

# Herald Times



Home of Larry and Sandra Johnson

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## MHS graduation ...

Meeker High School Principal Jeremy Voytko led the graduating seniors and their families and friends in singing "The Star-Spangled Banner" to open commencement ceremonies at Starbuck Stadium in Meeker on Saturday morning. The Meeker High School Band led the procession with "Pomp and Circumstance" and the recessional with "Great Coronation Hymn."



# 10 candidates apply for county administrator job

By SEAN McMAHON  
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**RBC** I Ten candidates submitted their applications by the end of last week to become the next Rio Blanco County administrator, filling the vacancy created in April by the resignation of former administrator Kimberly Bullen.

According to Teresa Anderson, serving as the human resources director, 10 candidates had filed applications by last week's deadline, and only one of those 10 persons is from Rio Blanco County.

Anderson said she could not release the names of the candidates as yet because commissioners Shawn Bolton, Jeff Eskelsen and Jon Hill

*One of the 10 candidates is from Rio Blanco County; others from outside of the area.*

had just received the list of candidates Monday, when they left the county for a series of meetings.

Anderson said the commissioners

will most likely release the name of the candidates at the next scheduled board meeting, set for Monday, June 10.

Meanwhile, Anderson said the process will begin with confirming that the candidates meet the qualifications. Then an examination of the qualifications will likely bring a shortening of the candidate list.

"Lastly, the commissioners will likely bring the finalists — and I don't know how many that may be — in for interviews before making their

decision," Anderson said. "The final decision is up to the commissioners, and I don't know if there is any set date for them to make the selection by."

The salary range for the new county administrator is \$75,000 to \$120,000, "depending on qualifications," the county's advertisement for candidates states.

## Susan Goettel resigns as RE1 superintendent

By SEAN McMAHON  
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**MEEKER** I Susan Goettel, superintendent of the Meeker School District for the last three years, turned in a letter of resignation on Friday, with her last day of work being June 28.

Goettel has been with Meeker School District for 18 years, having started in 1995 as a half-time technology teacher.

"I have some ideas on what I will do next," Goettel said. "I have been with the Meeker School District for nearly two decades and it is time for a new adventure."

"I am leaving on good terms, I believe, and I have volunteered to help the next superintendent," she said. "I have worked with some very intelligent and very talented, wonderful people while here over the years."

Asked what she was most proud of during her tenure as superintendent, she said, "I am really proud of the fact that we are back in the new elementary school and that I was superintendent when we were able to resolve all those problems."

"I am also very proud of the progress made on the strategic plan for the district and the new initiatives that I believe leave the district headed in a positive direction."

Asked what is next, Goettel said, "I don't know exactly what will happen; I have some plans to look into and consider, and I also have a home here in Meeker that is paid for."

Goettel earned her bachelor of arts degree in science education from the University of Northern Colorado in Greeley in 1985 and her master of arts degree in administrative leadership and policy studies in 2004 from the University of Colorado at Denver.

She has state certification for her initial administrator license, her professional principal license and professional teacher licenses in secondary science, secondary CTE-business pathway and secondary STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math).

Goettel joined Meeker School District in 1995, and from that time to 2009, she served as vocational business/technology teacher at Meeker High School. She taught technology, business math applications, advanced internship in business technologies, computer applications, desktop publishing, computer repair and maintenance and computer networking.

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## AFTERNOON EXCITEMENT...



RHAWNIE MCGRUDER

**Rhawnie McGruder, a customer service representative with Natural Soda Inc., said she never brings her camera to work but she happened to have it with her on May 29 when she spotted this afternoon funnel cloud, located north-northwest of the Natural Soda office on County Road 31 in Piceance Creek. McGruder said that neither she nor the National Weather Service could confirm that the funnel ever touched down.**

# All wildlife but deer appear to be doing well in county

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**RBC** I Nearly all wildlife in Rio Blanco County is doing quite well following a wet spring, and some species are doing so well that they may be contributing to the decrease in number of area mule deer.

Bill deVergie of Meeker, area wildlife manager for Colorado Parks and Wildlife, said the deer is the only species of real concern as the winter and spring precipitation mixed with the sunshine have foraging conditions in excellent shape for all wildlife, including bears and mountain lions, "Which, along with the coyote, are a very real part, but only a portion, of the problem we are having with decreasing deer numbers."

"Bears and mountain lions are doing very well this year as are all of the animals out there from skunks to elk to foxes and coyotes and even the raptors," deVergie said. "After several dry winters, the precipitation this year is most welcome and is making a huge difference all around."

And while a proliferation of bears, mountain lions and coyotes is a good sign for the environment, deVergie points out that the bears, mountain lions and coyotes combine to be one of the top three concerns regarding the decrease in number of deer throughout the West.

"The deer numbers have been down throughout the West for the past five years, and Colorado has continued to reduce the number of hunting licenses available," he said. "We are all trying to figure out the pieces of the puzzle as to why because there simply isn't one big trigger," he said.

DeVergie said wildlife experts tend to point to three major issues regarding the decrease in the deer population: the weather, development and predation.

"We have had definite drought problems for many of the last several years and with the harsh, cold winters we have had, the survival rates have been down," he said. "The snows haven't been there in great quantity and with windy, cold winters, the animals haven't been able to break through the crust and get to the forage."

Adult deer, he said, have been doing OK with their survival rate of 83 percent to 85 percent making it through each winter. The yearling fawns, however, have had winters where only 30 percent to slightly higher have made it through.

"When you are losing 15 percent of the adult deer and up to 70 percent of the fawns, the rate of survival isn't there to increase the herds," he said. "You need as many new deer as there were deer that died off naturally, and

those numbers just haven't been there when you consider the other two major factors."

Development, particularly in areas that have served as breeding and foraging grounds, also adds to the decrease in deer, deVergie said.

"Development around some of the cities in the West, in the expanding industrial areas and in some of oil/gas developments are all cutting down on the natural habitat and foraging areas these animals have been using for centuries," he said. "Development also means more people and more people means that there will be more run-ins between the deer and vehicles."

deVergie said he would estimate that "several hundred deer are killed each year in Rio Blanco County alone due to collisions with vehicles."

From mid-May to October, he said, the deer are heading up to the higher elevations and become less of a traffic hazard. But he said, there are still some collisions in the summer, but that as soon as the cold weather and snow return in October, the deer hurry back down and rush into the towns and onto the highways, which are often snow-free and where winter grasses are usually easier for the deer to obtain.

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# Appreciation of life fits Merriam mold

By HALLIE BLUNT  
Special to the Herald Times

**MEEKER** I Nyla and Dick Merriam have passed down a sincere appreciation of life, career longevity and set an example of a marriage that lasts the test of time — having been married since 1948.

Dick came to Meeker in 1944. Duane came to the area first and Dick followed when he was 18 years old. His uncle, Joe Livingston, set Dick and his brother Duane up in the sheep business.

In the winter, they ran sheep down river in Scenery and Smith gulches and on the old Ward place as well as the Fritzlan place. They would trail the sheep up the river to their summer permit above Buford.

Dick packed the camps in on three mules to a cabin "between the rivers" above the old Buford School.

He went to town to get groceries one day in 1946 and met Nyla Taylor. Her father owned the store at the time.

Nyla came to town in 1936 at the age of 7. She is the eldest of seven children born to Sherman and Deltha Taylor. They moved their family from LaPoint, Utah, when Sherman took a job running mail from Meeker to Rangely. (The Taylor family history will be included in a future edition.)

Nyla attended school in Meeker and was graduated in 1947. She began working as a telephone operator while still in high school. If they needed the town marshal, she turned on a light and he would call

in. If there was a fire, they would ring the siren. They knew pretty well what was happening in Meeker.

It was not uncommon for a person to call in and ask to connect to someone. The operator knew if the person wasn't home, and why. It was an enjoyable job for Nyla and she worked there until she and Dick were married; then again after her kids were older, in 1959.

She worked as an operator until the system "went to dial in February, 1965," she said. She took that Sunday off and started work for White River Electric Association, a job she held for 27 years until her retirement in 1991. She said she "enjoyed every bit of it."

When Dick and Nyla were first married, they went with the sheep in the summers and had an apartment in town. They sold the sheep in 1951 and moved to the home where they currently reside. Dick's brother, Duane, and his wife, Jerry, moved into the house just two houses down and it was a great place to raise a family.

Dick and Nyla had John in 1948, Donald in 1950, Gary in 1952, Joyce in 1954 and Gordon in 1955.

The Merriams spent their time following their children as they grew up. The boys played football, basketball, baseball and wrestled and ran track in junior high. John Irwin started the Old Timers Association Baseball and John began playing when he was 8-years-

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COURTESY PHOTO

Pictured here are four generations of Merriams. Three generations have served on the Meeker Volunteer Fire Department. The youngest generation has not quite reached the age to join the group.

WEATHER



Saturday: 80s/40s Sunny



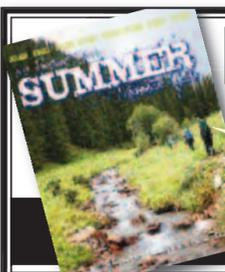
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## BRIEFS

**CNCC, state offer free shooting sports**

**RANGELY** | Colorado Northwestern Community College's Community Education program and the Colorado Department of Parks and Wildlife are partnering to bring a free introduction to shooting sports to the Rangely community.

The "Bang and Twang" event teaches students the basics of bow archery shooting and firing a .22 rifle.

Tom Davies with Colorado Parks and Wildlife will teach the course on June 22 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the CNCC Academy Range. All equipment will be provided and there is no cost to attend the event.

**Rangely-area recipes being gathered**

**RANGELY** | The Rangely Museum is gathering recipes for a cookbook featuring old and new recipes of the Rangely area. In addition to regular recipes, there is a focus on homemade ice cream and dutch oven recipes for the Ice Cream Social section.

Only the first 150 recipes will be published. The idea is to keep the recipes simple with ingredients that are easy to find in our area.

Recipe collection sheets and instructions can be picked up at the Rangely Museum (10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday and Saturday from noon to 4 p.m.) or at the Heritage Building Center, Rangely Hardware, White River Market and other local businesses.

The recipes can be returned to the museum during open hours or mailed to: Rangely Museum, P.O. Box 131, Rangely, CO, 81648.

# Meeker moves to turn school over to county

Special to the Herald Times

**MEEKER** | The Meeker Town Board of Trustees voted unanimously Tuesday night to proceed with an ordinance that would allow the town to turn the old Meeker Elementary School on Main Street in the downtown area over to the Rio Blanco County Board of Commissioners.

The town must advertise the ordinance, which begins a 30-day period

when the county has the to make the decision to take over the building and property or turn down the offer.

The ordinance does not bind the county in any manner as to its future use.

The ordinance also gives the town the assurance that it has no continuing liability for the asbestos or any other issues related to the property once it is conveyed to the county.

## HOME OF: Larry and Sandra Johnson

**MEEKER** | After 17 years in Meeker, Larry and Sandra Johnson are pretty fond of their home town, particularly the "great way that everybody treats each other," Larry said.

Larry and Sandra are Colorado natives. Both were born in Denver.

The Johnsons moved here in 1996 from Erie, which is on the Front Range.

They exchanged wedding vows in 1965 in Denver and are currently two years away from the special landmark of their 50th anniversary.

Larry and Sandra also have two children.

Son Josh Johnson, 41, and his wife, Alana, live in the Denver suburb of Brighton. He is a member of the Wheat Ridge Police Department. Josh and Alana have given Larry and Sandra three grandchildren.

Daughter Beth Willey (we won't tell her age) and her husband, Ron, reside in Meeker. Beth is the assistant director at the Meeker Chamber of Commerce, Larry said. Beth and Ron have given Larry and Sandra another grandchild.

Larry has a lot of experience in the lumber business. Now retired, he worked for Meeker Lumber, then Moyer Lumber and then he ran Rio Blanco Lumber from the time it opened until the owners closed down the company, which was in "2003 or 2004," he said.

"Then it was time to retire," he said.

Sandra continues to work at the Eastern Rio Blanco Metropolitan Recreation and Park District (ERBM) Recreation Center in Meeker, where she works in marketing.

Larry said he doesn't really have any hobbies now other than helping Sandra out. However, he said he certainly did enjoy hunting and fishing when he could get around a little better.

"Sandra has a horse, four goats including a milking goat — which is why we got the goats in the first place," he said.

"Sandra also enjoys painting, but she doesn't have much time for that these days.

"We both love the Meeker area," Larry said. "It is an overall friendly town with friendly people, and it is just the right size. But mostly, I really like the great way that everybody treats each other — with respect and like friends."

## OHV CLUB ...



COURTESY PHOTO

Members of the Wagon Wheel OHV Club gather on a hillside for a break during one of their rides. A grant for \$265,300 has been awarded to Rio Blanco County by the Colorado State Parks Off Highway Vehicle (OHV) Program for use within the county. All area OHV trails are now open.

# Rio Blanco County receives OHV grant

Special to the Herald Times

**MEEKER** | Thanks to community-wide efforts by the Meeker Chamber of Commerce, Rio Blanco County, the Town of Meeker, the Bureau of Land Management, the U.S. Forest Service and the Wagon Wheel OHV Club, a grant for \$265,300 has been awarded to Rio Blanco County by the Colorado State Parks Off Highway Vehicle (OHV) Program.

Rio Blanco County Commissioner Jeff Eskelson and Meeker Chamber Executive Director Katelin Cook testified before the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Commissioners to receive grant approval.

Eskelson said, "The grant cycle offered through the State Parks OHV Program is very competitive; our requirement to testify before the Colorado Parks and Wildlife commissioners proves the competitive-

## GOETTEL:

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She was also a special education teacher through Meeker High School with the Rio Blanco Board of Cooperative Education Services from 1997 to 2000.

"I am very thankful to the district for allowing me to serve the kids in Meeker," Goettel said. "I have enjoyed my time in Meeker and I hope to be leaving on a positive note."

Prior to Meeker, Goettel was a science and health teacher for the Crowley County Junior/Senior High School in Ordway from 1986 to 1995.

She was also a health education trainer for the Rocky Mountain Center for Health Promotion and Education in Lakewood from 1988 to 1995. Prior to that, she was a science teacher at York Junior High in Thornton.

Goettel was honored in 2001 by the American Consulting Engineers Council of Colorado as Educator of the Year. She is also a member of the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development and the Colorado Association of School Executives.

## In Glory Now

We lay our own young cowboy down,  
Round us fair wild flowers bloom.  
Above us skies of azure blue,  
clouds drift slowly o'er the tomb.  
While angels watch, tears softly kiss,  
The precious blessed ground.

- Evelyn Conyers

ness.

"There are great projects happening all around the state," he said. "The commissioners recognized the importance of this connector trail to Meeker and awarded one of the largest grants to our community this year."

The grant funds will be utilized to create a connecting trail, within the Colorado Department of Transportation right-of-way, along State Highway 13, from School Street to County Road 8. The trail will connect the Town of Meeker to the existing Wagon Wheel OHV Trail System on U.S. Forest Service (USFS) lands, and is critical to pro-

viding OHV enthusiasts with the best OHV riding experience possible.

According to Colorado State Parks and Wildlife, Rio Blanco County has experienced a 71 percent increase in the number of registered OHVs over the past five years, proving OHV travel and tourism have a significant direct impact on the local economic base as well as the state's economic base.

This is the second grant awarded for the Wagon Wheel OHV Trail System. A grant for \$100,862 was awarded in 2012 for enhanced marketing options, increased GPS capabilities, signage, trailhead and parking area improvements and educa-

tional information.

The Wagon Wheel OHV Trail System consists of more than 250 miles of trails, including 16 looping trails and is the largest organized trail system in Northwest Colorado. The terrain and difficulty of these trails are unique and diverse.

Through cooperation with the Town of Meeker and Rio Blanco County, OHV travel on city streets and certain county roads is approved with some restrictions.

For more information on the Wagon Wheel OHV Trail System, or for a map, please visit the Meeker Chamber of Commerce at 710 Market St.

## WEEKLY REC NEWS SPOT ◆ June 6 – Jun 13, 2013



### SPECIAL EVENTS

- **Youth Fishing Day at Circle Park. SATURDAY, JUNE 8, 10AM.** Free for boys and girls of all ages, especially those 16 years and under. (Fishing license required for those 16 & over.) CPW (Colorado Parks & Wildlife) will provide equipment and bait as needed. The Meeker Lions Club will serve a FREE lunch. Prizes will be provided by White River Electric, Wyatts Sports Center and CPW.
- **Despicable Me, FREE Movie Under the Stars. FRIDAY, JUNE 14, DUSK, PAINTBRUSH PARK.** Movie rated PG. We provide popcorn and the movie on our huge inflatable screen, you provide your own seating.

### BULLETINS

- **JUNE 17. Make note of this date:** On June 17 the website is scheduled to be reactivated ([www.meekerrecdistrict.com](http://www.meekerrecdistrict.com)), the July/August Line-up is scheduled to be in mailboxes and registration begins (online and at the Meeker Rec Center). Line-up highlights include Range Call events, soccer and swimming lessons. Please note early registration deadlines for the following: Range Call events; 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament and the 5K Run/Walk for Your Life. Programs; Adult Recreational Coed Softball, Hydro Zumba, Golf and T-Ball.
- **SUMMER POOL HOURS:** Effective May 28, on Mon – Fri, the pool will close at 6:30pm instead of 8pm. All other hours stay the same.

### PROGRAMS

- **Road Rash 'n Splash: Kids Triathlon. REGISTRATION DEADLINE SUNDAY, JUNE 9.** Event is Wednesday, June 19. Age groups 7-8, 9-10, 11-12, 13-14.
- **Road Rash 'n Splash: Adults Super-sprint & Sprint Triathlon. REGISTRATION DEADLINE SUNDAY, JUNE 9.** Event is Saturday, June 22. Age groups 15 through 75+.
- **Day Trip: Carbon County Museum Rawlins, WY. REGISTRATION DEADLINE MONDAY, JUNE 10.** For active adults age 50+.
- **China Wall Youth Day Hike. REGISTRATION DEADLINE TUESDAY, JUNE 11.** Event is Friday, June 14. For those entering grades 5-12 in the fall.

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## NEW ARRIVAL ...



COURTESY PHOTO

Justin Ryan Palmer was born May 2, 2013, at The Memorial Hospital in Craig to R.J. and Krystal Palmer of Craig. Justin weighed 7 pounds, 8 ounces and was 21 inches long. Maternal grandparents are Shane and Robin Moore of Craig; paternal grandparents are Ron and Donna Palmer of Meeker. Great-grandparents are Dennis and Connie Kuennig of Craig, Ray and the late Glenda Christensen of Craig, the late Ray and Peggy Lopez of Meeker and the late Dan and Doris Baker of California.

# MES CO-STARS academic contest

Special to the Herald Times

**MEEKER** | On May 17, Meeker Elementary School fourth- and fifth-graders had the chance to participate in the Western Slope's inaugural CO-STARS (Colorado Sensing Talent and Recognizing Scholarship) academic contest.

The competition spotlighted academics and recognized the talent of local students in their educational activities.

Participating students received hundreds of medals and outstanding performers earned gifts and scholarships. The academic achievements were honored with an awards ceremony in which the students were able to celebrate their efforts.

Local volunteers administered the contests, they provided competition materials and all awards were donated for this event.

CO-STARS previously organized activities on the eastern plains of Colorado. Briana Williams and her husband, Dr. Chris Williams, had been involved in the CO-STARS program and were excited to help it expand to the Western Slope. CO-STARS events can involve students from preschool through high school and allows for interschool competition in addition to competitions for area schools.

The competitions include events in dozens of academic subjects such as mathematics, writing, spelling, oral reading, science, music, art, speaking and storytelling.

In the recent Meeker Elementary School competition, students chose from four events including math, writing, spelling and oral reading. All students in the two grades were encouraged to choose at least two contests while some students participated in all four contests.

The students prepared for their performances over a month-long period.

In the academic tradition, efforts were recognized with assignment of Latin honors. Each entry was recognized with a medal to celebrate the performances. Solid feats earned bronze medals in recognition of "Cum Laude" performances; more-recognizable performances earned silver medals signifying "Magna Cum Laude" accomplishments and top acts were recognized with gold medals and received "Summa Cum Laude" honors. (The Latin "Cum Laude" means with honors; "Magna Cum Laude" refers to great honors; and "Summa Cum Laude" top honors.)

Mason Holliday was named the top overall fourth-grade performer in this year's contest. Brynlee Williams and Ryan Phalen were recognized as runners-up among the fourth grade.

Jeni Kincher received the award for the top fifth-grade performance. Brandon Lozano was runner-up and Makenna Burke, Ridge Williams and Kirsten Brown tied for third overall among the fifth-graders.

Fifth-grade teacher Kristen Henderson exclaimed, "The CO-STARS academic contest was definitely a positive experience for each and every fourth- and fifth-grade student who experienced it. They will be looking forward to future CO-STARS academic contests for years to come."

Dr. Williams, who has been involved with several contests reported, "I was impressed with our local students and their efforts. They performed well and deserve to be recognized. I was also impressed with the number and quality of the volunteers who made the event possible. I hope we can see such activities continue in our community."



## TIPTON VISIT ...

Only about 12 people were on hand for the town hall meeting with U.S. Rep. Scott Tipton on May 30 at the Freeman E. Fairfield Center in Meeker. Tipton updated those present on a variety of subjects ranging from water rights issues to fire danger due to bark beetles to the congressional budget sequestration.

SEAN MCMAHON

## Child killed in UTV accident

**MEEKER** | Seven-year-old Angelo Theos of Meeker was killed in an utility terrain vehicle rollover accident approximately 12 miles north-east of Meeker off County Road 11 on Tuesday evening.

The Rio Blanco Sheriff's Office reported a call at the county communications center at 6:55 p.m. reporting the accident, which occurred on private ranch property.

According to a press release from the RBSO, the victim was initially pinned underneath the four-seater vehicle.

The victim was reportedly not breathing and had no pulse after being pulled from underneath the UTV, the release stated, adding that the victim was transported to Pioneers Medical Center in Meeker, where he was pronounced dead.

The parents of the victim are Willy and Molly Theos of Meeker.

## SCHOLARSHIP...



COURTESY PHOTO

Bernie Gantt, left, Dan Dewitt, right, and Kevin Amack, not pictured, representing Rio Blanco Lodge No. 80 of the AF&AM, awarded the Colorado Mason's Benevolent Fund Scholarship worth \$28,000 to Rangely High School graduating senior Heather Turner, second from right. Turner was one of 14 recipients chosen from almost 700 applications statewide and will utilize the scholarship at Mesa State University. Second from left is Heather's sister, Hannah, who was awarded the same \$28,000 scholarship last year.

## Congratulations Think-a-Dinks!!



From left to right: Annelise Amack, Jeniffer Kincher, Kolbi Franklin, Makenna Burke, Cole Rogers, Addie Joy, & Tevin Pelloni.

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FROM MY WINDOW...

# Passion is key to happy life: sense of community seen

By SEAN McMAHON  
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I was fortunate enough to catch commencement exercises at Colorado Northwestern Community College in Rangely and lucky enough to catch the graduation exercises on Saturday at Meeker High School.

(Unfortunately, a scheduling conflict kept me away from the Rangely High School graduation, but I look forward to that event next spring.)

Anyway, I always listen closely to the commencement speakers in hopes that they will impart little pearls of wisdom along the way and I am not usually disappointed. But one "speech," if you want to call it that, which really caught my ear was given by Becca Nielsen, also dubbed "Mother Freedom" by many in the Meeker Class of 2013 at the MHS Commencement on Saturday.

Nielsen was designated to give the commencement address, but it turned into more of an interaction

with the senior class, and was one of the more riveting "talks" I have ever heard at a high school graduation.

Nielsen just walked around, she told humorous stories about a couple of the seniors and she had fun with graduating twins Alex and Scott Smith.

But she told the seniors that "passion" plays a major role in what comes next after high school. Nielsen didn't dig into what that passion is, what it should be and the role it plays.

But I am here to carry it a bit farther.

I believe passion is the key to a happy future. I believe it is the body and soul of what makes a person a happy success at whatever is they will do in life.

No, not every graduate has that passion by the time they graduate.

Some students need time to get out and breathe a little bit.

Unfortunately, some students will do what Mom and Dad want them to do — not what they want to do.

Some students will wander for

years trying to discover what it is that they "want to do when they grow up."

Within reason, that shouldn't be a problem. A few years to look around, do the military thing, work in the oil or gas fields, join the Peace Corps (yes, it does still exist), and follow whatever feels right is probably the right path for now.

But when you discover what it is that rocks your boat, then let it rock your boat to overload.

After high school, you have roughly 50 years of work ahead of you before you get to enjoy the benefits of retirement. A few years less if you succeed at a lucrative profession.

But nothing hits me worse than the thought of 50 years doing something you don't really like "just because it pays the bills."

I'm not here to tell you to be a



doctor. I'm not here to tell you to become a lawyer. I'm not here to tell you to become an IT expert. Those are all excellent paying jobs and in high demand.

I am here to tell you that if you become a doctor, a butcher, a mechanic, a journalist, a typist, a rocket scientist, a medical researcher, an ambulance driver or a dishwasher in a restaurant, then, damn it, be the best one you can be.

Find something you enjoy. Really enjoy.

Gordon Ramsey can tell you, Bobby Flay knows, and even Rachel Ray can confirm it.

Anthony Bourdain knows. Andrew Zimmern knows. Bob Villa knows too.

They all know that to succeed in life is to do what you want to do and to do it well.

Have a passion for it.

Be a carpenter, a plumber, a shoe repair man. Be a stay-at-home mother or father. Volunteer at a hospice or change bed pans in a hospital.

But do it because you want to, because it makes you happy and because you have a passion for learning all there is to learn about any job.

Too often I have seen corporate stiffs, secretaries, retail sales men and women, teachers, welders, young farmers and ranchers doing certain things because someone else expected them to do it. Too often have I seen really unhappy folks who are not leading an enjoyable, fulfilling life because they didn't take or have the time to find out where their passion really was.

Some of you graduating seniors may already know what your passion is. My guess is that the majority of this year's graduates and still some graduates of recent years don't yet know what that passion is.

Keep looking until you find that passion. When you find it, jump in with both hands and both feet. Just be the best you can be at whatever you do.

You will be happy, you will be fulfilled, others will know you for

doing your best and many of those around you — even those who may make more money — will be envious.

But you know what? You're happy! Those around you are happy. You can dig into and live by that passion.

And you can be proud. You are what is called a success!



Driving around on Sunday was proof enough that Colorado's Free Fishing Day, which was actually the entire weekend, was a big success in this neighborhood.

More than the usual number of persons, both young and old, were visible along the White River and, on the way to Craig, one lake I don't know the name of and along the Yampa River.

What was really noticeable was the number of families out taking advantage of the free fishing time

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afforded by the state.

Children were everywhere along the lakes and rivers and nearby were the obvious parents or guardians, all having a great time and enjoying the beautiful weather.

I remember as a young child going fishing with the entire family, and that was a major chore on the parents because all seven kids and mom and dad would get in some good fishing time.

But it was during these times that we learned to get out, enjoy the elements, spend family time together and these times were when learned how to fish.

By the time I was learning to fish, Dad and my oldest brother, Brian, taught me about baiting, casting, catching and cleaning. Mom, when we got back home, taught me how to cook usually what was trout. And learning to cook trout taught me the basics of how to cook other fish.

I applaud Colorado Parks and Wildlife for having the free fishing day. Yes, they lose some revenue, but they build on the future when people, both young and old, might not otherwise go fishing, and the CPW is also looking to the future with more fishermen and women to buy licenses, which helps support the CPW. It's all a win-win situation with the CPW gaining in the long run and Colorado families gaining through the entire experience.

I hope the fishing was good.

A sense of community often arises when funds are needed. Such a sense has been exercised nationally in the past month with the tornadoes in Oklahoma, the plant explosion in Texas, etc.

But for a community the size of Meeker, it is a remarkable feat to raise enough money to send three Destination Imagination teams to Knoxville, Tenn., to compete in the global DI competition.

It took several thousands of dollars to send those teams to globals, yet the residents of Meeker, some Rangely folks as well and corporate support were there when needed.

Not only is a big thank you due to the volunteers who have worked with the DI teams throughout the year, but a massive bow goes to those who helped send the students to Knoxville.

That is the true meaning of community, and around here that sense is alive and well.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### CO-STARS volunteers appreciated

Dear Editor:

I would like to extend special thanks to the following community members and teachers who volunteered their time and talents to make the first CO-STARS academic event a success:

Elaine Jordan, Georgeann Amack, Laurie Zellers, Kim Kummer, Mary Krueger, Sally Eatherton, Gary Zellers, Kellie Jex and Janae Sanders.

Also to Lillian Cook, Natasha Clatterbaugh, Kristen Henderson, Danni Feola, Renae Mobley, Nikki Foreback and The Mexican House.

A gracious thank you from all the youth you helped to succeed on this day!

Briana Williams  
Meeker

### DI teams winners, not stumblers

Dear Editor:

I am disappointed in your headline. Your headline about the Destination Imagination teams diminishes their incredible accomplishment. None of those teams stumbled. In fact, they have accomplished things and learned life lessons that many adults still need to learn.

Let me put this in perspective for you. The three teams that went to DI Globals raised almost \$30,000 in four short weeks. They washed dishes, held dessert auctions, served dinners, picked up trash, ran concession stands, sold flowers, made presentations, etc. They did all of this while keeping up with their homework, performing Marimba concerts, continuing sports and 4-H commitments.

I say hats off to the kids and their parents for making all of it happen.

In order for our teams to qualify for Globals, they had to place at our regional tournament, then at the Colorado state tournament, which was over 400 teams. At Globals, there were more than 1,250 teams from 14 countries. The attendance filled the University of Tennessee's Thompson-Bolin Arena 10,000 strong.

All of our teams had a strong showing. The judging gets stricter with each level, the competition gets stronger at each level.

I cannot speak to the other teams' scores, but I can tell you that the Think-a-Dinks hit a home run. They were 11th in their division! They had a computer glitch, but handled it so smoothly the judges weren't sure if it

was truly a glitch or part of the skit. That shows that these kids kept calm and used teamwork to outscore almost 50 other teams.

There was no stumbling. All three teams have run a full marathon since starting their DI projects last fall, and they finished strong at DI Globals.

I'm proud to be a DI coach!

Margie Joy  
Meeker

### DI teams thankful for community support

Dear Editor:

At the beginning of the school year, we had nine teams participate in Meeker's Destination Imagination program. Five of these teams went on to compete at the state tournament in Denver, and of those five, three teams placed high enough to qualify for the global competition in Tennessee.

Within our program we had done fundraising through the year in the hopes we could send a team to Tennessee, but never did we expect to have the honor of sending three teams.

We were then given the challenge of raising enough money to send these three teams in 1-1/2 months. Fortunately, we were successful due to many kind people and organizations in our community. We would like to thank XTO for their extremely generous donation of \$10,000. In addition, we would like to thank the following people: WREA, the Fairfield Trust, BOCES, REDI

Services, the county commissioners, White River Conservation District, Ma Famiglia's, Marvinne Ranch, Elk Creek Ranch, Rio Blanco Ranch, Rio Blanco Abstract Co., the Town of Meeker, Valley Repair, Clifton Firefighters, Sue Anderson, Dr. Chris Williams, the Striegels, Peggy Shults, Rio Blanco Ranch, Jerry Oldland, Trina Smith, Mary Grady, Sharon Day, Tom Kilduff, Corky Bradfield, Twila Morris, Patty Arrington, PEO, and Marilyn Whiteman.

We also appreciate the numerous individuals who donated to our cause during our concession stand/bake sale and bingo/dessert auction. Thank you to the organizations/people who gave us opportunities to raise money including the Meeker Recreation Center, Lions Club, BMS and Kris Casey.

This tournament was a wonderful opportunity for us to learn from the best, meet numerous individuals from around the world, and compete at the highest level.

Thank you,  
Thinkadinks  
The 7 Swinging Hammers  
The Party of 7

### Don't raze the old elementary school

Dear Editor:

This is an open letter to the Meeker community.

I've always said that one of the reasons Meeker is such a great place to live is because most of the people

who live here are here by choice. You don't often hear people talking about being stuck here or planning their departures after a certain event or point in time.

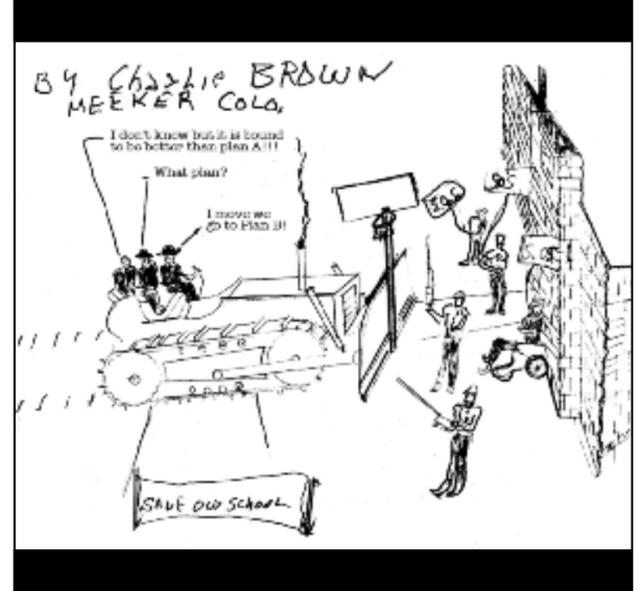
I contend that a big reason we like it here is because of the visual appeal — the scenery, the architecture, the river, the vegetation — in a word: charm. There is also a strong "flavor" of community here in Meeker.

The old Meeker Elementary School has charm and it is historically significant. Sure it might be easier to tear it down and make something new

there, but it wouldn't be prudent. In this age of recycling and reusing, the

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## Fasting: Ritual or Relationship (5)

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

### Fasting in Church History



■ Dr. J.D. Watson

An examination of the practice of fasting in Church History further underscores the great difference between ritual and relationship we have already mentioned. As we have noted, there is no evidence from the 1<sup>st</sup>-century that

Christians voluntarily imposed fasting on themselves. This dramatically changed in the 2<sup>nd</sup>-century, however, when the Jewish ritual tradition of Monday and Thursday took hold in Christianity, although the days chosen were, as noted church historian Philip Schaff notes, "Wednesday and especially Friday, as days of half-fasting or abstinence from flesh, in commemoration of the passion and crucifixion of Jesus." Also arising at this time was "the custom of Quadragesimal fasts before Easter," that is, the 40-day fast of Lent. Such fasts were rigidly practiced especially by the heretical Montanists. In addition to these, in fact, they observed special *Xerophagiae* ("dry eating") fasts (a "dry" diet excludes meat, dairy products, fish, alcohol, and foods cooked in oil).

The Montanists are especially noteworthy. Founded by Montanus in the early 2<sup>nd</sup>-century, he claimed that he and his two prophetesses (Prisca and Maximilla) "spoke in a state of ecstasy [i.e., so-called tongues], as though their personalities were suspended while the Paraclete spoke in them. [He] was convinced that he and his prophetesses were the God-given instruments of revelation." So authoritative was he that to him any "opposition to the new prophecy was blasphemy against the Holy Spirit," and he even "claimed the right to push Christ and the apostolic message into the background. . . . Christ was no longer central. In the name of the Spirit, Montanus denied that God's decisive and normative revelation had occurred in Christ." We see the same attitudes in some groups today, with their "revelations" often coming "through prayer and fasting."

It is also noteworthy that the early Church Father Clement of Alexandria (c.150–c.215) was opposed to such "over-valuation of fasting" and quoted "the word of Paul" against it: "The kingdom of God is not meat and drink, therefore neither abstinence from wine and flesh, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit [Rom. 14:17]."

Such overemphasis continued virtually unabated nonetheless. As the years unfolded, "Wednesday and Friday continued to be observed in many countries as days commemorative of the passion of Christ (*dies stationum* [guard or watch days]), with half-fasting." "By the sixth century," writes Bible scholar Merrill Unger, "fasting was made obligatory by the Second Council of Orleans (A.D. 541), which decreed that anyone neglecting to observe the stated time of abstinence should be treated as an offender. In the eighth century it was regarded as

praiseworthy, and failure to observe subjected the offender to excommunication. In the Roman Catholic and Greek churches fasting remains obligatory, whereas in most Protestant churches it is merely recommended."

What should be glaringly obvious in all that, and more history we could recount, is that there is not a trace of biblical authority in any of it. It is all opinion, tradition, and even superstition, with obvious overtones of paganism. To repeat an earlier statement, it is an "over-valuation of fasting," an over-emphasis that started very early and has continued to this very day. It totally ignores the change of emphasis that came in the New Testament and clings to *ritual* instead of a *relationship*.

So, where does all that place the believer today?

### Fasting Today

While we will come back to instances of fasting in the book of Acts in a moment, we should first strongly emphasize that there are only three occurrences of the Greek *nesteia* (fasting) in all the New Testament *Epistles*. Two (2 Cor. 5:5 and 11:27) are included in lists of Paul's trials and tribulations, obviously referring simply to a lack of food.

The only remaining instance appears in 1 Corinthians 7:5 in the context of marriage. With overtones of paganism again, some believers in Corinth were practicing celibacy but with only one partner consenting, tempting the other one to adultery. Paul's counsel, therefore, was that one partner should not deprive the other. The only exception is that, if both agree to a specific time frame, they could abstain for the purpose of concentrated "fasting and prayer" on the part of either one or both.

This clears up the matter wonderfully. There will be times when we are so engaged in the Word and prayer that food is not only unimportant but even distracting. Since the whole matter is also between husband and wife (who are one), no one else knows anything about it, so there is no pretentious display.

So, *should* a Christian fast today? No, not in the manner prescribed in the Old Testament, for we have a relationship with the living Savior who abides in us through His Spirit. But *will* a Christian fast at times? Yes, whether it might be either losing one's appetite out of distress, or simply a lack of interest in food because of concentrated spiritual activity. Both the instances of fasting in Acts, in fact, fit the latter idea (13:2–3; 14:23). Contrary to popular mystic teaching, it is neither mandated nor commanded. Neither does it promise any special spiritual effect—there will be no "hearing from God" or "unlocking the resident power of the Spirit." It is an extremely personal reality between the believer and his Lord.

(This 5-part study was adapted from chapter 47 of the author's book, *Truth on Tough Texts: Expositions of Challenging Scripture Passages* [Sola Scriptura Publications]).

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# LETTERS: Many thanks

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thought of expending so much energy to take down a building only to put another one up is wasteful.

My own experiences with old buildings are varied. I am the owner of The Jensen House, which was part of the officer's headquarters after the Meeker Massacre. It was built in 1880.

About five years ago, I began refurbishing the house to make it a little more modern and convenient, but I am always keeping in mind the history and charm. The project has been fraught with challenges and it cost a lot of money (I'm not eligible for grants, being an individual. If you're a non-profit or government entity, there are lots of funds available). At any rate, I am happy to have taken on this project, and I think it adds to the charm of downtown Meeker.

Other examples of historic preservation in our downtown include: the library (a quasi-governmental building); Mountain Valley Bank (lots of history there!); the Hugus Building; and the private homes owned by Jan Oldland, Brian Conrado, Joe Fennessey and Mike and Mary Washburn.

I imagine that if you asked any of the people involved in the restoration and or maintenance of these buildings/homes, they would express frustration followed by the satisfaction of knowing they've done the right thing.

Please let the members of the Meeker Town Board and the Rio Blanco County Commission know your thoughts and feelings about the fate of the old Meeker Elementary School.

New isn't always better (case in point: the new Meeker Elementary School). Doing the right thing is often the more difficult task.

Margaret "Sparky" Pappas  
Meeker

## Meeker Preschool extends thanks

Dear Editor:

Meeker Preschool would like to say thank you to the Meeker Recreation Center for graciously helping us out with our end-of-the-year party.

We had an unfortunate change of venue at the last minute. The recreation center's employees were so kind and set everything up for us.

Thank you, Rodney Gerloff and Obie Deming for preparing the park for us. The children, their families and the preschool teachers appreciate you.

Molly Theos  
Meeker Preschool  
Meeker

# College for Kids returns to CNCC

By HEATHER ZADRA  
Special to the Herald Times

**RANGELY** I Colorado Northwestern Community College's College for Kids program is back for its second year, with course favorites on the schedule as well as new offerings for middle school-aged participants.

The summer kids' program, which has had a strong following in the past and was resurrected last year by CNCC community education coordinator Angie Miller, runs during the last half of June. Four of the five main courses are geared toward elementary school children (aged 5 or 6 and up) and cost \$20 per student.

Elementary school and middle school students were sent home brochures about the program offerings in the children's backpacks.

One main course or two sports camps are designed for middle-school students. In the "Wordkeepers" course, students read and discuss "From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basic E. Frankweiler" as well as review and blog about the youth novel. The course meets for two days and costs \$10.

Four days of basketball and volleyball camps run by CNCC head men's basketball coach Adrian Hayes and head and assistant volleyball coaches April and Ariel Sanchez will give sixth- through eighth-grade athletes a chance to hone their fundamental skills and improve offensive and defensive strategies. The camps cost \$55.



STEPHANIE DURAN

Colorado Northwestern Community College's College for Kids program is back for its second year, with course favorites on the schedule as well as new offerings for middle school-aged participants. The summer kids' program, which has had a strong following in the past and was resurrected last year by CNCC community education coordinator Angie Miller, runs during the last half of June. Above, is the Mad Scientist group in a photo taken in July 2012.

"We also have something for a little bit older kids this year," Miller said. "We wanted to do that this year since last year we really focused on the younger kids."

All four courses for elementary-aged children are returning from last year, with the Junior Eagles program among the most popular.

Students in the aviation-themed course learn the basics of flight, take a tour of an airplane and the Rangely Airport, try CNCC's flight simulator and, if they want to, take a ride in an

actual airplane.

The Mad Scientist course focuses on foundational principles of chemistry and physics as students make slime and lava and build a glider and a hot-air balloon.

The Junior Rangers program, run by National Park Service Academy coordinator Jennifer Walgrave, teaches kids about enjoying and protecting the treasures of the park system.

Participating children will make pavers and find-it containers, among

other art, in the Imagi-Nation Art session.

Miller expects that College For Kids will fill up even more quickly this summer than it did last year.

"I'm already getting calls from parents asking me to save their kids a spot in different courses," Miller said.

Depending on the class, course costs include supplies, completion awards, snacks and/or transportation.

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### CHAMBER HAPPENINGS

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**July 4th downtown event schedule will be:**

**6:** Run for Your life 5k walk/Run Race, sponsored by ERBM

**7-10 am:** Pancake Breakfast, sponsored by The Masonic Lodge

**10 am:** 4th of July Parade, sponsored by Meeker Chamber of Commerce

**Following Parade:** Rio Blanco County Veterans Memorial Dedication BBQ, Sponsored by Faith Baptist Church

**Following Memorial Dedication:** Music, Fun, Family Activities

**1-4 pm:** 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament, sponsored by ERBM

**3pm:** Bank Robbery Re-enactment, sponsored by the Rio Blanco County Historical Society

For a schedule of all Range Call events please visit [www.meekerrange.com](http://www.meekerrange.com)

#### NATIONAL SMALL BUSINESS WEEK June 17-21

Every year since 1963, the President of the United States has issued a proclamation announcing National Small Business Week, which recognizes the critical contributions of America's entrepreneurs and small business owners. The Meeker Chamber of Commerce will join the celebration by saying "Thank you for doing business in Meeker!" Stay tuned as we announce activities and events during that week to recognize our business owners and consumers.

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| June 6 Meeker Sportsman's Club Meeting                                 | June 19 Road Rash N' Splash: Kids Triathlon (ERBM)                       |
| <b>June 7 Inventors Boot Camp</b>                                      | "Active Adult" Game Day-Cards and Coffee (ERBM)                          |
| June 8 Rio Blanco County Household Hazardous Waste Drop Off Day        | Adult Ultimate Frisbee (ERBM)  |
| June 8 Meeker Youth Fishing Day  | Health Care Reform Presentation  |
| June 8 Old Timers Reunion Dinner and Dance - 101st Anniversary (RBCHS) | June 21 Summer Entertainment Series Concert: 17th Avenue Allstars (ERBM) |
| June 10 Downsizers Unanimous (Upward Living)                           | June 22 Road Rash N Splash: Adults Triathlon (ERBM)                      |
| Commissioner Meeting   | June 23 - Jun 26 Cowboy Preaching Tent Revival nual Baptist Church       |
| June 11 'Active Adult' Gentlemen's Group (ERBM)                        | June 24 - Jun 27 Vacation Bible School, Emmanuel Baptist Church          |
| Meeker Lions Club Meeting  | June 24 Downsizers Unanimous (Upward Living)                             |
| June 12 "Active Adult" Game Days and Coffee (ERBM)                     | Commissioner Meeting   |
| Adult Ultimate Frisbee (ERBM)  | June 25 Historical Society Board Meeting                                 |
| June 14 Movie Under the Stars: "Despicable Me" (ERBM)                  | 'Active Adult' Gentlemen's Group (ERBM)                                  |
| <b>June 17-21 National Small Business Week - Meeker celebration</b>    | Meeker Lions Club Meeting  |
| June 18 "Active Adult" Trip: Carbon Coun awlins, WY                    | June 26 "Active Adult" Game Day-Cards and Coffee (ERBM)                  |
| 'Active Adult' Gentlemen's Group                                       | Chuckwagon (ERBM)  |
| Town Council Meeting   | June 26 Range Call Meeting   |
| Meeker Lions Club Meeting  | Adult Ultimate Frisbee (ERBM)  |
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The Merriam family gathered for a reunion and all five of Dick and Nyla's children were in attendance, along with the majority of their 17 grandchildren and 16 great-grandkids.

COURTESY PHOTO

## MERRIAMs: Consistent and dependable

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old. Nyla said, "Charley Holmes was the coach then."

John and Donald played on the 1967 basketball team that placed fourth in the state. (The best finish until 2009 by a boys' team.)

All of their children attended college and have had successful careers. John taught school and was a principal and superintendent for a combined 38 years; Donald continues to drive a truck in Colorado; Gary has always lived in Meeker and, along with his various careers, has always been a member of the volunteer fire department. His sons represent third-generation volunteers for Meeker, and they have volunteered endlessly in the community.

Joyce will have worked for the Job Corps for 35 years in June, when she will retire to her Collbran home with her family. Gordon and his wife live in Salt Lake City, where he is the purchasing manager for a gold

mine.

Dick and Nyla have 17 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren. They are as proud of their great-grandchildren as they were of their children, but they don't get to follow them like they want. Dick and Nyla are now 84 and 87 years old, but the pictures that fill their home and the visits from family keep them up on what is happening.

Dick served on the Meeker Town Board from 1954 to 1958, the Sanitation Board for seven years, the Pioneers hospital board for 12 years and he was a volunteer for the fire department and ambulance from 1958 to 1975.

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The Merriams have been examples of consistency and dependability through the years. They have enjoyed the life the town has provided, supporting their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren as they grew up and were involved in school activities.

The combination of Dick's and Nyla's sincerity, kindness and sense of humor has resulted in continued generations that devote time to family and continue to contribute to the community.

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## WREA has new general manager

Special to the Herald Times

**MEEKER** I The board of directors of White River Electric Association, Inc., is pleased to announce the hiring of Alan Michalewicz as its new general manager, effective Aug. 1.

WREA's current general manager, Dick Welle, will retire this fall after 38 years of service at White River Electric. Welle has served as general manager for 13 years and is retiring to enjoy more time hunting,

fishing and with his granddaughters.

"White River Electric has been a huge part of my life and I will miss it," Welle said. "But I know that Alan, along with the board and the existing management team will do a great job in taking this company into the future."

The board began the search process earlier this spring and was impressed with the high caliber of applications received. The board believes Michalewicz's unique skill

set and experience will serve White River Electric and its future well.

Most recently, Michalewicz has been with Black Hills Electric Cooperative as vice president of operations and engineering based out of Custer, S.D. He is a registered professional engineer with several years of upper management experience.

Michalewicz and his family will move from Rapid City, S.D., and they look forward to getting situated in Meeker later this summer.

## Cameras roll at Old Timers' event

By ELLENE MEECE  
President RBCHS

**MEEKER** I The Rio Blanco County Historical Society and Meeker Arts and Cultural Committee are partnering again at this year's annual Old Timers' Dinner and Dance to capture stories from area pioneers and their descendants.

Years ago, the RBCHS compiled and published the "This Is What I Remember" series: three volumes of pioneers' stories of life in early-day Meeker/Rio Blanco County. That project continues today, but it has been

enhanced through the video-capture of the stories, sometimes in a group setting. Each memory sparks another as the stories unfold.

These videos are being maintained for posterity and will be transferred to the latest technology as needed, and transcribed for written archiving.

On June 8 at the Freeman E. Fairfield Center, 200 Main St. in Meeker, the cameras will be rolling again. Those persons from pioneer families, other family members and friends are invited to participate.

It is time to recall those stories passed down from area ancestors/pio-

neers or to share memorable events that have shaped the area's culture.

There will be a list of possible subjects to help get the stories rolling.

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# CNCC, Chevron join for tour, donation

Special to the Herald Times

**RANGELY** Colorado Northwestern Community College staff met up with local Chevron USA employees at the Rangely Weber Sand Unit last week to review Chevron's current operation.

CNCC Foundation representative and Western Rio Blanco Recreation District Manager Tim Webber accompanied CNCC staff as they met with Chevron representatives to receive the \$20,000 donation announced at the Spring Foundation Dinner Dance in April. Proceeds from the event have been designated by the CNCC Foundation board to go toward the Rector Building remodeling project on the CNCC campus in Rangely.

Chevron Operations Supervisor Luke Allred gave the group a brief update and overview of the operations taking place at the Rangely Weber Sand Unit, just west of the town of Rangely, while production team lead Fletcher Buckler shared his successful experience going through various programs at CNCC.

Artificial lift corrosion representative (ALCR) Robert Lopez offered views on his experience with Chevron and the mutually supportive relationship it shares with the Town of Rangely and CNCC.



COURTESY PHOTO

Taking part in last week's site tour for Colorado Northwestern Community College (CNCC) officials, given by Chevron representatives, were, from left to right: CNCC public information officer Becky Dubbert; Chevron ALCR representative Robert Lopez; Chevron production team lead Fletcher Buckler; CNCC Foundation representative Tim Webber; Chevron operations supervisor Luke Allred; and CNCC President Russell George.

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# OHV Trails now open for the season

Special to the Herald Times

**RBC** Spring is finally here, and it is time to put the snowmobiles in storage and get ready to hit the trails and camp on your local national forest lands.

Blanco Ranger District is transitioning from over-snow travel to summer travel on local roads and trails, according to district ranger Ken Coffin of the U.S. Forest Service in Meeker. Summer travel regulations go into effect on May 21

of each year. However, due to lingering snowpack and water saturated road beds many district roads and trails remain closed.

"We were unable to open several roads and trails on the district last week because they were simply inaccessible due to lingering snow or because they were still too wet to drive," Coffin said. "With the dry and windy weather we've had recently, I anticipate folks will be able to access lower elevation areas such as Wilson Park and East Beaver

Creek by now, he said Wednesday.

Areas of the forest that are currently accessible by vehicles include Aldrich Lakes, Miller Creek and Trappers Lake. Some roads and trails, including the Deadhorse Loop and Lost Park, do not open until June 21 to limit disturbance in elk calving areas.

Local Wagon Wheel OHV Trail System organizers encourage the responsible use of roads and trails open to motorized recreation.

"Compliance of riders using this connected trail system will be paramount to our trail system success," said Rio Blanco County Commission Chairman Shawn Bolton.

The Blanco Ranger District continues to work with Rio Blanco County, the Meeker Chamber of Commerce and many other parties to coordinate on the Wagon Wheel OHV Trail System, a network of connecting trails that offers more than 250 miles of trails with varying degrees of difficulty.

OHV Trail Crew Leader Ken Thomas and two other crew members will be out on the Blanco District motorized trails again this year, working to clear downed trees and to

repair and maintain motorized trails.

"Local riders are taking pride in their backyard and generally being very supportive of what we are trying to accomplish," Thomas said.

Riders are reminded to ensure their OHVs have a current registration sticker. Registration fees collected by Colorado Parks and Wildlife provide grants to help repair and improve motorized recreation trails.

Updated Motor Vehicle Use Maps (MVUMs) are now available at the Blanco Ranger District. MVUMs illustrate legal motor vehicle routes and area designations as defined in the White River National Forest Travel Management Plan, and the maps help visitors determine where they may travel in a motor vehicle. Forest visitors need to be familiar with and follow these designations.

Recreationists are encouraged to pick up a free copy at the Blanco Ranger District. MVUM's are also available online at [www.fs.usda.gov/whiteriver](http://www.fs.usda.gov/whiteriver). If you have a question, or suspect you may have found an error on the MVUM, please contact the Blanco Ranger District at 970-878-4039.

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# DEER: Efforts now united

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Regarding road-killed deer, deVergie said that by far the worst road in Colorado is State Highway 13 from Rifle to Craig and on to Baggs, Wyo., at the border. State Highway 64 between Meeker and Rangely is another of the worst roads, he said.

"We can't put up fences; that won't work," he said. "It is up to the drivers in Rio Blanco County to be more careful between October and May; if we are seeing several hundred deer killed each year just within the county, there is a problem that we must all concentrate on solving."

Predation is the third serious threat to deer numbers throughout the West, deVergie said.

"Predation plays a big part in the decreasing deer numbers but is the toughest factor to stop," he said. "The three predators we look at with deer are the bear, the mountain lion and the coyote," deVergie said. "The bears seem to focus on the younger deer and fawns, the lions tend to get the older deer and the coyotes are opportunists, they'll take whatever they can get any way they can get it."

deVergie also pointed out that Colorado is not alone with decreases in deer herds.

"This is true throughout the West," he said. "Utah, Wyoming, Montana and New Mexico are also seeing decreases in the herds, but there is a growing effort to tackle the issue on a cooperative level."

deVergie, who came to Meeker in 1991, said he has seen a decrease in the deer population ever since he arrived.

"Things have just plain changed since I got here," he said. "We have many fewer sheep on the ranches around here and they used to eat the sagebrush. Now, we are finding out that we have older sagebrush for grazing and it isn't as nutritional as the younger plants."

"These are all factors, but now we are seeing a cooperative effort by surrounding states to share their findings and concerns with us, and vice versa," he said. "We are going to increase public hearings around this and other states to share concerns and someone, somewhere just might have a solution or a combination of solutions."

He said there was a "deer summit" in Montrose in April and, as a result, participants will be focusing exclusively on the Western Slope and in particular on Northwest Colorado.

"We want more public input," deVergie said. "The public has a big impact on all the wildlife in the state and we need more public participation. All of the Western states have done their surveys, and we are sharing those surveys and other information for the first time. Maybe by putting all our heads together, we can arrive at some kind of solution."

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## Close competition in annual Ladies DearFly

By **BOBBY GUTIERREZ**  
bobby@theheraldtimes.com

**MEEKER I** Only 14 teams played in the annual Ladies DearFly golf tournament Saturday, but the competition was close. The two-

woman teams were split equally into two flights and played in a scramble format.

Former Meeker resident Sherry Rubin and her daughter, Amanda Back, shot a five-under par 29 on the front nine but added eight strokes on

the back nine to finish with a 66.

"It was by far the best round of the day," local golf pro Jim Cook said of Rubin and Back's first nine holes.

Loren and Deanna Forney of Grand Junction shot a 34 on the



Rangely's Trilby Elam and Cori Elam (second from right) had fun and shared laughs with Meeker's Danielle Feola and Jill Massey in the Ladies DearFly golf tournament in Meeker on Saturday. Feola and Massey finished with the second-best gross score (82) in the second flight.

BOBBY GUTIERREZ



Amanda Back (walking up to ball) and Sherry Rubin (center) were matched with sisters Patty Edwards and Ellen Boudreaux in the annual Ladies DearFly tournament at the Meeker Golf Course on Saturday. Back and Rubin shot a tournament-best five-under-par 29 on the front nine and tied for the best gross score (66). The duo also took top net honors in the competitive first flight.

front nine as did Tami Holt and Pam Buerger of Rifle, but the Forney team took two shots off on the back nine and Holt and Buerger added two, finishing with the second best gross score.

The tie for first place was not broken, as the Forney team took first place gross honors while Rubin and Back finished with the best net score (58). Craig's Patty Bruchez and April Brastetter shot a 35 on the front nine and 41 on the back to finish with the second best net score

(64) in the first flight.

Local veteran golfers Peggy Back and Jan Henderson were the best golfers in the second flight, shooting an opening round of 42 before taking three shots off the back nine, holding off Danielle Feora and Jill Massey for the best score. Feora and Massey shot a 40 on the front and added two on the back to finish one shot behind the champions.

Annette Franta and Kristi Shelton also shot an 81, but they took first place with the best net

score (64). Meeker's Clair Howey and Tobie Smith were consistent, shooting 42 each round, finishing with the second best net score, one shot behind the champions.

Cook said Father's Day weekend will be the next competitive weekend with the annual White River Electric tournament June 14 and the season's biggest tournament, the Marvine Ranch two-man best ball June 15-16.

"Marvine Ranch has added \$2,500 extra to the pot," Cook said.

### CHAMPS...



COURTESY PHOTO

The Meeker Beavers 8-10 baseball team ended their season as the Colorado River Valley Little League champions after winning the league tournament held in Rifle Friday and Saturday. The Beavers had to beat a Silt team twice, including once in the championship, with only eight players, to win the league title in the double-elimination tournament. Playing for the Meeker Beavers were Jeremy Woodward, Kyle Wangnild, Bradey Potetz, Brayden Garcia, Colton Wille in front. Standing are coach D.J. Ridgeway, Tanner Ridgeway, Todd Patterson, coach John Patterson, Cooper Main and coach Mike Wille. Zagar Brown is not pictured. The coaches wanted to publicly congratulate and thank the players for all their hard work and effort during the season.

### BOYS OF SUMMER...



BOBBY GUTIERREZ

Meeker has two 8-10 teams playing in the Parks and Recreation League, but neither could field a full team for games at Paintbrush Park on Monday. Having only eight players didn't keep Meeker I from beating a team from Craig 12-4. Playing on the winning team were Pakye Potetz, Trinden Powell, Ryan Phelan, John Hampton Hightower, Liam Deming, Bradey Potetz and Damek Chintala, with coach Jason Hightower. Not pictured are Kyle Wangnild and Peter Hanks. Having eight players cost Meeker II its third out with two-men on, down 2-3 in the bottom of the fifth inning. Playing for Meeker II on Monday were Damon Dade, Kaleb Nielsen, Pete Hanks, Dagon Dade in front. Coach Jim Hanks, Carter Strate, Braden Garcia, Gave Richardson, Landon Moomey and coach John Strate.

## RHS girls' teams end up as consolation champs

By **BOBBY GUTIERREZ**  
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**RANGELY I** With the 2012-2013 school year just ending, many Rio Blanco County teams are using the offseason to prepare for next year, including the Rangely Junior/Senior High School girls' basketball program, which hosted a tournament Friday and Saturday. Eight high school teams and

five middle school teams played four games each on Friday then played in a double-elimination tournament Saturday. Both Rangely's middle and high school teams finished as consolation champions.

"We got off to a rocky start Friday, trying to figure each other out and we really struggled on both ends of the floor, as none of these girls had played together before,"

head coach Quinton Kent said.

"As a coach, I too had to figure out how to best utilize this group, having only one player (Aimee Hogan) with significant varsity experience.

"We figured out a good rotation and started using a pressure defense toward the end of our first tournament game against Altamont (Utah) and even though we lost that game it gave us the momentum

we needed going into the game against Hayden," he said.

The game against Hayden was an elimination game, and Kent said it was "close the whole game."

"We played solid defense, made a few more plays than them and held on for a four-point win," he said.

Duchesne, Utah, entered two teams and Rangely would play Duchesne II in the consolation

championship game.

"We again applied a lot of pressure and forced them to take a lot of outside shots," Kent said. "We slowly wore them down in what was a close game in the first half and most of the second, until we pulled away for a 12-point win."

Rangely's middle school team, which was missing several players, played well, according to Kent, losing in the semis but coming

back to finish as consolation champs.

"I was proud of our resilience, especially after losing the first game," Kent said. "We improved each game and figured some things out to finish on a good note in those last two games."

The Lady Panthers will play in a tournament in Glenwood Springs on June 14-15 and then at Weber State University on June 21-22.



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### GIRLS' BASKETBALL PROGRAM Rangely Junior/Senior High School

The Rangely Junior Senior High School girls' basketball program hosted a off-season tournament Friday and Saturday and entered both a junior high and high school team, where both finished as consolation champions.

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PERFECT ATTENDANCE...



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It might not hurt that his father, Jason Hightower, is the principal, but Sam Hightower, above, a kindergarden student at Meeker Elementary School, is the only student at the school who had perfect attendance for the 2012-2013 year.

Rangely's Love and Logic sessions wrap up; program takes new look at teaching, parenting

By HEATHER ZADRA  
Special to the Herald Times

**RANGELY** Love and Logic has been around for decades, but this spring, five Love and Logic sessions offered by the Rangely School District drew more than two dozen teachers and parents to Parkview Elementary School to see the teaching and parenting approach from a fresh perspective.

Registered nurse and Rio Blanco County Public Health Director Colleen Zufelt, who taught the sessions in one-hour blocks throughout the spring semester, wasn't initially familiar with the material. She became convinced of the value of the approach as she learned more about the philosophy, which offers children choices within boundaries, allows them to make mistakes and encourages learning from real-world consequences.

"I think that Love and Logic real-

ly brings about a sense of peace when you're using it," said Zufelt, who has taught public education and substituted in the RE-4 district. "You allow your children to do the thinking when it comes to their decisions and the consequences that could come from those. It also allows you to take a step back from the situation and to gain a little perspective. You learn you can say, 'You know what? I'm going to take care of that, but it doesn't have to be right now.'"

Jim Fay and Foster Cline developed the program in the late 1970s with connections to education and home life. Since then, Love and Logic materials have expanded to target toddlers, teens and children with health issues.

Fourth-grade teacher Peggy Shoe, who attended most of the RE-4 sessions along with reading the Love and Logic books and attending a Denver seminar, has seen the approach's effectiveness in the class-

room, in the work students do and in the discipline strategies she uses.

One child in her class, for instance, was told he could choose to complete his work or leave it undone. Both options were acceptable; however, not completing the work would mean that he did not attend a park trip planned for later that day. Suddenly, the onus was no longer on Shoe but on the student, who was back in the classroom within minutes, working diligently.

Shoe also gave students choices within boundaries about the in-class work they completed.

"I started gravitating toward students making their own decisions with their assignments," Shoe said. "That worked really well. They didn't complain. I said, 'OK, here's the page. You choose 15 problems off this page.'...I hope to do a lot more of that in the classroom in the future."

In contrast to a large seminar or

conference gathering, the local sessions provided a more intimate environment in which teachers and parents could explain their struggles and share ways they had applied Love and Logic lessons, said Parkview Elementary secretary Cheri Smith, who attended all five sessions.

Zufelt, a mother of two, said that Love and Logic makes so much sense because it eliminates control struggles that teachers and students, or parents and children, face when choices are not offered or when the only option is the authority figure's way or the highway.

"We know kids are thinking," Zufelt said. "But a lot of times they're thinking about ways to get around what we want them to do. It's all about control. Love and Logic allows parents to be in control, but it gives kids some control within that."

The school district plans to offer another Love and Logic series to parents and educators in the fall.

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Get Active. Stay Healthy.



**Wednesday, June 12**  
Dr. Luke Geer, PT, DPT  
"Let's Get Moving The Right Way" - exercise that is appropriate and helpful for a healthier man



**Wednesday, June 19**  
Dr. Michael Sisk  
"Trekking with Dr. Sisk" - share the story of Dr. Sisk's most recent trek on Mt. Everest



**Wednesday, June 26**  
Dr. Jon Hamilton & Dr. Jeffrey Womble

"Heart and Colon Disease" - Lifestyle changes and screenings, do it for yourself and your loved ones



All sessions will be held at 6:00 pm at The Memorial Hospital, 750 Hospital Loop, in the Conference Rooms. Sessions are free and no reservation is necessary.

thememorialhospital.com

**WE'RE LOOKING FOR A NEW HOME!**  
PEPPER  
1-1/2 year old spayed female weaver/lab mix  
2 year old male border collie  
Spike  
Call Meeker Animal Control at **878-4968** and leave a message or ac@town.meeker.co.us

RANGELY PANTHERS

GO PANTHERS!

For summer activities, call the Rangely Recreation Center at 675-8211 or visit www.westernrioblanco.org for a list of activities!



SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL BOOSTERS!

With the support of the business community, we are able to provide this space for weekly schedules of athletic activities. The support is greatly appreciated. If we missed contacting you as a booster, please contact Bobby Gutierrez at the Herald Times at 675-5033. We can add your name next week.



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675-5033



**ALLIANCE ENERGY SERVICE, LLC**  
100 CHEVRON RD., RANGELY, CO  
675-3010

**COLORADO CPA SERVICES, PC**  
118 W. MAIN ST., RANGELY, CO  
675-2222

**FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF THE ROCKIES**  
222 W. MAIN, RANGELY, CO  
675-8481

**W.C. STRIEGEL**  
17030 HWY. 64 RANGELY, CO  
675-8444

**SILVER SAGE RV & MOBILE HOME PARK**  
259 CREST, RANGELY, CO  
675-2259

MEEKER COWBOYS

**Meeker Golf Course Tourneys**  
June 14 - WREA Scramble  
June 15-16 - 2-Man Best Ball

**Rec. Dist. Boys' Baseball**  
June 10 - vs. Craig 1, 6pm Paintbrush  
June 12 @ Craig 4, 5:15pm Loudy 3

Visit the **The Meeker Rec Dist.** meekerrecdistrict.com @ 101 Ute Rd. or call 878-3403 for Summer information!



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**First National Bank Of The Rockies**  
500 Main, Meeker, CO  
878-5073

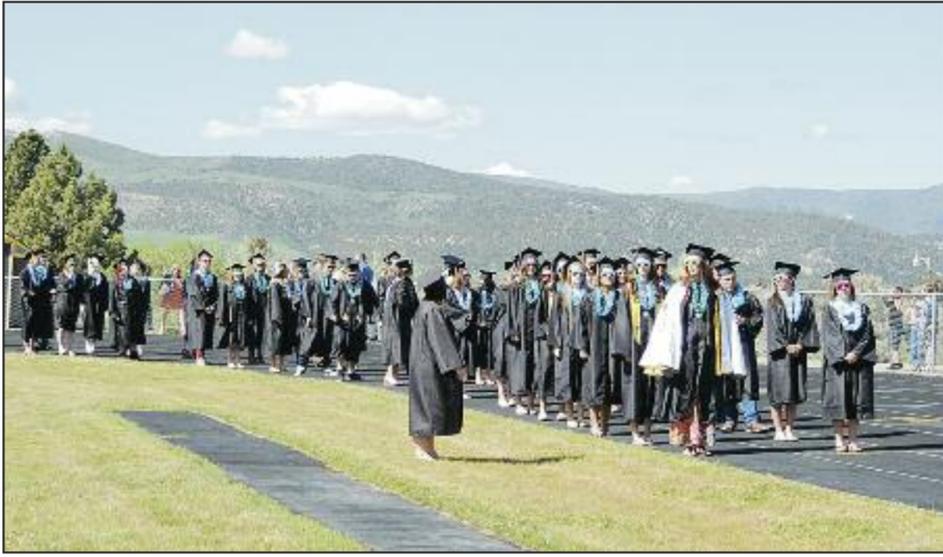
**Ma Famiglia Restaurant**  
Henry & Kris Arcolesse  
410 Market, Meeker, CO  
878-4141

**White River Electric Association, Inc.**  
233 Sixth St., Meeker, CO  
878-5041

**Watt's Ranch Market**  
271 E. Market  
Meeker, CO  
878-5868

**Northwest Auto Sales & Service**  
485 Market St., Meeker, CO  
878-5026

**Go-Fer Foods & Deli**  
812 Market St., Meeker, CO  
878-5381



Seniors in the Meeker High School Class of 2013 lined up on the track at Starbuck Stadium moments before starting the procession to their seats for commencement. Clear skies and sun mixed with the green hills in the background to make for a great day for the 47 members of the class as they passed one of the major milestones in one's life.



Teacher Becca Nielsen, the commencement speaker at the Meeker High School Class of 2013 graduation festivities at Starbuck Stadium, had fun with graduating twins Scott and Alex Smith during her speech, teasing the brothers about how tough it has been to tell them apart.

**Congrats MHS!**  
To the Class of Two-Thousand Thirteen



High school and school district officials look on Saturday morning as Amanda Kendall, the salutatorian for the MHS Class of 2013, addressed her fellow seniors, reviewing the good times the students had along their lengthy journey to graduation. The students were presented their diplomas by the Meeker School District Board of Education. Also speaking at the commencement was class valedictorian Emily Eliassen, who passed her colorful mantle on to Taylor Neilson and Piper Haney, who will be seniors in the Class of 2014.



Bleachers in Meeker High School's Starbuck Stadium were filled with family, friends and community members on Saturday morning as 47 MHS seniors received their high school diplomas as members of the MHS Class of 2013. Class colors were blue and silver, the class flower was the white and blue orchid, the class motto was "Today you are you, that is truer than true, there is no one on earth who is youer than you," by Dr. Seuss, and the class song was "Hall of Fame" by Script, featuring will.i.am.

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**RIO BLANCO COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION HEARINGS**

Notice is hereby given that the Rio Blanco County Planning Commission will hold two public hearings to consider the following:

Amendment of Article I, Section 16 (Definitions of Basic Terms) of the current Rio Blanco County Land Use Resolution to include the definition of "Public Road".

Amendment of Article X, Section 266 (Standards on Density, Dimensions and Occupancy) of the current Rio Blanco County Land Use Resolution to change setback distances in the Agriculture, Rural Residential and Mixed Use zoning districts. Setback distances of structures from property lines are proposed to be changed from 50' - front, 30' - sides and rear to 30' - front, 5' - sides and rear.

The first review of this LUR amendment will be heard on May 23, 2013 in Rangely beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the Rio Blanco County Annex, 17497 Hwy 64, Rangely, Colorado. The second review will be heard on June 13, 2013 in Meeker beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the Rio Blanco County Administration Building, 200 Main Street, Meeker, Colorado. Both locations will have video-conferencing capabilities.

A copy of the document is available online at <http://co.rio-blanco.co.us/development/> or may be obtained from the Community Development Department at 200 Main Street in Meeker, Colorado. For more information, please call (970)878-9580 Monday thru Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Published: April 11, May 16 & June 6, 2013  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**RIO BLANCO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**PUBLIC WORKSHOP SESSIONS**

Notice is hereby given that the Rio Blanco County Board of Commissioners will hold two public workshop sessions to consider the following draft articles of the new proposed Rio Blanco County Land Use Resolution:

- Draft Article 1 (General Administration)
- Draft Article 2 (Land Use Change Permit)
- Draft Article 4 (Permit Review and Procedure)
- Draft Article 12 (Enforcement)
- Draft Article 8 (Temporary Living Quarters)
- Draft Article 9 (Oil and Gas)

The first public workshop session of these draft articles will be on Monday, June 10, 2013 in Meeker beginning at 1:15 p.m. at the Rio Blanco County Administration Building, 200 Main Street, Meeker, Colorado. The second public

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workshop session will be on Monday, June 17, 2013 in Rangely beginning at 1:15 p.m. at the Rio Blanco County Annex, 17497 Hwy 64, Rangely, Colorado. Both locations will have video-conferencing capabilities. Copies of the documents are available online at <http://co.rio-blanco.co.us/development/> or may be obtained from the Community Development Department at 200 Main Street in Meeker, Colorado. For more information, please call (970) 878-9580 Monday thru Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Published: May 2, 2013, June 6, 13, 2013.  
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**Notice of Public Hearing for the Rangely Water Treatment Plant for the Town of Rangely, Colorado**  
July 9, 2013 at 7:30PM  
Rangely Town Hall  
209 E. Main Street, Rangely, Colorado  
Rangely Water Treatment Plant

A public hearing will be conducted for informing citizens and soliciting public input, written or oral, regarding the Rangely Water Treatment Plant and Preliminary Engineering Report (PER). The PER is a report detailing the project consisting of Town of Rangely Phase 2 WTP Improvements. The report is being submitted to the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) to qualify the Rangely Water Treatment Plant for a State Revolving Fund Loan. The Town of Rangely seeks financial assistance for Phase 2 Improvements, which will continue the work begun in Phase 1 to replace aging equipment and restore critical process redundancy and reliability. **Estimated Cost of the Project is \$1,948,000 + Inspection and Management Costs** Copies of the Preliminary Engineering Report are available for public review prior to the Public Hearing at the following location:

Rangely Town Hall  
209 E. Main St., Rangely Colorado 81648  
The point of contact for the Rangely Water Treatment Plant is Alden Vanden Brink (970) 675-2221 or (970) 675-8477.  
Rangely Water Treatment Plant  
Alden Vanden Brink  
Utilities Supervisor  
All interested citizens and groups are invited to attend and participate in the public hearing.  
By: Lisa Piering, Clerk/Treasurer  
Published: May 30, June 6, 13, 20, 27 and July 4, 2013  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety is proposing to approve the release of coal exploration reclamation liability of Northern Minerals Company for Notices of Intent No. X-1977-125-00, X-1978-125-01, X-1978-125-04, X-1978-125-06, X-1979-125-08, X-1979-125-09, and X-1980-125-11. The originally state-wide bond was submitted to cover reclamation costs of exploration drill holes in Rio Blanco County. Several inspections showed that all disturbances associated with the exploration projects have been adequately reclaimed. The legal description for the projects is as follows: Sec.10,15,16,17,20,21,28,29 T6N R86W.

Any person with an interest which may be adversely affected by this proposed decision may submit written comments, or a written request for an adjudicatory hearing before the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Board, to the Division at 1313 Sherman Street, Room 215, Denver, Colorado 80203. Such comments should be submitted within 30 days of the second publication of this notice.  
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**RANGELY JUNIOR COLLEGE DISTRICT Board of Trustees Regular Session Johnson Banquet Room Monday, June 10, 2013 12 noon AGENDA**

- 1.0 Call Meeting to Order
  - 1.1 Changes to the Agenda
  - 2.0 Consideration of Previous Minutes
  - 2.1 Approval of the Monday, May 13, 2013 RJCD Regular Session Meeting Minutes
  - 3.0 Action/Discussion Items
  - 3.1 Business
  - a. Ross Hall Quit-Claim Deed. Linda Gordon needs to have deed signed by Teri Wilczek to get the building in Colorado Northwestern Community College's name. (on-going agenda item)
  - b. 2013-2014 Budget Approval - Chris Bishop
  - c. Contract Labor Agreement - Linda Gordon
  - d. Resolution 2013-04 Resolution to:
    1. Adopt 2013-2014 Budget - Linda Gordon
    2. Resolution 2013-05 Resolution to:
      1. Appropriate Sums of Money - Linda Gordon
  - 3.2 Questions and discussion with staff present.
  - 3.3 Payment of RJCD Bills - Linda Gordon
  - 4.0 Other
  - 5.0 Adjournment
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**CLASSIFIED RATES**

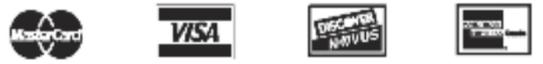
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Call 878-4017!



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All real estate advertised herein is subject to the Federal Fair Housing act, which makes it illegal to advertise "any preference, limitation, or discrimination because of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status, or national origin, or intention to make any such preference, limitation, or discrimination." This newspaper will not knowingly accept any advertising for real estate which is in violation of the law. All persons are hereby informed that all dwellings advertised are available on an equal opportunity basis.



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The Board of County Commissioners will hold a regularly scheduled board meeting on **TUESDAY, June 10, 2013**, at the County Administration Building, 200 Main, Meeker, CO

**Tentative Agenda**

**10:15 a.m. Board of County**

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Changes to the Agenda
- Consideration of approval of the Board minutes of May 28, 2013 meeting
- Motor Vehicle Publication List for May 2013
- Treasury Publication List for May 2013
- Other

**10:20 a.m. Finance Department—Chris Singleton**

- Payroll & Overtime for May 2013
- Payroll Benefits/Withholding for May 2013
- Accounts Payable for May 2013
- DSS Payments (EBT and AP) for May 2013
- Other

**10:30 a.m. Contract and Agreements**

- Rio Blanco Department of Public Health and Environment
  - Rio Blanco Department of Public Health and Environment and the Rangely District for specific procedures.
  - Rio Blanco Department of Public Health and Environment and the Rangely Clinic for specific services.
- DHS:
  - Agreement for Services with Colorado West regional Mental Health Services, Inc. to provide Intensive Family Therapy from June 1, 2013 to May 31, 2014 in an amount not to exceed \$43,657.00
  - Agreement for services with Colorado West Regional Mental Health Services, Inc. to provide Day Treatment Alternative Services from May 31, 2014 in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00
  - Agreement for services with Colorado West Regional Mental Health Services, Inc., to provide Sexual Abuse Treatment Services from June 1, 2013 to May 31, 2014 in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00
- Road and Bridge:
  - DOLA Grant #EIAF 7146 for CR 24

**10:40 a.m. Road and Bridge— Dave Moran**

- Monthly Update

**10:55 a.m. Public Comment**

**11:00 a.m. County Commissioners Update**

**11:10 a.m. Bid Awards and Agreements**

- Meeker Airport Large Aircraft Apron Construction Project

**11:15 a.m. Bids:**

- Waste Tire Collection Event 2013

**11:30 a.m. Public Hearing:**

**a. SUB Amendment #13-1 David and Beth Luzmoor**

Applicants are seeking to vacate, via a resolution, the 50' drainage easement on the eastern property line of 7400 CR 7, Meeker, CO, (Lot 2, Block 1 Peters Subdivision, location in the SW1/4SW1/4 of S17, T2N, R94W, 6th P.M.)

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**11:45 a.m. Public Hearing:**

**a. Variance #13-2- David and Beth Luzmoor**

Applicants are seeking a 25' variance from the required 30' setback for the existing residence and new proposed deck at 7400 CR 7, Meeker, CO, (Lot 2, Block 1 Peters Subdivision, location in the SW1/4SW1/4 of S17, T2N, R94W, 6th P.M.)

**OTHER COUNTY BUSINESS**

If you need special accommodations please call 970-878-9573 in advance of the meeting so that reasonable accommodations may be made. Please check the County's website for an updated agenda. [www.co.rio-blanco.co.us/commissioners](http://www.co.rio-blanco.co.us/commissioners).

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**Opportunity to Comment on the Ellison Mountain Stock Pond Construction and the Bar HL Stock Ponds Fence Construction Projects.**

The Forest Service, White River National Forest, Blanco Ranger District, is preparing a Decision Memo for the Ellison Mountain Stock Pond Construction and the Bar HL Stock Ponds Fence Construction Projects. The Ellison Mountain Stock Pond will be constructed to provide additional water to livestock to aid in proper distribution during the grazing season in this otherwise dry portion of the Ellison Mountain S&G Allotment. The site is accessible from Forest Service Road (FSR) #250 with the Legal Description of T1N R91W Section 10. The Bar HL Stock Ponds Fence Construction Project will provide the livestock permittee and range managers increased flexibility in managing the access for livestock to three stock ponds. All three ponds proposed for fencing are located directly adjacent to pasture boundary drift fences and there is a need to make the water accessible from either side of these fences. The ponds are accessible from FSR #211 with the legal descriptions of T2S R93W Section 35, T3S R93W Section 3 and T3S R93W Section 11. The proposed action descriptions and other information are available for review at the Blanco Ranger District, 220 E. Market St. in Meeker, CO. Additional information regarding these actions can be obtained from: Mary Gillespie at the Blanco Ranger District, (970) 878-6015, mgillespie@fs.fed.us.

In light of a recent court ruling (*Sequoia Forest Keeper v. Tidwell*, 11-cv-00679-LJO-DLB (E.D. Cal.)), the Forest Service will provide public notice, comment, and opportunity for administrative appeal for projects and activities documented with a "Decision Memo" (36 CFR 220.6(e)) until new instructions are issued by the Washington Office, or the Agency issues regulations addressing the Court's ruling. Only those who provide comment or express interest in this proposal during this comment period will be eligible to appeal the decision pursuant to 36 CFR part 215 regulations.

**How to Comment and Timeframe**

Written, facsimile, hand-delivered, oral, and electronic comments concerning this action will be accepted for 30 calendar days following the publication of this notice in the Rio Blanco Herald Times. The publication date in the newspaper of record is the exclusive means for calculating the comment period for this analysis. Those wishing to comment should not rely upon dates or timeframe information provided by any other source. The regulations prohibit extending the length of the comment period. It is the responsibility of persons providing comments to submit them by the close of the comment period.

Written comments must be submitted to: *Ken Coffin, Blanco District Ranger, 220 E. Market St., Meeker CO 81641, FAX (970) 878-5173*. The office business hours for those submitting hand-delivered comments are: 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. Persons commenting should include: 1) name, address, telephone number, organization represented, if any; 2) title of project for which the comment is being submitted; and 3) specific facts and supporting reasons for the Responsible Official to consider.

Oral comments must be provided at the Responsible Official's office during normal business hours via telephone (970) 878-4039 or in person, or at an official agency function (i.e. public meeting) that is designed to elicit public comments. Electronic comments must be submitted in a format such as an email message, plain text (.txt), rich text format (.rtf), or Word (.doc) to [wrnf\\_scoping\\_comments@fs.fed.us](mailto:wrnf_scoping_comments@fs.fed.us). In cases where no identifiable name is attached to a comment, a verification of identity will be required for appeal eligibility. If using an electronic message, a scanned signature is one way to provide verification.

Individuals and organizations wishing to be eligible to appeal must meet the information requirements of 36 CFR 215.6.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

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**Request for Proposal**

Rio Blanco County is soliciting Requests for Proposals (RFP's) to pave the area around the new 4-H Building located at the County Fairgrounds in Meeker, Colorado. This is a design build/turn key bid/proposal. The project is scheduled to begin July 8, 2013 and be completed no later than July 26, 2013. Bid specifications may be obtained from the County's website at [co.rio-blanco.co.us](http://co.rio-blanco.co.us) click on public announcements page and listed as "Rio Blanco County Fairgrounds Paving Project— Request for Proposals". Three copies of the RFP proposal must be placed in an envelope marked "Rio Blanco County Fairgrounds Paving Project " in the lower left corner, sealed, and received by the Board of County Commissioners, 200 Main, P.O. Box i, Meeker, Colorado no later than 4:00 p.m. on June 14, 2013 or hand delivered to the Board of County Commissioners, County Annex, 17497 State Hwy 64, Rangely, Colorado no later than 11:00 a.m. on June 17, 2013, the day of the bid opening. Bids will be opened at 11:15 a.m. on June 17, 2013, at the County Annex Building, 17497, Rangely, Colorado. Questions, or for bid specification requests, please contact Bill Jordan, Fairgrounds Manager, by phone 970-878-9500. Rio Blanco County reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals in total or in part as it may deem in the best public interest.

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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

Estate of Nick Theos, Deceased, Case Number 2013 PR 17

All persons having claims against the above-named estate are required to present them to the Personal Representative or to:

District Court of Rio Blanco, County, Colorado at PO Box 1150, 555 Main St., Meeker, CO 81641, on or before September 26, 2013, or the claims may be forever barred.

Paul Robert Neilson  
Personal Representative  
PO Box 282  
Meeker, CO 81641  
970 878 5102  
F J Fennessy  
Attorney for Personal Representative  
PO Box 1518  
Meeker Co 81641  
970 878 4783

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety is proposing to approve the release of the coal exploration bond submitted by Storm King Mines, Inc. for Notice of Intent No. X-1981-131-01. The bond was submitted to cover reclamation costs of exploration drill holes in Rio Blanco County. An inspection showed that all disturbances associated with the exploration project have been adequately reclaimed.

The legal description for the project is as follows: Sec. 9 T1S 94W.

Any person with an interest which may be adversely affected by this proposed decision may submit written comments, or a written request for an adjudicatory hearing before the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Board, to the Division at 1313 Sherman Street, Room 215, Denver, Colorado 80203. Such comments should be submitted within 30 days of the second publication of this notice.

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**Work Session**  
**5:30-6:00 p.m. - OHV Discussion**  
**6:00-6:45 p.m. - Shell Presentation**

**AGENDA**

**RANGELY BOARD OF TRUSTEES (TOWN COUNCIL)**

**Regular Meeting of June 11, 2013**  
**\*\*\*\*\*7:00 P.M. \*\*\*\*\***

**Council Chambers - Municipal Building**

- Call to Order
- Roll Call
- Invocation
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Minutes of Meeting
- Approval of Minutes of May 14, 2013. (Submitted)
- Petitions and Public Input
- Changes to Agenda
- Public Hearings (7:30)

A. Public Hearing to consider the administrative review of lot line adjustment Fortunato Minor Subdivision being a replat of the replat of Lots 40-46 Dragon Wash Subdivision in Section 2, T1N, R102W of the 6th PM, Town of Rangely, Rio Blanco County, Colorado

B. Public Hearing first reading Ordinance 678: An Ordinance for the Regulation of Traffic by the Town of Rangely, Colorado; Adopting by Reference the 2010 Edition of the "Model Traffic Code" Repealing All Ordinances in Conflict Therewith; And Providing Penalties for Violation Thereof.

C. Public Hearing first reading Ordinance 679: An Ordinance Regulating the Parking of Vehicles On the Streets, Roadways and Alleys of the Town of Rangely; and Amending the Administrative Fees Charged in Municipal Court Cases Involving Deferred Judgment and Sentences.

- Committee/Board Meetings
- Supervisor Reports - See Attached
- Report from Officers
- Town Manager Update
- New Business

A. Discussion and action to approve the administrative review as recommended by the Planning & Zoning Commission of lot line adjustment Fortunato Minor Subdivision being a replat of the replat of Lots 40-46 Dragon Wash Subdivision in Section 2, T1N, R102W of the 6th PM, Town of Rangely, Rio Blanco County, Colorado

B. Discussion and action to approve the Financials April 2013

C. Discussion and action to approve the May 2013 Check Register

D. Discussion and action to approve the Rio Blanco Ave Waterline Improvement Project. Estimated capital cost of \$97,522.

E. Discussion and action to approve the Rangely Courtyard Project. Estimated capital cost of \$28,572.

- Informational Items
- Colorado Unemployment Audit
- Southwest Contracting Invoicing - YTD WTP Phase I
- FEMA - Impact of National Flood Insurance Program
- Scheduled Announcement - Local Board meetings - June 2013
- Rangely School District board meeting is scheduled for June 18, 2013 at 6:15 p.m.
- Rangely District Library regular meeting June 17, 2013 at 5:00 p.m.
- Rangely District Hospital board meeting is scheduled for June 27, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.
- Rural Fire Protection Dist board meeting is scheduled for June 17, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.
- Western Rio Blanco Park & Recreation District meeting June 10, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.
- Rio Blanco Water Conservancy Dist board meeting is scheduled for June 26, 2013
- Rangely Chamber of Commerce board meeting is scheduled for June 20, 2013
- Adjournment

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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

Estate of **Nancy Rose Brennan, aka Nancy R. Brennan, aka Nancy Brennan**, Deceased

Case Number **2013 PR 30002**

All persons having claims against the above-named estate are required to present them to the Personal Representative or to District Court of **Rio Blanco** County, Colorado on or before **October 13, 2013** (date), or the claims may be forever barred.

**Michael M. Brennan**  
Type or Print name of Person Giving Notice

**P.O. Box 100**  
Address  
**Meeker, CO 81641**

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**Invitation to Bid**

Rio Blanco Fire Protection District is looking for proposals to remove and replace concrete sidewalks and driveways around Meeker Fire Department Firehouse. Interested parties please contact the District office at (970)878-3443 for details.

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**RIO BLANCO COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING**

**June 13, 2013, 7:00 P.M.**

**RIO BLANCO COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING**  
**200 MAIN STREET**  
**MEEKER, COLORADO**

The tentative agenda as follows:

- Roll Call
- Additions/Changes to Agenda
- Approval of Minutes
- New Business:

**Public Hearing Reviews**

a) Crawford-Rogers Conditional Use Permit #13-1 - the applicant, Gayle Crawford-Rogers, is requesting a Conditional Use Permit on the Crawford Ranch to allow seven existing dwellings, one existing RV to be utilized as an occasional dwelling, and one new single family residence

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on the subject property located at 985 County Road 9, Meeker, Colorado in the NE1/4NW1/4 of Section 17, T2N, R94W, 6th P.M., PIN# 13671610001.

b) Second Consideration of Amendment of Article I, Section 16 (Definitions of Basic Terms) of the current Rio Blanco County Land Use Resolution to include the definition of "Public Road".

c) Second Consideration of Amendment of Article X, Section 266 (Standards on Density, Dimensions and Occupancy) of the current Rio Blanco County Land Use Resolution to change setback distances in the Agriculture, Rural Residential and Mixed Use zoning districts. Setback distances of structures from property lines are proposed to be changed from 50'- front, 30'- sides and rear to 30'- front, 5'- sides and rear.

5. Discussion of Work in Development (Plan, Processes, Standards, etc.) and/or Administrative Matters.

6. Old Business:

- Adjourn

Copies of the application(s), regulation(s) and/or resolution(s) may be examined in the office of the Development Department at the Rio Blanco County Administration Building, 200 Main Street, Meeker, Colorado, or you may call (970) 878-9580 for more information between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Persons needing special accommodations for the meeting, please call the Development Department office at (970) 878-9580 giving at least five (5) working days notice so that adequate accommodations may be made.

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

ATV, BOAT and Snowmobile Owners! You can now renew your Colorado OHV registrations online at [www.parks.state.co.us](http://www.parks.state.co.us)

The Rio Blanco Herald Times accepts all major credit cards. You can fax your classified ad or subscription to (970)878-4016 or email to: [keely@theheraldtimes.com](mailto:keely@theheraldtimes.com)

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

**SAFEHOUSE**

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

**878-3131**

**AA & Al-Anon Meetings - Rangely**

Alcoholics Anonymous - Open meetings Tues & Thurs, 7pm, 115 Kennedy Dr., St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, Rangely.

Al-Anon meets Monday, 8:15 pm, 207 S. Sunset, 1st Baptist Church, Rangely. Al-Anon info call 970-629-5064 or 970-629-2970.

MEEKER CAT Coalition accepting cat food or monetary donations for spay/neuter and health care. Donations may be left at The Vet Clinic in Meeker or call 878-3560 or 878-4429 for more information.

RANGELY ROCKCRAWLING & 4 Wheel Drive group in Rangely meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month at the Rio Blanco Water Users Building on Hwy. 64 at 7 p.m.

**Alcoholics Anonymous**

Mon. 8 pm, Weds. 7 pm, Fri. 7 pm  
St. James Church - enter from back parking lot, meetings are downstairs in Richards Hall, 4th & Park, Meeker  
878-4158 • 878-5919  
• 878-5636

Alanon Thurs. 7 p.m. 878-5655

**Rangely Victim Services**

An open door for the protection and care of abused and battered persons. **Non-emergency call 629-5729 or 629-0709. Emergencies call 911.** Providing assistance for victims of violent crimes.

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

MOMS GROUP meeting, open to anyone with a child 0-5 years, Grace Baptist Church, Rangely, first Thursday of every month, 8:45 a.m. to 11 a.m. Info. call Heather Zadra (970)629-9937

MEEKER HOUSING Authority Board of Directors meets the 2nd Thursday of the month at 9:30 a.m. at The Pines, 875 Water St., Meeker.

BRESNAN CABLE television customers - If you are not receiving a television channel station you normally get, 3 people must report it before it's considered an outage. Call the service number on your bill to report.

**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.

A CUT Above will be closed Tuesday June 4 through Saturday June 15. Sue Duke.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

VFW POST 5843 and Ladies Auxiliary monthly meetings are now held at Kilowatt Korner in Meeker: VFW Post 5843 - 6:30 p.m. 2nd Monday. Ladies Auxiliary - 5:00 p.m., 2nd Monday.

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*(Did you know? Homebound trays can be ordered for over 60, suggested donation \$3 - 12:10 p.m. pickup.)*

**\*\*MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE\*\***

**MONDAY, June 10:** Salisbury steak, Whipped potatoes w/ gravy, cauliflower, tossed salad, banana pudding.

**TUESDAY, June 11:** Oven fried chicken, scalloped potatoes, beets, cinnamon apples, cheesecake.

**WEDNESDAY, June 12:** Stuffed pepper, spinach, fruit, applesauce cake.

**FRIDAY, June 14:** Minestrone soup, grilled cheese, tossed salad, strawberry and banana fruit cup, sugar cookie.

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SATURDAY JUNE 15th, 10 a.m. 7000 County Road 214 Newcastle, CO. 2002 Extended cab pickup with shell, 3, 4-wheelers, approximately 30 guns, ammo, 8N Ford Tractor, Smaller diesel tractor with loader and backhoe, 3 pt attachments, bear rug, hides, ladders, cement tools, B tanks, camp items, electric wheel chair, exercise items, recorder, Indian items, generators, 28 pieces of antique furniture, collectables and more. For more information call Steve Claypoole CP Auction Service (970)-260-5577. See web [www.cpauction.com](http://www.cpauction.com). "Call me about a sale for you."

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**YARD SALES**

MEEKER: MULTI-FAMILY yard sale. 265 Cedar St. Saturday June 8, 8 a.m. to noon.

MEEKER: MULTIPLE Family yard sale at 919 Garfield St. Friday June 7 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday June 8 from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m.

RANGELY: Backyard Sale Saturday, June 8, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. 207 Hillcrest Circle, Rangely. Ranch Equipment, Antiques, Bronco Items, Sports Items.

MEEKER: YARD Sale fundraiser for Avery Michels. All proceeds go to Avery. Saturday June 8 at 860 3rd St. 8 a.m. to 7.

MEEKER: SATURDAY June 8 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. 303 Cedar St. New beanie babies and buddies, archery and garage stuff and other household items.

MEEKER: BIG Garage Sale, Friday June 7th at 3:30 p.m. and Saturday June 8th, 12 noon. 890 3rd St. Please no early birds!

MEEKER: GARAGE Sale June 8, starts at 8 a.m. 325 9th St.

MEEKER: SATURDAY June 8 at 1057 Hill St. from 8 to noon. Lots of great stuff.

MEEKER: YARD SALE Friday June 7 from 8 a.m. to noon and Saturday June 8 from 8 a.m. to noon. 835 Hill St.

**HELP WANTED: FULL TIME**

DISPATCHER-RIO BLANCO County is currently seeking qualified applicants for a dispatcher for the Sheriff's Department in Meeker. Must be 18 yrs of age and have a high school diploma or equivalent. Typing and communication skills are required. Must be able to work nights, weekends and holidays and pass pre-employment and annual drug tests. \$3,597/mo with full benefits. To apply, submit a completed Rio Blanco County Application and Sheriff Supplemental to the HR Department at P.O. Box i, Meeker, CO 81641, (970) 878-9570. Applications can be obtained from the HR Department or from our website at [www.co.rio-blanco.co.us/personnel](http://www.co.rio-blanco.co.us/personnel). Application deadline is June 7, 2013. EOE. Announcement # 1315

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**HELP WANTED:  
FULL TIME**

support those that do. We are accepting applications for an **ELEMENTARY SCHOOL MUSIC LEADER**  
Job Description:  
Parkview Elementary School is currently seeking a Music Leader para professional or license teacher

**HELP WANTED:  
FULL TIME**

to provide direct classroom instruction in Music to elementary school students. The successful candidate will be responsible for delivering instruction to kindergarten through 5th grade in vocal and limited instrumental music. The music instructor also serves as an academic interventionist in small group settings for an hour each day. This is a full-time or 1.0 FTE position.

- Responsibilities:
- Ability to direct students in meaningful learning activities related to music.
  - Knowledge of elementary school students' interests, needs, and abilities.
  - Ability to work with diverse learners.
  - Will work and plan collaboratively with building staff members.
  - Excellent communication skills with a demonstrated ability to communicate with parents, students and staff.
  - Will plan and conduct student music presentations.

Qualifications:  
Music background or experience required  
Able to play an instrument in order to lead & instruct required  
Bachelor of Arts preferred  
Emphasis on Elementary Education is preferred  
Prefer strong background and successful experience in music education  
Prefer background and experience with the Orff approach to music education  
Reports to:

The elementary music leader will report to the elementary principal and district music teacher. We are accepting applications for the following coaching positions:  
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Applications may be picked up at the District Office, 402 West Main Street, or can be found on the web [www.rangelyk12.org](http://www.rangelyk12.org); please return the applications to the district office. All positions are contingent upon passing a fingerprinting/background check. Position will be open until filled. If you have questions or need more information please contact the District Office at 970-675-2207.  
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Meeker, Colorado 81641  
Phone: 970-878-9040  
FAX: 970-878-3682  
e-mail: [admin@meeker.k12.co.us](mailto:admin@meeker.k12.co.us)  
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**VACANCY NOTICE**

**Meeker High School Math and Science Teacher**  
Potential Middle School and High School coaching opportunities are available in conjunction with this teaching assignment.  
Position begins with the 2013-2014 school year  
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Meeker, Colorado 81641  
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GENERAL**

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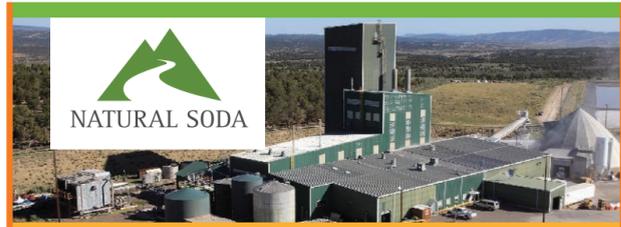
**VACANCY NOTICE:** Classroom Teacher Meeker Elementary School. Potential Middle School and High School coaching opportunities are available in conjunction with this teaching assignment. Contact: Elementary Teaching Vacancy. Meeker School District Re-1.  
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GENERAL**

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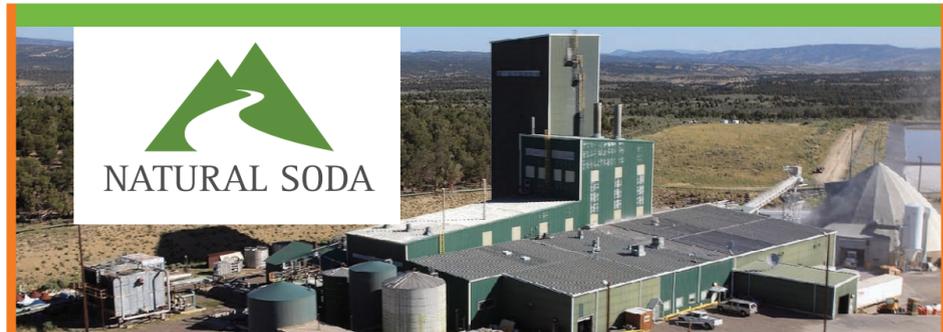


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AVAILABLE JUNE 1. Nice 5 BDR, 3 BA home in Sage Hills. Attached garage, fenced yard, washer and dryer, pets okay. \$1500 per month plus utilities. Call (970)319-0871.

2 BDR, 1 BA Apts. with Free Large storage unit. Onsite laundry. Large picnic area on river. Call (970)335-4067.

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**RENTALS: MEEKER**

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1 BDR furnished apartment utilities included, quiet setting, no smoking, no pets. 878-4141 or 878-4198 leave message.

12TH STREET APARTMENTS  
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FULLY FURNISHED, 2 BDR, 2 BA apartments, in unit W/D, utilities included. NS & NP. 14 month lease: \$800 month with FIRST & LAST months FREE! \$1500 deposit to move in. 6 month: \$900/month, rent due at move-in. Month to month: \$1400/month, rent due at move in. Western Exposures Realty (970)878-5877.

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Rocky Mountain Storage & Rentals  
5x10, 10x10 storage units available in town. 878-0085 or 878-3700.

THE FORMER BLM Building west of Meeker is for rent. The building consists of approximately 10,000 square feet of office space. Interested parties may contact the Meeker Re-1 School District Superintendent at 878-9040 for more information.

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

**RENTALS: MEEKER**

STORAGE DEPOT 10x25 unit. 878-4808.

**RENTALS: RANGELY**

RANGELY apartment for rent. 2 BDR, 1 BA, no pets. (970)778-5040.

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**RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY**  
789 8th Street — Unique and immaculate 5 BD home with income potential. Large property with separate apartment, garage and storage areas. \$475,000  
NEW 1407 Silver Sage Road - 4 BD, 3BA, custom-built home on 4 lots with 3 car garage, one of the highest quality homes in Meeker. \$450,000  
NEW 1411 Silver Sage Road - Beautiful ranch style home, 4 BD, 2.5 BA, large garage. \$380,000  
NEW 1365 Robert St., 4BD, 2BA, sensational and beautifully crafted home in Sage Hills. Offering a luxuriously designed kitchen and living room with a gorgeous outlook over the White River Valley. NEW CONSTRUCTION \$349,000  
1145 Michael Cr. 2BD, 2BA home located in a quiet neighborhood with garage and rec room. \$204,000. **SHORT SALE, MAKE OFFER**  
New — 1045 Lance Cr. — 5 BD, 2 BA home with custom garage and large yard on a quiet cul-de-sac, \$198,500  
RANGELY — 267 Crest St., nice 4 BD, 2 BA home in a quiet neighborhood. Great yard and sunroom, garage and carport. \$195,000  
1021 Main St. 4 BD, 2.25 BA ranch style home with large living room, new detached garage. \$159,000  
780 11th Street — Remodeled 3 BD, 2 BA bi-level home with fenced yard. \$167,900  
1170 Cleveland Street, large home with full basement, family room, rec room, carport, nice trees. \$158,900  
675 11th Street - 4 BD, 2 BA home with attached garage, metal storage and hot tub. Ready for offers! \$150,000  
781 12th St. 2 BD, 1.5 BA, Townhouse. Asking \$30,000 — **MAKE AN OFFER!**

**RURAL RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES**  
40000 Hwy 13 — Hacienda Rio Blanco, 6,211 sq.ft. Spanish Style Home on 6 acres with River Frontage. This amiable home is located about 1.5 miles from town and is an enjoyable place to live. \$695,000  
439 Agency Drive - Magnificent 4 BD, 3 BA log home on 6+ acres. New barn, high end appliances and amazing views, just minutes from Meeker. \$525,000  
945 RBC Rd. 14 — 5 BD, 3 BA, custom log home on 5 acres, located approximately 25 miles up the White River. **Reduced to \$475,000**  
281 RBC Rd. 57 — Beautiful log home with 3 BD, 2 BA on 1.4 acres. 10 miles east of Meeker on the Flat Tops Scenic By-way. \$349,000  
NEW 283 Love Lane, 3BD, 2BA home on 3.57 acres with new metal workshop, horse barn, fenced pasture. Great family home. \$319,000  
1903 RBC Rd. 43 — Peaceful property with 18 acres. 3 BD, 2 BA home, workshop, hot tub and irrigation rights. \$299,900  
73229 Highway 64 — Beautiful with 38 acres, 3 BD, 2 BA. Private canyon setting trees and rock outcroppings. \$265,000!  
20285 RBC Rd. 8. Spacious home on 1.7 acres, located 20 miles up the White River. \$265,000  
200 Rim Rock Drive, 2bd, 2ba Home on 5 acres in Buckskin Valley, includes an area for horses. Good Location. \$181,000 **SHORT SALE**  
NEW 4019 RBC Rd. 4 — 3BD, 2BA home that is cute and clean with garage/workshop, corral, barn and hay storage on 7 beautiful acres located a few minutes drive from town. \$178,000 firm.  
Log Cabin on 3 acres with pond and well. \$160,000.

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**Featured Property of the Week**

2257 County Road 6, Horse Property - new home, 23 acres.  
New Price \$309,000. Call Wendy Garrett, Broker Associate for a showing today.

- ◆ 566 Rimrock Dr.~ Fully furnished home on 5 acres, good water, views. \$270,000
- ◆ NEW LISTING ~ 866 Cleveland Street, cute home lots of extras, motivated seller. .... \$199,000
- ◆ 2257 County Road 6 ~ New Home on 23 acres. .... **Price Reduced to \$309,000**
- ◆ 1217 Main Street ~ Cute home on a corner lot ..... \$149,500
- ◆ 439 Cross L Drive ~ 4 bdrm, 2 bath home on 4 acres, horse property .. \$259,000
- ◆ 1343 Sage Ridge Road ~ Ranch w/ full basement, great lot ..... \$219,000
- ◆ 1160 Mimi Circle ~ 2 story home, 3 bdrms, 2.5 baths, 2 car garage ..... \$195,000
- ◆ 569 Larry Lane ~ beautiful 2+ bedroom home, corner lot, etc. .... \$189,000
- ◆ 1368 Robert Street ~ 4 bdrms, 2 baths, quiet location .... **NEW PRICE \$175,000**
- ◆ 560 5th Street ~ Large home with rentals & shop ..... \$185,000
- ◆ 517 Park Avenue ~ COMMERCIAL PROPERTY, great location ..... \$170,000
- ◆ 242 Park Ave. ~ Oversized lot, cute house, Large Metal Shop. .... \$145,000
- ◆ Vacant Lot - 1280 Garfield, includes water tap. **Make Offer** ..... \$25,000

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**HOMES IN MEEKER ...**

- ◆ NEW 585 Cleveland St.- 3BR 3BA home like no other in the heart of Meeker, attention to detail in every area! Schedule a showing. \$449,000
- ◆ NEW 601 Pine St.- Lg corner lot in N. Meeker with a 1 bedroom log home, storage shed, trees. \$69,000
- ◆ NEW 145 5th St.-Log home near downtown, 2+ BR, 1BA, large deck, heated garage with shop area \$155,000
- ◆ NEW 1089 Pinon St.- Lg lot with a nice 3 BR, 2 BA bi-level home, big new Trex deck, awesome views. \$145,000
- ◆ NEW 879 Pine St.- Amazing log home on 4+ lots, View from every window and the large deck! 5 BR, 3 BA. Private in town living. Huge garage. Must see! \$495,500
- ◆ NEW 970 9th St.- 4 BR 3-1/2BA log home, large lot, carport. \$175,000
- ◆ NEW 375 Pine St.- 5 BR, 3 BA home, big corner lot, fenced yard, garage, trees. \$280,000. **SALE PENDING!**
- ◆ NEW 939 Park Ave.-4BR, 4BA home. Updated kitchen, granite countertops, new S.S. appliances, new flooring, new jetted bathtub, new deck, attached garage and a huge heated shop. Landscaped and a garden area! \$239,900
- ◆ 111 Cleveland-large corner lot, 3 BR, 2BA home, nicely remodeled, 1 level, garage. \$179,900 **SALE PENDING!**
- ◆ 111 East Main St- 3 to 4 bedroom log home, 1.75 baths, living & family rooms, oak floors. **REDUCED \$193,500**
- ◆ 562 Larry Lane-Corner lot, 1 level, 3 BR 2BA, fenced yard, garage, deck. \$149,000 **MAKE AN OFFER!**
- ◆ 643 12th St- 4 BR, 2 BA bi-level home. Garage, carport, fenced back yard. \$140,000.

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

- ◆ NEW 1337 Meath Cr.- 35 acres 9 miles east with a nice 3 BR, 2 BA home, pastures, views. \$285,000.
- ◆ NEW 13245 CR 8- 5 acres 14 miles up-river, well, trees, nice 3 BR, 2 BA home, decks, garage, shop. \$360,000
- ◆ NEW 444 Agency Dr- 4 BR 3-1/2 BA log home, over 3,500 sq. ft. on 5 acres, barn, irrigated pasture, attached garage, near golf course. What a deal! \$369,000
- ◆ NEW 4637 CR 8- 77 irrigated acres, 2 story home, barns, shop, sheds, pastures, good water. \$690,000.
- ◆ 850 County Rd. 10- 32 acres with 2 log homes, shop, garage, gazebo, partially fenced, pond. \$749,000
- ◆ Rivier Property- CR 12- 5+ acres 28 miles up river, with 2 BR, 1 BA cabin, good well, fish pond. \$295,000
- ◆ 510 Meadow Lane -6.92 acres with 2,332 sq. ft. 2 story home, 3 BR, 2 1/2 BA Private river setting, pond, hot tub, gazebo. Great horse property! **REDUCED \$399,900**
- ◆ 2000 County Rd. 119 Forest Service cabin on Ute Creek, 1BR, 1BA, \$85,000
- ◆ 710 Shaman Tr.- 3+ BR, 4BA, Custom built 4,534 sq ft home on 5 acres, great views, garage. \$448,000
- ◆ 24530 County Rd. 8- A-frame cabin on small acreage, up-river, vacation home, views! \$169,000
- ◆ 615 Shaman Trail- Home on 8.8 acres near schools. 3,654 sq ft + 3 car garage. \$475,000 **SALE PENDING!**
- ◆ 40 Acres up South Fork- Lots of trees, water, 4 BR, 2 BA lodge, Nat. Forest access, **HUNTING. \$585,000.**
- ◆ 13051 CR 8- 52 Acres, 14 miles up river, 2 living quarters buildings, garage, hunting. \$435,000.

**BUSINESS & INVESTMENT ...**

- ◆ 109 Market St.- 3+ lots on the corner of 1st & Market. Great location. \$350,000
- ◆ Rifle, CO-9 vacant lots near City Hall & new theater, excellent investment opportunity. \$1,800,000
- ◆ Rio Blanco Store- Great potential, 1/4 acre on Hwy 13, 3,000 sq ft store, café, living quarters. \$140,000.
- ◆ Sit, CO- 15 Acre River Front Commercial- 170 acre tract, just off of Sit exit, next to Holiday Inn Express. Excellent visibility & access. Utilities to boundary. Water rights. \$950,000.
- ◆ 304 4th St. Commercial building on corner lot downtown, great office space, 4,437 sq. ft. \$220,000
- ◆ 265 6th St- 3,208 sq ft commercial building, downtown, Make an offer, possible lease option. \$50,000

**RAW LAND AND HOMESITES ...**

- ◆ NEW 860 Shaman Trail- 5.5 acre lot just east of Meeker, Ute Terrace Sub., town water, awesome views. \$80,000
- ◆ Ridge Estates- 2 to 9 acre lots. Community well, irrigation water to each site. Prices reduced, additional discount available. **Prices starting from \$75,600, 1 mile south of town.**
- ◆ Meadow Lane- 33 acre hay meadow with 2,880 sq. ft. barn, horse stalls, tack room, irrigated land, year around spring, private setting. 4 miles west of Meeker. \$255,000.
- ◆ Rivier Property- 19.6 Acres 12 miles west. Irrigated hay, good home sites, river. \$150,000.
- ◆ Several nice building lots on Mimi Circle and Michael Circle priced between \$22,500 and \$25,000.
- ◆ 20 Acres, Strawberry Creek Minor Subdivision. Lot 3. \$63,000.
- ◆ Little Beaver Estates- Lot 4: 35 acres, fenced, good pond, leafing shed, great site. \$85,000.
- ◆ Little Beaver Estates- Lot 5: 35 acres, good pond, pasture. Partially fenced. \$83,000.
- ◆ Little Beaver Estates- Two 35 acre lots bordering DOW hunting land. Lot 11- \$95,000, Lot 12 **SALE PENDING!**
- ◆ Little Beaver Estates 35 acre lot bordering Division of Wildlife public land, Lot 14. \$100,000
- ◆ 50 Acres 15 miles south of Meeker, west of Hwy 13. Great homesites and views. **REDUCED to \$65,000!**
- ◆ 1187 Park Ave- 2 corner lots, zoned for multi-family, lots of trees. Town Ditch. \$65,000.
- ◆ 100 acres 29 miles east of Meeker, surrounded by Nat Forest, covered with Aspens. \$1,395,000,000.

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- ◆ 3103 Moffat County Rd 104, Skull Creek Flats, Dinosaur, 1,792 sq ft single family home w/ 360 sq ft addition, all on a total of 30 acres, numerous out buildings, include 1200 SF pole barn and finished 1008 SF frame built garage. \$219,000
- ◆ 315 8317 N. Grand Ave. Duplex: Attractively renovated. Each unit has 1,200 SF, 2 Bed, 2 Bath, W/D hook-up, carport for each side. **Priced to Sell! \$139,500 Excellent income property, both sides rented.**
- ◆ 402 Lake St. Vacant Lot. Recent survey, soil samples, blue prints, ready to build. \$27,500
- ◆ 6320 County Rd 7 Great location and view. Five acres with 3 BD, 2 BA home. **Reduced! \$189,000**
- ◆ 1886 County Rd 8 One of a kind property, w/ approx. 1/2 mile of White River Frontage. Great views, 3 BD, 2 3/4 bath home / large deck on south side, det. work garage, exceptional fishing and close to town! \$365,000
- ◆ 1301 Sage Ridge Road, frame built home w/ 4 BD, 2 3/4 baths, L-shaped deck to enjoy the awesome views! carport, detached workshop/garage, 20,000 + SF lot, sprinkler system & lots more! \$317,000
- ◆ 820 4th Street, 4,000 +/- SF home on 18,000 SF corner lot, great location and views. 3BD 2BA, Huge laundry rm, office and storage on main level. Fully finished basement w/ 1BD, 3/4 BA & Lg family/rec room, storage & more storage. 2 car GA, 5' cedar fenced backyd, big patio, detached 370 SF shop. \$317,000
- ◆ 1188 County Rd 63: Unique property with secluded location, 5+ acres. 3 Bdrms 1 1/2 bath home, small pond, several outbuildings and 4 car carport. \$170,000
- ◆ 487 Agency Drive Perfect setting 5 acres, close to town, with your own forest of trees. 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath with room to expand, att. 2 car garage & large detached out building/shop, Extra Storage & features Like new! \$487,000

1153 & 1163 Market Street ~ SOLD | 208 E. Rio Blanco ~ SOLD | 1025 Jill Drive ~ SOLD

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**RESIDENTIAL**  
314 E. Rangely 3Bd/1.75Bath Singlelevel Manufactured home 1,242.5 sq ft \$85,000  
703 E. Rangely Ave. Ranch-style 2Bd/1 Bath 2 Detached Garages Built in 1947 943 sq ft \$119,500  
121 Foothill Dr. Update home 3Bd/1 Bath 2 car garage Built in 1946 1,797 sq ft \$168,400  
281 Crest, Foreclosure, Ranch over full basement w/ garage, 2Bd/2.5Bath, \$161,900  
226 Morrison Ave. Bi-level next to Park 3Bd/2 Bath 1,686 sq ft 960 sq ft garage \$183,000  
233 W. White Beautiful Bi-level Home 5 Bd/2 Bath 1,642 living sq. ft Built in 1975 \$184,000  
208 Hillcrest Cir Spectacular views 3Bd/1.75 Bath w/sauna Built in 1983 1,960 sq ft \$185,000  
104 W. Rangely Ave Newer Ranch style 3Bd/2 Bath Central Air Built in 2010. **Reduced \$216,000**  
8858 CR 2 Down River Home with views 3Bd/3 Bath 1,960 sq ft 6.83 Acres w/Outbuildings \$263,000  
2847 Shale Dr. Country Living Ranch style on 2 acres 4 bd/ 2 Bath 2766 sq ft Built in 2007 \$270,000  
210 Hillcrest Ave Gorgeous 4 Bd/3 Bath ranch-style home with garage, yard 3,740 sq ft \$273,000

**COMMERCIAL**  
402 W. Main Multi-Purpose Building 4.5 Acres Built in 1960 & remodeled in 2000 \$2,500,000

**LOTS/LAND**  
3 lots in Ridgeline Sub. Various Prices  
202 W. Main St. Great corner location \$35,000  
Redwood Estates Approx 1/2 acre building lot \$28,000  
Lake St. 2 Lots, 10,000 sq. ft. total \$28,000  
2 Fantastic Lots La Mesa Sub \$50,000 each  
College View 10 lots, +/- 4 acres near CNCC \$150,000  
Lot 1 & 2 in the Chase Subdivision \$15,000  
HWY 64/River Rd. 3 parcels of land: 18.97 acres, 3.47 acres, 1.77 acres sold separate or together. All 3 parcels \$750,000

2842 Shale Dr. Lot size 2,479 acres \$38,000  
820 Main St. Commercial lot 18,564 sq ft total \$41,770  
1351 La Mesa 11,659 sq ft \$43,000  
3.76 acres Down River on CR 2. River front \$30,000  
Mesa Dr. 2 lots each 5,000 sq ft \$29,000 total  
Rio Blanco County Rd. 2 19.7 acres on river  
1975 64/River Rd. 3 parcels of land: 18.97 acres, 3.47 acres, 1.77 acres sold separate or together. All 3 parcels \$750,000

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