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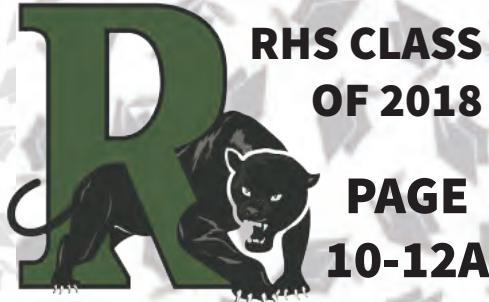
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Buffalo Horn, BLM try for land exchange again

New preferred alternative would transfer 2,815 federal acres for 1,835 private acres

By NIKI TURNER
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RBC More than 50 people, primarily landowners and outdoorsmen, shared their concerns about the initial draft of a proposed land exchange between Buffalo Horn Properties, Inc., and the Bureau of Land Management in 2017. Their comments, almost entirely in opposition to the exchange, prompted BLM to revise the proposal, and the agency is again seeking public comment on the new preliminary environmental assessment (EA).

In 2008, Buffalo Horn approached BLM about a land exchange involving private land parcels in the Indian Valley and Smith Gulch areas and BLM parcels in the Strawberry Creek area. The current EA involves three alternatives for consideration:

■ Alternative A is the original proposal, in which BLM would acquire three parcels totaling 4,036 acres in exchange for 16 isolated parcels totaling 3,806 acres.

■ Alternative B (preferred) would transfer 2,815 acres of Federal lands in Rio Blanco and Moffat counties for one non-Federal RBC parcel totaling 1,835 acres. According to a press release, "The BLM modified the proposal for this alternative to address concerns heard during public scoping about existing hunting access on public parcels and existing surface use agreements on private land." Under the preferred alternative, the proposed exchange would result in an increase of 1,976.17 acres of private land in Moffat County and an increase of 996.93 acres of public land in Rio Blanco County.

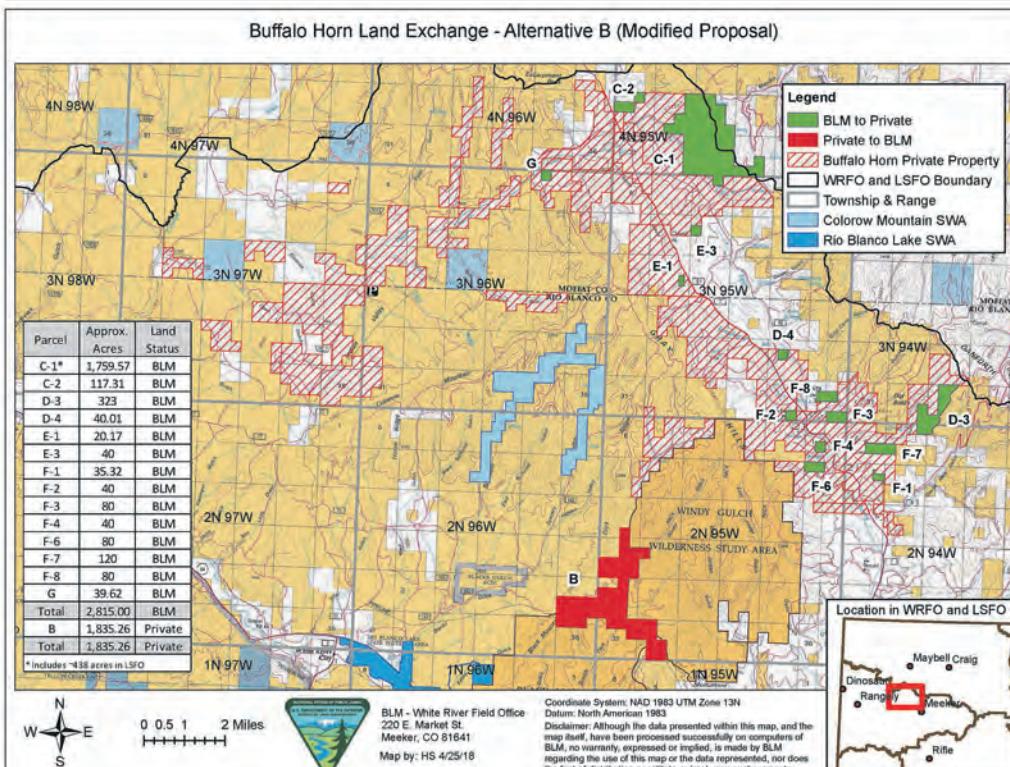
■ Alternative C: no exchange of lands.

According to David Boyd, BLM public affairs specialist, the more specific comments received the more effectively BLM can determine if the proposal is in the public benefit.

"Small isolated parcels are difficult for us to manage," Boyd said. "We would gain access to area that would allow more public

PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE WEDNESDAY, MAY 23, 5:30-7:00 PM, AT MEEKER PUBLIC LIBRARY

BLM will accept public comments via email or in writing through June 6.



access to BLM land."

Hunters who commented during the first public scoping process are concerned that some of the parcels Buffalo Horn would gain are prime hunting areas.

"If the exchange does go thru they will control the ridge tops, main water sources and key access points that the public now has the opportunity to use. In my mind it is a win-win situation for the Buffalo Horn and once again the public suffers at the hands of a big money corporation," wrote on Meeker commenter.

Another commenter wrote, "This proposal is a win, win situation for Buffalo Ranch and a LOSE, LOSE situation for public and wildlife. The gains for the land exchange are against the best interest of the wildlife. It appears to let Buffalo Ranch control over more BLM property for their hunters. The wildlife areas need to take priority over any land exchange. It is not the people's obligation to make more money for Buffalo Ranch."

Others expressed concerns about the exchange triggering increased ATV use in prime hunting areas and the disparity in value for the land being exchanged.

"The BLM will only go forward with a land exchange if it is in the public's interest, and public involvement is a key piece of determining public interest," said BLM White River Field Manager Kent Walter in the press release. To that end, there will be a public open house on May 23 from 5:30-7 p.m. to provide information and accept written comment.

BLM will accept public comments through June 6. Comments may be submitted via email to blm_co_wrfb_hlex@blm.gov or mailed to BLM WRFB, Land Exchange Comments, 220 E. Market St., Meeker, CO 81641.

Documentation for the proposed exchange can be viewed at <https://eplanning.blm.gov/epl-front-office/eplanning/planAndProjectSite.do?methodName=dispatchToPatternPage¤tPageId=101837>

New volunteer group helps mustangs thrive in NW Colo.

By AMY HADDEN MARSH
Special to the Herald Times

RBC Piceance Mustangs is not just the name of a wild horse herd in northwest Colorado. It's also the name of a new outfit that's helping the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) do a better job taking care of that herd. The group, comprised of volunteers from all over the state, got its non-profit status in March and held its first workday on the range in early May.

Group president Tracy Scott, is co-owner of Steadfast Steeds Mustang Sanctuary in Glade Park, Colo. She and her husband work with mustangs that are warehoused in BLM holding facilities to make them adoptable. "When I learned [in 2011] that we had 30,000 horses in holding facilities without freedom, family, or familiar way of life, my husband and I started Steadfast Steeds to address the horses in the holding facility."

Horses in holding is probably the most controversial part of the BLM's

range.

Until March, the Piceance horses, which roam over 190,000 acres between Meeker and Rangely, were group-less. "So, we met last year, same weekend, and everybody had lots of ideas and we started down the road of creating a group," said Scott.

On the first workday last week, the group fixed fence. But, said Scott, they've already received a large grant from a private foundation that will go to improving existing water wells on the HMA. She said the project will help spread the horses, cattle, and wildlife out on the range. "The water holes are the big place where everybody congregates and that's where we're seeing lots of range damage."

Rangely rancher and former Rio Blanco County Commissioner Jon Hill is glad to hear that the group is looking at water and range improvements. He's also in favor of monitoring the herd and identifying the horses. "That way," he said, "they can show the real numbers

[of mustangs] out there instead of advocates saying the BLM numbers are too high and ranchers saying the BLM numbers are too low."

The BLM has also contracted with a local rangelands expert to determine how much forage is used by cattle and how much by the mustangs.

Tracy Scott believes that volunteer groups on all of Colorado's HMAs Herd have lent credence to the program. But, that doesn't mean she's a fan of BLM's current management practices. Ideally, she says, sustainable, on-the-range management is key.

"The first thing that comes up for me is birth control," she explained. "To help slow the population growth—not by gathering." There is some speculation that rounding up mustangs puts them into survival mode, she said. "The horses make more babies because we're pulling so many out." She adds that she's not blaming anyone. "It's just, what are we doing here?"

After a successful workday out

on the range, it looks like Piceance Mustangs and the BLM's White River Field Office are closer to finding an answer to that question. More information is at piceancemustangs.org.

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COURTESY PHOTO
Piceance Mustangs workday crew on May 6. (Back) Linda Stewart (Piceance Mustangs board member), Jane Turnburke (board member), Melissa Kindall (BLM Range Tech), Jerry Searcy, Bob Mosher (BLM employee), Cyndi Leinberger, Diane Mobley (board member). (Front) Jerry Schmutzler, Monica Kostrom (board member), Kathy DeGonia (board member), Mary Taylor and Tracy Scott (Piceance Mustangs president).



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■ Adult Coed Softball Early Bird Deadline May 17 at Meeker Recreation Center. Get your team signed up for the 2018 adult coed softball league! Games will be played Wednesdays starting on June 6 and running through July 25. More info, at ERBMrec.com. ERBM Recreation & Park District 970-878-3403

■ Garden Workshop May 21 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Meeker Recreation Center and Community Garden. Learn more about watering techniques, planting ideas and composting in this workshop for those eight and older. Register through May 21, \$5 per person. ERBM Recreation & Park District 970-878-3403

■ WRBM CLOSURES May 20 for RHS Graduation and May 28 for Memorial Day. 970-675-8211.

■ WRBM Free Hiking Trip May 25. Enjoy a hike at the Gates of Lodore. Bring lunch, water and appropriate attire. Deadline May 23. 970-675-8211.

■ Meeker Recreation Center Modified Hours. The pool will be closed and the Meeker Recreation Center will be open from 8 a.m. until noon May 26. ERBM Recreation & Park District 970-878-3403

■ Meeker Recreation Center CLOSED for Memorial Day, May 28, Normal hours resume Tuesday, May 29. ERBM Recreation & Park District 970-878-3403

■ WRBM Summer Hours begin May 29. Building hours Mon. & Weds. 5:30 a.m.-8 p.m., Tues., Thurs. & Fri 5:30 a.m.-7 p.m. Sat. & Sun. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Pool hours Mon. & Weds. 6 a.m.-7:45 p.m., Tues., Thurs. & Fri 6 a.m.-6:45 p.m. Sat. & Sun. 12 p.m.-4:45 p.m. Child care Mon.-Fri. 8 a.m.-10:30 a.m. and Mon.-Thurs. 4:30 p.m.-7 p.m. 970-675-8211.

■ Let's Go Bananas! WRBM trip to Bananas in Grand Junction June 1. \$25/person (includes lunch.) Register by May 30. 970-675-8211.

■ Channel Bob Ross, no experience necessary! Painting class at WRBM June 2 for those 15+. \$50/person + \$5 for canvas. Leave with a completed oil painting! 970-675-8211.

■ The Meeker Library Book Club meets at 1 p.m. the second Monday of each month (excluding holidays). The next meeting will be June 11. All interested readers are

welcome. Stop by the Meeker Library for details.

■ Tootsie Care Day at 290 Fourth St. June 16 from 12-3 p.m. Open to anyone 74 and under who has trouble with toenail trimming. Donations go the VFW and Auxiliary Scholarship fund.

■ The Rangely Moms Group meets the first Thursday of each month from 9:11 a.m. at First Baptist Church (207 S. Sunset Ave.) to help connect moms in our community. Any moms who have newborn through elementary aged children are welcome to join us for food, fellowship and fun. Childcare is provided. The first meeting is free. Subsequent meetings are \$5. Scholarships are available if needed.

■ Real-Tea Roundtable. Join real estate expert Suzan Pelloni for helpful hints on buying and selling property. The first Wednesday of the month at 7:30 a.m. at Wendell's.

■ Adult drop-in sports: Dodgeball Mondays at 7:30 p.m. in the MES gym. For 18 and older. Volleyball Tuesdays from 7:30-9 p.m. in the MES gym. Basketball Wednesdays from 7:30-9 p.m. in the MES gym. Pool Volleyball Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. at the MRC pool. Call 878-3403 for details.

■ Storytime at the Rangely Regional Library Tuesdays at 10 a.m.

■ Quilting Group. Tuesdays from 1-9 p.m. at the Meeker Public Library. All are welcome. Come during hours that fit your schedule. Bring your sewing machine and project. Making quilts for the Walbridge Wing and hospice care.

■ Gentleman's Club meeting every Tuesday at 9 a.m. at the Meeker Recreation Center and each Thursday at 9 a.m. at the VFW, 290 4th St. in Meeker.

■ Game Day for adults 50-plus on Wednesdays at 9 a.m. in the Meeker Recreation Center lounge. Call 878-3403 or visit www.erbmrec.com.

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

■ Free Community Dinner every Thursday at 5:30 p.m. at St. James' Episcopal Church—Richards Hall, Fourth and Park.

Email your event info. to calendar@theheraldtimes.com

Eskelson chosen for CSC Dean's List

MEEKER | Julia Eskelson of Meeker, Colo. was one of 315 Chadron State College students who met requirements for the Spring 2018 Dean's List by earning at least a 3.5 cumulative grade point average on a 4.0 scale. Students must be enrolled in at least 12 credit hours of coursework during the semester to qualify.

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Town honors Becky Dubbert



COURTESY PHOTO

A red bench was dedicated to the memory of long-time CNCC employee Becky Dubbert on Monday. Dubbert passed away at the age of 52 earlier this year. During her 29 year tenure, Dubbert served as executive assistant to the president of CNCC, public information officer and special events coordinator. Dubbert's son, Jake, and husband, Jeff, (both seated)

By JEN HILL
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RANGELY | This week Colorado Northwestern Community College honored the life and contributions of long time employee Becky Dubbert by dedicating a bench on the Rangely campus in her honor.

Dubbert, who passed away earlier this year at the age of 52, worked for the college for 29 years serving as executive assistant to the president, public information officer, and special events coordinator.

CNCC President Ron Granger spoke at the dedication ceremony expressing appreciation for all Dubbert did for both the college and the entire Rangely community. CNCC Foundation Board member Sam Tolley also spoke saying, "Becky was synonymous with CNCC. We started missing her the first day she wasn't here and will be missing her for a long time."

Becky's husband, Jeff Dubbert, addressed those gathered, thanking them for their support and saying that Becky loved CNCC and working with the people there.

The bench was painted Spartan red to commemorate Dubbert's love for CNCC.

In addition the CNCC Foundation Board has created a scholarship in Becky's name.

On Saturday, 62 community members expressed support for Dubbert and her struggle with multiple sclerosis (MS) with the first annual Becky's Walk. Proceeds from the event benefited the Multiple Sclerosis Foundation.

The MS Foundation estimates that around 400,000 people in the United States are living with MS and approximately 200 new patients are diagnosed with MS each week. Female MS patients outnumber men three to one.

WHAT IS MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS?

MS is a chronic neurological condition that affects the central nervous system, which is comprised of the brain and spinal cord. In the CNS, nerve fibers (called axons) are protected by a fatty layer of insulation called myelin. Myelin allows nerve signals to travel properly. In MS, overactive immune cells cause inflammation, which damages the myelin. This results in a loss of myelin – called demyelination – and some degree of axonal damage. Wherever the myelin is destroyed, a damaged area of white matter known as a lesion (or plaque) will occur. Over time, hardened scar tissue develops at the lesion site. This hardened scar tissue, or sclerosis, may develop at multiple sites throughout the CNS, hence the name multiple sclerosis. This scarring disrupts the transmission of nerve signals that communicate a desired action from the brain, through the spinal cord, to various parts of the body.

A SIMPLE ILLUSTRATION

Imagine this: you disconnect your cell phone from its charger as you get ready for a busy day. But even though it has been connected all night, you notice the battery is only partially charged. You look at the cord and notice a spot where the insulation has been stripped away and the wires inside are exposed. Because the path by which the current travels is damaged, not all of the electricity sent from the outlet reached its target, your phone.

This analogy is helpful in understanding MS. When signals from the brain travel along nerves where the insulation has been damaged or lost, those signals may be interrupted or distorted, producing the many symptoms associated with MS.

Source: Multiple Sclerosis Foundation

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Pioneers Healthcare Foundation is a 501c3 organization focused on enhancing access to local healthcare services for the residents of Meeker and the surrounding areas



RHS GRADUATION

■ COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

Sunday, May 20, 2 p.m.
Rangely Junior/Senior High School
234 South Jones Avenue
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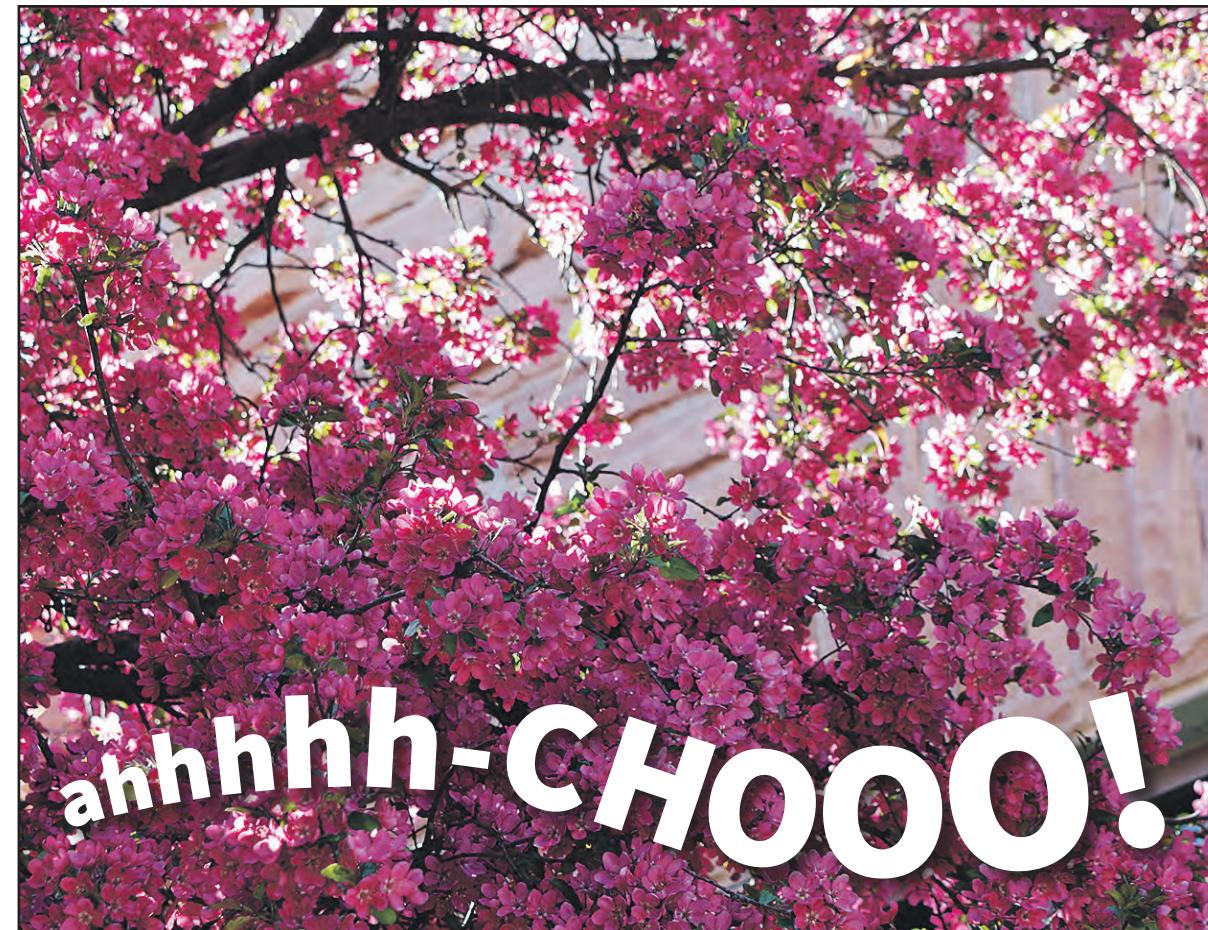
■ BACCALAUREATE

Thursday, May 24, 6:30 p.m. MHS Auditorium

■ COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

Saturday, May 26, 10 a.m.
Starbuck Stadium
550 School Street
Meeker, Colo.

See next week's edition for the MHS Class of 2018



Sneezing, sniffing, sore throat and snot? According to www.pollen.com, the allergy index in our area is medium-high to high, and projected to go higher next week. The biggest pollen culprits right now? Trees, particularly juniper, elm and maple (box elder trees are in the maple family).

CAITLIN WALKER PHOTO

NEWS BRIEFS

Community 6K for water event May 19

MEEKER | A community 6K for Water event will take place May 19 and is sponsored by Meeker United Methodist Church. Register today online at 6kMeekerUMC.org. Each registration of \$50 brings clean water to one person in need! Everyone is invited to register and join the walk at Sanderson Park at 9 a.m. on Saturday, May 19. You may also sponsor someone to walk. Call 878-5904 for more information.

Community networking group May 22

RANGELY | The next Community Networking Group meeting is Tuesday, May 22 in the Weiss Conference Room from 12-1:30 p.m. We will be hearing from the Rangely Outdoor Museum, Rangely Automotive Museum and the TANK on their summer season, events and updates. We will be serving lunch at noon. Please feel free to share this information with anyone else you think might be interested in attending. Please RSVP to Keely by Monday, May 21, if you plan to attend.

Third annual Visit Rangely Day May 24

RANGELY | The third annual Visit Rangely Day will be Thursday, May 24 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Visit the rock art sites, The Tank, the Rangely Outdoor Museum, the Rangely Automotive Museum and lunch and learn with Andrea at Miles Media.

Wild Bunch Grand Opening May 25

RANGELY | The grand opening celebration for the Wild Bunch Consortium will be Friday, May 25 with a ribbon cutting at noon at 258 E. Main St. in Rangely. Hot dogs and snacks will be provided. The business opened April 2 and offers accounting, adventure photography, bike repair, stand-up paddle board and mountain bike rentals, shuttle services, small engine repair, and retail for outdoor enthusiasts.

CORRECTIONS

RANGELY | In the April 26 edition of the Herald Times coverage of the Rangely Town Council meeting referred to Councilman Matt Billgren's discussion of an Energy and Environment Symposium and stated, "He said there have been 11,000 permit jobs lost in Rio Blanco since the economic downturn..." A typo was made; the number should read 1,100 permanent jobs lost in Rio Blanco since 2010. We regret the error.

RBC | In the May 3 edition of the Herald Times an article about the Wolf Creek Reservoir Project incorrectly presented the projected costs of construction for the off channel Dam Project. The 20,000 acre foot reservoir's estimated construction cost is \$71.1 million and the 90,000 acre foot reservoir's estimated cost is \$127.7 million. These costs include a pump station but not a gravity fill option. We regret the error.

MEEKER | In last week's MHS awards ceremony article Tannen Kennedy was listed as a senior. He's actually a junior, scheduled to graduate in 2019. We regret the error.

MEEKER | In last week's wrestling referee cutline, we inadvertently omitted the last name of Brandon Grasmick. We regret the error.

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EDITOR'S COLUMN...

Pollen stole my muse

By NIKI TURNER

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"Too often, we judge other groups by their worst examples—while judging ourselves by our best intentions. And this has strained our bonds of understanding and common purpose."

~ George W. Bush

Judging others by a different standard than we judge ourselves is how hypocrisy is born.

I think about the elected and appointed officials who take office espousing a particular ideology or purpose, only to turn around and do exactly the same thing they complained about in their campaigns. Or the preachers who berate sexual sin only to get caught in their own (literal) beds of iniquity. Or the self-righteous adults who point fingers at the foolish actions of the younger generation while forgetting all the dumb, reckless things they did in their own youth.

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Point in fact: the vitriolic reaction to the sentencing of the young man who shot the buck in town last fall. Was it a horrible thing to do? Yes. Was it a dumb move? No question. Was it reckless? Yes. Was it foolish? Absolutely.

Does he deserve to go to prison for it? Some have said they believe that would be appropriate. I think that's (no pun intended) overkill.

From what I understand in this particular instance, the young man was at a party and did something stupid, without thinking about the possible consequences.

If you can look back at your youth and say you never did anything stupid you've since regretted, you're either lying or you've lost your memory. Most of us just didn't get caught. That doesn't make it right. Would a prison term have made us better people? Probably not.

Given the fact America incarcerates more of its own citizens than any other nation in the world, I'd venture to say the "toss 'em in the clink" mindset has been less effective for preventing bad behavior than we like to imagine.

As someone has said, whenever we're pointing a finger at someone else, there are three pointing right back at us.

I'm loaded up on allergy meds and have been since the trees in my yard bloomed last Friday, so my inspiration level is at an all time low this week. For all the rest of you who are also being attacked by plant pollen, I feel your pain.

Congratulations to the Rangely High School Class of 2018. Whatever you decide to do, wherever the future takes you, stay true to yourselves.

GUEST COLUMN: HEALTH & WELLNESS

There's no good reason for underage drinking

By JULIE DRAKE

RBC Director of Public Health

RBC I Parenting is hard. It's confusing and downright exhausting sometimes. Especially the job of cutting the apron strings and allowing teens to try things on their own, allowing them to fail and encouraging them to learn. We all have different approaches and I try to be understanding of all.

However, there is one I adamantly disagree with. It is the prevalent parenting notion that "teens are going to do it anyway, and so I'd rather be with them to keep them safe." Superficially it sounds good, but far too often it is used in the context of illegal activities.

This came up recently in regards to underage teens drinking alcohol in order to celebrate and promote "fun." Sure, some teens do engage in underage drinking and unless you crawled out from under a rock yesterday, you know drinking and driving is a deadly combination. No reasonable person would want a teen cracking open a beer while shifting into high gear on the road to a friend's house. So some jump to the faulty conclusion "I know teens are going to drink anyway, so I would rather them drink safely so no one gets hurt."

It doesn't sound as sensible does it?

How about changing the word "drink" to one of

these words: buy tobacco, habitually break speed limits, or poach a deer.

The argument still doesn't stand up.

Come on grown-ups, let's start showing our teens how to have fun without alcohol being involved! Let's show them we can stop drinking even though our "friends" are buying us rounds or gifting us booze. Let's start by showing kids that the ability to "drink someone under the table" is not something to brag about—but rather something to be ashamed of.

Can't we raise money for a good cause without alcohol being the primary draw? Start telling and showing our kids it's okay to sing

karaoke loudly, dance like no one is watching, tell wild stories and voice our real opinions without alcohol being the crutch that takes our inhibitions away. Let's show kids that great achievements don't have to be celebrated with a stumble drunk, public display of stupidity. I

can't think of one mental state (even stress) that is solved with alcohol consumption, or a relationship made better with chronic drinking. As a matter of fact, I can't think of one thing alcohol helps a teen (or anyone else) achieve at their highest potential.

Start now talking with your teens openly about alcohol and the problems that overuse can cause. I am sure the DA's office, our local law enforcement, domestic violence shelters and marriage counselors will appreciate the help.

(Oh, by the way, before anyone jumps to another faulty conclusion, I am not recommending "prohibition", a quick glance into history shows how well that experiment went. Education, modeling good decisions and creating alternatives—that is my stump!)

Julie Drake is the Director of Public Health for Rio Blanco County

MILLENNIAL MUSINGS

Dare to be different

By CAITLIN WALKER

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RBC I Our society runs on appearances. Follow the yellow brick road of conformity to a magical land of acceptance, and your life will be gumdrops and lollipops.

Cue the flying monkeys. Whether it's a specific body weight or shape, a set of interests, religious beliefs or how we wear our hair, each aspect of who we are is judged "acceptable" or "unacceptable" by everyone we come in contact with (and every single one of them has a differing definition of those terms.)

Borrowing my four year old's favorite phrase, it's "crazy pants."

There's no way to win, but boy,

do we ever try. At a very early age, most of us relinquish free thinking and individuality for the illusion of acceptance. It's so much easier than swimming upstream against society's expectations.

Imagine a world without rebels, though—Galileo, Einstein, the Wright brothers, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Rosa Parks and millions of others who didn't make the history books. All broke the molds society created for them, all were ridiculed, and all persisted, changing their future, our present, for the better.

We tend to laud these brave men and women and go right back to stuffing everyone from ourselves to the delivery guy into suffocating societal molds.

Sometimes, with all that squishing and squashing, the mold cracks, and we panic, taking up the weapon of judgment to defend our precious preconceptions. We cut ourselves and others down to size through ridicule, mockery, and disparagement. Eventually all that's left is Monty Python's armless, legless "Tis but a flesh wound!" Black Knight, pouring individuality from a plethora of wounds.

I don't want to live in a world of mortally wounded souls, do you? It's like choosing to live in a puddle when there's a whole ocean in front of you. If we are all mutilated to fit society's arbitrary definition of who we should be, we'll never grow, and our individuality will eventually stagnate and die, taking with it the unique spark we all bring to this world.

Of course, there will always be those who are too weak to see past their own bias. They, too have a place in society—a harbinger of the shriveled existence you'll lead if you choose to cut others down.

If, however, you'd rather swim freely in an ocean of amazing and beautiful and mind-boggling things, look past your preconceptions. Appreciate the rebels, the free thinkers, the mold breakers. Better yet?

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Alva R. Wear

Alva R. Wear died on May 6, 2018, at Larchwood Inn's in Grand Junction, Colo.

He was born to George and Bessie (Maudlin) Wear June 14, 1921,

at a ranch west of Maybell,

Colo. Al grew up in the Meeker area and attended Meeker public schools, graduating with the class of 1939.

Following high school, he attended two years of college at Ventura, Calif. In 1942 he was drafted into the United States Army during World War II, serving for three and a half years, mainly in the European Theatre. He returned to Meeker where he wheat farmed, worked on ranches, and various jobs for 18 years. He enjoyed horseback riding, hunting and fishing. He was then employed with Greeley Gas Co. for 22 years, helping convert the town from coal and propane to natural gas.

Al enjoyed the musical profession and was an accomplished musician, having played trumpet for dances and other functions for

Military Honors will be held at Highland Cemetery in Meeker, Colo., on Friday, June 1, at 1 p.m. with a light reception to follow at Kilowatt Korner.

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Kim Brown
Meeker

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Brown thanks voters

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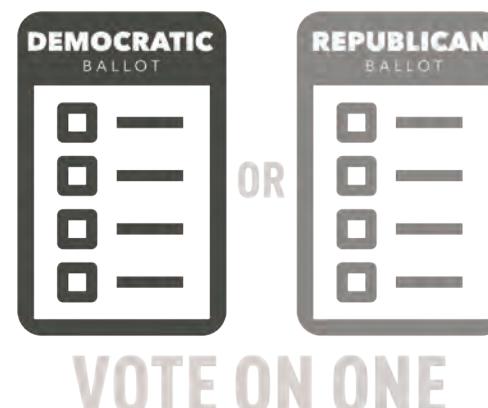
RBC Thanks to Proposition 108, unaffiliated, active voters can participate in the Colorado primary election for the first time this year. According to voter registration statistics from the Colorado Secretary of State's office, there are 819 active unaffiliated voters in Rio Blanco County as of May 1. Those votes could make a difference in contested elections where all candidates are in one party.

If you don't update your voter registration with a party preference prior to May 29, you

will receive Primary Election ballots for both the Democratic and Republican parties in the mail in June. If you only want to receive one ballot, you can update your preference at <http://www.sos.state.co.us/pubs/elections/chooseU/choiceHappens.html>

When you receive your ballot(s), choose one: Republican or Democrat. Cast your vote and return the ballot.

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Don't lose sight of Diabetic Eye Disease

Information for people at risk

1

What is diabetic eye disease?
It is a group of eye problems that people with diabetes may get. All of these eye problems can lead to vision loss or blindness. Here are some of these eye problems:

- **Diabetic retinopathy**—Causes harm to the blood vessels in the retina. The retina is the layer of tissue in the back of the eye that is sensitive to light.
- **Cataract**—Causes your eye lens to get cloudy.
- **Glucoma**—Causes damage to the optic nerve that can lead to vision loss.

2

Who is most likely to get diabetic eye disease?

Anyone with diabetes can get this disease. The longer someone has diabetes, the more likely they are to get diabetic eye disease.

3

Which diabetic eye disease do most people get?

Diabetic retinopathy is a leading cause of blindness in people with diabetes. This disease happens when blood vessels in the retina get weak and leak fluid. It also happens when new blood vessels grow on the surface of the retina. As the new blood vessels grow on the surface of the retina, they can bleed into the eye and block vision.

4

What are the symptoms of diabetic retinopathy?

In the early stages of the disease, many times there are no symptoms or pain. As some blood vessels get weak and leak fluid or bleed, vision may start to blur.



5 How do you know if you have it?

An eye care professional can tell if you have diabetic retinopathy by giving you a comprehensive dilated eye exam. During the exam, drops are placed in your eyes to widen, or dilate, the pupils. Then a special lens is used to look at the retina for damage to blood vessels. After the exam, your vision may be blurry for a period of hours.

6

How is diabetic retinopathy treated?

Laser eye surgery can close or shrink the new abnormal blood vessels that can leak blood into the eye and cause vision loss. It can also slow or stop the fluid leakage from retina vessels that can cause vision loss. Newer treatments include injections of drugs into the eye to prevent this leakage and this often leads to improved vision.



7

Can it be prevented?
People with diabetes can dramatically slow or prevent the development of this eye disease by keeping their blood sugar, blood pressure, and blood cholesterol under control and having regular eye exams to check on the eye disease.

8

What are some other common eye diseases?
Cataract and glaucoma are other eye diseases that are more common in people with diabetes. They are two times more likely to get cataract and glaucoma than someone without diabetes. Cataract can be treated with surgery. Glaucoma can be treated with both surgery and medicines.

9

What can you do to protect your vision?
All people with diabetes should keep control of their blood sugar, blood pressure, and blood cholesterol while continuing to have a comprehensive dilated eye exam at least once a year. Women with diabetes who are pregnant should see their eye care professional as soon as possible and all through their pregnancy.

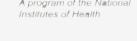
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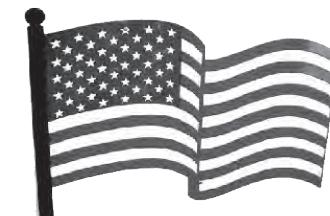
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What Does It Mean to be a Christian? (3)

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

And the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch. (Acts 11:26)



■ Dr. J.D.
Watson

WHILE the definition of "Christian" is more and more blurred in our day, Scripture is not one bit ambiguous about it. Being a Christian not only *commences* with reception of the Cross and creates transformed character, but the final two principles are given special attention, for they are the two greatest evidences of true conversion to Christ.

Third, being a Christian continues with obedience to Christ. Decades before the so-called "Lordship Salvation" debate exploded into a firestorm, A. W. Tozer pointedly condemned "the widely-accepted concept that we humans can choose to accept Christ only because we need Him as Saviour and that we have the right to postpone our obedience to Him as Lord as long as we want to." Tozer rightly pointed out that we cannot divide or ignore the offices Christ holds and then drove home the clear Bible teaching: "The truth is that salvation apart from obedience is unknown in the sacred scriptures."

That truth, in fact, simply could not be more clearly stated than did our Lord Himself: "If ye love me, keep my commandments. . . If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him. He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings" (Jn. 14:15, 23, 24). God simply does not live in the person who habitually does not obey His Word. A true love for Christ immediately and fundamentally creates a desire to obey His Word. It is part of the transformation that occurs at conversion.

The Apostle John picked up on that truth and, therefore, wrote his first epistle as a test of true conversion. On this very point, he wrote: "And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep

his commandments. He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him" (1 Jn. 2:3-5). So, no one "know[s]" Christ or is "in Christ" who does not keep His Word. Period. In fact, to say we know Christ but do not obey Him makes us a liar. Obedience is an "acid test" of genuine salvation. "There is no true knowledge of God and Christ" in such a mere professor of Christ, wrote John Gill (Charles Spurgeon's predecessor in London); "nor is the truth of the *Gospel* in his heart, however it may be in his head; nor is the truth of *grace* in him, for each of these lead persons to obedience."

Now, does this mean that we will keep God's Word perfectly? Of course not. We all grow at different rates and will have different struggles. What it does mean, however, is that our *inclination* is toward His Word and our *intention* is to obey it. "A world of confusion and disappointment results from trying to believe without obeying," Tozer wrote. "This puts us in the position of a bird trying to fly with one wing folded. We merely flap in a circle."

Scriptures for Study: What do these Old Testament verses add to our study: Psalm 119:4, 146; Proverbs 8:32; Ezekiel 36:27?

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

COUNTY BEAT



DEPUTY ACCEPTED TO FBI ACADEMY

Rio Blanco County Sheriff's Deputy Lt. Jeremy Muxlow has been accepted to the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Va., for a 10-week training program this summer. He'll be the first RBC law enforcement officer to attend the program since the 1970s, when former Sheriff Bob Kracht went. One of the requirements for someone to attend is that they had to be a rank of lieutenant or higher in order to attend.

According to the National Academy website, Muxlow will have the opportunity to take classes in "law, behavioral science, forensic science, understanding terrorism/terrorist mindsets, leadership, communication, and health/fitness." The final test of the fitness challenge, called "The Yellow Brick Road" is a 6.1 mile obstacle course built by the Marines.

"I'm pretty honored and humbled to get the official nomination from the sheriff," Muxlow told the county commissioners Monday. "I've wanted to do this since I started in law enforcement."

SELL PRESENTS FACILITY NEEDS PLAN

Meeker School District Superintendent Chris Selle has been visiting "as many community groups as possible to get accurate information to them" in regard to facility needs facing the district, specifically the bus garage and the high school. He also gave the same presentation to the Meeker Town Board of Trustees Tuesday.

Selle said he would be presenting the district's grant proposal for a BEST (Building Excellent Schools Today) grant in Denver on Thursday. If awarded in full, the grant would fund a maximum of 38 percent—about \$19.5 million—of the total cost. A bond measure of \$31.62 million would be required for the other 62 percent of the project.

"We should know by Thursday afternoon if we're on the short list [for the BEST grant]," Selle said, adding, "Whether we get a grant or not, the facilities issues are still there."

Security issues top the list of concerns for the high school, which has 39 exterior doors. By way of comparison, the elementary school, built according to safety specs created after the Columbine shooting, has 14 exterior entrances.

The district will hold one more open house and facility tour on June 7 at 6 p.m.

BROADBAND COUNTING CONCERN

Local Access Internet (LAI) owners Dale Smith and Joy Clymer expressed concerns about their contract with the county, stating the contract's limitations on what they are allowed to charge has caused them to lose business to Spectrum.

LAI pays the county a set wholesale rate for each internet account they service. The county also expressed concerns, via an official notice of violation, in the calculation of payments to the county from LAI, giving LAI a limited time to clear up missing accounts that are using the county's infrastructure but not being billed, and customers within the fiber network "footprint" who are accessing the network wirelessly.

The county can check bandwidth usage for every internet user on the fiber network, and can shut down service for IP addresses that don't appear on the county's records. The county's concern? Addresses receiving internet service without payment going back to the county. Addresses, for example, where multiple customers are accessing the fiber network and the county is only receiving payment for one customer. The county receives \$30 of \$55 on the 100 Mbps package and \$40 on the 1GB (gig) package.

SUPPORT FOR CNCC PRESIDENT

The commissioners approved a letter of support for Colorado Northwestern Community College President Ron Granger, who has been the subject of criticism from the mayor of Craig, Craig campus staff and the Moffat County Affiliated Junior College District Board of Control.

The commissioner's letter, directed to Colorado Community College President Nancy McCallum, states in part, "In our opinion, President Granger is providing outstanding leadership and vision for CNCC. Under his leadership there has been an expansion of programs, development of new offerings for students and community members, and greater community engagement, then we have seen in the past. President Granger is deeply involved in community and economic development initiatives. This is of utmost importance to Rio Blanco County as CNCC is one of the largest employers in Rio Blanco County and provides a significant economic impact in the Northwest region of Colorado."

OTHER BUSINESS:

Agreed to continue the discussion of amendments to the county's impact fees until June 11, and moved to maintain the current moratorium. The proposed amendment would end the county's impact fees, which provide funding for things like repair and maintenance for roads impacted by energy and gas production, in an effort to attract production back to the county.

Impact fees haven't been imposed on energy companies since a moratorium was established in 2015.



What a great way to kick off the 4-H Horse Judging season with a Second High Team Overall finish at the Arapahoe County Contest and High Individual Overall honors going to our own, Deanna Wood. Deanna was 1st in Reasons, 2nd in Performance and 3rd in Halter. Leah Wood (High Individual 2017) was 1st in Halter, 2nd in Performance, 2nd in Reasons and 3rd Overall. First-years Andrew Spieth and Gracee Gardner were 8th and 9th in all 3 categories and Overall, respectively. This is Rio Blanco County's first FULL Junior team and we couldn't be more proud of the strides they've gained and the effort they've given!

As a team, they were Second Overall in each category, with only a 1pt difference in Reasons. Please encourage these young (and very young!) individuals to keep up the excellent work as they are proving to be competitors.

Special thanks to Karl Casias for sponsoring \$50.00 towards team entries into the Colorado State University Equine Center in June. Interested in sponsorship? Please contact any of the team members or coach, Silvia Smith (720)-837-4459 or sotabach@gmail.com.

4H Livestock Judging Team ...



The RBC Livestock Judging Team had a good day at the Routt County Livestock Judging Contest in Hayden, Colo., on May 12. Matthew Willey, Tatumn Kennedy, Macy Collins, Marryn Shults and Hayden Shults.

COURTESY PHOTO

Citizen group presents at algae meeting

By REED KELLEY
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RBC I More than forty people, including quite a few faces new to the algae issue, gathered at the Fairfield Center May 2 for two hours, listening to "updates and discussions on everything White River algae related." White River and Douglas Creek Conservation Districts are under contract with the county to manage action on the algae issue. Their executive director, Callie Hendrickson, facilitated the session, pointing out that, "This river is the heart of our county."

Hendrickson reviewed the Technical Advisory Group's (TAG) mission, process and progress in "ascertaining what is driving the algae growth in the White River [in order to] improve the overall health of the watershed." The 15-member, multi-agency TAG recommended a plan of action for the U.S. Geological Survey to lead in compiling existing information and conducting of new research. Ken Leib, the Western Colorado Water Science Center office chief in Grand Junction, made this first full public presentation of the

scope of work that USGS is embarking upon.

USGS itself is putting forth 35 percent, approximately \$39,000, of the funding for this next year's work which has already started. The entire work plan is for three years of research and one year of data review and reporting. Annual reports will also be made.

Leib reported that the Survey will be looking at previous algae-related work done on the White and other places such as on the Clackamas River in Oregon. Colorado Parks and Wildlife's Mindy May, a freshwater biologist, gave a new presentation remotely from the Front Range. May is a member of the TAG. Her new report put more emphasis on concern and interest in the macro-invertebrate (larger instream insect) populations in the White, advising that there seems to be a steep drop off in diversity and population numbers coming downstream. The USGS study does not particularly focus on this question. There is a belief that macroinvertebrates and smaller invertebrates are significant grazers on algae and the loss of their numbers in the system

could allow blooming algae growth.

At the last TAG meeting in March, local outfitter Shawn Welder reported that a citizens' group, calling themselves the White River Alliance, had formed. He's currently the chair and he presented a letter from the group. The letter described the organization as wanting to be all inclusive of folks concerned about the river and emphasized the need to look at historical information on the White River and to be proactive in the pursuit of actions intended to improve the health of the river.

Hendrickson had asked Welder to give a presentation on what the group was up to at the May 2 meeting. Welder did so, indicating the group's intention was to use a community-based approach in moving forward with promoting improved management practices. He reported that members of the group have been spending time "in the river," looking, for example, at the macroinvertebrate populations and finding that there are robust and healthy insect, "fish food" populations, above where aerial spraying for insects has occurred as well as intensive agri-

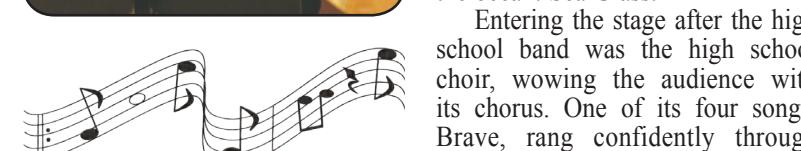
cultural uses, fertilizers, fish feeding and river manipulation activities have happened.

Welder said the group is urging that consideration be given to discontinuing the aerial spraying of the chemicals malathion and permethrin which have been used in recent years, perhaps looking at the alternative of using the Bti, a bacterium effective as a larvicide for mosquitoes.

"We're comparing our experiences here," he said, "with those of the Gunnison River Basin's where they have banned the use of these chemicals to the great improvement of river health. We also want to push for the consideration of improved management practices involving instream and pond manipulations, fish stocking, sediment transport and nutrient load, feed stations and the need for riverbank vegetation. We believe there's enough information at hand to do some things now."

Anyone interested in being a part of the White River Alliance can contact Welder at 970-314-5923 or packtrip@cmn.net. Regarding the USGS work, Leib can be contacted at 970-628-7150 or kjleib@usgs.gov.

Rangely band and choir concerts a success



Special to the Herald Times

RANGELY I Monday, May 14 the Rangely Junior and Senior High School bands and choir treated the community to a fun, beautiful concert in the auditorium. Under the direction of Carol Morton, the music kept the audience on the edge of their seats, wanting more after each song.

The young and talented sixth grade band started the evening with four songs, ending in the Raiders March reminding the audience of Indiana Jones and his cracking whip. The high school band was next on stage, performing two songs, the first song being worthy of any voyager on the ocean: Sea Glass.

Entering the stage after the high school band was the high school choir, wowing the audience with its chorus. One of its four songs, Brave, rang confidently through the auditorium, lifting the hearts of

anyone hearing. The choir ended its performance with a beautiful rendition of He Never Failed Me Yet.

Following the choir, the seventh and eighth grade bands performed two songs, leaving many in attendance in awe of their performance of Black Forest Overture. The high school band joined the seventh/eighth graders to perform an exciting IronHeart.

Carol Morton was able to bring in guest musician Matthew Hudgens of Grand Junction. Hudgens is a traveling oboe player who was recently accepted into The Juilliard School, one of the most prestigious music schools in America. Hudgens gave a brief demonstration with both a modern oboe and a classical oboe. After his demonstration, Hudgens and a few community members joined the combined bands in a wonderful version of Celtic Ritual, ending the evening on a fantastic note.





Homegrown entrepreneurs: Katelyn Carlson

By JEN HILL
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RANGELY I The long-term survival of any small town often hinges on the desire of young people who were raised in the community choosing to either return to or stay in their town, finding a way to make a living and contribute to the community. Over the next few weeks the Herald Times will spotlight a few young entrepreneurs who have opted to do just that, building their lives and businesses and developing their passions in their own local hometowns.

Katelyn Carlson - Owner, Country Bandit K-9 Services

Katelyn Carlson, 23, graduated from Rangely High School in 2012 without a clear idea of just what she wanted to do. She did, however, know that she loved animals and eventually, following the tragic loss of her dog Bandit, turned that passion into a business right here in Rangely.

Q: What did you do after high school?

A: After high school I worked for the school district as a custodian/maintenance person. During that time I also went to school at the Animal Behavior Institute to become a certified dog trainer, dog behaviorist and dog nutritionist. After a couple of years working and going to school, I saw that PetCo in Vernal was hiring a dog groomer apprentice, and I decided it was time to follow my passion for animals. I applied for the position and ended up getting it. After working at PetCo for a year I became a certified dog groomer. Then after about three years there I decided it was time to give back to my community and open a business in Rangely.

Q: Did you know at the time you would want to return to your hometown?

A: At the time I really didn't know if Rangely was the right place for me. I was young and just wanted to fly the coop you could say. But in the end, I knew Rangely was my home and I would always come back.

Q: Tell me about your business

A: Country Bandit isn't just a grooming service but also a dog training service. I am hoping to eventually sell dog food and leashes and much more. I want to be able to help all dogs put their best paw forward.

The Bandit part of my business name means the most to me. This part of the name is from my old Shetland Sheep Dog, Bandit, who died in 2016.

Q: What keeps you here now?

A: My family, friends and my amazing business and clientele. This business wouldn't be running without my amazing customers and their dogs.

Q: What is the biggest challenge to starting a business here?

A: The biggest challenge when I opened my business, and still somewhat to this day, is the financial aspect of getting started.

Q: What's your vision for economic development? What do you think the town/county can do to bring young people in?

A: Something I think that could help keep younger kids here is to show them that there are people out there that will help them with questions they have about small business. I didn't know that there are places in town that will help point you in the right direction for starting your business, such as the Small Business Development Center, until after I had opened. That would have been nice and made it so much easier to understand what I was doing.



Prescribed burn serves dual purpose

By DOC WATSON
Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER I In a joint effort of the U.S. Forest Service and other agencies, there was a "prescribed burn" of some 500-plus acres in the Miller Creek area on May 9, utilizing state-of-the-art equipment, for the two-fold purpose of minimizing fuel in the event of a wildland fire as well as big game enhancement.

In contrast to the term "controlled burn," which is used for burns on county and private land, this was a "prescribed burn," an incredibly complex procedure in planning and execution that is designed to "heal the landscape," said Lynn Lockwood, public information officer for the Forest Service.

Lockwood explained that a prescribed burn "only occurs within certain parameters. That's part of the reason it's wait, wait, wait, go! They have to have everything just the way they want it—the right relative humidity, the right fuel conditions, the right weather—and they will only ignite when all those factors align." Other factors include wind, moisture of the vegetation and even conditions for the dispersal of smoke.

Lathan Johnson—the "Burn Boss"—with 12 years experience in that position, detailed more about the 21-element "burn plan" that is followed for any burn on federal land. It covers not only the above, but also how many resources are on site—such as how many engines there are, how many people they have and communications—as well as contingency plans and much more. The burn plan for this burn filled about 50 pages.

This detailed preparation, in fact, was a recurring theme in interviews. It's not like someone just lights a match and watches it all burn. On the contrary, the planning and preparation for this one burn actually took years. Such planning also virtually eliminates unforeseen events and unexpected outcomes.

It also "takes a lot of money," said Curtis Keetch, district ranger for the Forest Service and overall agency administrator for this burn. "We rely a lot on partnerships. Colorado Parks and Wildlife has been phenomenal...one of their programs is the Colorado Habitat Partnership Program," which is funded by the habitat stamps on hunting and fishing licenses. Funding also comes from the Mule Deer Initiative.

Without these partnerships, the job simply could not be done. This one burn will cost between \$50,000 and \$100,000. While that sounds expensive, "The same size wildland fire would cost more than \$1,000,000 and that's just fire suppression," said Keetch.

That is one reason why such burns are so important. They greatly reduce fuel that could later

feed a wildland fire, potentially endangering people and property. "We are just eating up these fuels in a more controlled setting than a wildland fire in July," he said. Such burns also have less of an impact on the soil and this early in the season encourage growth of new vegetation.

Lockwood interjected encouragement about safety during the upcoming holiday weekend. The importance of properly extinguishing campfires and taking other precautions cannot be overemphasized. With the lack of snow this past winter, we could be looking "a very active fire season," Keetch added.

Another reason for prescribed burns is big game enhancement. This burn will "reduce the impact of big game on private land," Keetch said.

"Treating this (with a burn) and getting new, fresh grass to come up will help hold deer and elk on (public) land a lot longer" and thereby help land owners.

One of the unique pieces of equipment on site was the Terra Torch, a compact 50 gallon ground ignition system for lighting fires. It ignites a mixture of gasoline, diesel and two gelling agents and shoots a stream of fire about 50 feet.

The other cutting edge technology was the PSD (Plastic Sphere Dispenser) aerial ignition device mounted in a helicopter. As explained and demonstrated by Rita Clipperton, assistant supervisor on the Helitack crew, thousands of small plastic balls containing potassium permanganate are injected with glycol before being dropped. The exothermic reaction creates a sustained flame for about ten seconds, which ignites ground fuels. (Left) The Terra Torch, a compact 50 gallon ground ignition system for lighting fires, ignites a mixture of gasoline, diesel and two gelling agents and shoots a stream of fire about 50 feet.

Use of this technology is an enormous advantage. "For bang for your buck, for how fast and efficient you can get it done, compared to having people in there dragging torches all over the slope and how long that takes and hazardous it is," the expense is more than justified, Clipperton said.

While fire is a destructive force, one we all instinctively fear, a prescribed burn such as this one demonstrates that when properly planned and managed, it is no longer a liability but an asset.

Lockwood's summation says it best: "These burns are all about planning, partners, and benefits."



DOC WATSON PHOTO (LEFT) COURTESY PHOTO (ABOVE)
(Above) With the PSD (Plastic Sphere Dispenser) aerial ignition device mounted in a helicopter, thousands of small plastic balls containing potassium permanganate are injected with glycol before being dropped. The exothermic reaction creates a sustained flame for about ten seconds, which ignites ground fuels. (Left) The Terra Torch, a compact 50 gallon ground ignition system for lighting fires, ignites a mixture of gasoline, diesel and two gelling agents and shoots a stream of fire about 50 feet.



Meeker FFCLA attends state conference



MHS Spring Art Show winners

Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER I The Meeker High School Spring Art Show was on display last week at the Meeker Elementary library. More than 300 pieces of work were on display and the show was judged by Miranda Ziegler, Outreach Ambassador for the Rocky Mountain College of Art and Design. "I enjoyed not only meeting these talented, emerging artists in person, but seeing their

artwork wonderfully displayed. They are such wonderful emerging artists! The show illustrated the very best of Meeker High School's creativity, dedication to the arts, and strong sense of community," Ziegler commented.

A variety of mediums were on display including drawing, painting, sculpture, life-size "plastic people," printmaking and ceramics. Zach Clatterbaugh's high school woodworking class also displayed items at the show.



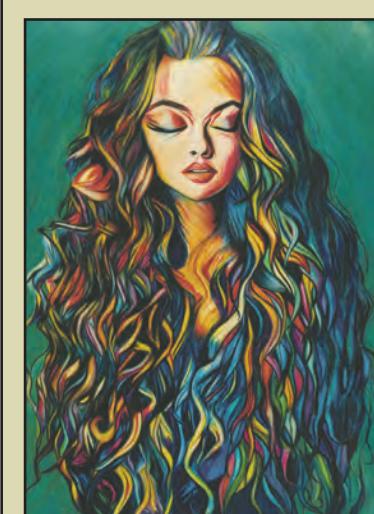
GRAND CHAMPION/BEST OF SHOW
Senior Christopher Strate - 'Fafnir' ceramic sculpture



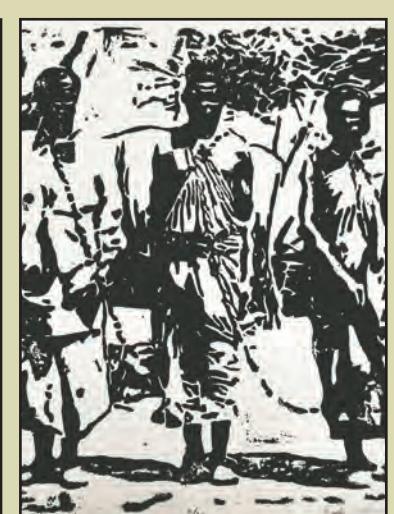
FIRST PLACE
Freshman Cori Mohr - 'Flower, Black and White' linoleum block print



FIRST PLACE
Sophomore Laura Lema Gomez - 'Batman' ceramic sculpture



FIRST PLACE
Junior Krissie Luce - 'Radiant Beauty' Prismacolor on paper



FIRST PLACE
Senior Kiyoko Thelen - 'Our Shameful Past' linoleum block print

2017-2018 Colorado State President, as well as a great opening session where attendees got to meet the current state officers, state officer candidates, and special guests and discovered important personal lessons from the tall tales we all know and love. Attendees were excited to hear from the keynote speaker, Jessie Funk.

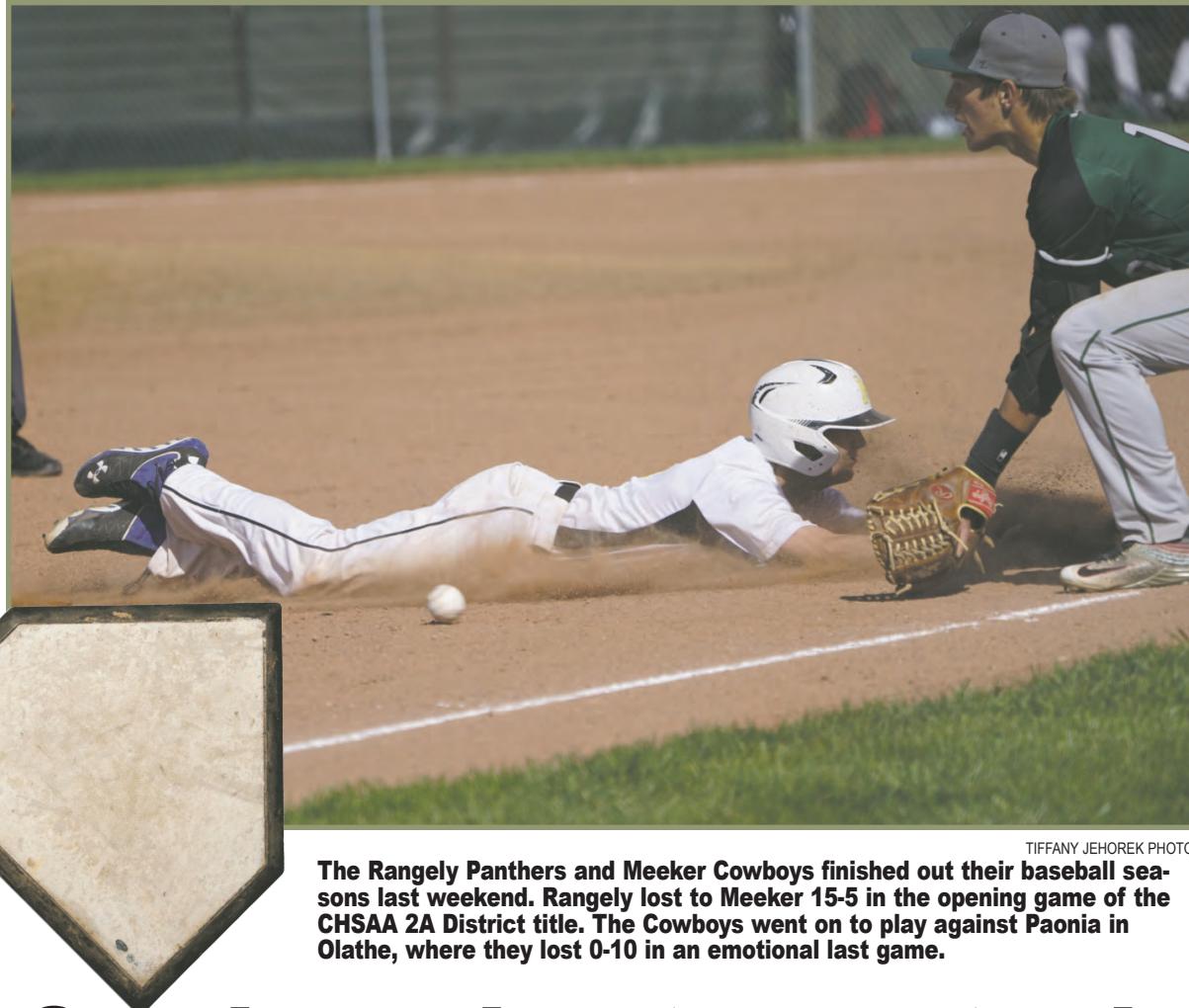
"Her message was life changing, motivational and encouraging. I'm going to start a group to help spread that message," said Jacob Slone.

On Friday, all the hard work the Meeker chapter put into competitive events paid off on competition day. Students competed in 45 events including leadership, nutrition and wellness, career investigation, job interview, entrepreneurship, illustration, talk and recycle and redesign.

Awards for their achievements were given Saturday and every Meeker High School competitor received a medal. Three students took first or second place to earn a place to compete at nationals. Looking ahead to the next FCCLA opportunity, winners are able to attend the National Leadership Conference in Atlanta, Ga., June 28-July 2. Meeker High School FCCLA is ready to continue its FCCLA journey with the ultimate leadership experience.

Thursday, students experienced the World's Expo, where they visited interactive exhibits that focused on multiculturalism, traffic safety, teen violence prevention and financial planning and they could speak with colleges and universities about their future plans. The evening included a welcome from Carissa Kirschbaum,

SPORTS



TIFFANY JEHOREK PHOTOS
The Rangely Panthers and Meeker Cowboys finished out their baseball seasons last weekend. Rangely lost to Meeker 15-5 in the opening game of the CHSAA 2A District title. The Cowboys went on to play against Paonia in Olathe, where they lost 0-10 in an emotional last game.



Sign up for adult coed softball by May 27

Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER | The ERBM Recreation and Park District is seeking teams for the 2018 adult recreational coed softball league this summer. A minimum of four teams is needed to play the season, so get your team signed up today. Registration deadline is May 27. There will be a brief coaches' meeting on May 29 at 7 p.m. in the Meeker Recreation Center MP Room.

The league will run from June 6 to July 25 with games on Wednesdays at Paintbrush Park in Meeker. There will be a single elimination tournament held the week of July 25.

Teams must consist of eight or more players 18 years of age or older, with at least four members of each gender on the field at all times. Participants without a team can sign up as a free agent and their information will be given to team captains.

Registration fee is \$362/team with T-shirts being provided for up to 15 players. Register your team at the Meeker Recreation Center or by calling guest services at 970-878-3403.

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Cowboys host county rival, lose to Paonia

By TIFFANY JEHOREK
Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER | The Meeker Cowboys baseball team hosted Rangely Thursday, May 9 in non-league play. Meeker, ranked third, dominated the game, with a decisive 15-5 victory over the Panthers, ranked sixth. This was the opening game in the Colorado High School Activities Association 2A District 3/5. The win against Rangely allowed the Cowboys to move on to Olathe, Colo., for the remainder of the tournament.

Garrett Frantz took the mound to open the game, with Luis Villalpando behind the plate for 2.2 innings, allowing nine hits and five runs, all earned. Freshman Josh Murphy closed the game pitching to Tanner Ridgeway and secured the win allowing one hit and no runs. Logan Hughes, Trapper Merrifield and Doak Mantle led the Cowboys in scoring each earning three runs. Villalpando scored two runs and batted in four. Jose Garcia, Uri Goedert, Jacob Pelloni and Cooper Meszaros each scored one run. The point spread by the bottom of the third gave the seven seniors a kind of "out with the old and in with the new send off," said coach Brian Merrifield. The large lead allowed for the younger nine players to get some time on the field, and hold the lead to win in five innings. "It was a pretty emotional game and they didn't disappoint, playing great baseball for the hometown crowd," commented Merrifield.

The win against Rangely and the tournament ranking meant that Saturday, May 12 Meeker matched up against number four Paonia at 12 p.m. in Olathe, Colo. This was the final game Meeker would see for the year, ending the high school baseball career for seven seniors. "It was another great game that just didn't go our way," said Merrifield, "the boys played their best as they always have since T-ball." The neutral game against the Paonia Eagles ended with a score of 0-10 at the bottom of the fifth. This was the third meeting of the Eagles and the Cowboys, and third loss for the Cowboys.

Pitching for the Cowboys were seniors Goedert and Hughes, freshman Murphy, and junior Tristan Wille. Trapper Merrifield had his 30th stolen base on the year. The Cowboys are losing seven very experienced seniors who have played together for more than a decade. Seniors Frantz, Goedert, Hughes, Mantle, Merrifield, Meszaros and Pelloni held a wide variety of positions across the field. The Cowboys will be looking to fill these positions next year with a bench that has depth and experience. Merrifield commented that "It will be tough come next spring without these guys round but we have a great group of ball players ready to take the field and represent MHS."

The Cowboys have three players selected to all-conference team and one to the honorable mention team; they will learn who these players are next week at the team picnic.

Panthers sending five to state track and field

By PATRICK SCOGGINS
Special to the Herald Times

RANGELY | Every year through the second week of May absolute chaos rips through track and field venues all across the state of Colorado. Most track and field athletes are doing everything they can to run their fastest, jump their farthest and highest, and throw their farthest in order to secure a spot at the Colorado State Track and Field Championships. As usual, the Panthers joined in on the last chance frenzy, however, the team split up. Six throwers traveled to Cedaredge on Friday to compete in familiar rings while the rest of the team spent Saturday trying out the new facilities at Grand Valley High School in Parachute. Despite a windy weekend all across the Western Slope, the Panthers did everything they could in order to punch their tickets to Lakewood.

In Cedaredge, the familiarity of the rings proved to be helpful for the throwers, especially in the discus rings. Austin Ficken and Riley Boydston launched new personal bests of 138 feet 6 inches and 120-10, respectively, taking third and seventh. Cameron Filfred had his second best throw of the season with a toss of 97-3 as well as throwing a strong 32-7 in the shot put. Ficken threw a solid 44-1.75 for second place in the shot put, followed by

Boydston with a throw of 34-8. On the girls' side, Breanna Davis threw a massive personal best of 91-5, crushing her previous best by 15 feet. Miekka Peck threw just short of her personal best, finishing with a 93-9. Makenzie Cochrane continued her strong season in the discus ring with a throw of 102-8 finishing fifth. Cochrane also threw the shot put 30-6.5, just ahead of Davis' 30-3. Peck rounded out the evening with a 28-4.75.

Saturday the Panthers continued to battle in Parachute. Marshall Webber started the day for the Panthers with a wind-aided 17.00 in the 110-meter high hurdles, winning the event. Patrick Scoggins then finished the 100-meter dash in personal best fashion of 11.51, good enough for third. RaeLynn Norman, who has really developed as a distance runner this season, went out hard in the 1,600-meter run and pressed herself all the way to a first place finish, running just shy of her personal best with a time of 6:05.12. Chloe Filfred joined Norman in the 1,600, finishing in 7:15.46. Scoggins retook the track for a 52.21 victory in the 400-meter dash, followed very closely by Webber's 44.76 second place finish in the 300-meter hurdles. Scoggins and Webber then ran the 200-meter dash together, finishing first (23.34) and fifth (25.00), respectively. Filfred ended the day for the tracksters with eight more

laps, running her way to a strong fourth place finish in the 3,200-meter run.

Out in the field events, senior Kaylee Mecham led the throwers with her season best 25-10.5, which was good enough for a seventh place finish. Mecham also threw a season best in the discus of 62-10. Anna Forbes threw the shot put 23-5.25 and the discus 73-7, while sister Elena Forbes finished with distances of 22-3.25 (shot put) and 76-6 (discus). Brady Bertoch was the lone boy thrower for the Panthers on Saturday, throwing the discus 81-2 and the shot put 27-3.25. Katelyn Brown, having just finished her soccer season, joined the Panthers for their last meet, triple jumping her way to a second place finish of 31-11.25.

If the Cedaredge Bruin Invitational or Grand Valley Cardinal Invitational was the last track meet of the season for any of these athletes, the coaches couldn't be more proud of the work that the student athletes put in day after day. While heat sheets have not yet been announced, the Panthers wait eagerly to see who all will be competing one last weekend. Hopefuls for the Colorado State Track and Field Championships include: Riley Boydston, Katelyn Brown, Makenzie Cochrane, Austin Ficken, RaeLynn Norman, Miekka Peck, Patrick Scoggins and Marshall Webber.



Five Rangely Panthers have qualified to compete at the state track and field championships this weekend: (standing) RaeLynn Norman, Patrick Scoggins, and Makenzie Cochrane, (kneeling) Marshall Webber and Austin Ficken.

MATT SCOGGINS PHOTO

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Cowboys compete at state track and field meet today

By TIFFANY JEHOREK
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MEEKER I The Meeker High School Track and Field competed in a pseudo two-day invitational. Pole vault was hosted by Meeker on Friday, May 11 at Starbucks Stadium, and the team traveled to Parachute Saturday, May 12 to compete in the Grand Valley Cardinal Invitational. Grand Valley hosted six schools making this a small meet and allowing many of the younger, less experienced Cowboys to compete as entries were unlimited in all events. The weather was uncooperative and throughout much of the day wind speeds exceeded 2 meters per second, which meant many of the jumps and sprints could not qualify for the state track meet, a rule set forth by Colorado High School Activities Association (CHSAA). The high winds from the west did set up the perfect scenario for many of the athletes competing in the 100-meter sprint and 200-meter sprint to set personal bests.

A team score of 152 points earned the lady Cowboys first place. Sydnie Main was the top scorer for the girls. Main took first in pole vault with a height of 8 feet 1 inch. That mark comfortably qualifies her for the state track meet next weekend in Lakewood, Colo. Kenzie Turner took third in pole vault with her mark of 7-7, and Addie Joy took fourth with a height of 6-1. Main continued the meet by breaking her own school record in the discus with a throw of 120 feet, securing first place. Main also took seventh in the 100-meter dash and second in the shot put with her throw of 32 feet 7.5 inches. Megan Shelton won the shot put with a throw of 33-9.75, and was second in the discus with her mark of 108. Turner took sixth in the shot with her throw of 28-7.5.

On the track, Gracie Bradfield took third in a very competitive field in the 100 sprint with her time of 12.64 seconds. Bradfield ran on the 4x100 meter relay with Shelton, Sierra Williams and Kirsten Brown. Brown took second in the long jump with her mark of 14 feet 11 inches. In the triple jump Karlee Nielsen took fourth with her jump of 30 feet 3 inches. Williams ran a really tough 800-meter run against the wind taking second place. In hurdles Julia Dinwiddie ran a personal best

in the 100-meter hurdles and took second place with her time of 18.01 seconds. Dinwiddie scored points for the team and took third place in the 300-meter hurdles, followed by Sarina Goedert who came in fifth. "Our young hurdlers have been fun to watch improve" commented coach John Strate.

Meeker Cowboy Jake Shelton won the discus with his throw of 125 feet. Brayden Woodward took third in the 110-meter hurdles and sixth in 300 hurdles. Pike Burke took fifth in the 300 hurdles. In the 100 dash Jeremy Woodward tied for seventh with his time of 11.9. Tannen Kennedy took third in the 200-meter run with his time of 24.17 seconds. Kale Burke took fifth in the 400-meter run. Josue Martinez took fifth in the 1,600-meter run. Ridge Williams hit a new personal best in the shot with his mark of 32 feet earning seventh. Andy Kracht took fifth in the long jump and teammate Spud Kent took seventh. Friday, in pole vault the boys had a "solid day," Strate said. Tevin Pelloni took second with vault of 10-7, Colby Clatterbaugh third with the same height but more attempts, and Cooper Main improved on his previous personal best by more than 12 inches, clearing 9-7 and placing sixth. "Our young vaulters have really improved this year," Strate said. "We are really excited about how well our vaulters are doing considering this is only the second year we have had the program."

The state track meet is May 17-18 in Lakewood, Colo., at Jefferson County Stadium. "It should be fun to see if the kids can be at their best when it counts the most," commented Strate. "On the boys' side Tannen and Tevin are the only ones with experience. I am excited for the other athletes to get there and see what is all about. They are a young group with a lot of promise."

The lady Cowboys have some seasoned state track meet competitors returning. Shelton is making her third state appearance where last year she placed in the discus and the shot put. This is the first year Shelton is competing on the track. Main is also going to state for her third trip, previous years she made it in discus and shot put, but this will be the first time on the track and vaulting. Williams is the only senior Meeker is



TIFFANY JEHOREK PHOTO
Sydnie Main shattered the school record for discus throw that she set last year as a sophomore. She'll join her team at the state meet.

taking for both the boys and the girls, she has qualified all four years and has placed in multiple relays. "Her leadership has been exceptional this year, and I look forward to seeing

her continue that at the state," said Strate. Bradfield is the other veteran on the track. She was a member of three state champion relays last year. Strate commented that Bradfield and

Williams "both know what it takes to be competitive on the track at the state meet and how to manage a three day track meet." Brown made it last year in the triple and Strate says she "can use that experience this year in both her running events and triple jump."

The top 18 qualifiers have a bid to go to the state track meet. This is very fluid throughout the year and changes in the rankings near the bottom change often. The Cowboys who, as of last week, qualified for the state meet are still in the top 18 after this weekend. In the state meet each participant may only compete in four events. Throughout the state, Meeker included, many of the athletes qualify for more than four events, coaches then scratch athletes so they can compete in their best events. Relays qualify as a team, not an individual, meaning that a coach may choose to fill a relay with athletes other than those who actually earned the spot in the top 18 in the state. Coach Strate is waiting to see what scratches other coaches make, how this effects the top 18, and the current qualifier list may, in the end, include more names.

Girls
Main-Shot, Disc, Pole Vault, 4x200 meter relay
Bradfield-4x100 meter relay, 4x200 relay, 400 meter run, 200 meter run
Williams-4x100 relay, 4x200 relay, 800 meter run
Brown-4x100 relay, 4x200 relay, Triple Jump, 800 meter medley
Shelton-Shot, Disc, 4x100 relay
Nielsen-800 medley
Abby Rosendahl-800 medley
Brittany Adams-800 medley
Turner-Pole Vault

Boys
Jake Shelton-Disc
Colby Clatterbaugh-Pole Vault
Tevin Pelloni-Pole Vault
Andy Kracht-4x400 meter relay
Jeremy Woodward-4x400 relay
Spud Kent-4x400 relay
Tannen Kennedy-4x400 relay

The Colorado High School state track meets begins at 8:20 a.m. on Thursday, May 17. The first event for Meeker is at 2:10 p.m. where the girls 800 medley relay will compete. The full meet schedule can be found on the CHSAA website at www.CHSAANow.com.

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This past week the lady Panthers soccer team had their banquet in the lower commons at Rangely High School. Fifteen girls qualified for either the CHSAA honorable mention or CHSAA first team award. Senior Halie Elam and junior Marlena Miller made CHSAA honorable mention which means they have a 3.30 to 3.59 cumulative grade point average, are a junior of academic standing, a letter winner and participated in a CHSAA sponsored activity during the current season. Thirteen girls qualified for the CHSAA first team academic award. These athletes had to have a 3.60 or higher cumulative grade point average, along with being a junior of academic standing, a letter winner and a participant in a CHSAA sponsored activity during the current season. There were four seniors who received this award: Klare Denny, Katelyn Brown, Grace Kenney and Elizabeth McCann. There were also nine juniors who qualified which were Kassidee Brown, Skylar Thacker, Samantha Lapp, Paityn Myers, Aspen Rhea, Alanna Wiley, Alexis Wiley, Phalon Osborn and not pictured is KK Fortunato. "This group of girls show that outstanding academic achievement can be achieved, along with being involved in a sport is possible. All of the team worked hard all season and we look forward to next season," said head coach Patsy Wandstedt.

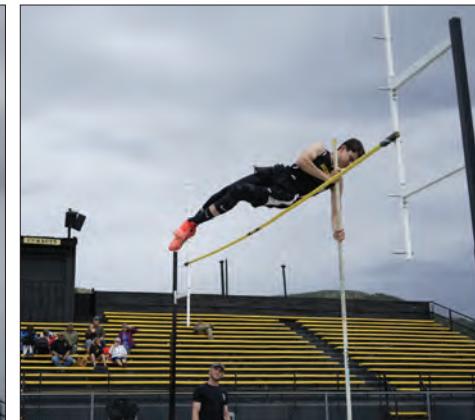
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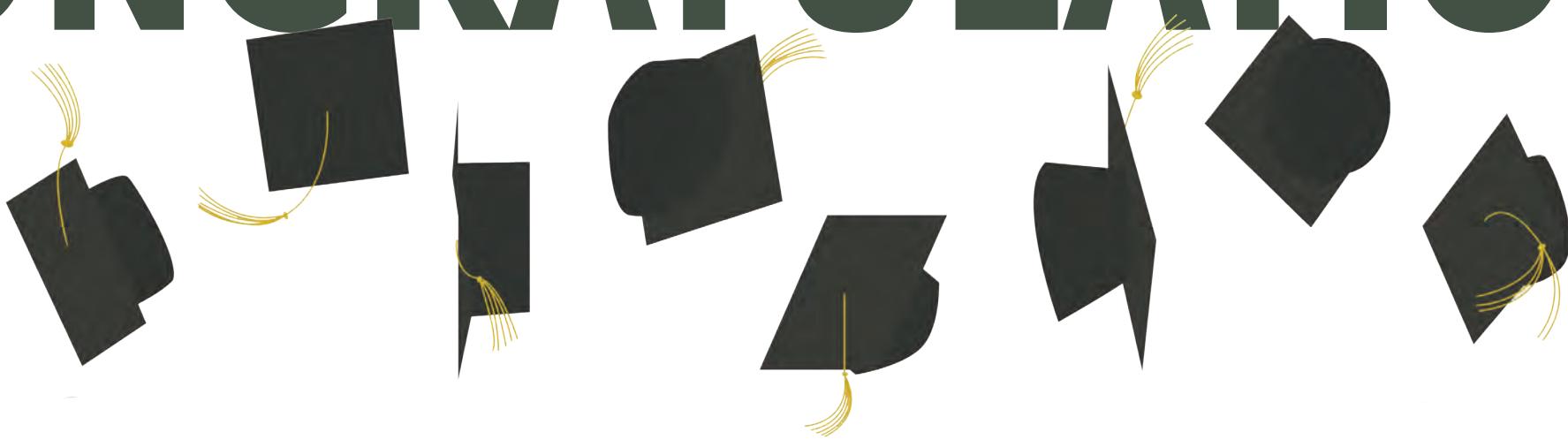
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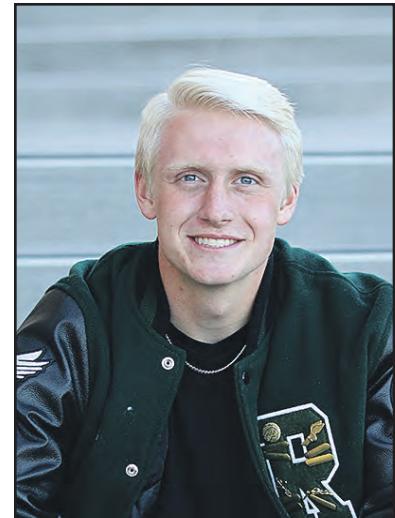
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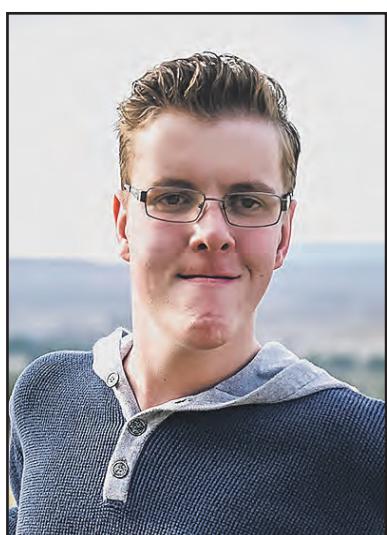
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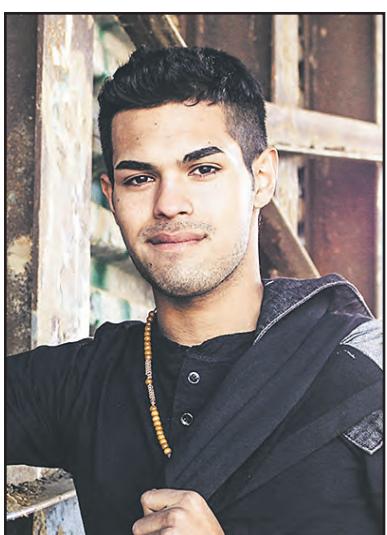
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Council discusses Ute Terrace Road, Mind Springs

By NIKI TURNER
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MEEKER I Members of the Ute Terrace Homeowners Association opened a discussion with Meeker's Board of Trustees about the status of Shaman Trail.

Doug Merrell, vice president of the HOA, explained to the board that the road, which is within town limits, receives no town maintenance, despite the fact the 18 lots "pay more property taxes and pay for more water" than probably any other area

of town.

Public Works Superintendent Russell Overton said the initial developers wanted the road to be private.

"When that was developed it was a private road so it could be a gated community. There are signs that say residents and guests are welcome," Overton said. "They didn't want to pay for the paving or anything like that. It was never dedicated to the town."

Merrell said the new HOA is interested in pursuing possible options for the future of the road, as 99 percent

of their HOA fees go toward road maintenance.

"As much money as we put into the town, would the town be willing to help us maintain our road? We feel we're good citizens and we do pay a lot of taxes into the town but we don't get any help with the road," Merrell said.

The board directed staff to research the history of the subdivision and determine the legal status of the road and what options are available.

The board also heard a presentation from Tish Starbuck, represent-

ing Mind Springs Health and West Springs Hospital, seeking a pledge or commitment of financial support for the construction of a much-needed expanded psychiatric hospital in Grand Junction. (See the *Herald Times* article at <http://bit.ly/2w1ZrnX> for additional information.)

Meeker School District Superintendent Chris Selle gave the same presentation to the town board he offered at the commissioner's meeting Monday in his quest to inform community leaders and groups about the facility needs at

the high school and bus garage. (See [Page 6A](#) in this issue for additional details.)

The board approved a liquor permit for Meekerpalooza on June 2 contingent on determining fencing for the beer garden area. This year the event is moving from Ute Park to the downtown square.

The board also awarded a bid for the town hall window replacement project to Belland Builders/Alpine Glass contingent on a bid bond and addendum. The project is expected to begin in August.

- Discussion with Ute Terrace HOA about possible road maintenance
- Presentation from Tish Starbuck about potential Mind Springs expansion
- Presentation from MSD superintendent Chris Selle regarding high school and bus garage
- Approval of Meekerpalooza liquor license
- Award of Town Hall window replacement bid



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COURTESY PHOTO
The fully restored, vintage World War II B-25 bomber "Maid in the Shade" will be at the Rocky Mountain Metropolitan Airport in Broomfield from June 4-10 not only for viewing and touring but also flying. Find out more at www.azcaf.org/location/broomfield-co-tour-stop/.

WWII B-25 coming to Colorado

By DOC WATSON
Special to the Herald Times

RBC I The Commemorative Air Force (CAF), out of Airbase Arizona, is bringing the B-25 Mitchell bomber "Maid in the Shade" to the Rocky Mountain Metropolitan Airport in Broomfield from June 4-10 not only for viewing and touring, but also for flying. The general public has a unique, perhaps even a "bucket-list," opportunity to experience a flight in one of the legendary airplanes of World War II.

Out of nearly 10,000 B-25s built, only 34 are still flying today and "Maid in the Shade" is one of them. Broomfield is one of 17 stops this airplane will make in CAF's summer Flying Legends of Victory Tour from June through October.

Named in honor of General Billy Mitchell, who is recognized as the father of strategic bombing, the B-25 was used mainly as a low altitude strafe and skip bomber. The incident that lifted it to legend status was the famous Doolittle raid on Japan. Taking off from the aircraft carrier USS Hornet, Lieutenant Colonel Jimmy Doolittle led 16 B-25s to Japan where they bombed Tokyo and four other cities four months after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. While the mission caused only minor damage militarily, it was an enormous boost to American morale.

The CAF is a non-profit organization—it used to be called the Confederate Air force but changed the name back in 2000—with about 70 units across the country, Airbase Arizona being the largest. It is, in fact, the only unit that is an "airbase," while all the others are only "wings." Depending upon the size of each wing, they fly various fully restored World War II aircraft.

Mike Mueller, a self-proclaimed "plane nut" and "World War II buff," has been CAF's Ride Program Manager for five years. He spoke of CAF's mission: "In general our mission is to preserve World War II vintage aircraft and educate people as to what that generation did to preserve our freedom."

CAF's accomplishments have been impressive to say the least. For one thing, people's response has been staggering. People wait in long lines just to go inside the airplane, and most of the rides are sold out before CAF even arrives at a location.

Having done such summer tours for many years, Mueller said that one of their great joys is meeting men who actually flew in these airplanes. The names of all the men they've met, in fact, have been written on the bomb bay doors.

"The other thing is education, having kids come out and see the airplane," Mueller added. "A lot of kids nowadays don't get much education about World War II, so for them to see airplanes that in many cases their great-grandfathers flew is quite something."

Since CAF is non-profit, all its workers are volunteers and every dollar collected for flights, as well as the museum in Mesa, Ariz., goes right back into the airplanes. That is certainly understandable when you consider that the B-25 alone costs \$2500 per hour to fly.

When asked, "Why should people care about all this?" Mueller's answer was sage: "World War II was probably the biggest event in our history in terms of its impact on the world. People need to care about their history, and being able to come out and see and touch and perhaps ride on (these airplanes) is, I think, important to experience."

Perhaps you agree. You can read much more about the CAF at their website, www.azcaf.org, and about the Broomfield event specifically at www.azcaf.org/location/broomfield-co-tour-stop/. You can even book your flight right online.

Also look for a follow-up story as the *Herald Times* has been invited on a ride specifically for the media on June 4.

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ADDITIONAL VOLUNTEER WORK:

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- ★ Meeker Lions Club - 9 years



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I have a background in developing Master Plans.

I have a background in helping to oversee the second largest employer in Rio Blanco County with the knowledge of the financials involved in maintaining solvency.

I am responsible with finances on a personal and professional level. My wife and I have worked hard to maintain integrity in all financial dealings, in our personal finances as well as in our rental business of almost 20 years. We have been successful with our rentals in challenging times without being unjust, striving to treat others with respect at all times.

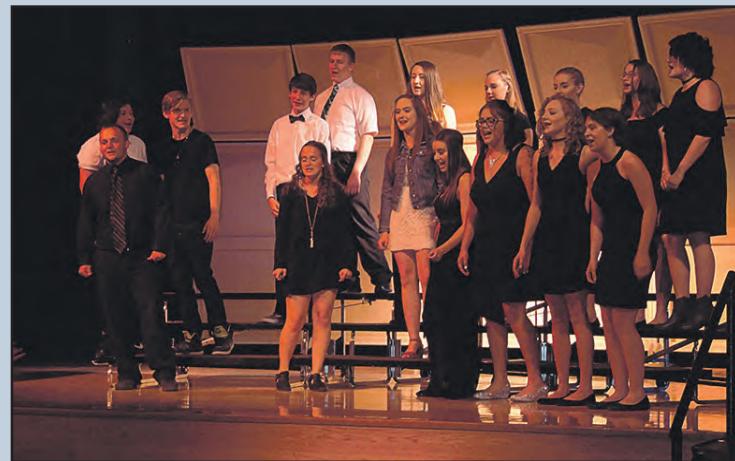
I believe my background has prepared me and qualifies me well to serve the people of Rio Blanco County as County Commissioner. My desire is to work with and serve the people as we move forward, building a future for our children, our grandchildren and future generations.



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(top) The opening choir number included some dancing to the song was "Sing, Sing, Sing" by Louis Prima.

(middle left) Elissa Quinteros sang "Never Enough" by Pasek and Paul for her senior solo performance.

(middle right) Shelby Steele sang "The Sound of Silence" by Paul Simon for her senior solo performance.

(bottom) Surprise guest conductor Meeker Board of Education member Tom Allen, who retired as the music director and instructor for the school district ten years ago. Allen returned briefly this year as the interim director before Briana Williams took the job after Jeff Hemingson had to resign for health reasons. He directed the choir for this number.

MHS NHS inducts 27, presents awards



REED KELLEY PHOTOS

Trina Stout Kennedy and Dr. Robert Dorsett received Outstanding Community Service awards at the 2018 NHS induction ceremony. Ma Famiglia was also honored as Business of the year; the award was accepted by Kris Arcolesse (not pictured).

Kay Bivens was the keynote speaker at the NHS induction ceremony May 14. Senior Sierra Williams presented her with a certificate of appreciation and bouquet of fresh flowers.

By REED KELLEY
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MEEKER | The thirty-three current members of the Meeker High School chapter of the National Honor Society (NHS) inducted twenty-seven new members Monday night. Retired Meeker Elementary School librarian, Kay Barney Bivens, spoke to the group honoring their achievements and inspiring them, in part, by reading part of Dr. Seuss' "Oh, the Places You'll Go!" to them.

The ceremonies began with violinist Dave Cole and pianist Mary K. Krueger playing some beautiful music. Meeker NHS president, Sierra Williams, presented the honor society member-elected "Living with Honor" Outstanding Community Service awards.

The business of the year award went to Ma Famiglia, accepted by owner and operator Kris Mazzola Arcolesse. The business is credited with consistently supporting students and staff members, often catering special events, but the most valuable contribution of this business, Williams stated, has been in the individual support they've given students, often being their first place of employment, learning the value of responsibility, customer care, time and money management.

The community member of the year award went to Dorsett who was recognized for willingly sacrificing his own time and resources for years to benefit Meeker students, not expecting anything in return. Dorsett gave a few words of apology (for having to leave to go to a school board meeting) and congratulations to the hard work of the inductees and current honor society members.

Williams remarked that "there is much that goes on behind the scene at MHS. The community gets to see the product. Students get to endure the process of the work," before awarding the staff member of the year to Trina Stout Kennedy. "Stout-Kennedy," Williams said, "is someone who is integral to both the process and the product. She is a great example to our students. She works tirelessly. You can always count on her smiling face in the mornings and she cares about each individual student. We are so blessed to have her in Meeker."

Keynote speaker Kay Bivens was

honored, herself a MHS graduate and the female winner of the 1961 Quigg Newton Award, with Williams giving her a wonderful bouquet of fresh flowers and her own certificate of appreciation. Bivens had taught most of the evening's honorees and current honor society members in her grade school library.

Williams said of Bivens, "She has devoted more of her time and love to the community than most anybody I've ever met. Not only does she show care and concern for anyone who crosses her path, but she goes out of her way to visit those in need of a friend and to serve those in need of a helping hand. She helped us as young children develop a love for stories and in the words of one of my fellow seniors, 'She made everyone feel special.'

Bivens began by recalling when she received the invitation to be this year's "Living with Honor" speaker, she was standing in line waiting to enter Minnie Mouse's House at Disneyland in California with her great granddaughter—"grab the golden ring, you are tall enough to ride the ride, young enough to see the magic, and brave enough to take on the ride of life."

Bivens displayed and read from several of her library's books including "Would You Rather Be a Bullfrog?" She launched into the telling of the story of a woman who had learned most of what she thought she'd ever need to know growing up on the family ranch - hard work, finish what you start, remember who you are, do not deface your name, your actions speak louder than your words, trust in God, serve others. Her prophecy, written down as a high school senior, was to get married, live on a ranch and have children. Within ten days after graduation, she was married, lived on a ranch, and, within a year and a half of graduation, had her first child. Her prophecy was basically complete within those first two years—and she proceeded to make a difference in her community, her family and the lives of others. She became a 4-H leader for 32 years, went to art classes and was very active in her church. She said that John F. Kennedy's remark during his inaugural speech of 1961, "to not ask what your country could do for you, but to ask what you can do for your country," made a most lasting

impression on her. This woman was herself.

After her fifth child, she started looking for more fulfilling activities—a business. First, selling and delivering fresh milk and baked goods off the farm, an art and framing gallery, selling art supplies, gifts, prints, silk screening and heat transfer on T-shirts and hats, more and more customers, moving the store eight times in 15 years, changing the name four times. In passing, she had a sixth kid. She became the first president of the Meeker Parent Teacher Organization—for 10 years. She downsized the business. And then, in 1991, she received a call from the elementary school principal—"come be our new librarian!" After a month of training for this brand new career, she was on her own. The hardest part, she said, was remembering all the names. She wondered what she was doing herding kids instead of cows?

She loved to read—especially about people who were having a hard time but came out of it stronger. As an example, Bivens read to the crowd from one of her grade school library's large-format biographies of Abe Lincoln. She claimed she'd always told the kids not to become too old to enjoy a good picture book. One of her favorite picture book authors and illustrators is Jan Brett who wrote "The Hat" about Hedgehog and his adventures—she displayed the book—stories that represent the pathways of life and decisions for the future. Bivens advised looking to the past and assessing how choices have molded your life. "What are you doing today?" she asked, "We have only one chance with today. What have you learned that can influence you to make better, the best, choices? Those choices will open and close doors. Be careful of instant gratification as that choice is not your friend 90 percent of the time."

"Appreciate your mentors. Become a mentor. Give of yourself. Give credit to people who come into your life that help you become who you are. Find the people that will help you, learn to work, enjoy the good moments of life and tackle the hard times head on. Be responsible, make those wise choices, work hard, get sleep, eat well. Read Dr. Seuss' 'Oh, the Places You'll Go,' again."

Bivens closed, telling the

Business of the Year nominees:

- Watts Ranch Market
- Meeker Public Library
- Ma Famiglia - winner
- Northwest Auto
- Elk Mountain Inn

Community Member of the Year nominees:

- Bobby Gutierrez
- Dr. Robert Dorsett - winner
- Georgann Amack
- Kay Bivens
- Diana Jones

Staff Member of the Year nominees:

- Ms. Kris Casey
- Ms. Mandi Etheridge
- Ms. Briana Williams
- Mr. Ben Quinn
- Ms. Trina Stout Kennedy - winner

NHS has grown at MHS in recent years with over 40 members. Sophomores must have a 3.75 GPA, juniors must maintain a 3.5 GPA and seniors must have nothing less than a 3.0 GPA. Students must also show their commitment to honor, service and leadership in the community. This year's induction class hosts 27 students. They are:

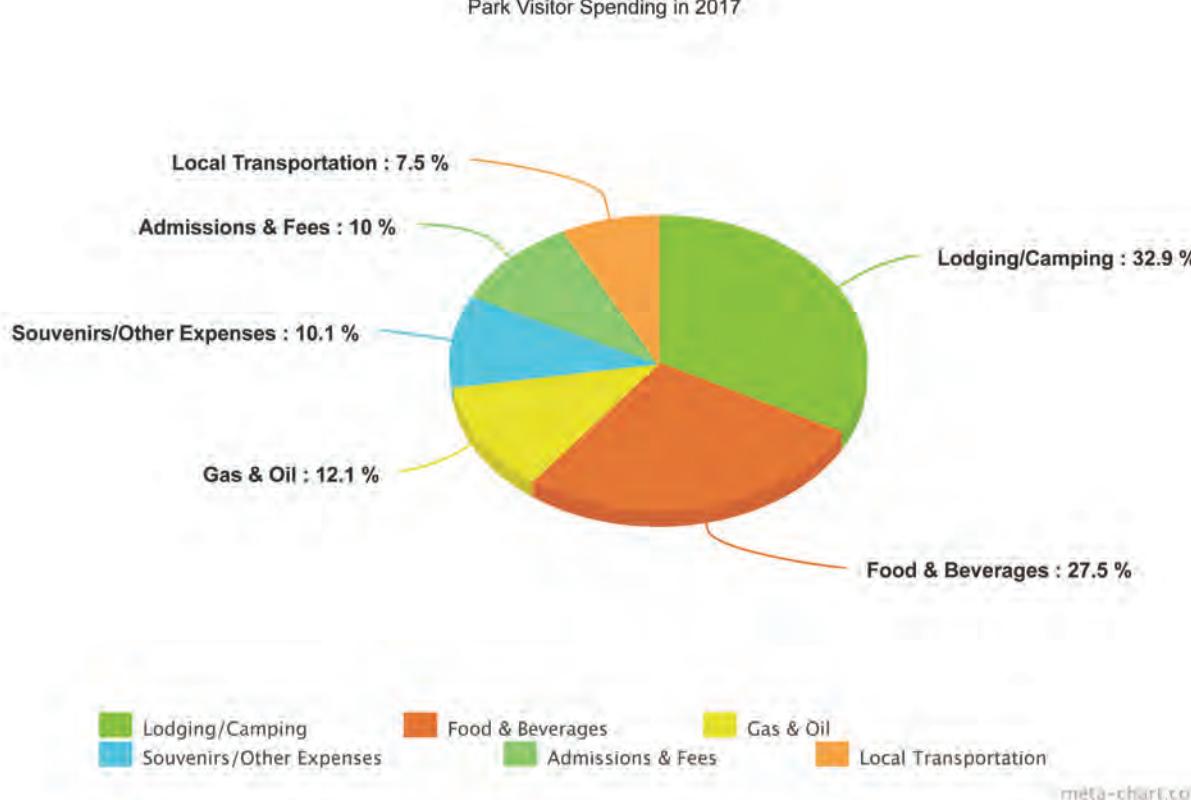
- Annelise Amack
- Madeline Arnold
- Kirsten Brown
- Makenna Burke
- Julia Dinwiddie
- Taylor Dodds
- Kolbi Franklin
- Jose Garcia
- Grace Gibson
- Sarina Goedert
- Jordan Goodwin
- Eowyn Larson
- Adalynn Joy
- Jeniffer Kincher
- Andrew Kracht
- Madison Kummer
- Brandon Lozano
- Kallie McCain
- Caleigh Morlan
- Karlee Nielsen
- Jillian Owens
- Elissa Quinteros
- Valentin Rosas
- Luis Villapando
- Avery Watt
- Brynlee Williams
- Ridge Williams

students. "Thank you for being you, thank you for the years we spent together, go and make us proud. I am looking forward to seeing you when you return from where ever life has taken you."

The inductees were welcomed into membership through ceremony that is built on recognizing the well-rounded student. The Honor Society emblem depicts a keystone—the piece at the crown of an arch that holds all the other pieces in place and a torch which represents the eternal light of truth. The letters at the base of the keystone, C, S, L and another S stand for the four principles of the Society: Character, Scholarship, Leadership and Service. Meeker chapter executive committee members—Mariela Rosas, Briar Meszaros, Logan Hughes and Pake Burke—presented descriptions of these principles.

Dinosaur Natl. Monument creates \$20 mil. in economic benefits
Report shows visitor spending supports 231 jobs in local economy

Special to the Herald Times



DINOSAUR | A new National Park Service (NPS) report shows that 315,589 visitors to Dinosaur National Monument in 2017 spent \$18,479,400 in communities near the park. That spending supported 231 jobs in the local area and had a cumulative benefit to the local economy of \$20,400,200.

"Dinosaur National Monument welcomes visitors from across the country and around the world," said Superintendent Mark Foust. "We are delighted to share the story of this place and the experiences it provides. We also feature the monument as a way to introduce our visitors to this part of the country and all that it offers. National park tourism is a significant driver in the national economy, returning \$10 for every \$1 invested in the National Park Service, and it's a factor in our local economy as well. We appreciate the partnership and support of our neighbors and are glad to be able to give back by helping to sustain local communities."

The peer-reviewed visitor spending analysis was conducted by economists Catherine Cullinane Thomas of the U.S. Geological Survey and Lynne Koontz of the National Park Service. The report shows \$18.2 billion of direct spending by more than 330 million park visitors in communities within 60 miles of a national park. This spending supported 306,000 jobs nationally; 255,900 of those jobs are found in these gateway communities. The cumulative benefit to the U.S. economy was \$35.8 billion.

The lodging sector received the highest direct contributions with \$5.5 billion in economic output to local gateway economies and 49,000 jobs. The restaurants sector received the next greatest direct contributions with \$3.7 billion in economic output to local gateway economies and 60,500 jobs.

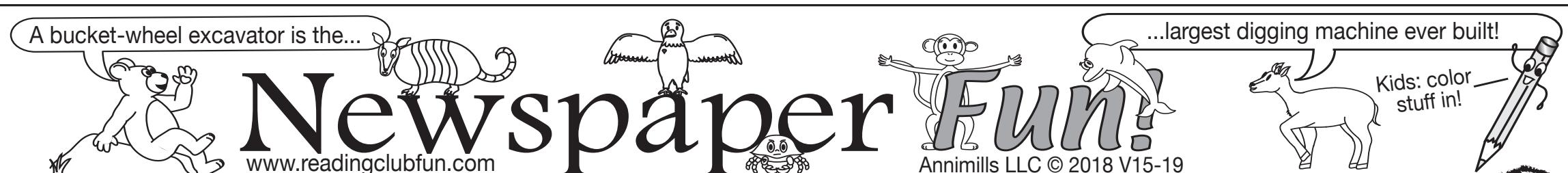
According to the 2017 report, most park visitor spending was for lodging/camping (32.9 percent) followed by food and beverages (27.5 percent), gas and oil (12.1 percent),

souvenirs and other expenses (10.1 percent), admissions and fees (10.0 percent), and local transportation (7.5 percent).

Report authors also produce an interactive tool that enables users to explore visitor spending, jobs, labor income, value added, and output effects by sector for national, state, and local economies. Users can also view year-by-year trend data. The interactive tool and report are available at the NPS Social Science Program webpage: <https://www.nps.gov/subjects/>

To learn more about national parks in Colorado and Utah, and how the National Park Service works with communities in these states to help preserve local history, conserve the environment, and provide outdoor recreation, go to www.nps.gov/colorado or www.nps.gov/utah.

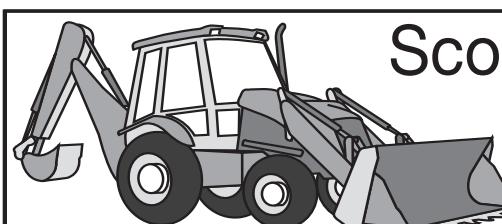
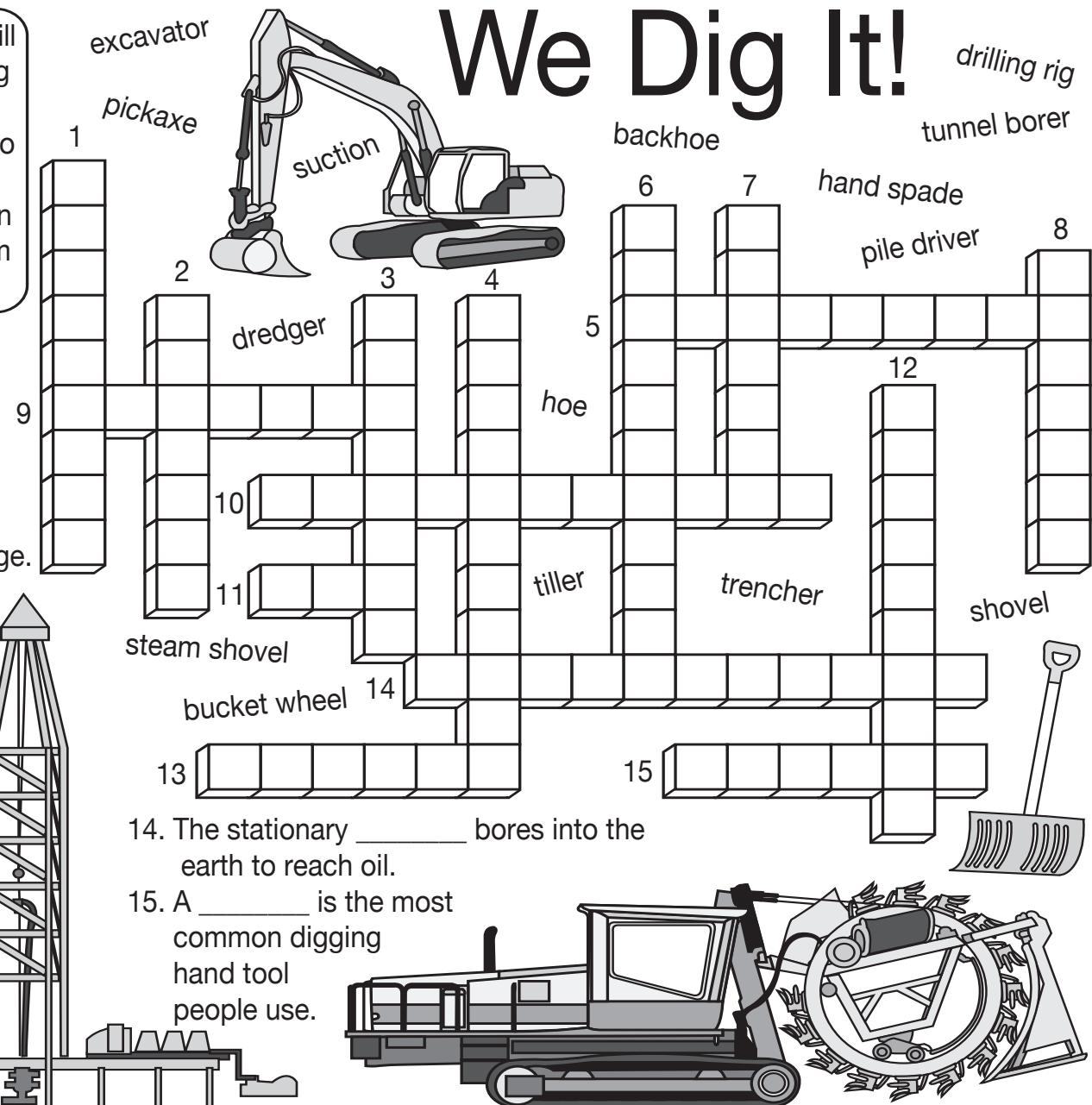
For general information on Dinosaur National Monument, please visit our website at www.nps.gov/dino or call us at 435-781-7700. You can also look for DinosaurNPS on social media. www.nps.gov/



My Dad and I are digging sand and using it to fill bags. We pile bags two layers deep to keep rising creek water away from our garage. Who would think that a bear would enjoy digging? I also like to watch huge machines moving on roadsides and digging on construction sites. I'd like to learn how to operate all of them and be part of a team that builds roads, bridges and buildings.

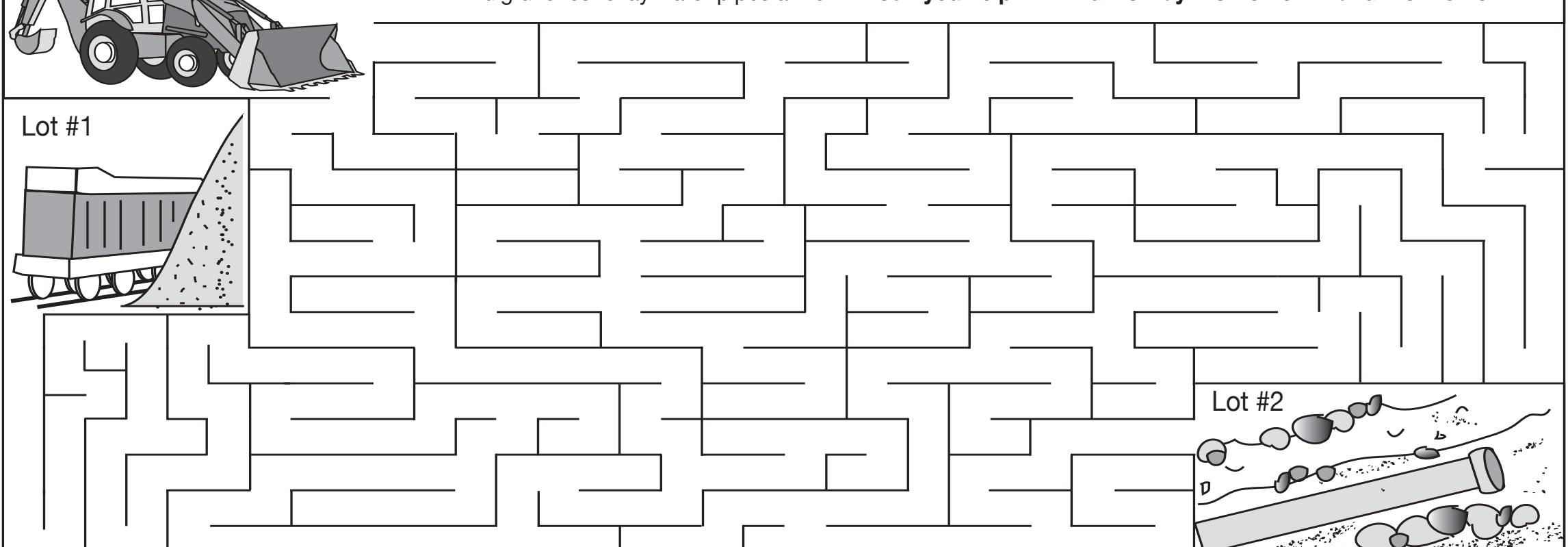
Read the clues to fill in the puzzle with tools or machines that dig:

1. A _____ is a hand tool with a V-shaped blade used to break up soil or lumps when gardening.
2. One special machine, called a _____ excavator, digs by drawing the dirt from the earth like a vacuum.
3. A _____ is a machine used to dig long, narrow ditches for pipes.
4. The huge _____ can cut holes the entire width of a subway passage.
5. An _____ can be seen on many construction sites. It is the machine with the powerful tilting bucket to scoop up dirt.
6. The old style _____ was powered by boiling water. It was used to dig canals and basements for skyscrapers.
7. The _____ is a vehicle that has a bulldozer front and a strong scooping bucket in the back.
8. A _____ digs up dirt under the water.
9. A _____ is a hand tool used for chipping away rock and soil.
10. The _____ excavator is the largest vehicle in the world. Its rotating scoops shave away mountains in mining projects.
11. The _____ is a long-handled hand tool with a thin, flat blade used for breaking up or moving small amounts of soil.
12. A _____ can force metal poles deep into soil.
13. A _____ is used by farmers to dig up shallow areas of soil to plant crops.



Scoop It!

The operator of this backhoe has to dig and move earth into a railroad car at Lot #1. Then, he has to dig ditches to lay water pipes at Lot #2. Can you help him find his way first to Lot #1 and then to Lot #2?



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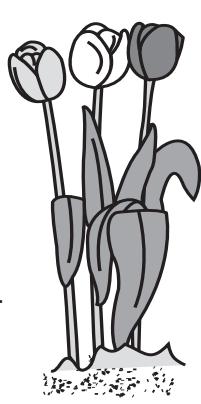
Here are some fun sayings that we "dig" using. Can you match each one to its meaning?

1. dig up some dirt on someone
2. dig deep
3. dig in
4. dig your heels in
5. dig your own grave

- A. refuse to change your mind
- B. try very hard at a task
- C. cause your own downfall
- D. start eating
- E. learn about someone's secrets

1. only digging yourself deeper
2. give someone a dig
3. dig into your own pocket
4. dig something out
5. dig yourself out

- A. search to find something and bring it out – like an old Halloween costume
- B. work your way out of trouble
- C. insult someone
- D. making a situation worse for yourself
- E. to have to pay for something yourself



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RBC WEEKLY CALL REVIEW

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

May 7-13, 2018

The dispatch center processed 406 phone calls this last week, receiving 15 911 calls, answered 39 calls for Meeker Police Department (MPD) and placed 121 outgoing phone calls. A total of 151 calls for services were created, 88 for the Sheriff's Office, 63 for MPD and six calls for Meeker Fire and Rescue. (Please note the department breakdown of calls reflects a different number because of

incidents with multiple agency response). There were four automobile crashes three involving a deer.

The Sheriff's Office conducted 24 traffic stops issuing six citations and MPD had 33 stops issuing eight citations. Highway 13 south had 11 traffic stops issued four citations and seven warnings.

Other calls for the Sheriff's Office included 11 agency assists, one 911 hangup, nine animal calls, two civil papers served, four citizen assists, four civil issues, four suspicious incidents, three traffic accidents, four traffic complaints, three traffic hazards, two VIN inspections, four warrant arrests and one each: attended death, business check, BLM fire and motorist assist.

Meeker Police Department calls included five agency assists, five animal

calls, five business checks, two suspicious incidents, three traffic complaints and one each: 911 hangup, citizen assist, fire, fraud, juvenile problem, parking violation, property, traffic accident and VIN inspection.

There were six calls for Meeker Fire and Rescue, two ambulance requests, one assist BLM fire, and a structure fire involving a barn.

There were two assists with Colorado State Patrol.

Rio Blanco Detention facility booked in five and released three. The Sheriff's Office arrested five individuals. The jail is currently housing 15 inmates. There was one inmate transport to or from another facility and two jail incidents.

There were no DUI arrests.

RIO BLANCO COUNTY DAYS GONE BY

The Meeker Herald — 100 years ago
■ The White River Oil company received its big transportation trucks this week.

■ Two large trucks were seen in Grand Junction last week on their way to the Rangely field. They are a part of the new equipment being brought in by the Richmond Oil Co. A large gang of men is already at work on the road between Dragon and Rangely, and it is evident from the manner in which the Richmond people are going ahead that they intend to do considerable development work this season.

■ Last Friday and the forepart of this week, the Weather Man furnished us with quite a variety of weather—being a mixture of rain, hail, sleet and some snow. Since then we have had—sunshine and wind.

■ Femmalls for children and ladies at The Toggery.

■ If you want many hearty laughs, don't miss the playlet, "Too Much of a Good Thing," at the high school May 22. Price, 25 and 35 cents.

The Meeker Herald — 50 years ago

■ Fifty-two seniors at Meeker High School will be receiving diplomas at commencement exercises Tuesday, May 21 at 8 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

■ "The Impossible Dream" theme

for the junior-senior prom, highlighted Saturday night by crowning of this year's King and Queen, Ted Stewart and Kathie Eskelson. Attendants are Phil Jensen and Susie Romersberger.

■ Mrs. Don Hilkey and daughter Melanie Dawn were honored at a cradle shower Wednesday evening at the Carl Seely home.

The Meeker Herald — 25 years ago

■ Bob Fey anticipates finalizing his purchase of Circle K Thursday. He plans to operate it as a convenience store and hopes to open a custom-made pizza parlor in it by the 27th. "We are heavily involved in the planning," says Fey, who has owned Go-fer foods since January 1983. His wife has owned Clark's Burgers since January 1988.

■ An electric motor designed by fourth grader Nathan Caldwell took the best of show award at Meeker Elementary School's annual Science Fair May 5.

■ At their regular meeting Tuesday night, Meeker RE-1 District School Board members discussed the possibility of closing the Meeker High School campus during lunch period next year.

The Rangely Times — 50 years ago

■ 26 young ladies and 24 young men will receive diplomas from

local school board members Wade C. Striegel and Lloyd Christensen. Paul Deininger will deliver the valedictory address this year as he finished at top of his class in grade point average. Deirdre Schumacher is this year's salutatorian and will deliver the salutatory.

■ Scan today's headlines and the impression is that we live in a self-serving society. We are, it might appear, a people dedicated to fulfilling our personal whims at the expense of any who stand in our way.

The Rangely Times — 25 years ago

■ With the retirement of Becky Lane, R.N., as County Health Nurse in Rangely for 18 years and Beth Merriam, R.N., as County Health Nurse/School Nurse in Meeker for nine years, the county of Rio Blanco is losing a lot of valuable experience.

■ Rangely High School will graduate 38 seniors Saturday afternoon at 2 p.m. at the RHS gymnasium.

■ What can be said with certainty is that the combined 4.2 inches (at least) of precipitation for March and April is a record.

■ Brenda Brenton of Rangely, Colo., will graduate from the University of Colorado Health Science Center, School of Pharmacy.

Trooper Tips: Semi-truck safety

By GARY CUTLER
Colorado State Trooper

RBC I When looking at driving safety in our state, it has to be looked at from every angle. This month, I want to talk about driving on the road with semi-trucks. A semi with a trailer is approximately 70 feet on average. Think of that as having a six-story building going down the highway. They are big, bulky, and slow to stop and take up a lot of room when changing direction. Drivers making an error in judgment around semis or a semi driver making an error in judgment around cars can have serious to fatal consequences.

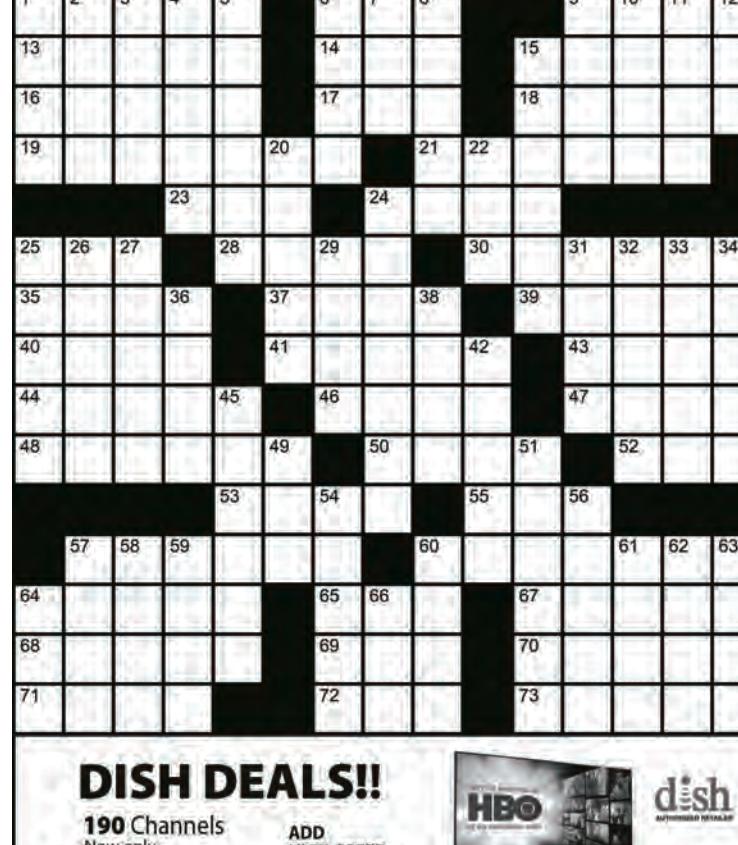
All it takes is a little pre-planning on both the semi driver and the driver's in other smaller vehicles to make sure a crash doesn't happen. By this I mean have a plan for the unexpected. Don't follow too closely, in case the other vehicle has to stop quickly and without notice. Know the stopping

distance of your vehicle at highway speeds. For instance, a fully loaded semi-truck with a gross vehicle weight of up to 80,000 pounds, going just 55mph, has a stopping distance of 100 yards; that's the length of a football field.

Drivers in cars and trucks need to make sure to give semis plenty of space when merging in front of them or you may have it sitting on top of your car. For the semi driver, make sure you are checking and continue to re-check your mirrors when making those lane changes. Smaller cars and trucks can easily hide in those blind spots.

Just because you are big, doesn't mean you don't have to give the right of way to other vehicles. Make sure your right of way is free of other traffic prior to merging or turning onto a roadway. On the other side, please give semis a break when they are trying to merge or make turns. It takes a lot of space to maneuver these rigs and to get one going can

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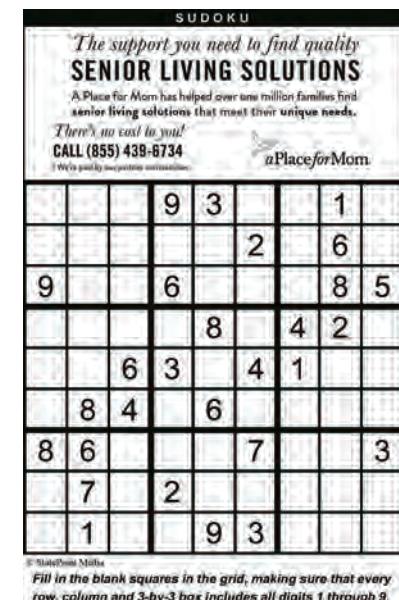
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- 1. Domicile
- 6. Anatomical pouch
- 9. Be quiet!
- 13. Rn, a health hazard
- 14. "I" mania
- 15. Tax of one tenth
- 16. "____ Last Night," movie
- 17. Dream time
- 18. Euphoric way to walk
- 19. "She raised a future President
- 21. "First First Lady"
- 23. 20-20, e.g.
- 24. Marked by sound judgement
- 25. Say "no"
- 28. Strip of wood
- 30. War over Helen
- 35. Cheese from Netherlands
- 37. Ring Starr's instrument
- 39. "She planted a vegetable garden in South Lawn
- 40. Kind of bag
- 41. Bigfoot's cousins
- 43. Computer desktop picture
- 44. Type of fishing net
- 46. ____-a-sketch
- 47. After-bath powder
- 48. Cowardly color
- 50. "____ and the Real Girl," movie
- 52. Bovine hangout
- 53. Used to be
- 55. Tiny guitar
- 57. "Pillbox hat fashion icon
- 60. "She also raised a future President
- 64. Bird of prey nest
- 65. PC brain
- 67. Wear away
- 68. Supernatural being
- 69. Beachgoer's goal
- 70. Extend subscription
- 71. Freight horse cart
- 72. Giant Hall-of-Famer
- 73. Lieu
- DOWN
- 1. Speedy steed
- 2. Ali ____ of "One Thousand and One Nights"



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AMERICAN WATER WORKS ASSN., 315.00, Expenses
AQUIONICS, INC., 5266.43, Expenses
ARAMARK, 628.59, Uniforms
ASHLEY VALLEY VETERINARY CLINIC, 155.00, Animal Shelter Exp
AV-TECH, 776.40, Expenses
BALCOMB & GREEN, 845.00, Services
BEAR RIVER FIBER OPTICS, 4957.05, Services
BILLGREN, MATTHEW, 100.00, Council Stipend
BNF: USBNK TRUST NA, 46478.39, Expenses
BOY-KO SUPPLY CO, 484.88, Expenses
BRADY, ANN, 150.00, Council Stipend
BUSINESS SOLUTIONS GROUP LLC, 511.54, Expenses
CARROT-TOP INDUSTRIES, INC., 179.64, Expenses

CASELLE, INC, 1418.00, Software Support
CEBT, 34920.65, Health Ins
CENTURYLINK, 1502.41, Communication
CIMARRON TELECOMMUNICATIONS LLC, 55.00, Services
CIRSA, 20619.75, Insurance
COLO DEPT OF HUMAN SVC BITF, 80.00, Brain Injury Trust
CONSERVANCY OIL COMPANY, 113.08, Services
COUNTRYSIDE VETERINARY CLINIC, 103.00, Animal Shelter Exp
CRAIG VETERINARY HOSPITAL, 104.40, Animal Shelter Exp
CRS ENGINEERS, 3085.00, Services
CUMMINS ROCKY MOUNTAIN LLC, 1846.99, Services
DAN E. WILSON, ATTORNEY AT LAW LLC, 1548.24, Services
DIRECTV, 427.25, WRV Expense
DUCEY'S ELECTRIC, 2988.22, Expenses
EMC PLUMBING & HEATING, INC., 3666.01, Expenses
FAMILY SUPPORT REGISTRY, 373.80, Payroll deduction
FARIS MACHINERY COMPANY, 400.39, Expenses

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FIDELITY ADVISOR FUNDS, 22177.75, Payroll deduction
FIRST BANKCARD, 4590.91, Expenses
FOREMOST PROMOTIONS, 968.45, Expenses
FORTERRA, 354.30, Expenses
FPPA, 477.72, PD Insurance
FRESH EXPRESS CLEANING, 762.75, Expenses
GARNER JR., RICHARD E., 100.00, Council Stipend
GEER, LUKE D., 100.00, Council Stipend
GET YOUR STITCH ON, 72.00, Uniforms
GIOVANNI'S ITALIAN GRILL, 130.65, Expenses
GLOBAL CHEMICALS, 494.56, Expenses
GRAND JUNCTION PIPE & SUPPLY, 2171.73, Expenses
HACH, 1566.57, Expenses
HACKING, TYSON, 100.00, Council Stipend
HATCH, LISA, 100.00, Council Stipend
HIRERIGHT, INC., 98.60, Services
IDESS DISTRIBUTION, INC., 7213.35, Expenses
INTERMOUNTAIN SALES OF DENVER, 152.75, Expenses
KEY, ANDREW J, 100.00, Council Stipend
MAIL SERVICES, 622.00, Services
MANN, DAVID, 1650.00, Housing Deposit Return

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MASTER PETROLEUM, INC., 1262.43, Fuel
MESA COUNTY HEALTH DEPT REG LABORATORY, 124.00, Expenses
MOON LAKE ELECTRIC, 12675.38, Electricity
MOOSEHEAD LODGE, 150.00, Expenses
MULLEN, JOCELYN, 120.00, Expenses
MULLER'S BUILDING SERVICE, 1660.00, Services
NATIONAL METER & AUTOMATION, 4652.28, Expenses
NETWORKS UNLIMITED, 4272.82, Support/Services
NICHOLS STORE, 228.65, Expenses
NORCO, INC., 25.26, Services
PIERING, LISA, 40.00, Expenses
PINNACLE ASSURANCE, 359.08, Insurance
PIONEER RESEARCH CORP, 461.70, Expenses
PIPELINE TESTING CONSORTIUM, 680, Services
PITNEY BOWES INC., 356.97, Expenses
PRATER'S PLUMBING & HEATING, 1706.37, Services
QUALITY CARPET & FURNISHINGS, 2641.99, Expenses
QUILL, 367.87, Expenses
RANGELY AUTO PARTS, 899.29, Expenses
RANGELY HARDWARE, 7052.09, Expenses

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RANGELY SCHOOL FOUNDATION, 14158.60, Sales Tax Funding
RANGELY TRASH SERVICE, 1594.00, Services
RANGELY, TOWN OF, 8782.23, Utilities
RESPOND FIRST AID SYSTEMS, 51.85, Expenses
RIO BLANCO HEARDL TIMES, 1445.14, Expenses
ROBIE, TREY, 100.00, Council Stipend
ROCKY MOUNTAIN WEED MANAGEMENT, 322.00, Services
SAFARILAND, LLC, 895.00, Expenses
SENERGY BUILDERS, LLC., 3879.00, Expenses
SGS ACCUTEST INC., 754.00, Services
SHAFFER, ANDREW, 150.00, Council Stipend
SNOWSHOE ENGINEERING COMPANY, 993.00, Expenses
STANDARD INSURANCE COMPANY RC, 621.69, Life Insurance
STEWART WELDING & MACHINE, INC., 1101.28, Expenses
STRATA NETWORKS, 500.00, Services
SUMMIT ENERGY, 47662.35, Gas Transmission/Transport
SYN-TECH SYSTEMS, 550.00, Expenses
TDA CONSTRUCTION, INC., 51851.00, Expenses
THATCHER CHEMICAL CO, 4692.27, Expenses

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TIMBER LINE ELCTRIC & CONTROL, 131.00, Expenses
TRANSUNION RISK & ALTERNATIVE, 25.00, Services
TRI COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION, 2099.00, Services
UNCC, 62.35, Services
URIE ROCK COMPANY, 1519.08, Expenses
URIE TRUCKING CO, 550.00, Expenses
VERIZON WIRELESS, 1244.79, Cell Service
WAGNER EQUIPMENT COMPANY, 409.16, Expenses
WALTER ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP, LLC, 963.33, Services
WELLS, PRISCILLA, 100.00, Security Deposit Return
WEX BANK, 4096.95, Fuel
WHITE RIVER MARKET, 278.31, Supplies
WILCZEK, KAREN S, 300.00, Judge's Fee
WILD BUNCH CONSORTIUM, 500.00, Expenses
WRB REC & PARK DISTRICT, 135.50, Expenses
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RIO BLANCO COUNTY
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE PUBLICATION LIST
APRIL 30, 2018

FUND:GENERAL
VENDOR NAME, ACCOUNT NAME, AMOUNT

TURNKEY CORRECTIONS, SPLY., (56.40)
JEREMY MUXLOW, TRVL ADV, (123.50)
ALSCO, PRCH SVCS, 1,443.06
AMAZON, SPLY, 5,270.60
AMERICAN INSTNL, SPLY, 782.80
ATMOS, UTL, 668.05
ATMOS, UTL, 286.65
ATMOS, UTL, 333.73
ATMOS, UTL, 112.93
ATMOS, UTL, 388.49
ATMOS, UTL, 160.16
ATMOS, UTL, 1,635.37
BETTER CITY, REDI/UTA DOLA, 2,237.36
BLACK BOX RESALE, SPLY, 880.00
BOB BARKER CO, SPLY, 177.10
BOYKO SUPPLY, SPLY, 3,601.87
CALLYO 2009 CORP, PRCH SVCS, 2,750.00
CCITF, TRNSFR TO CTY, 6,000,000.00
CENTURYLINK, PRCH SVCS, 558.49
CENTURYLINK, PRCH SVCS, 218.20
CENTURYLINK-LNG DIST, PRCH SVCS, 432.76
CENTURYLINK-LND LN, PRCH SVCS, 474.56
CNCC, CNTRCT SVCS, 2,500.00
CO ASSR ASSO, PRCH SVCS, 400.00
CBI, PRCH SVCS, 30.00
CO CTY ATTYS ASSN, DUES, 765.00
CO CTY TREXA, PRCH SVCS, 225.00
CO DEPT OF LABOR/EMP, PRCH SVCS, 180.00
CO DIV OF FIRE, PRCH SVCS, 1,110.15
CO PARKS AND WILDLIFE, PRCH SVCS, 22.00
CO, STATE OF, PRCH SVCS, 314.64
CO ENERGY SYS, PRCH SVCS, 124.42
COOK, KATELIN, TRVL, 63.77
CREATIVE CULTURE, SPLY, 255.00
CSU EXTN, INTR GOV 4, 150.00
DAILY SENTINEL, PRCH SVCS, 540.00
DA OFFICE, PRCH SVCS, 21,067.25
DSI DATAECK SVCS, SPLY, 1,475.00
DUCEY'S ELEC, RPR/MTNC, 328.16
EAGLE RIVER WASTE, UTL, 987.00
EASTERN RBL EMC, PRCH SVCS, 43.76
E RIO BLANCO REC, E REC DIST, 5,000.00
EMC PLUMBING, RPR/MTNC, 1,111.62
EMLAB P&K, SPLY, 281.99
EMPLOYERS COUNCIL, TRNG/DVLP, 460.00
EQUUS, PRCH SVCS, 24.95
EXTN PROG ACTIV, INTR GOV 4, 540.00
FASTTRACK COMM, LND LINE, 665.87
FIBERSTORE, SPLY, 873.50
FIRST ADVANTAGE, PRCH SVCS, 88.36
FLAGSHIP PUBLSH, PRCH SVCS, 405.00
GALL'S, UNFRM/CLTH, 357.34
GARFIELD CNTY, PRCH SVCS, 200.00
GOEDERT CONST, OHV TRL SYS, 8,800.00
GOEDERT CONST, OHV TRL SYS, 2,332.00
GOULD, STACEY, PRCH SVCS, 15.00
GRAN FARMUN PRINTING, SPLY, 410.00
HANSEN SUPPLY, OHV TRL SYS, 411.68
IDENTITY GRAPHICS, OHV TRL SYS, 1,169.00
INTAB, SPLY, 199.94
JEAN'S PRINTING, SPLY, 155.15
KRAUCH, ANN, PRCH SVCS, 12.01
LOGIC TREE IT, PRCH SVCS, 1,359.00
MEEKER AIRPORT, CNTRCT SVCS, 3,500.00
MKR CHAMBER OF COMM, PRCH SVCS, 2,090.47
MEEKER CLASSIC, PRCH SVCS, 1,000.00
MEEKER DRUGS, SPLY, 66.91
MEEKER SANITATION, UTL, 690.00
MEEKER, TOWN OF, UT, 3,853.55
MID-AMERICAN RESEARCH, SPLY, 1,702.80
MOON LAKE ELEC, UTL, 3,018.24
MORNING STAR ELEV, PRCH SVCS, 450.00

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MVB-VISA, PRCH SVCS, 14,889.23
MUSSER, ERIN, TRVL, 118.33
NATIONAL PEN, SPLY, 350.90
NICHOLS STORE, FOOD SPLY, 1,010.90
PATHOLOGY GROUP, PRCH SVCS, 2,360.00
PCM-G, PRCH SVCS, 2,684.30
PMC, PRCH SVCS, 105.00
PITNEY BOWES RES, PRCH SVCS, 758.71
QDS COMM, PRCH SVCS, 157.50
QUILL CORP, SPLY, 232.56
RANGELY AUTO, SPLY, 29.75
RANGELY, TOWN OF, UTL, 14,619.28
RANGELY TRASH, UTL, 321.00
RANGELY TRUE VALUE, SPLY, 495.89
RBC SHERIFFS OFFC, PRCH SVCS, 40.00
RICHARDSON, FAIN, PRCH SVCS, 120.00
RB HERALD TIME, PRCH SVCS, 1,688.83
CAROL ROWLES, PRCH SVCS, 6.70
SAMUELSON, SPLY, 9.98
SGM, PRCH SVCS, 6,186.50
STAPLES, SPLY, 572.58
TAMMY STRAIN, PRCH SVCS, 126.44
STRATA NET, UTL, 993.73
TEXAS, STATE OF, PRCH SVCS, 4.00
TRAFX RESEARCH, OHV, 3,915.00
TYLER TECH -DALLA, PRCH SVCS, 6,376.76
UNION, PRCH SVCS, 80.82
US GEOLOGICAL, WTR STDY, 20,039.00
UTAH, STATE OF, PRCH SVCS, 6.00
VALLEY HARDWARE, INTR GOV 4, 1,512.77
VOIANCE LANGUAGE, PRCH SVCS, 50.00
WAGON WHEEL OHV CLUB, PRCH SVCS, 50.00
WATT'S, SPLY, 1,246.53
WR DISTRIBUTING, PRCH SVCS, 123.75
WREA, UTL, 12,438.69
WINGER, KEELY, TRVL, 185.30
WOODDRUF, SI, PRCH SVCS, 23.74
US DEPT. OF THE TREASURY, FED W/H, 27,799.23
US DEPT. OF THE TREASURY, FICA W/H, 50,470.25
CO STATE WITHHOLDINGS, STATE W/H, 11,062.03
GREAT WEST, RETIREMENT, 36,885.55
COUNTY HEALTH POOL, INSURANCE, 117,575.32
GENERAL FUND TOTAL: 6,436,400.66
FUND: CAPITAL
VENDOR NAME, ACCOUNT NAME, AMOUNT
ANIXTER, INFO, 5,809.00
CAPITAL FUND TOTAL: 5,809.00
FUND: ROAD & BRIDGE
VENDOR NAME, ACCOUNT NAME, AMOUNT
MEEKE, TOWN OF, AP MUN, 9,346.58
RANGELY, TOWN OF, AP MUN, 7,327.74
ALSCO, PRCH SVCS, 235.14
AMERICAN PUBLIC WORKS, TRNG/DVLP, 196.00
AMPIM SWEEPERS & STRIPE, CNTRCT SVCS, 40,332.60
CENTURYLINK, PRCH SVCS, 113.72
CENTURYLINK-LND LN, PRCH SVCS, 156.89
FRONTIER PAVING, OVRLY PURCH, 1,359,379.52
GMCO CORP, DUST CNTRL, 119,264.40
KENDALL, DARRELL, TRVL, 155.40
MC GUIRE AUTO, SPLY, 8.94
MS&G, INTRST EXP, 16.10
MVB-VISA, PRCH SVCS, 499.73
OFFICE DEPOT, SPLY, 127.95
PITNEY BOWES RES, PRCH SVCS, 22.20
RESPOND FIRST AID, PRCH SVCS, 106.60
RB HERALD TIME, PRCH SVCS, 602.64
SAFETY AND CONST, SPLY, 178.77
SAMUELSON, SPLY, 241.17
SKILLPATH SEMINARS, PRCH SVCS, 155.95
TRITON ENVIRO, CULVERT, 8,480.72
UNION, PRCH SVCS, 313.95

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UNIVERSAL INDUST, SPLY, 44.35
WR DISTRIBUTING, SPLY, 77.50
WREA, UTL, 127.02
WHITE RIVER RANCH PROP, AGGRGT, 1,000.00
US DEPT. OF THE TREASURY, FED W/H, 11,912.68
US DEPT. OF THE TREASURY, FICA W/H, 22,331.02
CO STATE WITHHOLDINGS, STATE W/H, 4,949.66
GREAT WEST, RETIREMENT, 18,293.32
COUNTY HEALTH POOL, INSURANCE, 54,874.31
COLORADO DEPT OF REVEN, WAGE ASNMT, 65.28
COLORADO DEPT OF REVEN, WAGE ASNMT, 800.96
ROAD & BRIDGE FUND TOTAL: 1,661,738.81
FUND: PUBLIC HEALTH
VENDOR NAME, ACCOUNT NAME, AMOUNT
JANELLE BORCHARD, PRCH SVCS, 68.12
CENTURYLINK-LND LN, PRCH SVCS, 114.33
CO DEPT OF AG, PRCH SVCS, 200.00
FISCUS, BOBBIE, PRCH SVCS, 210.00
GARCIA, ASHLEY, PRCH SVCS, 63.22
MVB-VISA, PRCH SVCS, 2,194.21
PMC, PRCH SVCS, 50.00
RB HERALD TIME, PRCH SVCS, 267.50
STAPLES, SPLY, 136.71
WR DISTRIBUTING, PRCH SVCS, 15.00
US DEPT. OF THE TREASURY, FED W/H, 1,593.58
US DEPT. OF THE TREASURY, FICA W/H, 3,075.60
CO STATE WITHHOLDINGS, STATE W/H, 647.00
GREAT WEST, RETIREMENT, 1,930.60
COUNTY HEALTH POOL, INSURANCE, 5,803.25
PUBLIC HEALTH FUND TOTAL: 16,369.12
FUND: DEPT OF HUMAN SERVICES
VENDOR NAME, ACCOUNT NAME, AMOUNT
DIANA ADAMS, LSW, CHLD WLFR, 45.00
ANNIE BENNETT, CHLD WLFR, 45.00
TINA COTTRELL, CHLD WLFR, 45.00
NICOLE GARFIELD, CHLD WLFR, 45.00
SPENCER HOFFMAN, CHLD WLFR, 45.00
MICHELLE HUBER, CHLD WLFR, 45.00
CATHY ISNER, CHLD WLFR, 45.00
NIKKI MAYHUGH, CHLD WLFR, 45.00
KRISTINA McDANIEL, CHLD WLFR, 45.00
CHRISTIE OLSEN, CHLD WLFR, 45.00
EDNA PADIN, CHLD WLFR, 45.00
MELISSA POSTA, CHLD WLFR, 45.00
LAURA RAFN, CHLD WLFR, 45.00
BRENDA ROBERTSON, CHLD WLFR, 45.00
TIA ROWLEY, CHLD WLFR, 45.00
SARAH RUDISILL, CHLD WLFR, 45.00
JULIE SCHOELEIN, MSW, CHLD WLFR, 45.00
DR. ERMISS SELESHI, CHLD WLFR, 45.00
SARA SUAZO, CHLD WLFR, 45.00
MICHELLE WALKER, CHLD WLFR, 45.00
THOMAS WEIR, PSY.D, CHLD WLFR, 45.00
BRITTANY WOLF-BENNETT, CHLD WLFR, 45.00
J. CHRISTOPHER YOUNG, CHLD WLFR, 45.00
K.D. BRYANT, CHLD WLFR, 45.00
CENTURYLINK, PRCH SVCS, 68.84
PITNEY BOWES RES, PRCH SVCS, 74.30
US DEPT. OF THE TREASURY, FED W/H, 4,495.69
US DEPT. OF THE TREASURY, FICA W/H, 7,206.89

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CO STATE WITHHOLDINGS, STATE W/H, 1,822.84
GREAT WEST, RETIREMENT, 4,279.13
COUNTY HEALTH POOL, INSURANCE, 15,672.86
AP PAYMENTS, 17,791.33
DEPT OF HUMAN SERVICES FUND TOTAL: 52,491.88
FUND: CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT
VENDOR NAME, ACCOUNT NAME, AMOUNT
COLORADO FIBER COMM, BRDBND IMP, 450.00
BLACK MT GLASS, FRFLD COMM, 850.00
CIVIC FORUM, FRFLD COMM, 2,220.35
DUECEY'S ELEC, FRFLD COMM, 6,537.71
FLAT ROCK CONST, M AP ENTLMT, 23,056.50
GDA, M AP ENTLMT, 5,764.05
MVB-VISA, FRFLD COMM, 2,295.79
NICROS, JSTC CNTR, 19,039.50
SAMUELSON, FRFLD COMM, 190.65
VALLEY HARDWARE, FRFLD COMM, 107.62
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND TOTAL: 60,512.17
FUND: USE TAX
VENDOR NAME, ACCOUNT NAME, AMOUNT
BARNEY, DEBRA, PRCH SVCS, 180.00
BOYKO, PRCH SVCS, 119.18
CENTURYLINK, PRCH SVCS, 19.51
CENTURYLINK-LND LN, MKR SFHS, 128.06
GIANT STEP PRESCHOOL, GIANT STEP
PRESCHL, 2,029.60
HENDERSON, MELAINE, PRCH SVCS, 150.00
MIND SPRINGS HEALTH, NMNTL HLTH, 24,000.00
MOON LAKE ELEC, UTL, 635.67
NICKSON, ANNEALE, PRCH SVCS, 55.89
PITNEY BOWES RES, PRCH SVCS, 10.34
RANGELY, TOWN OF, UTL, 172.71
RANGELY TRASH, UTL, 166.00
RANGELY TRUE VALUE, SPLY, 255.89
SAMUELSON, PRCH SVCS, 97.93
SHADLOW, DANIEL, PRCH SVCS, 12.50
STAPLES, SPLY, 108.93
U.S. FOODS, SPLY, 4,987.87
WATT'S, FOOD SUPPLY, 482.51
WHITE RIVER MARKET, FOOD SUPPLY, 149.56
US DEPT. OF THE TREASURY, FED W/H, 1,608.18
US DEPT. OF THE TREASURY, FICA W/H, 3,271.48
CO STATE WITHHOLDINGS, STATE W/H, 750.94
GREAT WEST, RETIREMENT, 2,395.58
COUNTY HEALTH POOL, INSURANCE, 8,458.49
FAMILY SUPPORT REGISTRY, WAGE ASNMT, 839.00
USE TAX FUND TOTAL: 51,085.82
FUND: IMPACT FEE
VENDOR NAME, ACCOUNT NAME, AMOUNT
EDNR ENGINEERING, CR 5, 2,260.92
IMPACT FEE FUND TOTAL: 2,260.92
FUND: SOLID WASTE
VENDOR NAME, ACCOUNT NAME, AMOUNT
CAROLINA SOFTWARE, PRCH SVCS, 300.00
MEeker AUTO, SPLY, 2.72
PITNEY BOWES RES, PRCH SVCS, 7.11
REDI SVCS/WY, PRCH SVCS, 120.00
RB HERALD TIME, PRCH SVCS, 118.00
SGM, CAPT OTLY, 3,210.75
UNION, PRCH SVCS, 53.99
WR DISTRIBUTING, PRCH SVCS, 15.00
WREA, UTL, 424.60

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US DEPT. OF THE TREASURY, FED W/H, 1,731.74
US DEPT. OF THE TREASURY, FICA W/H, 1,994.82
CO STATE WITHHOLDINGS, STATE W/H, 546.84
GREAT WEST, RETIREMENT, 406.24
COUNTY HEALTH POOL, INSURANCE, 3,144.59
CHILD SUPPORT SVCS, WAGE ASNMT, 200.00
SOLID WASTE FUND TOTAL: 12,276.40
FUND: WEED & PEST
VENDOR NAME, ACCOUNT NAME, AMOUNT
CO DEPT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, SPLY, 275.00
PITNEY BOWES, SPLY, 173.94
GILBARCO, PRCH SVCS, 198.38
HONNEN EQUIP, PARTS/ACC, 3,569.88
JACKSON GROUP, PARTS/ACC, 60.60
KIMBALL MIDWEST, SPLY, 215.44
LAWSON PRODUCTS, SPLY, 74.66
MASTER PETROLEUM, GAS, 68,349.76
MC GUIRE AUTO, PARTS/ACC, 1,972.16
MEEKER COLLISION, REPR/MTNC, 1,683.70
MOON LAKE ELEC, UTL, 21.14
MOON LAKE ELEC, UTL, 23.27
MVB-VISA, GAS, 207.77
NORTHWEST AUTO, PRCH SVCS, 85,943.33
POWER EQUIPMENT, REPR/MTNC, 330.96
RANGELY AUTO, PARTS/ACC, 689.04
RANGELY TRUE VALUE, PARTS/ACC, 5.28
RBC CLERK & REC, PRCH SVCS, 32.94
SAMUELSON, PARTS/ACC, 46.65
TRANSWEST TRUCKS, PARTS/ACC, 276.38
U.S. TRACTOR, SPLY, 15,874.60
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WAGNER EQUIP, PARTS/ACC, 1,611.89
WATT'S, SPLY, 10.76
WEAR PARTS & EQUIP, PARTS/ACC, 1,056.00
WESTFALL O'DELL TRUCK, PARTS/ACC, 4,224.48
WR DISTRIBUTING, SPLY, 18.75
WREA, UTL, 555.63
WHITE RIVER ENERGY, UTL, 259.13
XCEL ENERGY, UTL, 280.91
US DEPT. OF THE TREASURY, FED W/H, 2,300.00
US DEPT. OF THE TREASURY, FICA W/H, 4,670.50
CO STATE WITHHOLDINGS, STATE W/H, 970.50
GREAT WEST, RETIREMENT, 4,193.03
COUNTY HEALTH POOL, INSURANCE, 10,595.29
FLEET FUND TOTAL: 222,067.10
TOTAL: \$8,580,284.61

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ALL COPY PRODUCTS, CNTRCT SVCS, 284.46
PAUL D. MILLER CPA, PROF SVCS, 10,546.00
PITNEY BOWES, RNT/LEASE, 445.00
PITNEY BOWES RES, PSTG, 25.15
XEROX, CNTRCT SVCS, 677.47
CENTRAL SERVICES FUND TOTAL: 11,978.08
FUND: FLEET
VENDOR NAME, ACCOUNT NAME, AMOUNT
A&E TIRE, TIRES, 2,225.70
AIRGAS, SPLY, 145.80
AUTO PARTS OF CRAIG, CAPT OTLY, 2,100.00
BEST DEAL SPRINGS, PARTS/ACC, 546.66
CENTURYLINK-LND LN, PRCH SVCS, 62.60
GCR TIRES, TIRES, 4,949.52
GILBARCO, PRCH SVCS, 198.38
HONNEN EQUIP, PARTS/ACC, 3,569.88
JACKSON GROUP, PARTS/ACC, 60.60
KIMBALL MIDWEST, SPLY, 215.44
LAWSON PRODUCTS, SPLY, 74.66
MASTER PETROLEUM, GAS, 68,349.76
MC GUIRE AUTO, PARTS/ACC, 1,972.16
MEEKER AUTO, PARTS/ACC, 1,615.13
MEEKER COLLISION, REPR/MTNC, 1,683.70
MOON LAKE ELEC, UTL, 21.14
MOON LAKE ELEC, UTL, 23.27
MVB-VISA, GAS, 207.77
NORTHWEST AUTO, PRCH SVCS, 85,943.33
POWER EQUIPMENT, REPR/MTNC, 330.96
RANGELY AUTO, PARTS/ACC, 689.04
RANGELY TRUE VALUE, PARTS/ACC, 5.28
RBC CLERK & REC, PRCH SVCS, 32.94
SAMUELSON, PARTS/ACC, 46.65
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DISBURSEMENTS FOR MARCH 2018
 Gross Salaries, \$12,879.91
 PERA, Monthly Contributions, \$2,030.04
 Colorado Dept of Revenue, CWT, \$381.00
 IRS, FWT/Med, \$1,233.32
 FPPA & D & D, Monthly Contributions, 724.52
 Centurylink, Phone, fax, internet, \$318.80
 Moon Lake Electric, Electricity, \$1,307.33
 Rangely Trash Service, Trash Service, \$82.00
 Rio Blanco Herald Times, Disbursements, \$126.51
 Mesa County Health Dept, Water test, \$40.00
 Caselle Inc, Support, \$340.00
 LR Gatway Services LLC, Gas, oil, grease, \$988.36
 Sands Law Office LLC, Professional Services, \$2,024.00
 WestWater Engineering, Sewer Project, \$1,674.32
 Lizard Analytical Lab, Wastewater Test, \$40.00
 City of Grand Junction, Wastewater Test, \$153.00
 Walmart, Camera, router, recorder, bulbs, trash bags, bleach, \$458.42
 Rangely True Value, Plugs, respirator, heater, \$145.39
 Zions Bank, Training & gas, \$444.89
 Rangely Auto Parts, Batteries, cables, \$354.62
 Lasting Impressions, Embroidery on uniform, \$52.99
 Core & Main, Meter reading equipment, \$7,070.19
 EMC Plumbing and Heating, Water tap, \$286.00
 Gary Gurney M.A. LPC, Psychological test, \$227.00
 Spillman, Software police department, \$1,380.00
 Axon Enterprise Inc, Taser, \$1,727.25
 International Code Council, Dues, \$135.00
 Sav on Propane, Propane, \$1,951.07
 Thomson Reuter, State & Federal Books, \$326.20
 FedEx, Water Test, \$62.70
 Browns Hill Engineering, Calibrated at lagoon, \$989.00
 Severson Supply Co, Snow blade & parts, \$347.92
 Backbow Supremo, Fixed water break, \$3,084.47
 Colorado Rural Water, Training, \$320.00
 Moffat County, Rent, Deposit, Law Enforcement, \$8,780.04
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TOWN OF DINOSAUR
DISBURSEMENTS FOR FEBRUARY 2018
 Gross Salaries, \$13,422.37
 PERA, Monthly Contributions, \$2,147.74
 Colorado Dept of Revenue, CWT, \$453.00

PUBLIC NOTICES

IRS, FWT/Med, \$1,510.28
 FPPA & D&D, Monthly Contributions, \$724.52
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PUBLIC NOTICE
CUT AND REMOVE WEEDS
 Meeker Municipal Code Sections 8.20.104 and 8.20.105 requires that owners of land within the Town or any agent in charge of such property are required to cut and remove the weeds, brush, including weeds that have grown along alleys and in the public right-of-way adjacent to such property. A written notice may be served upon the owner or agent and if not complied with by the 20th of June and maintained to keep growth to a length of no greater than a height of 12 inches at all times, the owner may be cited and required to appear in Municipal Court or the Town will cut the weeds and assess a tax lien against the property in which the weeds and brush have been removed.
 By: Scott Meszaros, Town Administrator
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PUBLIC NOTICES

Consent Agenda:
 1.Approval: Minutes from Regular Board Meeting on April 23, 2018
 2.Acceptance: Financial Reports and Check Vouchers for April 2018
 3.Acceptance: Resignation -Paula Kracht (Elementary Paraprofessional)
 Action Items:
 1.Approval: Personnel
 a.Art Cox - Part-Time Groundskeeper
 b.Bradon Grasmick - Volunteer HS Wrestling Coach
 c.Georgann Amack - Part-Time MS Science Teacher
 d.Ell Paraprofessional - Ana Morino
 2.Approval: ADF-R - School Wellness (2nd Reading)
 3.Approval: Curriculum Purchases
 Other BOE Information:
 Executive Session (if needed):
 Adjournment
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the Board takes that matter. Please limit your comments to three minutes per member or five minutes per group. The public comment time is not for questions and answers. It is your time to express your views.
 11:00 a.m. Call to order:
 Pledge of Allegiance
 Changes to the May 21, 2018 Tentative Agenda 1)
 2) Move to Approve the May 21, 2018 Agenda including any changes.

CONSENT AGENDA FOR MAY 21, 2018:

Items of routine and non-controversial nature are placed on the consent agenda. Any Commissioner or member of the audience may request an item be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered separately on the regular agenda prior to action being taken by the Board on the Consent Agenda.

Move to Approve the below listed items of the Consent Agenda.

Consent 1

Consideration of the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado Meeting Minutes of May 14, 2018.

BUSINESS:

Business 1_ Move to Approve/Deny an award to the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado of the AGNC Technical Assistance Grant EIAF #8580, for the Rio Blanco County Economic Development Marketing Project in an amount of \$7,925.00.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

PLASTIC BAG DONATIONS NO LONGER
NEEDED!
THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP.
THE BAG LADIES

5/17/5/24

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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

**MEEKER STREAKER
MONTHLY SCHEDULE**

May 2018

NOTE: Please schedule out-of-town appointments before 2:00 PM and call-in advance to set up all medical appointment rides. 970-878-9368 or Cell# 970-456-7701. Activities are subject to change.

Bus available on dates noted below:

5/17 - Bus in town/Grand Junction medical
5/18 - Bus in town
5/19 - No bus
5/20 - AM bus
5/21 - Bus in town
5/22 - Bus in town/Rangely dental
5/23 - Bus in town
5/24 - Bus in town/Craig trip
5/25 - Bus in town
5/26 - No bus
5/27 - AM bus
5/28 - No bus
5/29 - Bus in town
5/30 - Bus in town
5/31 - Bus in town

5/17

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Veterans Service Offices Rio Blanco County: Veterans Service Officer - Joe Dungan, Wednesday, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., County Administration Building, 201 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 First Baptist Church (207 S Sunset). Join us! For more information, call Britt Campos at 801-589-4803.

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

Looking for female roommate to help out with rent and utilities and weekends with cooking and laundry. Call for interview. 970-260-8758

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEEKER HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE
Who: All community members invited
Where: Meeker High School
When: May 15-6 p.m., May 16-10:00 a.m.
June 7-6 p.m.
What: Open house to learn about MHS and Bus Garage facility needs. Question and answer session followed by a school tour.
Please attend to learn more!

5/10-5/17

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

AUCTIONS

Farm & Ranch Auction

Saturday, May 19th, 10:00 a.m.

4860 County Road 233, Rifle, CO

JD 5310 tractor, Case Backhoe, Baler, swather, vehicles, other attachments, feeder & stock panels, track, 4 wheeler, 2 riding mowers, hand & power tools of all kinds, fencing, stock wagon, Jon Boat, 3 sheds, 4 fuel tanks on stands, lumber, antiques & collectibles of all kinds, prison hand cuffs, tin & metal signs, household furniture & modern items, Aspen pictures, books, ammo & reloading items.

AUCTIONS

There are a lot of items at this auction, unseen treasures will be found. Owner, Ryden Estate & B's Thrift Store. For more info call Steve Claypole, CP Auction service, 970-260-5577.

Must see web, www.cauction.com

"Call us about a sale for you"

5/10-5/17

ELDER CARE SERVICES

Western Slope In-Home Care has an established care team here in Meeker! We need to start helping people in need! Cleaning or personal care. [Easy sign-up](#). Call for a [free consultation](#). 970-878-7008. (Visit [westernslopehomecare.com](#) to see other counties we serve in or services we provide.).

FARM & RANCH

Looking for Lease:
Summer grazing pasture for 60-150 pairs of well behaved Black Angus cattle. Competitive rates and excellent references available.

970-846-8310

3/29-5/17

FOR SALE

MOTIVATED SELLER of severed mineral interests. Over 1400 mineral acres near Buford. Interest in oil, gas and other minerals in, on or under the following described lands:

Township 2 South. Range 90 West. 6th P.M.; Sections 22 and 23: S1/2 S1/2 SW1/4, SW1/4 SW1/4 SE1/4; W1/2 NE1/4 SE1/4, NW1/4 SE1/4 SE1/4, N1/2 SW1/4 SE1/4, SE1/4, E1/2 E1/2 NW1/4 SE1/4.

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N1/2 SW1/4 SE1/4, N1/2 S1/2 SW1/4 SE1/4, N1/2 SE1/4 SW1/4, N1/2 S1/2 SE1/4 SW1/4; Section 27: NE1/4 NW1/4 W1/4, N1/2 NE1/4 NW1/4, NW1/4 NW1/4 NE1/4; Township 1 South. Range 91 West 6th P.M.: Sections 1 and 2: Lots 1, 2, 3 and 4, S1/2 NE1/4, SE1/4 NW1/4, SE1/4, SW1/4 NW1/4, E1/2 SW1/4, NW1/4 SW1/4, SW1/4 SW1/4; Section 3: NE1/4 SE1/4, SE1/4 SE1/4, SE1/4 NW1/4, that part of Lots 2, 3 and 4 lying North of road to Trappers Lake, and that part of Lots 1, 2 and 3 lying South of County Road to Trappers Lake; Sections 4 and 9: SE1/4 SE1/4, SW1/4 SE1/4, SE1/4 SW1/4, NE1/4 SW1/4, SW1/4 NW1/4; Sections 10 and 11: NW1/4 SW1/4, that part of the S1/2 NE1/4 and SE1/4 NE1/4 lying South; Section 12: E1/2 E1/4, SW1/4 SE1/4, that part of the NW1/4 SE1/4 lying between County Road to Trappers Lake and the North fork of the White River; NE1/4 NE1/4; N1/2 NE1/4, SE1/4 NE1/4, N1/2 NW1/4; E1/2 NE1/4; S1/2 NE1/4, NE1/4 NE1/4, N1/2 NW1/4, NW1/4 NE1/4, NE1/4 NW1/4, W1/2 NW1/4.

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5/10-5/17

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

Pursuant to C.R.S. 37-92-302, you are hereby notified that the following pages comprise a resume of Applications and Amended Applications filed in the office of Water Division 6, during the month of April, 2018.

18CW3014, (94CW17, Water Div. 5; 02CW97, Water Div. 5; 09CW45, Water Div. 6), Rio Blanco County, APPLICATION FOR FINDING OF REASONABLE DILIGENCE. 1. Name, mailing address, telephone number, and email address of Co-Applicants: Puckett Land Company ("Puckett"), Attn: Eric R. Stearns, President & CEO, 5460 S. Quebec Street, #250, Greenwood Village, CO 80111-1917, (303) 762-1000, eric.stearns@puckettland.com. Please address all correspondence to: Peter D. Nichols, Megan Gutwein, Berg Hill Greenleaf Ruscitti LLP, 1712 Pearl Street, Boulder, CO 80302, (303) 402-1600. The Oil Shale Corporation ("TOSCO"), c/o Mike Matison, ConocoPhillips Co., 3401 East 30th Street, Farmington, NM 87402. Please address all correspondence to: Jacques S. Ruda, 6000 East Evans Ave., #1-211, Denver, CO 80222, telephone: (303) 297-3800, Fax: (303) 297-9417, ruda@cmconline.com. 2. Name of structure: Puckett Enlargement of the Miller Ditch. 3. Description of Conditional Water Right: A. Original Decree: April 2, 1996, Case No. 94CW17, Water Division 5. The original application was filed in Water Division 6 on December 29, 1993 in Case No. 93CW126 and was transferred to Water Division 5. Pursuant to Case No. 94CW17, ¶ 6, this water right is administered as having been filed in 1993. B. Subsequent Decrees: Case No. 02CW97 (September 3, 2002, Water Division 5, diligence); Case No. 09CW45 (April 7, 2012, Water Division 6, diligence). C. Legal Description: In the NW1/4 NE1/4 of Sec. 25, T2S, R99W, 6th PM, at a point which is located approximately S85°10'W, 2160 feet from the northeast corner of said section 25 (approximately 202 feet from the North section line, and approximately 2150 feet from the East section line). A map showing the location of the point of diversion is attached hereto as Exhibit 1. D. Source of Water: Ryan Gulch, tributary to Piceance Creek, tributary to the White River. E. Appropriation Date: May, 1978. F. Amount: 1.0 cfs. G. Use: The Puckett Enlargement of the Miller Ditch was decreed absolute for irrigation in the amount of 1.0 cfs in Case No. 94CW17. Domestic, livestock, and industrial uses remain conditional in the amount of 1.0 cfs. 4. Application for Finding of Reasonable Diligence. A. Co-Applicant Puckett: Co-Applicant Puckett is a Colorado corporation that holds interests in approximately 44,300 acres of lands in Garfield and Rio Blanco Counties, Colorado and controls the right to develop the oil, gas, or oil shale minerals associated with these lands, including the Figure Four Ranch. The conditional water rights that are the subject of this Application were appropriated and are needed for the commercial development of Puckett's oil, gas, coalbed methane, and/or oil shale minerals associated with these lands, including industrial, domestic, recreational, and other beneficial uses associated with such development. 1. Puckett's Integrated System: As decreed in Case No. 07CW242 on October 2, 2012, the subject water rights are features of an integrated water supply project or system comprised of the water rights and structures associated with the White River-Figure Four Pipeline, originally decreed in Case No. W-196, Water Division 5, July 16, 1971, and the PLC-1, PLC-2, and PLC-3 water rights, originally decreed in Case No. 07CW242, Water Division 5, October 2, 2012. Work on one feature of this integrated project or system shall be considered in finding that diligence has been shown in the development of water rights for all features of the integrated project or system. B. Co-Applicant Conoco: Co-Applicant TOSCO is a Delaware Corporation qualified to do business in the State of Colorado. TOSCO is a wholly-owned subsidiary of ConocoPhillips Company and has been since January 1, 2003. Collectively, TOSCO and ConocoPhillips are referred to as "Conoco." Conoco holds interest in fee in over 37,700 acres of oil shale lands in Garfield and Rio Blanco Counties. The conditional water rights that is the subject of this Application was appropriated and is needed for the commercial development of Conoco's oil shale properties, including industrial, domestic, municipal, environmental, recreational, irrigation, power, mining, retorting, refining, dust control and reclamation uses associated with such development. Conoco has expended funds in development of ownership information and surveys of its oil shale properties and adjacent properties. 1. Oil Shale Research and Development. The commercial development of oil shale is a necessary prerequisite to beneficial use of the water rights described herein and Conoco has expended considerable effort towards the development of oil shale and oil shale plants of commercial size, since April, 2012. Conoco's work includes: a. Research regarding environmental, health and social issues related to development, assessment of available oil shale and water resources, and availability of permits and other approvals; b. Engineering assessments regarding existing and new technology for commercial development; c. Evaluation of the technical feasibility of storage facilities and pump/pipeline facilities for Conoco's integrated systems of water rights for development of oil shale; d. Evaluation of the economics of oil shale development; and e. Evaluation of the water requirements for Conoco's planned oil shale development. f. In summary, Conoco has conducted extensive research and study and has expended substantial sums in connection with developing improvements in its development processes for Oil Shale. 2. Conoco has also conducted activities to manage the surface of its oil shale lands in Garfield and Rio Blanco Counties, Colorado, including negotiating right-of-way and other agreements with other landowners and oil shale claim owners, negotiating grazing leases to manage the surface property, negotiating resource development leases, and the development and management of a man camp at the Ertl Dutton tract. C. Economic Conditions: Energy prices are notoriously volatile and are driven by a wide variety of factors including supply, demand, geo-politics, and severe weather. See, e.g., U.S. Energy Information Administration, Energy Price Volatility and Forecast Uncertainty (Oct. 2009). Economic conditions such as low oil prices have prevented the development of oil shale, but economists are predicting that world energy prices, led by oil, will increase in the near future. See, e.g. World Bank, World Bank Raises 2017 Oil Price Forecast (Oct. 20, 2016); U.S. Energy Information Administration, Crude oil prices expected to increase slightly through 2017 and 2018 (Jan. 12, 2017). Current economic conditions are adverse to oil shale production. Pursuant to section 37-92-301(4)(c), C.R.S. (2017), current economic conditions beyond the control of applicant that adversely affect the feasibility of perfecting a conditional right shall not be considered sufficient to deny a diligence application so long as other facts and circumstances that show diligence are present. D. Diligence Activity Co-Applicant Puckett: During this diligence period, in continuing the development of the water rights involved, including expenditures for legal, consulting, and engineering work. The foregoing activities are described in more detail as follows. 1. Retained SGM to evaluate the physical and legal water availability for potential future development and use of the Figure Four Pipeline water rights. SGM provided PLC with a Figure Four Pipeline Hydrology Assessment report that is the first phase in a series of steps needed to prepare for a potential water pumping and storage project. 2. Investigated proposed reservoir site to store water as indicated in the yield study by SGM, including: a. 20,000 acres on Figure Four lands owned by Applicant; b. the size, location, and volume of abutments; and c. Identified preliminary alignment of pipeline from point of diversion to reservoir site utilizing existing pipeline corridors and areas outside of areas of environmental concern. 3. Entered into a Lease Agreement with TC Landco, LLC to provide surface location for the Figure Four Pipeline pump station and associated facilities. 5. 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As a result, PLC has filed Statements of Opposition to numerous applications in the White River and Piceance Creek basins, and participated in these cases to prevent injury to the subject conditional water right. PLC expended approximately \$4,388.00 on legal services and \$18,972.00 on engineering services in connection with this work. E. Diligence Activity Co-Applicant Conoco: 1. Each month during the diligence period, attorneys for Co-Applicant Conoco have reviewed the water resume of applications as published by the Water Clerk for Water Division 5 and Division 6 for protection of the subject conditional right. 2. Co-Applicant Conoco has filed Statements of Opposition to a large number of applications in the Colorado River, White River, and Piceance Creek basins, and participated in these cases to prevent injury to its decreed water rights. 2. 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Birdseye Maple bedroom set, no bed. 2 chairs, 2 tables, 2 dressers & 1 vanity w/mirror. Antique 4 drawer dresser w/mirror. Call for appointment 801-560-9021 5/17-5/24

HELP WANTED: GENERAL

POSITION: RESERVOIR/HYDROELECTRIC OPERATOR III

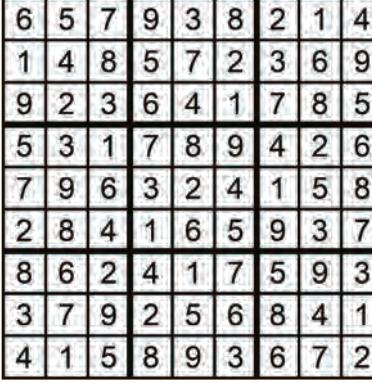
The Rio Blanco Water Conservancy District is seeking a qualified individual to work as a Reservoir/Hydroelectric Operator III. This is an "At Will" entry level position and is responsible for the day-to-day operation and maintenance of the Hydro Electric Facility, Taylor Draw Dam, Kenney Reservoir, and other holdings of the District. Depending upon qualifications, the RBWCD offers a competitive benefits package and pay range within the specified job description.

For an application packet please inquire at: Rio Blanco Water Conservancy District 2252 E. Main St. Rangely, CO 81648 (970) 675-5055 M-Th 7 am - 4 pm Fri 10 am - 2 pm 5/3-5/31

Class A CDL Driver Needed. Please call Krule Construction at 970-878-3474 5/3-5/31

High Rise Tree Care - groundsman, climbers, bucket men. Driver's license required. Pay based on experience, \$18-\$25 per hour. 970-309-4077

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HELP WANTED: GENERAL

The Rangely School District RE-4 is currently hiring an IT Director, as well as other positions; please refer to www.rangelyk12.org for applications. 5/17-5/31

Clerk/stocker needed, all shifts. Old Crows Liquor 878-5485 5/17-5/31

HELP WANTED: SEASONAL

Rangely Regional Library is seeking part time summer help. Applications are available at Rangely Regional Library, 109 East Main Street, Rangely, Colorado. Please contact Library Director, Amorette Hawkins at (970)675-8811 with any inquiries. Rangely Regional Library District is an equal opportunity employer. 5/17-5/24

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For Sale: 14x70 mobile home on 2 acres, 4 miles west of Meeker, 3 BDR/1BA, cistern, \$70,000. 970-756-0718 or 970-878-4629 4/26-5/24

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- Benefits

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Clean, quiet 2 BDR/1BA includes washer & dryer, no pets. \$475/month + deposit. Call 970-260-8844 or 970-878-5265

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Rural house for rent. 30 miles east of Meeker on County Rd 8. Cozy 3 bedroom. \$700 per month. Deposit and references required. Call 970-274-6850 5/3-5/31

2 BDR, 1 BA fully remodeled house, \$750 per month, No pets. 970-220-2029 5/17-6/14

RENTALS: RANGELY

2 BDR , full bath, washer/dryer, utilities not included, no smoking/no pets, fenced yard. 308 South White Ave, Rangely. \$450 deposit/\$450 per month. 970-261-5634.

RENTALS: RANGELY

2 BDR house upstairs, 3 rooms downstairs, fenced in yard, 1 car garage, central heating and a/c. 970-629-3605

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Hay - old, molded, unusable for feed

Old wood - if pine at least 5 years old or older, rotted preferred

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880 Main St. - 4BD/2BA, oversized lot w/ sm. cabin off the alley. \$155,000.

1010 Hill St. - 2BD/1BA, corner lot w/ sm. cabin off the St. \$139,000. PRICE REDUCED to \$109,900!

873 Market St. - 3BD/1BA, utility shed, alley access. \$119,000.

893 Market St. - 2BD/1BA, corner lot, alley access. \$127,000.

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RURAL RESIDENTIAL

1083 Boulder Dr., Craig - Wilderness Ranches cabin, turnkey. \$169,500.

NEW! 4007 CR 7 - 3BD/2BA with well on 5.18 acres. \$260,000.

RANCH PROPERTY

281±ac. Ranch - Located in Lion's Canyon, well present, adjoins BLM. \$422,000.

River Ranch on the Yampa, Maybell - 5 BD/4BA, Lg. Barn/Shop on 128.68±ac., senior water rights w/ Yampa River frontage. \$998,000 REDUCED!

Baker's Peak Vista Ranch, Craig - 506±ac., outbuildings, water rights & domestic well, adjoins BLM & Nat. Forest. \$1,300,000.

Four Springs Ranch, Maybell - Great Ranch setup on 343.98±ac. w/ water rights & Yampa River frontage. \$1,250,000.

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