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RANGELY CLASS OF 2029...



MATT SCOGGINS PHOTO

As the Class of 2017 graduates from high school this week, Rangely kindergarten teacher Annette Heil's Class of 2029 has already written and published their first book, aptly titled "We Are The Future." Heil said with the move to all-day kindergarten, she has more time to do extended projects and with the district's push to improve writing proficiency, the opportunity to create and publish their own book as a class seemed like the perfect opportunity to get her students excited about writing. During the course of about a month, they went through the entire publishing process from start to finish—brainstorming, writing a rough draft, revising, illustrating, and so on. The subject of the book is all about what each child wants to be when he or she grows up. Every student has a page of hand-drawn illustration and a page printed in their own handwriting. Heil did the cover design for the hardback book, published by Student Treasures.

Commissioners meet in Rangely

By JEN HILL
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RANGELY I The Rio Blanco County Commissioners met Monday morning for their monthly meeting in Rangely. In the short meeting they accepted a grant and agreed to support a lawsuit against the federal government.

The commissioners signed a declaration of support for Garfield, Jackson and Moffat Counties to jointly file suit against the U.S. Department of the Interior, U.S. Department of Agricultural, U.S. Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management regarding the implementation of sage grouse protection policies. The commissioners are hoping to encourage the federal government to reevaluate the science behind the policies as well as require more transparency throughout the process, which Chairman Shawn Bolton said was lacking. Additionally, they are highly concerned about the policy impact on the oil and gas and agriculture industries.

The board accepted a \$4,000 grant from the Associated Governments of Northwest

Colorado for the creation of an economic development website. County Economic Development Coordinator Katelin Cook will be utilizing the grant.

A memorandum of understanding (MOU) between the commissioners and White River/Douglas Creek Conservation District was approved. The MOU is designed to further define the roles and responsibilities for both the commissioners and Conservation District in implementing the county land use plan.

Jon Hill approached the commissioners during the public comment portion of the meeting to thank them for allowing the Rangely Cemetery District to work with the county road and bridge crew to get some needed work done. He also voiced support for the commissioners' stance against supporting the Ute Tribe's Dinosaur casino. The Town of Rangely has taken a similar stance.

Commissioner Si Woodruff asked Hill if he would be willing to continue to serve on the Basin Water Roundtable, a position Hill filled in his prior role as a county commissioner. Woodruff told Hill that he was more knowledgeable on water

issues than anyone currently on the board and they hoped he would continue in that position.

Commissioners quickly updated on their current activities. Commissioner Jeff Rector said he's been working with the Rangely Road Rally and OHV groups.

Commissioner Woodruff recently met with the Meeker Police Department to discuss a designated officer training site, potentially near the old landfill. He also mentioned a desire to change building codes so that remote cabins are not required to build to code. Woodruff was also concerned that not all landowners are required to spray weeds and expressed a desire to explore more enforcement.

Commissioner Bolton discussed his thoughts on conservation easements, which he said can eliminate death taxes and save family ranches. According to Bolton, Colorado Parks and Wildlife considering allowing energy corridors such as power and pipelines to cross easement land, making them easier to work with. He also mentioned concerns that BLM Planning 2.0 would be revived, specifically the venting and flaring rules.

Town of Meeker adds golf carts to OHV code

By NIKI TURNER
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MEEKER I In their regular meeting, Meeker's board of trustees adopted an ordinance that adds golf carts to the OHV section of the town's municipal code, making their use permissible in town. Operators still have to be licensed drivers, and the golf carts are required to have specific safety equipment according to the ordinance. Please check with the town for those requirements.

The board approved the mayor's nomination of Brock Campbell to the final seat on the Meeker Urban Renewal Board, and approved liquor licenses for Meekerpalooza and Old Timers Reunion on June 3 before opening a discussion about modifying the town's bidding policies to increase public transparency, make the bid process more secure, and provide a way to give preference to local bidders on certain projects.

Town Attorney Melody Massih told the board that the lawsuit against the Meeker Housing Authority will be in mediation next Wednesday, and that defense council thinks the town should "settle this and get out of the case for a nominal amount."

While the Town of Meeker is named in the suit, along with the Meeker Housing Authority (MHA) as an organization and the individual members of the MHA, the town has no liability for the actions of the MHA and nothing would change for the other parties named in the suit. Settling the lawsuit, according to Massih, would be less expensive than letting the defense council present an oral argument for dismissal in federal court.

"It's a super high conflict situation (between the plaintiffs' attorney

and defense counsel)," Massih said. "Nobody's happy when you settle, but we're going to be done and out of it."

The board announced a meeting for Meeker Chamber of Commerce members today at 6:30 p.m. at Kilowatt Korner to answer questions and discuss the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for the Meeker Adventure Center. The town will hold its own meeting on May 24 at 6:30 at Town Hall to answer specific questions about the details of the RFQ.

On June 6, the town will hold a workshop to discuss its grant program, and on June 20, at the request of the county commissioners, will participate in a combined workshop with the county and both towns. The subject of legalization of marijuana and the current moratoriums will be one of the items on that workshop agenda.

TOURISM TOUR...



TRUDY BURRI PHOTO

Members of the Colorado Tourism Office who traveled to Meeker last Thursday were treated to lunch and a tour of Meeker's historic downtown led by Ellene Meece, center.

Broadband program marching forward; first towers to be lit in June

By NIKI TURNER
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RBC I Rio Blanco County's broadband project is garnering increasing state and national attention for its innovative approach to bringing 1 gigabit fiber optic broadband internet to both businesses and private homes throughout the county, and 25 megabit service to rural areas.

While many are still waiting for their homes and businesses to be connected to the new system, progress is moving steadily forward. At this point the mainlines in both Meeker and Rangely are complete, allowing Colorado Fiber Community (CFC) to make "drops" to individual homes and businesses. Currently, there are

approximately 320 homes and businesses and a number of local anchor institutions already online. CFC anticipates the number of "lit" addresses to increase to 700 by the end of the summer, and more by the end of 2017.

For in-town residents who can be connected via the mainline, CFC plans to release a public website in June that will provide information about which areas are already connected, which are about to be completed, and which ones are on the schedule. Customers who are already online can expect to receive a customer experience survey in the next few weeks from CFC.

In response to questions about why certain blocks have been connected and others haven't, RBC IT

Director Blake Mobley said sometimes that's dependent on the way the fiber optic system "loops" and sometimes it's dependent on getting all the locates necessary to dig. Each locate to each home and/or block requires individual information from each of the infrastructure operators connected to an address—electric, natural gas, water, sewer, cable and telephone, among others—which takes time. Homeowners and renters also need to make sure they (or their landlords) have signed up with one of the county's local providers, LAI or Cimarron, to be placed on the drop list.

Rural customers, who will rely on towers and wireless signals to access the county's broadband infrastructure, also have a light at the end of the

proverbial tunnel. The eight primary towers will begin to be "lit" in June, beginning with the towers on Lobo Mountain in Meeker and at the CNCC campus in Rangely. The other six towers get lit off those two, and then the project will begin focusing on secondary towers that will increase rural coverage.

"We saved enough money on the primary towers we didn't spend all of our DOLA (Department of Local Affairs) grant. We've gone back to DOLA and asked for a scope change and a time change to apply that (money) to installing secondary towers," Mobley said. Once the signed DOLA grant amendment is received, the county can begin implementing deeper rural coverage. Mobley noted

that there will be places in the county that will still not have access because of our complex topography. Rural access via wireless is dependent on line-of-sight access to a tower.

Besides speaking before the state legislature regarding broadband, Mobley was recently invited to be a presenter at two conferences, one in Arizona and one in Texas. At the Next Century Cities' Digital Southwest Conference in Mesa, Ariz., Mobley was a presenter on the rural and tribal broadband panel. At the Broadband Communities 2017 Summit in Dallas, Texas, Mobley joined panelists from Sweden, Bozeman, Mont.; and Kitsap PUD, Wash., on the Open Access Fiber Networks Success Stories Panel, which was one of a few panels chosen

for the Editor's Choice Track. In addition, Mobley has presented to Custer County's broadband group in south central Colorado.

Last Friday Rio Blanco County hosted the Northwest Colorado Council of Governments (NWCCOG) first broadband steering committee meeting in Meeker, speaking to representatives from an eight county area about the data center, broadband and the fiber optic LAN (Local Access Network) installed in the renovated courthouse. Mobley said "to his knowledge" the Rio Blanco County Courthouse is the first courthouse in the state to apply this state-of-the-art technology, which has now been adopted by the DoD (Department of Defense) as its new standard.

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■ **Movie Under the Big Top** tonight at Meeker High School from 6-8 p.m. Featured film will be "Finding Dory." \$1 admission. Concessions available. Call 878-3403 or visit meekerrecdistrict.com.

■ **Softball and baseball clinic** May 16 from 6-8 p.m. at Paintbrush Park Ball Fields. Free clinic for K-8th grade youth taught by the high school baseball and softball teams. More details at meekerrecdistrict.com or call 878-3403.

■ **Mountain Valley Bank will be doing a "Lobby Blitz"** every Wednesday to provide customers with a one on one online banking and mobile banking mini course. Our staff are eager to assist our community and banking family with the information available to them 24/7.

■ **The Meeker Library Book Club** meets at 1 p.m. the second Monday of each month (excluding holidays). The next meeting will be June 12. We will be discussing "Before the Fall" by Noah Hawley. All interested readers are welcome. Stop by the Meeker Library for details.

■ **Community members are meeting** to make grocery bag mats for the homeless. Mondays 1-4 p.m. at 600 Main St.

■ **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.

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

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

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

■ **Gentleman's Club** meeting at 10 a.m. each Thursday morning at the VFW, 290 4th St. in Meeker.

■ **Real-Tea Roundtable.** Join real estate expert Suzan Pelloni for helpful hints on buying and selling property. First Monday of the month, 7:30 a.m. at Wendl's.

■ **Adult Open Gym Volleyball** Tuesdays from 7:30-8:30 p.m. in the MES gym. Adults 18-plus. Call 878-3403 or visit meekerrecdistrict.com.

■ **Adult Open Gym Pickleball** Wednesdays from 1-2:30 p.m. in the admin gym. Adults 18-plus. Call 878-3403 or visit meekerrecdistrict.com.

■ **Adult Open Gym Basketball** Wednesdays from 7:30-8:30 p.m. in the MES gym. Adults 18-plus. Call 878-3403 or visit meekerrecdistrict.com.

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Rangely's TANK to receive new award May 18 from Denver Center for the Performing Arts

By **JULIE NOYES**
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RANGELY I At the 27th annual Dana Crawford and State Honor Awards Celebration held May 18 at the Denver Center for the Performing Arts, the TANK Center for Sonic Arts will receive the inaugural preservation edge award in recognition of its preservation of a historic resource through unique and creative means. Lois LaFond and Lisa Hatch will be receiving the award on behalf of the Friends of the TANK.

The event is sponsored by Colorado Preservation, whose mission is to promote "historic preservation statewide by providing advocacy, education, outreach and preservation services to communities and individuals. Our vision is to engage

citizens statewide to honor and protect their heritage, to lead them to build a sustainable future with historic places and to inspire them to prioritize the past as legacy," according to their website, coloradopreservation.org.

Long-time preservation advocate John Moye of Denver receives the prestigious Dana Crawford Award.

Other 2017 state honor awards include the Colorado State Capitol House/Senate Chambers Restoration in Denver; the Bent County Commissioners, with special mention of Bill Long; the Cultural and Historical Resource Task Force; the Montezuma Valley National Bank Building of Cortez; and the Hannah Barker House in Boulder. The endangered places progress award goes to Crossan's Market in Yampa.

ARROW OF LIGHT...



Two more Rangely Cub Scouts have received the Arrow of Light award, the highest award in Cub Scouting. Above left: Cub Scout Carson Harris with his parents, Erin and Chad Harris. Above right, Cub Scout Justin Allred with his parents, Marcia and Chuck Allred.

MACC sponsoring community film studies group

By **BOB AMICK**
Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER I The Meeker Arts and Cultural Council (MACC) in cooperation with Mary Grady, who will serve as film studies steering committee chair, have agreed to sponsor a community film studies group. The purpose of the group will be to select, schedule, screen and review a wide variety of motion picture films of interest to community members and to share discussions and insight on the various offerings. The film studies group will be a part of the MACC effort to support a Creative District innovative program for arts and cultural appreciation of the classic motion picture history that evolved as a part of American and international film-making traditions.

Because Meeker has had no motion picture theatre since the classic and historical 1920 Art Deco-era Rio Theatre was demolished in the 1970s, it has been necessary for movie fans to travel to neighboring communities to experience the ambiance of "going to the picture show."

Examples of film studies offer-

ings may include classic 20th century technicolor and musical films with renowned stars; international films, film noir, animated cartoons, documentaries, amateur films and more.

A film studies steering committee organizational meeting will be held Tuesday, May 23 at noon at the

Meeker Public Library where a discussion will be held with interested youth, adults and seniors to discuss the films that may be chosen for review and discussion. A movie will be screened at the meeting. Please bring a brown bag lunch.

Anyone interested in participating

and/or organizing the film studies group film selections and scheduling is encouraged to attend the organizational meeting.

For more information please contact Mary Grady: e-mail granch43@gmail.com or call 970-756-3217.

Rangely airport designated as an aviation development zone

By **JEN HILL**
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RANGELY I Rangely's economic development plan, created in conjunction with Better City, achieved a new milestone last week when the town received notification that the Rangely Airport has been designated an aviation development zone. One of the goals identified by Better City was to establish Rangely as an airplane maintenance, repair and overhaul location, bringing in small aircraft for

needed work. The development zone designation will provide incentives to businesses in that industry.

The designation will allow a business or any portion of a business that is involved in the maintenance and repair, completion or modification of aircraft to qualify for a state income tax credit of \$1,200 per new full-time employee. In order to qualify the business must have at least ten full time employees. The designation and tax credit come from the state.

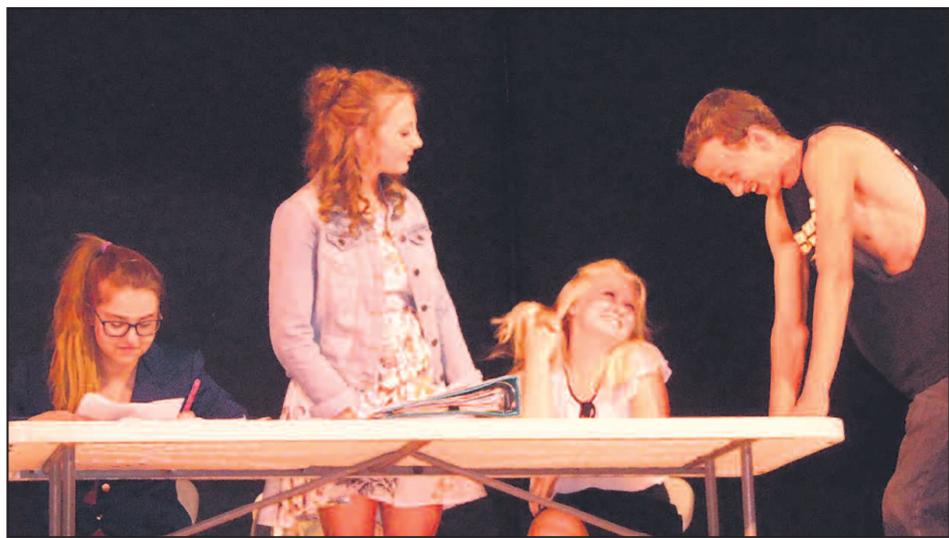
Katelin Cook, County Economic

Development Coordinator called the designation exciting news. "It is yet another incentive that we can provide to potential business operators, making Rangely a more competitive business destination. If you pair this with the enterprise zone, rural jump start, and other state incentives, it makes for a much more compelling business recruitment tool," she said.

Cook stated that the next steps include further analysis and pitching Rangely to businesses, searching for a potential fit.

Accident on Hwy. 13

RBC I A head-on crash between a pickup truck and a semi tanker Tuesday on Colorado State Highway 13 closed the road in both directions at mile marker 15 between Meeker and Rifle. There were two fatalities reported by the Garfield County Sheriff's Office, a 79-year-old Colorado man and a 59-year-old Utah man. The victims' names had not been released as of press time.



REED KELLEY PHOTO

Last Wednesday a few Barone Middle and Meeker High School students participated in the inaugural Cowboy Cabaret—a brief talent show. The event was the inspiration of senior student Kendra Nelson, but some are hopeful it will become an annual event. Peyton Burke played wine glasses and sang; Shelby Steele played the flute and sang; Haylie Rose, Katie Lockwood and Asemah Bakkar performed an original piano and two-flute trio plus sang in a second trio piece; Kallie McCain, Alex Murray, Jorgen Stagg, Liliana Rivas, and Brandon Pollock performed a "Hipster Hobos" skit; Robert Foster played his clarinet; Rosie Wans danced and played in a trio with Nelson and Steele; Delenn Mobley danced several times; Porter Hossack, Damek Chintala, Tatum Kennedy, and Hadley Franklin presented an instrumental quartet; and a play written by Nelson was performed. Students thanked staff members Amy Chinn, Jeff Hemingson, Kathleen Kelley, Cheri Robinson, Brenda Mullins and parent Cindy Nelson. The program featured this quote from French dramatist Jean Anouilh: "The object of art is to give life a shape." From Kendra Nelson's play, "The 'Yes' Girl", serious student Frankie (Rosie Wans) tries to work while Sophia (Annelise Amack) and Dana (Kendra Nelson) fawn over handsome boy, Drake (Austin Russell). Layton Bair, Loran Casias, Shelby Steele, and Julia Eskelson played other roles in the play.

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Meeker Classic director receives tourism award

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MEEKER I As part of a statewide tour of eight Colorado communities, in conjunction with National Travel and Tourism Week, representatives from the Colorado Tourism Office visited Meeker via bus last Thursday as part of the second annual Discover Colorado Roadshow.

Tourism is one of the largest economic generators in Colorado, responsible for one of nine jobs and bringing \$1.13 billion in tax revenues into the state in 2015. It's the vision of the CTO and their "Colorado Comes to Life" initiative to increase those numbers by attracting more national and international visitors as well as Colorado residents traveling within the state to less-frequented locations.

The 1,000-mile, five-day tour started in Golden and followed a loop through Aurora, Burlington, Wiggins, Fort Collins, Steamboat Springs, Meeker and Glenwood Springs.

While in Meeker, the group presented one of 12 "outstanding front-line tourism worker" awards to Maym Cunningham, director of the Meeker Classic Sheepdog Championship Trials, for her labors.

Cunningham has served as director for the Meeker Classic Sheepdog Trials since 2010. The Meeker Classic

Sheepdog Trials is in its 31st year, attracting more than 6,000 visitors and competitors worldwide.

Meeker Classic board member Carly Thomson said, "We all know how much Maym does for the Meeker Classic and Meeker community but it was great to see state level recognition. Great job Maym and keep up the good work, you might say it is the effort of the whole board but we all know better and we know you are the glue that holds us and the event together. There would be no Meeker Classic without Maym."

In addition to presenting the award, the tourism group was treated to lunch and a tour of Meeker's historic downtown, guided by Ellene Meece, former historical society president, who shared some of the downtown history. The group was able to meet with local business owners.

"They were very impressed with Meeker," said Meeker Chamber Tourism Coordinator Trudy Burri. "They said it was one of the cleanest towns they've ever been in. Several said it was a very 'hip' small town."

Of the 15 tourism office attendees, the majority had never been to Meeker before, and Burri said she believes many of them will come back on their own to visit. "It was great to impress this important group of people with our little town."



OUTSTANDING...

Meeker Classic director Maym Cunningham received one of 12 "outstanding front-line tourism worker" awards. She credited the Classic board and volunteers. Pictured in front of the Discover Colorado Roadshow tour bus, from left to right, are Carly Thomson, Trudy Burri, Maym Cunningham and Keely Winger.

COURTESY PHOTO

NEWS BRIEFS

Planned emergency exercise May 19-20

RBC I On May 19-20 law enforcement officers, county staff, fire and ambulance crews, industry reps and others will participate in a detailed full-scale training exercise to test all levels of emergency response—from communication to personnel to equipment—in the event of a multi-layered domestic threat. The exercise will take place in various places around the county, primarily in the Piceance Basin. Residents may witness a high level of law enforcement activity on Friday, May 19, as multiple participants "respond" to pre-arranged scenes.

HopeWest volunteer information May 20

MEEKER I HopeWest is hosting an educational opportunity for individuals who are interested in learning more about the various ways to get involved with HopeWest and give back to the community. Explore HopeWest's many volunteer opportunities including pet therapy, music, patient and family support, special events and more. HopeWest welcomes individuals of all capabilities and interests: hours are flexible and training is provided. This session will be held Saturday, May 20 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Richards Hall, 368 Fourth St. in Meeker. Lunch will be provided. To register or to receive more information, please call Solveig at 878-9383.

Wagon Wheel OHV Club ride May 20

MEEKER I Load up your ATV or side-by-side and come ride with the club this Saturday, May 20. You don't have to be a member to join in the fun. A guided ride will wind through Piceance Creek, giving specular views of western part of Rio Blanco County, as well as glimpses of wildflowers, wild horses, and wildlife. This will be an easy, slower paced 60 mile loop ride on dirt and gravel county roads. Bring your own lunch and non-alcoholic drinks. Meet at the junction of highways 13 and 64 west of Meeker. The caravan will leave the Y promptly at 9 a.m. to travel down to the unloading location in Piceance Creek. Don't be late and miss the fun.

Game carnival May 23 to support STEM

MEEKER I Barone Middle School's seventh grade math department is hosting a game carnival Tuesday, May 23 from 4-5:30 p.m. There will be games and prizes for all ages, created and built by students. Tickets will be 25¢ each, 1-2 tickets per game. All proceeds will go towards the future STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) Lab at the school.

Networking Group meeting May 23

RANGELY I The next Community Networking Group meeting will be on Tuesday, May 23 in the Weiss Conference Room from 12-1:30 p.m. Ron Granger will kick off the meeting with a CNCC review and then open it up to the networking group to give updates on their current activities and plans for 2018.

Pizza, salad and desserts will be served. Please RSVP to 970-675-3301 by Monday, May 22, if you plan to attend.

Visit Rangely Day May 25

RANGELY I Mark your calendars for Visit Rangely Day on Thursday, May 25. The day will begin with a meet and greet from 8:30-9:30 a.m. at the Rangely Automotive Museum, followed by a visit to the TANK Center for Sonic Arts, a visit to the Rangely Outdoor Museum, lunch and a presentation by the Colorado Tourism Office at the Rangely Chamber and a rock art tour from 1-3:30 p.m. on Hwy. 139 and Dragon Trail Road. Call 675-5290 for more information.

Register now for Old Timers Reunion

MEEKER I The Rio Blanco County Pioneers Association will host the 105th Old Timers Reunion on Saturday, June 3. The theme this year is "Ride for the Brand," honoring the dedication of our pioneers. Social hour begins at 5 p.m. Help the Rio Blanco County Historical Society preserve our local history by sharing oral histories on video. Contact heritagetourism@rioblancocounty.org to schedule a specific time. Dinner, prepared by Ma Famiglia, will be served at 6 p.m. followed by a presentation about some of the brands in our county. After dinner the Caleb Dean band will perform live music for your dancing pleasure. Tickets are \$35. Visit rbcpiers.org to register online or to print a registration form to mail in.

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EDITOR'S COLUMN...

The trouble with maintenance

By NIKI TURNER
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Maintenance: "the care or upkeep as of machinery or property," is one of the most frustrating realities of life. It's ongoing, demanding, constant. Wash the dishes one day and you'll have more dishes to wash the next day. Mow the lawn this weekend, and you'll need to mow the lawn again next weekend (or tomorrow, if you're really into yard work). Paint that trim and it will need to be repainted in a year or two. Vacuum the carpet and as soon as the next family member has a snack it will need to be vacuumed again. Laundry is only "done" until someone changes clothes.

For my 40th birthday I bought a cute little sporty car. It was fun to drive, I could park anywhere and it was the antithesis of the ginormous Yukon XL I'd hauled my kids and their friends around in for years (it also performed better in the snow and got more than 12 MPG). But my little Audi TT had a problem. Its previous owner hadn't kept up with the recommended maintenance. Just weeks after bringing the car home, the timing belt broke. Fortunately, it busted while the car was in my garage and the engine was spared. My car spent most of its years with me in the shop or in the garage having essential parts replaced because regular maintenance hadn't been performed on schedule.

It's not just our cars and homes that demand regular care and upkeep. It's our physical bodies, too. We have to eat the right kinds and amounts of food, get regular exercise, rest and have regular check-ups if we want these bodies to live up to their full potential. We

can't mistreat our bodies and expect them to keep ticking along any more than we can abuse our cars and expect them to keep running at ideal performance levels. The same is true for our mental and spiritual and relational well-being.

Maintenance requires sacrificing time and money and sometimes comfort. But the benefits are worth the cost. Do the maintenance, whether it's getting a checkup or fixing that plumbing leak or getting the timing belt fixed on your car. You'll save both time and money in the long run.

Inside this edition you'll find the first issue of our new magazine, *Adventure Colorado*. It has completely fresh content, lots of local advertising, and has already been distributed to all of the Colorado Visitor Centers statewide. We hope you'll enjoy reading it!

This week we continue a long-standing *Herald Times* tradition of honoring our graduating seniors. This week it's Rangely High School's Class of 2017 and next week it will be Meeker High School's graduates.

To all of you who are turning your tassels in the next few weeks, remember this: commencement is not an ending so much as it is a beginning. Start this next chapter of life with the future, not the past, in mind. Good luck and Godspeed to all of you!

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GUEST COLUMN

Meeker schools remain committed to excellence

By CHRIS SELLE
Special to the Herald Times



Chris Selle

MEEKER I With the adjournment of the 71st General Assembly of the Colorado Legislature, school districts are now in the process of making sense of the legislation passed by our elected officials. Every legislative session includes some focus on education, and 2017 was no different. Unlike many other years, the school finance act was not passed until the last day of the session. In speaking with veteran school officials that have observed many, many more legislative sessions than I, none can remember a legislative session in which the passage of the school finance act came so late in the session.

Fortunately, the Meeker School District has sufficient financial reserves to act as a buffer, and we are not at the mercy of our elected officials in developing our preliminary budget. Because we have chosen to intentionally and mindfully spend some of these reserves on programs that benefit student learning, the impact of the legislative decisions is

simply reflected in changes to our overall deficit.

The Meeker School District Board of Education has recognized the only way to meet our student's learning needs is to continue spending a portion of our financial reserves. This is a short term fix to provide our students with a quality education, but is not the long term solution to the problem. Regardless of the metric used, Colorado ranks at or near the bottom of all 50 states in terms of funding for public education. As such, deficit spending has become a necessary strategy to provide a quality education for children in the Meeker School District. The uses for these funds are not extravagant. Rather, our budget deficit is used to provide basic educational services such as: appropriate student/teacher ratios, full day kindergarten, usable curriculum materials,

safe and reliable transportation and current technology resources. At some point, our financial reserves will deplete. The day will come when we must increase revenues at a state and/or local level if we hope to provide our students with the education they deserve.

Many community members are aware that we added full day kindergarten for the 2016-17 school year, and because we had 70 fifth grade students in 2016-17, we added a third fifth grade teacher. The 2016-17 budget also included an effort to maintain competitive salaries and benefits for school staff. There is no more important variable in a child's learning than the adults who work with that child. Thus, in order to attract and retain excellent staff, we must compensate these individuals as best as we possibly can. With surplus funds from the 2015-16 school year we were also able to address a number of facility, transportation, technology and curriculum needs which also positively impact student learning.

Keeping these items in mind, we will add a third teacher to the sixth

grade team in 2017-18, as there will be 70 sixth grade students next year. We have also reinstated an elementary/middle school counselor to help support the growing social/emotional needs we observe in our student population. The 2017-18 budget aims to continue allocating funds to improve staff compensation and to provide further facility, transportation, technology, and curriculum resources that were not addressed this year.

In spite of the funding constraints in Colorado and in Meeker, we still have much to celebrate in our community and schools. The adopted vision of the Meeker School District is "Excellence in All We Do." Meeker Excellence is on display daily in our classroom and schools, despite the financial injustice imposed on our schools and students. Our school district and community is blessed with hard-working adults focused on helping students learn, and students who regularly achieve phenomenal accomplishments. For these reasons, regardless of funding difficulties, I am proud to be a Meeker Cowboy!

ERBM planning plenty of summer rec opportunities

By SEAN VONROENN
Special to the Herald Times



MEEKER I Summer always provides a myriad of activities and events to keep you moving here in Meeker. In addition to all the traditional summer offerings available through the ERBM Recreation and Park District, please take note of some new and innovative opportunities described below that are coming your way in the next few months.

ERBM has expanded its partnership with the Rio Blanco Golf Association to provide ongoing recreational opportunities at the Meeker Golf Course. This summer there's a variety of ways for youth to hit the links. Youngsters are encouraged to sign up for the Golf for Kids youth instruction program, compete in the Youth Golf Tournament on July 25, and are invited to use our golf shuttle

on Mondays throughout the summer.

The second annual Park to Art Running

Race on June 3, which now features a 5K, 10K, and 1/2 marathon course, will include trail and road running through the China Wall Trail for the longer races and a finish at the Meekerpalooza Art and Music Festival at Ute Park. While you enjoy the afternoon at Meekerpalooza, you can find the second annual Metal Art competition finalists displaying their work. Make sure to vote for your favorite, have lunch and take in all the concerts and activities throughout the afternoon.

ERBM has been working with the Pioneers Healthcare Foundation and the Meeker Chamber of Commerce to create a "Meeker Days" event in conjunction with the OHV Rendezvous. ERBM will be hosting a variety of community activities the weekend of July 14-15 such as yoga in the park, adventure race, day hike, concerts and much more. Many of these events have no fee, but a suggested \$5/event donation to the Pioneers Healthcare Foundation is highly recommended. We are thrilled to collaborate with these organizations and encourage giving generously to the Foundation throughout the weekend.

Meeker has great bike trails and a flow course at the Phillip and Dorcas Jensen Memorial Park. Want to learn about bike maintenance, safety, etiquette, riding technique or perhaps just hook up with other enthusiasts for a group ride? This summer, ERBM is

hosting a variety of mountain biking workshops, clinics and group rides. Grab your bike and gear and meet us on the trails!

Finally, two closures to be aware of this summer include our annual maintenance shutdown at the Meeker Recreation Center, which will take place Aug. 7-20 for the pool and Aug. 17-20 for the full facility. The extended closure for the pools this year is to recoat the plaster surfaces, which must be preventatively addressed about every 8-12 years. Also, Town Park will be closed throughout the summer as we complete the final phase of improvements to the parking lot, activity areas, and walkways. We look forward to re-opening the park to the community in September.

For more information on any of these events, check out our Summer Line-Up catalog or visit www.MeekerRecDistrict.com.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Local response sought for Meeker Adventure Center RFQ

Dear Editor:
The Meeker Urban Renewal Authority (MURA) would like to inform the public of, and invite any and all interested parties to respond to the formal Request for Qualifications (RFQ) which was recently released on May 1, 2017. MURA is requesting responses from interested individuals and businesses ("Respondents") to select qualified firms capable of assuming operational and/or other responsibilities associated with the Meeker Adventure Center ("Center").

The development and operations of the Center is being structured as a public-private partnership, and MURA is taking a leading role in organization of the partnership. The release of the RFQ is a major milestone and represents the next important step in the implementation of the Town and County's economic diversification strategy plan. The Center is part of a broader economic development initiative undertaken by the Town of Meeker and Rio Blanco County to create diversified industry activity, create additional economic drivers in downtown Meeker, and help establish the community as an ideal location for private investment.

Individuals and businesses interested in the following roles associated with the Center are invited to respond to this request:

General Operators: MURA is requesting responses to identify qualified firms/businesses/individuals capable of assuming operational responsibility.

Service providers: MURA also invites Responses from parties that are interested in providing specific services in conjunction with the Center (i.e. archery range operations, firearms range operations, retail/proshop operations, horseback trips, fly fishing trips, backpacking trips, wildlife watching etc.). Potential service providers are not limited to the types of services that are specifically mentioned within this RFQ. Proposals for new and creative service offerings are encouraged.

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Co-located Businesses: Responses are invited from businesses that are interested in co-locating their business, office, or other commercial operation to the Center (i.e. guides and/or outfitters, retail, outdoor/hunting industry location-neutral businesses, non-profits related to the outdoor and hunting industries)

Event Operators: Responses are invited from organizations, individuals, and businesses that are interested in utilizing the Center, or the Town of Meeker in general, as a site for competitions, events, training courses, retreats etc.

A non-mandatory informational meeting will be held to provide respondents with additional details and/or answer questions about the RFQ and submission process. This meeting will be held at the Meeker Town Hall (345 Market St.) in Meeker, Colo., 81641 on May 24, 2017, at 6 p.m. Interested parties that are not able to attend in-person are invited to join via conference call by dialing 857-216-3770; PIN 61607. If planning on joining by phone, please RSVP by emailing kelby@bettercity.us.

The deadline for receipt of one electronic copy of the response to this RFQ is 5 p.m. Mountain time on July 10, 2017. It is the responsibility of the Respondent to ensure that the response is received by MURA prior to the deadline. To learn more about the Center, RFQ and the submission process, please see the complete RFQ, which can be found by visiting the project website: meekeradventure.com.

Sincerely,
Shawn Bolton
Chairman, Meeker Urban
Renewal Authority

Go for a horseback ride along the White River in June

Dear Editor:
According to Rex Walker, I was the most successful horse operator in

Colorado. I ran over 100 horses for 24 years in Breckenridge, after working for Rex and Sombrero Ranches for several years. I was, when it was over, his oldest and biggest customer. In 2007 I sold out and retired full time to the Big Island of Hawaii.

I have been going nuts in what is called Polynesian Paralysis.

Double knee replacements saw me back in Colorado last year and I was able to return to Meeker where many years ago I helped out as a Sombrero employee during several hunting seasons on the Theos Ranch and down in Phil Barrett's Beaver Creek. I even tried to help Nick in his very unsuccessful campaign for re-election and used to eat the broken candies Johnny Van brought from his pal in Junction.

I have come out of retirement as Rex has allowed me to try to rent some horses out of his Meeker Stables about 13 miles down the White on County Rd. 8. I'm sure you can imagine it's not for the money.

For the month of June, to say howdy and to give people from around here a chance to slide up on a horse, I am offering Meeker residents including all local workers from anywhere on Earth, to ride our horses on a 30 minute introductory ride for 20 bucks a person. Even though it's a short ride it's really pretty scenery along this beautiful White River.

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MEMORIAL DAY DECORATION REGULATIONS

All decorations placed on graves for Memorial Day must be picked up from the graves by 6pm Saturday, June 10th.

On Monday, June 12th, any remaining decorations will be picked up and kept at the cemetery until June 16th.

Please do not put anything on the granite memorial walls in the cremains garden.

Thank you,
MEEKER HIGHLAND CEMETERY

just pet a horse.
P.S. If anyone wants to learn the horse business from an often-called horse whisperer and get paid too I'm looking for summer help. Call 808-640-7935 (Sabu's cell).

Yours truly,
Lauren Kaye
aka "SABU"

Another tree removed

Dear Editor:
A very old and beautiful conifer south of the Fairfield complex on Market Street was being cut down and removed last week.

When I asked the tree cutter "why?" he said the tree was dying due to having a part of its roots being cut when they excavated to pour concrete next to the roadway to install the concrete sidewalk more than a year ago.

There did not appear to be any brown or falling needles on branches that I could see and the branches looked very green and healthy like the adjacent trees.

Some conservation-minded towns are very supportive of old growth conifers and are even designated as a "Tree City USA" for that

effort.
Only a year ago six of the nine historic conifers were felled for the less than attractive data center addition (northeast side east of the courthouse). The addition is composed of an architectural hodgepodge of tan sandstone and brown concrete block and is used for the utility hardware and generator complex there.

This is (in my opinion) very poorly conceived design that detracts from the Park Avenue historic district eligible contributing structures and residences that are a part of the soon-to-be-approved national historic district.

Leaving the trees would have greatly helped mask the view of that appendage and help to damp the sound from the noisy equipment which neighbors have already complained about.

Bob Amick
Meeker

Happily ever after

Dear Editor:
Once upon a time there was a wise king who promised his loyal subjects that he would fix the broken health care system which had become a burden on them. He called

in his counselors and they tried to figure out a way to keep the promise he made. But they just couldn't agree on how to do it so they gave up. One night the king's fairy godmother appeared to him and said, "It's not that hard to make the health system better. In fact it is simple. You must keep your promise. First, congratulations on keeping the good ideas from your predecessor. Now you must look at how health care is given and find ways to cut out waste and inefficiency and then you must learn how to control the rising costs and unfair profits. Second, you must look at health insurance and find ways to cut out waste and inefficiency and then you must learn how to control rising costs and unfair profits. And maybe you could find compassion for those who really need help if you weren't always trying to provide more wealth to those who don't need it. Then the fairy godmother reminded the wise king that he was the only one who could fix these problems. The king jumped out of bed in delight and called to his counselors, "We can fix the broken health care system." And they did. And everyone lived happily ever after.

Carl Ellison
Durango, Colo.

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BACK TO HEALTH CHIROPRACTIC IN RANGELY IS CLOSING MAY 31, 2017

It is with deep regret and heavy hearts that Back to Health Chiropractic in Rangely must close our doors May 31, 2017.

We regret any negative effect this may have on our wonderful patients and businesses that have relied on us for Chiropractic services and Drug and Alcohol screens as well as DOT physicals, but we are not in a position to offer the quality of care that we are accustomed to delivering and we must close our office.

We will continue to be available to be reached at our home at 970-374-2234. If you have any questions about your DOT documentation, charts or records of treatment, please call us. We wish the very best to all in the future.

Joyce Muller, BSN, DC
Charles Novak, MS, DC

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MEEKER: MAY 22-25, 2017

Mon.	May 22 - Deli Sandwich, Veggie Sticks, Fruit, Goldfish Crackers, Milk
Tues.	May 23 - Cook's Choice, Fruit, Milk
Wed.	May 24 - CHOICE DAY - Fish Fillet, French Fries, Yogurt Special, Coleslaw, Fruit, Milk
Thurs.	May 25 - Field Day - Sack Lunches

RANGELY: MAY 22-25, 2017

Mon.	May 22 - Chicken Patty on a Bun, Potato Wedges, Salad Bar with Fruit, Milk/Water. JR/SR HIGH AL A CARTE: BBQ Pork Sandwich
Tues.	May 23 - Macaroni & Cheese, Broccoli & Carrots, Hot Dinner Rolls, Salad Bar with Fruit, Milk/Water. JR/SR HIGH A LA CARTE: Baked Potato Bar
Wed.	May 24 - Hot Dogs on a Bun, Baked Beans, Mixed Vegetables, Salad Bar with Fruit, Milk/Water. JR/SR HIGH A LA CARTE: Pepperoni Pizza
Thurs.	May 25 - French Waffles, Sausage Patties, Salad Bar with Fruit, Milk/Water. JR/SR HIGH A LA CARTE: Beef 'n' Bean Burritos w/ Toppings

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A New Book: Seek Him Early
By Dr. J. D. Watson
Pastor-Teacher, Grace Bible Church

... early will I seek thee ... (Ps. 63:1)

GOD has wonderfully blessed my writing ministry in the last 11 years. Just released, my new daily devotional book truly comes from the depths of my heart: *Seek Him Early: Daily Devotional Studies on Knowing, Loving, and Serving Our Lord Jesus Christ*. Endorsed by Christian leaders such as Steve Lawson, Phil Johnson, Todd Friel, Joel Beeke, Paige Patterson, and many others, it is divided into the three distinct parts specified in the sub-title (each consisting of four months of devotional/theological studies). The reader is first encouraged to know the Lord in a personal way, then to love Him like never before, and finally to be driven to more passionately serve Him. Each daily reading is between 450-500 words in length, meaty, theological, and homiletical. It can be purchased on Amazon.com (hardcopy or Kindle) or from me directly (just call 970-878-3228). Thank you in advance for your support. I would like to share the first daily reading with you (see more preview on Amazon.com).

January 1

In keeping with the title of our book of meditations, we first consider David's deep desire as he wrote while in the wilderness of Judah: **early will I seek thee** (Ps. 63:1). Not only was he acutely aware of his need to commune with God, but he also recognized the need to do so **early**. How important it is to seek God's face before we face the day! Before we go out into the *world* alone, we need to get with *God* alone. Before we encounter the difficulties of life, we need an encounter with our Lord. The Hebrew (*sāḥar*) includes not only the idea of "early" but also diligent search (Is. 26:9; Prov. 8:17).

First, we note David's *problem*. Verse 1 goes on to declare: **my soul thirsteth for thee**. That metaphor is rooted in reality. Israel is a very arid land, so as an outdoorsman and soldier, David well understood thirst. It is estimated that a person can live only about three days without water. Severe thirst causes the lips to crack, the stomach to cramp, and the body to ache. As dehydration continues, results include increased heart and respiration rates, spastic muscles, shriveled and wrinkled skin, and renal problems.

Far worse, David therefore tells us, is *spiritual* thirst. An aching *soul* is a much more severe condition than an aching *body*. This picture was so graphic for David that he wrote elsewhere: "My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God" (Ps. 42:2). Can we each say that we thirst for communion with God? Can we say with David, my soul thirsts for God?

Second, we see God's *provision* in verse 5: **My soul shall be satisfied**. To be in God's presence is food and drink to a dying man. The Hebrew behind **satisfied** (*sāba*) means to have enough of something, or even more than enough, as Israel had more than enough to eat in the wilderness (Ex. 16:8, 12). Further, the expression **marrow and fatness** pictures the finest foods one would expect to savor at a feast. Likewise, when we come before the Lord through His Word and prayer, we will feast on enticing entrées, savory side dishes, and delicious desserts we have never tasted before. We will eat to our fullest but will not be able to take it all in.

Third, we finally note David's *praising*. No host or hostess wants to hear the expression, "I hate to eat and run, but I have to be going." Well, David wasn't going anywhere. **My mouth shall praise thee with joyful lips** he writes in verse 5 and then adds in verse 7: **Because thou hast been my help, therefore in the shadow of thy wings will I rejoice**. As baby birds hide under their mother's wings for safety and solace, David could **rejoice** under God's **wings**. He knew that nourishment was nothing to be rushed, so he lingered there to praise the Host and rejoice in the bounty.

Scriptures for Study: What did Job testify in Job 23:12? & What does Amos 8:11 declare about thirst?

Farm Bureau, FFA present "Ag in Motion"



The Rio Blanco County Farm Bureau, MHS vo-ag students and FFA members presented the Story of Agriculture to elementary school students May 10.

Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER I The Colorado Farm Bureau "Ag in Motion" educational outreach trailer was brought to the Meeker Elementary School on May 10 by the Rio Blanco County Farm Bureau, where Meeker High School vocational agriculture students and Future Farmers of America (FFA) members presented the Story of Agriculture to preschool and first through fifth grade students. Denee Chintala, MHS vocational agriculture teacher and FFA sponsor, coordinated the efforts of the high school students. Meeker Farm Bureau adult volunteers assisted with coordinating and setting up displays.

There are many youth and adults, particularly in urban areas, who have little knowledge and understanding of how the agricultural industry provides a wide variety of essential consumables sold internationally in

stores and other outlets.

"Ag in Motion" displays known as "Barns" include lessons with graphics and examples of agricultural production methods and technology. Vocational ag students interactively explained topics which included beef and dairy cattle production and illustrated the many products used in our daily lives that are vital to the international economy. FFA members indicated that every part of the animals raised in agricultural operations is ultimately utilized by consumers as food, clothing, sports equipment, adhesives, medical products, gelatin and much more.

Moreover, FFA members explained that the agricultural industry also includes sheep production with the essential commodities of wool for fine fabrics and clothing, carpeting and more, as well as for food. Swine and poultry production

provides food products and more. The renewable natural resources essential to animal production include grasses such as hay and alfalfa for forage, grains such as wheat, barley and corn, as well as fruits and vegetables. Many renewable resource derivative products such as corn syrup are used for clean-burning fuel additives such as ethanol as well as for food, cereals, bread and much more.

Soil conservation is key to the support of all agricultural endeavors which requires good management techniques, irrigation and fertilization to optimize productivity. Wildlife conservation and management are also key to successful agricultural production to limit predation, lessen conflicts and maintain a natural balance. With the explosion of the world population, higher efficiencies and greater quantities are necessary to meet ever-increasing demands for agricultural products internationally. Exports and imports of foodstuffs are a major element of international trade between nations.

Elementary school principal Kathy Collins commended the Farm Bureau volunteers and the MHS vocational agriculture and FFA students who presented the interactive lessons to the elementary school students. Volunteers included Rio Blanco County Farm Bureau Vice President Mary Ann Wilber who coordinated the presentation as well as Mary Grady, Toni Mangus, Mary Bailey, Lanita Parker, Tara Shults, Diana Watson, Kathy Halthorne, Harold Anderson, Chris Colflesh, DeAnn Goedert and Bob Amick.

Special appreciation goes to Jade VanCleave, director of the "Ag in Motion" educational outreach program of Colorado Farm Bureau for coordination and transporting the exhibit to Meeker.

OBITUARIES

Fred Gordon Brumback

Jan. 17, 1922~Sept. 5, 2016



Fred Brumback

On Sept. 5, 2016, Fred joined the love of his life, Ethel Leroa Wolaver Brumback. He served his country honorably in the U.S. Navy from June 16, 1943, to Dec. 5, 1948, in the Pacific Arena. He passed away at the Colorado State Veteran's Nursing Home in Rifle, Colo. His father was Thomas G. Brumback, mother Elsie M. Brumback Thompson, both deceased.

Ethel and Fred met outside of Meeker, Colo., up Strawberry Creek in January 1942 and were married

April 18, 1942. Fred had two half brothers, Short and Tom, deceased; two sisters, Hazel and Kathy, deceased; two sisters, Lois and Ethel, are still living; two step-sisters Pauline and Phyllis. Fred is survived by two sons, Jeramee Brumback of Meeker,

Colo., and David Brumback of Clifton, Colo.; and grandchildren Pamela Lucero, Carolyn Brumback, Wendy Brumback and Starla Brumback. Extended family includes seven great-grandchildren and nine great-great-grandchildren.

Fred will be missed by all relatives and friends and was loved by all.

A celebration of Fred and Ethel will be held at the gravesite in Meeker, Colo., on June 3, 2017, at 11 a.m.

Donna Rowley Willits

Oct. 24, 1941~May 12, 2017

Donna Rowley Willits was born in Hayden, Colo., on Oct. 24, 1941, to Mae and Chester Rowley. She grew up in Hayden and after graduating from high school she went to Denver for two years of nurse's training. Upon completion of that she moved to Glenwood Springs, Colo., where she met Lee Willits at a dance. They were married within a month—it lasted for 38 years before Lee passed away in 2007. They lived all those years on Willits Lane in Basalt, Colo.

They had two boys, Lloyd (Gena) Willits of Grand Junction and Robbie (Sherry) Willits of Fort Collins, Colo.

Donna loved to play cards and games and had a group of friends she played with several times a week. She was also in a sewing group that met regularly. She

loved to can, bake and put together jigsaw puzzles. There was always a card table set up in her living room with a puzzle going, but by far the greatest part of her life were her grandchildren: Seth, Ethan, Morgan, Aubrey and Lexie. She often said her purpose in life was to be a mom and grandma.

Donna had a true faith in God, she was very comfortable and secure in his love. She passed away peacefully on May 12, 2017, at Pioneers Medical Center in Meeker. She leaves her sister, Sharon Clapper of Meeker, and her brother, Larry Rowley of Rapid City, S.D., and lots of nieces and nephews. She will be so missed.

Services will be in Basalt, Colo., on Thursday, May 18 at 1 p.m. at St. Vincent's Catholic Church.

RDA considers recruiting call center

By JEN HILL

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RANGELY I The Rangely Development Agency held its monthly meeting last Thursday where they welcomed a new board member and continued to discuss future areas of focus with Better City.

Earlier in the week the Rangely Town Council voted to appoint Rangely Area Chamber of Commerce Director Connie Billgren to the RDA/RDC boards. Billgren has been with the chamber since August 2016.

The board approved a \$7,500 façade grant for Elaine Urie for updating the front of the old Ace Hi Lounge. Urie plans to raise the porch and move it farther out as well as work on the roof line and put on new doors. Urie said she plans to turn the building into a type of youth center that would give teenagers a place to hang out. She said

she has plans to "do more than just that though," and mentioned potential cooking classes and a basketball court. She described it as a "user friendly community center."

The RDA façade grant allows businesses to apply for financial assistance to make property improvements. To qualify for the grant the improvements must be visible from the street. The grant is matching, meaning the business owner must also be able to provide the same funds. \$7,500 is the maximum amount awarded.

Kelby Bosshardt of Better City joined the meeting via phone to discuss the current goals of their project. Bosshardt suggested trying to bring in a call center. According to Bosshardt, Rangely could potentially offer a college workforce and needed connectivity through the fiber optic lines. Better City would need to first complete a work force study of the community

and then sell the location to call center services.

Connected to the call center is the potential for a "co-working space"—somewhere entrepreneurs or small business owners can have an office space and board room available for use for a membership fee. A similar project has found success in the Grand Junction area.

Bosshardt also suggested a community promotion video similar to one that was produced for Meeker. It would likely be a 2-4 minute video at an estimated cost of \$10,000-15,000.

The last item discussed with Better City was a community facilitation event to allow the community to visit with Better City and discuss their economic development plans while brainstorming ideas for Rangely.

RDA chairman Brad Casto brought up concerns that the association bylaws require a five year term limit. Casto recommended changing the bylaws to allow for members to serve longer, as filling vacancies is not always easy. Town Manager Peter Brixius suggested the RDA hold a work session with the town attorney to work through and update the bylaws. The RDA meeting was immediately followed by the RDC meeting where Rick Brady addressed the board regarding the Elks Club trap range work, for which the RDC has provided some funds.

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MSD art instructor recognizes 2017 MHS art award winners

By REED KELLEY
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MEEKER Art instructor Ben Quinn announced the Scholastic Art awards at Meeker High School May 4, stating that there were a total of 5,600 works from across the state submitted for competition. Meeker students who entered pieces were Anna Walsh (two individual submissions for photography), Caroline Copeland (ceramics), Julia Eskelson (three individual submissions plus a portfolio for photography), Kinzy Burke (sculpture), Korey Hood

(painting), Lori Ann Klingsmith (ceramics), Madeline Amack (three individual submissions plus a portfolio for mixed media design), Madison Russell (drawing and illustration), Nishiko Thelen (drawing and illustration), and Riley Pertile (printmaking).

Dominick Cardile submitted three individual works as well and received scholarship offers from the Santa Fe College of Art and Design, Colorado State University and Hastings College. Two of his works were accepted into the regional show at the History Colorado Center in

Denver. Cardile received an honorable mention for a self-portrait drawing in graphite. His sister, Mikayla Cardile, received the prestigious Gold Key for her linoleum block print of the Washington, D.C., National Cathedral. Her work went on to be juried at the national competition in New York City. Only nine percent of the 5,600 submissions get into the show and only two-percent get the Gold Key here in Colorado.

"Meeker student artists did extremely well in these competitions," Quinn stated, "I couldn't be more proud."



NIKI TURNER PHOTO

Artwork submitted for competition in the Scholastic Art awards included photography, ceramics, sculpture, painting, mixed media, drawing and illustration, and printmaking. MHS art instructor Ben Quinn had much of that work on display, along with examples from Zach Clatterbaugh's woodworking class at an art show held at the Meeker Elementary School in May. See more photos at theheraldtimes.com.

15 YEARS OF 'BIRD DAY'...



USFS Wildlife Biologist Mary Gillespie received an award Monday from Environment for the Americas in recognition of Meeker's annual program to celebrate International Migratory Bird Day for the last 15 years. Every year Gillespie presents information to fourth grade classrooms at Meeker Elementary School, and then leads field trips around town to identify different species of birds. For her dedication, Gillespie received a gift from the elementary school and has been named Meeker's citizen of the month for June.

NIKI TURNER PHOTO

105th annual Old Timers reunion to be held June 3

Special to the Herald Times

RBC There are few traditions that span five generations and last more than 100 years. The Pioneers Association Old Timers Reunion is one of those time honored traditions that began with J.W. Sheridan as the president 105 years ago.

This year his great-granddaughters, Molly Turner and Hallie Blunt, are the co-presidents of the Pioneers Association. In fact, this year marks the first year Sheridan's great-grandson is eligible to attend. It is with great pride the Pioneers Association invites you to this year's celebration.

The theme is "Ride For The Brand," something generations of



J.W. Sheridan

ranchers have been doing in Rio Blanco County for years. It is a theme that represents loyalty and dedication, and that is what the Pioneer's Association wants to embrace about this great county. The concept of working together to accomplish what is necessary and then spending time together to appreciate it.

The committee has a fun evening planned with the doors opening at 3 p.m. to invite people to share their

stories as the Rio Blanco Historical Society will be "preserving our history" by recording interviews. There will be a slide show with branding pictures from several local brandings, a recording of previous stories from Old Timers, a brief business meeting, dinner provided by Ma Famiglia's and then a live band for music and dancing. Come out and enjoy an evening of fun, friendship and tradition June 3 at the Fairfield Center. It is a great way to celebrate class reunions as well; tables can be reserved by request.

Tickets are available online at rbcpioneers.org/registration/. You can also mail in your registration or contact committee members for more information.

RBC DAYS GONE BY

The Meeker Herald — 100 years ago

At the present time, flour in Meeker is cheaper than anywhere else in the state. Mr. Moulton, manager of the mill, is not only trying to keep down the price, but is refusing to let any of the product leave the valley.

The Meeker Herald — 50 years ago

Investigating a vandalism report last Saturday, Marshal Sam Cron found two boys, 10 and 11, tearing shingles from the roof of the shelter house at city park. The youths were turned over to their parents pending completion of investigation and the damage report.

The Meeker Herald — 25 years ago

Police Department: A 14-year-old female runaway was reported. A weed eater was reported stolen. Subjects were contacted in a parked vehicle. The officer found they had been drinking and gave them a ride home. A stray sheep were found on 13th and Market. They were transferred to the Fairgrounds. Juveniles on the junior high roof were reported.

Rangely Times — 50 years ago

Mrs. June Caldwell was recently awarded a service pin for 10 years as an operator with Mountain States Telephone Co. She started with the company in Rangely in 1957.

Rangely Times — 25 years ago

When Janis Reams Hudson was growing up in Rangely, Colo., little did she know that one day she would parlay her small town upbringing into a novel that would win a national readers' contest for excellence. Hudson was notified recently that readers across the county had named her novel, "Foster Love," the best short contemporary romance novel of the year in a competition sponsored by the Oklahoma Romance Writers of America.

Rangely German Shepherd guide dog, "Anny," receives an honorary degree in "human psychology" from Colorado Northwestern Community College. Ramona Pierson, Anny's seeing-impaired owner, also received an Associate of Arts degree in Liberal Arts with high honors at the same time.

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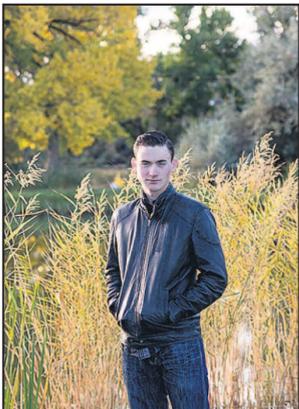
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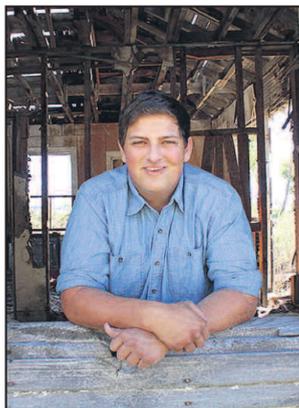
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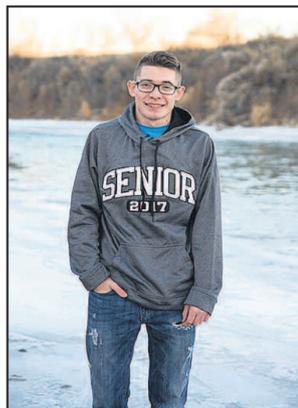
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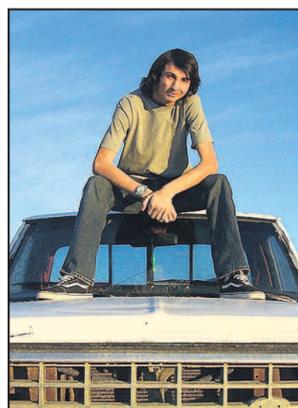
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Cowboys close out winning baseball season

By **BOBBY GUTIERREZ**
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MEEKER I The season ended with a loss in the semifinals of the district tournament Saturday last in Grand Valley, but the Meeker High School baseball team finished the season with more wins than losses and hopeful about its future.

"We ended 14-7 and had our first winning season in a long time," Meeker head coach Brian Merrifield said after his team lost 5-2 to the Hotchkiss Bulldogs.

Meeker was the No. 3 seeded team from the Western Slope League, behind No. 2 Hotchkiss and the number one ranked Paonia Eagles.

The Cowboys defeated the Rangely Panthers 12-6 in the first round of the District tournament played in Meeker at Paintbrush Park last Thursday, advancing to the semifinals against the Bulldogs.

"We were close again, we just couldn't outscore the Bulldogs," coach Merrifield said. "We out hit them seven-to-six, we just had a few base running mistakes that made the



BOBBY GUTIERREZ PHOTO

"Hunter had a day," coach Merrifield said of Meeker senior Hunter Garcia, pictured running bases. "He went three-for-three with a home run and two RBIs in his last game as a Cowboy." The Cowboys defeated Rangely in the first round of the District tournament and their season ended with a 5-2 loss to the Hotchkiss Bulldogs in the District semifinals. Garcia, who played shortstop and pitched, and star catcher Ty Gibson were the only seniors on the team this season.

difference."

Meeker freshman Todd Patterson started on the mound for the Cowboys and pitched five innings, giving up three runs before being relieved by junior Garrett Frantz, who pitched the sixth inning and surrendered two runs.

The Cowboys took a 1-0 lead after Meeker senior Hunter Garcia hit a ball out of Grand Valley High School's park.

"Hunter had a day," coach Merrifield said. "He went three-for-three with a home run and two RBIs in his last game as a Cowboy."

"Our seniors Hunter Garcia and Ty Gibson will be hard to replace next season for sure," coach Merrifield said of this year's senior leaders. "I

loved watching these two grow into the young men they've become and I would like to wish them the best wherever life takes them."

"I would like to thank everyone for the support they gave this team this season," stated Merrifield, who also said he's already excited for next year.

"This team is fun to coach and every day is an adventure with these guys. We will have six seniors next season to lead our team into what should be a great season in 2018, with four juniors, seven sophomores and hopefully a handful or two of incoming freshmen."

This year's all-conference selections will be announced at the upcoming team banquet.

Panthers sending at least five to state track meet in Denver today

Special to the Herald Times

RANGELY I The Rangely Panthers track and field team had their last regular season meet on Saturday, May 13 at Cedaredge High School. The Panthers made a good showing with lots of new personal records and secured their position for state.

As of right now the Panthers have five athletes who will be competing at the state meet. There may be more, but they are waiting for results to come through from CHSAA. The Panthers have three boys: Patrick Scoggins in the 200-meter dash, 400-meter dash and the 800-meter run; Austin Ficken in the shot put and Troy Allred in the triple jump. For girls they have Katelyn Brown in triple jump and Lindzey Thacker in high jump.

The seniors had three athletes who all got a new personal record: Troy Allred, David Fox and Lindzey



ROZLYNN WITHERELL PHOTO

RHS senior Lindzey Thacker took second place in the high jump at the final regular season meet in Cedaredge, earning a new personal record of 4-9.5. She'll be heading to the state meet.

balance on all three of her throws. Her throws were amazing and will be doing great things next year," said coach Scoggins.

Peck did get a personal record in shot with a 27-7.75 placing 14th. Brown wasn't able to get a mark in triple jump but she was sitting well for state and didn't want to push too hard especially with the high winds. She was able to jump 14-7.5 in long for sixth place. Mecham had the meet of the year with a personal record in both of her throws. She was able to get a throw of more than 60 feet in discus then in shot improved by more than a foot for a throw of 26-10. Scoggins ran well in the 100 dash placing second with a time of 11.96. He also placed second in the 200 dash with a time of 23.98, then second in the 400 dash with a time of 50.70. Ficken knew going into this meet he had to have some personal records to hold on to making it to state and he did what he needed to do. He got new personal records in both the shot and discus with a throw of 42-10.5 for shot and a 126-8 for discus.

The sophomores had Breanna Davis, Marshall Webber, Riley Boydston, Raelynn Norman, Elena Forbes, Phalon Osborn and Makenze Cochran throwing and running for them. Boydston placed 11th in discus for a throw of 105-1 and the shot for 35-6.75 for a new personal record. Webber was able to take second in the 110 high hurdles with a time of 18.08 and then took second in the 300 hur-

dles with a time of 43.75. Osborn took ninth with a time of 19.53 in the 100 hurdles then ran the 200 dash with a time of 31.79.

"She ran well, I was pleased with her races, she worked hard during them," coach Scoggins said. Norman wasn't feeling well but worked hard during the 800 with a 2:56.14 and 10th place then turned around and ran the 3,200-meter run for second place with a time of 15:32.98. Makenze Cochran was able to place ninth in the discus with a throw of 95-11 then threw the shot for a distance of 28-9.5 for 10th place. Davis was able to hit new personal records in both throws also. She hit a 78-2 for discus and a throw of 32-6.25 for sixth place in the shot. Forbes was able to get a new personal record in the discus for a throw of 71-1 and for shot a throw of 22-2.

There are three freshman who participate for the Panthers: Zoey Peck, Tytus Coombs and Brady Bertoch. Bertoch is a thrower who was able to get a personal record in the discus for a throw of 70-11 and then had a throw of 25-9 in the shot put. Coombs obtained a personal record in the long jump with a jump of 16-5.5 and then ran the 100 dash with a time of 13.16. Zoey had a good meet with a new personal record of 13-10.25 and then in the 200 dash she ran a 31.19.

The Panthers had a good season and we will be looking forward to seeing what they will have in store for next year as the athletes just keep getting stronger and faster.



MATT SCOGGINS PHOTO

Katelyn Brown is headed to state track for her performance in the triple jump.

Thacker. Allred hit an 18 feet 3 inch long jump taking sixth place and got a new personal record in triple jump with a 40-6.5. Fox got a new personal record in high jump with a jump of 5-7.5 taking third and in long jump he got a 17-8 taking eighth place. Thacker took second place in the high jump with a jump of 4-9.5 and placed ninth in the 400 dash with a time of 1:04.97.

Juniors had a good representation with Kaylee Mecham, Patrick Scoggins, Austin Ficken, Katelyn Brown and Miekka Peck. Unfortunately, Peck wasn't able to get a mark in discus.

"She was going for it and lost her

MHS tracksters prepare for state

By **BOBBY GUTIERREZ**
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MEEKER I The final track and field meet of the regular season was held at Grand Valley High School last Saturday and the Meeker Cowboys used it to prepare for the upcoming 2017 Colorado State Track and Field Championships, which start today in Denver.

The Meeker girls' team won the Grand Valley meet and their coach expects them to compete for the state

team title this weekend, while the boys finished second in Grand Valley and have several athletes who could make the podium at the state meet.

Maggie Phelan triple jumped 34 feet 2 inches into the wind, moving her from fifth to third in the state. She won the meet. Megan Shelton was able to get a good throw in the discus and qualify for state and freshman Tevin Pelloni had a big day clearing 10-2 (third place) in the pole vault and putting himself in the state meet.

Meeker girls Peyton Burke, Sydney Main and Kenzie Turner all pole vaulted Friday and although Burke established a new school record this season and Main cleared 7-8 last Friday, none qualified for the state meet.

According to head coach John Strate, Meeker senior DeLenn Mobley had a big day placing fifth in the 3,200-meter run, sixth in the 300-meter hurdles and eighth in the 1,600 meter run, while classmate Nishiko Thelen was third in the 3,200 and sixth in the 800 and freshman Madison Kindler finished sixth in the 3,200. Sarena Goedert placed fifth in the 300 hurdles, Julia Dinwiddie placed fourth in the same event, was third in the 100-meter hurdles and she placed fourth in the high jump. Karlee Nielsen placed fifth in the triple jump and Makenna Burke was sixth in the 400.

The 4x100 boys relay team of Jorgen Stagg, Andy Kracht, Cole Brown and Casey Turner (who ran in his first meet after getting cleared from shoulder surgery) won the meet and finished two-tenths away from a trip to the state meet.

Coach Strate said Matthew Beck scored team points with a third place finish in the 1,600 and fifth in the 3,200, the same race Ridge Williams placed seventh in, while Brayden Woodward placed third in the 300 meter hurdles and Clay Anderson was seventh in the 1,600.

Meeker High School will be represented by 22 athletes, including five girls' relay teams and eight girls competing in eight different individual events, while the boys qualified one relay team and four individuals competing in eight different individual events starting today.

The girls will be led by Meeker senior Maggie Phelan, who currently has the third best triple jump in 2A, qualified in the 400-meter dash and is a member of two relay teams. Sophomore Sydney Main has the third best discus throw in 2A and classmate Megan Shelton has the fourth best shot put in 2A. Both Meeker throwers qualified in both events.

Senior Julia Eskelson qualified in the 3,200 and senior classmate Peyton Burke will represent the Cowboys in the 100-meter hurdles. Freshman Kirsten Brown qualified in the triple jump, while senior Loran Casias qualified in the 100 dash and sophomore Gracie Bradfield will represent in the 200, both are on three relay teams.

The Meeker girls qualified teams in the 4x100, 4x200, 4x400, 4x800 and 800-meter medley relays, which include seniors Madi Russell and Loran Casias both in the 4x100, 4x200 and 800 medley, along with Tori Lasker, Gracie Bradfield, Sierra Williams, Avery Watt and Maggie Phelan. Senior Julia Eskelson is also on the 4x400 and 4x800, as is Karlee Nielsen, Briar Meszaros and Williams.

The Meeker boys' team will be led by seniors Austin Russell, Cole Brown and Caleb Bradford. Russell qualified in the 3,200, the 1,600 and 800-meter runs, while Brown will run in the 100- and 200-meter dashes and Bradford will compete for medals in the shot put and discus.

Pake Burke, Josh Cochran, Kale Burke and Tannen Kennedy will represent the Cowboys in the 4x800 meter relay and Pelloni in the pole vault.

"We were really excited to have such good numbers qualify on the girls side and such high quality on the boys side," coach Strate said. "All season long our girls' team has felt like they can compete in the overall team competition at the state meet. It should be a tight race as there are five teams that appear to be in the mix."



BOBBY GUTIERREZ PHOTO

Meeker High School freshman Madison Kindler scored points with a sixth place finish in the 3,200-meter run and helped her team win the final meet of the regular season in Grand Valley last Saturday. Meeker qualified 22 athletes for the 2017 Colorado State Track and Field Championships, which starts today in Denver in Jefferson County Stadium.

Adult coed softball starts soon; registration deadline June 2

MEEKER I The ERBM Recreation and Park District is seeking teams for the 2017 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 June 2.

The league will run from June 12 to Aug. 16 with games on Monday and Wednesday evenings at Paintbrush Park in Meeker. The end of season tournament will be during the week of Aug. 14. There will be no weekend games.

Teams must consist of eight or more players 16 years of age or older, with at least four members of each gender on the field at all times. Each team may have as many 16-17 year-olds on their team as they see fit, but only two players of that age can be on the field at the same time.

Participants without a team can sign up as a free agent and their information will be given to team captains.

Registration fee is \$350/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.



BOBBY GUTIERREZ PHOTO

Meeker's Andy Coryell, pictured teeing off No. 1, and his brother Pat finished with the best net score in the first flight of the annual Two-man 27-hole scramble tournament held last Saturday at the Meeker Golf Course. Players from Meeker, Rifle, Battlement Mesa and Rangely competed in three flights. The Ladies Deerfly tournament is next, scheduled to be played June 10, followed by the two-man best ball tournament on Father's Day.

MHS athletic department issues awards

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

MEEKER I Toward the very end of the May 4 awards assembly, Meeker School District Athletic Director Klark Kindler took to the dais at the high school awards assembly to make several presentations. First, he named the U.S. Marine Corps distinguished athlete awards which went to Trapper Merrifield and Sierra Williams. Next, he named Maggie Phelan the Army Reserve national scholar athlete of the year.

He announced the following Academic All-State First Team recognition award winners for junior and senior athletes who have GPAs from 3.6 to 4.0: Logan Hughes, Trapper Merrifield, Eli Newman, Madeline Amack, Delenn Mobley, Nishiko Thelen, Julia Eskelson, Christopher Strate, Cole Brown, Sheridan Harvey, Chase Rule, Casey Turner, Brittney Adams, Peyton Burke, Reese Pertile, Maggie

Phelan, Anna Walsh, Sierra Williams, Madi Russell, Rosie Wans, Kinzy Burke and Natalie Simonsen.

Academic all-state honorable mention award winners for junior and senior athletes with GPAs from 3.2 to 3.59 went to: Hunter Garcia, Cooper Meszaros, Zach Dinwiddie, Valentin Rosas, Shelby Steele, Corey Hood and Cody Nielsen.

The Colorado High School Activities Association (CHSAA) three sport athletes were: Gracie Bradfield, Kirsten Brown, Kale Burke, Makenna Burke, Pake Burke, Peyton Burke, Josh Cochran, Josh Dinwiddie, Julia Dinwiddie, Sarina Goedert, Tannen Kennedy, Madison Kindler, Andy Kracht, Tory Lasker, Karlee Nielsen, Cole Rogers, Colton Wille, Isabel Feichter, Maggie Phelan, Colby Shelton, Jake Shelton, Megan Shelton, Christopher Strate, Kenzie Turner, Ridge Williams, Sierra Williams, Brayden Woodward, Elijah Deming, Garrett Frantz, Hunter Garcia, Ty Gibson, Logan Hughes, Doak Mantle,

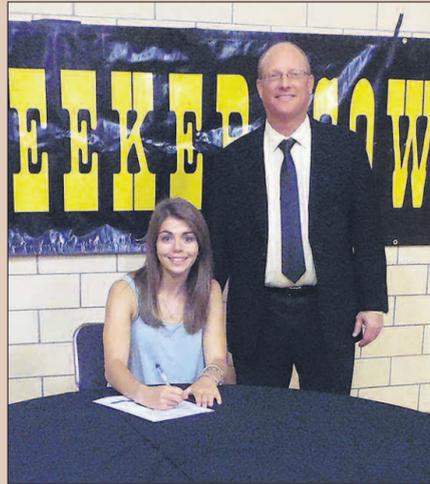
Trapper Merrifield, Luis Villalpando, Brynlee Williams, Delenn Mobley and Nishiko Thelen.

Of those 38 athletes, four received the CHSAA three sport for four years award: Peyton Burke, Maggie Phelan, Hunter Garcia and Josh Cochran.

Kindler spoke about the school's purpose being to support the academic success of all students while providing experience opportunities that might be outside a student's comfort zone, taking healthy and appropriate risks in classrooms, courts, fields and stages, while also taking full responsibility for outcomes. In this context, Kindler announced that the athletic department's team academic championship award goes to the 2016 girls volleyball team which had the highest cumulative average GPA (3.76) of any 2016-2017 MHS athletic team.

Kindler also recognized Julia Eskelson and Austin Russell for their planned collegiate athletic pursuits.

SIGNED...



REED KELLEY PHOTOS

Left, Meeker High School running stand-out Julia Eskelson signs her commitment for cross country and possibly track to Chadron State College, Chadron, Neb., with Meeker Athletic Director Klark Kindler standing by. Eskelson established the MHS girls' record for the 5 kilometer run last fall at 19 minutes, 47 seconds. In recognizing Russell's and Eskelson's hard work and dedication, Kindler indicated that only about 1 percent of all high school athletes earn scholarships to compete at the collegiate level. **Right, Meeker track and cross country stand-out Austin Russell signs his commitment to Colby Community College, Colby, Kan., with MHS Athletic Director Klark Kindler standing by.** Russell set two new MHS records, breaking previous records set by Brian Nottingham, for the 5 kilometer run at 16 minutes, 7 seconds and the one mile run at four minutes, 36 seconds. The coaches for both Eskelson and Russell during their school years have been Kris and Marty Casey, Terrence Casias and John Strate.

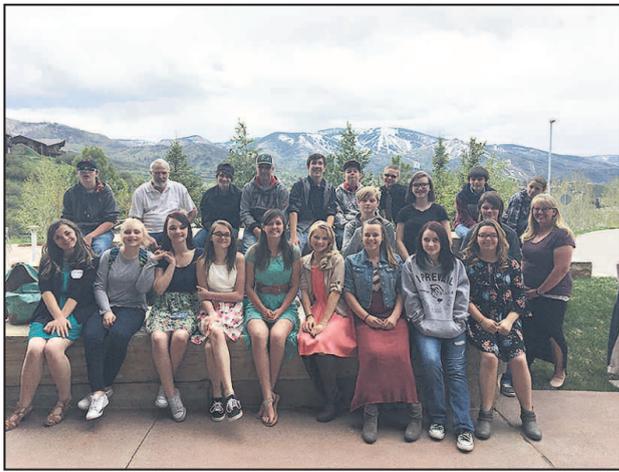
Rangely 8th graders attend conferences in Steamboat

Special to the Herald Times

RANGELY I On Tuesday, May 9, James Kurrasch and Beth Scoggins took 20 eighth graders to a conference in Steamboat Springs. The 12 girls attended the "Girls to Women" conference while the eight boys went to the "Journey Ahead" conference.

Both conferences had keynote speakers and had the Rotary come and do the 4-Way test.

The "Girls to Women" had Kim Hess come and speak. She has climbed five of the nine summits, her goal is to be the youngest American to climb all nine. She showed pictures of her experiences of her climbs and talked about the challenges that she has had to overcome being a girl on the climbs. She emphasized the importance of not judging others by the way they look and not allowing others to judge you; go out and prove them wrong. After Hess spoke the girls had the chance to go to different sessions where they heard other women talk about their careers. They heard from a cosmetologist, med-evac pilot, dancers, photographers, vets, firefighters, jour-



MATT SCOGGINS PHOTO

Twenty Rangely eighth-graders attended inspirational conferences in Steamboat on May 9. The boys attended the "Journey Ahead" conference with keynote speaker Todd Musselman, while the girls attended the "Girls to Women" conference with speaker Kim Hess.

nalists and many more.

The Journey Ahead featured Todd Musselman, an inspirational speaker. He spoke to the boys about their highest purpose and not settling

for average. The boys also went to workshops where they talked about developing their own brand and how to take advantage of as many possibilities as possible in high school.

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**Board of County Commissioners
Of Rio Blanco County Colorado
Rio Blanco County Courthouse
555 Main Street 3rd Floor
Meeker, Colorado 81641
PROPOSED AGENDA
May 22, 2017**

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

Public Comment: Any member of the public may address the Board on matters which are within the jurisdiction of the Board. If you are addressing the Board regarding a matter listed on the Agenda, you are requested to make your comments when the Board takes that matter. Please limit your comments to three minutes per member or five minutes per group. The public comment time is not for questions and answers. It is your time to express your views.

11:00 a.m. Call to order:
Pledge of Allegiance
CONSENT AGENDA FOR MAY 22, 2017

Consent 1. Approval of Contract Modification No. 1 between the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado and Preston McEachem DBA AM-PM Sweepers and Stripes, LLC, for the 2017 Crackfill Project, adding CR4 to the scope of work, extending the completion date to June 2, 2017, and increasing the not to exceed amount by \$7,902.00 to \$45,378.00.
Consent 2. Approval of the joint letter from the White River and Douglas Creek Conservation Districts and the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado to the Bureau of Land Management requesting a meeting to discuss PEDHMA and coordinating agency status.

Consent 3. Approval of Modification No. 10 between the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado and the U.S. Forest Service for spot gravelling on CR 10, South Fork, in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00. (Chairman Signs)

Consent 4. Approval of a letter from the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado, to the Bureau of Land Management, The Ute Indian Tribe, the Board of County Commissioners of Moffat County, The Town of Dinosaur and The Town of Rangely, opposing the sale or transfer of land from the BLM to the Ute Indian Tribe for the purposes of developing a Casino near the Town of Dinosaur, Colorado.

BUSINESS:
Business 1_None.
Bid Openings:
Bid Opening 1_None.
Bid Awards:
Bid Award 1_None.
MOU's, Contracts and Agreements:
MCA 1_None.
Resolutions:
Resolution 1_None.
Other Business:
Public Comments
County Commissioners Updates
Public Hearings:
Public Hearing 1_None.
Adjourn

The agenda is provided for informational purposes only; all times are approximate. Agenda items will normally be considered in the order they appear on the agenda. However, the Board may alter the Agenda, take breaks during the meeting, work through the noon

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hour and even continue an item for a future meeting date. The Board, while in session, may consider other items that are brought before it. Scheduled items may be continued if the Board is unable to complete the Agenda as scheduled.

The next regular Board meeting is tentatively scheduled for June 12, 2017, at 11:00 a.m., at the Rio Blanco County Historic Courthouse, 555 Main Street, 3rd Floor, Meeker, Colorado. Please check the County's website for information at: <http://www.rbc.us/departments/commissioners>. If you need special accommodations please call 970-878-9573 in advance of the meeting so that reasonable accommodations may be made.
Published: May 18, 2017
Rio Blanco Herald Times

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given of the filing of a Permit Renewal Application for the Colowyo Coal Mine, Mining Permit No. C-1981-019, by Colowyo Coal Company L.P., 5731 State Highway 13, Meeker, CO. 81641, with the Colorado Division Reclamation Mining and Safety, Colorado Department of Natural Resources, 1313 Sherman Street, Room 215, Denver, Colorado 80203. This permit renewal application updates Mining Permit No. C-1981-019 for the next five year term.

All of the areas to be affected by this Permit Renewal are owned by Axial Basin Coal Company, Colowyo Coal Company L.P., the State of Colorado and the Bureau of Land Management and are located approximately 28 miles south of Craig, Colorado, west of Colorado State Highway 13 and east of Moffat County Road 51.

The affected area can be located on U.S. Geological Survey 7.5-minute quadrangle map Nos. N4015-W10745/7.5 (Axial, Colorado) and N4007.5-W10745/7.5 (Ninemile Gap, Colorado) and is more particularly described as follows:

All or portions of Sections 2-6, 7-11, 14-22, and 28-30 of Township 3 North, Range 93 West, all or portions of Sections 13, 15-18, 20-24, 26-30, and 31-34 of Township 4 North, Range 93, all or portions of Sections 1-3, 10-12, and 14-15 of Township 3 North, Range 94 West, and all or portions of Sections 12, 13, 18, 23-27, and 34-36 of Township 4 North, Range 94 West of the 6th P.M., Moffat County and Rio Blanco County, Colorado.

A precise description of the Permit Boundary can be found in Volume 16, Exhibit 1, Item 13 of the permit document and is included herein by reference.

A copy of the application for the Permit Renewal is on file at the Moffat County Clerk and Recorder's Office in the Moffat County Courthouse located at 221 West Victory Way, Craig, Colorado, 81625 and the Rio Blanco County Clerk and Recorder's Office in the Rio Blanco Courthouse located at 555 Main Street #303, Meeker, CO, 81641. Questions concerning this Permit Renewal Application should be directed to Tony Tennyson, Senior Environmental Engineer at Tr-State Generation and Transmission Association Inc., at (970) 824-1232. Any person having an interest concerning this Permit Renewal Application has the right to provide written comments or objections to the Colorado Division Reclamation Mining and Safety at the address noted above. Comments to the Division must be made within 10 days after the last publication of this notice.

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The contents of Storage Unit #12 at 219 E Market St, Meeker, CO will be auctioned off 30 days from today if full payment has not been made.
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**RANGELY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
(TOWN COUNCIL)**

The Regular Town Council Meeting of May 23, 2017 will be cancelled. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held Tuesday, June 13, 2017 at 7:00 P.M. Thank You!
By: Lisa Piering, Clerk/Treasurer
Published: May 18, 2017
Rio Blanco Herald Times

NOTICE OF PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET

Notice is hereby given that a proposed budget has been submitted to the Board of Education of Meeker School District Re-1, Rio Blanco County, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018; and has been filed in the office of the superintendent where it is available for public inspection. Such proposed budget will be considered for adoption at a regular meeting of the Board of Education of said district at the School Administration Building on Tuesday, June 20, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

Any person paying school taxes in said district may at any time prior to the final adoption of the budget file or register his objections thereto.

Board of Education
Meeker School District Re-1
/s/ Bill deVergie
Secretary of the Board
Published: May 18, 2017
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**COMMENTS ON DBE GOAL AND RATIONALE
May 18, 2017**

The proposed overall Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Goal for fiscal years 2018-2020 for the Meeker Coulter Field Airport, Meeker, CO is 0.00% to be reached through race and gender neutral means and 0.00% to be reached through race and gender conscious means. An Overall Three-Year Goal will be determined at such time as we anticipate awarding DOT/FAA funded prime contracts the cumulative total value of which exceeds \$250,000 during any one or more of the reporting fiscal years within the three-year goal period.

The proposed goal and its rationale are available for inspection for 30 days following the date of this notice at the office of GDA Engineers, 2211 W. 3000 S., STE B, Heber City, Utah, or by going to <http://www.gdaengineers.com/customer/DBE/>. Comments on this proposed DBE Goal will be accepted in writing (via US Mail or email) for 30 days following the date of this notice. Please send comments to: US MAIL: GDA Engineers

ATTN: Amelia Pays
2211 W. 3000 S., STE B
Heber City, UT 84032
EMAIL: apays@gdaengineers.com
In addition, a survey has been set up to collect data. Please click on the following link to take the survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WJ2T5XM>
Comments will be accepted until June 17, 2017.
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**NOTICE OF HEARING BY PUBLICATION
PURSUANT TO § 19-3-503(8)(B),
C.R.S.PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF
COLORADO:**

In the interests of:
Child: J G
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MARYL GLADSTONE
Respondent Father (Alleged):
CHARLES WEBB
Special Respondent, Maternal Grandmother
AUDRA GLADSTONE
Case No: 16JV12
To: Putative Father Charles Webb
Last Known Address if any: Unknown
A hearing on the adjudication of the minor child J. G. will be held at the following time and location or at a later date to which the hearing may be continued:
Date: June 2, 2017 Time: 1:00 P.M.
Courtroom B, Rio Blanco County Justice Center, 455 Main Street, Meeker, Colorado 81641
KENT A. BORCHARD, #2194
Attorney for the People of the State of Colorado and Rio Blanco County
Department of Human Services
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**PUBLIC NOTICE
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
SPORTS OFFICIALS FOR COED SOFTBALL**

THE EASTERN RIO BLANCO METROPOLITAN RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT, a political subdivision of the State of Colorado, is soliciting proposals from qualified Sports Officials to officiate scheduled Coed Softball games. The games are scheduled on Mondays and Wednesdays at 6:30pm, 7:30pm and 8:30pm between June 12, 2017 and August 16, 2017. Officials do not need to be available for all dates/times. Interested parties are requested to submit an organ-

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ized letter which contains:
A history of experience and qualifications.
A per game rate defined; include full compensation for labor, equipment use, liability, and other associated costs incurred per game. Include a cancelled game rate if official is already at the field.
Contractor must provide their own equipment.
Contractor will be required to meet with Recreation Supervisor prior to June 12, 2017.
Selected candidates will be required to sign an Independent Contractors Contract, W-9 form, Declaration of Independent Contractor Status form and provide proof of liability insurance.
For more information contact Shelly Rogers, Recreation Manager, at shelly@meekerredistrict.com or 970-878-7415. Proposals must be received by the District before 5p.m. on May 22, 2017 at the District's administrative office, Meeker Recreation Center, 101 Ute Road, Meeker, CO 81641.
EASTERN RIO BLANCO METROPOLITAN RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT
By: Sean VonRoenn
Executive Director
Publish: May 11, and 18, 2017
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

ASPEN LEAF DENTAL OFFICE

Dr. Cliff Chapin is still accepting patients at his office at 341 7th Street, Meeker, CO. By appointment only Please contact the office for available times. Please call (970)878-3696 or email us at alidoofice341@gmail.com. We will contact you as soon as possible. 5/11-6/8

Alcoholics Anonymous
Mon. 7 p.m., Weds. 7 p.m., Fri. 7 p.m.
St. James Church - enter from back parking lot, meetings are downstairs in Richards Hall, 4th & Park, Meeker 878-4158 • 878-5919 • 878-5636
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Friday, 5/19/17, Chicken enchilada casserole, Tossed salad, Tangerine, Raisin oatmeal cookie

Monday, 5/22/17, Cheeseburger on bun w/fixins, Tater tots, Green beans, Fresh fruit salad

Tuesday, 5/23/17, Roast beef, Mashed potatoes & gravy, Brussel sprouts, Waldorf salad

Wednesday, 5/24/17, Fish cakes, Red dilled potatoes, Glazed carrots, Biscuits, Banana pudding

MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE
Milk, Tea and Coffee are offered with all meals. Menu subject to change.

Food Bank of the Rockies Mobile Food Pantry, Meeker Fairgrounds, Thursday, May 25, June 29, July 27, August 24, September 28, October 26, November 30, December 28 11:00-12:30. 5/18

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Colorado Volleyball Officials Associatin (CVOA) is looking for those interested in becoming a certified official. This certification allows you to officiate high school and middle school games. The certificate process begins in late July. Call or text 970-942-7500 if interested. 5/18-6/15

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

MEEKER HOUSING AUTHORITY Board of Directors meets the 3rd Thursday of the month at 9:00 a.m. at The Pines, 875 Water St., Meeker.

AA & Al-Anon Meetings - Rangely

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

Rangely Victim Services

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

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.

NEW EDEN PREGNANCY CARE SERVICES - pregnancy tests, emergency supplies, guidance by trained volunteers, classes on pregnancy and child care, post-abortion support, referrals. Thursdays, 12p-5p, 345 Main Street, Meeker. Email: newedenpcs@gmail.com or (970)878-5117 and Thursdays, 1p-6p, 219 Sunset Avenue, Rangely. Email: newedenrangely@gmail.com or (970) 675-2300. All services are confidential.

Veterans Service Offices

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

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

COMBINED NOTICE - MAILING

CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 17-05

To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust: On February 1, 2017, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Rio Blanco records.

Original Grantor(s) Original Beneficiary(ies)	James L Brannan Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Amcap Mortgage Ltd. dba Major Mortgage Co. PennyMac Loan Services, LLC
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Current Holder of Evidence of Debt	une 26, 2013 Rio Blanco
Date of Deed of Trust	June 28, 2013
County of Recording	306598 Book: n/a Page:
Recording Date of Deed of Trust	\$130,102.00
Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/Page No.)	\$123,782.31
Original Principal Amount	
Outstanding Principal Balance	

Pursuant to CRS §38-38-101(4)(i), you are hereby notified that the covenants of the deed of trust have been violated as follows: failure to pay principal and interest when due together with all other payments provided for in the evidence of debt secured by the deed of trust and other violations thereof.

**THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN.
LOT 2 MESA VISTA EAST MINOR SUBDIVISION ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED NOVEMBER 19, 1979 AS RECEPTION NO. 193057 TOWN OF RANGELY, COLORADO**
Also known by street and number as: 246 E Rangely Ave, Rangely, CO 81648.
THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED OF TRUST.

NOTICE OF SALE

The current holder of the Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, described herein, has filed Notice of Election and Demand for sale as provided by law and in said Deed of Trust.
THEREFORE, Notice Is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, 06/14/2017, at Office of the Public Trustee, Rio Blanco County Courthouse, 555 Main Street, Meeker CO 81641, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s)' heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.

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DATE: 02/10/2017
Karen Arnold, Public Trustee in and for the County of Rio Blanco, State of Colorado
By: Karen Arnold, Public Trustee
The name, address, business telephone number and bar registration number of the attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is:
David W. Drake #43315 Scott D. Toebben #19011
Randall S. Miller & Associates, P.C. 216 16th Street, Suite 1210, DENVER, CO 80202 (720) 259-6710
Attorney File # 16CO00654-1
The Attorney above is acting as a debt collector and is attempting to collect a debt. Any information provided may be used for that purpose.
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COMBINED NOTICE - MAILING

CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 17-10

To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust: On February 27, 2017, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Rio Blanco records.

Original Grantor(s) Original Beneficiary(ies)	MICHAEL L CHRISTOFF Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. acting solely as nominee for Prospect Mortgage, LLC LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC
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Current Holder of Evidence of Debt	November 04, 2011 Rio Blanco
Date of Deed of Trust	November 07, 2011
County of Recording	302520
Recording Date of Deed of Trust	\$72,526.00
Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/Page No.)	\$67,048.39
Original Principal Amount	
Outstanding Principal Balance	

Pursuant to CRS §38-38-101(4)(i), you are hereby notified that the covenants of the deed of trust have been violated as follows: failure to pay principal and interest when due together with all other payments provided for in the evidence of debt secured by the deed of trust and other violations thereof.

**THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN.
SUBLOT II RANGELY TOWNHOUSES NO. I ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED AUGUST 17, 1978 AS RECEPTION NO. 183494 TOWN OF RANGELY, COLORADO**
Also known by street and number as: 54 DARIUS AVENUE, RANGELY, CO 81648.
THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED OF TRUST.

NOTICE OF SALE

The current holder of the Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, described herein, has filed Notice of Election and Demand for sale as provided by law and in said Deed of Trust.
THEREFORE, Notice Is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, 06/28/2017, at Office of the Public Trustee, Rio Blanco County Courthouse, 555 Main Street, Meeker CO 81641, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s)' heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.

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Lisa Cancanon #42043 Monica Kad

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, 2017.

17CW3006 RIO BLANCO COUNTY, Application for Finding of Reasonable Diligence in Development of Water Rights. Mountain Water LLC, 7703 Ralston Road, Arvada, Colorado 80002 (303) 434-8757. Copies of all pleadings to Paul F. Holleman, John D. Buchanan, Buchanan Sperring & Holleman PC, 1525 Spruce Street, Boulder, CO 80302. The Applicant is also referred to in this Application as "Mountain Water." Mountain Water is the successor in interest of Natural Soda, Inc., now known as Natural Soda LLC and referred to herein as "Natural Soda," with respect to the water rights described in this Application. Mountain Water and Natural Soda are affiliated entities. Natural Soda, and its predecessors, have successfully operated and continue to operate a sodium bicarbonate mining operation in Rio Blanco County, Colorado. The water rights described in the Application are part of an integrated water supply system that is used to supply water to the sodium bicarbonate mining operations and other operations. The sodium bicarbonate mining is conducted through use of solution mining technologies and is a zero water discharge operation. As described in more detail below, sodium bicarbonate is used for human food, animal food, pharmaceutical, air pollution control, cleaning and many other uses. **Name of Structure**. Colorado Mineral Well No. 14-1. Pursuant to the Decree entered in Case No. W-1923 on October 16, 1974 by the District Court in and for Water Division 5, the following conditional water right was confirmed for Colorado Mineral Well No. 14-1. Decrees finding reasonable diligence in the development of the conditional water rights for Colorado Mineral Well No. 14-1 were entered by the District Court in and for Water Division No. 5 in: (1) Case No. W-1923-77 on March 17, 1978, (2) Case No. 81CW130 on November 4, 1981, (3) Case No. 85CW161 on October 30, 1985, (4) Case No. 89CW118 on November 1, 1989, (5) Case No. 95CW247 on June 24, 1997, and (6) Case No. 03CW128 on June 7, 2004, and by the District Court in and for Water Division No. 6 in Case No. 2010CW33 on April 25, 2011. **Legal Description**. The well is located in the NW1/4 NE1/4 of Section 14, Township 1 S., Range 98 West of the 6th PM, at a point 641.22 feet South of the North line 1698.76 feet West of the East line of said Section 14. **Source**. Tributary groundwater. **Amount**. 5.0 cubic feet of water per second of time ("c.f.s."), conditional. Pursuant to the decree entered in Case No. 95CW247 by the District Court for Water Division 5, 0.06 c.f.s. of the Water Right was made absolute. 4.94 c.f.s. of the Water Right remains conditional. **Appropriation date**, February 28, 1967. **Depth**. 2486 feet. **Uses**. Industrial, domestic, and livestock water purposes, and the uses decreed in Case No. 88CW420, described below. **Remarks**. In the decree entered by the District Court for Water Division 5 approved a change of water right for the Water Right to be diverted at alternate points of diversion. **Detailed outline of work performed to complete application of water to beneficial use**. The conditional water rights that are the subject of this Application are part of a single, unified water system, which water system provides water for the development of and use in connection with the production of sodium bicarbonate and other operations in accordance with the *Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, Judgment and Decree of the Water Court* entered by the Water Court in and for Water Division No. 5 in Case No. 88CW420 on August 13, 1991. Since 2011, Mountain Water, Natural Soda and affiliated entities have made expenditures in excess of One Hundred Million Dollars in furtherance of the development of the various operations associated with and reliant on the water supplies that are described in this Application, and performed work including, but not limited to the following, in furtherance of the application of the conditional water rights described herein to beneficial uses: The sodium leases owned by Natural Soda were renewed by the United States Bureau of Land Management ("BLM") on July 1, 2011, for a period of ten additional years. In 2015, the sodium lease area was modified by the addition of 160 acres. Mountain Water was assigned a portion of the lease area, and Mountain Water and Natural Soda are working with the BLM regarding lease areas and modifications. The sodium leases are overlapped by oil and gas production leases. In order to facilitate the production of sodium bicarbonate and oil and gas production, negotiations with an oil and gas production company were held and agreements reached regarding the location of facilities and mining operations. Natural Soda completed an agreement to purchase an outstanding royalty interest associated with one of the sodium leases. Wildlife activities in the vicinity of the sodium leases are continuously monitored and actions have been taken to minimize impacts on wildlife and interference with wildlife nesting and breeding areas. Production of sodium bicarbonate has continued to increase on an annual basis. In 2007, the production capacity of the sodium bicarbonate processing facility was 125,000 short tons per year. In 2013, the production capacity was increased to 250,000 short tons per year. In 2015, the BLM approved the expansion of the sodium bicarbonate processing facility to 500,000 short tons per year, and design and planning of the expansion to 500,000 short tons per year is ongoing. Natural Soda has for many years been a major sodium bicarbonate supplier to North American sodium bicarbonate users. In 2013, Natural Soda began exporting sodium bicarbonate to various countries. In order to facilitate the use of sodium bicarbonate in air pollution control, Natural Soda entered into various agreements with Solvay Chemicals, Inc. for the furtherance in the development and marketing the use of sodium bicarbonate in air pollution control equipment. The expansion of sodium bicarbonate production has required construction of substantially enlarged production facilities. In addition to construction of the enlarged production facilities, numerous capital improvements have been implemented, including, but not limited to, numerous injection and production wells were drilled, completed and brought on line, water well-drilling and completion; installation of barren lines and production lines; purchase and installation of a re-pulper system; purchase and installation of boilers; installation of submersible pumps; drilling of monitoring wells; purchase and installation of air classifier; purchase and installation of a centrifuge; installation of truck tarping facilities; modifications were made to the final tank baffle system; installation of TFF feeder; installation of second cooling tower; purchase and installation of metal detector equipment; purchase and installation of packaging control unit; purchase of spare submersible pumps; drilling and completion of monitoring wells; plug-back of existing wells and horizontal drilling operations; removed bulk carbon dioxide gas storage vessel; design and installation of on-site packaged products warehouse, upgrade to the current version of the Rosemont Distributive Control System for process control and upgraded controls and economizer installation on the two process boilers; a new roof was installed on the sodium bicarbonate storage dome; additional access roads to the well pads were constructed; installed a new flash dryer; and a second production line was installed. Natural Soda has implemented a sodium bicarbonate resource definition exploration program. This program is critical to planning and future development. Various wells have been and will be drilled and core drilled to further define the thickness and areal extent of the Boies Bed nahcolite and other saline mineral intervals in the Parachute Creek Member of the Green River Formation. Several drilling phases are anticipated and will include multiple wells located in proximity to the Natural Soda plant and current mining operations. The core holes will help define the extent of the resource and the nahcolite/halite transition boundary in the Boies Bed. Additional drilling will include the western and southern portions of the sodium leases. Disturbed acreage is maintained at a minimum and disturbed areas are reclaimed and reseeded upon completion of surface work. Removed topsoil is stored and replaced during the reclamation process. Additional leased rail transport cars have been obtained to facilitate transportation of sodium bicarbonate throughout the United States. Investigations have been undertaken regarding a port load-out facility which will allow filling of container ships. A warehouse facility has been leased to provide temporary storage of sodium bicarbonate and to facilitate transfer to a rail loadout facility. Natural Soda has undertaken several studies and analyses of alternative transportation methodologies for sodium bicarbonate. Extensive research into new production methodologies has been undertaken and permitted for new production methods with the Environmental Protection Agency for Deep Vertical Production Wells. Air quality in the vicinity of the production plant is monitored. As part of the plant expansion, an air quality model was prepared and permit applications were filed with the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment. The packaging equipment used for bagging the sodium bicarbonate for transport was improved and more sodium bicarbonate was shipped in bags. An updated Mine Plan, Sampling and Analyses Plan, and Environmental Monitoring Plan were prepared and submitted to the BLM, DRMS, and Environmental Protection Agency and the plans were approved by each agency. As operations have increased on the sodium leases, additional reclamation bonds have been posted with the BLM, EPA, and the Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety ("DRMS"). The increased production has increased the number of employees. As of the end of 2016, Natural Soda had 75 full time employees. Natural Soda has received several awards and certifications for production processes and quality of sodium bicarbonate produced. The construction of surface subsidence monuments has taken place to monitor for any possible surface subsidence. 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At this time, all of the water requirements are supplied by wells constructed pursuant to the 88CW420 Decree. Since 2005, two additional water production wells have been permitted, constructed and are available for operation. An additional application for a well permit is pending at the office of the Colorado State Engineer. The multiple water wells are required to ensure redundancy in water supply operations. New pipelines from the water wells to the plant were installed. Mountain Water has worked with a special district regarding issues pertaining to water supplies and water supply operations. New exploratory core holes were drilled, plugged, and abandoned. Several exploratory core holes were drilled and converted into groundwater monitoring wells and subsurface subsidence monitoring wells. 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In addition, summary reports and projections are filed with the Division Engineer and State Engineer two times per year. An evaluation and report analyzing the structures and capacities of the Larson Ditch and Larson Reservoir was prepared. The report further analyzed options for expansion of Larson Reservoir and projections of costs. Actions are being taken to implement recommendations from the report. Investigations were completed regarding the installation of streamflow measurement devices for Piceance Creek. Natural Soda has filed statements of opposition to applications in the appropriate Water Courts to ensure that the water rights owned by Natural Soda, and now owned by Mountain Water, are not adversely affected. Natural Soda filed applications for findings of reasonable diligence in the development of conditional water rights owned by Natural Soda, and now owned by Mountain Water. Mountain Water and Natural Soda have participated in proceedings pertaining to in-stream flow water rights on Piceance Creek and Yellow Creek. In 2016, Mountain Water and the Colorado Water Conservation Board entered into an agreement pertaining to in-stream flow water rights. Mountain Water and Natural Soda have been involved in legislative issues on a federal and state level pertaining to water supplies, sodium bicarbonate production and other related issues. The foregoing description is not intended to be all-inclusive, but is merely illustrative of continued diligence in development of the water rights described in this Application. **Name(s) and address(es) of owner(s) or reputed owners of the land upon which any new diversion or storage structure, or modification to any existing diversion or storage is or will be constructed or upon which water is or will be stored, including any modification to the existing storage pool**. United States of America, Bureau of Land Management, White River Field Office, 220 East Market Street, Meeker, CO 81641. **WHEREFORE**, Mountain Water requests that the Court find and determine that the actions and expenditures constitute a sufficient demonstration of reasonable diligence in attempting to put the conditional water rights described herein to beneficial use, and Mountain Water further requests that the Court enter a decree finding and determining that Mountain Water has exercised reasonable diligence in the development of the described water rights and that said water rights shall be continued.

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United States of America, Bureau of Land Management, White River Field Office, 220 East Market Street, Meeker, CO 81641. **WHEREFORE**, Mountain Water requests that the Court find and determine that the actions and expenditures constitute a sufficient demonstration of reasonable diligence in attempting to put the conditional water rights described herein to beneficial use, and Mountain Water further requests that the Court enter a decree finding and determining that Mountain Water has exercised reasonable diligence in the development of the described water rights and that said water rights shall be continued. 8 pages.

17CW3008 RIO BLANCO COUNTY, Application for Finding of Reasonable Diligence in Development of Water Rights. Mountain Water LLC, 7703 Ralston Road, Arvada, Colorado 80002 (303) 434-8757. Copies of all pleadings to Paul F. Holleman, John D. Buchanan, Buchanan Sperring & Holleman PC, 1525 Spruce Street, Boulder, CO 80302. The Applicant is also referred to in this Application as "Mountain Water." Mountain Water is the successor in interest of Natural Soda, Inc., now known as Natural Soda LLC and referred to herein as "Natural Soda," with respect to the water rights described in this Application. Mountain Water and Natural Soda are affiliated entities. Natural Soda, and its predecessors, have successfully operated and continue to operate a sodium bicarbonate mining operation in Rio Blanco County, Colorado. The water rights described in this Application are part of an integrated water supply system that is used to supply water to the sodium bicarbonate mining operations and other operations. The sodium bicarbonate mining is conducted through use of solution mining technologies and is a zero water discharge operation. As described in more detail below, sodium bicarbonate is used for human food, animal food, pharmaceutical, air pollution control, cleaning and many other uses. **CONDITIONAL WATER RIGHTS Name of structure**. Dunn Well No. 20-1. Pursuant to the Decree entered in Case No. W-1925 on October 16, 1974 by the District Court in and for Water Division No. 5, the following conditional water right was confirmed for Dunn Well No. 20-1. Decrees finding reasonable diligence in the development of the conditional water rights for Dunn Well No. 20-1 were entered by the District Court in and for Water Division No. 5 in: (1) Case No. W-1925-77 on March 17, 1978, (2) Case No. 81CW132 on November 4, 1981, (3) Case No. 85CW163 on October 30, 1985, (4) Case No. 89CW116 on November 1, 1989, (5) Case No. 95CW248 on June 24, 1997, and (6) Case No. 03CW129 on June 7, 2004, and by the District Court in and for Water Division No. 6 in Case No. 2010CW34 on April 23, 2011. **Legal description**. The well is located in the NE1/4 NE1/4 Section 20, T. 1S., R. 98 W. of the 6th PM, at a point 1197.37 feet South of the North line and 1172.25 feet West of the East line of said Section 20. **Source**. Tributary groundwater. **Amount**. 5.0 cubic feet of water per second of time ("c.f.s."), conditional. Pursuant to the decree entered in Case No. 95CW248 by the District Court for Water Division No. 5, 0.06 c.f.s. of the Water Right was made absolute. 4.94 c.f.s. of the Water Right remains conditional. **Appropriation date**, February 28, 1967. **Depth**. 2412 feet. **Uses**. Industrial, domestic, and livestock water purposes, and the uses decreed in Case No. 88CW420, described below. **Remarks**. In the decree entered by the District Court for Water Division No. 5 in Case No. 88CW420 on August 13, 1991, the Water Right was included in a judicially-approved augmentation plan and appropriate rights of substitution and exchange, and the District Court for Water Division No. 5 approved a change of water right for the Water Right to be diverted at alternate points of diversion. **Detailed outline of work performed to complete application of water to beneficial use**. The conditional water rights that are the subject of this Application are part of a single, unified water system, which water system provides water for the development of and use in connection with the production of sodium bicarbonate and other operations in accordance with the *Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, Judgment and Decree of the Water Court* entered by the Water Court in and for Water Division No. 5 in Case No. 88CW420 on August 13, 1991. Since 2011, Mountain Water, Natural Soda and affiliated entities have made expenditures in excess of One Hundred Million Dollars in furtherance of the development of the various operations associated with and reliant on the water supplies that are described in this Application, and performed work including, but not limited to the following, in furtherance of the application of the conditional water rights described herein to beneficial uses: The sodium leases owned by Natural Soda were renewed by the United States Bureau of Land Management ("BLM") on July 1, 2011, for a period of ten additional years. In 2015, the sodium lease area was modified by the addition of 160 acres. Mountain Water was assigned a portion of the lease area, and Mountain Water and Natural Soda are working with the BLM regarding lease areas and modifications. The sodium leases are overlapped by oil and gas production leases. In order to facilitate the production of sodium bicarbonate and oil and gas production, negotiations with an oil and gas production company were held and agreements reached regarding the location of facilities and mining operations. Natural Soda completed an agreement to purchase an outstanding royalty interest associated with one of the sodium leases. Wildlife activities in the vicinity of the sodium leases are continuously monitored and actions have been taken to minimize impacts on wildlife and interference with wildlife nesting and breeding areas. Production of sodium bicarbonate has continued to increase on an annual basis. In 2007, the production capacity of the sodium bicarbonate processing facility was 125,000 short tons per year. In 2013, the production capacity was increased to 250,000 short tons per year. In 2015, the BLM approved the expansion of the sodium bicarbonate processing facility to 500,000 short tons per year, and design and planning of the expansion to 500,000 short tons per year is ongoing. Natural Soda has for many years been a major sodium bicarbonate supplier to North American sodium bicarbonate users. In 2013, Natural Soda began exporting sodium bicarbonate to various countries. In order to facilitate the use of sodium bicarbonate in air pollution control, Natural Soda entered into various agreements with Solvay Chemicals, Inc. for the furtherance in the development and marketing the use of sodium bicarbonate in air pollution control equipment. The expansion of sodium bicarbonate production has required construction of substantially enlarged production facilities. In addition to construction of the enlarged production facilities, numerous capital improvements have been implemented, including, but not limited to, numerous injection and production wells were drilled, completed and brought on line, water well-drilling and completion; installation of barren lines and production lines; purchase and installation of a re-pulper system; purchase and installation of boilers; installation of submersible pumps; drilling of monitoring wells; purchase and installation of air classifier; purchase and installation of a centrifuge; installation of truck tarping facilities; modifications were made to the final tank baffle system; installation of TFF feeder; installation of second cooling tower; purchase and installation of metal detector equipment; purchase and installation of packaging control unit; purchase of spare submersible pumps; drilling and completion of monitoring wells; plug-back of existing wells and horizontal drilling operations; removed bulk carbon dioxide gas storage vessel; design and installation of on-site packaged products warehouse, upgrade to the current version of the Rosemont Distributive Control System for process control and upgraded controls and economizer installation on the two process boilers; a new roof was installed on the sodium bicarbonate storage dome; additional access roads to the well pads were constructed; installed a new flash dryer; and a second production line was installed. Natural Soda has implemented a sodium bicarbonate resource definition exploration program. This program is critical to planning and future development. Various wells have been and will be drilled and core drilled to further define the thickness and areal extent of the Boies Bed nahcolite and other saline mineral intervals in the Parachute Creek Member of the Green River Formation. Several drilling phases are anticipated and will include multiple wells located in proximity to the Natural Soda plant and current mining operations. The core holes will help define the extent of the resource and the nahcolite/halite transition boundary in the Boies Bed. Additional drilling will include the western and southern portions of the sodium leases. Disturbed acreage is maintained at a minimum and disturbed areas are reclaimed and reseeded upon completion of surface work. Removed topsoil is stored and replaced during the reclamation process. Additional leased rail transport cars have been obtained to facilitate transportation of sodium bicarbonate throughout the United States. Investigations have been undertaken regarding a port load-out facility which will allow filling of container ships. A warehouse facility has been leased to provide temporary storage of sodium bicarbonate and to facilitate transfer to a rail loadout facility. Natural Soda has undertaken several studies and analyses of alternative transportation methodologies for sodium bicarbonate. Extensive research into new production methodologies has been undertaken and permitted for new production methods with the Environmental Protection Agency for Deep Vertical Production Wells. Air quality in the vicinity of the production plant is monitored. As part of the plant expansion, an air quality model was prepared and permit applications were filed with the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment. The packaging equipment used for bagging the sodium bicarbonate for transport was improved and more sodium bicarbonate was shipped in bags. An updated Mine Plan, Sampling and Analyses Plan, and Environmental Monitoring Plan were prepared and submitted to the BLM, DRMS, and Environmental Protection Agency and the plans were approved by each agency. As operations have increased on the sodium leases, additional reclamation bonds have been posted with the BLM, EPA, and the Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety ("DRMS"). The increased production has increased the number of employees. As of the end of 2016, Natural Soda had 75 full time employees. Natural Soda has received several awards and certifications for production processes and quality of sodium bicarbonate produced. The construction of surface subsidence monuments has taken place to monitor for any possible surface subsidence. 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At this time, all of the water requirements are supplied by wells constructed pursuant to the 88CW420 Decree. Since 2005, two additional water production wells have been permitted, constructed and are available for operation. An additional application for a well permit is pending at the office of the Colorado State Engineer. The multiple water wells are required to ensure redundancy in water supply operations. New pipelines from the water wells to the plant were installed. Mountain Water has worked with a special district regarding issues pertaining to water supplies and water supply operations. New exploratory core holes were drilled, plugged, and abandoned. Several exploratory core holes were drilled and converted into groundwater monitoring wells and subsurface subsidence monitoring wells. 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In addition, summary reports and projections are filed with the Division Engineer and State Engineer two times per year. An evaluation and report analyzing the structures and capacities of the Larson Ditch and Larson Reservoir was prepared. The report further analyzed options for expansion of Larson Reservoir and projections of costs. Actions are being taken to implement recommendations from the report. Investigations were completed regarding the installation of streamflow measurement devices for Piceance Creek. Natural Soda has filed statements of opposition to applications in the appropriate Water Courts to ensure that the water rights owned by Natural Soda, and now owned by Mountain Water, are not adversely affected. Natural Soda filed applications for findings of reasonable diligence in the development of conditional water rights owned by Natural Soda, and now owned by Mountain Water. 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The water rights described in this Application are part of an integrated water supply system that is used to supply water to the sodium bicarbonate mining operations and other operations. The sodium bicarbonate mining is conducted through use of solution mining technologies and is a zero water discharge operation. As described in more detail below, sodium bicarbonate is used for human food, animal food, pharmaceutical, air pollution control, cleaning and many other uses. **CONDITIONAL WATER RIGHTS Name of Structure**. Industrial Resources Well No. D-14-1-1. Pursuant to the Decree entered in Case No. W-2886 on November 7, 1977 by the District Court in and for Water Division No. 5, the following conditional water right was confirmed for Industrial Resources Well No. D-14-1-1. Decrees finding reasonable diligence in the development of the conditional water rights for Industrial Resources Well No. D-14-1-1 were entered by the District Court in and for Water Division No. 5 in: (1) Case No. 81CW313 on April 14, 1982, (2) Case No. 85CW306 on April 14, 1986, (3) Case No. 89CW226 on March 20, 1990, (4) Case No. 96CW71 on January 7, 1997, and (5) Case No. 03CW9 on February 27, 2004, and by the District Court in and for Water Division No. 6 in Case No. 2010CW11 on April 23, 2011. **Legal description**. The well is located in the SE1/4 NE1/4 of Section 14, Township 1 South, Range 98 West of the 6th PM., at a point S 16°57'30" West 2,635.85 feet from the Northeast corner of the said Section 14. **Source**. Groundwater tributary to Yellow Creek, tributary to the White River. **Amount**. 5.0 cubic feet of water per second of time ("c.f.s."), conditional. **Appropriation Date**. November 8, 1974. **Depth**. 1755 feet. **Uses**. Domestic, livestock, commercial, industrial, irrigation, and municipal purposes, and the uses decreed in Case No. 88CW420, described below. **Remarks**. In the decree entered by the District Court for Water Division No. 5 in Case No. 88CW420 on April 13, 1991, this water right was included in a judicially-approved augmentation plan and appropriate rights of substitution and exchange, and the District Court for Water Division No. 5 approved a change of water right for the Water Right to be diverted at alternate points of diversion. **Detailed outline of work performed to complete application of water to beneficial use**. 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Decreases finding reasonable diligence in the development of the conditional water rights for Industrial Resources Well No. D14-1-2 were entered by the District Court in and for Water Division No. 5 in: (1) Case No. 81CW312 on April 14, 1982, (2) Case No. 85CW305 on April 14, 1986, (3) Case No. 89CW225 on March 20, 1990, (4) Case No. 96CW170 on January 7, 1997, and (5) Case No. 03CW10 on February 27, 2004, and by the District Court in and for Water Division No. 6 in Case No. 2010CW112 on April 23, 2011. **Legal description.** The well is located in the SE1/4 NE1/4 of Section 14, Township 1 South, Range 98 West of the 6th P.M., at a point South 19°16' West 2,791.11 feet from the Northeast corner of the said Section 14. **Source.** Groundwater tributary to Yellow Creek, tributary to the White River. **Amount.** 5.0 cubic feet of water per second of time ("c.f.s."), conditional. **Appropriation Date.** November 8, 1974. **Depth.** 1260 feet. **Uses.** Domestic, livestock, commercial, industrial, irrigation, and municipal purposes, and the uses decreed in Case No. 88CW420, described below. **Remarks.** In the decree entered by the District Court for Water Division No. 5 in Case No. 88CW420 on April 13, 1991, the Water Right was included in a judicially-approved augmentation plan and appropriate rights of substitution and exchange, and the District Court for Water Division No. 5 approved a change of water right for the Water Right to be diverted at alternate points of diversion. **Detailed outline of work performed to complete application of water to beneficial use.** The conditional water rights that are the subject of this Application are part of a single, unified water system, which water system provides water for the development of and use in connection with the production of sodium bicarbonate and other operations in accordance with the *Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, Judgment and Decree of the Water Court* entered by the Water Court in and for Water Division No. 5 in Case No. 88CW420 on August 13, 1991. 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Decreases finding reasonable diligence in the development of the conditional water rights for Industrial Resources Well No. D-20-1-2 were entered by the District Court in and for Water Division No. 5 in: (1) Case No. 81CW314 on April 14, 1982, (2) Case No. 85CW307 on April 14, 1986, (3) Case No. 89CW227 on March 20, 1990, (4) Case No. 96CW68 on January 7, 1997, and (5) Case No. 03CW12 on February 27, 2004, and by the District Court in and for Water Division No. 6 in Case No. 2010CW14 on April 23, 2011. **Legal description.** The well is located in the NE1/4 NE1/4 of Section 20, Township 1 South, Range 98 West of the 6th P.M., at a point South 41°13' West 1,688.29 feet from the Northeast corner of the said Section 20. **Source.** Groundwater tributary to Yellow Creek, tributary to the White River. **Amount.** 5.0 cubic feet of water per second of time ("c.f.s."), conditional. **Appropriation Date.** November 8, 1974. **Depth.** 1498 feet. **Uses.** Industrial, commercial, irrigation, municipal, domestic and livestock purposes, and the uses decreed in Case No. 88CW420 described below. **Remarks.** In the decree entered by the District Court for Water Division No. 5 in Case No. 88CW420 on April 13, 1991, the Water Right was included in a judicially-approved augmentation plan and appropriate rights of substitution and exchange, and the District Court for Water Division No. 5 approved a change of water right for the Water Right to be diverted at alternate points of diversion. **Detailed outline of work performed to complete application of water to beneficial use.** The conditional water rights that are the subject of this Application are part of a single, unified water system, which water system provides water for the development of and use in connection with the production of sodium bicarbonate and other operations in accordance with the *Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, Judgment and Decree of the Water Court* entered by the Water Court in and for Water Division No. 5 in Case No. 88CW420 on August 13, 1991. 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Mountain Water and Natural Soda have participated in proceedings pertaining to in-stream flow water rights on Piceance Creek and Yellow Creek. In 2016, Mountain Water and the Colorado Water Conservation Board entered into an agreement pertaining to in-stream flow water rights. Mountain Water and Natural Soda have been involved in legislative issues on a federal and state level pertaining to water supplies, sodium bicarbonate production and other related issues. The foregoing description is not intended to be all-inclusive, but is merely illustrative of continued diligence in development of the water rights described in this Application. **Name(s) and address(es) of owner(s) or reputed owners of the land upon which any new diversion or storage structure, or modification to any existing diversion or storage is or will be constructed or upon which water is or will be stored, including any modification to the existing storage pool.** United States of America, Bureau of Land Management, White River Field Office, 220 East Market Street, Meeker, CO 81641. **WHEREFORE,** Mountain Water requests that the Court find and determine that the actions and expenditures constitute a sufficient demonstration of reasonable diligence in attempting to put the conditional water rights described herein to beneficial use, and Mountain Water further requests that the Court enter a decree finding and determining that Mountain Water has exercised reasonable diligence in the development of the described water rights and that said water rights shall be continued.

17CW3014 RIO BLANCO COUNTY, Application for Finding of Reasonable Diligence. Name, Address and Telephone Number of Applicant: The Oil Shale Corporation, c/o Kerl Hutchins, ConocoPhillips Co., 3401 East 30th Street, Farmington, New Mexico 87402. Direct all pleadings and court related documents to: Jacques S. Ruda, 6000 East Evans Avenue, Suite 1-211, Denver, Colorado 80222, Phone No. (303) 297-3800, Fax No. (303) 297-9417, Email: ruda@comline.com; AND Sarah A. Klahn (#28706), Matthew L. Merrill (#37918), Mitra Pemberton (#37833), White and Jankowski, LLP, 511 Sixteenth Street, #500, Denver, Colorado 80202, Phone No. (303) 595-9441, Fax No. (303) 825-5631, Email: matthewm@white-jankowski.com, sarahk@white-jankowski.com, mitrap@white-jankowski.com. **2. Name of Structure:** Ertl Pipeline, Miller Creek Pumping Pipeline, Hunter Creek Reservoir, Miller Creek Reservoir, Miller Creek Reservoir First Enlargement, Story Gulch Reservoir, Story Gulch Reservoir First Enlargement, Ohio/Ertl Pipeline, Story Gulch/Parachute Creek Pipeline. **3. Description of Conditional Water Rights: A. Ertl Pipeline. 1. Date of Original Decree:** November 21, 1966, in C.A. 1269, by the District Court in and for Rio Blanco County. **2. Location and Source:** (a) Headgate No. 1 is located on a point of the West Bank of the Buck Creek, a tributary of the South Fork of White River, from which it derives its supply of water, whence the U.S.G.S. bench mark "limestone", with a brass cap set in rock, bears South 74°55'22" West for 37,695.2 feet, and also whence a triangulation point on Hunn's Peak, a pipe driven in the ground with a 2"x2"x8" staff set on top, bears South 56°55'42" West for 12,321.2 feet. UTM coordinates Northing 4,409,072.6m, Easting 303,589.3m (NAD 1983, UTM Zone 13N). (b) Headgate No. 2 is located at a point on the West bank of Wagon Wheel Creek, a tributary of the South Fork of White River, from which it derives its supply of water, whence the U.S.G.S. bench mark "limestone", a brass cap set in rock, bears South 50°56' West for 27,000 feet, and also whence a triangulation point on Hunn's Peak, a pipe driven in the ground with 2"x2"x8" staff set on top bears South 20°12' East for 14,790 feet. UTM coordinates Northing 4,411,288.6m, Easting 298,849.1m (NAD 1983, UTM Zone 13N). (c) Headgate No. 3 is located at a point on the South bank of Patterson Creek, a tributary of the South Fork of White River, from which it derives its supply of water, whence the U.S.G.S. bench mark "limestone", a brass cap set in rock, bears South 70°41' East for 8,690 feet, and also whence a triangulation point on Hunn's Peak, a pipe driven in the ground with a 2"x2"x8" staff set on top, bears North 89°12' East for 17,875 feet. UTM coordinates Northing 4,406,937.2m, Easting 294,736.2m (NAD 1983, UTM Zone 13N). (d) Headgate No. 4 is located at a point on the West bank of the West branch of Patterson Creek, a tributary of the South Fork of White River, from which it derives its supply of water, whence the U.S.G.S. bench mark "limestone", a brass cap set in rock, bears South 84°54' West for 5,470 feet, and also whence a triangulation point on Hunn's Peak, a pipe driven in the ground with a 2"x2"x8" staff set on top, bears North 82°42' East for 20,800 feet. UTM coordinates Northing 4,406,274.1m, Easting 293,966.9m (NAD 1983, UTM Zone 13N). **3. Appropriation Date:** May 25, 1957, in the amount of 30 c.f.s., with priority No. 658 and with priority date of December 17, 1957. **4. Use:** Domestic and industrial. **5. Most Recent Finding of Reasonable Diligence.** The Court previously has found Applicant diligent in the development of the subject water right in Case Nos. W-54, W-604, W-604-76, 80CW137, 84CW122, 88CW126, 94CW98 and 01CW18. The Court has most recently ruled reasonable diligence has been shown in the development of the proposed appropriation on April 24, 2011, in consolidated Case Nos. 07CW142, 07CW224 and 08CW172. **6. Other:** This right was granted an alternate point of diversion in consolidated Case Nos. 80CW503, 81CW16 and 81CW17 on July 8, 1985, to a point of diversion having the following legal description: A point on the South bank of the White River in the NW¼ NW¼, Section 30 T. 1 S., R. 92 W., of the 6th P.M., whence the Northeast corner of said section bears North 79°10' E. a distance of 4,750 feet. UTM coordinates Northing 4,425,177.3m, Easting 263,521.8m (NAD 1983, UTM Zone 13N). This alternate point of diversion is also the proposed point of diversion of Applicant's Miller Creek Pumping Pipeline (decreed in 79CW355). **7. Name and address of owner of land on which structure is located:** United States Forest Service, White River National Forest, Post Office Box 948, Glenwood Springs, Colorado 81602. **Alternative Point of Diversion:** Janelle Urista, 490 County Road 57, Meeker, Colorado 81641. **B. Miller Creek Pumping Pipeline 1. Date of Original Decree:** April 11, 1983, as amended, November 13, 1985, Case No. 79CW355, Water Division No. 5. The Court previously found that reasonable diligence has been shown in the development of the proposed appropriation on December 31, 2001, in Case No. 99CW258. On December 21, 2001, the Court extended the diligence deadline to December 31, 2007. **2. Location and Source:** South Bank of the White River in the NW¼ of the NW¼, Section 30, T. 1 S., R. 92 W., 6th P.M., whence the northeast corner of said section bears North 79° 10' East a distance of 4750 feet, Rio Blanco County, Colorado. UTM coordinates Northing 4,425,177.3m, Easting 263,521.8m (NAD 1983, UTM Zone 13N). **3. Appropriation Date:** September 30, 1976; Amount: 100 c.f.s. **4. Use:** The use of the water is industrial, mining, retorting, refining, dust control, reclamation, domestic, municipal, recreational and irrigation. **5. Most Recent Finding of Reasonable Diligence:** The Court previously has found Applicant diligent in the development of the subject water right in Case Nos. 88CW79, 93CW93, 93CW258 and 01CW18. The Court has most recently ruled reasonable diligence has been shown in development of the proposed appropriation on April 24, 2011, in consolidated Case Nos. 07CW142, 07CW224 and 08CW172. **6. Name and address of owner of land on which the structure is located:** Janelle Urista, 490 County Road 57, Meeker, Colorado 81641. **C. Hunter Creek Reservoir 1. Date of Original Decree:** October 7, 1971, Case No. W-276 in Water Division No. 5. **2. Location:** The decreed point of the location of the dam is located in the NE¼ of Section 27, T. 2 S., R. 97 W. of the 6th P.M.; the axis of the dam is N. 42°59' W. across the channel of Hunter Creek; the intersection of the dam axis and the South line of the NE¼ of Section 27 bears No. 89°59' W. from the E¼ corner of said Section 27, a distance of 1700 feet. UTM coordinates Northing 4,422,164.9m, Easting 263,059.3m (NAD 1983, UTM Zone 13N). **3. Source:** The source of water for the reservoir may, in the alternative, be Hunter Creek and its tributaries upstream from the dam site; the White River through the Ohio/Ertl Pipeline and the Story Gulch/Parachute Creek Pipeline; the Colorado River through The Oil Shale Corporation Pipeline; and from Story Gulch Reservoir. **4. Appropriation Date:** February 28, 1967. **5. Amount:** 24,362 acre feet. **6. Use:** Industrial, domestic, municipal, recreational and irrigation. **7. Most Recent Finding of Reasonable Diligence:** The Court previously has found Applicant diligent in the development of the subject water right in Case Nos. W-276-72, W-276-77, 81CW21, 85CW16, 89CW13, 95CW009 and 01CW204. The Court has most recently ruled reasonable diligence has been shown in the development of the proposed appropriation on April 24, 2011, in consolidated Case Nos. 07CW142, 07CW224 and 08CW172. **8. Name and Address of Owner of Land on which Structure is Located:** United States Dept. of Interior, Bureau of Land Management, 220 Market Street, Meeker, Colorado 81641; Encana Oil and Gas (USA), Attention: Merit Appraisal & Tax Consulting, LP, Post Office Box 330, Gainesville, Texas 76241; Slash EV Ranch, LLC, 2859 County Road 335, New Castle, Colorado 81647. **D. Miller Creek Reservoir and Miller Creek Reservoir First Enlargement 1. Date of Enlargement Decree and Supplemental Original Decree:** October 7, 1971, Case No. W-278 in Water Division No. 5. On December 7, 1982, in Case No. 79CW352, Applicant was awarded a Decree for an additional storage right to be known as the Miller Creek Reservoir, First Enlargement. **2. Location:** The decreed point of the location of the dam is located in the NE¼ NE¼ of Section 1, T. 2 S., R. 93 W. of the 6th P.M. The axis of the dam is North 89°50' East across the channel of Miller Creek with the east end of the dam bearing South 62°00' West 510 feet from the Northeast corner of said Section 1. UTM coordinates Northing 4,402,437.2m, Easting 235,280.0m (NAD 1983, UTM Zone 13N). **3. Source:** Miller Creek, a tributary of the White River and the White River, in Rio Blanco County, Colorado. **4. Appropriation Date:** July 18, 1968, for original Decree; September 30, 1976, for First Enlargement. **5. Amount:** 22,600 acre feet under the original Decree and 23,300 acre feet under the First Enlargement. **6. Use:** Industrial, domestic, municipal, recreational and irrigation, power, mining, retorting, refining, dust control and reclamation. **7. Most Recent Finding of Reasonable Diligence:** By Ruling dated April 17, 1985, and approved by the Court May 21, 1985, the Referee found that the date for filing the Diligence Application for the Miller Creek Reservoir, First Enlargement, should correspond with the date for filing the Diligence Application for Miller Creek Reservoir. The Court previously has found Applicant diligent in the development of the subject water right in Case Nos. W-278-77, 81CW25, 85CW20, 89CW009, 95CW11 and 01CW204. The Court has most recently ruled reasonable diligence has been shown in the development of the proposed appropriation on April 24, 2011, in consolidated Case Nos. 07CW142, 07CW224 and 08CW172. **8. Name and Address of Owner of Land on which the structure is located:** M/R White River Ranch, LLC, Post Office Box 1860, Bentonville, Arkansas 72712; Board of County Commissioners, Rio Blanco County, Post Office Box 1047, Meeker, Colorado 81641; DC Ranch LLC, Attention: Great White Shark Enterprise, 2041 Vista Parkway, Floor 2, West Palm Beach, Florida 33411; United States Dept. of Interior, Bureau of Land Management, 220 Market Street, Meeker, Colorado 81641; Donna M. Collins Trust, Post Office Box 1415, Meeker, Colorado 81641; United States Forest Service, 317 Market Street, Meeker, Colorado 81641. **E. Story Gulch Reservoir and Story Gulch Reservoir, First Enlargement 1. Date of Original Decree:** October 6, 1971, Case No. W-277 in Water Division No. 5. On December 7, 1982, in Case No. 79CW354, the Applicant was awarded a Decree for an additional storage right to be known as the Story Gulch Reservoir, First Enlargement. **2. Location:** The decreed point of location of the dam is located in the NW¼ of Section 5 and the NE¼ of Section 6, T. 4 S., R. 95 W. of the 6th P.M. in Rio Blanco County. The axis of the dam bears North 67°00' W. across Story Gulch, and a point on the dam axis being the intersection thereof with the West line of Section 5, T. 4 S., R. 95 W. of the 6th P.M. bears South from the West ¼ corner of Section 5, a distance of 250 feet. UTM coordinates Northing 4,415,934.5m, Easting 220,659.3m (NAD 1983, UTM Zone 13N). **3. Source:** The source of water for the reservoir may, in the alternative, be Story Gulch and its tributaries upstream from the dam; the White River through the Story Gulch/Parachute Creek Pipeline and the Colorado River through The Oil Shale Corporation Pipeline and from Hunter Creek Reservoir. **4. Appropriation Date:** February 28, 1967, for original Decree. September 7, 1979, for First Enlargement. **5. Amount:** 10,200 acre feet under the original Decree and 14,800 acre feet under the First Enlargement. **6. Use:** Industrial, domestic, municipal, recreational and irrigation. **7. Most Recent Finding of Reasonable Diligence:** By Ruling dated April 17, 1985, and approved by the Court May 21, 1985, the Referee found that the date for filing the Diligence Application for the Story Gulch Reservoir, First Enlargement, should correspond with the date for filing the Diligence Application for the Story Gulch Reservoir. The Court previously has found Applicant diligent in the development of the subject water right in Case Nos. W-277-72, W-277-77, 81CW23, 85CW18, 89CW11, 95CW008 and 01CW204. The Court has most recently ruled reasonable diligence has been shown in the development of the proposed appropriation on April 24, 2011, in consolidated Case Nos. 07CW142, 07CW224 and 08CW172. **8. Name and Address of Owner of Land on which structure is located:** Applicant: Piceance Creek Ranch Ltd., 11539 County Road 5, Rifle, Colorado 81650. **F. Ohio/Ertl Pipeline 1. Date of Original Decree:** October 7, 1971, Case No. W-280 in Water Division No. 5. **2. Location:** The original decreed point of diversion of the pipeline is located at a point located on the South side of the White River whence corner No. 3 of Tract 40, Section 2, T. 1 N., R. 97 W. of the 6th P.M. bears South 01°54'51" East 2,098.84 feet. UTM coordinates Northing 4,422,949.4m, Easting 223,214.2m (NAD 1983, UTM Zone 13N). **3. Source:** The source of water is the White River. This pipeline is so laid out and interconnected that it may additionally accommodate the following: (1) flow from the Story Gulch/Parachute Creek Pipeline to the Hunter Creek Reservoir; (2) flow to or from the Hunter Creek Reservoir and Story Gulch Reservoir; and (3) flow to and from The Oil Shale Corporation Pipeline and Pumping Plant. **4. Appropriation Date:** February 28, 1967. **5. Amount:** 55 c.f.s. **6. Use:** Industrial, domestic, municipal, recreational and irrigation. **7. Most Recent Finding of Reasonable Diligence:** The Court previously has found Applicant diligent in the development of the subject water right in Case Nos. W-280-72, W-280-77, 81CW24, 85CW19, 89CW10 and 01CW204. The Court has most recently ruled reasonable diligence has been shown in the development of the proposed appropriation on April 24, 2011, in consolidated Case Nos. 07CW142, 07CW224 and 08CW172. **8. Other:** This right was granted an alternate point of diversion in consolidated Case Nos. 80CW503, 81CW16 and 81CW17 on July 8, 1985, to a point of diversion having the following legal description: A point on the South bank of the White River in the NW¼ NW¼, Section 30 T. 1 S., R. 92 W., of the 6th P.M., whence the Northeast corner of said section bears North 79°10' E. a distance of 4,750 feet. UTM coordinates Northing 4,425,177.3m, Easting 263,521.8m (NAD 1983, UTM Zone 13N). This alternate point of diversion is also the proposed point of diversion of Applicant's Miller Creek Pumping Pipeline (decreed in 79CW355). **9. Name and Address of Owner of Land on which diversion is located:** Original Point of Diversion, Puckett Land Co., 5460 South Quebec Street, Suite 250, Greenwood Village, Colorado 80111; Alternate Point of Diversion, Janelle Urista, 490 County Road 57, Meeker, Colorado 81641. **G. Story Gulch/Parachute Creek Pipeline 1. Date of Original Decree:** October 7, 1971, Case No. W-279 in Water Division No. 5. **2. Location:** The original decreed point of diversion of the Pipeline is located at a point located on the South side of the White River whence corner No. 4 of Tract 111, which is also the South quarter corner of Section 33, T. 1 N., R. 93 W. of the 6th P.M. bears S. 48°26'18" W. 1016.19 feet. UTM coordinates Northing 4,432,365.1m, Easting 258,652.5m (NAD 1983, UTM Zone 13N). **3. Source:** The source of water is the White River. This pipeline is so laid out and interconnected that it may additionally accommodate the following: (1) flow from the Ohio/Ertl Pipeline to the Story Gulch Reservoir; (2) flow to or from the Hunter Creek Reservoir and Story Gulch Reservoir; (3) flow to or from The Oil Shale Corporation Pipeline and Pumping Plant. **4. Appropriation Date:** February 28, 1967. **5. Amount:** 55 c.f.s. **6. Use:** Industrial, domestic, municipal, recreational and irrigation. **7. Most Recent Finding of Reasonable Diligence:** The Court previously found Applicant diligent in the development of the subject water right in Case Nos. W-279-72, W-279-77, 81CW22, 85CW17, 89CW12, 95CW12 and 01CW204. The Court has most recently ruled reasonable diligence has been shown in the development of the proposed appropriation on April 24, 2011, in consolidated Case Nos. 07CW142, 07CW224 and 08CW172. **8. Other:** This right was granted an alternate point of diversion in consolidated Case Nos. 80CW503, 81CW16 and 81CW17 on July 8, 1985, to a point of diversion having the following legal description: A point on the South bank of the White River in the NW¼ NW¼, Section 30 T. 1 S., R. 92 W., of the 6th P.M., whence the Northeast corner of said section bears North 79°10' E. a distance of 4,750 feet. UTM coordinates Northing 4,425,177.3m, Easting 263,521.8m (NAD 1983, UTM Zone 13N). This alternate point of diversion is also the proposed point of diversion of Applicant's Miller Creek Pumping Pipeline (decreed in 79CW355). **9. Name and Address of Owner of the Land on which the diversion is located:** Original Point of Diversion, Rick & Kay Eddinger, 6855 County Road 4, Meeker, Colorado 81641; Alternate Point of Diversion, Janelle Urista, 490 County Road 57, Meeker, Colorado 81641. **4. Outline of Work Done Toward Completion of Project and Application of Water to a Beneficial Use. A. Background Information Concerning the Applicant.** 1. Applicant is a Delaware Corporation qualified to do business in the State of Colorado. Applicant is a wholly owned subsidiary of ConocoPhillips Company and has been since January 1, 2003. 2. Applicant and its parent hold interest in fee in over 37,700 acres of oil shale lands in Garfield and Rio Blanco Counties, Colorado. The conditional water right which is the subject of this Application was appropriated and is needed for the commercial development of Applicant's and its parent's oil shale properties, including industrial, domestic, municipal, environmental, recreational, irrigation, power, mining, retorting, refining, dust control and reclamation uses associated with such development. Applicant has expended funds in developing ownership information and surveys of its oil shale properties and adjacent properties. 3. The subject conditional water rights are part of Applicant's integrated White River Water Development System. That system includes water rights in the White River Basin, including, but not limited to, the Ertl Pipeline (decreed in C.A. 1269, alternate point of diversion decreed in Case Nos. 80CW503, 81CW16 and 81CW17), the Miller Creek Reservoir and Enlargement (decreed in W-278 and 79CW352), the Story Gulch/Parachute Creek Pipeline (decreed in W-279, alternate point of diversion decreed in Case Nos. 80CW503, 81CW16 and 81CW17), the Ohio/Ertl Pipeline (decreed in W-280, alternate point of diversion decreed in Case Nos. 80CW503, 81CW16 and 81CW17), the Hunter Creek Reservoir (W-276), the Story Gulch Reservoir and Enlargement (decreed in W-277 and 79CW354), and the Miller Creek Pumping Pipeline (decreed in 79CW355), Bute No. 25 Well (W-3499), Oldland 1-4 Well (W-3500), TG 71-3 Well (W-3561), TG 71-4 Well (W-3562), TG 71-5 Well (W-3563), S.G. No. 20 Well (W-3543), Camp Bird 12A Well (W-3577), Ohio No. 41 Well (W-3576), Camp Bird 12 Well (W-3575), and Liberty Bell No. 12 Well (W-3578), and the Miller Creek Pumping Pipeline (79CW355). These rights, together with its conditional water rights in the Colorado River Basin, Trail Gulch Reservoir (C.A. 6404) and Trail Gulch Reservoir First Enlargement (79CW353) and The Oil Shale Corporation Pipeline and Pumping Plant (C.A. 4914), have been acquired and developed to provide a water development system, which will provide a flexible system of interdependent water diversions, reservoirs, pipelines, wells and other rights to optimize the efficient beneficial use of water for oil shale development and other purposes and to minimize economic and environmental costs. When the water development system is completed and the water appropriated thereby is put to beneficial use, the water from these and other rights will be commingled in the various water structures owned by the Applicant, and as a result, each of the individual rights are an inherent and contributory part of the entire system. Thus, development and expenditures with respect to any individual part of the system benefit both the whole system and its individual parts. 4. The commercial development of oil shale is a necessary prerequisite to beneficial use of the water rights described herein and Applicant has expended considerable effort towards commercial development of oil shale and oil shale plants of commercial size, since April, 2011. Applicant'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 Applicant'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 Applicant's planned oil shale development. 5. In summary, Applicant has conducted extensive research and study and has expended substantial sums in connection with developing improvements in its development processes for Oil Shale. 6. Applicant 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. **B. Specific Water Activity** During the period between April, 2011 and April, 2016, Applicant has engaged in studies, engineering work, legal proceedings and other activities relating to the development and application to beneficial use of the subject conditionally decreed water right. This work includes the following: 1. Bishop-Brogden Associates, Inc., consulting engineers, has investigated regional ground water parameters and have visited the site of the water rights owned by Applicant in the Piceance Basin on several occasions. 2. Since April, 2011, in addition to those engineering costs detailed above, Applicant has invested in gaging studies, gauging equipment, site surveys, correlation studies, ecological studies and hydrological studies on its water rights in the Piceance Basin. Applicant believes that at such time as the commercial development of oil shale commences, all its water rights will be necessary for the construction and operation of its oil shale related projects. 3. Bishop-Brogden and Associates has conducted, since April, 2011, ongoing studies regarding the projected water need of Applicants proposed oil shale projects and the projected water yield of Applicant's integrated portfolio of oil shale water rights. 4. Applicant has worked to protect its water rights during the diligence period by opposing water right applications that could potentially injure the water rights that are part of its integrated system and negotiating with other water users to ensure its water rights are adequately protected. 5. Applicant has also filed for diligence for the following water rights in its integrated White River Water Development System: Bute No. 25 Well (W-3499); Oldland 1-4 Well (W-3500); TG 71-3 Well (W-3561); TG 71-4 Well (W-3562); TG 71-5 Well (W-3563); S.G. No. 20 Well (W-3543); Camp Bird 12A Well (W-3577); Ohio No. 41 Well (W-3576); Camp Bird 12 Well (W-3575); and Liberty Bell No. 12 Well (W-3578). 6. Applicant has expended in excess of \$28,612.00 on the work and studies detailed above. 7. Applicant incurred substantial costs in excess of \$768,250.17 in addition to those listed above for outside legal services, outside consulting fees, in house salaries and expenses in the maintenance of its water rights between April, 2011, and April, 2016. 8. All of the above expenditures were necessary to forecast the effect of these water rights on the river system, to evaluate the dependability of supply, to conform with ecological requirements and to inform Applicant of the relative merits of specific facilities and projects. Such expenditures and reports were necessary prerequisites to the development of this right. (i) Exhibit

17CW3015 RIO BLANCO COUNTY, White River, Piceance Creek Ranch, Ltd.; c/o John R. Pierce, Dufford, Waldeck, Milburn & Krohn, LLP, 744 Horizon Court, Suite 300, Grand Junction, CO 81506, (970) 248-5865; APPLICATION FOR FINDING OF REASONABLE DILIGENCE: Name, mailing address, and telephone number of applicant: Piceance Creek Ranch, Ltd.; 11539 RBC 5, Rifle, CO 81650; (970) 878-5103; Request for finding of diligence: Name of structure: Johnson Reservoir No. 1; Describe conditional water right: Original decree; Case No. 81CW443; List of subsequent decrees awarding diligence: Case Nos. 86CW124, 90CW106, 96CW291, 04CW27, and 08CW60; Legal description: NW¼ NW¼ of Section 14, Township 4 South, Range 96 West of the 6th P.M. at a point 1,175 feet from the north section line and 683 feet from the west section line; Source of water: Water tributary to Piceance Creek, tributary to the White River. Johnson Reservoir No. 1 is an on-channel; Appropriation Date: August 21, 1981; Amount: 100 a.f. was originally decreed conditionally for irrigation and stock watering in Case No. 81CW443. In Case No. 96CW291, the Water Court decreed 2.0 a.f. (dead storage) absolute for livestock watering, leaving 98 a.f. conditional for livestock watering and 100 a.f. conditional for irrigation; Use: Livestock watering directly from the reservoir (300 head of cattle) and irrigation of 20 acres in the NW¼ NW¼ of Section 14, T.4S., R.96W. of the 6th P.M.; Comments: To avoid confusion regarding this water right, Applicant hereby advises the Court that the Division 5 Water Court mistakenly issued a Notice of Cancellation for this water right on February 14, 2011, in Case No. 04CW27. That notice incorrectly stated that no application for diligence had been filed before the May 31, 2010, diligence deadline. In fact, an application for diligence had been timely filed on May 29, 2008, in Division 5 Case No. 08CW60, which was pending before the Division 5 Water Court when it issued the Notice of Cancellation. Upon Applicant's timely filing of its diligence application in Case No. 08CW60 and the resume publication of that timely-filed application, subject-matter jurisdiction over diligence with respect to this water right vested in the Water Court in Case No. 08CW60. *Part Cnty. Water Pres. Coal. v. Columbine Assocs.*, 993 P.2d 483, 488 (Colo. 2000) ("[S]ubject-matter jurisdiction vests in the water court upon the timely filing of the application and publication of the resume notice."). Accordingly, at the time it issued the Notice of Cancellation, the Water Court lacked subject-matter jurisdiction over diligence with respect to this water right in Case No. 04CW27. Consequently, the Notice of Cancellation was void *ab initio* for lack of jurisdiction. Additionally, on January 21, 2011 – several weeks before the erroneous Notice of Cancellation was issued – the Applicant filed its proposed ruling for entry in Case No. 08CW60. The Referee entered that ruling on March 4, 2011, and the Water Judge entered it as the final decree of the Water Court on April 3, 2011, affirming that the conditional water right for this structure was continued in full force and effect for an additional diligence period, through April 2017. Applicant has filed a Motion for Relief from Judgment in Water Division 5 for correction of the erroneous Notice of Cancellation; Detailed outline of what has been done towards application of the conditional water right to beneficial use: In Case No. 04CW27, the Division 5 Water Court found that Johnson Reservoir No. 1 is part of Applicant's integrated water supply system for Applicant's ranch. "When a project or integrated system is comprised of several features, work on one feature of the project or system shall be considered in finding that reasonable diligence has been shown in the development of the water rights for all features of the entire project or system." C.R.S. § 37-92-301(4)(b). In July 2016, a new headgate was installed for the Johnson Reservoir No. 1, the 24 inch diameter spillway pipe was replaced, a new catwalk was installed for access to the headgate, the dam face was re-graded, and the reservoir was dredged with a backhoe. The cost of this work was approximately \$26,963; Request for finding of diligence: Name of structure: Johnson Reservoir No. 2; Describe conditional water right: Original decree: Case No. 81CW443; List of subsequent decrees awarding diligence: Case Nos. 86CW124, 90CW106, 96CW291, 04CW27, and 08CW60; Legal description: SW¼ SW¼ of Section 14, Township 4 South, Range 96 West of the 6th P.M. at a point 1,040 feet North of the South Section line and 765 feet East of the West Section line; Source of water: Water tributary to Piceance Creek, tributary to the White River. Johnson Reservoir No. 2 is an on-channel; Appropriation Date: August 21, 1981; Amount: 100 a.f. was originally decreed conditionally for irrigation and stock watering in Case No. 81CW443. In Case No. 96CW291 the Water Court decreed 2.0 a.f. (dead storage) absolute for livestock watering, leaving 98 a.f. conditional for livestock watering and 100 a.f. conditional for irrigation; Use: Livestock watering directly from the reservoir (300 head of cattle) and irrigation of 20 acres in the NW¼ NW¼ of

A. b. M/R Ditch, the headgate of which is located in the NW 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of Section 1, Township 2 South, Range 93 West of the 6th P.M., at a point 2,425 feet from the south section line and 2,155 feet from the east section line of said Section 1, Rio Blanco County, Colorado based on data from DWR Aquamap. UTM Coordinates NAD 83, Zone 13, Northing: 4420916, Easting: 262488. See Exhibit A. 3.9.4.4 Amount: 19.06 acre-feet. 3.9.4.5 Structure: The length of the dam is 1,060 feet. The height of the dam measured vertically from the elevation of the lowest point on natural grade to the crest of the emergency spillway of the dam is less than 10 feet. The surface area of the high-water line is 2.82 acres. The total capacity of the Main House Pond is 19.06 acre-feet, of which 17.76 acre-feet is active storage and 1.3 acre-feet is dead storage. 3.9.4.6 Remarks: The Main House Pond is an off-channel pond. 4. Claim to Make Absolute: The Applicant seeks to make 31.14 of the 44.06 acre-feet absolute based on storage of 12.08 acre-feet in the Main House Pond and 19.06 acre-feet in the Stillwater Reservoir. First Enlargement water right. The Applicant filed the Guest House Pond and Main House Pond during the period of May 24, 2016 to June 30, 2016. There were no calls on Miller Creek or the White River on those days to prevent the storage of the subject portion of the Stillwater Reservoir. First Enlargement water right. As required by paragraph 7(i) of the decree entered in Case No. 14CW3028, the stage-area capacity tables for the Guest House Pond and Main House Pond are attached as Exhibit B. 5. Detailed Outline of Work Done to Complete Project and Apply Water to Beneficial Use: In addition to the foregoing absolute claims, the Applicant seeks a finding of reasonable diligence with regard to the remaining conditional portion of the subject right, or any portion not made absolute. Evidence of the Applicant's diligence includes, but is not limited to, the following: 5.1 The Applicant acquired the subject water right from YZ Ranch, LLC on September 17, 2014, after which it filed a change application on September 30, 2014 (Case No. 14CW3028). A final decree was entered in Case No. 14CW3028 on November 14, 2016. The Applicant spent approximately \$58,367 in legal and engineering fees on the change case. 5.2 The Applicant spent over two million dollars on the construction and development of the Main House Pond, modifications to the Guest House Pond, and related work, including, but not limited to, costs associated with lining the Main House Pond, equipment rental, materials, labor, permitting, and engineering fees related to feasibility, design, and construction oversight. 5.3 In addition to the foregoing, the Applicant spent approximately \$650,000 on Miller Creek stream restoration and improvements. 5.4 The Applicant plans to install low-level outlets in the Upper and West Fork Ponds this summer, so that it can store the subject water right in these two ponds. The Applicant believes that it can and will complete the appropriation within a reasonable time and intends to perfect the remaining conditional portion of its Stillwater Reservoir, First Enlargement water right. 6. Name and address of the owner of the land on which the subject water right is or will be stored: The subject portion of the water right is or will be stored on land owned by the Applicant. (10 pgs)

17CW3018 (08CW182), RIO BLANCO COUNTY. Application for Finding of Reasonable Diligence: 1. Name and address of applicant: Encana Oil & Gas (USA) Inc. ("Encana") c/o Sophia Holtsnider, P.E., 370 17th Street, Suite 1700, Denver, CO. (720)876-3013; direct all pleadings to Frederick G. Aldrich, Esq., Aldrich Law Firm, LLC, 601A 28 1/4 Road, Grand Junction, CO. 81506. 2. Names of structure: Taylor Creek Spring. 3. Description of conditional rights for which finding of reasonable diligence is sought: The conditional right was decreed on April 1, 2011 in Case No. 08CW182, Water Division 5: (a) Point of Diversion: NW 1/4 SE 1/4 Section 17, Township 3 South, Range 97 West of the 6th P.M., which is approximately 2,715 feet from the North Section Line and 1,442 feet from East Section Line of said Section 17. The point of diversion is a near-surface structure or device that captures and concentrates water from the spring and is less than ten feet in depth located at or within fifty feet of the spring's natural discharge point and the water is conveyed directly by gravity flow or into a separate sump pursuant to C.R.S. §§ 37-90-103(21)(b) and 37-92-103(14)(b). (ii) Uses: All industrial uses relating to or in connection with Applicant's natural gas exploration and development. (iii) Appropriation Date: December 30, 2008, (iv) Quantity: 1.0 c.f.s. 4. Description of work done toward completion or completion of the appropriation and application of water to a beneficial use as conditionally decreed during the diligence period: The Taylor Creek Spring is part of Encana's extensive integrated system to supply water in connection with its oil and gas drilling operations in the Piceance geologic basin, and its planned future shale gas operations in that basin. "When a project or integrated system is comprised of several features, work on one feature of the project or system shall be considered in finding that reasonable diligence has been shown in the development of the water rights for all features of the entire project or system." C.R.S. § 37-92-301(4)(b). Consequently, all work and expenditures by Encana in connection with its oil and gas drilling operations and its planned future shale gas operations directly and indirectly constitute part of Encana's reasonable diligence in developing the Conditional Right to be used in its water system, which supplies those oil and gas drilling operations and related uses and which will supply those planned future shale gas operations. A map of Encana's integrated system in the Piceance basin is attached as Exhibit A, and a table of the water rights included in Encana's integrated system in the Piceance basin is attached as Exhibit B. The diligence period for the Conditional Right is April 2011 through March 2017 ("Diligence Period"). During the Diligence Period, Encana has worked diligently to develop the Conditional Right, complete the appropriation, and place the water to beneficial use as part of its integrated water system. Encana spent approximately \$471,000 on the design and construction of a dam at Taylor Reservoir to store 70 acre-feet. The Taylor Reservoir is situated approximately 3000 feet downstream from the Conditional Right and is essential to Encana's water supply needs. Encana spent approximately \$1,300,000 on maintaining wells and production facilities specifically within the area adjacent to Conditional Right. Encana expended approximately \$130,000,000 in direct capital costs for water infrastructure in the Piceance basin, including without limitation costs for wells, pipelines, pits, storage tanks, river outtakes, and satellite facilities that are used to divert, store, and transport both fresh water, including water diverted under the Taylor Spring water right, and flowback/produced water for use in connection with Encana's oil and gas drilling operations. Of that amount, approximately \$37,500,000 was spent on constructing permanent pipelines throughout Encana's development areas to allow for more efficient movement of water for drilling, completion, and production activities. Work on water infrastructure included approximately \$76,500,000. Encana's expenditures further included approximately \$16,000,000 for other infrastructure costs. Encana expended approximately \$588,500,000 on drilling, completion, and facility costs for approximately 500 wells drilled during the Diligence Period that included approximately \$10,000,000 in permitting, licensing, and other costs associated with its wells and facilities in the Piceance basin. Encana operated an additional 2,950 producing wells in the Piceance basin during the Diligence Period. Operation of the producing wells requires fresh water for well workovers, roadway dust suppression, pipeline testing, system cleaning and flushing, and environmental requirements. Encana has approximately 10,000 additional future well locations in the Piceance basin. Encana expended and continues to expend significant personnel resources on its integrated water supply system. During the Diligence Period, Encana employed four full-time water systems engineers and one full-time hydrogeologist who managed, constructed, developed, monitored, operated, and/or maintained Encana's water rights and integrated water system, including water-related infrastructure, for use in connection with Encana's oil and gas drilling operations. An additional seven Encana employees managed water movement and facilities at the field level during the Diligence Period, and were supported by fifteen to twenty independent contractors. This team of Encana employees and independent contractors was responsible for short- and long-range water balance planning, water treatment operations, fresh water diversions, water recycling, water accounting and reporting, water capital infrastructure planning and construction, and all other operations related to Encana's integrated water system. Encana expended approximately \$300,000 in legal fees for activities related to development and protection of its water rights, including the Conditional Right, and Encana's water supply and water infrastructure in the Plateau Creek, Roan Creek, Parachute Creek, Piceance Creek, and White River basins. Those activities included, without limitation, filing and prosecuting applications in water court for other water rights within Encana's integrated system, including a plan for augmentation and findings of reasonable diligence for other water rights in Encana's portfolio, monitoring the water court filings of other water users to protect its water rights, and participating in water court cases as an objector, developing and maintaining its supply of fresh water, acquiring and maintaining sources of water available for use as an augmentation supply in Encana's decreed plan for augmentation, and entering into and maintaining water supply agreements with other water users. "[N]either current economic conditions beyond the control of the applicant which adversely affect the feasibility of perfecting a conditional water right or the proposed use of water from a conditional water right nor the fact that one or more governmental permits or approvals have not been obtained shall be considered sufficient to deny a diligence application, so long as other facts and circumstances which show diligence are present." C.R.S. § 37-92-301(4)(c). As shown on the U.S. Energy Information Administration summary attached as Exhibit C, natural gas prices during the diligence period ranged from approximately 1/3 to approximately 1/10 of their levels in late 2005. Those economic conditions beyond Applicants' control have adversely affected Applicants' proposed use of the Conditional Right during the Diligence Period. 5. Names and addresses of owners or reputed owners of the land upon which any new diversion or storage structure, or modification to any existing structure or storage structure is or will be constructed or upon which water is or will be stored, including any modification to the existing storage pool: Not applicable. You are hereby notified that you will have until the last day of JUNE, 2017 to file with the Water Court a Verified Statement of Opposition, setting forth facts as to why a certain Application should not be granted or why it should be granted only in part or on certain conditions. A copy of such Statement of Opposition must be served on the Applicant or the Applicant's Attorney, with an affidavit or certificate of such service being filed with the Water Court, as prescribed by Rule 5, C.R.C.P. The filing fee for the Statement of Opposition is \$158.00, and should be sent to the Clerk of the Water Court, Division 6, 1955 Shield Dr. Unit 200, Steamboat Springs, CO 80487.

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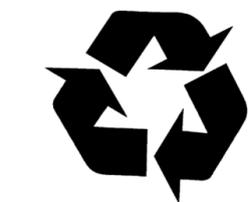
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A written notice may be served upon the owner or agent and if not complied with by the 20th of June and maintained to keep growth to a length of no greater than a height of 12 inches at all times, the owner may be cited and required to appear in Municipal 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.

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- NEW! 846 6th St. - 3 full lots, large frame built garage with 996 sq. ft. 2 BD/1 BA home. Stucco exterior and recently remodeled. \$153,700
- NEW! White River Ranch Estates on Hwy. 64, Two 35 Acre Parcels - Both parcels have river frontage. Lot 12 has 3 phase electrical. \$225,000. Lot 13 is on South side of river. \$200,000.
- 345 Cleveland St. - GREAT POTENTIAL! A full City block, over 99,000+ square feet, offering 12 individual lots all being sold as one parcel. \$225,000.
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HOMES IN MEEKER ...

- NEW 223 Main St. - Full quarter block near downtown. Beautiful 3 BR, 2 BA home. Plus three 1 BR, 1 BA fully equipped rental cabins, big garage, storage sheds, lots of trees and space. \$369,000.
- NEW 1112 Mark Cir. - Awesome views from this 4 BR, 3 BA, 2,492 sq ft home. Full basement, garage. \$186,000. SALE PENDING!
- NEW 148 Main St. - 3 BR, 2 BA, 2,076 sq ft single level home with loft, 2 car heated garage. Downtown. \$188,000.
- NEW 112 Main St. - Historic 2 story, 3 BR brick home on large corner lot plus a small cottage for Mom. \$219,000.
- NEW 780 11th St. - 3 BR, 2 BA freshly upgraded bi-level home. Fenced back yard, storage shed. \$199,500.
- NEW 1134 Park Ave. - 4 BR, 2 BA log home. Remodeled, with several upgrades. Fenced yard, shed. \$169,000.
- NEW 1109 Park Ave. - 2 BR, 1 BA, 1,600 sq ft home on a corner lot, with a shed/work shop. Needs some work. \$69,000.
- 1266 Cleveland- 3BR, 2BA home on a quiet street. Detached garage, beautifully remodeled kitchen with S.S. appliances, updated bathrooms. A/C, fenced BACK yard. \$207,000. SALE PENDING!
- 125 Main St. - Lg corner lot with an impeccable 5 BR, 2.5 BA, 2 story home. Living room, dining room, family room, walk-in closets, large covered back patio, oversized 3 car garage, 2 kennels, beautiful yard. \$319,000.
- 990 Main St. - 3BR, 1.5 BA, log home w/attached 2 car garage. Updated and spotless. \$159,000. SALE PENDING!
- 908 Market- Space 24- Updated 3 BR, 2 BA mobile home in trailer park. In good condition, storage shed, covered deck. \$10,000.
- 1111 Wall St - 3 BR, 2 BA one level home. Large master suite, storage shed. \$128,000. SOLD!

RANCHES - RURAL RESIDENTIAL - HUNTING PROPERTIES...

- NEW 17501 CR 8- 19 miles upriver, 2.57 acres bordering Oak Ridge Wildlife area public land. Walk out hunting! Member 678 sq ft log cabin, 2 BR, 1 BA. Decks with great river views. Good water well. \$195,000.
- NEW 439 Agency Dr. - 6 Acres, 1 mile S of Meeker, beautiful 2 story log home, 4 BR, 3 BA, finished walk-out basement, family room, storage, attached 2 car garage. Horse barn/shop. Awesome views. \$483,999.
- NEW 1560 CR 15- 390 acre ranch, 5 miles NE of Meeker. Fenced and cross fenced, well and spring, 1,412 sq ft log home, storage shed, loafing shed. Great pasture. Secluded and private with great views. \$995,000.
- 210 CR 75- Papoose Creek Cabin in Forest Service lease land, log cabin, outhouse. \$55,000.
- 29100 CR 8- 12 Acres with River. Updated 3 BR, 2 BA cabin, borders BLM. \$420,000. SALE PENDING!
- 6500 CR 7- 2 Acres NW of Meeker. 2,592 sq ft updated home, 4 BR, 2 BA, fireplace, well. \$265,000. REDUCED!
- CR 8- 88 Acres just east of Meeker. Hunting, dry land pasture, development potential. \$400,000. REDUCED!

BUSINESS & INVESTMENT ...

- 109 Market St. - 3+ lots on the corner of 1st & Market. Great location next to the Dollar Store \$250,000. REDUCED!

RAW LAND AND HOMESITES ...

- NEW 29063 CR 8- 6.3 Acres, 30 miles upriver, borders BLM, river fishing rights. \$125,000. SALE PENDING!
- NEW 12924 CR 8- 5 Acres with River, great fishing. Vacant land, good building site. 13 miles upriver, awesome views. \$149,000.
- NEW 8432 CR 15- 7.5 Acres, 10 miles NE of Meeker. Great home site with a creek flowing through with great fishing, water well, pasture. \$175,000.
- NEW 8432 CR 15- 18 Acres, 10 miles NE of Meeker. Great home site with a creek flowing through, great fishing and hunting, good pasture. \$185,000.
- 5807 CR 7- Vacant 20 acre parcel, 9 mi. North, on Strawberry Creek. Good home site & views! \$75,000.
- CR 8- 88 Acres just east of Meeker. Hunting, dry land pasture, development potential. \$400,000. REDUCED!
- 358 Love Lane- 5 acres, Cross L Estates, Lot 13, great horse property, well. \$100,000.
- Little Beaver Estates- 35 acre lot bordering DOW hunting land. Lot 11- \$95,000.
- Little Beaver Estates- 35 acre lot bordering Division of Wildlife public land. Lot 14. \$93,000. REDUCED!
- 100 acres- 29 miles east of Meeker, surrounded by Nat'l Forest, covered with Aspens. \$1,395,000.00.
- Little Beaver Estates Lot 13- 35 acre lot bordering Division of Wildlife public land. \$89,000. SOLD!

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- NEW 524 Hill St. - Delight in this 3BD/2.75BA home with cathedral ceilings, an impressive see-thru fireplace, photography darkroom, and a large two car detached garage with heated loft area. Relax on the large southern facing deck with grand views over town. \$260,000
- NEW 891 3rd St. - Extremely well kept 3BD/1BA home that has been recently remodeled. The home sits on a corner lot and features a beautiful yard. \$172,000 UNDER CONTRACT!
- 585 Cleveland St. - Picturesque 3,806 sq ft home in downtown Meeker. Beautifully landscaped private yard. \$389,000
- 959 Garfield St. - Wonderfully kept 4BD/2.5BA home, detached garage, workshop and lots of storage. Price Reduced: \$255,900
- 855 5th St. - Wonderful view over town from this 5BD/2BA home. New roof, siding, windows and flooring. \$200,000
- 767 12th St. - Two-story, 2BD/1.5BA Townhouse, well-kept and tastefully remodeled. Great fenced area for children or pets. \$70,000
- 945 & 975 Cleveland St. - Two older homes, great lot space and potential. \$69,000

RURAL RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY

- NEW 613 Strawberry Patch Rd. - Country home on 10 acres with a well and shed. Enjoy country living with a short drive into town. This home is not a modular. \$211,500
- 1972 RBC Rd. 36 - Well kept 16+ acres with over 6,500 sq ft in shop space. Hay sheds, spring water, 2,160 sq ft home and barn. \$589,900
- 1400 Flag Creek Dr. - Stunning 4BD/2.5BA home moments from town. Pole barn, acreage and outstanding views. Price Reduced: \$459,900
- 8505 RBC Rd. 8 - Lovely up river home on 1.76 acres. Nice views, fenced yard and year round access. Price Reduced: \$258,000
- 346 N. Cross L Dr. - Adorable 3BD/2BA stucco home on 3 acres. Only minutes from town, miles of views. Price Reduced: \$269,900

RANCH PROPERTY

- River Ranch on Yampa: 63322 W Hwy. 40 - 128.68 acres with over a mile of Yampa River frontage, senior water rights, partial mineral rights, and a beautiful 5BD/4BA home, plus a 2,160 sq ft metal barn. Perfect for a cattle ranch headquarters or an equestrian retreat. Price Reduced from \$1,250,000 to \$1,050,000
- NEW Baker's Peak Vista Ranch: 2113 County Road 70, Craig - 506± acres with 10cfs water rights, gravity flow sprinkler system or flood irrigation. Currently hay. Future expansion for grain possible. Several outbuildings and a domestic well in place. BLM and State land on three sides. Great hunting area with Baker's Peak and Black Mountain a short distance away. Elk, mule deer and pronghorn. \$1,300,000
- NEW Four Springs Ranch: 60401 US Hwy 40 - 343.98± acres with Yampa River frontage, water rights, and beautiful pastures. 1596 sq ft remodeled ranch house, barn, equipment shed, numerous buildings and corrals. Mixed grasses, alfalfa and clover pastures. Current owner raises cattle, horses, and sheep. Great Ranch set-up in the perfect location. \$1,250,000

VACANT LAND

- NEW 2 lots in Sage Hills - Two beautiful view lots in prestigious Sage Hills. Build your dream home near hiking trails, recreation center, school and conveniences. Very motivated sellers. \$30,000 each or best \$58,000
- NEW 10 Acre Lot on Strawberry Patch Rd. - Includes storage building and fencing. A clean property in the country with great potential. \$68,500
- NEW Two 5 Acre Lots on Strawberry Patch Rd. - Ponds, fenced and electricity. Really nice. \$56,500
- 3 Acres in Cross L Estates - Located west of Meeker in a quiet subdivision. Enjoy 360-degree views of the White River Valley. \$69,500
- 27 Vacant Lots - Sanderson Hills Subdivision. Located on the northwest side of the subdivision. \$29,000 each or \$25,000 each in packages of 5 lots.
- 459 Cross L Dr. - 3 acres in Cross L Estates, good building location on corner lot. \$80,000
- 49 Acre Lot - off Highway 13 at Mile Marker 24 for \$55,000
- 50 Acre Lot - off Highway 13 at Mile Marker 24 with great views for \$55,000

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- NEW 73544 Hwy. 64 - This 15,840 sq ft building on 2.4 acres is absolutely a bargain. Just 2 miles west of Meeker. \$150,000
- NEW 101 E. Market St. - Excellent location in Meeker, Colorado, the Brothers Property offers .43 ± acres, paved parking, 3,985 sq ft of well kept building, for retail, restaurant, deli, a meat processing plant or whatever your entrepreneurial heart desires. Trade fixtures not included, but are negotiable. \$375,000
- Gravel Pit for Sale - WRC Wet Pit is located about 20 miles west of Meeker, containing approximately 110 acres, water rights, and an estimated 1,500,000 tons of gravel ready for extraction. \$1,500,000
- 680 Water St. - Playa del Rio Apartments sits on 4 lots, feature 19 apartment units, 17 storage units, off street parking and park area. Buy before the market booms! \$950,000

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