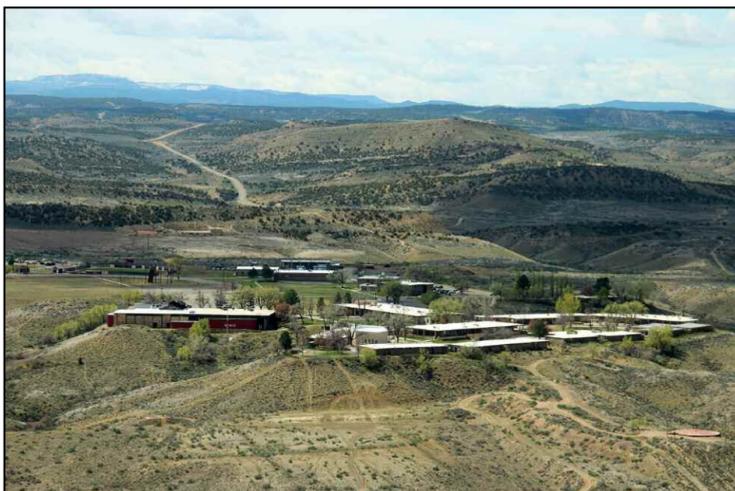
if he's a team player they would all say 'yes,'" Woods said.

When it comes down to it, whether winning or losing, Antos plays his heart out for two reasons. He plays for each of his brothers on the field, and for his grandfather.

"It's because when I was a young boy my grandfather came and supported every one of my games," Antos said. "And when he passed away, I promised him that every game I play would be for him."

## CNCC aviation program takes flight with a sky-high fundraiser

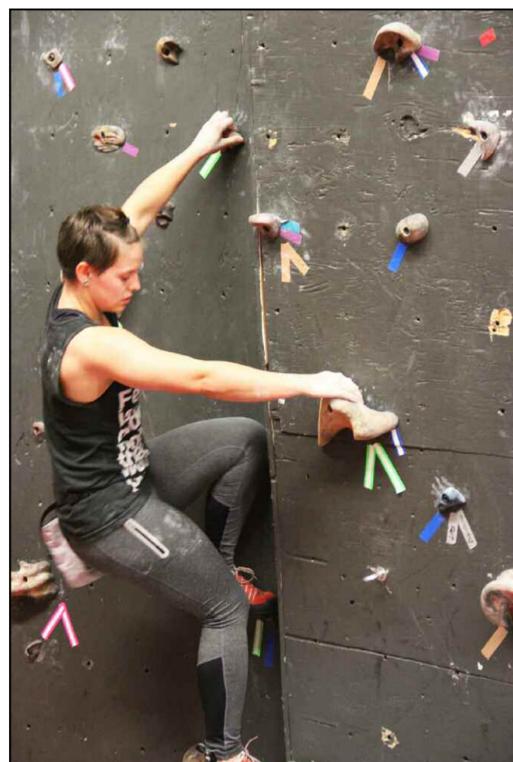
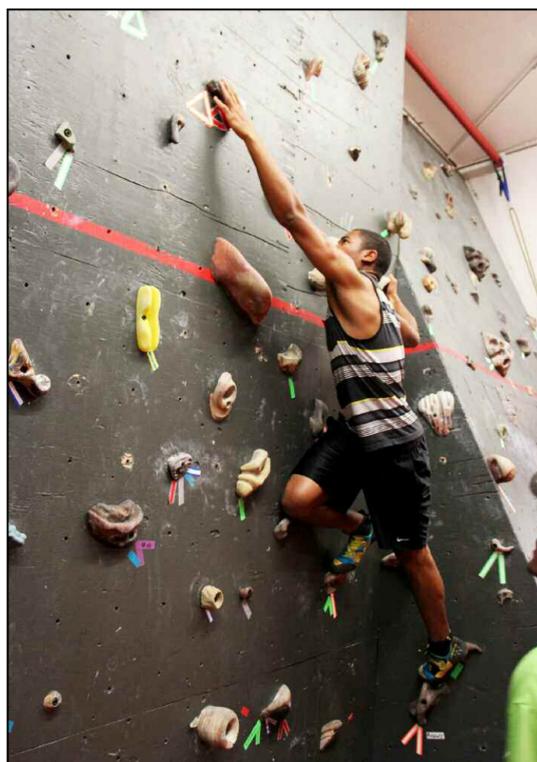
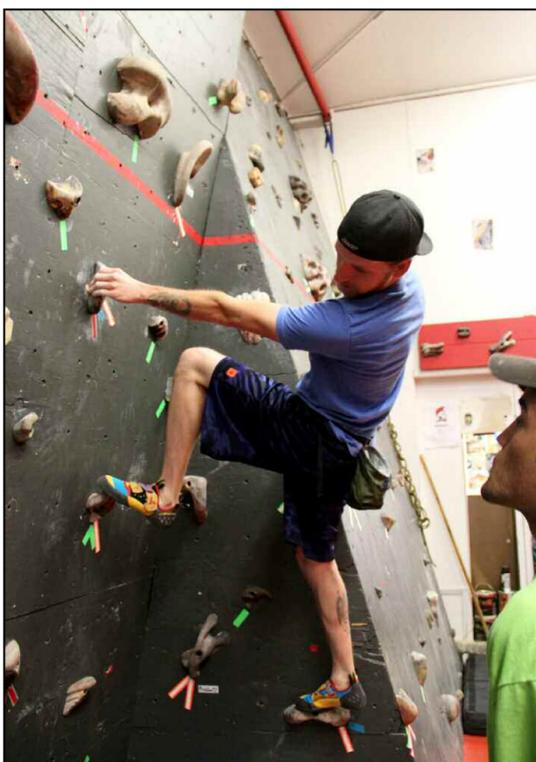
On Saturday, April 25, CNCC's aviation program held a fundraiser where they offered plane rides to students and community members.



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## Spartan Rock & Ice hosts its second climbing competition

The climbing competition this semester was held on Saturday, April 25 in the climbing gym. The contestants had to navigate the six courses, marked with tape, using only certain rocks where they could place their hands and feet. The first three place winners were: first-year student Anthony Smith (left) in first place; first-year student, James Doanes, (middle) in second place; and second-year student, Monica Briggs, (right) in third place. This climbing competition has happened twice now, toward the end of the past two semesters and was open to all students who with the desire to participate or watch.



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## Spartan sports team season wrap-up

By Ron Shropshire  
Reporter

As the semester comes to a close, and another school year has come and gone, so has another sports year. With more than one-third of CNCC's student population participating in sports, here's a look back on each sport's season.



Photo by Tyffani Hoff

**Basketball:** After finishing with an overall record of 8-23, this season has marked one of the best seasons in CNCC history. Even though the team faced adversity with injuries, eligibility issues and having a new stock of young freshmen, the Spartans still managed to finish fifth overall in the Scenic Western Athletic Conference (SWAC) with a 2-13 record. The team's hard work was acknowledged by other coaches in the league, as starting point guard Terry Wedgeworth received first team all-conference.



Photo by Tyffani Hoff

**Women's Basketball:** After losing seven players, and with a fresh coaching staff and only two returning players for next season (Christina Herrera and Jamie Revels), the Lady Spartans finished with an overall record of 6-20. Even though the team took huge losses midway through the season, the Lady Spartans still pressed forward and were just one game short of tying last year's record of seven wins. With heavy recruiting taking place, and key players returning, the Lady Spartans plan to reemerge strong for next season.



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**Rodeo Team:** After coming out of a very successful season last year, the CNCC rodeo team looked to repeat their success. Unfortunately, the men's rodeo team wasn't able to fend off Utah State University for second place in regionals, but it was able to account for four qualifications to the College National Finals Rodeo (CNFR) this year. The CNCC cowgirls are making steady improvements, and even came close to winning a few events, but will not be sending any girls to nationals this year. Also, with the success of the rodeo team members, Assistant Rodeo Coach Paige Yore received the 2014-15 award of Rocky Mountain coach of the year.



Photo by Ron Shropshire

**Softball:** Midway through their season, the CNCC Lady Spartans softball team currently sits in sixth place with an overall record of 0-39. With three days of games remaining, it plans to make a huge surge, and improve before the season is over with. Even though it hosts a losing record as of now, it can make a late push and improve upon its 8-47 record from last year, which marked the best record in almost 6 years.

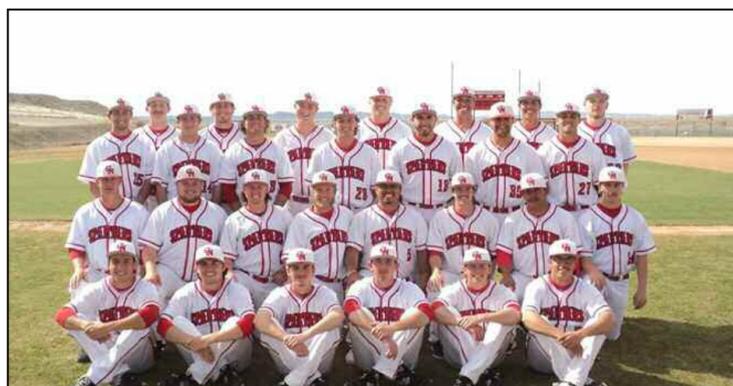
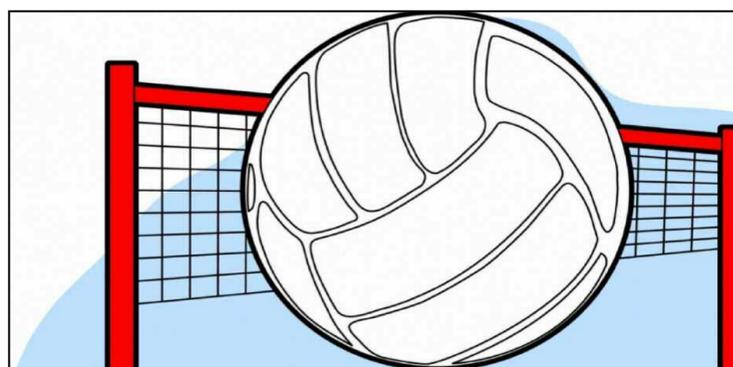


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**Baseball:** Midway through the baseball season, the CNCC men's team is one game away from breaking its record last year of 14 wins, which is the most wins by any CNCC men's baseball team in the past 6 years. Its current overall record is 14-32, and it also holds fifth place, right in front of Utah State University-Eastern.



**Volleyball:** With only returning two sophomores this past year, the Lady Spartans struggled, finishing 5-22 overall, and 0-10 in league play. But with many players returning for next year's season, and recruitment in full swing, the Lady Spartans plan to turn it around and make history, just as it did in its 2009-2010 season where it won six games.

## CNCC sports teams recruit

As the 2014-15 school year and sports seasons are coming to an end, the sports teams have successfully recruited for next year's teams.

By Ron Shropshire  
Reporter

As CNCC sports teams wrap up the year, and sophomores prepare to leave and move on to other endeavors, a new crop of talent plans to embrace the CNCC way after signing their letter of intent:

CNCC volleyball plans to sign four players to go along with its returning sophomores to add on to its Spartan volleyball tradition.

The CNCC men's basketball team looks to replace five sophomores from last year's team who accumulated more than half of the team points. The Spartans look to replenish things by adding 6'3 Guard Corey Martin from Houston, Texas; Valerian Salumu from Fort Collins, Colo.; 6'7 Blake Goodwin from Longmont, Colo; and Chris Bell from Logan, Utah. The Spartans look for their freshmen to have an immediate impact.

With only two returning players from last year roster, the Lady Spartans basketball team plans to rebuild with the signing of seven freshmen: Taylor Martin from Colo., and from Utah, six more: Megan Erickson, Kelsey Harvey, Shelby Harvey, Taylor Thomas, Rylee Thompson, and Cylee Tuimaunei. The Lady Spartans plan to make a huge name in the Scenic West Athletic Conference next year as they restock their roster.

As the softball season comes to an end soon, the team is already restocking with the addition of six women from Utah for its next season's roster: Ashton Bell, Alexis Butler, Makenna Fox, Sarah Hicken, Kinley McCook, Karsten Willams.

After the successful year CNCC's rodeo team had, it signed another large group of cowboys and cowgirls who are looking to start their collegiate career here. "This is the largest CNCC rodeo signing class ever" said Assistant Rodeo Coach Paige Yore. Rodeo has 15 new signees and more underway.

As of press time, *The Spartan Times* couldn't reach any of CNCC's baseball coaching staff for information.

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## Rolling on a river, continued from page 1

**4 p.m.** The SUN is out! Hours ago, Whipple called it a day sometime before 1 p.m. and we docked our rafts at Ponderosa Campground. Camp was set up by 2 p.m. and first-year student Justin Murphy had a fire roaring by then. Murphy was dubbed our fire caretaker because of his passion for flames. "The Internet out here is great," I overhear someone around the fire say. Some students attempted to play bocce ball in the wet sand; others napped in their tents. I hiked around the campsite and soaked in the rays. "This trip is going to be awesome if the sun stays out," I thought.

**6 p.m.** Dinner is ready: hamburgers, hotdogs, potato salad, veggies and hummus and s'mores. Delicious. Boo, the rain started right as our hot food came off the grill. Everyone huddled under the tarps around the kitchen area scrounging for warm. **8 p.m.** Bedtime, why not? The tent is the only relief I can find from the consistent rain. I put on fresh, dry socks and clothes as the rain and wind pounds the tent. "Is this thing gonna hold through the night?" I wonder. I tossed and turned restlessly listening to the wind howling through the canyon all night.

### DAY 2

**6 a.m.** My pillow is damp; everything feels damp. There's a light blanket of snow on the ground outside. People pack up their wet gear and grab grub in a frenzy to hit the river again. We have to make up miles today. Whipple informs us.

**9:10 a.m.** Back on the Yampa, and the rain is over (for now) but it's still cold and windy.

**10:30 a.m.** Bathroom break and snack. We'll tackle Little Joe, Five Springs and Big Joe Rapids in the next six miles.

**1:10 p.m.** Arrive at Harding Hole,

John Field leads a hike to Signature Cave, which contains signatures from early river pioneers. It doesn't take me long to realize my pace needs to be a light jog to keep up with Field. The guide is at least twice my age, but he doesn't waste time. The view from the cave is gorgeous. The sun peaks out. Lunch is chicken Caesar wraps, which was by far the best lunch I've had in months. We chow down standing, stretching our legs. Mathers Hole Campsite is two miles away.

**2:15 p.m.** The guides decide Mathers is an ideal campsite for the night. We rafted about 19 miles today. A giant sandstone rock arches over a dry beach area providing the perfect protection from rain. It takes us about 20 minutes to unload gear using a fire line.

**5 p.m.** I help prep dinner. Hobo dinners, which is basically meat, veggies, butter and seasonings wrapped in tinfoil cooked over hot coals. The rain comes back as we settle in to eat. Hot food tastes so good after being in the elements. Students play horseshoes and Frisbee. "What time is it," someone remarks after dinner around the campfire. "It's river time," a guide says. "You eat when you're hungry and you sleep when you're tired."

### DAY 3

**5 a.m.** I awake to the nasally "Haannnahh" sound of geese flying overhead and the calming "SHSSSHHHH" of the Yampa echoing off the giant rock that's sheltering us. It's better than any alarm clock radio I've heard. It's not raining! Our campsite slowly comes to life as I hear occasional sighs and groans from neighboring tents.

**6:15 a.m.** Up and dressed, my biggest hurdle of the morning: putting on wet socks and water booties on my warm feet.

**8:30 a.m.** Clean up/pack up starts. A CMU guide comes up to the kitchen and inquires about more toilet paper. "There's some in the ammo box next to the groover," he's told. "Ugh... no, there's not," Sam replies. "Yeah, there's four rolls in there," Whipples says. Several others comment about how they recently noticed the toilet paper inventory was dwindling. "Wow, we must have a lot of crumplers here," says Josh, another CMU guide. We all stare at him in bewilderment. "You know, we don't have folders. They crumple the toilet paper." I burst out laughing. Four rolls of toilet paper, 23 people, used in two days. Luckily, we have a good stock of paper towels and baby wipes.

What we packed in, we had to pack out, including fire ashes and our human waste. More about that "groover," also known as our campsite's john... Before our trip, Whipple told me the groover got its name from the military. Like the military, way back in the day, outdoors people used big, metal ammunition boxes to sit on while they did their business. This left grooves on hinnies, hence, the term "groover." Our version was more modern. Did I mention Mathers Hole had the best groover view — an up-close view of the Yampa with snowcapped mountains in the distance. Who needs a magazine?

**11:45 a.m.** We stop at Mantle Ranch, a private ranch that was grandfathered into the Monument when it was established. The SUN is out, and for the first time on the journey, I feel warm. No, hot. Layers come off. "Here comes various forms of nakedness," Field says. Field leads another hike up to a cliff where steps have been carved into rock walls by Native Americans. Some students use their rock climbing skills on the steps. Instructor Jessica Hearn

spots a Plateau Fence Lizard with its notorious blue belly. It, too, is sun bathing on some rocks.

**1 p.m.** Yips and hollers echo off the canyon walls as our rafts approach the Tiger Wall, one of the most popular spots along the Yampa. The wall is made up of sandstone that striped black from water trickling down and oxidizing. Superstition goes that luck comes to rafters who kiss the wall, but it's bad juju if the raft touches it. I'm notorious for being unable to balance so I plant a kiss on my hand and stamp it to the wall as we float by. **2 p.m.** Guides scout Warm Springs Rapid, the biggest rapid we'll run in the trip. This rapid commands respect, they say. Boaters have overturned here in high water. My raft is last to run the rapid. Each whirl of crashing water around massive rocks anchored in the river looks like it will eat our raft. Water gushes into the raft and it feels like a roller coaster ride on a river as we dip down into the rapids. Whipple steers Nessie through it, commanding two students to "forward paddle," and "back paddle" as we wind through it. All I can do is smile. "Can we do that again," I yell afterward. The rocks that make up the canyons along this section of river remind me of deli sandwiches, each with different texture in their layers.

**5 p.m.** Humans, we saw humans — besides the ones in our party. We passed the confluence of the Yampa and Green Rivers just before Echo Park less than an hour ago. We're rafting on the Green River, now, and that's where the other rafters came from.

**6:30 p.m.** We're in Utah, specifically the Whirlpool Canyon section of the river. We camp at Jones Hole Campsite, which gets its name from Jones Hole Creek. Chicken fajitas are dinner. My appetite is ravenous; it

feels like I haven't eaten in days.

### DAY 4

**9 a.m.** The last day of our trip, it's hard to believe. Students arise and tear down tents, packing up. "We're like butterflies coming out of our cocoons," said one of the two female students. "Dirty butterflies. Smelly butterflies. But beautiful butterflies. Only from a distance." On the last trash sweep through camp, Hearn scores one hair barrette and a pair of 30x36 men's pants from previous campers. This brings joy to some.

**11:40 a.m.** Lunch at Rainbow Park Boat Ramp. The last hours of our rafting trip and I'm not ready to leave this river. The waterway serves as an artery of life through Dinosaur National Monument. So far, we'd seen river otters, beavers, ducks and geese, deer, three different sightings of desert bighorn sheep, four or five other rafts with humans and one rowdy squirrel that stole something from our campsite. The river's flow slowed down before the park. After lunch it picked up again as we traveled through Moonshine Rapid and on down to Inglesby Rapid.

**4:15 p.m.** We arrive at the Split Mountain Boat Ramp, the end of our journey. With all hands helping it took us only one hour and 15 minutes to pack up our gear onto our trailers and load up the rafts.

**5:30 p.m.** A lively Skip-bo game is going down in the back of my van, as we travel back to Rangely. Everyone stinks. I stink. "How many texts do you have... on your imaginary cell phone?" one student remarks. Cell phones, computer, real life. "I don't want to go home," I think. I have quizzes to write, papers to grade and a lot of other duties I'd rather forget about. It's back to reality, and any remorse I had from Day 1 of the trip is long gone.

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## AWARDS...

Members of the Rio Blanco County 4-H Livestock Judging Team are pictured here with all of their awards following the Four Corners Ag Expo at the exhibition grounds in Cortez on March 16. Pictured in back row is Ty Dunham; middle row, from left to right, are: Jilly Bumgardner, Kacie Lapp, Madi Shults, Macy Collins and Marryn Shults; front row, from left to right, are: rookies Tatum Kennedy, Hayden Shults and Eva Scritchfield. Not pictured are Abbi and Will Schwartz.

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## METZGER: Centenarian shares memories

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things you've seen in 102 years?

**EM:** Oh, my! I couldn't begin to tell you. This town has changed so much. I could write a book. We built this house (at 10th and Garfield) in 1950, the same time they built the hospital, and we still had dirt streets. This was just a cow pasture then.

**HT:** What are some of the things you remember over the years?

**EM:** Oh, I can remember a lot of them. I remember that the WREA (building) used to be a furniture store in the front and a mortuary in the back. I had two brothers in the war (WWII). We had ration stamps—you couldn't buy sugar and other things.

**HT:** What else can you remember?

**EM:** When I was 10, my mother

sent me three or four miles up river—night and morning—to milk cows for a woman who couldn't do it. I took a bus as far as Elk Creek and this guy met me on horseback. I got paid \$10 for the summer. You know, that was a lot of money then.

(When) I was about 14 or 15 years old—we were living on the ranch—and I was (home alone) one day. Two guys on horseback stopped and said they were hungry. So I fed them! I didn't know until afterwards that they were outlaws, but they treated me very nicely.

(Over the years) I belonged to about five bridge clubs. One of our clubs was the Fortnightly Club—it met every other Thursday, and I was the secretary. We named Meeker streets and Lake Avery. Avery Starbuck belonged to our club, and

when she passed away, we sent in her name, and it was picked in honor of her.

**HT:** What is your best memory of Meeker?

**EM:** Oh, gosh, I don't really know. We had dances every Saturday night. My husband loved to dance. We'd go to Rifle, every place, to dances. And fishing. He loved to fish.

**HT:** Do you remember the Great Depression?

**EM:** Depression? I was always in it! (Laughter from the group.) When we got married, my husband made \$450 a year. That's all we had!

**HT:** Well, Evelyn, happy birthday again. What did you ask for your birthday this year?

**EM:** I didn't ask for it but I got it (this party). I don't need anything, but I got the best present.

## RBC: Law enforcement report for week

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Traffic Hazard 1; Traffic Stops 9; VIN Inspections 3.

TOTAL CALLS: 51

General Synopsis:

A structure fire was reported to 911, no one was at home at the time and the structure was a total loss. Fire crews were on scene for about two hours. Assisted Colorado Parks and Recreation with a report of a bear in the Sanderson Hills area. No contact was made with the bear. A black and white boy's bicycle was found near the Fairfield Center and a pink and white bicycle on Cleveland. The owners can contact the Meeker Police Department and identify the bicycles.

### Rangely Police Department

The Rio Blanco County Sheriff's Office is currently assisting the Rangely Police Department dispatch center and does their dispatching on nights and weekends. The following are calls dispatched for them by the Meeker dispatch center.

The following calls occurred from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. weeknights and weekends: 911 Misdial 1; Assist Animal Control 1; Assault 1;

Business Check 1; Citizen Assist 3; Traffic Stops 4; Vandalism 1.

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**"Our community rocks," Meeker Community Wrestling Club Coach Carl Padilla said after the annual Casey Turner Memorial youth wrestling tournament Saturday at Meeker High School. More than 350 wrestlers, including 62 from Meeker, participated in the tournament, which is an all-volunteer effort. "I'm extremely proud to call Meeker home," Padilla said. "It's not an easy task to host a tournament and I'm very grateful to all the friends and families who got together to make our tournament a success. Thank you all for your help and support; thank you Meeker." Right: Kai Turner, pictured with his mother, Ann, was an honorary referee. The Turner family and friends all share their time and experience with the Meeker youth each year and it is fun to watch kids like Dillon Hobbs (above) as he pins his opponent with a "Meeker cradle" learning the world's oldest sport.**

BOBBY GUTIERREZ



## Rangely boys capture first at Craig meet; girls finish in seventh place

Special to the Herald Times

**RANGELY I** The Clint Wells Invitational in Craig was held on Friday, a cold, windy and rainy day, but the Rangely Panther tracksters didn't let that bother them as there were many personal records broken as well as some class records.

The Rangely boys were able to pull off a win by beating Rifle by a single point, and the girls finished seventh out of 13 teams.

In the throwing events, the boys were led by Colt Allred, who placed first in the shot and discus. He also had a personal best in both events: in discus he threw 148-11 and shot a 46-2.

Ethan Allred was able to score a few points in the shot as well, with a fifth-place finish on a throw of 38-7, which was a personal best.

Chance Sheppard wasn't too far behind with a throw of 33-11 in shot put and a throw of 104-4.5 in the discus.

Austin Ficken threw the discus for 83-11.

For the girls, Meikka Peck was able to get a personal best in the shot put and discus with throws of 75-7 in discus and 24-7 in shot, respectively. Jessica Tolley threw the discus for 60-4.5 and the shot for 20-6.

In the jumping events, Katelyn Brown led the girls with a first in the triple jump and a fourth place in the long jump, both being personal bests—her long jump being 14-5 while the triple jump was an impressive 33-5.

Lindzey Thacker also participated in the long jump with a jump of

11-2 and Sidney Shaffer long jumped for 12-2.

Antoinette Dorris triple jumped for 28-1 and took eighth place in the event.

On the boys' side, Brennan Noyes was lead scorer with a third-place finish in high jump and fourth place the triple jump, the triple jump being another personal best.

He was able to clear 5-11 in the high jump and 39-6.5 in the triple jump.

Troy Allred wasn't far behind him in points, scoring a fourth in the long jump and a seventh the triple. He jumped 17-01.5 in long jump, which was a personal best and he jumped 37.7 in triple.

Kaulan Brady helped in points by scoring a fifth in high jump, clearing 5-7 and a sixth in long jump with a leap of 16-5.

Colt Allred also helped point-wise with an eighth place jump of 37-1.

In running events, Mitchell Webber was one of the lead scorers with a first place in the 300 hurdles and a third in the 110 high hurdles. Webber was able to set a new personal record in the 110 with a time of 16.59 and had a time of 43.36 in the 300.

Patrick Scoggins was also a lead scorer with a second in the 100-meter dash and a second in the 800-meter run. His time for the 100 was 11.80 and 2:06.64 in the 800. Lindzey Thacker was the lead scorer for girls in the running events with a 2nd in the 400-meter dash, with a time of 1:05.95.

Ethan Allred scored seventh in

the 400-meter with a time of 55.82. In the 200-meter, Nych Deleon had a personal record of 25.35 and in the 100 meters a time of 12.72, also a personal best.

Kiki Ruiz came in right behind Nych with a time of 25.36 in the 200 but he scored a point in the 100 with a 12.37.

Bridgette Rhea also ran the 200 for a personal best of 29.93 and a personal best in the 100 with a time of 14.13 for eighth place. Troy Allred also ran the 800-meter with a time of 2:19.05 and fifth place. Ryan Barlow was also in that mix for 800 runners with a time of 2:57.13 and also ran the 1600-meter for a time of 6:13.95.

Sidney Shaffer, along with long jump, also ran the 100 dash for a personal best of 15.23. Meikka Peck along with her throwing, also found time to do the 100 dash in 15.50.

For relays, the girls had a 4x400-meter team that placed third with a time of 4:46.71. The team was made up of Lindzey Thacker, Sidney Shaffer, Antoinette Dorris and Katelyn Brown.

The boys also had a 4x400 relay team made up of Mitchell Webber, Ethan Allred, Troy Allred and Patrick Scoggins, who were able to place second with a time of 3:42.41.

There was a 4x200-meter relay team that set a personal best for this year with a time of 1:37.27. The team is Kaulan Brady, Colt Allred, Kiki Ruiz and Patrick Scoggins.

The Rangely Panthers will be home this weekend as they host the Western Slope 2A League against 12 other teams.

## Rangely golfers win Meeker scramble

By **BOBBY GUTIERREZ**  
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**MEEKER I** "Everybody watched it snow for an hour, then at 11, we went out and had four hours of sunshine," Meeker Golf Course manager Scott Bowman said of the weather delay of the three-person scramble held Saturday. "It was awesome."

Nine teams, including two from Rangely, endured the weather to play in two flights, and it was a Rangely

team that took top honors in the championship flight.

Rangely's Clark Edwards, his mother, Ellen Boudreaux, and Trevor Anderson shot a 58 to beat Chad Luce, Bill deVergie and Pat Hughes by four strokes, giving them first net honors. Last year's champions, Lex Collins, Bryce Ducey and Pat Walsh, finished five shots behind this year's champions.

Danielle Feora, Larin Crase and Kyle Frary had the best gross score

(65) in the second flight, two shots ahead of Gary Stewart, Joe Barnhill and Greg Ackerman, who finished with the best net score (52).

"We had nine teams made up of hardy individuals," Bowman said. "We're thankful for the two Rangely teams who came over to play."

The next tournament at the Meeker Golf Course will be the Berry Brothers Scramble, held May 16. The annual two-man, 27-hole scramble will be held the following day.

## Meeker track team continues its efforts to qualify for state

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**MEEKER I** The regular track season is winding down, and the Meeker track team continues to improve, with the goal of qualifying as many athletes as possible for the 2015 Colorado State Track and Field Championships in Denver in less than three weeks.

Meeker will compete in the Northwest League meet this Saturday in Rangely, then the Tiger Invitational in Grand Junction before the state meet the following week.

"It was rainy and windy in Moffat County, but we were still able to move a couple of athletes up in the rankings," head coach John Strate said of his team's most recent meet in Craig. "We started the day strong with Sydney Hughes, Maggie Phelan, Julia

Eskelson and Sierra Williams posting a time in the 4x800-meter relay that should qualify them for the state meet."

Coach Strate said Halle Ahrens was also able to move up her rankings in the 100-meter dash (13.18), and Jacob Henderson improved his time as well in the 110-meter high hurdles.

"It has been nice to see Halle come back to form after being injured early in the season," Strate said. "Jacob ran a career best of 16.61, to finish fourth, and this time basically guarantees him a spot at the state meet as it has him sitting in eighth place overall in 2A."

The Meeker girls' 4x100, 4x200, 4x400 and 4x800 relay teams are "sitting comfortably in qualifying positions," Coach Strate said.

Hughes is also currently qualified in the 100-meter and 300-meter hur-

dles as well as the long and triple jumps.

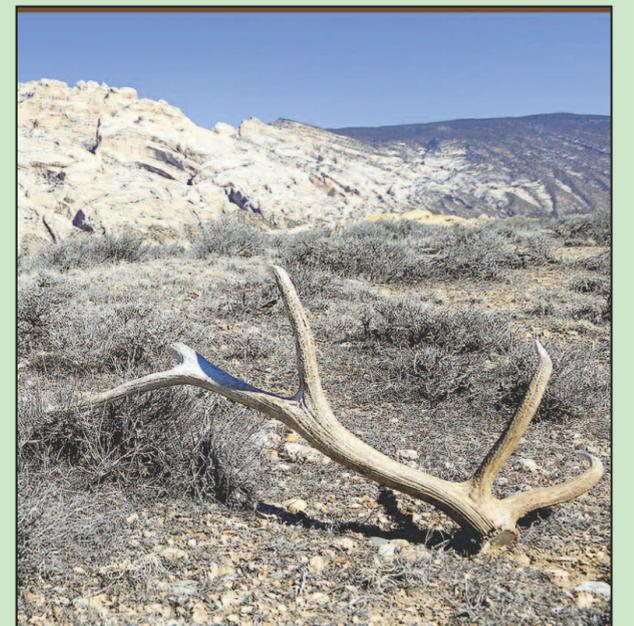
Peyton Burke is currently qualified in the 100 hurdles and Jake Phelan is close to qualifying in the triple and long jumps.

"Noah Overton has been in and out of qualifying position in both the throwing events all season," Coach Strate said. "Noah helped his cause at Moffat County in the discus, throwing a career best of 119-10.5 and placing sixth."

"We have a boys' 4x800 relay (team) fighting for a spot as they are currently sitting in the 18th spot (the top 18 times and distances qualify for the state meet)," Strate said. "This weekend, we head to Rangely for the league championship meet. Our girls' team will see excellent competition here, as Paonia and Cedaredge are two of the teams to beat in 2A."

**Gathering shed antlers is a popular and lucrative activity—with antlers used for everything from chandeliers, to knife handles, to dog chews. Dinosaur National Monument staff are reminding antler hunters that all items, including deer and elk antlers, within Dinosaur National Monument are protected by law and may not be removed. Collecting antlers is a violation of 36 CFR 2.1(a)(1)(i), which covers possessing, removing or disturbing wildlife parts such as antlers. Violating this regulation will result in a fine up to \$5,000 and/or up to six months in prison. The monument's boundary is generally well-marked, but shed collectors are responsible for knowing who manages the property they are on and its rules and regulations.**

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## RHS soccer girls improve

Special to the Herald Times

**RANGELY I** The Rangely High School girls' soccer team has seen a lot of improvement this year, according to head coach Patsy Wanstedt. After last weekend's play, Wanstedt noted that the team has scored more goals while holding the opposition to fewer scores.

"The team has all worked much harder in practice to improve our skills, and we work more in drills to become faster and to improve our

ball-handling techniques," she said. "Our team is also very young, and there is only a handful of upper classmen who are far out-numbered by the underclassmen."

Wanstedt said she has seen a great improvement with the upper and lower class members since the first day of practice.

"We work more as a team and communicate better with each other," she said. "In the past six days, we have had three games.

"All the girls worked really hard

for all three games, even though we were low in numbers," Wanstedt said, pointing out that in one of the games Rangely only had two substitutes.

"This means most of the girls had to play both 40-minute halves with no breaks," she said. "All of the girls have been working so hard."

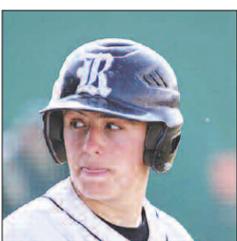
Wanstedt said that as such a young team, the Rangely girls have done very well and have improved very much in all aspects of the game.



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## Champions of the Week

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### JESSE POWELL Rangely High School Baseball

Jesse Powell, the catcher on the Rangely Junior/Senior High School baseball team, led the diamond squad on offense and also caught a great game behind the plate in the victory over Grand Valley.



### MHS BASEBALL TEAM Meeker High School

The Meeker High School boys' baseball team is off to a slow start and is struggling a bit, but the Cowboys have won their last three games in a row, splitting with Cedaredge and defeating Rangely in the last two games. The team is now 5-11 in league play this season.

# CNCC gearing up for increase in 'Reach Your Peak' camp offerings

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

**RANGELY I** If earning college scholarship money, finding a career path and inspiring lifelong interests sound like good ways to fill your kids' time this summer, Colorado Northwestern Community College (CNCC) can help.

"Reach Your Peak" summer camps, funded by CNCC and the El Pomar Foundation, begin in June. Geared toward students in sixth through 12th grades, the camps aim to get kids excited about learning via interactive, hands-on experiences.

"Keeping kids active and learning through summer actually improves their grades once they get back to school," said Robyn Wilson, a CNCC "Reach Your Peak" coordinator and the college's academic adviser/intervention specialist. "We're trying to spark their interest for the future, keep them engaged for the summer and give them something to do. There's such a wide variety that we're really trying to capture some interest in all kids."

Although the El Pomar Foundation has helped fund CNCC summer camps for the last two years, the number of 2015 "Reach Your Peak" courses far exceeds past offerings. The college will host seven camps this year on local history, planting a permaculture orchard, the fundamentals of geometry, ceramics using local clay and equine training, along with two agriculture courses in Oak Creek on hydroponics and artificial insemination.

CNCC student success and retention coordinator Caitlan Moore said the mix of "Reach Your Peak" camps grew out of seeing what qualified instructors could offer and gauging student interest in potential courses. El Pomar's requirement that courses be related to STEM topics (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) also gave direction for development.

"We don't have data or background on what kinds of camps are popular, so we'll start with these camps and build from there," Moore said. "We really want it to be successful and get people involved... The goal is to make this sustainable so that when El Pomar funding ends, we can continue to offer these camps."

Throughout middle and high school, students who complete multiple camps here or elsewhere accumulate scholarship money to pay for future courses at CNCC, Colorado Mountain College (CMC), Western Colorado Community College (WCCC) or Colorado Mesa University (CMU). From there, organizers hope, graduates will choose to practice their professions locally, in or near the place that trained them.

"We call this a pipeline," said WCCC Director of Student Services Heather Exby, who coordinates partnerships among participating schools. "Beginning as early as elementary or middle school, we help students get a taste for education and college. They continue on through concurrent education, and ultimately, our hope is that they go to one of our four institutions via these scholarship dollars."

Registration forms will be sent home from the middle and high schools in coming weeks. Interested parents or students can contact Moore at 675-3205 or at [caitlan.moore@cncc.edu](mailto:caitlan.moore@cncc.edu) to register. Scholarships for camp costs are also available.

Since the program's inception, Exby said, participant numbers have skyrocketed, from just a handful three years ago to 380 middle and high school students across the four schools last year.

All El Pomar grant and scholarship dollars must be matched by colleges or their foundations, which provides extra incentive to find sustainable programs over time.

"Ultimately, (matching) is a great tool for sustainability," she said. "El Pomar dollars may not be there forever, and schools have to have an investment in the outcome. They have to be able to continue funding it in the future."

All four Western Slope schools have different "Reach Your Peak" summer offerings. Students who join a camp at one college can take other schools' courses, which, this year alone, range from cooking to animation basics to virtual welding the same summer or in subsequent years.

To learn more about all of the Reach Your Peak summer camps, go to [www.reachyourpeakcolorado.org](http://www.reachyourpeakcolorado.org).



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The Meeker 4-H Sewing Club participated in a Community Pride Project last week at the Pioneers Hospital Home Health and HopeWest offices. The members cleaned up flower beds, pulled weeds and planted flowers. Members include, from left to right, Brooke Archuleta, Haley Weston, Tacy Crawford, Nevaeh LeBlanc, Kolbi Franklin and Hadley Franklin. Members not pictured are Allie Sanders and Aimee Shults. Sewing leader is Cortney Aldridge.

## MHS grad now a Division 1 cheerleader in Louisiana

Special to the Herald Times

**MEEKER I** Lexie James Meszaros, a 2014 graduate of Meeker High School and already a junior at the University of Louisiana-Monroe, is now a member of the Division 1 cheerleading squad at the school, and the UL-Monroe squad took fourth place in the nation last year.

Meszaros, the daughter of Meeker Town Administrator Scott

and his wife, Stacey, is majoring in risk management and, according to her father, has only three semesters remaining as she had

gained two years of college credits through the dual enrollment program at Meeker High School, entering UL-Monroe as a junior.

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# RANGELY PANTHERS

**TRACK & FIELD**  
May 2 @HOME  
May 9 @Grand Junction

**BASEBALL**  
May 1 @HOME vs. Meeker

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# MEEKER COWBOYS

**BASEBALL**  
April 30 @Roaring Fork  
May 1 @Rifle

**TRACK**  
May 2 @Rangely  
May 8-9 @West Grand  
May 14-16 STATE TRACK

**GO COWBOYS!**



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### LEGAL NOTICES

#### COMBINED NOTICE - MAILING CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 15-01

To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust:  
On February 6, 2015, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Rio Blanco records.  
Original Grantor(s):

Original Beneficiary(ies):

Current Holder of Evidence of Debt:

Date of Deed of Trust: \_\_\_\_\_  
County of Recording: Rio Blanco  
Recording Date of Deed of Trust: April 30, 2012  
Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/Page No.): Rio Blanco May 01, 2012  
Original Principal Amount: 303754  
\$144,000.00

Outstanding Principal Balance: \$132,852.17  
Pursuant to CRS §38-38-101(4)(i), you are hereby notified that the covenants of the deed of trust have been violated as follows: failure to pay principal and interest when due together with all other payments provided for in the evidence of debt secured by the deed of trust and other violations thereof.  
**THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN.**

#### Parcel No. 1:

A parcel of land lying in Lots 1 and 2 of Block 10 in the Town of Meeker, Colorado as said Block 10 and the lots therein are shown by the official plat of said Town of Meeker, on file in the office of the County Clerk and Recorder of Rio Blanco County, Colorado, more particularly described by metes and bounds as follows:

Beginning at the Northeast Corner of said Lot 1 at the intersection of Main and Sixth Streets; running thence in a Southeasterly direction along the boundary of said Lot 1 and Sixth Street a distance of 49.55 feet;  
thence on an angle of 90°00' to the right 62.4 feet;  
thence on an angle of 90°00' to the right 10.55 feet;  
thence on an angle of 90°00' to the right 13.1 feet;  
thence on an angle of 90°00' to the left 39.0 feet;  
thence on an angle of 90°00' to the right 49.3 feet;  
to the point of beginning.

#### Parcel No. 2:

An undivided 1/3rd interest in and to a parcel of land in Lot 2, in Block 10 in the Town of Meeker, Colorado, more particularly described by metes and bounds as follows:

Beginning at a point on the common boundary of Lots 2 and 3 of said Block 10 a distance of 50.0 feet in a Southeasterly direction from the Northwest Corner of said Lot 2, and running  
thence on an angle of 90°00' to the left .50 feet;  
thence on an angle of 90°00' to the left 10.45 feet;  
thence on an angle of 90°00' to the right 37.1 feet;  
thence on an angle of 90°00' to the right 38.75 feet;  
thence on an angle of 90°00' to the right 37.6 feet;  
thence on an angle of 90°00' to the right 28.30 feet to the place of beginning.

#### Parcel No. 3:

An undivided 1/8th interest in and to a parcel of land in Lot 3 and E1/2 of Lot "A" in Block 10 of the Town of Meeker, Colorado, more particularly described by metes and bounds as follows:

Beginning at a point on the common boundary of Lots 2 and 3 of said Block 10 a distance of 50.0 feet in a Southeasterly direction from the Northeast Corner of said Lot 3 and running  
thence an angle of 90°00' to the right 32.5 feet;  
thence an angle of 90°00' to the left 25.0 feet;  
thence an angle of 90°00' to the right 25.0 feet;  
thence an angle of 90°00' to the left 75.0 feet;  
thence an angle of 90°00' to the left 32.5 feet;  
thence an angle of 90°00' to the left 24.90 feet;  
thence an angle of 90°00' to the right 25.0 feet;  
thence an angle of 90°00' to the left 75.0 feet to the place of beginning.  
Also known by street and number as: 600 Main Street, Meeker, CO 81641.  
THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED OF TRUST.

#### NOTICE OF SALE

The current holder of the Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, described herein, has filed Notice of Election and Demand for sale as provided by law and in said Deed of Trust.

THEFORE, Notice Is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, 06/10/2015, at Office of the Public Trustee, Rio Blanco County Court-house, 555 Main Street, Meeker CO 81641, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s)' heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.

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A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE FILED PURSUANT TO SECTION 38-38-104 SHALL BE FILED WITH THE PUBLIC TRUSTEE AT LEAST FIFTEEN (15) CALENDAR DAYS PRIOR TO THE FIRST SCHEDULED SALE DATE OR ANY DATE TO WHICH THE SALE IS CONTINUED; A NOTICE OF INTENT TO REDEEM FILED PURSUANT TO SECTION 38-38-302 SHALL BE FILED WITH THE PUBLIC TRUSTEE NO LATER THAN EIGHT (8) BUSINESS DAYS AFTER THE SALE;

IF THE SALE DATE IS CONTINUED TO A LATER DATE, THE DEADLINE TO FILE A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE BY THOSE PARTIES ENTITLED TO CURE MAY ALSO BE EXTENDED; IF THE BORROWER BELIEVES THAT A LENDER OR SERVICER HAS VIOLATED THE REQUIREMENTS FOR A SINGLE POINT OF CONTACT IN SECTION 38-38-103.1 OR THE PROHIBITION ON DUAL TRACKING IN SECTION 38-38-103.2, THE BORROWER MAY FILE A COMPLAINT WITH THE COLORADO ATTORNEY GENERAL, THE FEDERAL CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION BUREAU (CFPB), OR BOTH. THE FILING OF A COMPLAINT WILL NOT STOP THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS.

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DATE: 02/06/2015

Karen Arnold, Public Trustee in and for the County of Rio Blanco, State of Colorado  
By: Karen Arnold, Public Trustee

The name, address, business telephone number and bar registration number of the attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is:  
Sherman Romney #22670

Romney Law Office 415 West Victory Way, 415 West Victory Way, Craig, CO 81625  
(970) 824-0257  
Attorney File #

The Attorney above is acting as a debt collector and is attempting to collect a debt. Any information provided may be used for that purpose.

### LEGAL NOTICES

#### NOTICE OF BUDGET

Notice is hereby given that a proposed budget has been submitted to the Rangely Junior College District Board of Directors for the ensuing year of 2015-2016; a copy of such proposed budget is on file at Linda Gordon/Budget Officer, 215 Hillcrest Avenue, Rangely, CO where same is open for public inspection; such proposed budget will be considered at the regularly scheduled board meeting of the Rangely Junior College District to be held on May 11, 2015, 12:00 noon CNCC, Johnson Banquet Room for final adoption of budget. Any interested elector of such Rangely Junior College District may inspect the proposed budget and file or register any objections thereto at any time prior to the final adoption of the budget.  
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#### MEEKER SANITATION DISTRICT May 6, 2015 REGULAR BOARD MEETING at 7:00 PM

The Regular Board Meeting of the Meeker Sanitation District will be held at the Meeker Sanitation District Office, 265 8th Street, Meeker, Colorado  
1. Call to order  
2. Additions or Changes to the Agenda  
3. Approval of Minutes  
4. Public Comments  
5. New Business

#### ADVERTISEMENT OF LAND FOR SALE BY SEALED BID

Old Swimming Pool Property  
Notice is hereby given that pursuant to §22-32-110(1)(e), The Meeker School District Re-1 (Seller) will sell the property described below through the acceptance of sealed bids. Sealed bids shall be received by Janelle Urista, 555 Garfield St., Meeker, CO 81641, no later than 4:00 p.m. MST Monday, May 4, 2015. The sealed bid envelopes shall be clearly marked SEALED BID on the outside of the sealed envelope. Bids will not be accepted after the above stated date and time. Sealed bids must contain the applicant address, phone number, fax number, e-mail address (if applicable), and the amount of the bid both written out and shown numerically.  
Terms: (1) Seller reserves the right to reject any and all bids, and to waive bid irregularities in the best interests of the school district. (2) The parcel is being offered as is. It is the responsibility of the bidder to inspect land conditions of the parcel prior to submitting a bid. (3) The District will provide a quit claim deed to the successful bidder.

#### LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY TO BE SOLD

The property subject to this sale is described as follows:  
A PARCEL OF LAND LYING IN PARCEL 6 OF GENTRY ESTATES SUBDIVISION FILED AS RECEPTION NO. 78328 IN THE OFFICE OF THE RIO BLANCO COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER, IN TRACT 68 OF THE 1908 GOVERNMENT LAND OFFICE RESURVEY IN SECTION 23, T1N, R94W OF THE 6TH P.M., IN THE TOWN OF MEEKER, RIO BLANCO COUNTY, COLORADO, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:  
COMMENCING AT ANGLE POINT 3 (NO. 6 REBAR AND ALUMINUM CAP RLS 36574) OF SAID TRACT 68, WHENCE ANGLE POINT 2 (NO. 6 REBAR AND ALUMINUM CAP RLS 36574) OF SAID TRACT 68 BEARS N00°02'57" 2696.08 FEET;  
THENCE N00°02'57" ALONG SAID TRACT LINE, 728.68 FEET TO THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING;  
THENCE N00°02'57" ALONG SAID TRACT LINE, 60.00 FEET;  
THENCE S89°57'14" 317.39 FEET;  
THENCE N00°02'09" 135.00 FEET;  
THENCE EAST 125.00 FEET TO A POINT ON THE EAST LINE OF PARCEL 6, GENTRY ESTATES;  
THENCE S00°02'09W, ALONG SAID EAST LINE, 195.10 FEET TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF A PARCEL OF LAND DESCRIBED IN RECEPTION NO. 289699 IN THE OFFICE OF THE RIO BLANCO COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER;  
THENCE N89°57'14W, ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID PARCEL, 442.40 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

CONTAINING 1.00 ACRES MORE OR LESS AND BEING SUBJECT TO ANY EASEMENTS AND/OR RIGHTS-OF-WAY OF RECORD.  
School Board staff will open the sealed bids at 4:00 p.m., on Monday, May 4, 2015, at the administrative offices of the Seller, 555 Garfield St., Meeker, Colorado, to verify that the bids received meet the minimum requirements. The bid amounts will not be disclosed at the bid opening. This information will remain confidential until it is presented to the School Board in open session at a Board meeting scheduled to be held on May 5, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. **BIDDERS NEED NOT BE PRESENT.** If the School Board decides to proceed with the sale of property based on the bids received, the Board will select and approve a bid at the Board meeting. Participation in the bidding process does not create any rights for the highest bidder or anyone else participating in the bidding process.

If the Board determines that the sale will proceed, the Seller's intention is to transfer title and possession of the property to the bidder submitting the selected bid on or before June 30, 2015.

If you have any questions regarding the bidding process, contact Janelle Urista at 970.878.9040.

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#### SEALED BID FORM

#### THE MEEKER SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1

**BIDDING ITEM:** Meeker School District Old Swimming Pool Property (below Meeker High School)

#### CONDITIONS OF BIDDING:

**BIDS:** Only one bid per envelope. Each bid shall be in sealed Envelope. Envelope shall be clearly marked with words, SEALED BID. Each bid envelope shall be received at the address listed on the advertisement by 4:00 p.m. MST Monday, May 4, 2015.  
**ITEM CONDITION:** The Old Swimming Pool Property advertised by The Meeker School District Re-1 for sale by bid are to be sold As-Is. The Meeker School District Re-1 shall strive to make its best effort to assist interested parties in obtaining information about the property each item for sale, however the District makes no warranty of the condition of the property or of legal title. Each Bidder shall be responsible for verifying condition of the property and the accuracy of the legal description and any concerns about the property or title to the property item description prior to submitting a bid, and bring to the District attention any discrepancy found.  
**TERMS OF SALE:** The successful bidder shall be provided a Notice of Award by June 30, 2015.  
**DISTRICT RIGHTS:** The District has not set a minimum bid amount. The District retains the right to remove the property for sale at any time up to the Notice of Award should the District determine the sale of the property is not in its best interests. The District reserves the right to reject any or all bids, or to waive any irregularities or defects found therein.

**BID:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**BIDDERS NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**BIDDERS PHONE #:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**BIDDERS MAIL ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
**BID AMOUNT (U.S.D.) (both written out and numerals):** \_\_\_\_\_

By signing below, I am indicating that I have read, understand and will comply with the terms and intentions of the conditions of this bid, and will provide payment in full for said item listed above, should I be awarded the Bid.

Bidder's Signature & Date  
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A. Audit Report  
6. Old Business  
Biosolids Dewatering Project  
2nd Street Sewer Line  
Sewer Main East of Town Rates, Water Data From Town Plant Manager Report  
Office Manager Report  
7. Attorney  
8 Board  
Delinquent Accounts  
Approve Current Bills  
9. Adjourn  
This agenda is subject to change without further notice.  
Agenda is posted at the office of the Meeker Sanitation District.  
265 8th Street.  
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#### MEEKER SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1 Board of Education Regular Board Meeting 555 Garfield Street Tuesday, May 5, 2015 7:00 p.m.

**AGENDA**  
1. Call to Order and Roll Call  
2. Pledge of Allegiance: Mr. Ridings will lead the Pledge of Allegiance  
3. Approval of Agenda  
4. Approval of the Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting April 21, 2015  
**ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE REGARDING**

### LEGAL NOTICES

**AGENDA ITEMS**  
**SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**  
1. Recognitions/Celebrations (Music Program & BMS History Fair)  
2. Bus Routes for 15-16 School Year Report  
3. Sales Tax Report  
4. Pool Property Report  
5. Certified/Classified Report (High School Principal, Coordinator of Academics)

**ACTION ITEMS**  
A. Consideration of Action Items for a Blanket Motion  
B. Approval of Bus Routes for 2015-16 School Year  
C. Approval of Certified/Classified Report - (High School Principal, Coordinator of Academics)  
**<<EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PURCHASE, ACQUISITION, LEASE, TRANSFER OF SALE OF PROPERTY PURSUANT TO CRS 24-6-402 (4)(a) >**  
**ACTION ITEMS CONTINUED**  
D. Approval of Sale of Pool Property  
**OTHER BOE INFORMATION**  
**ADJOURNMENT**  
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#### TOWN OF MEEKER BOARD OF TRUSTEES Tuesday May 5, 2015 7:00 P.M. Regular Scheduled Board Meeting 345 Market Street, Meeker, CO

Call to Order  
Pledge of Allegiance  
Roll Call  
Approval of the Agenda  
Approval of the Previous Minutes  
Approval of Monthly Disbursements  
Public Participation  
New Business  
•Meeker Palooza Fireworks request- Ms. Vanessa Trout  
•Ute Park Lighting question- Ms. Stephanie Kobalt  
•Public Hearings- 7:15 p.m.  
•Ordinance #04-2015, an ordinance approving a resubdivision request from Dixie Massey, and Steven/Kathy Maybury, requesting resubdivision of the respectively owned adjacent lot parcels of Block 1, Lots 3, 4, 5, and 6 of the Sage Hills Subdivision  
•Request from the Meeker Arts and Cultural Council for a special event Liquor Permit to be held at 752 Second Street, June 6, 2015, (12 to 11 pm) to serve during "Meeker Palooza"  
Mayor's remarks  
Town Manager's Report  
Town Attorney's Report  
Other Board Business  
Adjournment  
Published April 30, 2015  
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#### 2015 RIO BLANCO COUNTY EAST DOUGLAS PIT CRUSHING REQUEST FOR BID PROJECT NAME, LOCATION AND GENERAL SCOPE OF WORK

2015 EAST DOUGLAS PIT CRUSHING PROJECT. THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF RIO BLANCO COUNTY is soliciting bids for crushing approximately 40,000 cubic yards of Class 5 Aggregate Base Course. East Douglas Pit is located approximately 3.2 miles southeast of State Highway 139 on RBC Road 27.

#### CONTRACT DOCUMENTS

Contract Documents shall be available on-line at www.govbids.com/scripts/co1/public/home1.asp, or on the County website at www.rbc.us. The Public Announcements page, the Rio Blanco County Road and Bridge Dept., 570 Second St., Meeker, CO 81641 on April 30, 2015.

#### VENDOR QUALIFICATIONS

Interested vendors shall be listed on the most current CDOT Pre-qualified Contractor Listing.

#### WORK SCHEDULE

It is intended that the project shall start approx. June 23 and be completed by October 16, 2015.

#### MANDATORY PRE-BID MEETING

Interested vendors shall attend a mandatory pre-bid meeting on Tuesday, May 19, 2015 at 10:00 A.M. at the Rio Blanco County Road & Bridge Dept. at 570 Second Street in Meeker. Vendors shall visit the pit and become familiar with all site conditions.

#### PROJECT SUPERINTENDENT

Clint Chappell, R & B Coordinator,(970) 878-9590, Fax (970) 878-3396. Any questions regarding this bid are to be directed in writing to Clint Chappell before Tuesday, May 26, 2015 at 4:00 P.M. at the above fax number.

#### BID SUBMITTALS

Bids shall have Vendor name and address and 2015 EAST DOUGLAS PIT CRUSHING written on the sealed envelope. All required documents shall be included with the bid or it shall be rejected. Each bid must include a certified check or cashier check in the amount of not less than five percent (5%) of the total bid, made payable to Rio Blanco County, or by a bid bond in like amount executed by a surety company.  
*Mailed bids are due no later than 4:00 P.M. on Thursday June 4, 2015. No bids shall be received Friday, June 5 through Sunday June 7, 2015. Hand delivered bids will be accepted from 8:00 A.M. to 10:45 A.M. on June 8, 2015. Do not depend on overnight delivery.*

Mailing address: RBC Commissioners, P.O. Box i, 200 Main St., Meeker, CO

### LEGAL NOTICES

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Hand-delivery address: RBC Commissioners, 200 Main St. Meeker, CO 81641

#### BID OPENING

Bids shall be opened and read in public at 11:15 A.M. on Monday, June 8, 2015 at the Commissioners Meeting Room, 200 Main St., Meeker, CO 81641. Bids submitted after 10:45A.M. shall be returned unopened. Bids submitted and opened shall not be withdrawn for 30 days thereafter.

#### BID PREFERENCE

C.R.S. 8-19-101, et seq, shall be observed on all construction contracts on public projects. The law states that when a construction contract for a public project is to be awarded to a bidder, a resident bidder shall be allowed preference against a nonresident bidder from another state equal to the preference given or required by the state in which the nonresident bidder is a resident.

#### BID AWARD

The Rio Blanco County Board of County Commissioners reserve the right to reject any or all bids; to waive any informalities in bids; and to accept the bid that, in the opinion of the Board, is in the best interest of the County of Rio Blanco, State of Colorado.

#### RIO BLANCO COUNTY

By: Jeffrey D. Eskelson, Chairman  
Dated: April 30, 2015  
Publish: April 30 and May 7, 2015,  
Rio Blanco Herald Times

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

#### AA & Al-Anon Meetings - Rangely

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

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

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

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

#### Veterans Service Offices

**Rio Blanco County:** Veterans Service Officer - Joe Dungan, Wednesday, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., County Administration Building, 200 Main Street Suite 300, Meeker. 878-9690 office, 878-3219 home. Fax 878-9581.

**Rangely:** Veterans Service Officer - Hoot Gibson, Tuesday and Thursday, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., County Annex, 17497 State Hwy 64, Rangely. 878-9695 office, 675-2669 home.

#### SAFEHOUSE

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

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

FOOD BANK of the Rockies mobile food pantry truck will be providing Food assistance to community members of Rio Blanco County. Scheduled Dates for 2015: April 30 & May 28. The Food Bank will be at the Meeker Fairgrounds from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Bring your own boxes to transport food. Seniors and handicapped served first. No qualifications or eligibility forms. Product distributed to anyone seeking food assistance on first come, first served basis. 40# senior box pickup at 10:30. Applications available for over age 60. FBR contact: Jill Heideil 877-953-3937. Sponsor contact: Debra Barney 970-878-9650.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PISTOL RIVER LEATHER**  
Getting some work done in the shop. Fingers still not working good enough for carving, but still improving slowly. I have scheduled a **Concealed Carry Class** for Saturday, June 20th.  
"Your word is like a gate in a fence. If the gate is weak, the fence ain't worth much."  
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Please call before 9:00 a.m. day of meal  
**878-5627 or 675-8112**  
Senior Citizen Nutrition Program  
Meals served at noon.  
Reservations appreciated.  
Suggested Donation Over 60 - \$2.50. Under 60 - Guest Fee \$7.  
(Did you know? Homebound trays can be ordered for over 60, suggested donation \$2.50 - 12:10 p.m. pickup.)  
\*\*MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE\*\*  
**FRIDAY, May 1:** Minestrone soup, Baked zita w/sausage, Garlic bread, Orane jello w/mandarin.  
**MONDAY, May 4:** Lemon baked fish, Rice pilaf, Tossed salad, Oriental vegetables, Cheesy garlic biscuit, Orange sherbet.  
**TUESDAY, May 5: Combination meal** Radino, Chuckwagon closed Cinco de Mayo Chicken enchillada casserole, Tossed salad, Tangerine, raisin oatmeal cookie.  
**WEDNESDAY May 6:** Sloppy Joe w/bun, Peas, Scalloped corn, Peaches.  
**FRIDAY, May 8:** Oven fried chicken, Mashed potatoes w/gravy, Beets, Pears & cottage cheese. Bring a guest for free.

**ELDER CARE**  
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**FIREWOOD & STOVES**  
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**OLDTIMERS ANNUAL CELEBRATION**  
Saturday, June 6, 2015. If you have lived in RBC for 30 years or went to school here, join us. Save the date. Call (970)878-4138 for your invitation.

**RANGELY VICTIM SERVICES**  
An open door for the protection and care of abused and battered persons. Non-emergency call 629-9691. Emergencies call 911. Providing assistance for victims of violent crimes.

**CONSIGNMENT AUCTION**  
Saturday, May 9th, 10:00 A.M.  
Fairgrounds, Meeker, CO  
Tractors: JD 4320W Farmhand loader, MF165W loader & blade, 1974 Ford 500069HP, 1974 MF165W loader, 12 ft. Meadow drag, 94 Liberty 3 horse slant, 95 Hale 4 Horse, 93 20 ft. flatbed, 99 pickup bed trailer, 4 good saddles, 1 McClellan saddle, 2 like-new pack saddles, lots of tack, 3 shotguns, 3 rifles, lots of hand tools, 300 gallon fuel tank w/stand, 500 gallon fuel tank w/stand, 4 ft. disk 3 pt., 2 bottom plow, Titan 8000 generator, Titan 515 air compressor, JD #9 7ft. mower, 50 good 7 ft. cedar posts, antiques, table/2 leaves/5 chairs, china cabinet, rocking chair, dresser w/mirror and chest, roll top desk, sewing machine, log bed full size, log daybed, ice box, log coffee table, used tires, motor bikes-need repair, 2 riding mowers-Bolen, 3 round bale feeders, 5 hay bale feeders, water tanks, 1994 auto car w/dumped, 1998 Mack w/15ft. dumped. Too much to list. Bryce Purkey Auctioneer (970)878-4331 Leave message.

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**HUGE COMMUNITY YARD SALE**, Friday and Saturday, May 1 & 2, 8AM - 2PM. 272 Market in parking lot between Restored Grace and Aerocare. Furniture, household, jewelry, nice clothes, books, camping gear, Snap On plasma cutter & valve grinder, Honda ST1100 motorcycle, feather bed and memory foam mattress. TONS OF STUFF!

MEEKER- 1136 Michael Circle, Saturday, May 2, 8-Noon. No early birds. Lots of miscellaneous.

MEEKER 780 2nd Street, May 1st, 2nd, & 3rd, 8 A.M. to 2 P.M.

**PLAY IT AGAIN, SAM: MEGA YARD SALE**, front and back yard. 11 East Main St., Meeker, Friday, May 1 and Saturday, May 2, 8 AM-? Small appliances, dishes, Christmas deco, treasures old and new, camping gear.

**HELP WANTED: FULL TIME**

Maintenance Technician. ERBM Recreation & Park District is seeking one full-time benefited Maintenance Technician. Salary range \$14.48-\$19.20/hr. Duties include, but are not limited to: maintenance of parks, facilities, irrigation, open space and landscaping; operation and maintenance of power tools, equipment, light machinery and light duty vehicles. Experience with Microsoft Word and Excel desired, but not required. Requirements include, but are not limited to: applicant must be 18 years of age or older, possess a high school diploma or GED, possess and maintain a valid Colorado Driver's license. A completed ERBM Recreation & Park District job application

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Or Meeker School District Administration at 555 Garfield Street, Meeker, CO 970-878-9040



**HELP WANTED: FULL TIME**

is required for consideration and should be returned to ERBM Recreation & Park District, Attn: Human Resources, 101 Ute Rd, Meeker, CO 81641. 970-878-3403. Applications are available at the Meeker Recreation Center and on the website, www.MeekerRecDistrict.com. Complete job description is available upon request and online. Applications will be accepted through Tuesday, May 19, 2014. ERBM Recreation & Park District is an equal opportunity employer.

**Redi SERVICES, LLC**  
**GAS PLANT OPERATOR**  
Will have a diversified set of responsibilities in and around the Chevron Wilson Creek gas plant. Must have at least 2 years oil and gas experience.  
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You can also apply in person at 235 County Road 15 in Meeker.

**HELP WANTED: GENERAL**

**Marketing/Communications Specialist.** The ERBM Recreation & Park District is seeking one full-time exempt Marketing/Communications Specialist. Hiring range is \$21.63-\$30.77/hr. The Marketing and Communications Specialist works in co-

**HELP WANTED: GENERAL**

ordinated effort with the Executive Director and management to develop and implement District marketing and branding strategies, public relations campaigns, and related projects. Daily responsibilities and tasks include; oversight of the District website and social media, creation of promotional materials and printed advertising, and assisting other staff with activities that promote the District to the community and visitors of Eastern Rio Blanco County. Applicants must have knowledge and experience in the use of graphic design computer programs Adobe Photoshop, In Design, and Illustrator; must be 18 years of age and possess a high school diploma or GED; one (1) or more years experience in marketing/graphic design related work, other related experience may be considered. A completed ERBM Recreation & Park District job application is required for consideration and should be returned to ERBM Recreation & Park District, Attn: Human Resources, 101 Ute Rd, Meeker, CO 81641. Applicants are available at the Meeker Recreation Center and on the website, www.MeekerRecDistrict.com. Complete job description is available upon request and online. Applications will be accepted until position is filled. ERBM Recreation & Park District is an equal opportunity employer.

**POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT**

The Rio Blanco Water Conservancy District is accepting applications for a full time Reservoir/Hydroelectric Operator position. Job description and application are available from the District's office at 2252 E. Main Rangely, Colorado 81648 or by calling the District office at 970-675-5055. Salary range for this position will be dependent upon education and experience. Position will remain open until filled. Successful applicant must pass a pre-employment physical and drug screen. The District is an equal opportunity employer.

**HELP WANTED: GENERAL**

HOUSEKEEPING ERBM Recreation & Park District is seeking a part-time non-benefited Housekeeper; hiring range \$13.01 to \$19.74/hour. Duties include, but are not limited to: general cleaning and light maintenance duties of district facilities as assigned by the Park and Facilities Manager. Requirements include, but are not limited to: applicant must be 18 years of age or older, possess a high school diploma or GED, read, write, speak and understand English, be available to work various shifts, primarily evenings and weekends. A completed ERBM Recreation & Park District job application is required for consideration and should be returned to ERBM Recreation & Park District, Attn: Human Resources, 101 Ute Rd, Meeker, CO 81641. 970-878-3403. Applications are available at the Meeker Recreation Center. Complete job description is available upon request. Applications will be accepted through Tuesday, May 5. ERBM Recreation & Park District is an equal opportunity employer.

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Will provide operational service in the WRD-Meeker Gas Plant. Candidate must have mechanical ability, familiar with EHS regulations, and basic computer skills. Must have HS diploma or equivalent. For more info and to apply online visit: [Kochcareers.com](http://Kochcareers.com). Search for Job Number: 034312

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**RENTALS: MEEKER**

2 BDR/1 BA Apartment: \$400 + electric and deposit. 878-3363 or 970-260-3302

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**RENTALS: MEEKER**

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- ◆ 1062 Main Street- 2 bdrm, 1 bath, full basement, 15,000 SF site, Make Offer. .... \$106,000
- ◆ 1036 Park Ave- cute 1+bdm, 1bath, garage, great starter home. .... \$119,900
- ◆ 1192 Hill Street - 3bd, 2 bath, open floor plan, finished basement, trees. .... \$138,900
- ◆ 757 Cleveland - Beautiful 3 bdrm, 2 bath home on quiet dead end street. .... \$188,900
- ◆ 73229 Hwy 64 - 38.4 acres, 2128 SF home with 3 bdrm, 2 bath, garage, Quonset. ... PENDING
- ◆ 811 County Rd. 43 - Beautiful log home on 40 acres, barn, close to town yet private ..... \$485,000

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- ◆ 1083 Laurie Cir. — Cute 3 BR, 1-3/4 BA, two-car garage, clean & open kitchen with newer appliances & fresh paint. Small yard & borders new soccer field. Priced to move! \$129,000
- ◆ Commercial Property in Meeker — 5336 SF commercial building on 2.6 acres with many possibilities in great location. Set up for daycare facility, 54 paved parking spaces. Priced to sell!
- ◆ 1112 Mark Circle — 3 BD, 1-3/4 BA home, 1215 SF on each level. \$161,000 Sale Pending!
- ◆ 1376 Juniper — 4 BD, 2 BA, with unfinished 5th BD or hobby room. New kitchen w/ pantry, master BR has huge walk-in closet. Fresh paint & new flooring on main level. Total of 2,460 SF w/ 3-car-garage! Fully fenced backyard, paved driveway, 2 lots = 22,000 SF. Large deck for BBQs. \$246,000
- ◆ 1886 RB County Rd. 8 — New windows throughout, 3 BD, 2 1/2 BA Home, 6.8 acres with 2,000 SF. White River frontage, large deck and spectacular views! \$350,000 One of a kind property!
- ◆ 6255 County Rd. 7 — 4 BD, 3 BA home on 10 acres with detached 3-car oversized garage. Has water well. Needs TLC. Priced to sell. \$220,000
- ◆ LOT 6 Ridges Estate, Meeker — Nice 3.26 acre lot, with an even better price tag! \$53,500

- ◆ 201 Coal Rd. — 2200 sq. ft. home, 4 BR, 2 BA on 2 acres. Open floor plan includes 2 Living rooms. Large open kitchen with lots of cabinet space. New FA gas furnace & garbage disposal. Pellet stove in one of the living rooms. 24x24ft. detached garage and 24x36ft. Metal shop building. Excellent access to BLM. \$265,000
- ◆ 216 Ridge Rd. — This is a nice 2856 SF two level house built in 1977. It's a well maintained house with new flooring upstairs and tile down stairs, custom kitchen cabinets, screened-in back porch with spectacular view, central air, FA gas furnace and woodstove, attached garage. \$219,900
- ◆ 300 4th St. East (Dinosaur) — Back on the market! 3 BD 2 BA on 3 lots, 1744 SF built in 1981. \$90,000
- ◆ 315 & 8317 N. Grand Ave. — Duplex: Attractively renovated. Each unit has 1,200 SF, 2 BD, 2 BA, W/D hook-up, carport for each side. Priced to Sell! \$139,500 Excellent income property.

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| 3865 Hwy. 40, Dinosaur<br>\$375,000 | 1535 La Mesa Ave.<br>\$243,500 | 1421 La Mesa<br>\$235,000       |
| 927 W. Bell<br>\$230,000            | 173 Pinyon Cir.<br>\$224,900   | 1495 La Mesa<br>\$219,000       |
| 340 Darius Ave.<br>\$215,000        | 226 S. Grand Ave.<br>\$177,000 | 207 Hillcrest Cir.<br>\$170,000 |
| 218 Dakota Ave.<br>\$170,000        | 1121 Tanglewood<br>\$160,000   | 601 E. Rangely<br>\$125,000     |
| 908 Tropic<br>Reduced! \$114,900    | 622 E. Rio Blanco<br>\$124,000 | 909 E. Main St.<br>\$99,500     |
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**HOMES IN MEEKER ...**

- \*NEW 825 5th St- 5 lots overlooking town. Captivating 3 BR, 3 BA home, garage, awesome views! \$275,000.
- \*NEW 1111 Wall St- 3 BR, 2 BA one level home. Laminate floors, lg master suite, storage shed. \$133,500.
- \*NEW 540 Garfield- Downtown, 4 BR, 2 BA remodeled tri-level home, garage, trees, fenced yard. \$194,000.
- \*NEW 789 9th St- Lg lot, great location, 4 BR, 2 BA, basement, decks, garage. \$198,000 SALE PENDING!
- \*NEW 1105 Mark Cr- 3BR, 3BA home, garage, fenced yard, RV parking, hardwood floors, deck. \$169,000.
- \*NEW 460 7th St- 3+ lots, beautiful 2 story log home, 2 shops, garage, privacy fenced, landscaped. \$625,000.
- \*265 Cedar- 5 BR, 3 BA on a fenced corner lot. Large shop/garage. Custom features. \$299,900.
- \*1134 Park -Log home, 4 BR, 2 BA Newly remodeled. Fenced yard. \$169,000.
- \*295 Park Ave.- Nice lot, small log home. 1 BR, 1 BA. Great condition. Garage. \$139,900 REDUCED!
- \*835 Sulphur Creek Rd.- 3 BR, 2 BA home by fairgrounds. Fenced backyard, landscaped. \$165,000
- \*1440 Mountain View Rd.-5BR, 4 1/2 BA, one of a kind custom home, panoramic views, outdoor entertaining area, lawn w/sprinkler system, home security system, A/C & more! \$339,000 REDUCED! GREAT DEAL!
- \*112 Main St.-3 BR, 2 BA historic home with a 426 sq. ft. cottage. Updated, large corner lot. \$219,000.
- \*562 Larry Lane-Corner lot, 1 level, 3 BR 2BA, fenced yard, garage, deck. \$145,000 REDUCED PRICE!
- \*643 12th St- 4 BR, 2 BA bi-level home. Garage, carport, fenced back yard. \$115,000 REDUCED!
- \*1369 Juniper Rd.-Beautiful home in Sage Hills, on 2 large lots. Single level home & attached garage. \$250,000 SOLD!
- \*1109 Main St- 3 BR, 1 BA, new paint & flooring. Fenced yd, R.V. parking, 2 sheds. \$149,900. SOLD!
- \*1287 Cleveland - Lg lot. Big beautiful 4 BR, lg home, large metal shop. \$325,000. SOLD!

**RANCHES — RURAL RESIDENTIAL — HUNTING PROPERTIES...**

- \*NEW 467 Agency Dr.- 5 Acres, beautiful 2 story home, garage, big heated shop, well landscaped. \$429,000.
- \*NEW 293 Agency Dr. - 5 acres, 1 mile S. of town, near golf course. Updated 4 BR, 2 BA home with basement, garage, decks. Awesome views. Irrigated hay & pasture. Lg shop with horse stalls. \$419,000
- \*CR 8 - 88 Acres just east of Meeker. Hunting, dry land pasture, development potential. \$450,000
- \*8505 CR 8 - 9 miles east. Nice 3 BR home, basement, garage, fenced yard, great views. \$325,000
- \*970 Shaman Trail- 5 acres, beautiful newer 2 story home, top of the line. Big heated shop. \$545,000 REDUCED!
- \*14970 CR 8 - 14 acres on the River. Great fishing. Hay pasture, beautiful 2,500 sq ft home. \$1,995,000.
- \*1758 CR 32- 3.3 acres, 4 BR, 3 BA modular home. Outbuildings, fenced yard. \$194,900 SALE PENDING!
- \*29100 CR 8 - 12 Acres with River & fishing. Nice 1,252 sq ft 3 BR, 2 BA cabin, borders BLM. \$795,000.
- \*13247 CR 8 - 5 Acres 14 miles E of Meeker. Home, big shop, outbuildings. Horse setup. \$399,000 REDUCED!
- \*2610 CR 33- 3 Acres 7 mi W of town, 4 BR, 3 BA home, full basement, shed, pasture. \$260,000. SALE PENDING!
- \*13245 CR 8 - 5 acres 14 miles up-river, well, trees, 3 BR, 2 BA home, decks, garage, shop. \$295,000 REDUCED!
- \*River Property- CR 12- 5+ acres 28 miles east, with 2 BR, 1 BA cabin, good well, fish pond. \$275,000 REDUCED!
- \*1337 Meath Dr.- 35 Acres, 9 miles east with a nice 3 BR, 2 BA home, pastures, views. \$230,000 SOLD!
- \*30087 Hwy 13- 2 miles west of town, 2 acres, 1,600 sq ft home or commercial building. \$42,000 SOLD!
- \*180 N. Little Rancho Dr.- 36 Acres, newer 3 BR, 2 BA manufactured home, water well. \$198,500 SOLD!

**BUSINESS & INVESTMENT ...**

- \*109 Market St.- 3+ lots on the corner of 1st & Market. Great location next to the Dollar Store \$275,000 REDUCED!
- \*Rio Blanco Store- Great potential, 3/4 acre on Hwy 13, 3,000 sq ft store, cafe, living quarters. \$130,000 REDUCED!
- \*304 4th St. Commercial building on corner lot downtown, great office space, 4,437 sq. ft. \$220,000

**RAW LAND AND HOMESITES ...**

- \*NEW 5807 CR 7 - Vacant 20 acre parcel, 9 mi. North, on Strawberry Creek. Good home site & views! \$75,000
- \*2-35 Acre Lots in Bull Mountain Ranch between Carbondale and Paonia. Beautiful country, high mountain views. Priced at \$85,000 and \$100,000.
- \*CR 8 - 88 Acres just east of Meeker. Hunting, dry land pasture, development potential. \$450,000
- \*71 Acres on CR 15, 11 miles NE. Private homesites, water, good hunting, borders public land. \$205,000.
- \*Ridge Estates- 2 to 9 acre lots. Community well, irrigation water to each site. Prices reduced, additional discount available. Prices starting from \$75,600. 1 mile south of town, off of CR 13, near golf course.
- \*359 Love Lane-5 acres, Cross L Estates, Lot 13, great horse property, well. \$100,000
- \*River Property-19.6 Acres 12 miles west. Irrigated hay, good home sites, river. \$150,000.
- \*Little Beaver Estates- Lot 4, 35 acres, fenced, good pond, loafing shed, great home site. \$72,500 REDUCED!
- \*Little Beaver Estates- 35 acre lot bordering DOW hunting land. Lot 11- \$95,000.
- \*Little Beaver Estates 35 acre lot bordering Division of Wildlife public land. Lot 14. \$93,000 REDUCED!
- \*Little Beaver Estates Lot 13 - 35 acre lot bordering Division of Wildlife public land. \$89,000 REDUCED!
- \*100 acres 29 miles east of Meeker, surrounded by Nat Forest, covered with Aspens. \$1,395,000.00.
- \*Several nice building lots on Miami Circle and Michael Circle priced between \$22,500 and \$25,000.
- \*20 Acres, Strawberry Creek. Minor Subdivision, Lot 3, \$30,000 SOLD!
- \*12926 CR 8 - 5 Acres with River. Cabin sites, good water well, 1 room yurt. Views. \$165,500 SOLD!
- \*Large Vacant Lot in Sage Hills Subdivision. 11,514 sq. ft. Good home site. \$30,000 SOLD!

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**RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY**  
1455 Mountain View Rd. - Private 3BD/2BA log home. Short sale. \$380,000

**NEW 763 2ND ST.** - 4BD home in an extremely sought after location, with a fireplace, large lot, full basement and attached garage. \$285,000

**NEW 1104 JEANETTE CR.** - Newly constructed 3BD/2BA, large dining and living rooms, lots of windows with fantastic views of the mountains. Over-sized garage. You'll love the smell and feel of NEW! \$259,000

**NEW 1326 SAGE RIDGE RD.** - Large family home comprising of 4BD/3BA, office, full basement and excellent back yard with fabulous mountain views. \$239,000

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

1045 Lance Cr. - Well kept, 5BD/2BA home with large rooms, smart floor plan and amazing shop. \$198,500 UNDER CONTRACT

754 Hill St. - Cute, 3 BD/2BA home with lots of character, huge master bedroom, plus full basement and room to expand, plus large car port. \$185,000

**NEW 973 MAIN ST.** - Peaceful retreat in the middle of town! All daily amenities on the main level, with additional basement living space. Private yard, garden and cottage. \$184,000

681 Water St. - Freshly updated 4BD/2BA two-story home, fenced yard, great deck with hot tub! \$185,000

1060 Park St. - Great income producing duplex. Can also be converted to single family residential. 4BD/2BA. \$175,000

780 11th St. - Tastefully remodeled 3BD, 2BA bi-level home with a fantastic fenced yard. \$167,900

117 6th St. - Completely remodeled duplex, fully furnished, sleeps 12 people, within walking distance of downtown. \$159,000

1013 Hill St. - 2BD/2BA home with huge yard, family room, and extra room in the basement. Some remodeling, including floors. \$128,900

760 11th St. - Good 3BD/2BA starter home with large back yard, deck, storage shed, built in 1996. \$110,000.

767 12th Street - Completely remodeled townhouse includes 2BD/2BA. Like new. \$65,000

**RURAL RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES**  
945 Rd. 14 - Sensational, beautiful 5BD/3BA log cabin with pristine setting, Creek & Pond. The ultimate privacy in the White River National Forest. \$475,000

1751 Brightwater Ln. - Located 20 minutes west of Highway 64, this 39 acre property has income producing hay ground, river frontage and a new 5000+ SQFT metal shop. Electric, cistern and septic already installed. \$369,000

1161 RBC Rd. 8 - This 3BD remodeled home sets across from the White River, includes 5 acres with trees. Large deck & great location, just a few minutes from town. \$330,000

**NEW 402 SANDSTONE DR.** - 10 country acres with a custom stick-built 3BD/2BA home with roping & riding arena, tack shed, carport, pasture, pond & views. Located about 4 miles from Meeker. \$319,000

320 Bugle Dr. - CONSIDERING THE COUNTRY? 99 acres with comfortable home and outbuildings, tucked away in a private location with great views and good pastures. \$295,000

71855 Hwy. 64 - MILES OF VIEWS, 3BD/2BA home on 35 acres about 4 miles from Meeker. Stucco, covered porch, metal garage/barn. \$275,000

264 Love Ln. - HORSE HAVEN - 5 stall horse barn, multiple fenced pastures and metal shop on 4.39 acres. Humans will equally enjoy the stucco 3BD/2BA home and convenient location! \$275,000 UNDER CONTRACT

519 Rim Rock Dr. - Hilltop home on 5 acres with 4BD/2BA, fabulous views and an attached garage. Good floor plan, large family room. \$239,000

2378 Rd. 40 - Log cabin on 3 acres with spring. Located about 20 minutes drive east of Meeker. \$130,000

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