

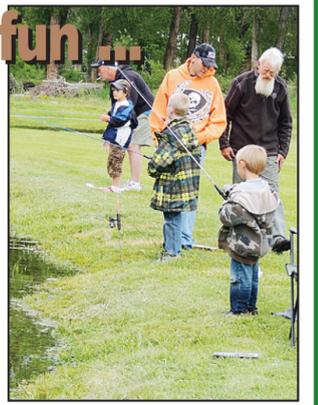
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Fishing is fun ...

Several area children took advantage of Meeker Kids' Fishing Day on Saturday at Circle Park. Sponsored by the Colorado Department of Parks and Wildlife and the Meeker Lions Club, roughly a hundred kids, older siblings and parents took part in the event, which featured the young kids learning to fish and the Lions serving free lunch to the group. For more photos, see photo below and other photos on Page 2A.



Firefighters prepared, ready to face 'average' fire season

Special to the Herald Times

RBC I The Northwest Colorado Fire Management Unit is fully staffed and prepared for wildland fire response. New fire recruits as well as returning firefighters have been training and refurbishing equipment since mid-May.

Numerous hours are invested in all aspects of preparing fire personnel for fire-line duty as crew members. Training includes: fireline safety; weather and fire

behavior; leadership responsibilities; team building; fire engine operations; firefighting tactics; and mastering GPS (Global Positioning System) devices for accurate ground navigation.

The experienced firefighters are paired with new crew members as trainers and mentors teaching them the most efficient methods for unrolling hose, mobile attack, fire size-up and other basic duties.

Drills to increase proficiency in handling equipment and response time have been

occurring at Loudy Simpson Park and Cedar Mountain the past few weeks.

Guidance and leader's intent is also offered to fire personnel from agency and fire management officers regarding land management practices and issues. Important concerns, such as sage grouse, may impact fire suppression decisions and tactics and all fire personnel need to be aware of special considerations. However, safety to the public and firefighters is always the No. 1 priority regardless of other existing issues.

"The time spent preparing for the coming fire season is imperative for quick and efficient fire management," said acting fire management officer Jim Michels. "These refreshers and classes are annual events that keep our firefighting forces current with qualifications and increase their skills whether it's learning to operate a chain saw or decision making on the fire line.

The seasonal fire outlook for Colorado this year is predicting an average fire occurrence, but that still means wildfires are in the

forecast. We always prepare for the worst-case scenario."

Preparing for fire season also includes the Craig Interagency Dispatch Center. Updating contact lists and ensuring agreements and protocols are in place are vital to incident response.

Morning briefings began June 2. These daily updates are for all agency and cooperating fire responders which keep them abreast of available resources, weather and fire activity.

Plein Art competition under way

By SEAN McMAHON
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MEEKER I Artists taking part in Plein Air Meeker 2014 can now be seen along the Rio Blanco County roads and forests within 50 miles of Meeker as the painters focus on outdoor art available through the scenery offered in the area.

The translation for "en plein air" is "in the open air," and the artists, who could start the two-week painting competition on Wednesday, will be working until July 2 in the natural light to complete a painting on location. That has inspired many artists, and will make up the third annual Plein Air Art Competition held in Meeker. There are cash prizes, and the best of show art will win \$1,000.

"Plein art got started in the late 1800s in Europe and quickly moved back to America," said Pat Sheeran/Daggett of Meeker, who helped start the local competition in 2012 in conjunction with the Meeker Chamber of Commerce. "Plein art painting also played a major role in helping to define American art late in that century in that it is responsible for many of the large landscape paintings quite prominent throughout the West.

Sheeran/Daggett said plein air has seen a resurgence in popularity since the late 1990s and that there are hot spots for plein air artists now in Taos, N.M., California and a few other locations.

She named some of the top American plein air artists as Oscar Beringhaus, Victor Higgins, William Wendt, Edgar Payne and Harvey Dunn.

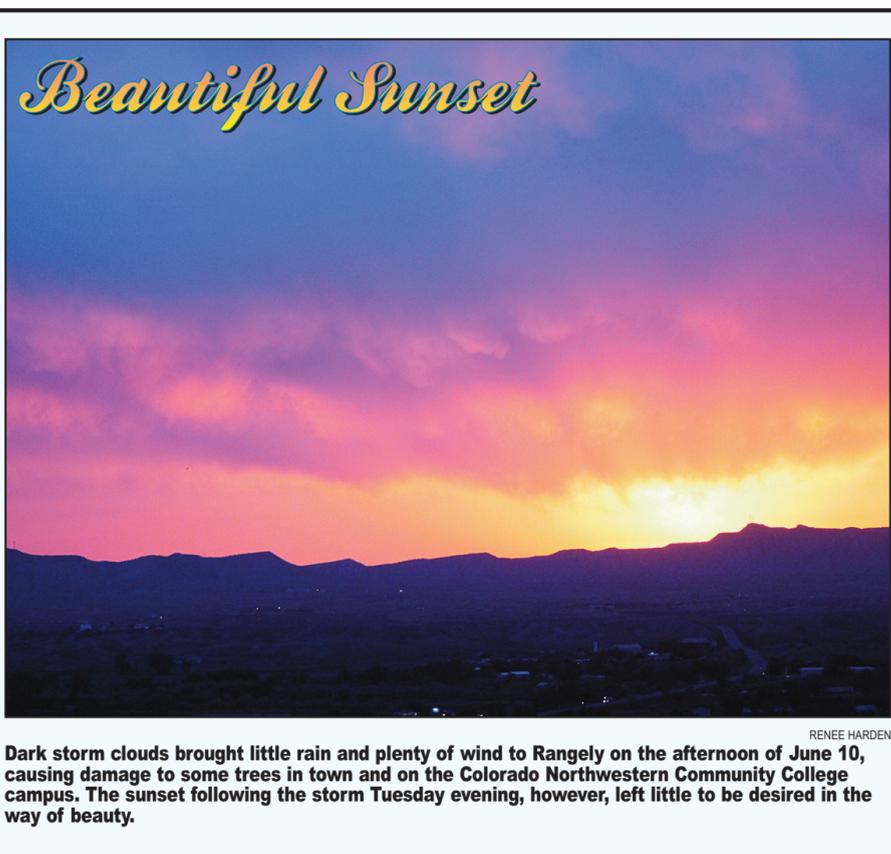
"I think this is a really good way to bring people into Rio Blanco County and a great way to advertise Meeker," Sheeran/Daggett said. "We have exceptional scenery, which includes high country and low country, which is unlike many other locations."

All art must be created within 50 miles of Meeker, and the paintings must be turned in by 5 p.m. July 2. Most will be painted in water colors, oils, acrylics or pastels, but any medium may be used such as ink and pen, pencil sketches, charcoal, etc.

On July 3 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. will be the champagne toast at the "Wanderlust Gallery," being set up at 640 W. Main St., a public meet and greet with the artists and the beginning of the silent auction.

On July 4, the quick-draw competition runs from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on

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Dark storm clouds brought little rain and plenty of wind to Rangely on the afternoon of June 10, causing damage to some trees in town and on the Colorado Northwestern Community College campus. The sunset following the storm Tuesday evening, however, left little to be desired in the way of beauty.

Strategy calls for coordinating efforts to support oil, gas, coal

By HEATHER ZADRA
Special to the Herald Times

RBC I Town and county officials, business owners and special district leaders have continued to meet this month to develop a comprehensive strategy in support of the coal, oil and gas industries in the region and country.

The latest discussions took place in a meeting Monday with the county commissioners, the Town of Rangely and representatives of Deseret Power, the Bonanza Power Plant and Moon Lake Electric Association, with the cooperatives recommending that the county and town refrain from hiring government relations consulting firms Natural Resources Group (NRG) and EIS right away, at least at the level previously being considered.

They also thanked the town and county for the support shown at two EPA public hearings held earlier this month in Utah.

The original recommendation to use the firms came from longtime county proponent Peggy Rector and Club 20 representative Tim Webber.

The firms would potentially be retained by a coalition of supporters, including industry and governmental entities, in an effort to shape the groups' support and lobby specific targets in Washington, D.C., and Colorado.

After town and county representatives spoke with executives at Deseret Power, those present agreed that good progress had been made in the Title V Permit discussion for the Bonanza Power Plant through the strong showing at the hearings and that Deseret Power should now pursue the negotiations for a few weeks.

"They asked (Rio Blanco County) and the Town of Rangely to hold off on pushing for a full court press," Rangely Town Council member Lisa Hatch said in an email summary Monday night. "It was suggested that the county and the town did not want to get ahead of the industry — the fight needed to be done in unison. All present supported more effort, but with coordinated efforts and done at the right time."

Hatch and other leaders believe the less immediate but more serious concern is not the power plant's Title

V air quality permit, which will be issued this August by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) with or without requirements for more stringent emissions controls.

Deseret Power Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Kimball Rasmussen said June 3 that the draft as it stands does not currently include mandates for the plant to upgrade to best available control technology (BACT). The real challenge later on, they said, involves the EPA's possible revocation of a critical construction permit issued for Bonanza nearly 15 years ago.

"If there is a hint that this may be a problem for Deseret Power, it would be the time to engage a full court press by retaining companies like EIS and the Natural Resource Group," Hatch's summary stated.

Following this meeting, the regularly scheduled commissioners' meeting Monday morning included a wider variety of individuals and agencies interested in possible town, business and county collaborations

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Time runs short for county voters to turn in ballots for election

By SEAN McMAHON
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RBC I For those affiliated with any of three political parties in Rio Blanco County, Tuesday is Election Day, when all ballots in the mail-in or drop-in vote must be submitted by 7 p.m.

There are several contested races for those affiliated with the Republican Party, both in state and county races, while the Democrats don't have any candidates for county office and seven uncontested candidates for state and federal office. The county's third party is the American Constitution Party, and those members have one candidate for secretary of state on their ballot.

Ballots can be dropped off or mailed into the two designated ballot drop-off locations, which are the Rio Blanco County Clerk's offices in Meeker and Rangely. The clerk's office in Meeker is in the county courthouse, located at 555 Main St.; in Rangely the office is in the Western Annex at 17497 Hwy. 64.

The drop-off hours at the two offices are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. today, on Friday and on Monday. Voting hours are 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, which is election day. The

Meeker clerk's office will also be open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday.

Ballots that are mailed in must be received by 7 p.m. on Tuesday; earlier postmarks will not be counted.

County Clerk and Recorder Nancy Amick said that if voters have spoiled ballots or if they were lost or were never received in the June 3 mailing, those persons may request a replacement ballot at the clerks' offices.

For primary purposes only, voters must be affiliated or unaffiliated voters can affiliate with one of the three parties up until 7 p.m. on Tuesday. Amick said it is too late for Democratic or Republican voters to change their party affiliation for this year's vote.

"I would strongly encourage the voters to turn in their ballots as early as possible this year," Amick said. "Turning them in early avoids last-day or last-minute complications with being able to drop the ballots off, and it also helps us get a start on the ballot counting."

"Last year, a lot of ballots came in on Monday and Tuesday, and that slowed things down," she said. "Early ballots will prevent voters having to wait to turn in their votes and that real-

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A bit too young to start casting a fishing rod, Myles and Parker Dupire, the sons of Matt and Nicole Dupire of Meeker, still enjoyed the sights during the Meeker Kids' Fishing Day at Circle Park in Meeker. The event, which ran from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, was sponsored by Colorado Parks and Wildlife while the Meeker Lions Club served lunch and refreshments. A large number of children, aided by their older siblings or parents, took part in the event.

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KIDS' FISHING DAY IN MEEKER



Plenty of kids and their parents took advantage of Meeker Kids' Fishing Day activities at Circle Park in Meeker on Saturday. Lots of kids were introduced to fishing at the event, which included instruction by Colorado Parks and Wildlife and lunch served by the Meeker Lions Club.

SEAN MCMAHON PHOTOS



Members of the Meeker Lions Club, right, helped feed several area residents and their children as part of the Meeker Kids' Fishing Day on Saturday at Circle Park. Roughly 125 trout were stocked in the back irrigation ditch by Colorado Parks and Wildlife for the occasion, and children of all ages tried their luck at catching the fish from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Business workshop to deal in incentives, government

Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER I A business workshop is planned in Meeker on Wednesday dealing with business incentives and what role government and business can play in determining our competitiveness.

"Please share this information with your business boards and anyone else who may be interested," said Katelin Cook, Rio Blanco County's economic development coordinator. "I know this topic is on our radar, and we have some great presenters volunteering their time."

"Business Attraction and Expansion Incentives: What should we do to be competitive" will take place on Wednesday, beginning at 6 p.m. at the Freeman E. Fairfield Center, 200 Main St., Meeker.

Those who wish to attend are asked to call and reserve space for those attending - to help organizers plan the event. Cook can be reached at 970-878-9474 or by email at katelin.cook@co.rio-blanc

co.co.us for reservations or if you have any questions.

Guest speakers and their topics include:

Sam Bailey of the Colorado Office of Economic Development and International Trade, who will speak about: current trends at the state level, resources the state can offer and what incentives rural communities can offer to be competitive.

Kelly Flenniken of the Grand Junction Economic Partnership, who will speak about: incentives in Mesa County - what is working and what isn't; and how to combine economic development goals with elected officials' interests concerning incentives.

Kjersti Litzelman of The Enterprise Zone, who will speak about: Overview of the program; how businesses can take advantage of these tax credits; and how can we help educate business/government of the program.

The program will be followed by a question and answer session.

Tipton wants local input on USFS travel management plans

Special to the Herald Times

RBC I Last week, U.S. Rep. Scott Tipton (R-CO) stressed the need for legislation to require the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) to collaborate with affected local communities on travel management plans before implementing new rules.

During the Natural Resources Subcommittee on Public Lands and Environmental Regulation legislative hearing, Tipton questioned witnesses on instances when the USFS ignored locally driven, basic, yet important requests made by surrounding communities when implementing travel management plans.

Commissioner Steve McClure from Union County, Ore., testified that the USFS rejected four reasonable requests made by Union County and other impacted counties for changes while developing the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest Travel Management Plan.

"You could be a county commissioner in Colorado - we're hearing the same complaints throughout our district," Tipton told McClure. "Was the forest travel management plan already predetermined before the counties were able to weigh

in?"

"I think that's one of the criticisms; Maybe it wasn't, but the outcome appeared that it was," McClure said. "When you go through the process that we went through, and none of what we had put on the table was considered, you have to believe that it was a top-down decision that came from D.C. that Wallowa-Whitman would have the management and this is what it would be. That's the feeling that the community has out there, that this was totally a top-down decision."

Leslie A.C. Weldon, deputy chief of the USFS, told Tipton at the hearing that it is the agency's policy to engage in collaboration with local communities when developing travel management plans and that that collaboration is "extremely important."

"When we're talking about effective collaboration - four sim-

ple requests, and they were disregarded; is that listening?" Tipton asked Weldon.

"In this instance, it was not listening," Weldon said.

"I'm a big believer in having a collaborative process, and, in Colorado, where we have a lot of public lands, it's worked well when it happens," Tipton said. "But, based on what we heard from the witnesses today, and on what I've heard from commissioners and others in Colorado's 3rd District, it's apparent that when developing travel management plans, the Forest Service bureaucrats make decisions at whim as to when they will allow local collaboration and when they won't."

"While the Forest Service policy may be to collaborate with local communities when developing these plans, even the deputy chief of the Forest Service testified today that it doesn't always happen,"

Tipton said. "The Forest Service is supposed to be listening and incorporating local input into travel management plans that impact access to public lands, but it's not happening in all cases, and that is a real problem."

"The common-sense Forest Access in Rural Communities Act would address that problem by requiring the Forest Service to incorporate the needs of affected local communities into travel management plans before implementing them," he said. "This would give local communities an assured voice in a process."

H.R. 4272, the Forest Access in Rural Communities Act, sponsored by Rep. Greg Walden, would require the Forest Service to incorporate the needs, uses and input of affected communities before taking any travel management action affecting access to National Forest System lands.

WIND DAMAGE...



RENEE HARDEN

Wind with a sprinkle of rain hit Rangely on June 10, enough to once again strip the trees of branches on the hill at the CNCC campus. Other locations around town also suffered some broken branches, but the college's location and height compared to the rest of the town means it often takes the brunt of the storms.

MUSEUM GRANT...



RENEE HARDEN

Encana has given grant money to the Rangely Museum for the second time to spruce up its 1913 schoolhouse. While an earlier grant two years ago purchased new blinds for the schoolhouse, the newest \$9,000 donation has been used to fix windows, remodel some siding and paint the structure. Employees representing Encana at the museum on June 10 included, from left, production manager Fred Slagle, operations manager Ken Retzlaff, vice president of western operations Jeff Balmer, superintendent of Piceance operations Doug Rosa and senior manager of Piceance development Chris Valdez. Rangely Museum employee Julia Davis, museum board member Cheryl Robertson, museum director Brenda Hopson, board president Tom Collins, board member Dorothy Collins and employee Diane Sizemore represented the museum.

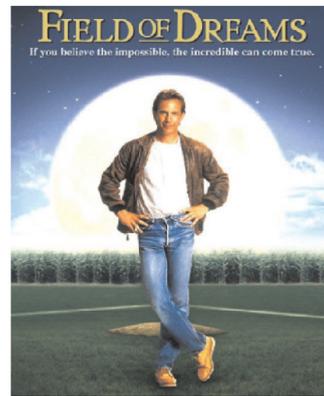
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This home in Piceance Creek was destroyed by fire during weekend.



SEAN MCMAHON

A residence at 340 Park St. in Meeker was damaged Friday, when hot grease from the family barbecue grill dripped onto the propane line to the barbecue, which "compromised the propane line," leading to the fire, Fire Chief Steve Allen said Wednesday. Homeowners Jason Hightower and Mandi Etheridge said no one was injured. Allen said there was damage to the deck and attic with extensive smoke damage.

House burns down in Piceance Creek; resident hospitalized

Special to the Herald Times

PICEANCE CREEK | The Rio Blanco County Sheriff's Office received a 911 call at 9:29 p.m. last Thursday that a structure was on fire at 23404 County Road 5, which is in the rural Piceance Creek area, 45 miles southwest of Meeker.

According to a press release from the sheriff's office, when the first deputy arrived on the scene, area residents were attempting to put out the fire, which reportedly started in the northwest corner of the residence.

According to the press release, the 62-year-old male resident of the home was Mark J. Abolt.

The release stated that fire units and a dozen firefighters from Meeker Fire and Rescue responded to extinguish the fire, which took several

hours. Water tankers from private companies working in the area oil and gas fields were used to supply water.

Due to the age of the home, the amount of fire, smoke and water damage and the amount of property that was stored inside the residence, the cause of the fire was undetermined as there were a number of possible ignition sources where the fire could have started, the release stated.

Abolt was taken to Pioneers Medical Center in Meeker, and he was still in the hospital as of Monday. However, RBCSO officials said it was expected that he would be medically released later in the day.

The Colorado Bureau of Investigation arson team from Denver was in Rio Blanco County on Friday to assist the sheriff's office with the investigation.

Range Call Pageant begins rehearsals; all welcome

Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER | Now that the Meeker Range Call will have the Range Call Pageant with a lineup of directors and helpers, a rehearsal schedule has been set up.

The pageant brings to life the story of the Meeker Massacre and will be held at the Rio Blanco County Fairgrounds on July 3.

"It is all coming together, finally; we always did want to have a pageant this year," Ekstrom said. "It is great to finally have not one, but many people come forward to help with the show this year."

Meekerite Hallie Blunt will head up the production.

The play will utilize the same script as last year with very few and

minor changes, Blunt said. This year the narrator will be Jamie Rodgers.

"I felt the pageant was a very important part of Meeker's history," Blunt said. "We grew up with it and many of our parents grew up with it and we just wanted to keep it alive."

Rehearsals will be held Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, beginning at 7 p.m. at the fairgrounds arena. Volunteers are always welcome, Blunt said.

"The more people we have, the better the pageant is," she said. "We would love to get some of those who acted in the pageant for years to come back and take part again, and we would love to have some new faces join us so we can continue to grow and bring new blood into the group."

SUPPORT: Holding off

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to hire NRG and EIS.

After Rangely Town Manager Peter Brixius outlined the discussions and activities of coordinated meetings to date, commissioner Jeff Eskelson said the county would hold off on immediate action as the cooperatives wished.

Several individuals expressed their hope for a different decision in

response to environmental group WildEarth Guardians' recent lawsuits and their potential impact on the Deserado Mine and Bonanza Power Plant.

Rector said she believes the issue is critical in light of the potential devastation to Rangely if the Deserado Mine closes, adding that EIS and NRG could look out for the area's interests in a way that the industries themselves could not.



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FROM MY WINDOW...

Fishing Day, Fish Fry fun work, unite communities

By SEAN McMAHON
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It was a fun weekend to be working. Can't always say that, but covering the Meeker Kids' Fishing Day on Saturday morning and traveling upriver to attend the Buford School benefit fish fry on Saturday afternoon reminded me of what is fun about covering local events for a small publication. I was worried that the White River was too high to allow for any fishing success on Meeker Kids' Fishing Day, not realizing that Colorado Parks and Wildlife stocks the back irrigation ditch, which works like a small lake, with 125 trout for the kids to catch. Turnout wasn't huge, but a good number of kids along with their

mothers, dads and siblings showed up to take part in the event, and it was good to see the parents (and CPW officers) helping to teach the kids how to bait their own hooks, how to cast and how to catch the fish. It was interesting to watch as the kids from about 5 years up to about 10 or 12, would cast their bobbers and worms into the pool. It was also obvious that most had not been taught the concept of patience. Most of the kids were reeling their hooks/bait back in every two to three minutes, barely enough time for the fish to find the bait. The bites were numerous; the trout that were caught were not numerous. Casts that didn't quite make the water, ones that were thrown hard enough to tangle in the bushes on

the other side of the pond, ones that saw the worms fly off the hook en route to the water, ones that got caught up on someone's shirt or pants and massive tangles in line were more commonplace than not. However, as anyone who has ever fished knows, fishing may not be too tough to learn, but there is definitely some learning that needs to be done — regarding the act of fishing as well as the art of catching. I am a true believer of the adage, "A bad day fishing is better than a good day working," and several youth locally as well as some parents discovered the old adage bears some truth. With the Meeker Lions Club serving hot dogs, burgers, potato salad, pasta salad, chips and water or lemonade, combined with the quite nice weather between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m., one could easily judge Meeker Kids' Fishing Day a complete success, particularly the one young angler who caught four fish, ranging in length from about eight inches to about 13 inches. Thanks, CPW and Meeker Lions Club. It was a fun day for the kids, the parents and one adult journalist who just played spectator.



Not being a stranger to County Road 8 and the Lake Avery/Sleepy Cat area along CR 8, the short drive up County Road 17 to the old, beautiful Buford School was an introduction to even more beautiful scenery in the mountains east of Meeker. The fish fry was slated to run from 4 to 6 p.m., so we rolled up to the school house about 3:50 p.m. and the place was already packed. People were already eating inside the school, and by about 4 p.m., the school was packed and people were spreading out to the tables and chairs outside, not bothered at all by what had been dark black clouds and an ominous sky about 30 minutes earlier. Having provided food for about 125 people last year, roughly 250 folks had been fed by 5 p.m. this past Saturday, and many of the salads and desserts furnished by members of the hosting White River Community Association were gone. Those who showed up after 5 p.m., had limited choices for their side salads and desserts, but there was still plenty of both to go around, and the fish held out in fine fashion. Neither my wife or I, natives of Colorado and Wyoming, respectfully, had ever crossed paths with white fish before, so the main entree of the day was a most-pleasant surprise. Looking at one alive and looking at one on your plate — neither one really reminds the uneducated con-

sumer that it is in the trout family. It looks a bit like a sucker and tastes like many saltwater fish or smaller freshwater fish like crappie or sun fish. It is firm, which makes it easier to eat, and with a touch of lemon made for a great meal. Speaking of a great meal, not only did the fish fryers do a great job with the fish, but the side dishes, salads and desserts were awesome. I had one or two favorites among the side dishes (potatoes) and desserts, particularly, but I dare not say which ones. However, I can guarantee there were no lousy offerings there, showing once again that the womenfolk around here do know how to cook.

as many eating places as it does. The three days they were here, they couldn't stop talking about how beautiful a place this is and that they would likely be back against next year — if not again this year. The last words Will said to me as he hopped into his Mercedes van, heading back to Arizona were, "You know, we might make it back later this summer and stay a little longer. This looks like a great place to go fishing." I assured him it was, and I, being a bit of a gambling man (that comes from living about 20 miles from the Nevada border), might place a small wager that Meeker will see Will and Shirley again before the snow falls.

I have lived in Rio Blanco County now for 16 months and I don't get tired of the scenery in the county even though I spent time in this county as a child then spent many years living in and enjoying the mountains in Colorado and Wyoming. It is easy to take that scenery for granted because it is what we see each day. But we just had some friends from Arizona who came this way after making the swing through Reno, Nev., for the national bowling tournament that is held there each year. They were speechless as we drove around Rio Blanco County last weekend. They couldn't believe how green it is, how much water is still in the rivers, the politeness and courtesy of the people they met at Meekerpalooza and that Meeker had

Looking for people who are looking for something to do in the evenings for the next couple of weeks, there is always the Range Call Pageant, which recreates the Meeker Massacre and the humble beginnings of the Meeker area. Director Hallie Blunt said that the more people there are taking part, the better the pageant is. She is right. There are lots of roles available for the recreation, which will be held at the Rio Blanco County Fairgrounds in Meeker on July 3. Rehearsals will be held the next couple of Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 7 p.m. at the fairgrounds arena, and Blunt said veterans of the pageant as well as newcomers to the pageant are most welcome and encouraged to take part.

The new summer concert series in Meeker gets under way this Friday evening on the county courthouse lawn. Felix y Los Gatos (Felix and the Cats) will begin playing at 6 p.m., so bring your chairs and enjoy the free music.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letter from new Jr./Sr. High principal

Dear Editor:
This is an open letter to members of the Rangely community.

I am honored and excited to have been selected for the position of Rangely Junior/Senior High School principal. I am currently serving as interim director of federal programs and student success in the Boulder (Colo.) Valley School District.

I am now at a point in my life where I have the opportunity to relocate to an area that appeals to me. Rangely is a beautiful area and serving in a small community is very desirable to me.

I have extensive experience working in the public school system including both diverse, high poverty, urban school environments and high-performing suburban school settings.

I hold a Ph.D. in educational leadership and policy studies, a master's in marital and family therapy and a cross-cultural language acquisition teaching credential.

In addition, I have a Colorado state professional administrator license and a professional K-12 principal license.

I have five years teaching experience, 12 years of public school leadership experience and a strong background in elementary, adolescent and ESL literacy. This position is a unique opportunity and, after extensive conversations, superintendent Matt Scoggins and I both felt we had a great fit.

Although my education and experience qualify me for this position, I believe my greatest strength is my love for helping students.

I plan to come on board in early July and, in the meantime, get busy packing and moving! I look forward to meeting you and your students and I can't wait for the first day of school.

Kevin Gates
Boulder
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Buford Fish Fry was a huge success

Dear Editor:
The 2014 White River Community Association's Fish Fry



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this past Saturday was a tremendous success. With the help of some very dedicated folks, we were able to serve crispy fried white fish and delicious side dishes to about 250 attendees.

Young and old alike enjoyed being part of this annual fundraiser.

There are too many to name individually, but we extend thanks to the *Rio Blanco Herald Times* for the wonderful articles and photographs about the Buford School and what this association is all about.

It's not about a Buy/Fly Fishing Tournament that we host annually in March to catch white fish; it's not about our annual fish fry. It's about community.

Straight from the by-laws of this association is our objective, which is "to preserve the Buford School and its history, promote friendship and cooperation among the community members and endeavor to make our community a better place to live."

This historic venue has been hosting community get-togethers for 45 years.

The school is located just off our scenic byway, County Road 8, and not nearly as far out of town as you might think, given the beautiful drive and potential for viewing wildlife along the White River on your way.

For those that may not realize it, the White River Community Association is open to anyone. It's not a "club." It is a community association.

Dues are minimal and rewards are there to be enjoyed; rewards of friendship, community camaraderie, fellowship and sharing.

We meet monthly, starting in November, and ending with our fish fry each June.

There are also some special events that happen in July and August.

This year, with the help of the Rio Blanco County Historical Society joining forces with the ERBM Parks and Recreation

District, on July 31 there will be a field trip for participants up to Buford to experience what it was like to go to a rural one-room school. This event is called "History in Your Backyard" and details are available through the historical society or the recreation center.

There will also be a yard sale at the Buford School, open for anyone to participate. For details watch the Herald Times for information or contact WRCA member Marie Haskett at 970-878-4749.

August promises to be a fun time with a square dance in the works. Details will follow later, and we will be sure to put the word out.

Our meetings, which begin in November, will consist of potluck meals followed by a monthly program such as line dancing, bingo or other games, fascinating historical presentations, Texas Hold 'Em and the like.

The "meeting" part will be short, and the rest of the program will be utilizing the Buford School as it has been designated by its members: such as making our community a better place to live.

We welcome you to come to a meeting as our guest. If you have ideas about future events at the Buford School, just let us know. We'd love to hear from you.

Lastly, but certainly not least, I want to express a huge thank you to all who helped make the fish fry a success; those who prepared the meal and those that attended to enjoy it. It's all part of being "community."

Jeanne Horne
President
White River Community Association
Buford

GUEST EDITORIAL

Facts on fracking are ignored; fear is only tool for environmentalists

By DREW JOHNSON
Special to the Herald Times

RBC I Researchers in Colorado just came forward with a shocking claim: hydraulic fracturing, or "fracking," the decades-old method of using a high-velocity mixture of water, sand and chemicals to blast through rock to release oil and gas deposits, causes birth defects.

There's just one hitch: it isn't true.

Like many environmental activists' policy positions on natural gas development, this mistaken conclusion is based on a combination of faulty science, selective reading of evidence and ideologically-driven self-deception.

According to Larry Wolk, the executive director of Colorado's Department of Public Health and Environment, "a reader of the study could easily be misled to become overly concerned."

He even warned pregnant women to stay away from the bogus study.

The Colorado fracking example is just the latest of many instances in which environmental activists have allowed ideology to trump science. Consider the spectacular claim, first promulgated in the all-but-fictional "documentary" Gasland, that fracking causes gas to seep into the water supply in such volume that people can actually set their running water on fire.

Colorado — whose state govern-

ment is headed by Democratic Gov. John Hickenlooper — investigated the claim, and found that the gas in the Gasland tap was "not related to oil and gas activity" at all, but was rather the result of the water well in question penetrating "at least four different coal beds," which have well-documented occurrences of methane.

Another major groundless claim of fracking opponents is that the chemicals used in the process contaminate drinking water.

Not so, concluded the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) under President Obama. Former EPA Administrator Lisa Jackson told Congress in 2011 that she knew of no "proven case where the fracking process" affected water.

Then came the bogus assertion of a link between fracking and earthquakes.

A U.S. Geological Survey scientist unequivocally stated that the agency finds "no evidence that (hydraulic fracturing) is related to the occurrence of earthquakes." Yet such claims often garner headlines and require many man-hours of review and investigation only to determine they are baseless.

Let's be clear about the stakes in

these phony claims about fracking: A recent study by the respected research unit IHS CERA found that unconventional energy development, such as fracking and horizontal drilling, supported 2.1 million jobs last year and contributed \$284 billion to the U.S. economy.

By 2025, the total could be 3.9 million jobs and \$500 billion of our economy. But that's only if the industry is allowed to expand to its full potential. If they are successful, anti-fracking fabulists will destroy a major contributor to U.S. economic growth and energy independence.

Environmentalists often claim that those who doubt that human activity is contributing to climate change are denying scientific fact. Yet their concern for the facts when the subject is fracking is nowhere near as scrupulous.

Those who oppose natural gas development in this country should hold themselves to the same high standard of scientific veracity they require of others.

Drew Johnson is a senior fellow at the Taxpayers Protection Alliance, a nonpartisan, nonprofit educational organization dedicated to a smaller, more responsible government.

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Our Merciful God (3)

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Dr. J.D. Watson

THE Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy (Ps. 103:8). The depth and manifestations of God's mercy lead us to another consideration. *Third*, we note the recipients of God's Mercy. To whom does God show mercy? In general, writes Puritan Thomas Watson, "God pours the golden oil of mercy into empty vessels." More specifically:

1. God shows mercy to whom He wills. Do we not all tend to think we deserve something, that we "deserve a little consideration," as the expression goes? But God declares, "I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion" (Rom. 9:15). Verse 18 goes on to add, as illustrated by Pharaoh, He has "mercy on whom he will have mercy, and whom he will hardeneth." Let us not forget God is sovereign and does not have to show mercy to anyone because all have sinned against Him. Thankfully, however, there is another principle.

2. God shows mercy to all men. In light of our previous thought, in His sovereign will, God has chosen to show mercy to all men. This is manifested in many ways, the most important of which is even allowing them to live another day and giving them one more opportunity to repent of their sin and believe the Gospel.

3. God shows mercy especially to those who love and obey Him. God is "the faithful God, which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love him and keep his commandments" (Deut. 7:9).

4. God shows mercy especially to those who confess

and forsake their sin. "He that covereth his sins shall not prosper, but whose confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy" (Prov. 28:13).

5. God shows mercy especially to those who trust in Him. This is perhaps the grandest of all. "Many sorrows shall be to the wicked; but he that trusteth in the Lord, mercy shall compass Him about" (Ps. 32:10). "Compass" translates the wonderfully graphic word *sābab*, which carries the literal idea "to surround or encircle." It is used, for example, in Ecclesiastes 1:6: "The wind goeth toward the south, and turneth about [*sābab*] unto the north; it whirleth about continually, and the wind returneth again according to his circuits." Think of it! When we trust in the Lord, when we lean upon Him, He surrounds us, He encircles us with His mercy. What assurance that is!

"God keeps the best wine until last," Thomas Watson again assures us. "Here he gives us mercies only in small quantities; the greatest things are laid up. Here there are some honey drops and foretastes of God's love; the rivers of pleasure are reserved for paradise. . . . Who can tread upon these hot coals of God's love and his heart not burn in thankfulness?"

Scriptures for Study: Continue your meditation on Psalm 136. What observations can you make about mercy is this humbling Psalm?

You are invited to worship with us at Grace Bible Church (on the corner of 3rd and Garfield) at 10:30 A.M. each Lord's Day, where the ministry is the expository preaching of God's Word. Please visit our website (www.TheScriptureAlone.com), where you will find many resources for Christian growth, including messages in MP3 media files.



The group of nine Meeker High School students and their sponsor, Dr. Bob Dorsett, are seen at the Xunantunich ruins in Belize. In the back row, from left to right, are: instructor Corey Constantino, Noah Overton, Aly Ridings, Reagan Pearce, Dannon Bolton, Taylor Morris and guide Eric. In the front row, from left to right, are sponsor Dr. Bob Dorsett, Piper Haney, McKenna Kummer, Sydney Hughes and Brittany Smith.

Nine MHS students back from Belize

Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER I Nine students from Meeker High School recently completed a research and conservation expedition to Belize under the auspices of Ecology Project International. While in Belize, the group participated in a wide variety of educational and cultural projects.

During the first four days of the trip, the students assisted an international team of researchers at Turneffe Atoll, helping collect data on the behavior of an indigenous population of bottle-nose dolphins.

The group helped locate groups of dolphins, identify individuals in the groups, monitor their behavior and collect acoustic data correlating the dolphins' vocalizations to their behavior.

The group also assisted in locating and capturing lion fish, which are recent invaders on the coral reefs in Belize and are damaging other native fish populations on the reefs. The students also helped dissect the stomach contents of captured lion fish to determine their prey.

While at the research station, the group also participated in a service

project removing trash from a nesting beach used by loggerhead and hawksbill sea turtles. As a final project, the students completed original research projects and presented them to the instructors and to the team of research assistants.

One research team correlated sea grass density to boat traffic near two piers at the research station, and the other team studied the correlation between water depth and dolphin sightings on the reef.

Returning to the mainland and traveling west across the country, the MHS group encountered the diverse ecosystems of Belize, from the mangrove and marsh lowlands through savannah to the highland rainforest.

From the base at a rainforest lodge, the enormous diversity of plants, insects, birds and other animals was studied. On the second day in the rainforest, the group visited the Mayan ruin of Xunantunich and learned some of the essentials of Mayan architecture, culture, cosmology and mathematics. The next day, the students toured the Mayan underworld at Che Chem Wa cave, loaded with ceremonial artifacts, pottery, and intriguing rock sculpture.

The final day in Belize brought a visit to a local high school in the town of San Ignacio, where the MHS students swapped stories with the Belizean students who had also participated in the EPI program. Each group of students presented activities demonstrating aspects of their particular culture, and we held a spirited game of volleyball.

We are grateful for the instructors in Belize, Jaen and Corey, who provided their time and care and expertise.

Also, many new friends were made along the way, especially with the tour guides, research staff, facilities staff and the students at Saint Ignacius school.

Many people and organizations are to thank, Meeker expedition leader Dr. Bob Dorsett said.

"Special thanks to the Freeman E. Fairfield Trust, Meeker Lions Club, the Rio Blanco County Board of Commissioners and the Meeker Regional Library District," Dorsett said. "Our group is planning a program later in the summer, to be announced, to show pictures and tell more stories about the trip."

Residents gain with SS delay

By **TIM MAREMA AND ROBERTO GALLARDO**
The Daily Yonder
Special to the Herald Times

RBC I Rio Blanco County residents who are nearing retirement age can increase their lifetime income if they can wait a bit to start drawing Social Security benefits.

In Rio Blanco County, 871 residents — or 12.7 percent of the population — are aged 55 to 64. Those are the years when folks start thinking seriously about retirement.

Workers can start taking Social Security at age 62. But for those who can wait, the benefits go up.

"If you need Social Security early, take it — you've earned it," said Virginia Reno with the National Academy of Social Insurance, a nonprofit organization based in Washington, D.C. "But waiting even a year or two can make a big difference in the long run. The extra benefits are there for life."

Payments increase by 5 to 7 percent for each year of delay between ages 62 and 66, and by 8 percent for each year of delay between ages 66 and 70. The increases stop at age 70.

For someone who can wait until age 70 to take Social Security, the reward is a lifetime monthly benefit that is 76 percent higher than if taken at age 62.

For example, a worker who qualifies for a Social Security benefit of \$750 at age 62 would receive \$1,000 by waiting until full retirement age (66 for people born in 1943 to 1954). By waiting until age 70, the retiree would receive \$1,320 a month.

The higher benefit would also be the basis for future inflation adjustments.

Around Colorado, only about one in four residents who are currently receiving Social Security retirement benefits waited until full retirement age to start their payments, according to the Social Security Administration.

In Rio Blanco County, 785 residents received retirement benefits from the federal system, according to 2012 figures.

The average recipient of Social Security retirement benefits in Rio Blanco County received \$1,135 a

month in December of that year. On an annual basis, that brought \$10,692,000 in income to the area — 3.8 percent of all personal income in the county, according to the Bureau of Economic Analysis.

Getting the most out of Social Security benefits becomes more important the longer retirees live, said Leticia Miranda, a policy adviser with the National Council of La Raza, a nonprofit that focuses on Hispanic issues, including retirement.

"You may be here longer than you think," Miranda said.

About half of seniors aged 65 to 69 get most of their income from Social Security. Many have other assets or work part time. But for three out of four seniors in their 80s, Social Security is the main source of income.

Nationally, a woman who is 65 years old today can expect to live until she is 86. For men, it's 84 years.

Another consideration is how the timing of benefits will affect a spouse's income, Reno said.

"If you are the higher earner in a couple, delaying benefits not only means a higher benefit for you for the rest of your life," she said. "It also means a higher benefit for your spouse if she or he outlives you in old age."

In more than half of couples who are 65 today, one spouse will live beyond 90, she said.

But residents of non-metropolitan areas like Rio Blanco County may have a harder time delaying their retirement.

"In rural areas, there is often a challenge as folks move toward retirement," said Deanna Sharpe, a personal finance professor at the University of Missouri. "They are more likely to face unemployment. Jobs are not as available. And when they are, they tend to pay less."

Economic downturns can also affect when people decide to start receiving Social Security, Sharpe said.

"One of the coping mechanisms during the recent recession was to pick up Social Security at age 62, even if they might not have planned to do that before the recession," she said.

Retirees need to make informed decisions, Sharpe said, but too often that doesn't happen.

"We find in surveys of financial literacy that quite a large portion of folks don't understand the basics," she said. "That's a concern."

But retirees can easily find free or low-cost advice. Sharpe said many USDA Extension Service offices can provide information on retirement planning. She also recommended nonprofit organizations such as the National Endowment for Financial Counseling and Financial Education (www.nefe.org).

The Social Security Administration website (ssa.gov) has a calculator that allows workers to estimate their retirement earnings based on their own work records and estimated retirement age.

And the National Academy of Social Insurance has materials online about the impact of delaying Social Security benefits (www.nasi.org/WhenToTakeSocialSecurity).

With national discussions about Social Security frequently in the news, some workers may worry whether the system will be there when they need it. Sharpe said people should stay abreast of the issues.

"That's part of making an informed decision," she said.

But Reno said that should not influence a personal decision about when to draw benefits.

"Social Security will be there if you wait," she said. The system is fully financed for about the next two decades and is three-quarters financed thereafter, she said.

"Despite what you may hear, lawmakers have some good options to fix the system for the long haul," she said.

Tim Marema is editor of the Daily Yonder (www.dailyyonder.com) in Whitsburg, Ky., a national website that covers news about small cities and rural America.

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Craig man dies riding in county

Special to the Herald Times

RBC I A 911 call to the Rio Blanco County Communications Center in Meeker reported an injured horseback rider in a remote area of eastern Rio Blanco County, east of Ripple Creek Pass and south of but between Baldy Mountain and Pyramid Peak.

The caller reported that when he noticed his friend, who was behind him on the trail, had dropped back and did not catch up, the caller rode back down the trail and found his friend, Dwight Michael Warak, 66, of Craig, lying motionless on the trail. Warak was reportedly non-responsive and not breathing.

Search and rescue members and sheriff's office deputies responded to the Pyramid Trail Head, 52 miles east of Meeker near Baldy Mountain to recover the victim.

The rider was five miles down the trail, which was only accessible by horseback, on foot or by helicopter.

Due to the remote location and the response time down the trail to the victim, Classic Lifeguard helicopter from Vernal, Utah, was called and they responded to the trail head.

After picking up RBCSO personnel, Classic Lifeguard flew to the victim's location and his body was recovered, then turned over to the Rio Blanco County Coroner's Office.

An autopsy was performed, and, according to Rio Blanco County Coroner Dr. Albert Krueger, the autopsy determined the cause of death was a massive heart attack.

HAPPY 75th BIRTHDAY...



Longtime Rangely advocate and resident Peggy Rector thought she was taking her great-grandson Hunter to play at Elks Park May 31 with her daughter, Leanne Maloney, and granddaughter Kasey Schuerman. Upon arriving, she was surprised by 70 of her close friends and family for a 75th birthday party in her honor. The party had been in the works for three weeks. Daughter-in-law Rebecca Rector and Peggy's good friend, Tim Webber, planned the event.

Author will sign books on Friday

Special to the Herald Times

RANGELY I Author Lou Dean will sign copies of her newest memoir, "On My Ass: Riding the Midlife Crisis Trail," at Sweetbriar Gifts from

2 to 4 p.m. on Friday.

An award-winning writer, storyteller and speaker, Dean has been nominated for a Colorado Blue Spruce Award, won a Top Hand Award from the Colorado Author's League and

been given the prestigious Wrangler Award from the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum. Her 2013 book, "Boys From the Bushes," was nominated for a Colorado Author's League award earlier this year.

ART: A 50-mile limit

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the courthouse lawn downtown. The quick draw silent auction begins at 1:30 p.m. and, at 3:30 p.m., the awards ceremony will be held at the Wanderlust Gallery, followed by the competition closing and awarding of art to the silent auction bid winners.

To register, artists are asked to stop by the Meeker Chamber of Commerce to fill out entry forms, then take that form with you when you get

your canvas stamped.

Visitors are requested, if staying in Meeker during the competition, to make reservations now.

The activity is part of Meeker's Range Call Celebration, which attracts visitors from all over the country, and hotel rooms fill quickly.

"I like plein art painting because it gives me more information on what I am painting," Sheeran/Daggett said. "It is so very different from painting from a photograph."

BALLOTS: Tuesday

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ly helps to speed up the entire process."

The only contested in-county race is on the Republican ballot, pitting current Rio Blanco County Undersheriff Michael Joos against Anthony Mazzola, the chief investigator for the Office of the District Attorney in the Ninth Judicial District, to fill the vacancy left by retiring Republican Sheriff Si Woodruff.

Republican candidates (where there are multiple candidates, voters may only vote for one): U.S. Senator: Cory Gardner; District 3 U.S. Representative: Scott R. Tipton or Dave Cox; Governor: Mike Kopp, Scott Gessler, Tom Tancredo and Bob Beauprez; Secretary of State: Wayne W. Williams; State Treasurer: Walker Stapleton; Attorney General: Cynthia

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Democratic candidates (none opposed within party): U.S. Senator: Mark Udall; District 3 U.S. Representative: Abel J. Tapia; Governor: John Hickenlooper; Secretary of State: Joe Neguse; State Treasurer: Betsy Markey; Attorney General: Don Quick; and State Board of Education (Congressional District 3): Henry C. Roman.

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June is Ride to Work month: Events set for Wednesday

MEEKER I Colorado Bike Month is being celebrated during June in Meeker, and the Meeker Chamber of Commerce has a couple of activities planned including Bike to Work Day on Wednesday.

The chamber wants to make Meeker more bike friendly, and the chamber office will have all kinds of bike safety information, healthy snacks and fun bike gear on hand, and is asking residents to share your "Better Biking in Meeker" ideas and to enter the prize drawings, which will be held every Friday.

Bike to Work Day will be celebrated at noon on June 25 at the old elementary school downtown, and residents are urged to bring the family and the family bikes.

Bike riders are also urged to register bikes with the town of Meeker.

On Wednesday, there will be a kids' bike rodeo, where kids (and adults) can learn bike safety, ride the obstacle course and learn about "Blazin' Trails," a free fitness and wellness program. There will also be chances to win gift baskets full of bike gear such as helmets, lights, pumps and more.

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LIONS CLUB HONOR ...



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The Meeker Lions Club honored Meeker's Frank Cooley, 91, for his 59 years of service to the club, having joined in 1955. Also honored were Dale Frisby for 30 years of service, Robert "Bob" Pearce for 25 years service and Robert "Bob" Bivens for 20 years of service as well as Red Leavitt for his longevity and service. The awards were presented June 3 at the Rio Blanco County Fairgrounds. Above, assisting Cooley were Anthony Mazzola and Joy Allen.

LONGTIME RESIDENT ...



RENEE HARDEN

Florence Rooks, who has made Rangely her home since 1948 (66 years), will leave Rangely soon to move to Omaha, Neb., to be near her daughter. Don and Florence Rooks owned Rangely's Sinclair station for many years and have been active in the Rangely area and their church community for decades. Florence was surprised by her friends with a farewell party on June 6 at the Mexican House Restaurant.

CPW: Stay away from young wildlife, birds

Special to the Herald Times

RBC | This is the time of year when wild animals give birth to their young, and Colorado Parks and Wildlife asks that residents and visitors not approach, touch or handle young animals.

"We know that people are trying to be helpful, but the young animals are best cared for by their own parents," said Renzo DelPiccolo, area wildlife manager in Montrose for Colorado Parks and Wildlife. "The best thing people can do is to leave young wildlife alone."

During spring and early summer, people often see young animals that appear to be alone in the forest, in backyards, on or near trails or along the sides of roads.

"The animals have not been abandoned; young animals are often left alone to allow the mother to feed, to help them avoid predators and to learn how to live in the wild,"

DelPiccolo said.

Deer provide a good example of how wildlife adapt behaviors to help them survive. Young fawns have no scent and are born with speckled coats that provide a natural camouflage. These two factors help them avoid being found by predators.

When the mother doe senses a predator might be close by it moves away. Many other animals use similar survival techniques.

Elk and moose calves are also left alone by their mothers. If you see one, move away quickly. Do not move closer or attempt to get the animal to move.

A disturbing situation occurred in Vail last week when a moose calf was apparently chased by children into a hotel lobby, where it collapsed. The animal was picked up by a wildlife officer and is now at a CPW facility in Fort Collins.

Young birds often fall out of their nests or are pushed out of nests by

parents to encourage them to fly.

"If a young bird is on the ground, it will quickly learn to fly, so let nature take its course," DelPiccolo said.

If you see a bird on a hiking trail and you think it might be stepped on accidentally or easily found by a dog, you can pick it up and move it a short distance to cover.

People also need to keep their pets under control. In the woods, dogs acting on their natural instincts can find animals and attack them. The stress of being attacked often is fatal for young animals.

In neighborhoods and backyards, cats are adept at finding eggs and young birds. Cats are pets — but they're also predators.

"Many studies show that cats are damaging the songbird population; please, don't let your cat roam free," DelPiccolo said.

Cat owners who are concerned about songbirds will place a small

bell on the cat's collar and the sound will alert small animals.

Food should never be given to wildlife. There is plenty of natural food available for wild animals. Providing food causes animals to bunch up in small areas and that makes them vulnerable to diseases and predators. If they're provided food they also become habituated to humans and will stay in residential areas instead of natural lands.

People also need to understand that not all newborn animals will survive.

"In the case of all wildlife, we have to understand that mortality is part of the natural cycle," DelPiccolo said. "If you see a young animal, admire its beauty from a distance, and then move on quietly."

CPW encourages parents to explain to their children not to disturb wildlife. If you have any questions, call the nearest Colorado Parks and Wildlife office.

Sign up for CNCC classes

MEEKER | Now is the time to sign up for summer Community Education classes at Colorado Northwestern Community College in Meeker as classes begin in the next couple of weeks.

Potential students or those who wish to sign up for the classes should stop by the CCNC Meeker Center, located in the Riegel Building at 345 Sixth St., just south of the Meeker post office.

A sample of the classes available are:

A mosaic workshop will be held June 20, running from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., in which students decorate a flower pot with a different medium and enjoy the end product.

College algebra started June 2 but runs through Aug. 11. A student can pick up four credits within a small class surrounding.

For detailed class information visit the CNCC Meeker Center Office on Tuesday and Wednesdays. Students or potential students can also call 878-5227 or email directly to iris.franklin@cncc.edu.

Time to prep for Meeker parade

MEEKER | The Meeker Range Call Parade is coming during the Fourth of July weekend, so those who would like to take part should contact the Meeker Chamber of Commerce.

The theme for the Range Call Parade this year is "Reflections and New Happenings," offering parade floats to reflect the past or the future. Participants can pick up an entry form at the chamber office, 710 Market St. in Meeker, or at the chamber's website, www.meekerchamber.com. Entries must be turned in no later than noon July 2.

For more information about the parade, call the chamber at 970-878-5510.

ELVIS IN THE HOUSE ...



RENEE HARDEN

In an impressive impersonation of "The King," Ducey's Electric owner Alan Ducey proved that Elvis had not left the building that formerly housed the Rangely Carquest, which went out of business in August. Last weekend, Ducey and other Rangely residents attended a multi-family yard sale and Carquest inventory sale in the building, located on East Main Street.

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RBC walk/runs during July 4th weekend benefit new MHS track and New Eden

— Meeker Educational Foundation adds to Range Call activities —

By **HALLIE BLUNT**
Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER I The annual Range Call Celebration is just around the corner and the Meeker Education Foundation is adding to the activities with a Save Our Track Walk-A-Thon.

The event will be July 5 from 7 to 11 a.m., and all proceeds will help fund the restoration of the Meeker High School track. This project is in progress, working on getting funding through community partnerships, grants and other fundraising efforts.

The walk-a-thon is a fun, unique way to help support the track programs. Organizers hope to see alumni involved as there have been several state champion tracksters from Meeker during the past 60 years.

One example is Harold Ball, who set a record in 1945 in the 110-yard dash that held for decades.

Ted Stewart was the 1968 state champion in the 440-yard dash.

And, of course, there was the memorable 1975 state championship team in the mile relay. That record-setting team was made up of Vicky Tate, Kathy King, Lori Englert and Annette Chambers.

In 1992 the Meeker High School girls won the team state championship with Jennifer Phelan winning the long jump, and she joined Lisa Sprod, Julie Vandiver and Amy Martin to win the 400-meter relay title.

In 1995, Jeannie Jansen won the 300-meter hurdle state championship, and, in 2011 and 2012, Kathryn Doll won the triple-jump

championship. She was also the long jump champion in 2012.

Most recently T.J. Shelton won a championship in the 100-meter dash in 2013.

There are no doubt athletes and accomplishments unmentioned here who contributed a great deal to the success of the track teams through the years. Some members still contributing to Meeker athletic programs are coaches John Strate, who was a member of the 400-meter relay team along with Matt Dupire, Billy Bibb and W. Witt that went to state.

Also, junior high coach Heather Burke was an outstanding hurdler in high school and now has a program with more than 50 kids involved breaking records and building for the future of Meeker track.

Head football coach Shane Phelan was a standout track athlete in sprinting and jumping events. He continues to help with track on a volunteer basis.

Marki Cook took her successful track career to the next level as she ran for CSU-Pueblo, and her high school teammate Janae Kindall now coaches at Meeker High School as well.

The track was a dream of former superintendent Bob King. He made his dream a reality when the track was completed and Meeker hosted several meets.

Home meets bring people to town, promote the local economy and help build community pride.

The track, which has fallen into disrepair and is no longer sanctioned for inter-school meets, is one way the Meeker Education

Foundation can work with the WRBM Recreation District to acquire grants designed for these types of projects, and help restore a track that would otherwise continue to be ignored.

The event, which will be a part of the Range Call events over the Fourth of July weekend, is going to be a great opportunity to get together, share old memories and run or walk together for a great cause.

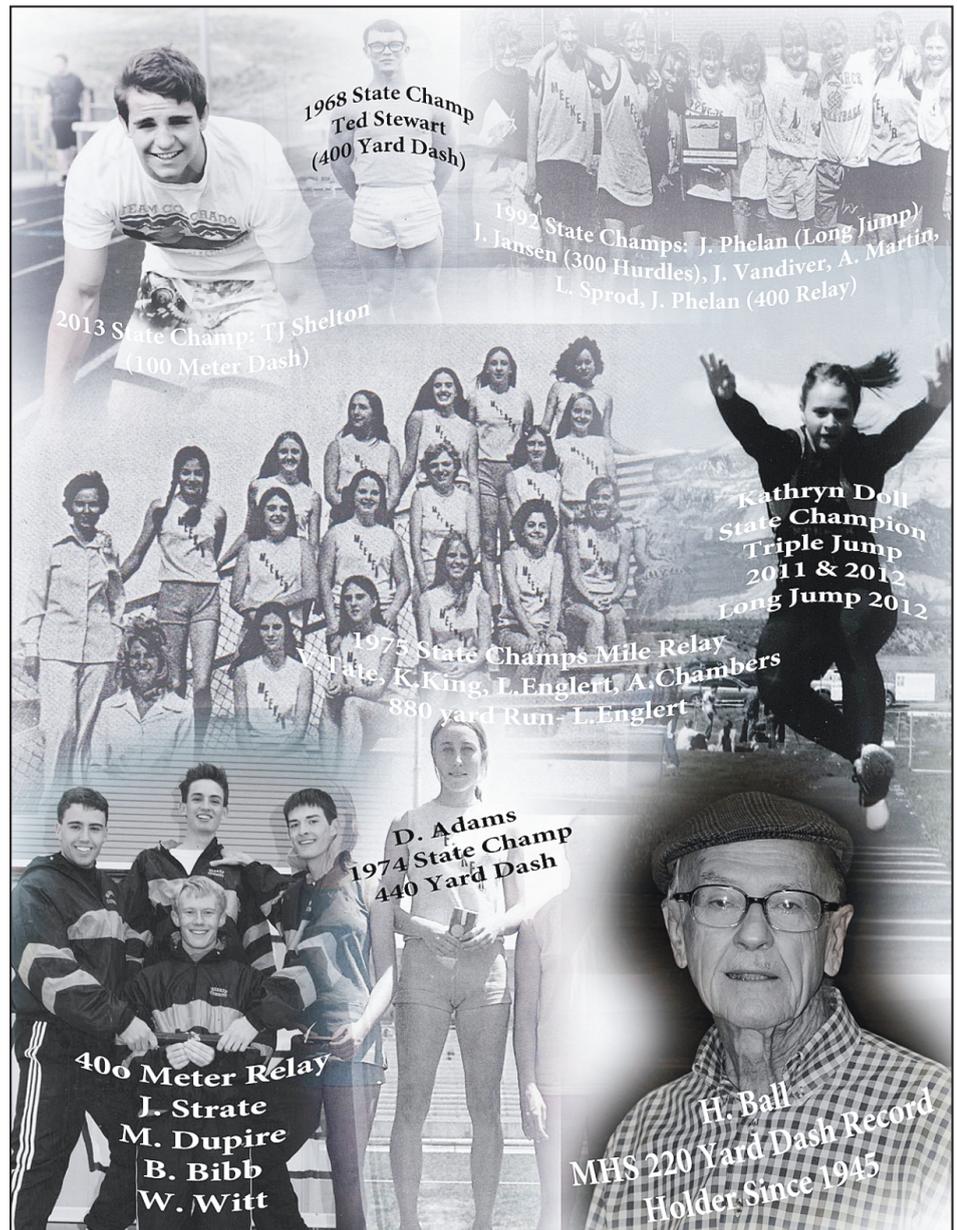
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2nd Annual Color Run/Walk 5K set for July 5

RANGELY I New Eden Pregnancy Care Services of Rangely will hold its second annual Color Run/Walk 5K on July 5 for adventurous runners and walkers who want to have fun along the way.

Registration will begin at 8 a.m., with the race beginning at 9 a.m. at New Eden's new location, 219 S. Sunset in Rangely. Cost is \$15 per person or \$55 for all immediate family members, and all participants will receive a T-shirt. Runners should be prepared to be doused with colored powders at various points throughout the stroller-friendly course.

To register early, pick up forms at the WRBM Recreation Center at New Eden. All proceeds will benefit the pregnancy center. For more information, call Julie Noyes at 970-629-3711.



WREA GOLF TOURNAMENT...



COURTESY PHOTOS

White River Electric hosted its 30th annual golf tournament and fundraiser Friday, June 13 and had 75 players participate. The event was co-sponsored by Mountain Valley Bank and \$3,000 was raised as a result of the event. Mountain Valley Bank president Tawny Halandras is pictured presenting a \$1,500 check to Barone Middle School principal Jim Hanks, with school board president Bill deVergie looking on. WREA counsel Trina Zagar Brown (far left) WREA board members Ron Hilkey and Anthony Mazzola were also involved in the opening festivities, where another check for \$1,500 was presented to Bryce Ducey (far right), a Meeker Golf Course board member. The funds will be used for repairs to the mower. Winners of the annual five-person scramble were, Todd Gerloff, Jim Hanks, Jesse Jackson, Pat Walsh (team captain) and Andy Hanks, who scrambled to a nine-under-par 59, to win.



RANGELY HURRICANES ...



MATT SCOGGINS

On June 15, five Rangely Hurricanes traveled to Ouray for their first swim meet of the season. For three of the swimmers, it was their first swim meet ever: Angelina Fortunato (7), Ashlynn Ducey (7) and Jackson Aguirre (8). The veterans swimming were Ryann Mergelman (8) and Travis Coates (11). It was a small, fast-paced meet, great for the new swimmers to get their first times and for the veterans to take time off. The four 8-and-under swimmers were able to put a 100-meter freestyle relay together, capturing third place. Ryann Mergelman also took third place in the 50-meter backstroke and fifth in the 25-meter backstroke. The Rangely Hurricanes will compete this weekend in Craig.



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TERRY RICHARDSON, JUSTIN HALCOMB, RYAN ELAM, JERRY BLANKENSHIP
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The foursome won the annual Elks' Scramble by shooting a seven-under-par 65 in a field of nine teams.

ERIK BROWN, LEX COLLINS
Meeker Golf Course
Meeker, Colorado

For the first time in 21 years playing as partners in the annual two-man best ball tournament, the pair finished with the best gross score in the championship flight, in what Brown called a "gritty performance" by his partner.



MHS WRESTLING CAMP...



Eleven Meeker wrestlers competed in the Paonia Summer Duals, and many wrestled more than 12 matches during the two-day event, which featured 4A and 5A teams from Colorado along with teams from Nebraska, Arizona and New Mexico. "It was a good experience," Meeker head wrestling coach J.C. Watt said. "We took some younger guys who got a feel for what high school wrestling is like and our older kids had better competition against 4A and 5A teams." The Cowboys will wrestle in the Colorado Mesa University Duals this weekend, starting Friday. Wrestling in Paonia were: Jake Shelton, Josh Cochran, Tyler Ilgen, Christopher Strate, Anthony Watt, T.J. Shelton, (Griffin from Paonia), Kylloe Goedert, Robby Jensen, Chase Rule, Casey Turner and Sheridan Harvey in front.

CARL PADILLA

Playoff needed to determine winner

By **BOBBY GUTIERREZ**
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RANGELY I Nine teams competed in the annual Elks Scramble golf tournament at Cedar Ridge Golf Course on Saturday, yet the competition was so close a playoff was needed to determine the winner. The local team prevailed.

Terry Richardson, Justin Halcomb, Ryan Elam and Jerry Blankenship, all from Rangely, shot a seven-under-par 65 in the four-person scramble, the same score as a team from Vernal, Utah.

"The playoff was with Ryan

Eisele, Michael Wiggins, Mike Corbin and Butch Sevy," Cedar Ridge Golf Course manager Chris Hejl said.

The home team only needed one hole to win the playoff.

John Hume Jr., from Grand Junction, joined his dad, John, Terry Baker and Jesse Smuts, all of Rangely, to turn in the best net score (60) for part of the prize.

The Summit employee tournament is next on the schedule at Cedar Ridge, but many of the Rangely players will be in Meeker on June 28-29, trying to keep Rio Blanco County Cup in Rangely.

Brown, Collins win 2-man best ball golf tournament

By **BOBBY GUTIERREZ**
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MEEKER I For the past 21 years, Erik Brown and Lex Collins have teamed up to play in the annual Two-man Best Ball golf tournament at the Meeker Golf Course. Every year they have finished in the money,

but they have never had the best gross score in the championship flight, until this year.

More than 20 teams from Meeker and several other area golf courses were divided into two flights. Local golfers finished in the money in both flights, including the best golfers on the course in both flights.

Brown and Collins finished the 36-hole, two-day event with a four-under-par 132, one shot ahead of former champions Joe Elliot of Battlement Mesa and Doug Choate of Rifle. Meeker's Bryce Ducey and Robby Elam, whose home course is Cedar Ridges in Rangely, finished a distant third with 144.

When asked for comment, champion Lex Collins used his right thumb and forefinger to gesture locking his lips closed, although he says his partner would have plenty to say, "he always does," Collins said quietly, with a smile.

"This is the first time we have won the gross in the championship flight," Brown said, when asked to comment on the win. "I'm not sure how many Meeker players have

won gross in the championship flight over the last 20 years, as it has been dominated by Rifle and Glenwood Springs players for a long time."

"For several years," continued Brown. "Only J.C. (Watt) had enough game to hang in that flight but Lex has become such a good player that he is hard to beat anywhere and really hard to beat in Meeker."

The Meeker team shot a two-under 32 on the front nine and one over on the back to finish the first day, tied with Elliot and Choate. Sunday Brown and Collins shot even par on the front nine and three under on the back to win.

"Lex played lights out Saturday and on Sunday he chipped in for

birdie on No. 5 on the front and chipped in for eagle on No. 8 on the back to put us from one up to three up with one to play," Brown said of his partner. "He played all weekend with injured ribs, it was a gritty performance. I'm glad he took me along for the ride."

Local golfers Larin Crase and Kyle Frary also played in the championship flight and although they finished with the third best gross score (140), they took top honors with the best net score (118).

"We would like to thank Bryce Ducey and Robby Elam for supporting our efforts with their play, on such a glorious weekend of golf," Crase said.

Frary too, tried to formulate a comment but retracted his partial statement and said, "No comment."

There was a three-way tie for second place net, with local golfers Bill DeVergie and Pat Hughes, Scott Bowman and Eric Blank and Rifle's Mark Sours and Jeff Hauer, all finishing with a net score of 125 in the

championship flight.

Local golfers were the best in the second flight, as Jeff Asslin and Dave Henderson finished with a gross score of 147, one shot ahead of Dillon and Rob Vavak of Redlands Mesa. Rifle's Mitch Carter and Tim Roe were third, six shots behind the winners.

Meeker's Willy Theos and Harry Watt had the best net score (115) in the second flight, one shot ahead of Randy Hall and Robert Murray. Gary Stewart and his son Grant finished with the third best net score, five behind Theos and Watt.

A fundraising tournament for Althea Halstead will be held at the Meeker Golf Course on Friday, with a nine hole tournament starting at 5 p.m., food and music provided after the tournament. All proceeds will be donated to the Halstead family.

The first annual Rod Crawford Memorial tournament will be held Saturday, please contact the Meeker Golf Course at 878-5642 for sign up information.

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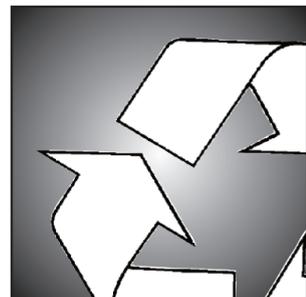
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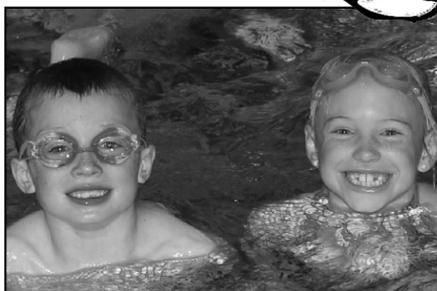
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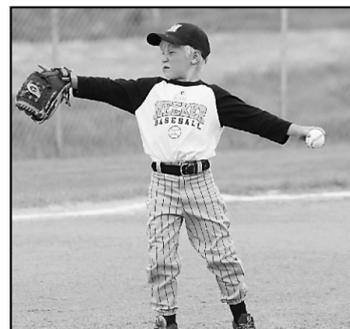


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Draft of county master trails plan presented to the public

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

RBC I At the last of three public workshops held in Rangely and Meeker June 4 and 5, Fort Collins-based Great Outdoors Consultants (GOC) presented a master plan for a trail system looping around the county, with special recreation areas (SRAs) proposed around the primary loop.

After receiving additional comments, GOC will develop and present the county's final master trails plan after the Fourth of July, with the first phase of implementation and solicitation of funding to begin thereafter.

The primary loop, secondary trails and additional off-highway vehicle (OHV) trails, which will cater to a variety of motorized and non-motorized recreational uses, bring the current plan to 1,018.7 miles of travelable country.

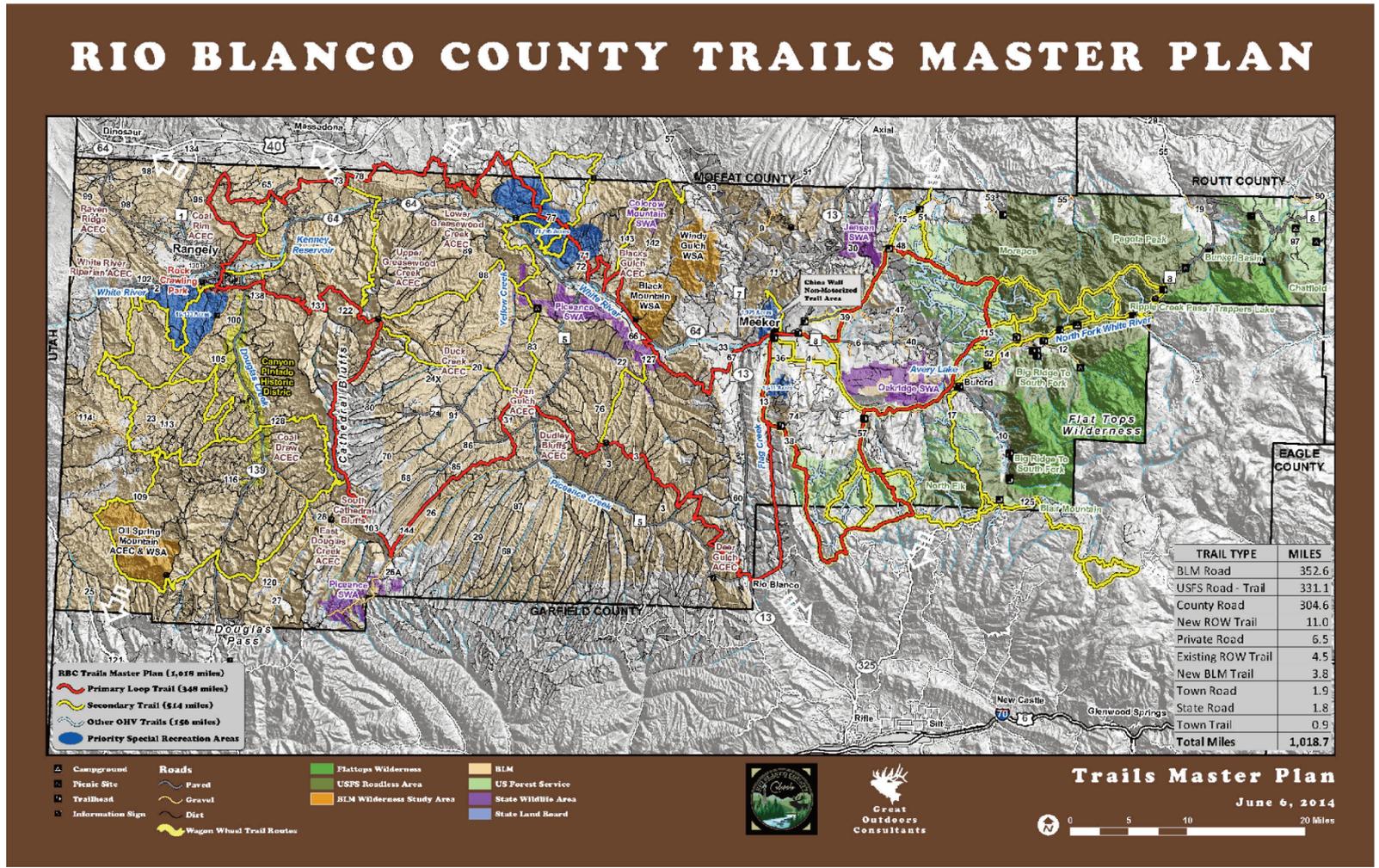
Bureau of Land Management (BLM) roads, county roads and United States Forest Service (USFS) trails each account for roughly a third of the total mileage.

"This initial concept provided by Great Outdoors Consultants accurately captures the input and public involvement received at the various public meetings," said Rio Blanco County Economic Development Coordinator Katelin Cook. "The finalization of this planning document will be the first step toward expansion of recreational offerings in Rio Blanco County and by marketing more than 1,000 miles of trails, it should drive tourism dollars to our communities."

"This is a proposed plan, which helps guide future decisions and financial strategies to bring more dollars into our towns," she added.

From Meeker, the main loop travels east through Forest Service land before heading south past Avery Lake and the Oakridge Scenic Wildlife Area (SWA). It then loops south near the USFS's North Elk area before following Flag Creek and veering west to Deer Gulch.

The map outlines a potential SRA bordered by Dudley Bluff and Ryan Gulch before the primary trail dips sharply south, then travels north through the Cathedral Bluffs. A west turn toward Rangely takes the loop past the Rangely Rock Crawling Park



and another stretch of approximately 40,000 acres south of Kenney Reservoir, both potential SRAs.

Next, the main trail edges along the northern borders of the county, briefly traveling into Moffat County southeast of Massadona before heading back south along the White River, the Piceance SWA and the Black Mountain Wilderness Study Area.

Three hundred and forty-eight miles of trail currently make up the primary loop, with an additional 514 miles of secondary trail rambling through an expanse of BLM land on the county's west end and established OHV trails through the Forest Service country of Morapos, Pagota

Peak and Ripple Creek Pass/Trapper's Lake.

While the 423 miles of county and USFS trails considered trail-ready exist on the county's east end—more than 250 of those miles from the existing Wagon Wheel Trail System—the first phase of plan implementation will focus on verifying approximately 265 miles of trails to the south and east of Rangely and in the Indian Valley area.

Following that, organizers will tackle the 221 miles of roads bisecting Cathedral Bluffs, skirting the Canyon Pintado Historic District and Oil Spring Mountain, and looping up around Ryan Gulch, Yellow Creek

and Duck Creek.

It all adds up to years worth of work, from working alongside the BLM's evolving travel management plan to establishing consistent, reliable funding and creating possible partnerships with adjacent counties exploring trail systems of their own.

GOC Executive Director Drew Stoll maintains that for a master trails plan to be successful, some level of implementation has to begin early on.

"As we break implementation down into different phases, we want some success in the first phase," Stoll said at the second Rangely public workshop held in March. "It doesn't do us any good if it takes us 20 years

to open up a trail system. We need some things we can have some success with sooner than later."

For now, that first phase includes verifying trails, establishing a collaborative group and professional organization, the latter with a potential staff person if funding and demand increase, narrowing in on trail management objectives and creating reliable maps, marketing materials and a webpage.

Among possible funding sources for the project are the Colorado OHV fund, Great Outdoors Colorado, state tourism funding and potential revenue generation.

"In order for this plan to be the

most effective, it will take community involvement," Cook said. "Both the Rangely and Meeker chambers of commerce, both towns, the county and a variety of governmental agencies will need to work collaboratively to create and market a successful, sustainable trail system. "The economic impact of a program such as this could be great for our businesses and tax revenues, and this is exactly what we are looking for—economic diversification," she said.

To view the most recent public workshop Power Point, including the master trails draft plan and accompanying notes, visit www.wagonwheel-trails.org.

Environmentalists protect Meeker waters, other sites

Special to the Herald Times

RBC I A proposal by WildEarth Guardians to give the highest protection possible to 200 miles of streams in the White River National Forest in Colorado was approved on June 10.

The Colorado Water Quality Control Commission (CO WQCC), on a vote of 8-1, approved the higher degree of security for critical cutthroat trout streams near the towns of Carbondale, Meeker and Craig.

The "outstanding water" designation is granted only to the highest quality waters with ecological and recreational values and that require an elevated degree of protection. Once designated, the water cannot be polluted.

"Forests and water in the West are

faced with increasing uncertainty from climate change and drought," said Bryan Bird, WildEarth Guardians Wild Places Program Director. "Colorado took an important step in safeguarding its finest waters as 'outstanding.'"

The pristine water provided by Colorado's national forests is priceless and the forests themselves are highly valued for their ecological and recreational importance, he said, adding that few places remain where Colorado River cutthroat trout habitat survives in its purest form.

In 2012, WildEarth Guardians asked Colorado to establish an insurance policy for its precious water supply, asking the state to designate its highest quality waters with native cutthroat trout as "outstanding waters."

The CO WQCC voted for the designation of Outstanding Waters in the Upper and Lower Colorado River Basins (CO Water Quality Regulations #33 and #37). In particular, Cattle Creek and Thompson Creek and their tributaries in the Roaring Fork Basin near Carbondale; Snell and Lost Creek and their tributaries in the White River Basin near Meeker; and Beaver Creek and its tributaries in the Yampa River Basin near Craig.

"The newest outstanding waters are all in undeveloped, roadless forests and have conservation populations of cutthroat trout," Bird said. "These world-class resources deserve the greatest security."

Of particular value to Colorado's anglers is the Colorado River cut-

throat, which has been called one of the most spectacular species of cutthroat trout and one of the most beautiful fish in North America. The Colorado River cutthroat trout is now limited to 11 percent of its historic range, primarily in isolated, small headwater streams.

The waters proposed by WildEarth Guardians for outstanding designation in their proposals is designated Critical Cutthroat Trout Habitat by the State of Colorado.

The added protection is necessary because of ongoing activities authorized on the federal lands that impact cutthroat trout habitat, the inability of state agencies to regulate federal lands and trout habitat, as well as increasing pressure from climate change and drought, the group alleged.

CPW looks to add tiger muskie on Western Slope

RBC I Colorado Parks and Wildlife will continue its evaluation of tiger muskie as an alternative angling opportunity on the Western Slope.

After the stocking of 140 tiger muskie in Harvey Gap Reservoir last year, agency biologists added more of the large fish to the well-known fishery on May 15. CPW aquatic biologists say their goal is to answer the call from many anglers looking for more warm and cool water fishing opportunities in the western part of the state.

Another benefit of the introduction is that tiger muskie, the hatchery-produced sterile offspring of northern pike and muskie, are considered a sport fish species that may be more compatible with the efforts to recover four endangered native fishes, when compared to other sport fish that are not sterile hybrids.

"We are continuing the evaluation phase of this project," said aquatic biologist Lori Martin. "This introduction of the non-native species last year was well received. There is still potential for tiger muskie to become a viable alternative to northern pike."

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Dr. Casey Aguirre grew up in Salt Lake City, Utah, and attended the University of Utah. He then attended medical school at Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine. Dr. Aguirre completed his residency at the Southern Colorado Family Medicine in Pueblo, CO where in 2012 he became Board certified in Family Medicine and Osteopathic Medicine. Dr. Aguirre and his wife (Ashley) and their three children (Jackson 7, Grady 5, Raven 3) are excited to call the Western Slope of Colorado their home.

Dr. Aguirre enjoys practicing preventive medicine and osteopathic manipulations. He has an interest in sports medicine and providing IMPACT testing and educating youth and coaches about concussion awareness. Dr. Aguirre speaks Spanish fluently.

Outside of medicine, he considers his greatest accomplishment to be his family. He enjoys everything involving family time, alpine skiing, snowboarding, hiking, camping, trail runs, or anything having to do with the outdoors. He is an avid baseball fan and enjoys going to MLB baseball games. He is excited to bring his enthusiasm for life and medicine to his patients here on the Western Slope.

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BUFORD SCHOOL BENEFIT FISH FRY...



Well in excess of 200 people enjoyed the Buford School benefit fish fry late Saturday afternoon at the historic Buford School along County Road 17, filling the inside and outside eating spaces. The fish fry raises funds for upkeep of the late 19th century school and is sponsored annually by the White River Community Association and its members, who furnished the side dishes, salads and desserts. WRCA officials said roughly 125 attended the event last year. The white fish served at the event was caught during an early spring fishing tournament along the White River.



More than 200 visitors from all around Rio Blanco County and as far away as Albuquerque, N.M., enjoyed the white fish, which was the centerpiece of the Buford School fundraiser fish fry late Saturday afternoon at the Buford School, located along County Road 17, about 20 miles east of Meeker. Roughly twice as many people showed up this year compared to last year, and all the food and serving, except the white fish, was provided by members of the hosting White River Community Association. The Buford School was built in 1889 and is listed on the Colorado Register of Historic Places.

Meeker Chamber offers hospitality classes; Ambassador program to follow this summer

By SEAN McMAHON
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MEEKER | Prior to the Meeker Chamber of Commerce starting a Meeker Ambassador Program (MAP), the chamber will offer local hospitality training next week to local businesses, employees and individuals to assist in providing high-quality service and hospitality to increase and improve tourism relations.

Many chambers of commerce

around the county have Ambassador programs, and often the ambassadors, made up of volunteers, help with open houses, ribbon cuttings, hosting dignitaries and high-profile visitors and even with some fundraising events.

Stephanie Kobald, executive director of the Meeker Chamber of Commerce, said, "We are offering this hospitality training now so our local businesses can benefit from the training immediately, then, later this summer, we will be starting up an Ambassador program."

The hospitality training will be held for one hour and can be taken Monday through Friday next week. Those interested in the training are requested to call the chamber and let them know when is the best time to take the one-hour class.

The ambassadors will be trained in customer service, the history of Meeker and things to do in Meeker to keep our customers coming back.

Kobald said, "We would like to

have as many people attend as possible. Let us know if you are interested in the training class and we will contact you to see when the class would be best for you.

"We want to help grow local business with customer service training and empowering employees with knowledge of local attractions," she said. "When employees can help direct visitors to attractions in Meeker, we can retain customers and build business."

The Meeker Ambassador Program is a new service offered by the chamber, and it has two components: hospitality training and the ambassadors.

"The hospitality training is for businesses to use as a guide for welcoming our guests, providing genuine hospitality and showcasing Meeker as the wonderful place it is," Kobald said. "We will provide hospitality training throughout the year, the first being next week. If you are a business

owner, employee or citizen who is interested in attending, please call us.

"The Ambassadors are volunteers who work with the chamber to welcome, greet and inform our new residents and businesses, showcase Meeker for all it has to offer and to provide support at chamber events," she said. "The Meeker Ambassadors are committed to welcoming new residents, new visitors and employees to Meeker through town tours, delivery of information and gifts, and providing effective, knowledgeable, courteous information and services.

"The ambassadors will also welcome new businesses through participation in ribbon cutting ceremonies, and they support the chamber by volunteering at other events and activities," Kobald said. "The personal connections we make with our customers, clients, guests and neighbors are among the valuable reasons they return."

For more information, call the Meeker Chamber of Commerce at 970-878-5510.

SERVING PERFECTION ...



Members of the White River Community Association served up potatoes, other side dishes and salads for the more than 200 people who attended the Buford School benefit fish fry on Saturday at the Buford School, along-side County Road 17 about 20 miles east of Meeker. The funds raised go toward upkeep on the school, which is listed on the Colorado Register of Historic Places, having been built in 1889 near what is now Lake Avery.

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Date: Friday, June 20th
Time: 6:00 pm
Location: Plant Center at 5538 County Road 4

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Two Meeker students make honor roll at U. of Wyoming

MEEKER | The University of Wyoming lists 126 students from Colorado on its 2014 spring semester President's Honor Roll, and two of those students are from Meeker.

The President's Honor Roll consists of regularly enrolled undergraduates who earned a 4.0 ("A") grade point average for the semester. To be eligible, students must have been enrolled for a minimum of 12 credit hours taken for letter grades.

The two Meeker students are Mary S. Cunningham and Lindzey A. Patterson.

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Estate of David Daniel Bowlds a/k/a David Bowlds a/k/a David D. Bowlds, Case Number 2014PR30010 Deceased,
All persons having claims against the above-named estate are required to present them to the Personal Representative or to the District Court of Rio Blanco County, Colorado on or before October 4, 2014, or the claims may be forever barred.
Juanita Henson
c/o James A. Littlepage, Attorney at Law
1777 S. Harrison St., Ste. 1500
Denver, CO 80210
Published: June 5, 12, 19, 2014

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of Rod M. Crawford aka Rod M. Crawford aka Rod Crawford, Case Number 2014PR30015, Deceased,
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 or Denver Probate Court of the City and County of Denver, Colorado on or before October 5, 2014 or the claims may be forever barred.
E-filed per Rule 121. Duly signed original on file at the Offices of Wolfe, Van Ackern & Cupers, LLP Stacy Lyn Schauerhamer Personal Representative
3213 Pepperwood Lane
Fort Collins, CO 80525
Published: June 5, 12, 19, 2014

White River Electric Association, Inc. Request for Bids

WREA is soliciting bids for an Office Ceiling Replacement Project. Bids shall be submitted by 5:00p.m., June 30, 2014.
Description of Work: Work will consist of Ceiling Replacement in an Office with additional work such as Extension of walls, sheetrock and paint. Bid packages and more information may be picked up at the WREA main office at 233 6th Street.
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TOWN OF RANGELY Check Register 14-May

VENDOR	AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION
A NUVIEW AUTO GLASS,	\$185.00,	Expenses
ACCUTEST MOUNTAIN STATES,	\$75.00,	Chemicals
ACE INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY, INC.,	\$466.75,	Expenses
AFLAC,	\$517.87,	Payroll deduction
AIR LIQUIDE,	\$23.40,	Cylinder Rental
ANIMAL ARTS,	\$360.00,	Services
ANIMAL HEALTH & SANITARY SUPPLY,	\$152.25,	Expenses
ASHLEY VALLEY ANIMAL HOSPITAL,	\$2026.66,	Animal Shelter Expenses
BACK TO HEALTH CHIROPRACTIC OF RANGELY,	\$395.00,	Services
BALBOA CAPITAL CORP.,	\$306.00,	Expenses
BIG D'S PROFESSIONAL CARPET CLEANING,	\$246.52,	Services
BIGHORN CONSULTING ENGINEERS, CO,	\$2500.00,	Services
BRADY, ANN,	\$100.00,	Council Stipend
CALL MAX, INC,	\$12,130.76,	Expenses
CASELLE, INC.,	\$799.33,	Services
CASTO, BRAD,	\$100.00,	Council Stipend
CENTURYLINK,	\$2616.52,	Telephone/Services
CHEMATOX LABORATORY, ICN,	\$330.00,	Services
CHILLSON, MARK,	\$30.00,	Expenses
CLAYTON, CHRIS,	\$800.00,	PR Advance
COLORADO SECRETARY OF STATE,	\$15.00,	Services
COUNTRYSIDE VETERINARY CLINIC,	\$40.00,	Expenses
CROP PRODUCTION SERVICES, INC.,	\$3377.92,	Expenses
DIRECTV,	\$312.25,	WRV Television
DOMENY, NAOMI,	\$1000.00,	Benefit Reimbursement
DUCEY'S ELECTRIC,	\$924.31,	Expenses
EDDY, DAN,	\$100.00,	Council Stipend
ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE,	\$1926.42,	Election Expenses
ENGLERT, MICHAEL,	\$240.00,	Benefit Reimbursement
ESSENTIAL SAFETY PRODUCTS,	\$648.22,	Expenses
FAMILY SUPPORT REGISTRY,	\$731.96,	Payroll deduction
FIDELITY ADVISOR FUNDS,	\$21,028.22,	Payroll deduction
FPPA,	\$495.88,	PD Insurance
FRESH EXPRESS CLEANING,	\$23.00,	Expenses
FRUITA CONSUMER COOP,	\$517.04,	Expenses
GLACIER CONSTRUCTION CO, INC,	\$21,3339.60,	WTP Expense
GOVERNMENT LEASING, LLC,	\$910.00,	Expenses
GRABAR VOICE & DATA INC.,	\$13,863.40,	Expenses
GRAND JUNCTION PIPE & SUPPLY,	\$1149.73,	Expenses
GREAT AMERICAN LEASING COMPANY,	\$382.75,	Lease
HACH,	\$548.58,	Chemicals
HATCH, LISA,	\$100.00,	Council Stipend
HERITAGE BUILDING & LUMBER,	\$651.25,	Expenses
HUITT, FRANK,	\$150.00,	Council Stipend
INDUSTRIAL ELECTRIC MOTOR SVCS,	\$1107.45,	Services
ITRON, INC,	\$983.25,	Services
JJ'S TIRE AND AUTOMOTIVE,	\$450.00,	Expenses
JOHNSON, MICHAEL P,	\$75.00,	Benefit Reimbursement
KANSAS CITY LIFE,	\$1806.36,	Life & STD Insurance

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KLEEN KUT SERVICE, \$2600.00, Expenses
LOHMILLER & COMPANY, \$1140.00, Expenses
MAIL SERVICES, \$878.00, Services
MASTER PETROLEUM, \$1570.84, Fuel
MASTERCARD, \$4096.35, Expenses
MEEKER SAND & GRAVEL, \$208.95, Expenses
MESA COUNTY HEALTH DEPT, \$100.00, Services
MICROSEARCH LABORATORY, INC, \$320.00, Chemicals
MOON LAKE ELECTRIC, \$13,202.26, Electricity
MORTON, ANDREW, \$69.00, Uniforms
MORTON, MARIE, \$63.00, Uniforms
MOUNTAIN STATES PIPE & SUPPLY, \$5770.88, Expenses
NETWORKS UNLIMITED, \$207.50, Support
NEVE'S UNIFORMS, INC, \$275.4, Expenses
NEWMAN SIGNS, \$26.34, Expenses
NICHOLS STORE, \$18.00, Expenses
NICOLETTI-FLATER ASSOCIATES, PLLP, \$1500.00, Services
NIELSEN, JOSEPH, \$100.00, Council Stipend
PIERING, LISA, \$40.00, Benefit Reimbursement
PIPELINE TESTING CONSORTIUM, \$680.00, Services
PITNEY BOWES INC, \$104.83, Services
POSTMASTER, \$224.70, Expenses
PRESTIGE FINANCIAL SERVICES INC, \$300.00, Payroll deduction
PROFESSIONAL TOUCH, \$734.95, Expenses
PUBLIC SAFETY CENTER, INC, \$1059.32, Expenses
QUILL, \$645.56, Expenses
RANGELY AUTO PARTS, \$974.74, Expenses
RANGELY HARDWARE, \$7702.67, Expenses
RANGELY SCHOOL FOUNDATION, \$12, 212.03, Sales Tax Funding
RANGELY TRASH SERVICE, \$880.00, Services
RANGELY, TOWN OF, \$4,451.28, Utilities
RESTRUCTION CORPORATION, \$33,259.85, Expenses
RIO BLANCO COUNTY, \$41.28, Expenses
ROCKY MOUNTAIN HEALTH PLANS, \$23,064.82, Health Ins
ROCKY MOUNTAIN WEED MANAGEMENT, \$858.00, Expenses
ROMNEY, SHERMAN, \$1088.00, Services
SCHMEUSER GORDON MEYER, INC, \$15,727.25, Services
SENERGY BUILDERS, \$4851.21, Housing Rental Fee
SHAFFER, ANDREW, \$100.00, Council Stipend
STRATA NETWORKS, \$500.00, Services
SUMMIT ENERGY, \$42,919.38, Gas Transmission/Transport
THE REJUVENATORS INC, \$150.00, Expenses
TOWN OF MEEKER, \$71.98, Expenses
TRANSUNION RISK & ALTERNATIVE, \$57.25, Services
TURGEON, SUSAN, \$43.62, Benefit Reimbursement
UNCC, \$68.85, Services
URIE ROCK COMPANY, \$2685.90, Expenses
VAN DIEST SUPPLY COMPANY, \$560.30, Expenses
VERIZON WIRELESS, \$1553.48, Cell Service
VERNAL WINNELSON CO, \$274.56, Expenses
VET CLINIC, THE, \$44.00, Expenses
WALTER ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP, LLC, \$916.50, Services
WEX BANK, \$6247.78, Fuel
WHITE RIVER MARKET, \$113.16, Supplies
WILCZEK, KAREN, \$300.00, Judge Fee
WRB REC & PARK DISTRICT, \$56.75, Fees
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PUBLIC NOTICE IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION FOR ORGANIZATION OF THE RIO BLANCO WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a Motion has been filed in the above referenced action requesting the appointment of Director C to the Board of Directors of Rio Blanco Water Conservancy District to fill a Director position being vacated by the resignation of a Director. Said Petition requests the appointment of a Director for an initial term to expire May 1, 2017.
The Court will hear said Petition on the 15th day of August, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. in the District Court, Rio Blanco County Courthouse, Meeker, Colorado. All persons desiring to attend may do so.
Applications for appointment as Director will be accepted by the District Court until July 15, 2014. Applications and resumes may be sent to the District Court of Rio Blanco County, Colorado, at P.O. Box 1150, 555 Main Street, Suite 303, Meeker, CO 81641, with copies submitted to the Rio Blanco Water Conservancy District in care of Edward B. Olszewski, Esq., Olszewski, Massih & Maurer, P.C., P.O. Box 916, Glenwood Springs, CO 81602, on or before July 15, 2014.
Applicants must have resided within the Rio Blanco District for a period of one year, and shall be the owner of real property within the Rio Blanco Water Conservancy District, and shall be knowledgeable in water matters with a background reflecting the agricultural, municipal, industrial, or other interests in the beneficial use of water within the Rio Blanco Water Conservancy District. Further information may be obtained from the District's counsel, Edward B. Olszewski, at (970) 928-9100.
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PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF AERIAL SPRAYING FOR CONTROL OF FLIES AND MOSQUITOES

The Town Board has determined that it is in the public interest to conduct aerial spraying along the river within the Town limits and outlying adjacent areas. Aerial spraying will be conducted within the Town limits along the river, just after daybreak beginning Sunday, June 29th through Wednesday, July 2nd, 2014 depending upon weather conditions. Further information is available at Town Hall, 345 Market St., (970) 878-5344 or from Coultter Aviation, (970) 878-5045.
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County Court, Rio Blanco County, Colorado, Court Address: 555 Main Street, Suite 303, Meeker, CO 81641
IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF: Adult: Virginia Ann McGriff
FOR A CHANGE OF NAME TO: Ginger Ann DeWitt
Case Number 13C54
Public Notice is given on June 16, 2014, that a Petition for a Change of Name of an Adult has been filed with the Rio Blanco County Court.
The Petition requests that the name of Virginia Ann McGriff be changed to Ginger Ann DeWitt.
Susan Mills, Clerk of Court
By: \$Joan Jensen, Deputy Clerk
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Foundation for Public Giving 6:50 p.m. Town of Rangely June 24, 2014 - 7:00pm Agenda

- Call to Order
 - Roll Call
 - Invocation
 - Pledge of Allegiance
 - Minutes of Meeting
 - Approval of the minutes of the June 10, 2014 meeting.
 - Petitions and Public Input
 - Changes to the Agenda
 - Public Hearings - 7:15pm
 - Public Hearing Ordinance 685 (2014) Revising section 10.14 of the Rangely Municipal Code to Expand the Use of Registered Off-Highway Vehicles by Qualified Operators.
 - Committee/Board Meetings
 - Town Council Work Session June 2, 2014 7:00 a.m. OHV Ordinance Revision
 - Supervisor Reports - See Attached
 - Alden Vandenbrink
 - Mike Englert
 - Reports from Officers - Town Manager Update
 - New Business
 - Discussion and action to approve Ordinance 685 (2014) Revising section 10.14 of the Rangely Municipal Code to Expand the Use of Registered Off-Highway Vehicles by Qualified Operators.
 - Discussion and action to approve services to repair weathered and penetrated areas of the Pond C Liner at the Wastewater Treatment Facility approximate repair cost will be \$8,920.00
 - Discussion and action to approve donation to WRB Park & Rec. District of \$1,000 for Fireworks and \$1,000 for Septemberfest.
 - Informational Items
 - Conference Call June 11, 2014 discussing retaining EIS and Natural Resources Group concerning the Title V issue at the Bonanza Power Plant
 - 2012 Resolution supporting expansion of Deserado Mine
 - EPA Town of Rangely Letter of Support
 - Scheduled Announcements
 - Rangely School District board meeting is scheduled for June 17, 2014 at 6:15pm.
 - Rangely District Library regular meeting June 9, 2014 at 5:00pm.
 - Rangely District Hospital board meeting is scheduled for June 26, 2014 at 7:00pm.
 - Rural Fire Protection District board meeting is scheduled for June 16, 2014 at 7:00pm.
 - Western Rio Blanco Park & Recreation District meeting June 16 2014 at 7:00pm.
 - Rio Blanco Water Conservancy District board meeting is June 25, 2014 at 6:00pm. Public Forum for the Reservoir Feasibility Study at 7:00pm.
 - Rangely Chamber of Commerce board meeting is scheduled for June 19, 2014 at 12:00pm.
- Adjournment**
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Town of Rangely

The Rangely Town Council will hold a public hearing at 7:15 pm, Tuesday June 24, 2014 in the Court Room of the Rangely Municipal Building at 209 E. Main Street, Rangely, Colorado for the Second and Final Reading on the following:
Ordinance 685 (2014)
AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND REPLACING SECTIONS 10.14 OF THE RANGELY MUNICIPAL CODE TO EXPAND THE USE OF REGISTERED OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLES BY QUALIFIED OPERATORS.
All interested citizens and groups are invited to attend and participate in the public hearing.
BY: Lisa Pearing, Clerk/Treasurer
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RIO BLANCO COUNTY ACCOUNTS PAYABLE PUBLICATION REPORT MAY 30 2014

FUND: GENERAL VENDOR NAME, ACCOUNT NAME, AMOUNT
ALLEN JOHN, PRCH SVCS, \$60.00
ALSCO, PRCH SVCS, \$1,091.15
ASSOC GOVTS OF NW CO, WCLCM CNTR, \$2,500.00
ATMOS ENERGY, UTIL, \$1,480.23
BOY-KO SUPPLY CO, SPLYS, \$1,070.02
CDW GOVERNMENT, SPLYS, \$365.24
CENTURYLINK, PRCH SVCS, \$184.13
CENTURYLINK-LAND LINES, PRCH SVCS, \$30.95
CHAPPELL CLINT (PLAN COMM), PLAN COMM, \$100.00
CNCC, CNTCT SVCS, \$3,500.00
CO AG-NEWS, SUBSCRIPT, \$425.00
CO ASSN/CNTY SURVEYORS, PRCH SVCS, \$50.00
STATE OF COLORADO, PRCH SVCS, \$344.26
COULTER AVIATION, PRCH SVCS, \$409.34
CRAWFORD GAYLE, LEASE PYMNT, \$2,800.00

LEGAL NOTICES

CREDIT UNION OF CO, PRCH SVCS, \$8,161.33
CUSTOM DIRECT, SPLYS, \$2,233.12
DAY TRAVIS, PLAN COMM, \$100.00
DISTRICT ATTORNEY OFFICE OF, PRCH SVCS, \$18,241.75
DOCQUEST, PRCH SVCS, \$1,595.00
ADAMS THELMA, ELEC JUDGE, \$40.00
ARY MARLYN L, ELEC JUDGE, \$40.00
EKSTROM WILLIAM A, PRCH SVCS, \$545.43
EMLAB P&K, SPLYS, \$295.00
ENTENMANN-ROVIN CO, UNIF/CLOTH, \$119.00
EQUUS, PRCH SVCS, \$24.95
EXTENSION PROGRAM ACT., OTHER IG 4-H, \$775.00
FIRST ADVANTAGE OCC HEALTH, PRCH SVCS, \$257.32
FRED PRYOR SEMINARS, TRAIN & DEVL, \$249.00
GALL'S, UNIF/CLOTH, \$209.00
GARFIELD CNTY TREASURER, TRAIN & DEVL, \$110.00
GHA TECHNOLOGIES, SPLYS, \$1,084.00
GOEDERT TERRY (PLAN COMM), PLAN COMM, \$50.00
HARRIS ENTERPRISE, PRCH SVCS, \$3,160.31
HILL LOGAN D, PLAN COMM, \$100.00
HOPKINS OAKLEY, PLAN COMM, \$50.00
JEAN'S PRINTING, SPLYS, \$476.66
JOOS MIKE, PRCH SVCS, \$72.21
JOY J LEIF (RBC SURVEYOR), PRCH SVCS, \$125.00
LA QUINTA INN DENVER, PRCH SVCS, \$385.00
LEWIS JAYDA, PRCH SVCS, \$50.40
LOVE VIRGINIA L, PLAN COMM, \$150.00
MCGUIRE AUTO PARTS, SPLYS, \$41.96
MEEKER AIRPORT - CONTRACT, CNTCT SVCS, \$3,500.00
MEEKER EMBROIDERY, PRCH SVCS, \$200.00
MGM, SPLYS, \$119.79
MID-AMERICAN RESEARCH, SPLYS, \$507.69
MNJ TECHNOLOGIES DIRECT, SPLYS, \$125.02
MONSEN ENGINEERING, SPLYS, \$532.67
MOON LAKE ELECTRIC, UTIL, \$1,054.53
MTN STN STATE EMPLOYERS COUNCIL, PRCH SVCS, \$553.00
NEILSON RENAE T, ADVNC, \$65.00
PITNEY BOWES RESERVE, PRCH SVCS, \$1,062.52
QUILL CORPORATION, SPLYS, \$130.17
RANGELY 4-H COUNCIL, PRCH SVCS, \$157.59
RANGELY DISTRICT HOSPITAL, PRCH SVCS, \$45.00
RANGELY TOWN OF, UTIL, \$398.00
RANGELY TRUE VALUE, SPLYS, \$540.75
RBC HISTORICAL SOCIETY, PRCH SVCS, \$20,000.00
RESPOND FIRST AID SYSTEM, PRCH SVCS, \$67.95
RIO BLANCO FIRE PROTECTION, PRCH SVCS, \$140.00
RIO BLANCO HERALD TIMES, PRCH SVCS, \$398.28
SCHINDLER PLUMBING, RPR/MTNC, \$1,081.32
SHEPHERD'S, SPLYS, \$202.90
SHI INTERNATIONAL CORP, SPLYS, \$162.00
SILICON MECHANICS, SPLYS, \$680.00
STAPLES ADVANTAGE, SPLYS, \$484.76
STRATA NETWORKS, UTIL, \$1,081.76
STRONG LUMBER, OHV TRAIL, \$4,249.98
SUMMIT VIEW SOLUTIONS, PRCH SVCS, \$24.00
SWANSON SERVICES CORP, SPLYS, \$52.34
TECH DEPOT, SPLYS, \$9,148.20
TELEWEST, INMATE PHONE, \$372.59
TRANSPORTS ACROSS CO, PRCH SVCS, \$50.00
TURK JODY, ADVNC, \$65.00

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

Pursuant to C.R.S. 37-92-302, you are hereby notified that the following pages comprise a resume of Applications and Amended Applications filed in the office of Water Division 6, during the month of **MAY, 2014**.
14CW5 Rio Blanco County, Colorado- Application for simple change in surface point of diversion pursuant to CRS 37-92-305(3.5); **Applicants:** Philip Lopez , 64280 Hwy 64, Meeker, CO 81641, (970) 756-0785 and Ron Palmer, 64178 Hwy 64, Meeker, CO, 81641, (970) 756-0826; Decreed water right for which change is sought: A. Structure: Thomas Ditch; B. Date of original decree and all relevant subsequent decrees: 8/31/1923-#CA0380, 11/21/1966-#CA1269, C. Court: Rio Blanco District; D. Legal Description of structure as described in most recent decree that adjudicated the location: NE4, NE4, S36, T1N, R96W, 6th PM, whence the Northeast corner of Section 36 bears North 3, 15, East, 1359 ft., E. Decreed source of water: White River, F. Appropriation Date: #CA0380-4/10/1888, #CA1269-5/15/1950, G. Total Amount decreed to structure: Absolute-7 cfs, H. Decreed use: Irrigation, I. Amount of water that applicant intends to change: Absolute-1.35 cfs; Detailed Description of proposed change in a surface point of diversion: Applicant seeks to move their share of the Thomas Ditch (1.35cfs) from the present point of diversion to a new point of diversion on the applicant's property which abuts the White River. This diversion will irrigate only the applicant's property consisting of 40.54 acres. The ranch which the Thomas Ditch served has been split up into tracts of approximately 35 acres to 40 acres. Each of these tracts was awarded a share of the Thomas Ditch and the several owners will seek to change their own points of diversion in future change cases; Location of new surface point of diversion: UTM coordinates: Northing-4433896, Easting-746198, Zone 12, Street address-64280 & 64178 Hwy 64, Meeker, CO 81641, Palmer Subdivision, Lot 7, Block White River Rancho Estates, Source of UTM's: Handheld with accuracy of + or - Å 23 ft.; Land Owner: Applicants. Maps on file with court.
14CW3015 RIO BLANCO COUNTY. White River, Water Div. No. 6., Fort Daum, Ltd., Phillip J. Jones, Registered Agent, P.O. Box 338, Grand Junction, CO 81502, (970) 242-6262, pjon@wth-law.com, C/O Atty. Kirsten M. Kurath, Williams, Turner & Holmes, P.C., P.O. Box 338, Grand Junction, CO 81502, (970) 242-6262, kmkurath@wth-law.com, Application For Finding of Reasonable Diligence and to Make Conditional Water Rights Partially Absolute. Name of Structures: Gerald Daum Spring No. 2 and Gerald Daum Spring No. 3 (AuSprings, Åu). Orig. Decree: April 21, 1977, Case No. W-3158 (Gerald Daum Spring No. 2) and W-3159 (Gerald Daum Spring No. 3), Water Division No. 5, District Court. Subsequent Decrees: January 10, 2001, Case No. 99 CW 122, Water Division No. 5, District Court; May 29, 2008, Case No. 07CW07, Water Division No. 5, District Court. Source: The source of the water for Gerald Daum Spring No. 2 and Gerald Daum Spring No. 3 is from springs tributary to Smith Gulch, tributary to the South Fork of the White River, tributary to the White River. Appropriation Date: August 10, 1976. Location: Gerald Daum Spring No. 2 is located in the NE1/4SW1/4 of Sec. 21, T.1S., R.91W. of the 6th P.M. at a point whence the SE Corner of said Sec. 21 bears S. 65 deg. 04' E. 3435 feet. See Figure 1. Gerald Daum Spring No. 3 is located in the NE1/4SW1/4 of Sec. 21, T.1S., R.91W. of the 6th P.M. at a point whence the SE Corner of said Sec. 21 bears S. 66 deg. 29' E. 3449 feet. See Figure 1 of Application. Use: Gerald Daum Spring No. 2 and Gerald Daum Spring No. 3 were adjudicated for domestic, lawn and garden irrigation and livestock water purposes, limited to not more than 15 horses and 50 head of sheep or goats. Amount: 0.03342 c.f.s.; conditional, for each of Gerald Daum Spring No. 2 and Gerald Daum Spring No. 3. Claim to Make Absolute: Throughout this diligence period, Applicant has diverted and used water under the Springs from the end of May until approximately the end of the first week in November each year. During 2012, the combined flow rate of the two springs was measured at 1 to 2 g.p.m. During this same year, the water from the springs was used for livestock water for horses, for lawn irrigation and for drinking and washing purposes within the cabin. These diversions and uses occurred in priority as the Colorado Hydrobase Call Chronology shows no calls on the Smith Gulch, South Fork of the White River or the White River in 2012. Accordingly, the amount of water put to beneficial use under the Gerald Daum Spring No. 2 and Gerald Daum Spring No. 3 during this diligence period equals 2 g.p.m. and the Gerald Daum Spring No. 2 and Gerald Daum Spring No. 3 should each be made absolute for 1 g.p.m (0.00223 c.f.s.). Name and Address of Land Owners: Applicant. The Application contains a detailed outline of what has been done toward completion of the appropriation and application of water to beneficial use during this diligence period. (6 pages)
You are hereby notified that you will have until the last day of **JULY, 2014** to file with the Water Court a Verified Statement of Opposition, setting forth facts as to why a certain Application should not be granted or why it should be granted only in part or on certain conditions. A copy of such Statement of Opposition must be served on the Applicant or the Applicant's Attorney, with an affidavit or certificate of such service being filed with the Water Court, as prescribed by Rule 5, C.R.C.P. The filing fee for the Statement of Opposition is \$158.00, and should be sent to the Clerk of the Water Court, Division 6, P.O. Box 73117, Steamboat Springs, CO 80477.

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LEGAL NOTICES

UNION TELEPHONE CO, PRCH SVCS, \$1,242.92
US GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, WTR STDY, \$19,607.66
US POSTAL SERVICE, PRCH SVCS, \$968.00
VALLEY HARDWARE, SPLYS, \$694.26
VET CLINIC THE, PRCH SVCS, \$260.80
VOIANCE LANGUAGE SERVICE, PRCH SVCS, \$50.00
WATT'S RANCH MARKET, SPLYS, \$529.88
WEATHERFORD ELECTRIC, RPR/MTNC, \$65.69
WENDL'S, PRCH SVCS, \$168.48
WESTERN ENERGY ALLIANCE, PROF SVCS, \$5,000.00
WESTERN REGION COUNTY, SPLYS, \$100.00
WESTERN SLOPE INFO SYSTM, PRCH SVCS, \$1,574.61
WHITE RIVER DISTRIBUTION, PRCH SVCS, \$166.25
WHITE RIVER ELECTRIC, UTIL, \$5,294.94
WHITE RIVER MARKET, PRCH SVCS, \$249.38
WINKLER TIMOTHY W, PLAN COMM, \$150.00
ZONES, SPLYS, \$299.59
ZUFELT COLLEEN, PRCH SVCS, \$522.00
US DEPT. OF TREASURY, FED W/H, \$32,288.73
US DEPT. OF TREASURY, FICA W/H, \$50,836.38
CO DEPT REVENUE, STATE W/H, \$10,433.67
GREAT WEST, RETIREMENT, \$41,753.19
COUNTY HEALTH POOL, INSURANCE, \$103,998.38
FAMILY SUPPORT REGISTRY, WAGE ASGNMT, \$290.00
GENERAL FUND TOTAL, \$376,949.38

FUND: CAPITAL EXPENDITURES

VENDOR NAME, ACCOUNT NAME, AMOUNT
SILICON MECHANICS, INFO SVCS, \$25,517.00
TYLER TECH-DALLAS, INFO SVCS, \$16,667.64
CAPITAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL, \$42,184.64

FUND: ROAD & BRIDGE

VENDOR NAME, ACCOUNT NAME, AMOUNT
ALSCO, PRCH SVCS, \$69.72
AMERICAN PUBLIC WORKS, TRAIN & DEVL, \$292.00
ASPHALT SPECIALIST, CNTCT SVCS, \$48,000.00
CENTURYLINK, PRCH SVCS, \$105.47
COMPASSCOM, PRCH SVCS, \$3,000.00
CREDIT UNION OF CO, PRCH SVCS, \$155.02
GMCO CORP, DUST CNTRL, \$98,647.99
HARRIS ENTERPRISE, DATA SPRT, \$3,160.32
JSC, PRCH SVCS, \$800.00
MEEKER AUTO PARTS, SPLYS, \$186.60
MGM, MTRLS, \$393.23
NICHOLS STORE, PRCH SVCS, \$16.00
OFFICE DEPOT, SPLYS, \$354.02
PITNEY BOWES RESERVE, PRCH SVCS, \$52.73
PROFESSIONAL EMS ED, SPLYS, \$95.00
RANGELY TRUE VALUE, SPLYS, \$115.36
RESPOND FIRST AID SYSTEM, SPLYS, \$104.85
SAFETY & CONSTRUCTION, SPLYS, \$428.63
SAMUELSONS, SPLYS, \$151.36
SE GROUP, PRCH SVCS, \$1,600.00
UNITED COMPANIES, ASPHALT, \$23,971.20
WATT'S RANCH MARKET, SPLYS, \$104.00
WHITE RIVER DISTRIBUTION, SPLYS, \$56.25
WHITE RIVER ELECTRIC, UTIL, \$218.04
WHITE RIVER MARKET, SPLYS, \$31.56
SUNCOR ENERGY (USA), RD MTRL, \$648.00
US DEPT. OF TREASURY, FED W/H, \$14,413.17
US DEPT. OF TREASURY, FICA W/H, \$21,647.28
CO DEPT REVENUE, STATE W/H, \$4,901.00
GREAT WEST, RETIREMENT, \$17,084.44
COUNTY HEALTH POOL, INSURANCE,

\$43,110.59
ROAD & BRIDGE FUND TOTAL, \$283,913.83

FUND: PUBLIC HEALTH

VENDOR NAME, ACCOUNT NAME, AMOUNT
METRO PATH, VC-PRCH SVCS, \$36.00
DILLON MARY, MC-PRCH SVCS, \$288.21
BABY GOOROO, SPLYS, \$415.84
CO ASSN/LOCAL PUB HLTH, PRCH SVCS, \$120.00
CDW GOVERNMENT, SPLYS, \$44.39
CENTER DISEASE DETECTION, PRCH SVCS, \$45.00
CREDIT UNION OF CO, PRCH SVCS, \$391.11
GLOBALSTAR USA, PRCH SVCS, \$56.20
METRO PATH, PRCH SVCS, \$54.00
MOUNTAIN RADIOLOGY, PRCH SVCS, \$239.00
PIONEERS MEDICAL CENTER, PRCH SVCS, \$560.00
PITNEY BOWES RESERVE, PRCH SVCS, \$0.96
R & S NORTHEAST LLC, SPLYS, \$23.95
RANGELY FAMILY MEDICINE, PRCH SVCS, \$205.00
TOTAL ACCESS GROUP, SPLYS, \$231.00
WHITE RIVER DISTRIBUTION, PRCH SVCS, \$29.25
ZUFELT COLLEEN, PRCH SVCS, \$11,830.02
US DEPT. OF TREASURY, FED W/H, \$1,186.79
US DEPT. OF TREASURY, FICA W/H, \$2,799.10
CO DEPT REVENUE, STATE W/H, \$422.69
GREAT WEST, RETIREMENT, \$2,245.66
COUNTY HEALTH POOL, INSURANCE, \$2,397.25
PUBLIC HEALTH FUND TOTAL, \$23,549.42

FUND: DEPT OF HUMAN SERVICES

VENDOR NAME, ACCOUNT NAME, AMOUNT
US DEPT. OF TREASURY, FED W/H, \$4,545.92
US DEPT. OF TREASURY, FICA W/H, \$6,813.97
CO DEPT REVENUE, STATE W/H, \$1,538.06
GREAT WEST, RETIREMENT, \$5,007.82
COUNTY HEALTH POOL, INSURANCE, \$16,171.90
DHS ACCOUNTS PAYABLE TOTAL, \$5,108.25
DEPT OF HUMAN SERVICES FUND TOTAL, \$39,185.92

FUND: CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT

VENDOR NAME, ACCOUNT NAME, AMOUNT
GDA, MA APRON, \$6,171.00
GDA, MA RNWY CNSTRCT, \$14,995.25
GREAT OUTDOORS CONSULT, OHV TRAIL, \$12,684.45
JSC, 4H BLDG, \$900.00
ROOD & ASSOCIATES, RA ENTLMNT, \$2,500.00
SCHMUESER GORDON MEYER, 4H BLDG, \$110.00
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND TOTAL, \$37,360.70

FUND: USE TAX

VENDOR NAME, ACCOUNT NAME, AMOUNT
BLACK CAROL, PRCH SVCS, \$17.30

**HELP WANTED:
GENERAL**

who has an understanding of the intellectual, social, and emotional needs of the elementary student; who is enthusiastic and wants to join a staff committed to "Seeking Excellence in All We Do".
Qualifications: Strong team work, good judgment, good communication skills.
Positive and caring relationship with students, parents and staff. Demonstrate subject matter competency by: Earning an Associate's (or higher) degree; or Completing at least two years (48 hours) of study at an institution of higher education; OR Passing a formal state or local assessment measuring one's knowledge of and ability to assist classroom teachers in reading, writing and mathematics.
Contact: Jessica Browning - Human Resource Director
Meeker School District Re-1
Administration Office
P.O. Box 1089
555 Garfield Street
Meeker, Colorado 81641
Telephone: 970-878-9040
FAX: 970-878-3682
Timeline: Review of applications will begin immediately and close when the position is filled.
The Meeker Re-1 School District is an Equal Opportunity Employer

**HELP WANTED:
GENERAL**

9-12
Full time Spanish with a 2nd endorsement area preferred.
Date Available: Position begins with the 2014-2015 school year
Description: Meeker School District has an approximate enrollment of 710 students in grades PreK through Twelve. The High School has 194 students; Middle School 150 students (6-8); and Elementary (PreK-5) 370 students. The District desires an individual with skill and expertise in the teaching of Spanish at Levels I, II, and Advanced. (Spanish is preferred, but another foreign language could be considered.)
We are seeking an educator who has strong organizational skills; who has an understanding of the intellectual, social and emotional needs of students; strong ability in pedagogy; and is able to build an understanding of the Spanish and Latin American cultures, as well being highly qualified to teach in another endorsement/subject area. The District is seeking an enthusiastic individual who wants to join a staff committed to "Seeking Excellence in All We Do".
Contact: Jessica Browning - Human Resources Director
Meeker School District Re-1 Administration Office
P.O. Box 1089
Meeker, Colorado 81641
Phone: 970-878-9040
FAX: 970-878-3682
e-mail: Admin@meeker.k12.co.us
Timeline: Review of applications will begin immediately and close when the position is filled.
Applicants must have Colorado licensure, or it must be able to obtain Colorado Department of Education License.
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**Vacancy Notice
April 2, 2014
District: Meeker School District Re-1
Meeker, Colorado 81641**

Position: School Health Nurse - Part-Time Position
Date Available: Position begins with the 2014-2015 School Year
School Health Nurse
Qualifications: Bachelors of Science in Nursing, and possess a valid Colorado Registered Nurse License; or, Bachelors Degree, current National Certification in school nursing, and three years of experience in school nursing.
Responsibilities: Possess supervisory skills in communication, consultation, training, and monitoring; serve as health consultant and resource person in health education; assist in maintenance of school health policy and procedures. This is a flexible part-time position consisting of approximately 304 hours per year. Keep student health records current. Conduct school health services, including physical examinations, immunizations, and test for hearing, vision, dental and scoliosis. Responsible for selection and referral of students in need of medical and dental care.
Contact: Jessica Browning - Human Resources Director
Meeker School District Re-1 Administration Office
555 Garfield Street
P.O. Box 1089
Meeker, CO 81641
Telephone: (970) 878-9040
Fax: (970) 878-3682
E-mail: admin@meeker.k12.co.us
Website: www.meeker.k12.co.us
Timeline: Review of applications will begin immediately and will close when the position is filled.
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**HELP WANTED:
GENERAL**

Middle School Coaching Vacancy
The Meeker Re-1 School District is seeking a qualified applicant to serve as Assistant Football Coach at Barone Middle School for the 2014/2015 season. Interested applicants should submit a letter of interest and a completed coaching application to the Meeker School District office.
Meeker School District Re-1
P.O. Box 1089
Meeker, Colorado 81641
Telephone: 970-878-9040
Fax: 970-878-3682
e-mail: admin@meeker.k12.co.us
Website: www.meeker.k12.co.us
Applications can be picked up at the District Office located at 555 Garfield Street or on our web site at www.meeker.k12.co.us
Timeline: Review of applications will begin immediately and continue until position is filled.
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Coaching Vacancy

The Meeker Re-1 School District is seeking qualified applicants to serve as the Head Volleyball coach at Meeker High School for the 2014/2015 season. Interested applicants should submit a letter of interest and a completed coaching application to the Meeker School District office. Review of applications will begin immediately and continue until the position is filled. Applications can be picked up at the District Office located at 555 Garfield Street. The Meeker Re-1 School District is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

**HELP WANTED:
GENERAL**

THE RIO Blanco Herald Times is looking for a part-time freelance reporter with newspaper experience to cover Rangely's school board and town board meetings as well as occasional county commissioners' meetings. If interested, call Editor-Sean McMahon at 878-4017 or 675-5033, or contact him at sean@theherald-times.com

**MOTORCADE:
MISCELLANEOUS**

TRAILERS, HITCHES, flatbeds, toolboxes, trailer service and truck accessories. We are a "one stop shop" truck and trailer outfitter. B&W gooseneck hitches \$597 installed. Pine Country Trailer Sales, Grand Junction. 1-800-287-6532.

HOMES: MEEKER

FSBO 2700 sf, 4+bedrooms, 2 bath, newer kitchen w/ granite. Lots of storage & RV parking. Price reduction \$197,000 to 185,000. Call 878-4207 or 970-629-0795.

FSBO: 1407 Silver Sage Road. Energy efficient 4 BDR/3BA custom home with outstanding views. Attention to detail with hardwood and tile flooring throughout, granite countertops, hickory and alder cabinets, large kitchen, radiant in-floor heat, in and out fireplace. Fully landscaped with sprinkler system. \$380,000 approximately \$90.00/sqft. Call to see 878-5370.

HOMES: MEEKER

1959 RANCH 3BR/2BA, 2 lots 9750 sq feet. Very private, located on deadend between 7th & 8th St. Master BR & BA, fully finished basement, wood floors, fireplace, 1 car garage, lots of off street parking. Apple trees, covered garden, fully fenced yard, small barn, 2 sheds. \$216,000 FSBO. 757 Cleveland St. 878-3758

1350 SAGE Ridge Road 4BDR 3BA home on double lot in Sage Hills. Large deck with beautiful, unobstructed views. Many extras. \$240,000. Call for appointment to view. (970)878-3228.

HOMES: RANGELY

FOR SALE BY OWNER- \$228,900, 1450 La Mesa Circle 1700+ Sqft. 3BDR/2BA + extra living room. Tall ceilings, hardwood & tile flooring + custom counters. 2 car garage w/ built-in work bench. Extra fenced side yard fits RV & boat. Underground sprinkler and mature trees. 970-629-3417

HOUSE FOR sale by owner. 4BDR/2BA, new SS kitchen, appliances included. 210 W Bell St., Rangely, 970-675-5307

LAND/LOTS

FSBO HORSE property, 22 acres, new 5 wire barless fence, 200 amp service, cistern, heated utility bldg, horse barn, corrals, shed, RV service, house ready. \$89,500. Possible lease purchase. 4751 County Road 7. (580) 571-5967

**VACANCY NOTICE
May 1, 2014**

Position: Family and Consumer Sciences Teacher (Career Tech Education- CTE) Meeker High School
District: Meeker School District Re-1
Meeker, Colorado 81641

Date Available: Position begins with the 2014-2015 school year
Description: Meeker School District has an approximate enrollment of 710 students in grades PreK through Twelve. The High School has 194 students (9-12); Middle School 150 students (6-8); and Elementary (PreK-5) 370 students. The District desires a person with an interdisciplinary teaching background, and strong family and consumer experience. Experience working with youth groups is preferred. The assignment includes: Life Management, Teen Challenges and Choices, Relationships/Adolescent and Child Development, Creative Cookery and Contemporary Clothing. The teacher will sponsor the FCCLA Chapter.
We are seeking an educator who has strong organization skills; who has an understanding of the intellectual, social, and emotional needs of the high school student; who is an enthusiastic person who wants to join a staff committed to "Seeking Excellence in All We Do".
Contact: Jessica Browning
Meeker School District Re-1
Administration Office P.O. Box 1089 Meeker, Colorado 81641
Phone: 970-878-9040
FAX: 970-878-3682
E-mail: admin@meeker.k12.co.us
Website: www.meeker.k12.co.us
Timeline: Review of applications will begin immediately and close when the position is filled. Applicants must have Colorado licensure with a Vocational endorsement, or must be able to obtain Colorado Department of Education License.
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**VACANCY NOTICE
June 3, 2014**

**Position: Head Secretary
Meeker High School**

This is a ten-month position with benefits
Job Description: The head secretary shall serve as the office manager, accountant, and secretary to the building principal. The position requires strong interpersonal skills and the ability to communicate professionally with students, parents, staff and community members. In addition, she/he will serve as liaison to communicate between the business manager and the High School Principal for timely submission of all bills, records, and reports which the financial secretary must collect and process, and/or submit to a governmental authority. The District is seeking an enthusiastic individual who wants to join a staff committed to "Seeking Excellence in All We Do".
Qualifications - Successful candidates must have: previous experience in related area ability to maintain good relations with staff, students, parents, and the Community ability to maintain and protect confidentiality a good work ethic including dependability, honesty, and initiative ability to interact and communicate effectively with others flexibility and multi-tasking skills - able to prioritize work load effectively and efficiently. Ability to maintain accurate student and accounting records, computer knowledge - word processing, spreadsheets, and data entry. Strong clerical and accounting skills/experience. Ability to take direction and work effectively as a team member.
Applicants will be required to take a skills test. The successful applicant will be fingerprinted and undergo a background check.
Review of applications will begin immediately and continue until position is filled. Vacancy notices are posted on the district website at www.meeker.k12.co.us. Please submit application/resume/references to:
Applications: Jessica Browning-Human Resources Director
Meeker Re-1 School District
School Administration Office

Rio Blanco County Commissioners are seeking applicants for the Rangely Library District Board and the Historic Preservation Board (Rangely area) If you are interested in serving on one of these boards please send a letter of interest to: Board of County Commissioners, Box 1, Meeker, CO or e-mail tanderson@co.rio-blanco.co.us no later than July 31 2014. Please include your mailing address and e-mail address.
Publish dates: June 19 & 26; July 10 & 24

**Transportation Maintenance Worker I -
Paint Crew/Maintenance
Colorado Department of Transportation
Rio Blanco, CO**

This position works from May through October installing, maintaining and removing pavement markings and signage along the State highway system. From November through April, performs snow removal, road surface maintenance.
Salary: \$2808 base pay + a \$421 pay differential totaling \$3229 per month.
Must have a Colorado Commercial Driver's License (CDL) Type A or B with no restrictions on air brakes. See additional requirements and apply at: www.colorado.gov/dhr/jobs
Deadline: 6/30/14 11:59 p.m.
EOE

ENERGETIC PEOPLE needed for the front of the house at **Ma Famiglia Restaurant**. Full-time and part-time positions available. Positions available immediately for qualified applicants. Pick up an application at 410 Market St., Meeker.

**PIONEERS
MEDICAL CENTER,**

a community oriented medical center with high patient standards, is hiring for the following positions:
PRN:
■ Certified Nursing Assistant - Wing
■ Patient Care Tech ■ RN - Acute/E.D.
■ RN - Walbridge Wing ■ LPN - Walbridge Wing
■ Transportation Driver
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- 566 Rimrock Drive - 4 bdrms, 3 baths, 5 acres, irrigation water, great views.... \$250,000
- Back on the Market with new price! \$250,000
- 1394 Ridge Rd - Cute ranch style home on corner lot, 3 bdrms, 2 baths, garage, shed \$249,500
- 1343 Sage Ridge Rd - Cute 3 bdrm, 2 ba home, full basement, lots of potential \$219,000
- 880 Cleveland Street, Large home on corner lot, 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 car garage, all new windows and exterior doors, new exterior paint, and more. Home is listed at \$195,000
- Purchase the home and adjoining 7500 SF lot for \$215,000
- 1027 Jill Drive - Ranch style home, open floor plan, new landscaping, Move In Ready \$193,900
- NEW LISTING: 165 Water Street, 1 1/2 story home with 3+ bedrooms, 2 baths, lots of upgrades, 2 car garage. Close to BLM/Forest Service Building \$157,500
- 242 Park Ave - older home, large garage/shop, oversized lot SALE PENDING \$145,000
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- 1376 Juniper Rd. Total remodel, beautiful kitchen, master bedroom has huge walk-in closet. Fresh paint and new flooring on main level. Total of 2,460 sq. ft. and 3-car-garage! Priced to move \$264,000
- NEW LISTING! 1886 RB County Rd. 8 - New windows throughout, 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 Bath Home, 6.8 acres with 2,000 feet White River frontage, large deck and spectacular views! \$368,000
- 824 2nd Street, 3 BR, 1 & 3/4 bath home, with partially unfinished basement. 15,000 SF lot, mature trees, detached storage. Priced to move \$151,000.
- 980 9th Street. Top of 9th Street. 3 bed, 2 1/2 bathroom home. With lg. laundry/hobby room, upgraded kitchen, 2 car garage, lots of storage and great views! Priced to sell. \$177,000.

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RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY
1452 Mountain View Rd. - Beautiful custom built 4BD/3BA home in Sage Hills looking out over the White River Valley. \$370,000 Under Contract
NEW 1455 Mountain View Road - Carefully tucked amongst native landscape, this wonderful 3BD, 2BA log home is private, yet right in town! \$360,000
NEW 116 N. GRAND AVENUE - RANGELY if you have been thinking about a home with a metal shop, well, here it is! 3BD, 2BA single level home with a 10,212 Sq.Ft. corner lot. \$210,000
855 9th St. - Wonderful view over town from this 5BD, 2BA home. New roof, siding, windows and flooring. \$200,000
1045 Lance Cr. - SHOP SPACE GALORE! Well kept, 5BD, 2BA home with large rooms, smart floor plan and amazing shop. \$198,500
973 Main St. - Inviting 2BD, 1.75BA home with expansive outdoors. The mature trees, manicured yard, garden, deck and cottage create a peaceful haven right in the middle of town! COME RELAX ON THE DECK! \$185,000
165 Main Street - Wonderfully remodeled 3BD/1BA two story home, fenced yard, garage and more! Come see! \$179,000
769.5 Pine St. - Hidden gem in town - 3BD, 2BA remodeled home with stainless steel appliances, hardwood floors, fenced yard and a covered porch! \$165,000 Price Cut!
780 11th St. - Tastefully remodeled 3BD, 2BA bi-level home with a fantastic fenced yard. REDUCED to \$167,900
1170 Cleveland St. - A comfortable 3BD, 2BA home with full basement, mature trees and great outdoor space. \$149,900
1007 Wall St. - Remodeled 3BD, 2BA with a nice deck, leading to an expansive fenced yard. COME SEE! \$145,000
NEW 767 12th Street - Completely remodeled townhouse includes 2 bedrooms, 2 baths. "Like New", \$65,000

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NEW 1648 RBC RD. 32, MEEKER, CO - 160 acre ranch with beautiful hay meadows, irrigation water, farm house, metal shop, old style barn - great location. \$1,065,000
4637 RBC Rd. 8 - Exquisitely remodeled 4BD, 2BA farmhouse sitting on 77 acres. Fenced meadows, irrigation rights, shop space and strong domestic well. \$599,000
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182 Main St. - Commercial lot behind Family Dollar store. Busy location, cleared, ready to build! \$65,000

RURAL RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES
439 Agency Dr. - Perfectly manicured log home with 4BD, 3BA, high end appliances and finishes. New horse barn, mature landscaping and tremendous views. MOVE IN READY! \$525,000
1751 Brighthouse Ln. - Located 20 minutes west of Highway 64, this 39 acre property has income producing hay ground, river frontage and a new 5000+ SQFT metal shop. Electric, cistern and septic already installed. \$369,000
NEW 1161 RBC RD 8 - This 3BD remodeled home sets across from the White River, includes 5 acres with trees. Large deck & great location, just a few minutes from town. \$349,000
NEW 320 Bugle Dr. CONSIDERING THE COUNTRY? 99 acres with comfortable home and outbuildings, tucked away in a private location with great views and good pastures. \$230,000
281 RBC Rd. 57 - Marvelous 3BD, 2BA log home on 1.4 acres, located 10 miles up the Flat Tops Scenic Byway. Right from this home, you can jump on your ATV and enjoy the vast public land! \$287,500
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2638 RBC Rd. 6 - Unobstructed views await you at this 38.2 acre property only 10 minutes from Meeker. The home boasts two living spaces, 4BD, 3BA, detached shop, water well, irrigation rights and improved grasses. \$275,000
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- 891 3rd St.-3BR, 2 BA one level home, garage, fenced yard, sprinkler system, move in ready! \$169,000
- 112 Main St.-3 BR, 2 BA historic home with a 426 sq. ft. cottage. Updated, large corner lot. \$219,000
- 879 7th St.- Log home on 4 lots in town. 4 BR, 3 BA, views, huge garage, deck. \$425,000
- 1393 Ridge Rd.-5 BR, 3 BA home, fenced yard, attached garage, hot tub, great views! \$224,000 REDUCED
- 1425 Mountain View Rd.-4 BR, 3 BA home on a private lot with amazing views. Well maintained. \$189,900
- 146 Garfield- Unique commercial property or ? Loading dock, workshop, small apartment, storage. \$100,000
- 560 5th St- Great Rental Property- Lg family home or can be a 2, 3, or 4 plex, big shop. \$175,000. Sale Pending
- 1369 Juniper Rd.- Beautiful home on 3 large lots, total 3/4 acre. 3 BR, 2 1/2 BA, attached garage, landscaped w/ sprinkler system, covered patio, trees. \$250,000. Reduced!
- 830 Water St.-3 BR, 2BA one level home, fenced corner lot. Garage. Move in ready. \$159,000 REDUCED
- 585 Cleveland St.- 3BR 3BA home like no other in the heart of Meeker, attention to detail in every area! Private fenced back yard, shop, big carport, trees. SCHEDULE A SHOWING. \$469,000.
- 970 9th St.- 4 BR 3 1/2BA two story log home, large lot, carport. \$169,000 REDUCED!
- 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. \$129,000. REDUCED!
- 910 Water St, Space 6- Very nice 3 BR, 2 BA, double-wide trailer. \$59,000 SOLD!
- 825 2nd St.- 4 BR, 2 BA home, fenced yard, 3 car garage & heated shop. \$235,000 SOLD!
- 830 Main St- 1 lot near downtown Meeker with a 2 BR, 2 BA home, 2 car garage. \$95,000 SOLD
- 917 4th St.- Beautiful 5 BR, 3 BA home on 2 quiet, private lots. Basement, garage. \$240,000 SOLD

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- NEW 2610 CR 33- 3Acres 7 mi W of town. 4 BR, 3 BA home, full basement, shed, pasture, views. \$250,000.
- NEW 12916 CR 8- Amazing one of a kind home on 35 acres. Vacation home or year around living, park like setting, million \$ views, located along the Flat Tops Scenic Byway. Must see! \$390,000
- NEW 3315 CR 8- 42 Acres, 3 mi east of Meeker. Beautiful log home 3 BR, 2 BA, walk-out basement. \$450,000
- NEW 1337 Meath Dr.- 35 Acres, 9 miles east with a nice 3 BR, 2 BA home, pastures, views. Reduced \$230,000
- 1190 CR 63 - 376 Acre Hunting & Grazing Property-12 mi. E. of Meeker, 3 BR, 2 BA home, borders Oak Ridge state hunting land. Cattle grazing land. Creeks, ponds. \$1,100,000.
- 13245 CR 8- 5 acres 14 miles up-river, well, trees, nice 3 BR, 2 BA home, decks, garage, shop. \$360,000
- River Property- CR 12- 5+ acres 28 miles up river, with 2 BR, 1 BA cabin, good well, fish pond. \$295,000
- 2000 County Rd. 119 Forest Service cabin on Ute Creek, 1BR, 1BA, Beautiful setting! \$65,000 REDUCED
- 710 Shaman Tr.- 3+ BR, 4BA, Custom built 4,534 sq ft home on 5 acres, great views, garage. \$448,000
- 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. SOLD!
- 24530 County Rd. 8- A-frame cabin on small acreage, up-river, vacation home, views! \$169,000 SOLD!
- 20285 CR 8-3 BR, 2-1/2 BA home with river views. 1.74 private acres, shop. \$239,000 SOLD

BUSINESS & INVESTMENT ...

- 145 Garfield- commercial building w/ apartment, loading dock, over 3,000 sq. ft. \$100,000
- 109 Market St.- 3+ lots on the corner of 1st & Market. Great location next to Family Dollar Store \$299,000
- Rio Blanco Store- Great potential, 3/4 acre on Hwy 13, 3,000 sq ft store, cafe, living quarters. Reduced \$130,000.
- 304 4th St. Commercial building on corner lot downtown, great office space, 4,437 sq. ft. \$220,000

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- County Rd. 8- 8 mile marker 29 1/2, amazing 29 acre parcel, building site, water rights & more, borders BLM & National Forest \$349,000
- 880 Shaman Trail- 5.5 acre lot just east of Meeker, Ute Terrace Sub., town water. \$80,000 Sale Pending!
- 359 Love Lane- 5 acres, Cross 1 Estates, Lot 13, great horse property, well. \$100,000
- River Property- 19.6 Acres, 12 miles west. Irrigated hay, good home sites, river. \$150,000.
- 20 Acres, Strawberry Creek Minor Subdivision, Lot 3, \$63,000
- Little Beaver Estates- Lot 4, 35 acres, fenced, good pond, loading shed, great home site. Reduced to \$75,000
- Little Beaver Estates- Lot 5, 35 acres, good pond, pasture. Partially fenced. \$63,000.
- Little Beaver Estates- 35 acre lot bordering DOW hunting land. Lot 11- \$95,000.
- Little Beaver Estates 35 acre lot bordering Division of Wildlife public land. Lot 14. Reduced to \$93,000
- NEW Little Beaver Estates Lot 13- 35 acre lot bordering Division of Wildlife public land. \$92,000.
- 879 Pine St.- 11,250 Sq. ft. lot, great neighborhood, nice building site. \$28,000
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601 E. Rangely Well maintained 3BD/ 2 Bath, Fenced Yard, Built in 1979, 1252 Sq. Ft. \$140,000
217 S. White Nice 4 Bd/ 1.5 Bath oversized garage, large lot \$145,000
304 S. Birch Very Nice 4+ BR/ 2 Bath, Garage, Deck, Close to School 1748 Sq. Ft. \$158,000
1101 Tanglewood Ln. Well kept 3Bd/2 Bath Built in 1982 1,512 sq ft \$167,900
208 Hillcrest Cir Spectacular views 3Bd/1.75 Bath w/sauna Built in 1983 1,960 sq ft \$185,000
226 S. Grand New 3bd/ 2bath, Garage, 1296 Sq. Ft. 11,000 Sq. Ft. lot Built in 2013 \$187,000
1234 Solar Cr. Great 3 Bd/2 Bath, 2-Car Gar. In La Mesa Built in 2007, 1533 Sq. Ft. \$189,000
236 Ridge Spacious 3 Bd/ 2.5 Bath, 2 Decks, Privacy Fence, Built in 1983 \$209,900
216 Hillcrest Fabulous 5 Bd/4 Bath house, 3 car garage, 4200 Sq. ft. \$350,000

COMMERCIAL
111 Foothill Dr. 6 plex Great Investment Property \$350,000
313 W. Main St. 1,920 sq. ft. Commercial Building with great energy updates! \$129,900

DINOSAUR
100 Dakota 3 Bd/ 2 Bath Two story home w/great finishes in town \$159,000

LOTS/LAND
3 lots in Ridgeview Sub. Various Prices
Skull Creek Estates Approx 5 1/2 acres \$200,000
2 Fantastic Lots La Mesa Sub \$500,000 each
Building lot in Chase Subdivision \$9,000
HWY 64/River Rd Exceptional Hwy frontage & Development potential, 18.97 acres \$289,000/ 3.47 acres \$261,000

2842 Shale Dr. Lot size 2,479 acres \$38,000
Redwood Estates Approx 1/2 acre building lot \$28,000
Mesa Dr. 2 lots each 5,000 sq ft \$29,000 total
College View 10 lots, +/- 4 acres near CNCC \$150,000

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