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## Range Call section inside ...

There is a wide variety of events planned in Meeker for the annual Range Call Celebration, which coincides with the Fourth of July weekend each year. Three-on-three basketball, running and walking races, vendors, a bank robbery re-enactment, reliving the Meeker Massacre, food, kids' games, several concerts, the chance to shoot real guns and a variety of other activities are in store. See the special section inside.



# Two new county commissioners coming in January

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**RBC I** Two new county commissioners will take their seats in Rio Blanco County in January as the Republican primary election Tuesday ended up with former Rio Blanco County Sheriff Si Woodruff soundly defeating incumbent Jeff Eskelson and Rangely businessman Jeff Rector squeaking by incumbent Jon Hill by 17 votes.

Final ballots counts were released at 10:58 p.m. with 1,605 voters having cast ballots and with more than 200 of those coming

into the County Clerk & Recorder's Office on Tuesday. The votes will become official at the canvass on July 11 and the new commissioners will be seated in January.

In District 2, which is mostly Meeker, Woodruff garnered 915 votes for the office while Eskelson pulled 546 for a 62.63 percent to 37.37 percent edge.

In District 3, predominantly Rangely, Rector drew 721 votes while Hill pulled 704 votes for a 50.60 percent to 49.40 percent edge.

County Clerk Boots Campbell said the Rector-Hill results were not close enough to

trigger an automatic recount.

"I want to thank those who voted for me and even those who didn't," Woodruff said. "We're all in this together and we are a team working for the betterment of the entire county. I can further say that I have nothing negative to say about Jeff Eskelson; he was always a professional opponent."

"There are many challenges ahead, and it will be a challenge to learn all I need to learn, but I am anxious to get my feet wet and start learning those things," he said. "I may live in Meeker, but I understand that I represent all of Rio Blanco County and that all county res-

idents should feel free to contact me about their concerns."

County Republicans followed the state lead by favoring Darryl Glenn for the GOP nod to take on Democratic incumbent Michael Bennet in the November vote for U.S. Senate. Glenn defeated No. 2 Jack Graham by 13 percent statewide, and he took 355 votes in Rio Blanco County to 315 votes for Graham for a 24 percent to 21 percent lead.

The Democrats also had an election that concluded Tuesday but none of those races were contested.

Other contested Republican races in the county and state included: incumbent State Rep. Scott Tipton winning statewide and defeating Alex Beinstein in the county by a 956-214 margin; and Joyce Rankin winning statewide and defeating Anita M. Stapleton in the county by a 550-376 margin to run for the seat on the State Board of Education from Congressional District 3.

As of press time on Wednesday the *Herald Times* was not been able to speak with Jeff Rector. We will follow up with this story next week.

## Three days of Rangely fun during Fourth

By JENNIFER HILL  
Special to the Herald Times

**RANGELY I** The Western Rio Blanco Metropolitan Recreation and Park District knows how to throw a party, and this year's Fourth of July Celebration will be no exception. With a weekend packed full of fun, everyone is sure to find something to help them enjoy Independence Day.

The weekend activities kick off on Friday with a round of Night Golf at the Cedar Ridges Golf Course. Always a popular event, the slots for golfers are currently filled. However, the Rec District encourages people to come out and cheer on the golfers while enjoying the evening.

The bulk of the events occur on Saturday, beginning with the fourth annual New Eden Color 5K Run. The popular event raises funds for the Rangely New Eden Pregnancy Center, which provides counseling to expectant mothers and supplies for moms struggling to make ends meet.

Registration opens at 8 a.m. and the race starts at 8:30. The cost of \$20 per person or \$60 for a family covers a T-shirt that is sure to be full of color after runners get doused in colored powder at various points of the race.

Shortly after the race, locals can expect the smells of slow cooking ribs coming from Elks Park as Rib Cook Off contestants begin cooking at 10 a.m. Judging of the ribs will occur at 5 p.m. There is still room for more entries, and interested chefs should contact the Rec District.

A favorite of the kids, the Inflatables, will be set up in Elks Park

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## Spring Cave work done to protect bats, raise awareness; visits urged

Special to the Herald Times

**RBC I** As part of the South Fork Area Improvement Project, the White River National Forest will be revamping the South Fork Campground's parking area, constructing a trail and removing graffiti in Spring Cave. The work will be accomplished with the assistance of a Colorado Correctional Industries crew and mitigation funding from the closure of the abandoned Butterfly/Burrell uranium mine.

The crew will also be installing a bat gate at the Spring Cave entrance in late June and early July.

The gate will facilitate compliance with the 2013 seasonal closure that was implemented to prevent disturbance of swarming and hibernating bats and to lessen the likelihood of human transmission of White Nose Syndrome, a fungal disease that is killing bat colonies in the east and in Washington State.

The gate will permit human access to the cave from April 16 through Aug. 14, and then be closed Aug. 15 to April 15 when the existing closure order is in effect. Bats and other cave dwelling animals will still be able to pass through the gate when it is closed.

While the bat gate will help with seasonal compliance, Forest Service wildlife biologist Natasha Goedert hopes education will reduce the vandalism, graffiti and litter that have been noticeably more pronounced in recent years. She also hopes that education will



USFS PHOTO

**Stephanie Bouchey is one of two summer interns at Spring Cave in eastern Rio Blanco County until mid-August. The interns, from the Geological Society of America, are providing education and outreach to cave visitors, explaining why a bat gate is being installed at the cave and ensuring that visitors are not bringing in clothing and gear from areas known to be infected with White Nose Syndrome, taking a deadly toll on bats in the United States and Canada.**

help prevent the spread of White Nose Syndrome.

"During the 2016 field season, there will be two interns from the Geological Society of America frequenting Spring Cave to provide education and outreach to cave visitors," Goedert said. "They will explain why the gate is being installed and ensure that visitors are not bringing in clothing and gear from areas known to be infected

with White Nose Syndrome.

"They'll also provide decontamination materials and instructions and assist visitors with the registration process," she said.

The GeoCorps interns, Stephanie Bouchey and Olivia Patick, will be available to lead informal tours of the cave through the middle of August.

Spring Cave is a nationally rec-

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## Range Call brings four days of fun events to Meeker

By SEAN McMAHON  
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**MEEKER I** For 131 years, the Fourth of July has been a big deal in Meeker and Rio Blanco County. This year is no exception as the 131st annual Meeker Range Call gets underway on Friday and continues with all kinds of activities—inside and out—through the culmination with fireworks at dusk on Monday, the Fourth.

Activities this year begin at dusk on Friday with the highly acclaimed Meeker Massacre Pageant at the Rio Blanco County Fairgrounds. This event is a well-produced recreation of events that led up to the Meeker Massacre involving the Ute Indians as the West was finally becoming settled.

The presentation is put on annually by local volunteers that can run as high as 100 persons and is well produced and staged for the audience to get a clear view of the happenings that left an indelible mark on this part of the country.

Activities resume early on Saturday and continue all day until a series of two concerts and a barn dance end the day's fun.

Starting at 9 a.m. is the Co-ed Softball Open Invitational Tournament at the Paintbrush Park ballfields.

At 10 a.m. is a concert at the downtown plaza, located at Fifth and Main streets. There will be vendors,

a zipline and kids' activities.

Also at 10 a.m. and running to 5 p.m. is the Plein Air Art Auction and display of works created in the past two weeks by artists from all over Colorado and nearby states. The event is at the Meeker Public Library.

At 1 p.m. is fun for the entire family. The downtown plaza is the venue for the annual "Meeker's Got Talent" show and a hypnotist show.

At 3 p.m., the action moves to the Rio Blanco County Fairgrounds.

The old West will come alive at 3 p.m. with the Colorado Professional Rodeo Association-sanctioned rodeo, meeting the expectations of any seasoned rodeo fan.

At 5 p.m. the gates open for the concerts, starting with Ned LeDoux and followed by Blackhawk. LeDoux, the son of the late country western star Chris LeDoux, is expected to start playing at 7 p.m. with Blackhawk taking over the stage at 8:30 p.m. These concerts will take place on the lawn outside the 4-H building, and fans are asked to bring lawn chairs and blankets to make the viewing more enjoyable.

After Blackhawk finishes its concert, Lever Action will be the headline band for the barn dance, which will be held at the indoor arena at the fairgrounds, running until roughly midnight.

Sunday's events are a little more

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# Local woman testifies before U.S. House on wild horse, burro problem

Special to the Herald Times

**RBC I** The National Association of Conservation Districts made the voice of conservation heard at a U.S. House subcommittee hearing June 22 on the issue of wild horse and burro overpopulation on Bureau of Land Management (BLM) lands.

Callie Hendrickson, executive director for the White River and Douglas Creek Conservation Districts in Rio Blanco County, told the House Natural Resources Subcommittee on Federal Lands that excess wild horses and burros have caused considerable ecosys-

tem degradation on the Western range, shrinking available acreage for livestock grazing, complicating native wildlife management and costing the taxpayers a small fortune.

"The BLM is responsible for the management and protection of public lands," Hendrickson said in her opening statement. "We appreciate BLM's verbal commitment to manage healthy horses on healthy range, but there's a lot of talk with little action that moves us in that direction."

According to the latest numbers from the agency, there are more than 67,000 wild horses and burros

living on BLM land across 10 states today, when by law—the Wild Free-Roaming Horses and Burros Act of 1971—there should be fewer than half of that number.

These feral and non-native horses are suffering because they don't have any natural predators to cull their herds or enough food or water to keep them healthy at their present numbers.

The government has even had to conduct emergency gathers to save horses from dying of dehydration and starvation in the West, Hendrickson testified.

Every year, BLM gathers around 3,500 wild horses and hous-

es them in paddocks on the range—feeding them hay, providing them water and charging up an annual bill in excess of \$50 million.

Right now, some 50,000 wild horses are housed in these pens because only a fraction are adopted out (2,631 in 2015) or sold (267 in 2015) to buyers that agree to not sell the animals for slaughter each year, she said.

"Excess horses are devastating the Western rangelands in many locations," said Hendrickson, who served a three-year term on the BLM's wild horse and burro advisory board from 2012 to 2014. "Fertility control is a part of the

solution, but it will do nothing to keep the land from (degrading) without first removing the excess horses."

Hendrickson recommended that the House panel provide BLM with direction and additional tools to remove 40,000 excess wild horses and burros from the range.

"From the conservation district side of the world, we have looked at every alternative," she testified. "In order to remove the number of horses that need to be removed off the range, we need to be able to sell horses with unrestricted sale."

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**CALLIE HENDRICKSON Testifies before Congress**

## WEATHER



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■ **Science Friday with Doc Bob.** Fridays from 10-11 a.m. at the Meeker Public Library.

■ **Quilting Group.** Tuesdays from 6-9 p.m. at the Parker Mall. Bring your sewing machine and project.

■ **Flag Football Open Gym** Saturdays at 10 a.m. at the 6th Street Field, weather permitting, through Aug. 27. Visit meekerrecdistrict.com or call 878-3403 for more information.

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

■ **The Meeker Library Book Club** meets at 1 p.m. the second Monday of each month (excluding holidays). The next meeting will be July 11. We will be discussing "Swamplandia" by Karen Russell. All interested readers are welcome. Stop by the Meeker Library for details.

■ **The 5th annual Plein Air Meeker 2016 art auction** and art show will be held this weekend. Contact the Meeker Chamber of Commerce for more information at meekerchamber.com or call 970-878-5510.

■ **Summer Entertainment Series** presents Desert Moon. 10:30 a.m. Monday, July 4 in the downtown plaza. Bring a chair or blanket to enjoy this free concert! Visit meekerrecdistrict.com or call 878-3403 for more information.

■ **Discover the Parks** July 5 from 9-11 a.m. at Sanderson Hills Park. Visit meekerrecdistrict.com or call 878-3403 for more information.

■ **Volleyball Open Gym** at the MES gym. Adult open gym is free for all 18 and older. Volleyball will meet every Tuesday through Aug. 23. Call 878-3403 or visit meekerrecdistrict.com.

■ **Adult Pickleball** begins July 6 at 1 p.m. in the Admin Gym. Wednesdays from July 7-Aug. 31. Call 878-3403 or visit meekerrecdistrict.com.

## A CROWD AT FISHING DAY ...



Meeker's annual family free-fishing day was a huge success as close to 200 men, women and mostly children took part in the fishing event Friday at Meeker's Circle Park, located across the bridge from Meeker Town Park. Colorado Parks and Wildlife stocked the pond with 300 fish for the event and assisted the boys, girls and adults with hooking their lines and casting. From 4 p.m. to 8:45 p.m., the fishing rods were plentiful and busy, the Meeker Lions Club cooked up free hot dogs and hamburgers and at dark the ERBM Recreation & Park District showed the movie "Pan."

SEAN MCMAHON

## Woman drowns rafting in Dinosaur Nat'l Monument

Special to the Herald Times

**DINOSAUR** Search and rescue staff located a body matching the description of a rafter missing since Friday evening in Dinosaur National Monument.

Sandra (Sandy) Wolder, age 62, of Aurora, Colo., was an apparent drowning victim at Upper Disaster Falls on the Green River in the Canyon of Lodore within Dinosaur National Monument.

At approximately 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, search and rescue team members located a body matching the description of the missing rafter that was trapped underwater in the roots of a large downed tree in the river. As of Sunday evening, the team was still working to retrieve the victim's body, which was transported by raft to Echo Park.

At approximately 5 p.m. on Friday, a raft guided by Adrift Adventures, one of the commercial companies operating in the monument, hit a rock and flipped at Upper Disaster Falls. All occupants of the raft made it to the shore except Wolder.

The raft became pinned to a rock in the river due to the force of the current. The trip leader notified the monument about the incident by satellite phone. Members of the rafting group searched the shoreline for the missing rafter.

On Friday evening, Classic Lifeguard Air Ambulance was dispatched to conduct air reconnaissance along the river corridor until darkness prevented further efforts. The search and rescue team mobilized at Gates of Lodore and launched Saturday morning.

The team arrived on-site at approximately 10:30 a.m. on Saturday. The team worked to free the pinned raft in case the victim was still trapped in the raft. There was no sign of the victim after the raft was freed. The search and rescue team continued to probe areas around the rapids where the victim's body may have been located. High river flows in the area complicated search efforts by creating hazardous conditions for the search and rescue team.

The rest of the rafting group continued down

river on Saturday and exited the river at Echo Park on Sunday.

The staff at Dinosaur National Monument would like to express sincere condolences to the family and friends of Sandy Wolder, as well as the rest of the members of her rafting group.

The search and rescue team consisted of three rafts with two Moffat County Sheriff's Office staff, four Dinosaur National Monument rangers and one commercial guide from Dinosaur River Expeditions.

Disaster Falls, which has a class III-IV rating depending on river levels, according to the International Scale of River Difficulty, is located in a remote section of the Canyon of Lodore, approximately 7 miles from the river launch at the Gates of Lodore.

The Green River was flowing at approximately 8,600 cubic feet per second at the time of the incident.

Cell phone reception is not available in this area and even satellite phone reception is not reliable.

## RANGE: Festivities

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scattered but still all within a couple miles of Meeker.

From 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Meeker Public Library will be the continuation of the Plein Air Art Auction.

At 10 a.m. is the Jon Wangnild Memorial Shoot to be held at the Meeker Sportsman's Club shooting range, which is located just south of town about three miles past the intersection of highways 13 to Rifle and 64 to Rangely. The public is invited to visit and shoot bows, shotguns, .22 pistols and maybe a .357 magnum handgun.

Colorado Parks and Wildlife is on hand to offer instruction and safety and to help members of the Meeker Sportsman's Club run the event, which is being held in memorial of the late Jon Wangnild, a member of the CPW who was killed in a horseback riding accident in 2013.

Also at 10 a.m. and running until 7 p.m. are more fun activities for the kids in the downtown plaza. There will be vendors, inflatables, a zipline and other kids' activities.

At 4 p.m. on Sunday, the action moves back to the county fairgrounds with the hypnotist being the main attraction. That will run through 5:30 p.m.

The Colorado Professional Rodeo Association-sanctioned rodeo will fire up again at 6 p.m. in the fairgrounds area.

Activities for the day will wind up beginning at 9 p.m. with Lever Action playing another barn dance to be held inside the Fairgrounds Indoor Arena.

Monday the Fourth also starts early for the morning risers and continues until after dusk, when fireworks will be shot off.

From 7 to 10 a.m., the Meeker Masonic Lodge will offer a free pancake breakfast in the downtown plaza, at Fifth and Main streets.

Next, the Eastern Rio Blanco Metropolitan Recreation and Park District will begin its activities with the start of the "Run for Your Life 5K" for runners. The running race is slated to begin at 7:30 a.m. with registration from 6 to 7 a.m. for those in the running and walking events.

The start for those who will be walking the "Walk for Your Life 5K" for walkers is 8 a.m., with registration being held from 6 to 7 p.m. Both starting lines will be from the downtown plaza on Main Street.

Daytime activities for kids will resume at 10 a.m. and run to 7 p.m. with the vendors, inflatables, zipline and other kids' activities.

The morning activities will be highlighted by the annual Range Call/Fourth of July parade, which begins pretty sharply at 10 a.m. The parade route starts at Eighth and Main streets and travels down Main to Fourth Street.

At 10:30, in the Downtown Plaza Pavilion will be a free concert by "Desert Moon," continuing until 2:30 p.m.

11 a.m., Faith Baptist Church will hold its annual barbecue. That will also be held in the downtown plaza.

From 11:30 to 3:30 p.m., the Plein Air Art Auction will continue at the Meeker Public Library, also located at the intersection 5th and Main Sts.

At 11:45 a.m. is the ERBM Park and Recreation District's favorite event with its Main Street Madness 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament. Teams can register prior to the event or they can register on Monday in the ERBM vendor tent from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Vendors, games and downtown activities will run early on Sunday afternoon until 1 p.m., when a crowd will gather at the intersection of Sixth and Main streets for the reenactment of the unsuccessful Meeker Bank Robbery presented by the Rio Blanco County Historical Society and other notable residents.

At 2 p.m. action for the rest of the afternoon will return to the county fairgrounds, beginning with the calcutta followed by the Ranch Rodeo, which is always a fun time featuring rough and tumble young kids from miles around.

A number of great spectator events will be a part of the Ranch Rodeo, which begins at 3 p.m., and kids' events will also be taking place during the Ranch Rodeo.

The four days of entertainment wrap up just after dusk with Meeker Search and Rescue setting off fireworks from Highland Cemetery. The best vantage point is to bring blankets and chairs to Meeker Town Park or Meeker Circle Park.

## Officer Mendenhall recognized for his lifesaving skills

By CAITLIN WALKER  
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**MEEKER** Meeker Police Chief Bob Hervey presented Meeker Police Officer Gardner Mendenhall with a letter of recognition and lifesaving award at the June 21 town council meeting.

Hervey said Mendenhall responded to the scene of a serious automobile accident April 8 and used his paramedic and officer training to save the life of Bradi Bland.

Chief Hervey stated, "It is only due to Mendenhall that Bradi is alive today."

Russ Overton then provided an update on the Eighth Street water project.

"We're between 1,200 and 1,300 feet of a 2,900 foot job," Overton said.

Town administrator Scott Meszaros added the town has had mixed success notifying residents of water shut-offs via Facebook and reverse 911 calls.

Marla Coats of Colorado CPA Services presented a 60-plus-page audit report that ultimately found "nothing materially wrong" with the town's finances in 2015.

A request from the Meeker Chamber of Commerce and Rio Blanco County to use Ute Park as a

campground for the upcoming Wagon Wheel OHV Rendezvous was also approved. The park will be used only if all other local campgrounds are full and will have strict rules as well as a \$25 fee.

The request segued into a discussion regarding the overall use of Ute Park, with all agreeing that a more user-friendly plan for the park would be wise.

Other business included approv-

ing disbursements, waiving two permit fees for the Meeker Sanitation District's new warehouse and a second street sewer line project, and approving a special liquor license for Smoking River Studio Arts.

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## Stolen Rangely chamber money returned; charges still pending

By JENNIFER HILL  
Special to the Herald Times

**RANGELY** Last week, the Rangely Area Chamber of Commerce released a statement regarding the theft of more than \$30,000 that had occurred earlier in the spring. The statement, in part, confirms that full restitution of the funds has been made.

The statement, which went out to Rangely Chamber of Commerce members, states "The Chamber Board wishes to let our members and the public know that any and all misappropriated funds have been returned to the Chamber, and are being used for their intended purposes; nevertheless, we fully recognize the seriousness of the situation, and the need for proactive prevention."

Earlier in June, Kristin Steele, the former executive director of the chamber, was charged with two Class 4 felonies regarding the theft of those funds.

At that time, District Attorney Sherry Caloia of the 9th Judicial District, stated that her office would consider lessening the charges if full restitution was made.

In response to the news that restitution had occurred, Caloia was unwilling to go into specifics regarding a plea deal, but did say "The payment of all restitution is a good thing and we will make a plea offer consistent with her paying everything off. We take that into account."

The statement from the Rangely Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors also describes steps that are being taken to protect funds in the future.

"To that end, your chamber has taken concrete steps to ensure that such an incident will never again take place within our organization. We are working diligently with Colorado CPA to design and implement written policy and procedures to limit the chamber's exposure to additional fraud in the future.

"It's the chamber's belief that trust is maintained through well-designed systems and procedures," the statement continued. "The chamber will implement these new procedures and move forward to serve as the voice of local business in community affairs while recognizing that a healthy community is a requirement for a healthy business climate."



## KILLING SKEETERS ...

The hills were alive on Tuesday morning with the buzz of this plane making the rounds around Meeker and dropping fairly low when possible as pilot Lanny Coulter of Coulter Aviation applies mosquito repellent to the properties around Meeker. The spray keeps the number of mosquitos down but also may help to prevent the spread of the West Nile Virus into Rio Blanco County.

BOBBY GUTIERREZ

## RANGELY: Fireworks

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from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Be sure to bring the kids down in swim gear to cool off and have some fun. Kids who want to participate must have a waiver signed by a parent before they are allowed on the inflatables. Waivers will be available at the park.

At 3 p.m., a free local music showcase is sure to delight. Local talents wishing to entertain will be set up in Elks Park.

After relaxing to local music, hungry patrons can grab a surf 'n turf dinner at 5:30 in the park with the steak and shrimp fajita meal. The cost is \$25 for adults and \$5 for a hot dog meal

for the kids. Tickets should be purchased ahead of time from the Rec Center.

Saturday evening ends with a free concert in the park beginning at 6:30 p.m. Come enjoy the musical country and rock stylings of The Greg Simpson band out of Utah.

The Fourth of July would never be complete without a fireworks show.

On Monday the Fourth, be sure to head out to Kenney Reservoir to get in all the oohs and ahs of the fireworks. The highly reflective show is scheduled to begin at dusk.

In the case of inclement weather, the fireworks show will be pushed back a day to July 5.

## CAVE: Bat awareness

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ognized and well-known geologic resource that sees many visitors each year. It is documented as a winter bat hibernaculum, or cave that provides a constant temperature and protection for hibernating bats that are sensitive to disturbance and more susceptible to disease.

Human disturbance can awaken bats and lead to depletion of the fat reserves they need to survive the winter. Humans also transport the spores of the White Nose Syndrome fungus on their infected clothing and gear.

Bats are essential as pollinators and they play a critical role in insect control, but their numbers are dwindling. Since 2007, bat populations in areas affected by White Nose Syndrome have declined by approximately 90 percent. The disease spreads through bat-to-bat contact and via the clothing, shoes and equipment of cave visitors.

It has now traveled to 19 states and four Canadian provinces. Until recently, White Nose Syndrome had

not been found in caves west of Oklahoma, but this spring infected bats were found in Washington State.

If you would like to visit Spring Cave, you will first need to register and obtain a free permit. This can be done online at [www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE\\_DOCUMENTS/stelprdb5430159.pdf](http://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/stelprdb5430159.pdf), and at the Blanco Ranger District at 220 East Market St. in Meeker.

Bouchey and Patick offer these tips to help visitors prepare for their visit to this fragile ecosystem: Wear protective clothing (long sleeves, pants, helmet, gloves); Bring at least two light sources (primary, back up and extra batteries); Let someone know where you are and when you plan to return; and bring no gear and wear no item of clothing that has been in a cave in a White Nose Syndrome affected area.

If you have questions about the management of Spring Cave, White Nose Syndrome and bats, or how to register and prepare for your visit to the cave, please contact the Blanco Ranger District at 970-878-4039.

## BURROS: Growing problem

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## FROM MY WINDOW...

## The TANK an unmatched joy; fishing the best of childhood dreams

By SEAN McMAHON  
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It was a true joy to be invited to be a part of Friday night's special bash at the Solstice Gathering 2016 at The TANK Center for Sonic Arts—as The TANK is now formally known.

The social hour, dinner and concert was earmarked for those persons who had played a key role in the Kickstarter Campaign back in 2012, in which enough money was raised to purchase the old water tank and property instead of allowing the owner to sell it and turn it into scrap metal.

The social hour and the pulled-pork dinner provided by Giovanni's in Rangely were a good time with some terrific food. But it was the concert after dinner that just kept adding to the enjoyment of the evening.

Vocal sounds, singing, instruments of a wide variety were all demonstrated to the crowd of roughly 80 persons present, each one enjoying the incredible array of sounds emanating from the different sources with one commonality—they sounded like they were exuding through the pores of a great concert hall, bending and winding their way around the tank starting at the six-story building's ceiling and just winding around and dripping down the walls to where the spectators seemed to be pretty much in awe.

I appreciated my second opportunity to take in the sounds of The TANK, and they were no less impressive than the first time I caught them. They are tough to describe as I can't say I had heard many of those quality sounds in my life.

The tank seems to take the tunes away from their source, raise them up to the upper end of the tank, and then just run the sounds down the sides of the tank like a candle turned inside out—then to approach the floor once again and come back together.

I am not sure that The TANK would be the musical haven it appears to be if Led Zeppelin were to play "Stairway to Heaven" in the building, but slower tunes allow the notes to separate yet follow each other in a unique manner.

One of the highlights was when Lois LaLond, Heather Zadra, Elaine Urie and Elaine diFalco performed "Amazing Grace."

The performance started out with one singer and one by one the other three joined in. As each one of the four joined in, the volume rose, the depth increased significantly, the song took on the feeling of being sung by choruses of singers and, in my case, the hairs on my arms stood straight out.

It was a bit breathtaking and was

a tremendous example of what The Tank can do to a simple melody.

Rangely needs to jump squarely behind The TANK Center for Sonic Arts before someone else gets behind it or another similar tank somewhere else can duplicate the facility.

The TANK offers a world-class, unique center for exploration and reproduction of sounds unlike any other. Perhaps the songs of the humpback whale cross my mind when comparing the sounds produced inside The TANK.

The Friends of The TANK have a gold mine on their hands. Let's hope The TANK can be and is marketed in the way it should be, and, if so, the Town of Rangely and the music world as a whole could greatly benefit.

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Pushing my memory back to the limits, the most vivid of good memories of being the youngest of seven kids were those days spent along the Platte River near Saratoga, Wyo., along the Platte River running through Fountain Park in downtown Colorado Springs, at Trappers Lake and Woods Lake and at Grand Lake learning to fish with my four brothers and two sisters.

Each summer we as a complete family took at least one fishing trip to many points in Colorado and Wyoming and it was along the creeks, streams, rivers and lakes in those two states that I learned to fish.

You bet there were great days on clear deep lakes where the fish could clearly be seen biting your worm or other bait. And there were dismal days trying to navigate narrow streams where you would catch 10 bushes for every cast that hit the water. But that was what fishing was all about.

To this day, I still prefer the open lakes and rivers as opposed to battling bushes, limbs, roots and other obstructions found in smaller bodies of water. I like an occasional fly rod, but that also can be a dangerous tool in the hands of a fool. I've had my problems with a fly rod over the years.

But not as bad as my brother Kevin, who has two scars on his face from run-ins with flies. The first was when he was in his mid teens and decided he would take up fly fishing. He has an inch-long scar in the middle of his forehead from casting, and pulling back the line and stretching for further casts when he, in two quick moves, had the fly stick quite deeply into his forehead and in an



equally quick movement cast the line again—with probably more strength than he needed—and ripped about a two-inch gash and a lot of skin out of his forehead.

I don't remember if it was a good cast or not but I do remember the loud scream, an entire litany of cuss words I may not have heard by the time I was about 11 and the amount of blood that poured and poured and gushed out of his forehead. Those I remember well.

Then there was the other time when Kevin, who never did give up fly fishing from the time described above, but this was roughly 20 years later when he was in his mid-30s.

My four brothers and I had bought a 60-acre ranch right on the Terryall River between Lake George and Fairplay. The Terryall ran at a pretty good clip and was about 15 to 18 feet wide at its widest.

Kevin headed off the 100 yards from the ranch house to the river with his really expensive Orbis fly rod on another quest. Which he had.

He had been fishing for about 20 minutes, it seems when he hooked a fly in his nose. Not on his nose—it was in it, caught on the membrane that separates the two nostrils about a quarter inch inside his nose.

According to him, he was yelling for help for about 20 minutes when he decided it was time to take matters into his own hands.

Using his brain, which is not always one of Kevin's strengths, he cut the line to free the fly.

He decided to pull the fly on through. Another good thought.

But he pulled the fly out the back way—against the barbs—and ripped the holy heck out of his nose and the membrane in his nose.

All he would have had to do was pull the fly out of his nose by pushing the hook through and going with the barbs so they wouldn't catch and rip him up.

Gee, another 30 years later, I hope he learned from that one.

But what brought that to mind was the Meeker Free Family Fishing Day at the Circle Park Pond on Friday afternoon.

There were hundreds of adults, boys and girls on hand, allowing about a foot between anglers all using bobbers and small worms on the hooks.

For some, it was obvious they had fished before, and it was common to see dad showing junior son or daughter how to cast the worm more than six inches.

Some just didn't get it. Some did quite well and some took to the casting like a pro.

For the first 45 minutes with more than a hundred bobbers just laying there not moving, finally one of

the teenaged boys caught one.

Jose Garcia was the first and only angler to catch a fish during the 90 minutes I watched before I had to head over to Rangely for events at The TANK. Jose caught a beautiful 15-inch rainbow trout and immediately measured it on the measuring device the Colorado Parks and Wildlife had given him, which was basically a ruler printed on a paper bag. But it was a nice (and valid) 15-inch trout.

Jose was acting pretty confident with the fish on the ground, but all all composure was lost when I asked him to pick it up so I could get a photo of him with his prize catch.

To make a long story short, the fish hit the ground five times with Jose in pursuit before he firmly

grabbed ahold of the trout's tail with a full clinch.

I got the photo, which appears in today's newspaper. Jose got his nice trout and a whole bunch of folks had fun fishing, learning to fish or teaching someone else to fish. It didn't appear that there was much catching going on before I had to go to Rangely, but there certainly was a lot of fun held—and there was enough time to think back to those fond memories of learning how to fish.

Thanks CPW, ERBM and Meeker's Lions Club for the great memories. And may there be many more similar events for the anglers and potential anglers in Meeker and Rangely.

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Range Call begins Friday evening with "The Pageant," the re-enactment of the events that led up to and included the Meeker Massacre. The activities continue day and night on Saturday, Sunday and Monday and culminate with the fireworks display from the cemetery at dusk on Monday.

"The Pageant" is an event every visitor to Meeker or Meeker resident should see at least once, the events in between include family and kids fun, great country music, vendors of all types and culminates with an impressive fireworks display.

This is a good week to live in Meeker or to be visiting Meeker as there is something for everyone of any age.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Update from Rio Blanco County Assessor Renae T. Neilson

Dear Editor:

This is an open letter to Rio Blanco County taxpayers and residents:

I want to give you a quick update of things happening at the Rio Blanco County Assessor's Office.

Due to the decline in oil and gas production, Rio Blanco County will see a decrease in taxable value this year. The appeal season will soon be ending for oil and gas production and personal property; then, on Aug. 25, 2016, the first 2016 certification will be sent to all taxing entities showing their 2016 taxable value.

Each taxing entity will use their taxable value to set their budget. On Dec. 10, 2016, we will send the final 2016 certified taxable value to each taxing entity. Please contact me if you have questions concerning values for a particular taxing entity.

To maintain correct property records, my staff will be in the field checking properties and reviewing current records along with looking for new construction, etc.

In July, we will be checking oil and gas wells. Thank you for your corporation in allowing my staff and/or contractor to inspect your property.

If you have any questions, we will be happy to come to your property to review our records and verify what is physically there.

As always, please feel free to contact me at 970-878-9410 concerning any questions you may have.

Renae T. Neilson  
Rio Blanco County Assessor  
Meeker

## Spring Cave in county plays important role

Dear Editor:

My name is Stephanie Bouchee, and I am a PhD candidate in the Department of Earth, Environmental, and Planetary Science at Brown University (Providence, RI). I study planetary science, an interest that led me to intern at the NASA Marshall Space Flight Center (Huntsville, Ala.) in 2009.

There, I gained a passion for "inner space" to complement my love of outer space; that is, I fell in love with caves.

I applied to work with the U.S. Forest Service at the Blanco Ranger District through the Geological Society of America's GeoCorps program. I am working as a "cave interpreter" this summer with my mentor, Victoria Houser, and fellow intern, Olivia Patick. We will develop educational materials for the public about the caves in the White River National Forest, primarily Spring Cave, and the animals that call these caves home.

We are here to provide information on the bat gate that is being installed at Spring Cave this summer to help protect bats during their hibernation and to mitigate the westward spread of White Nose Syndrome, the fungal disease that is wiping out bat populations across the eastern United States and Canada.

In our role as public educators, Olivia and I will be leading tours through Spring Cave's main rooms and doing some graffiti removal this summer.

Spring Cave is located about three-quarters of a mile from the South Fork Campground, approxi-

mately 10 miles southeast of Buford. The cave is formed in greater than 500 million-year-old limestone that was deposited there by a Paleozoic sea.

As rainwater seeps through the soil, it becomes slightly acidic. This acidic water then erodes the limestone bedrock as it seeps through layers and cracks in the rock. As water erodes more and more of the rock, a cave is born (over very long timescales: thousands to millions of years!).

Formations in the cave, such as the stalactites (that hang "tite" to the ceiling), stalagmites (that you "mite" trip over), flowstone and other cave decorations are formed from the opposite process. That is, they form when calcite is deposited from water dripping or flowing in the cave.

These formations, known collectively as speleothems, are abundant in Spring Cave. It has beautiful displays of newly forming stalactites, called soda straws hanging from the ceiling, stalagmites on the floors and everything from cave drapery, tiered-cake-like flowstone mounds and cave popcorn on the walls. More fragile, active formations are found farther into the cave.

Spring Cave is one of the largest in Colorado, with more than 6,000 feet of horizontal and 150 feet of vertical (mapped) passage. It also has the largest underground river in the state. It is important to keep in mind that the water is extremely cold and currents can be swift. Depending on the time of year, some parts of the cave may be inaccessible due to flooding.

Caves are fascinating, beautiful places with unique geology. Visitors

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## Free legal clinic Tuesday in Meeker

**MEEKER** | A free legal clinic for parties who have no attorney, will be held from 2 to 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 5 at Meeker Public Library, located at 490 Main St.

By computer link, volunteer attorneys will answer questions, help fill out forms and explain the process and procedure for all areas of civil litigation, including family law, property law, probate law, collections, appeals, landlord-tenant law, small claims, veterans issues and civil protection orders. Please contact the Meeker Public Library at 970-878-5911 to be added to the sign-up sheet.

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A LOOK AT THE WEST

# Chemical safety law giving EPA more power passes Congress

By **ELIZABETH SHOGREN**  
*Special to the Herald Times*

**RBC I** The Frank R. Lautenberg Chemical Safety for the 21st Century Act, as the update is called, is the biggest environmental law to pass Congress in two decades. It was approved by the House 403-12 on May 31.

The bill hit an unexpected snag in the Senate. Despite the broad bipartisan support for the bill, Sen. Rand Paul, R-Kentucky, is blocking a vote, saying he wants time to learn about the bill. He also says that businesses are always complaining to him that they're "regulated to death" and yet this bill "takes the power away from the states and creates a new federal regulatory regime."

The bill allows the EPA to evaluate the safety of tens of thousands of older chemicals that were impossible to regulate under existing law and strengthens the agency's hand in reviewing new chemicals. It requires the agency to consider only safety and health—and not costs—when deciding whether a chemical presents "unreasonable risk."

It charges companies up to \$25 million to pay for the reviews and provides new protections for vulnerable groups such as children, the elderly and people with compromised immune systems.

If the EPA finds that a chemical poses a risk to any group of people, it must "impose restrictions sufficient to ameliorate the risk," says Richard Denison, lead senior scientist for the Environmental Defense Fund, who has long worked on the bill.

The bill was shepherded through Congress by Udall and Sen. David Vitter, R-LA. The unlikely duo came together because the industry, public

health and environmental groups all agreed that Toxic Substances Control Act was broken.

Over 40 years, the EPA managed to use the law to test only a few hundred of the tens of thousands of chemicals in circulation. The prime example of the law's weakness came when the EPA tried to use it to restrict asbestos. But a court overturned the ban in 1991, eviscerating the agency's power to regulate existing chemicals.

In the vacuum, some states, including California, Oregon and Washington, started to regulate toxic chemicals. These state efforts helped push the industry to the table to negotiate a new bill. They also proved a crux for efforts to pass the reform.

Sen. Barbara Boxer, D-CA, fought against the bill because it would restrain states' efforts to regulate toxic chemicals. More recently, she used her influence to narrow those restrictions.

"I didn't go on this bill; I changed it," Boxer said at a recent press conference. "I wish I had the option to write the bill on my own. Believe me, it would have been much stronger. But I know if we want to make progress, we need to reach across the aisle."

Under the final bill, state chemical regulations already on the books will remain in effect. Going forward, state action will be pre-empted while the EPA reviews a chemical. Once the EPA acts, its decision on whether a chemical is safe or needs to be restricted will trump any state action. States can request waivers or step in if EPA takes more than three and a half years to complete its evaluation.

States that pushed hard for fewer restrictions on their authority to regulate chemicals seemed ready to adapt to the new bill and eager for a

stronger federal regulator. Ken Zarker, who manages the pollution prevention and regulatory assistance section of Washington State's Department of Ecology, called the bill "workable" even though his state and others were disappointed that it will restrict states' regulatory ability.

Washington State Legislature earlier this year banned several flame retardants in furniture and children's products. Zarker's agency was tasked with studying five additional chemicals and reporting back to the Legislature on whether they too should be banned. Under the new toxic law, if the federal government decides to review these same chemicals, that could hamper speedier action by the state.

"The feds move too slow; it's like trying to fight with one arm tied behind your back," says Zarker.

Still, Zarker says only a few states have the resources to review toxic chemicals. So, having a stronger federal cop on the beat, as provided by this bill, should be good for everybody.

"At least it sets up a system; we currently don't have one," Zarker says. "We've got to start somewhere."

But some health experts warn that although the measure is stronger than current law it will not provide what so many people want—timely, dependable information about the safety of the chemicals they and their children encounter every day. The bill requires the EPA to name the first 10 chemicals it will evaluate within six months and within three and a half years be conducting risk evaluations of at least 20 high-priority chemicals. The bill sets a three-year deadline for the EPA to complete risk assessments of chemicals after designating them as high risk. The agency then would

have two years to regulate.

The "glacial pace" of chemical reviews envisioned by the bill and the inadequate funding means that the EPA will be unable to provide consumers with the "proactive prevention that so many consumers are seeking," Leonardo Trasande, an associate professor of pediatrics at New York University, said in an interview with *High Country News*.

"How can that be sufficient when there are thousands of highly produced chemicals without testing data?" Trasande wrote in a blog post.

In his post and in his earlier article in the *Journal of the American Medical Association*, he outlined concerns that the new bill will fail to give the government adequate tools to protect vulnerable populations from the risks posed by synthetic chemicals. "A large—and growing—literature demonstrates that synthetic chemicals can disrupt the developing brains of children," he writes.

Other public health experts are

concerned about the way the EPA currently evaluates whether chemicals pose health risks.

"Right now, EPA's risk assessment process is inadequate to fully characterize the risk for effects other than cancer. That's a huge problem," said Tracey Woodruff, who directs the program on reproductive health and the environment at the University of California, San Francisco. "That could allow a lot of chemicals to stay on the marketplace that might pose a public health risk."

She's worried the regulations to implement the new law could

enshrine outdated EPA methods. For example, she said the agency must consider the multiple ways a person might be exposed to the same toxic chemical as well as the cumulative impact of a variety of chemicals.

And, of course, how the EPA implements the new law and how much funding the agency gets to do the work will have a huge impact on whether it will live up to its sponsors' high hopes.

*Elizabeth Shogren is the Washington, D.C. correspondent for High Country News.*

## OHV Club meets Wednesday

**MEEKER I** The Wagon Wheel OHV Club will meet Wednesday July 6 at 7 p.m. at Meeker Drug. If you ride, be sure to attend. New members welcome. The club will assist with several trail improvement projects this summer.

A LOOK AT THE WEST

## Next president should be pro energy

By **ROBERT L. BRADLEY, JR.**  
*Special to the Herald Times*

**RBC I** Despite the divisiveness of this election season, Americans from both parties share common ground. Polls show voters want the next president to inject life into our sluggish economy.

To turn around the economy, the next president will need to embrace free-market, consumer-driven, pro-taxpayer, policies. And when it comes to energy, that means the market's preference for oil, natural gas, and coal.

Candidates and voters take heed: the 2016 presidential contest is a referendum on energy.

The next president should promptly undo President Obama's anti-energy agenda.

A good start would be to reverse the decision to reject the Keystone XL

pipeline. This project would have transported oil from Western Canada to America's Gulf Coast, creating 42,000 jobs in the process.

Early action is also required to scale back the Obama administration's costly environmental regulations. That includes the president's job-killing fiat requiring companies to reduce greenhouse emissions and his "Waters of the U.S." rules, which greatly expanded the amount of water under federal jurisdiction.

And, the next president should prioritize the development of fossil fuels.

Fossil fuels are the lynchpin of the American economy.

The oil and gas industry supports 9.8 million jobs nationwide and contributes in excess of \$1.2 trillion to the U.S. economy annually. The recent

shale energy revolution has saved American families and businesses an average of \$1,200 a year for electricity and \$550 annually at the pump.

It's no surprise then that the presidential candidates are acknowledging the importance of energy.

Hillary Clinton recently did an about-face on her comments that the growth of clean energy would "put a lot of coal miners and coal companies out of business." After facing public

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must remember to "cave softly" in order to protect these natural wonders and the fragile ecosystems they contain. Humans can damage the cave through graffiti, which, sadly, blemishes the walls of Spring Cave's Living Room and Pirate's Den passages.

Visitors may also damage the cave formations by touching them with their bare skin or by breaking and removing them. Formations like stalactites take thousands of years to grow, as they grow an average of 0.005 inches per year. Please, never touch a formation with your bare skin, and never remove a formation from a cave.

Finally, remember the Caver's Creed: Take nothing but pictures, leave nothing but carefully placed footprints, kill nothing but time. Cave safely and enjoy this natural wonder!

*Stephanie Bouchey  
U.S. Forest Service  
Spring Cave  
Rio Blanco County*

## Thanks to those helping with county land plan

Dear Editor:

The White River and Douglas Creek conservation districts are excited that nearly three years of planning and work have culminated in the finalized Rio Blanco County Land and Resource Use Plan.

The districts greatly appreciate the support and partnership of the Rio Blanco County commissioners throughout the planning process. We had great community involvement in the development of the document, including the help of 14 steering committee members and input from the general public on multiple occasions.

Thank you to the Rio Blanco County commissioners and all citizens who provided input and comments.

This plan describes (1) citizens' and the local government's preferred environmental conditions (e.g.: stated policy on livestock

grazing, timber management, road maintenance/closure, oil and gas extraction, special designations, etc.), (2) the local citizens' "custom and culture," and (3) the local economic baseline and needs for a strong economy.

The Plan is available through the conservation district and county offices or at [www.whiterivercd.com](http://www.whiterivercd.com)

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## Losing Sight of Jesus (1)

By **Dr. J. D. Watson**  
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■ **Dr. J.D. Watson**

**J**ESUS tarried behind in Jerusalem; and Joseph and his mother knew not of it (Lk. 2:43). Scripture is unambiguously clear that the true Christian believer can never lose his *salvation*, but it is equally explicit that we can lose *sight* of our Lord. There are times when, like Peter, we look away from our Savior

and sink into the depths, or when, like David, we look away from our responsibilities and because of sin lose that which is most precious to us, or when, like Sampson, we turn our eyes away from God's will and lose all vision for Him.

In our next few studies, let us prayerfully ponder two graphic illustrations of this principle, one in the NT and the other in the OT. The first incident appears in Luke 2:41-49, where our Lord is 12 years old and has accompanied his parents to the temple in Jerusalem to celebrate the Feast of the Passover. The law required all Jewish males of mature age to go to Jerusalem to attend the three great feasts, the other two being Pentecost and Tabernacles (Ex. 23:14-17; 34:22-23; Deut. 16:16). When this became impossible because of increased distances of travel after the dispersion, a single feast per year became the requirement. While our text implies no sin on either Jesus' or his parents' part, it does demonstrate the trepidation that comes when Jesus is absent. Note four movements in this incident.

*First, the distraction.* Verse 43 recounts that when Joseph and Mary "had fulfilled the days" of the feast and began their northward journey home, "the child Jesus tarried behind in Jerusalem; and Joseph and his mother

knew not of it." In the crowded hustle and bustle that surrounded the Temple, distraction could easily have occurred. It is even more possible, in light of a custom of the day, that while women and children traveled in the front of the caravan, the men and young men traveled at the rear. Each parent, therefore, might very well have supposed that young Jesus was with the other (v. 44).

Oh, how easily we can become distracted! Never has there been an era in human history that is busier than the present one. Everywhere we turn, there is a plethora of attractions, and it is invariably our spiritual life that is neglected. Further, like Joseph and Mary, we just take Jesus' presence for granted. We don't give it a second thought. "Of course, He is there," we assume, "He's always there." While that is certainly true, we take for granted what He has accomplished and forget what His presence should really mean to us.

But let us not overlook young Jesus here. It was because of His desire to hear and discuss the Truth of God's Word that He "tarried behind" (cf. v. 46). Is this not a lesson for both youth and parents?

**Scriptures for Study:** What do the following verses encourage us to do: Psalms 25:15; 101:3; 119:18; 123:1-2; 141:8?

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After a few short rain storms and a great pulled pork dinner from Giovanni's in Rangely, a large crowd of those present gathered inside The TANK to listen to singing, moaning, chanting, different instruments, a variety of voices and sounds to demonstrate the wide range of sounds that could be made within. The sounds can be described as a pure, eerie, well blended, unique variety of sounds both high and low and with tones rarely heard by one's ears.



SEAN MCMAHON

Not only were sounds and instruments used to make unique sounds on Friday night in The Tank, but human voices were utilized as well. Above are, from left, Lois LaLong, Elaine Urie and Heather Zadra of Rangely singing a moving version of "Amazing Grace." These three women were also joined in the song by Elaine diFalco of Denton, Texas, at the Solstice Gathering 2016 at The TANK Center for Sonic Arts in Rangely.

## Rangely Jr./Sr. High honor roll

Special to the Herald Times

**RANGELY I** Rangely Jr./Sr. High School honor roll and perfect attendance for the fourth quarter of 2015-2016.

Sixth Grade, Fourth Quarter:  
STRAIGHT A: Chloe Goshe, Adelynn Halcomb, Aspen Low, Keihlin Myers, Mary Scoggins, Timothy Scoggins and Ammie Vaughn.  
"B" Honor Roll: Brent Cantrell, Justin Cudo, Brennan Dodd, Jacob Dodd, Tanya Fraijo, Alexis Hopson, Madison Lance, Tiana Lucus, Katelyn Mears, Ryan Morrill, Norrah Patch, Dontea Pearce, Angalina Peck, Rayna Robertson, Aliyah Jackson, Wyatt Tull and Zane Varner.  
Perfect Attendance: Adelynn Halcomb, Shauna Lapp, Angalina Peck, Mary Scoggins, Timothy Scoggins and Wyatt Zufelt.

Seventh Grade, Fourth Quarter  
STRAIGHT A: Gabe Polley.  
"B" Honor Roll: Crimsen Blankenship, Travis Coates, Sydney Cole, Alysah Dodd, Kaiden Ellis, Hunter Holmes, Sage Kinnison, Baylee Lambros, Kacie Lapp, Anthony Larson, Anthony Lujan, Anna McGaughy, Ben Nielsen, Sofia Pena, Catrina Reeves,

Nathaniel Rienard, Dixie Rhea, Ryan Richens, Trinity Snyder, Megan Ward and Faith Yardley.  
Perfect Attendance: Sydney Cole, Alysah Dodd, Hayden Lawson, Catrina Reeves, Trinity Snyder and Anna McGaughy.

Eighth Grade, Fourth Quarter  
STRAIGHT A: Dillya Wagner.  
"B" Honor Roll: Cia Buxton, Tytus Coombs, Susan Gillard, Hunter Hanvey, Tiffany Holmes, Jayleen Kenney, Dylan LeBleu, Audrey Peck, Zoey Peck and Moriah Vaughn.  
Perfect Attendance: Taylor Lance, Dylan LeBleu and Zoey Peck.

Ninth Grade – Second Semester  
STRAIGHT A: Kassidee Brown, Samantha Lapp, Paitlyn Myers, Grady Nielsen, Kayla Packer, Alanna Wiley and Kaylalle Wyman.  
"B" Honor Roll: Riley Boydston, Makenzie Cochran, Breanna Davis, Thomas Jarvis, Marlena Miller, RayLynn Norman, Phalon Osborn, Aspen Rhea, Abigail Shriver, Joshua Suser, Skylar Thacker, Jayde Trumbley, Ryan Waters, Marshall Webber and Alexis Wiley.

Tenth Grade – Second Semester  
STRAIGHT A: Katelyn Brown, Sarah Connor, Kaylee Mecham, Lindsley Morrill, Joshua Polley,

Patrick Scoggins and Tasha Teal.  
"B" Honor Roll: Maria Blakely, Kory Boe, Tylan Brady, Kassidi Brannan, Kobe Broome, Lane Carlson, Doug Denison, Klaira Denny, Halie Elam, Austin Ficken, Malichi Ivie, Grace Kenney, Eric Legere, Elizabeth McCann, Destinee Ortega, Miekka Peck, Jonathan Pennell and Kierra Powell.  
Perfect Attendance: Austin Ficken and Patrick Scoggins.

11TH Grade – Second Semester  
STRAIGHT A: Katye Allred, Troy Allred, Breanne Baker, Taylor Heil, Savannah Nielsen and Lindzey Thacker.  
"B" Honor Roll: Braylee Cassavaugh, Corinne Coombs, Nyck Deleon, Antoinette Dorris, Jarrod Fiscus, Harrison Heil, Carrissa Hurd, Shane Nash, Bridgette Rhea, Sidney Shaffer, Michael Sheppard, McKenzie Webber and Ciara Wilson

12TH Grade – Second Semester  
STRAIGHT A: Nakoma Bailey, Courtney Bell, Echo Campbell, Rebecca Gillard, Carrie Goddard and Marielle Ivie.  
"B" Honor Roll: Ryan Barlow, Kaulan Brady, Daniel Connor, Justyne Dembowski, Chris Hogan, Dean Irwin, Jessy Powell, Kiki Ruiz



SEAN MCMAHON

It seems that well in excess of 100 persons were on hand for a social hour, pulled pork dinner from Giovanni's in Rangely and a great taste of unique tunes and notes as part of the special gathering Friday night at The TANK Center for Sonic Arts. The event was for those who had helped with the Kickstarter Campaign, who joined forces to raise funds to purchase the property in 2012. The TANK was in severe danger of being sold for scrap so musicians, supporters and other TANK enthusiasts formed Friends of The Tank to save the old empty steel water tank.

## WREA tree maintenance program to begin

Special to the Herald Times

**RBC I** White River Electric Association Inc. will begin its annual tree maintenance program in early July and it will last through mid-September.

WREA has contracted with Asplundh Tree Expert Co. to complete the annual maintenance program. Tree

maintenance is necessary for electric system clearance, safety and reliability.

Customers are asked to please call WREA if you have concerns about trees in close proximity to power lines, or speak directly with the tree-trimming crews while they are in your area.

There will be a limited supply of

wood chips available to members when the project wraps up in early fall. Please call Frank Sampson (970-878-5041) at WREA if you are interested in wood chips or have any questions related to the WREA tree maintenance project.

WREA and Asplundh would like to thank you in advance for your cooperation during this project.

## ENERGY: Global warming forecasts wrong

Continued from Page 5A

backlash, she claimed the comment was taken out of context and apologized for giving "folks the reason and the excuse to be so upset with me."

Meanwhile, Donald Trump recently spelled out a reasonable, responsible energy agenda that embraces free-market policies, including the elimination of regulations that, in his words, "impose undue costs on business enterprises."

Yet environmental activists have ignored the benefits of fossil fuels and unleashed a wave of hysteria over pro-

energy policies.

Khalid Pitts, the political director for the Sierra Club, described Trump's ideas as "a profound blow to common sense, the future of the planet and families across the country."

Meanwhile, Paul Higgins, the director of the American Meteorological Society's policy program, said fossil fuels are dangerous because "we cannot know in advance at what point human-caused climate changes will lead to catastrophic societal consequences."

But evidence now suggests that manmade activities haven't affected the climate as much as originally thought.

A new study reveals that due to an error in assessing cloud formations before industrialization, many climate warming projections for the coming years are grossly exaggerated. In fact, global warming forecasts from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change—the global authority on cli-

mate change—may be four times bigger than the actual figures.

Moreover, current policies from green radicals aren't helping even by their own criteria for success.

According to a recent statement from former Department of Energy Assistant Secretary Charles McConnell, the president's Clean Power Plan "will not significantly impact global emissions." He added: "All of the U.S. annual emissions in 2025 will be offset by three weeks of Chinese emissions. Three weeks... Is this impactful climate regulation? I think not."

Voters want a stronger economy. The moment is now for an expanded role for oil, gas, and coal in energy-superpower America. Candidates take note.

Robert L. Bradley, Jr. is the founder and CEO of the Institute for Energy Research.

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REED KELLEY

Friday evening was a great time to be outdoors during the White River and Douglas Creek conservation districts' landowner appreciation dinner at the Upper Colorado Environmental Plant Center on County Road 4. Plant Manager Steve Parr, left, directs the loading of the hay wagon for the plant center tour. Elinor Williams, Julie Pearce, Hal Pearce and Julie Jansen await others to load and join them on the hay bales.



REED KELLEY

Among the many folks enjoying a rib dinner courtesy of the Rio Blanco County Cattlewomen on Friday evening at the Upper Colorado Environmental Plant Center on County Road 4 were, from left, Connie Hughes, Ty Dunham, Gary Dunham, Bill Dunham and Diane Dunham. The purpose of the gathering was a landowner appreciation barbecue put on by the Douglas Creek and White River conservation districts and a tour of the plant center.

## Two Rangely teens head to FBLA national competition in Atlanta

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

**RANGELY** | Rangely freshman Phalon Osborn and junior Savannah Neilson will travel to Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) Nationals in Atlanta, Ga., this week following their qualification at the state event in Vail in April.

Osborn is the first freshman to qualify for the national competition in more than 17 years and this is also Nielson's first trip to the nationals.

Osborn qualified in client services while Nielson is going as a voting delegate. They will have left on Wednesday and will return on Sunday, the last day of the competition.

Because of her participation in the Atlanta nationals, Osborn, who is also the Range Call rodeo queen, will miss out on preliminary events in Meeker this Friday through



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Phalon Osborn and Savannah Neilson

Sunday. She should be back in time for Monday's events in Meeker.

Although it was a difficult decision for her, Osborn felt the competition in Atlanta was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity she could not

pass up.

The competitors will each take one parent as a chaperone. Nielson and Osborn are very excited and looking forward to competing and seeing what Atlanta has to offer.

## State to see increase in PILT

By **SEAN McMAHON**  
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**RBC** | U.S. Rep. Scott Tipton (CO-03) announced that the state of Colorado will receive approximately \$35.6 million through the federal Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) program for fiscal year 2016, which is an approximate \$2 million increase in funding from fiscal year 2015.

His list also reported that the 1,498,655 acres of federal land within Rio Blanco County will receive \$544,972 of those funds.

The federal PILT program reimburses local governments for losses in tax revenues that are incurred due

to the presence of large expanses of untaxable federal lands.

On Nov. 23, Tipton joined a bipartisan group of his House colleagues in urging House leadership to prioritize funding for the PILT program. In a letter to House Speaker Paul Ryan and Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, Tipton and his colleagues wrote:

"For FY16, the Department of the Interior has estimated \$452 million will be necessary to fully fund PILT payments and ensure the federal government upholds its longstanding obligation to counties with public lands. If we fail to fully fund the PILT program by the end of the year, these counties will be unable to pro-

vide essential services—such as education, law enforcement, search and rescue, road maintenance and public health. Moving forward, we hope Congress can work together to end the ongoing uncertainty our communities face and enact a long-term sustainable solution to fully fund PILT."

Of the fiscal year 2016 PILT funding, Tipton said, "PILT is incredibly important to Colorado's Third Congressional District, and I'm encouraged to see an increase in PILT funding for our state this year. I'll keep working to ensure the federal government continues to meet its long-standing obligations to counties that have large swaths of untaxable federal land in their jurisdictions."

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This group of young riders is clustered after leaving the starting line in Saturday's Meeker Moto Mayhem held at the Rio Blanco County Fairgrounds, sponsored by the Western Slope circuit that is headquartered in Montrose. A good crowd was on hand as lots of riders, most from Rio Blanco County, took part in the full day events.

KIM EKSTROM



The leader of the pack in this case was Porter Hossack, 12, of Meeker at the Moto Mayhem inaugural dirt-bike races held Saturday at the Rio Blanco County Fairgrounds in Meeker. The full-day event began at 10 a.m. and continued late into the evening. The format was an enduro-style race more common in Europe.

KIM EKSTROM



The ups and downs, slick surfaces and heavy sand banks didn't seem to bother Holt Pelloni of Meeker as he took part in Saturday's Meeker Moto Mayhem inaugural dirt bike races at the Rio Blanco County Fairgrounds. Lots of riders from young kids to adults took part in the event, which may become part of a Western Slope circuit that is headquartered in Montrose and includes races in Montrose, Delta, Hotchkiss, Rifle and Eagle.

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## CNCC schedules Spartans' youth volleyball camp for July 27-28

Special to the Herald Times

**RANGELY I** Chris Vergnaud, the head volleyball coach for the Colorado Northwestern Community College Spartans, has announced that the CNCC Spartan Volleyball Camp is now scheduled for July 27 and 28.

The two-day youth skills camp costs \$65; the specialty camp is \$65 and it is \$120 for those who wish to take both camps.

The individual skills camp will run from 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. for youths aged eight years to 18 who are beginners and intermediates.

Training in that camp will focus on all skills: passing, setting, serving, blocking, attacking and defense.

The specialty camps will run from 5 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. for youths aged eight years to 18 who are intermediate to advanced.

Training in that camp will focus on training in specialty positions,

such as hitting, setting and defense.

Vergnaud was named the 2015 NJCAA Region XVIII Coach of the Year. He will be assisted by Ashley Bryant, the CNCC assistant volleyball coach who was the 2014-15 assistant coach at Eastern Florida State College.

To register, email Vergnaud at: [chris.vergnaud@cncc.edu](mailto:chris.vergnaud@cncc.edu). For more information, call Vergnaud at 970-675-3263 or Bryant at 970-629-3261.



Meeker Men's Club President Larin Crase, surrounded by most of his teammates, raises the "Cup" over his head in victory, after they defeated Rangely golfers 34-22 in the 12th annual Rio Blanco County Cup. The "Cup" will now be displayed in Meeker's clubhouse for the next year.

BOBBY GUTIERREZ

## RBC 'Cup' won by the golfers from Meeker Golf Course

By **BOBBY GUTIERREZ**  
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**MEEKER I** Only once in the 12-year history of playing the Rio Blanco County Cup, has the home golf team given the "Cup" to the visiting team, and this was not the year either.

"Good weather, a good time, good people and a good result," J.C. Watt said after the annual Rio Blanco County Cup was played on the Meeker Golf Course this year. For Meeker, it means the bragging rights for the next year, and the "Cup" will return to Meeker's clubhouse.

The "Cup" had been displayed in the Cedar Ridges Golf Course clubhouse for the past year, and, this year, more than 50 Rio Blanco County golfers competed in the two-day event, which uses a match-

style format to determine a champion.

Three years ago, Meeker won the "Cup" on Rangely's course and after the most recent match play, Meeker has displayed the "Cup" in its clubhouse seven times and Rangely has had bragging rights five times.

On Saturday, players were paired and matched up, using a scramble format on the first nine holes and the back nine were played in a best-ball format.

Meeker took an early three-point lead after the first nine and kept the same margin after the second nine as the two clubs each won seven matches during the best ball play.

"It's always fun and good camaraderie, but it's tough to beat them here on their course," Rangely team captain Robby Elam said.

Part of the fun and camaraderie included Rangely golfers camping at the course and Meeker golfers providing the food.

"We would like to thank Pat Walsh for cooking a pig and the Meeker Ladies' Club for making the sides," Elam said of the barbecue following the first day of play.

Meeker served as good hosts but they were all about winning and bringing the "Cup" back to Meeker, which is exactly what they did after 28 matches were played Sunday.

Meeker won 18 of those matches and tied one, to win the "Cup" back by 12 points.

"We had a year to think about the thumping they gave us last year," Meeker Men's Club President Larin Crase said while holding the "Cup." "So we had to give out a thumping of our own this year."

## Any anglers in state can fish for northern pike and earn money

Special to the Herald Times

**RBC I** To stem the proliferation of illegally stocked northern pike in Green Mountain Reservoir, Colorado Parks and Wildlife and the Colorado Water Conservation Board have created the Green Mountain Reservoir Angler Harvest Incentive Package, which gives anglers the opportunity to earn \$20 for every northern pike caught in the reservoir and delivered to Heeney Marina.

The incentive encourages anglers to participate directly in ongoing efforts to remove the illegally introduced predators from Green Mountain Reservoir.

"The fish were dumped in there several years ago by someone who selfishly didn't consider the serious consequences we are now dealing with," said CPW's Jon Ewert, aquatic biologist from Hot Sulphur Springs. "People should know that illicit stocking is a problem not only for ethical reasons but legal reasons as well. Anyone caught doing it faces severe penalties."

In addition to preying on fish in the reservoir, state biologists are concerned that any northern pike that escape may take up residency in the Blue River downstream of Green Mountain Dam. From there, the fish may eventually reach federally listed critical habitat in the Colorado River, where they could prey on the state's endangered native fishes—the Colorado pike minnow, humpback chub, razorback sucker and bonytail.

According to the Upper Colorado River Endangered Fish Recovery Program, the presence of predators like northern pike and smallmouth bass in native fish critical habitat significantly increases the difficulty of delisting the endangered fishes.

"Northern pike are aggressive predators with big appetites and if their population continues to grow, that will have profound impact on the fish we have stocked there as well as potential impacts to the endangered native fish we are currently trying to recover," Ewert said. "This is a win-win for the agency and anglers. They can catch a preda-

tory fish and earn some money; it helps us protect our native fish and we can manage the reservoir responsibly into the future."

To participate, anglers must bring their northern pike to the Heeney Marina along with their driver's license and fishing license.

CPW will keep fish heads for analysis, returning the body of the fish to the anglers. Anglers not wishing to keep the northern pike can donate their catch to the marina.

There are no limits for northern pike and smallmouth bass in Western Colorado. Anglers are encouraged to catch and keep as many of the fish as they desire, unless special regulations are in effect on specific waters.

For more information, contact CPW's Hot Sulphur Springs office at 970-725-6200.

Heeney Marina can be reached at 970-724-9441. To report illicit stocking or any other illegal wildlife activity anonymously, anglers can call Operation Game Thief at 877-265-6648.



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## Champions of the Week

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### Phalon Osborn & Savannah Neilson Rangely FBLA

Rangely freshman Phalon Osborn, left, and junior Savannah Neilson are at the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) Nationals in Atlanta, Ga., this week following their qualification at the state event in Vail in April. Osborn is the first freshman to qualify for the national competition in more than 17 years and this is also Neilson's first trip to the nationals. Osborn qualified in client services while Neilson is a voting delegate.



### Madi Shults RBC 4-H Meeker

At the July 4-H gathering in Fort Collins, recent MHS graduate Madi Shults was in the top three individuals in all six 4-H judging divisions, winning swine, reasons and high individual overall. Madi was also able to grasp a back-to-back state championship, a feat that has not been achieved in the history of Colorado 4-H Livestock Judging.



Meeker High School graduate TJ Shelton, pictured in May with his parents, Janae and Bobby Shelton, after being honored as the 2A/3A "Wrestler of the Year," was also recently honored for his football skills. Shelton was selected to play in the annual Colorado High School Coaches Association All-State Game in Alamosa, where he was the starting fullback for the North team. "TJ did a lot of good things and he was on the winning team," Shane Phelan, who was Shelton's high school coach, said. Phelan said it is an honor for Shelton because only one player from each league, in all classifications, is chosen to play. "It was fun," Shelton, who will attend the Colorado School of Mines this fall, said.

BOBBY GUTIERREZ

## Tipton comments on news of huge gas deposits in the Piceance Basin

Special to the Herald Times

**RBC** U.S. Rep. Scott Tipton (CO-03) submitted remarks to the U.S. Department of Interior (DOI) during a listening session on the administration's review of the federal coal program on June 23. The DOI has launched a comprehensive review of the federal coal program to identify and consider potential reforms.

As part of the review, the DOI has set public meetings in communities around the country to solicit public feedback on the program. Tipton's remarks were submitted at a meeting in Grand Junction, Colo.

In his remarks, Tipton addressed the issues of public returns on resource development, environmental impacts and the impacts deci-

sions by the administration may have on coal-dependent communities.

Tipton said, "Coal mining is honest work that pays well and produces over half of Colorado's electric generation. Yes, we should utilize all forms of energy at our disposal. Yes, we should ensure that the public receives a fair return on publicly owned resources. Yes, these resources should all be developed in an environmentally responsible way.

"But the department has not made a compelling case that a complete overhaul of the coal program and a delay in new leasing would achieve a cost-effective and measurable improvement over the status quo in any of the above," he said. "It seems rather just another blow to

an industry that is vital to our economic well-being, but is nonetheless squarely in the sites of this administration."

Tipton also responded to the administration's June 2016 report on the economics of coal leasing on federal lands.

"The question of whether the public is receiving a fair return on leases is an important one to ask, but it's troubling that the administration has failed to recognize that its own policies are actively suppressing the production of coal and its associated revenues," Tipton said. "Responsible coal production provides a reliable and affordable energy source for Americans, and I remain committed to policies that support an all-of-the-above energy policy," Tipton said.



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Eight Meeker High School Cowboy wrestlers recently attended the Western State Team Camp in Gunnison and wrestled in 17 duals, winning 13 of them. "Our kids wrestled tough," Meeker assistant coach Carl Padilla said. Wrestling for the Cowboys in back row were: Chase Rule, Christopher Strate, Charles Curry, assistant coach Carl Padilla, Sheridan Harvey, head coach J.C. Watt, Caleb Bradford and Casey Turner. Incoming freshmen Ridge Williams and Keston Hobbs, (two on the right in the front row) also attended, while four wrestlers (Bryon Fierro of Ridgeview, Jason Hanenburg of Air Academy, Hunter Popkey of Buhler, Kan., and Deron Solomon, also of Ridgeview High School), were added to Meeker's team. Coach Padilla said Harvey and Turner wrestled in the all-star dual, where Turner remained undefeated and he was named the camp's Outstanding Wrestler. "He's an animal and I'm glad he wrestles for us," Coach Padilla said of Turner, who will return for his senior year to defend his state wrestling title.

### Today is parade entry deadline

**MEEKER** The Meeker Chamber of Commerce is signing up entries for the annual 2016 Meeker Fourth of July Parade, which will begin at 10 a.m. on the Fourth. The deadline is today.

Anyone can take part in the parade, which is open to individuals, organizations, businesses, vehicles, horse riders, motorcycle and bicycle riders, pets or pull carts such as wagons. The parade participants will gather on Main Street, starting at 7th and Main, and conclude at the intersection of 4th and Main streets.

All entries must be turned into the Meeker Chamber of Commerce, 710 Market St. by today, and there is no entry fee.

For more information, call the chamber at 970-878-0271 or email: joann@meekerchamber.com.

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# MSD looks at high number of valedictorians, acts on budget

By REED KELLEY  
Special to the Herald Times

**MEEKER** | Meeker Board of Education (BOE) member David Smith reported during the board's June 20 meeting that several people had asked him following the Meeker High School commencement what the deal was with having so many potential valedictorians for the Class of 2017. Nine 2017 students received mantles at the 2016 commencement.

Board member Kevin Amack asked his colleagues whether they thought it was OK to have nine potential valedictorians for next year.

Board member Dr. Bob Dorsett

thought it was a fine reason to celebrate having so many excellent students in the Class of 2017, that all grading was fundamentally subjective and should not be relied upon to be objective.

Board President Bud Ridings, however, agreed with Amack that there's got to be a way to decide on one valedictorian or maybe two, if there is a tie.

Superintendent Chris Selle said, "If you set a bar, and all nine kids meet that bar, then those nine kids all get the prize."

The situation arises, in part, from the current grade-reporting system, he said. Any student now earning 89.6

percent and above is considered as having an "A" grade. Selle and the board agreed that the same system must be in place for all four years of a student's high school career.

Any changes in the current grading system or other factors affecting the choice of valedictorians, which might be put in place this fall, would be for the entering freshman class.

Selle committed to circulating surveys to faculty, advisory boards, including parents and students for more input on this matter.

In other business last week, the BOE signed off on the preliminary \$6.5 million budget for 2016-2017, projecting just over a \$700,000 bud-

get deficit to be funded by dipping into the reserve. The board believes the taxpayers, during the 2014 mill levy override campaign expressed the desire to have the board spend down their reserves to some extent.

For clarification, Amack asked for agreement on the summary situation being that the board would dip into their more-than \$4 million reserve for approximately two years and, if it had to, use the state's low interest loan fund to pay bills, before going back to the MSD taxpayers for any mill levy increased.

"The board wants to be able to find new funding sources by that time," Amack said.

Selle pointed out in the budget discussion that savings from the four-day school week were noticeable. As

an example, the budget line item for operation and maintenance of the physical plant is down \$77,000 from 2015-2016 and \$42,000 from 2014-2015. The line item for student transportation services is down \$32,000 from 2015-2016 and \$73,000 from 2014-2015.

Dorsett indicated that the dollars that the schools' free- and reduced-cost lunch program are available throughout the summer. He wondered if the district or the Meeker community could find a way to offer those same kids the lunch program during summer months.

Selle committed to looking into the question further.

The board accepted the resignation of food services worker Janice Baldwin while approving the hiring

of Apryl Newkirk as a fifth grade teacher and, for Barone Middle School, football head coach Jason Browning, assistant coach Clinton Kilduff and volunteer assistant coach Nick Smith.

It was also noted that classified staff (non-teachers) were undergoing evaluation by the superintendent, some perhaps for the first time in recent memory, or their memory, for that matter.

Selle reports now that the football field and track rehabilitation project continues to progress. The topsoil is back on the field and installation of the waterline to the town's water main is underway this week. The sod, he said, will hopefully be back on the field within the next week or two.

## Colorado survey: Parents the biggest influences on state's teen behavior

Special to the Herald Times

**RBC** | The 2015 Healthy Kids Colorado Survey, the state's only comprehensive survey on the health, well-being and resiliency of young people in Colorado, shows high school students are less likely to engage in risky behaviors if they have a trusted adult in their lives.

The survey shows marijuana use has not increased since legalization, with four of five high school students continuing to say they don't use marijuana, even occasionally. Alcohol use continues to decline, with nearly seven of 10 saying they had not used alcohol in the past 30 days. And nine of 10 Colorado high school youth say they don't smoke cigarettes, the highest rejection of smoking by high school youth in the past decade.

"The Healthy Kids Colorado Survey shows parents who make healthy choices have children who make healthy choices," said Dr. Larry Wolk, executive director and chief medical officer of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment. "This comprehensive survey of youth behavior lays out the path to a healthier generation of Coloradans."

The healthy kids survey shows parents and guardians are the most

important influence on a young person's health and well-being. If a parent feels it's wrong to use marijuana, their children are four times less likely to use marijuana. If a parent feels it's wrong to smoke cigarettes, their children are six times less likely to smoke cigarettes. And if a parent feels it's wrong to drink alcohol regularly, their children are three times less likely to binge drink. For all major categories of substances, Colorado's middle school and high school students were consistent with national averages in 30-day and lifetime use.

Young people who said they can ask their parent or guardian for help if they have a personal problem are more than three times less likely to attempt suicide and one-and-a-half times more likely to be physically active.

The voluntary, biannual survey is a collaboration of the state departments of Health and Environment, Education, and Human Services, the University of Colorado, Anschutz, and a community advisory committee. It collects information on a wide range of health behaviors and, in 2015, included approximately 17,000 randomly selected students from 157 randomly selected middle and high schools in Colorado.

Public and private organizations

across Colorado use this survey's state and regional health data to identify trends and to enhance school and community-based programs that improve the health and well-being of young people.

The Celebrating Healthy Communities Coalition in La Plata County has used results from the survey to create media campaigns that show the link between strong parental connections and reduced risk-taking behaviors in youth, fostered by conditions such as clear family rules, open communication, sharing facts and talking through scenarios that prepare youth.

"The healthy kids survey helped us reach out to parents to show their influence matters in keeping kids healthy and away from risky behaviors," said Lauren Patterson, spokesperson for the coalition.

While this survey continues to show progress among Colorado young people in making healthy choices, it also reveals health disparities in some areas of Colorado. The health department works with other state agencies and local communities to provide data and share proven practices aimed at ensuring all young Coloradans have access to caring adults, safe neighborhoods, high-quality schools and inclusive health care.



COURTESY PHOTO

Rio Blanco County 4-H members competing at CSU were: front row from left: Sylvia Smith holding Blake Smith, Macy Collins, Jilly Bumgardner, Madelyn Medlin, Emily Silva, Madi Shults and coach Clint Shults. Back row from left: Ty Dunham, Kayla Scott and Hailey Scott.

## County 4-H does well at CSU; Shults first repeat champion

Special to the Herald Times

**RBC** | The 4-H June Conference was held at Colorado State University in Fort Collins June 21-24 and Rio Blanco County was well represented by four senior livestock judges as well as two senior and two junior horse judges to compete at the state competition.

The senior horse judges, Emily Silva and Madelyn Medlin, evaluated nine classes and presented four sets of oral reasons defending their placings. This is a new project for the county 4-H being coached by Sylvia Smith.

These dedicated individuals are

seeking other members to fill the third and fourth spots on next year's team. The junior horse judges were Hailey and Kayla Scott, judging 10 classes and giving two sets of oral reasons. The Scott sisters made the top 20 overall as well as top 20 in each division, Hailey placing 11th and Kayla placing 19th. This was the first state competition for all of the RBC horse judges attending. With one under their belt, this young group of judges has several more state contests in their future.

The livestock judging team coached by Clint Shults attended the conference as well. The seniors were not able to compete as a team since

they are the reigning state champions, but they were allowed to judge as individuals.

The group was excited to have a past junior judge, Jillian Bumgardner, be old enough to travel to her first state contest. The seniors were also represented by Macy Collins, Ty Dunham and Madi Shults.

Dunham and Shults attended their final state competitions although they still have a year of eligibility. They will be continuing on to judge at the college level.

The livestock judges evaluated 12 classes of livestock, three with performance data, and they presented six sets of oral reasons. Ty Dunham was sixth in beef, Collins was third in sheep and goats and Shults was in the top three individuals in all six divisions, winning swine, reasons and high individual overall. Shults was able to grasp a back-to-back state championship, a feat that has not been achieved in the history of Colorado 4-H Livestock Judging.

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 COLORADO COUNTIES INC, MC-PRCH SVCS, \$700.00  
 RBC CLERK & RECORDER, MC-ADVNC, \$300.00  
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 ATLAS ADVERTISING, CNTRCT SVCS, \$6,666.00  
 ATMOS ENERGY, UTIL, \$2,971.48  
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 BETTER CITY, ECON DVLP, \$61,875.00  
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 IDENTITY GRAPHICS, SPLYS, \$48.00  
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 LITZLEMAN MARK, SPLYS, \$138.57  
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 MEEKER AIRPORT - CONTRACT, CNTRCT SVCS, \$3,500.00  
 MEEKER CHAMBER OF COMM, ECON DVLP, \$410.16  
 MEEKER GENERAL MERC, SPLYS, \$46.00  
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 MOON LAKE ELECTRIC, UTIL, \$4,335.89  
 MORGAN COUNTY EXTENSION, SPLYS, \$4.14  
 MOTOROLA, PRCH SVCS, \$17,903.04  
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 PHIL VAUGHAN CONSTRUCT, CNTRCT SVCS, \$5,622.74  
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 PRECISION PRINTING, SAR, \$124.89  
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 RANGELY TRASH SERVICE, UTIL, \$199.00  
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 SOLARWINDS, PRCH SVCS, \$831.00  
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 WITHERELL ROZLYNN, PRCH SVCS, \$77.30  
 XIDAX, SPLYS, \$3,238.00  
 ZONES, SPLYS, \$416.80  
 US TREASURY DEPT, FED W/H, \$40,612.73  
 US TREASURY DEPT, FICA W/H, \$56,847.07  
 CO DEPT OF REV, STATE W/H, \$12,747.35  
 GREAT WEST, RETIREMENT, \$42,265.49  
 COUNTY HEALTH POOL, INSURANCE, \$111,198.99  
 A-1 COLLECTION AGENCY, WAGE ASGNMT, \$817.36  
 FAMILY SUPPORT REGISTRY, WAGE ASGNMT, \$284.00  
 FAMILY SUPPORT REGISTRY, WAGE ASGNMT, \$388.00  
 FAMILY SUPPORT REGISTRY, WAGE ASGNMT, \$669.37  
 GENERAL FUND TOTAL \$528,762.15  
**FUND: CAPITAL EXPENDITURES**  
**VENDOR NAME, ACCOUNT NAME, AMOUNT**  
 PRATER'S PLUMBING, INFO SYSTM, \$2,685.29  
 CAPITAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL, \$2,685.29  
**FUND: ROAD & BRIDGE**  
**VENDOR NAME, ACCOUNT NAME, AMOUNT**  
 ALSOCO, PRCH SVCS, \$129.22  
 AMPM SWEEPERS & STRIPES, CNTRCT SVCS, \$28,429.73  
 CENTURYLINK, PRCH SVCS, \$217.89  
 CENTURYLINK-LAND LINES, PRCH SVCS, \$307.06  
 CREDIT UNION OF CO, SPLYS, \$7.44  
 DAILY SENTINEL THE, PRCH SVCS, \$124.48  
 FASTENAL COMPANY, SPLYS, \$11.62  
 FRONTIER PAVING, OVERLAY, \$1,626,142.93  
 G.A. WESTERN CONSTRUCT, CR 0 BRDG, \$133,093.71  
 GMCO CORP., DST CNTRL, \$91,863.28  
 HDR, CR 0 BRDG, \$503.29  
 HDR, CR 73 BRDG, \$22,477.17  
 JSC, CR 46 ERSN, \$3,100.00  
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 RESPOND FIRST AID SYST, SPLYS, \$63.04  
 RIO BLANCO HERALD TIMES, PRCH SVCS, \$194.12  
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 STANTEC CONSULTING, PRCH SVCS, \$4,600.00  
 TRITON ENVIRONMENTAL, CULVERT, \$225.20  
 UNION TELEPHONE CO, PRCH SVCS, \$376.17  
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 WHITE RIVER DISTRIBUTION, SPLYS, \$58.75  
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 US TREASURY DEPT, FED W/H, \$15,559.95  
 US TREASURY DEPT, FICA W/H, \$22,955.47  
 CO DEPT OF REV, STATE W/H, \$5,224.00  
 GREAT WEST, RETIREMENT, \$18,574.15  
 COUNTY HEALTH POOL, INSURANCE, \$52,551.73  
 FAMILY SUPPORT REGISTRY, WAGE ASGNMT, \$600.00  
 ROAD & BRIDGE FUND TOTAL, \$2,561,500.74  
**FUND: PUBLIC HEALTH**  
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 GLOBALSTAR USA, PRCH SVCS, \$56.39  
 PARAGARD DIRECT, SPLYS, \$675.09  
 PIONEERS MEDICAL CENTER, PRCH SVCS, \$100.00  
 PRIORITY HEALTH CARE, SPLYS, \$2,853.76  
 RANGELY TRUE VALUE, SPLYS, \$2.59  
 THERACOM, SPLYS, \$1,038.60  
 WHITE RIVER DISTRIBUTION, SPLYS, \$21.25  
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 CO DEPT OF REV, STATE W/H, \$599.07  
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 COUNTY HEALTH POOL, INSURANCE, \$4,157.10  
 PUBLIC HEALTH FUND TOTAL, \$16,553.35  
**FUND: DEPT OF HUMAN SERVICES**  
**VENDOR NAME, ACCOUNT NAME, AMOUNT**  
 PITNEY BOWES RESERVE, CNTY EXP, \$5.58  
 US TREASURY DEPT, FED W/H, \$4,149.28  
 US TREASURY DEPT, FICA W/H, \$6,143.00  
 CO DEPT OF REV, STATE W/H, \$1,449.00  
 GREAT WEST, RETIREMENT, \$5,346.32  
 COUNTY HEALTH POOL, INSURANCE, \$17,263.39  
 DHS ACCOUNTS PAYABLE, \$6,719.70  
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**FUND: CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT**  
**VENDOR NAME, ACCOUNT NAME, AMOUNT**  
 SHELTON WELDING SERVICE, MC-MKR FGND, \$31,373.00  
 ASSET ENGINEERING, BRDBND IMP, \$81,743.65  
 CIRCLE H CONSTRUCTION, BRDBND IMP, \$210,195.12  
 CREDIT UNION OF CO, BRDBND IMP, \$1,155.74  
 DUCEY'S ELECTRIC, MKR FGND, \$20,771.81  
 GODERT CONSTRUCTION, 4H BLDG/FGND, \$18,466.36  
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 GRAYBAR, BRDBND IMP, \$7,471.32  
 MID-STATE CONSULTANTS, BRDBND IMP, \$1,320.00  
 PRECAST CONCEPTS, MKR FGND, \$2,145.50  
 BCER ENGINEERING, JSTC CNTR, \$7,650.00  
 SHELTON WELDING SERVICE, MKR FGND, \$9,500.00  
 STONEBILT CONCEPTS, MKR FGND, \$6,428.50  
 STRONG LUMBER, OHV TRAIL, \$3,168.00  
 TURNKEY CORRECTIONS, JSTC CNTR, \$10,449.43  
 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND TOTAL, \$413,133.02  
**FUND: USE TAX**  
**VENDOR NAME, ACCOUNT NAME, AMOUNT**  
 ALL TEMP SERVICES, PRCH SVCS, \$1,000.36  
 BOY-KO SUPPLY, SPLYS, \$198.78  
 CENTURYLINK, PRCH SVCS, \$330.91  
 CENTURYLINK-LAND LINES, PRCH SVCS, \$207.34  
 CNCC, CNTRCT SVCS, \$1,000.00  
 DUCEY'S ELECTRIC, PRCH SVCS, \$332.02  
 ECONOMY FLOOR COVERING, PRCH SVCS, \$4,570.00  
 HENDERSHOTT MELAINE R, PRCH SVCS, \$100.00  
 MOON LAKE ELECTRIC, UTIL, \$1,143.45  
 PITNEY BOWES RESERVE, PRCH SVCS, \$10.23  
 PRATER'S PLUMBING, PRCH SVCS, \$110.50  
 RANGELY CHAMBER OF COMM, GRANT, \$10,000.00  
 RANGELY TOWN OF, UTIL, \$97.85  
 RANGELY TRASH SERVICE, UTIL, \$166.00  
 RANGELY TRUE VALUE, SPLYS, \$105.89  
 RBC HISTORICAL SOCIETY, GRANT, \$20,000.00  
 REDI SERVICES, PRCH SVCS, \$84.00  
 RIO BLANCO HERALD TIMES, PRCH SVCS, \$5.00  
 STAPLES ADVANTAGE, SPLYS, \$4.49  
 TRENT TOMLINSON CONSTRUCTION, PRCH SVCS, \$5,983.00  
 U.S. FOODS, FOOD SPLYS, \$2,910.58  
 VALLEY HARDWARE, SPLYS, \$31.99  
 WATT'S RANCH MARKET, FOOD SPLYS, \$118.98  
 WHITE RIVER MARKET, FOOD SPLYS, \$200.79  
 US TREASURY DEPT, FED W/H, \$1,602.60  
 US TREASURY DEPT, FICA W/H, \$2,586.46  
 CO DEPT OF REV, STATE W/H, \$570.02  
 GREAT WEST, RETIREMENT, \$1,875.40  
 COUNTY HEALTH POOL, INSURANCE, \$4,724.86  
 USE TAX FUND TOTAL, \$60,071.50  
**FUND: IMPACT FEE**  
**VENDOR NAME, ACCOUNT NAME, AMOUNT**  
 HDR, CR 5 CRDR, \$1,029.71  
 HDR, CR 5 CRDR, \$981.94  
 HDR, CR 5 CRDR, \$4,596.12  
 IMPACT FEE FUND TOTAL, \$6,607.77  
**FUND: SOLID WASTE**  
**VENDOR NAME, ACCOUNT NAME, AMOUNT**  
 AC2 LABORATORIES, PRCH SVCS, \$106.00  
 CREDIT UNION OF CO, SPLYS, \$1,597.32  
 ISLAND LAKE MARINE, SPLYS, \$4,769.68  
 OVERTON RECYCLING, SPLYS, \$2,872.80  
 PITNEY BOWES RESERVE, PRCH SVCS, \$18.54  
 REDI SERVICES, PRCH SVCS, \$60.00  
 UNION TELEPHONE CO, PRCH SVCS, \$53.78  
 WHITE RIVER DISTRIBUTION, PRCH SVCS, \$15.00  
 WHITE RIVER ELECTRIC, UTIL, \$269.58  
 US TREASURY DEPT, FED W/H, \$985.22  
 US TREASURY DEPT, FICA W/H, \$1,645.18  
 CO DEPT OF REV, STATE W/H, \$343.00  
 GREAT WEST, RETIREMENT, \$1,218.72  
 COUNTY HEALTH POOL, INSURANCE, \$3,533.40  
 A-1 COLLECTION AGENCY, WAGE ASGNMT, \$528.17  
 CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES, WAGE ASGNMT, \$200.00  
 SOLID WASTE FUND TOTAL, \$18,216.39  
**FUND: WEED & PEST**  
**VENDOR NAME, ACCOUNT NAME, AMOUNT**  
 CO DEPT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, SPLYS, \$275.00  
 CREDIT UNION OF CO, SPLYS, \$79.86  
 JULIUS AG INC., WD CNTRL, \$2,135.00  
 NOXIOUS WEED MANAGEMENT, WD CNTRL, \$4,410.00  
 PITNEY BOWES RESERVE, PRCH SVCS, \$11.16  
 US TREASURY DEPT, FED W/H, \$440.06  
 US TREASURY DEPT, FICA W/H, \$970.28  
 CO DEPT OF REV, STATE W/H, \$160.00  
 GREAT WEST, RETIREMENT, \$572.00  
 COUNTY HEALTH POOL, INSURANCE, \$843.15  
 WEED & PEST FUND TOTAL, \$9,896.51  
**FUND: FAIRFIELD**  
**VENDOR NAME, ACCOUNT NAME, AMOUNT**  
 ATMOS ENERGY, UTIL, \$344.12  
 BOY-KO SUPPLY, SPLYS, \$218.09  
 CENTURYLINK-LAND LINES, PRCH SVCS, \$213.63  
 CRITTERS R US, PRCH SVCS, \$300.00  
 LEBLANC CONSTRUCTION, CPPT OTLY, \$28,121.00  
 MARATHON SYSTEMS, SPLYS, \$916.80  
 MEEKER GENERAL MERC, SPLYS, \$81.00  
 MEEKER SANITATION DIST, UTIL, \$70.00  
 MEEKER TOWN OF, UTIL, \$588.00  
 MID-AMERICAN RESEARCH, SPLYS, \$46.51  
 REDI SERVICES, UTIL, \$610.00  
 RIFLE LOCK & SAFE, SPLYS, \$365.00  
 SAMUELSON TRUE VALUE, SPLYS, \$38.56  
 TRANE U.S., PRCH SVCS, \$1,029.68  
 VALLEY HARDWARE, SPLYS, \$95.87  
 WHITE RIVER ELECTRIC, UTIL, \$1,334.92  
 US TREASURY DEPT, FED W/H, \$346.05  
 US TREASURY DEPT, FICA W/H, \$741.53  
 CO DEPT OF REV, STATE W/H, \$140.56  
 GREAT WEST, RETIREMENT, \$559.09  
 COUNTY HEALTH POOL, INSURANCE, \$2,663.63  
 FAMILY SUPPORT REGISTRY, WAGE ASGNMT, \$30.63  
 FAIRFIELD FUND TOTAL, \$38,854.67  
**FUND: CENTRAL SERVICES**  
**VENDOR NAME, ACCOUNT NAME, AMOUNT**  
 ALL COPY PRODUCTS, CNTRCT SVCS, \$235.95  
 CENTURYLINK, PRCH SVCS, \$337.25  
 CENTURYLINK (LONG DIST), PRCH SVCS, \$297.73  
 CENTURYLINK-LAND LINES, PRCH SVCS,

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### LEGAL NOTICES

\$95.87  
 FASTTRACK COMMUNICATION, PRCH SVCS, \$665.87  
 PITNEY BOWES, RENT/LEASE EQUIP, \$674.52  
 PITNEY BOWES RESERVE, PRCH SVCS, \$51.87  
 STRATA NETWORKS, INTERNET, \$3,506.71  
 WHITE RIVER ELECTRIC, INTERNET, \$99.98  
 XEROX CORPORATION, CNTRCT SVCS, \$1,854.13  
 CENTRAL SERVICES FUND TOTAL, \$7,819.88  
**FUND: FLEET**  
**VENDOR NAME, ACCOUNT NAME, AMOUNT**  
 A&E TIRE, TIRES, \$1,371.24  
 AIRGAS INTERMOUNTAIN, SPLYS, \$226.48  
 BEST DEAL SPRINGS, PRCH SVCS, \$140.60  
 CENTURYLINK-LAND LINES, PRCH SVCS, \$125.20  
 COLUMBINE FORD, PRCH SVCS, \$691.54  
 CREDIT UNION OF CO, PRCH SVCS, \$299.96  
 CUMMINS ROCKY MTN., PRCH SVCS, \$67.29  
 DENVER INDUSTRIAL SALES, PRCH SVCS, \$908.76  
 EXTENSION PROGRAM ACTIVITIES, GAS, \$53.11  
 FASTENAL COMPANY, SPLYS, \$198.23  
 FORCE AMERICA DISTRIBUTION, PRCH SVCS, \$44.47  
 GCR TIRES & SERVICE, TIRES, \$2,536.79  
 GILBARCO, PRCH SVCS, \$198.38  
 HILL PETROLEUM, GAS, \$14,191.19  
 HONNEN EQUIPMENT, PRCH SVCS, \$200.91  
 JACKSON GROUP PETERBILT, PRCH SVCS, \$925.00  
 KIMBALL MIDWEST, SPLYS, \$140.69  
 LEACH'S INDUSTRIAL SERVICE, SPLYS, \$19.50  
 MASTER PETROLEUM, DIESEL/LUBE, \$35,493.18  
 MCCANDLESS TRUCK CENTER, PRCH SVCS, \$610.59  
 MCGUIRE AUTO PARTS, PRCH SVCS, \$2,918.55  
 MEEKER AUTO PARTS, PRCH SVCS, \$2,534.54  
 MEEKER COLLISION CENTER, RPR/MTNC, \$3,865.00  
 MHC KENWORTH-G.J., PRCH SVCS, \$174.50  
 MOON LAKE ELECTRIC, UTIL, \$110.69  
 NORTHWEST AUTO SALES, PRCH SVCS, \$309.81  
 OFFICE DEPOT, SPLYS, \$70.05  
 RANGELY AUTO PARTS, PRCH SVCS, \$1,929.00  
 SAMUELSON TRUE VALUE, PRCH SVCS, \$8.58  
 SNAP ON TOOLS, MISC INVTY, \$1,548.00  
 WAGNER EQUIPMENT, PRCH SVCS, \$1,126.41  
 WEAR PARTS & EQUIPMENT, PRCH SVCS, \$528.00  
 WESTFALL O'DELL TRUCK, PRCH SVCS, \$308.13  
 WHITE RIVER ELECTRIC, UTIL, \$293.76  
 XCEL ENERGY, UTIL, \$33.38  
 US TREASURY DEPT, FED W/H, \$3,361.32  
 US TREASURY DEPT, FICA W/H, \$5,366.35  
 CO DEPT OF REV, STATE W/H, \$1,133.00  
 GREAT WEST, RETIREMENT, \$4,729.43  
 COUNTY HEALTH POOL, INSURANCE, \$12,220.14  
 FLEET FUND TOTAL, \$101,011.81  
 Published: JUNE 30, 2016  
 Rio Blanco Herald Times

### LEGAL NOTICES

to three-year terms. Completed Petitions must be signed by 15 qualified WREA members and returned to WREA no later than July 29, 2016 by 4:30 p.m. Members may vote in the election of directors by mailed ballot or in person at the Annual Meeting, September 14, 2016 at the Fairfield Center in Meeker, Colorado. Please call WREA at 970-878-5041 for more information or with any questions.  
 Publish: June 16, 30, and July 7, 2016  
 Rio Blanco Herald Times

**Rio Blanco County Combined Courts**  
**455 Main Street Meeker, CO 81641**  
**NOTICE OF PUBLICATION**  
**BY CONSOLIDATED NOTICE**  
**16DR1**  
**Petitioner, Ivalene Kindred**  
**Respondent, Zell Kindred, Jr.**

This court has entered an order directing Publication by Consolidated Notice of the proceedings filed in the above listed case under the Uniform Dissolution of Marriage Act after finding that due diligence has been used to obtain personal service but to no avail. The foregoing proceedings have been filed and are served by this publication. If your name appears above, you may obtain a copy of the petition and summons from this court. If you fail to respond within thirty-five (35) days, a default judgment may be entered against you.  
 Publish: June 2, June 9, June 16, June 23, June 30, 2016  
 Rio Blanco Herald Times

### LEGAL NOTICES

**Pursuant to the Rules and Regulation of the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation**  
 Board published August 1980, and pursuant to the Colorado Surface Coal Mining Reclamation Act 34-33-101, et seq., notice is hereby given of the filing of an application for Phase III Bond Release of a portion of the Colowoyo Mine site. The application pertains to the existing Colowoyo Coal Mine, Permit No. C-1981-019, Colowoyo Coal Company L.P., 5731 State Highway No. 13, Meeker, Colorado 81641, filed with the Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (CDRMS), Colorado Department of Natural Resources, 1313 Sherman Street, Room 215, Denver, Colorado 80203, and approved by the Division on April 5, 2013 (latest Permit Renewal). The Colowoyo Mine is located approximately 28 miles south of Craig, Colorado. The application areas for Phase III bond release were reclaimed from 2000 through 2003. These areas total approximately 209 acres that are shown in detail on Map 1 within the application. The status of the reclaimed areas is consistent with the requirements of the approved reclamation plan which includes achievement of Phase I and Phase II bond release, a minimum of 5 years since the last seeding and fill and gully repair, and the reclamation parcels have met the requirements of the revegetation success criteria for two years. Listed below is a general legal description of this area: Township 3 North, Range 93 West of the 6th P.M.  
 Section 3 NW ° SE °, SW ° NE °;  
 Section 4 NW ° SE °, NE ° NW °;  
 Section 10 SE ° NW °;  
 Section 11 SW ° W  
 Colowoyo currently holds a self-bond (Bond No. SB-010) in the amount of \$80,517,829. With this bond release application, the Colowoyo Mine will be requesting relinquishment of 100% of the bond held for the parcels applied for under this application. A copy of the bond release application is on file at the Moffat County Clerk and Recorder Office located in the Moffat County Courthouse, 221 West Victory Way, Craig, Colorado 81625 and the Rio Blanco County Clerk and Recorder Office in the Rio Blanco Courthouse located at 555 Main Street #303, Meeker, CO, 81641. Written comments, objections, and requests for a public hearing or informal conference concerning this bond release application should be addressed to the Colorado Division of Reclamation Mining and Safety, Colorado Department of Natural Resources, 1313 Sherman Street, Room 215, Denver, Colorado 80203. Comments must be filed within thirty (30) days from the last date of this publication, or within thirty (30) days of the completed inspection by the CDRMS, whichever is later.  
 Publish: June 23 & 30, July 7 & 14, 2016  
 Rio Blanco Herald Times

### Request for Demolition Contractor Proposals & Qualifications

**Rio Blanco Protection District**  
**Meeker, Colorado**

Rio Blanco Fire Protection District ("Meeker Fire"), Meeker, Colorado respectfully requests sealed proposals/qualifications for Demolition Contractor services associated with demolition and temporary site stabilization of Meeker's Fire station located at 240 7th Street, Meeker, Colorado. Project generally consists of, but not limited to:

- Demolition of the north portion of an existing building, inclusive of foundation.
- Removing and abandoning water service utility.
- Removing gas lines back to the portion of the building that will remain intact.
- Removing electrical panels that service the portion of the building to be razed, back to the main disconnect.
- Traffic control
- Constructing a wood framed wall to secure the remaining portion of the building.
- Other related items.

A full description of the Scope of Services required is found within the Bid Set Drawings and the Solicitation. The Bid Set Drawings and Solicitation are available electronically by contacting the project manager as noted below: F&D International LLC, Project Managers Todd E Ficken, PE or Ms. Alex Knettel, PM  
 Email: todd@fdi-one.com or alex@fdi-one.com  
 Phone: (303) 652-3200  
 Only electronic copies of the RFP and associated documents are available. There is a MANDATORY pre-bid meeting scheduled for 7 July 2016 at 11:00 am at the located at 240 7th Street, Meeker, Colorado. Bid proposals will only be accepted from attendees of record at the pre-bid meeting. All other bids will be rejected. Proposals are due by 01 August 2016 delivery instructions are noted in the RFP documents. Only electronic proposals will be accepted.  
 Published: June 30 and July 7, 2016  
 Rio Blanco Herald Times

### Public Notice

A public hearing has been scheduled for July 5, 2016 at 7:00 pm at the Meeker Town Hall, 345 Market Street, to consider a request by Meeker Lions Club, for a Special Event Liquor License for OHV Celebration, at 700 Sulphur Crk Rd (Grandstands), Meeker CO 81641 on July 15, 2016 from 4:00 pm to 10:00 pm  
 § Kathleen Sizemore  
 Liquor Clerk  
 Published: June 30, 2016  
 Rio Blanco Herald Times

### 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 just after daybreak beginning June 20th through July 1st, 2016 depending upon weather conditions. Further information is available at Town Hall, 345 Market St., 970-878-5344 or from Coulter Aviation, 970-878-5045.  
 Published: June 23rd and 30th, 2016  
 Rio Blanco Herald Times

### WHITE RIVER ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION, INC.

**2016 BOARD OF DIRECTOR ELECTIONS**  
**Petitions for Nomination of Director Candidate Now Available**

Please be advised that Petitions for Nomination of Director Candidate for the White River Electric Association, Inc. Board of Directors will be available beginning June 16, 2016. Prospective candidates may obtain Petitions for Nomination of Director Candidate at the WREA headquarters, 233 6th Street in Meeker, Colorado during regular business hours, Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Petitions are also available on-line at www.wrea.org. At the September 14, 2016 WREA Annual Meeting, one director from the Town of Meeker District will be elected to a three-year term, and two directors from the Rural District will be elected

**LEGAL NOTICES**

**COMBINED NOTICE - MAILING  
CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 16-06**

To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust: On April 7, 2016, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Rio Blanco records.

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| Original Grantor(s)  | Stephen Rowlett and Aimee Rowlett  |
| Original Beneficiary(ies)                                  | Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., acting solely as nominee for Countrywide Home Loans, Inc. dba America's Wholesale Lender |
| Current Holder of Evidence of Debt                         | LSF9 Master Participation Trust  |
| Date of Deed of Trust                                      | June 14, 2007  |
| County of Recording  | Rio Blanco   |
| Recording Date of Deed of Trust                            | June 15, 2007  |
| Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/Page No.) | 288908   |
| Original Principal Amount                                  | \$417,000.00   |
| Outstanding Principal Balance                              | \$254,818.56   |

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

**LOT 43, BLOCK 3 OF SAGE HILLS RESUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED APRIL 1, 1998 AS RECEPTION NO. 261792, TOWN OF MEEKER, COLORADO.**  
**Also known by street and number as: 1312 Sage Ridge Road, Meeker, CO 81641.**  
**THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED OF TRUST.**

**NOTICE OF SALE**

THEREFORE, Notice Is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, 08/10/2016, at Office of the Public Trustee, Temporary Office, 1032 Jennifer Drive, Meeker CO 81641, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s)' heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.

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| First Publication   | 6/16/2016               |
| Last Publication    | 7/14/2016               |
| Name of Publication | Rio Blanco Herald Times |

**NOTICE OF RIGHTS**

YOU MAY HAVE AN INTEREST IN THE REAL PROPERTY BEING FORECLOSED, OR HAVE CERTAIN RIGHTS OR SUFFER CERTAIN LIABILITIES PURSUANT TO COLORADO STATUTES AS A RESULT OF SAID FORECLOSURE. YOU MAY HAVE THE RIGHT TO REDEEM SAID REAL PROPERTY OR YOU MAY HAVE THE RIGHT TO CURE A DEFAULT UNDER THE DEED OF TRUST BEING FORECLOSED. A COPY OF SAID STATUTES, AS SUCH STATUTES ARE PRESENTLY CONSTITUTED, WHICH MAY AFFECT YOUR RIGHTS SHALL BE SENT WITH ALL MAILED COPIES OF THIS NOTICE. HOWEVER, YOUR RIGHTS MAY BE DETERMINED BY PREVIOUS STATUTES.

• **A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE FILED PURSUANT TO SECTION 38-38-104 SHALL BE FILED WITH THE PUBLIC TRUSTEE AT LEAST FIFTEEN (15) CALENDAR DAYS PRIOR TO THE FIRST SCHEDULED SALE DATE OR ANY DATE TO WHICH THE SALE IS CONTINUED;**

• **A NOTICE OF INTENT TO REDEEM FILED PURSUANT TO SECTION 38-38-302 SHALL BE FILED WITH THE PUBLIC TRUSTEE NO LATER THAN EIGHT (8) BUSINESS DAYS AFTER THE SALE;**

• **IF THE SALE DATE IS CONTINUED TO A LATER DATE, THE DEADLINE TO FILE A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE BY THOSE PARTIES ENTITLED TO CURE MAY ALSO BE EXTENDED;**

• **IF THE BORROWER BELIEVES THAT A LENDER OR SERVICER HAS VIOLATED THE REQUIREMENTS FOR A SINGLE POINT OF CONTACT IN SECTION 38-38-103.1 OR THE PROHIBITION ON DUAL TRACKING IN SECTION 38-38-103.2, THE BORROWER MAY FILE A COMPLAINT WITH THE COLORADO ATTORNEY GENERAL, THE FEDERAL CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION BUREAU (CFPB), OR BOTH. THE FILING OF A COMPLAINT WILL NOT STOP THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS.**

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| <b>Colorado Attorney General</b><br>1300 Broadway, 10th Floor<br>Denver, Colorado 80203<br>(800) 222-4444<br>www.coloradoattorneygeneral.gov | <b>Federal Consumer Financial Protection Bureau</b><br>P.O. Box 4503<br>Iowa City, Iowa 52244<br>(855) 411-2372<br>www.consumerfinance.gov |
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DATE: 04/08/2016  
Karen Arnold, Public Trustee in and for the County of Rio Blanco, State of Colorado  
By: Karen Arnold, Public Trustee  
The name, address, business telephone number and bar registration number of the attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is:  
Lisa Cancanon #42043      Monica Kadras #34904  
Barrett Frappier & Weisserman, LLP 1199 Bannock Street, Denver, CO 80204 (303) 350-3711  
Attorney File # 3125.100140  
The Attorney above is acting as a debt collector and is attempting to collect a debt. Any information provided may be used for that purpose.

**COMBINED NOTICE - MAILING  
CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 16-05**

To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust: On March 29, 2016, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Rio Blanco records.

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| Original Grantor(s)  | Angela S. Brister and Tommy L. Brister |
| Original Beneficiary(ies)                                  | Wells Fargo Financial Colorado, Inc.   |
| Current Holder of Evidence of Debt                         | Wells Fargo Financial Colorado, Inc.   |
| Date of Deed of Trust                                      | May 18, 2007                           |
| County of Recording  | Rio Blanco                             |
| Recording Date of Deed of Trust                            | May 24, 2007                           |
| Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/Page No.) | 288747                                 |
| Original Principal Amount                                  | \$194,897.00                           |
| Outstanding Principal Balance                              | \$192,046.58                           |

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

**LOT 50 SANDERSON HILLS SUBDIVISION ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED DECEMBER 19, 1978 AS RECEPTION NO. 185454 TOWN OF MEEKER, COLORADO**  
**Also known by street and number as: 568 LARRY LANE, MEEKER, CO 81641.**  
**THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED OF TRUST.**

**NOTICE OF SALE**

THEREFORE, Notice Is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, 07/27/2016, at Office of the Public Trustee, Temporary Office, 1032 Jennifer Drive, Meeker CO 81641, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s)' heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.

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| First Publication   | 6/2/2016                |
| Last Publication    | 6/30/2016               |
| Name of Publication | Rio Blanco Herald Times |

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• **A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE FILED PURSUANT TO SECTION 38-38-104 SHALL BE FILED WITH THE PUBLIC TRUSTEE AT LEAST FIFTEEN (15) CALENDAR DAYS PRIOR TO THE FIRST SCHEDULED SALE DATE OR ANY DATE TO WHICH THE SALE IS CONTINUED;**

• **A NOTICE OF INTENT TO REDEEM FILED PURSUANT TO SECTION 38-38-302 SHALL BE FILED WITH THE PUBLIC TRUSTEE NO LATER THAN EIGHT (8) BUSINESS DAYS AFTER THE SALE;**

• **IF THE SALE DATE IS CONTINUED TO A LATER DATE, THE DEADLINE TO FILE A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE BY THOSE PARTIES ENTITLED TO CURE MAY ALSO BE EXTENDED;**

• **IF THE BORROWER BELIEVES THAT A LENDER OR SERVICER HAS VIOLATED THE REQUIREMENTS FOR A SINGLE POINT OF CONTACT IN SECTION 38-38-103.1 OR THE PROHIBITION ON DUAL TRACKING IN SECTION 38-38-103.2, THE BORROWER MAY FILE A COMPLAINT WITH THE COLORADO ATTORNEY GENERAL, THE FEDERAL CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION BUREAU (CFPB), OR BOTH. THE FILING OF A COMPLAINT WILL NOT STOP THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS.**

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DATE: 03/30/2016  
Karen Arnold, Public Trustee in and for the County of Rio Blanco, State of Colorado  
By: Karen Arnold, Public Trustee  
The name, address, business telephone number and bar registration number of the attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is:  
Erin Robson #46557      Holly Shilliday #24423      Iman Tehrani #44076  
McCarthy & Holthus, LLP 7700 E Arapahoe Road, Suite 230, Centennial, CO 80112 (877) 369-6122  
Attorney File # 16-707127  
The Attorney above is acting as a debt collector and is attempting to collect a debt. Any information provided may be used for that purpose.

**LEGAL NOTICES**

**TOWN OF DINOSAUR  
DISBURSEMENTS FOR JUNE 2015**

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| Gross Salaries,  | \$7,791.87   |
| PERA, Monthly Contributions,                                   | \$1,685.42   |
| Colorado Dept of Revenue, CWT,                                 | \$224.00     |
| IRS, FWT/Med,  | \$872.98     |
| Centurylink, Phone, fax, internet,                             | \$269.26     |
| Moon Lake Electric, Electricity,                               | \$1,211.51   |
| Pangely Trash Service, Trash Service                           | \$82.00      |
| Rio Blanco Herald Times, Disbursement,                         | \$19.68      |
| Mesa County Health Dept, Water test,                           | \$60.00      |
| Caselle Inc, Support,  | \$251.00     |
| LR Gateway Services LLC, Gas, oil, grease,                     | \$561.92     |
| Walmart, Hose hanger, brackets, cleaners, paper towels,        | \$237.36     |
| WestWater Engineering, Sewer project,                          | \$14,915.97  |
| Pinnacol, Insurance,   | \$529.00     |
| CNC Technical Services LLC, Removed and replaced radar system, | \$400.00     |
| Sands Law Office LLC, Professional Services,                   | \$127.00     |
| Office Depot, Envelopes, paper, tape, protector sheets,        | \$89.94      |
| Rangely True Value, Misc. Hardware, gloves,                    | \$83.84      |
| Vernal Winnelson, Parts for Well 1,                            | \$1,321.25   |
| Mountainland, Parts for Well 1                                 | \$247.91     |
| Micro Plastics, Name plates,                                   | \$46.43      |
| Eagles Nest Contracting, Sewer project,                        | \$216,907.04 |
| Basin Rentals Inc, Chipping hammer,                            | \$60.00      |
| TOTAL ACCOUNTS PAYABLE,  | \$247,995.38 |
| Published: June 30, 2016                                       |              |
| Rio Blanco Herald Times  |              |

**RIO BLANCO COUNTY**

**Equipment Sealed Bid Auction**

Public notice is hereby given that the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado, is conducting a sealed bid auction with bid opening on Monday, July 25, 2016, at 11:15 a.m. for the following described equipment:  
Description: 2013 Dutchman, Rubicon 2600, Toy Hauler Camp Trailer. Minimum bid amount \$18,500.00. The equipment is available for inspection at: 570 Second Street, Meeker, Colorado, 7:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Monday thru Thursday. All bids must be marked: "Sealed Bid - Dutchman Trailer", and be mailed to the Rio Blanco County Commissioners, Attn: Vicky Edwards, P.O. Box i, Meeker, Colorado 81641. Hand delivered bids prior to Friday, July 22, 2016 may be delivered to the Rio Blanco County Administration Office, Attn: Vicky Edwards, 200 Main Street, Suite 500, Meeker, CO 81641. Mailed bids are due no later than 4:00

**COMBINED NOTICE - MAILING  
CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 16-07**

To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust: On April 8, 2016, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Rio Blanco records.

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| Original Grantor(s)  | Kenneth R. Sheley and Sheryl K. Sheley  |
| Original Beneficiary(ies)                                  | Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. acting solely as nominee for Advanced Financial Services, Inc. |
| Current Holder of Evidence of Debt                         | Embrace Home Loans, Inc.  |
| Date of Deed of Trust                                      | June 01, 2009   |
| County of Recording  | Rio Blanco  |
| Recording Date of Deed of Trust                            | June 12, 2009   |
| Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/Page No.) | 296024  |
| Original Principal Amount                                  | \$99,715.00   |
| Outstanding Principal Balance                              | \$99,791.63   |

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

**THE LAND REFERRED TO HEREIN BELOW IS SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF RIO BLANCO, STATE OF COLORADO IN DEED BOOK 524, AT PAGE 318, AND IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:**

**A PARCEL OF LAND LYING IN H.E. 177 (HOMESTEAD ENTRY 177 (LYING IN SECTION 1, TOWNSHIP 1 NORTH, RANGE 102 WEST OF THE 6TH P.M., TOWN OF RANGELY, STATE OF COLORADO, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:**

**BEGINNING AT A POINT 1360.4 FEET WEST OF AND 469 FEET SOUTH OF CORNER NO.1 OF SAID H.E. 177;  
THENCE SOUTH, 100 FEET;  
THENCE WEST, 38 FEET;  
THENCE SOUTH, 10 FEET;  
THENCE WEST, 124 FEET;  
THENCE NORTH, 10 FEET;  
THENCE EAST, 100 FEET;  
THENCE NORTH, 100 FEET;  
THENCE EAST, 62 FEET TO THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING.  
AND KNOWN BY STEET AND NUMBER AS 244 SOUTH BIRCH, P.O. BOX 281, RANGELY, COLORADO 81648**

**Also known by street and number as: 244 S Birch Ave, Rangely, CO 81648.**  
**THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED OF TRUST.**

**NOTICE OF SALE**

THEREFORE, Notice Is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, 08/10/2016, at Office of the Public Trustee, Temporary Office, 1032 Jennifer Drive, Meeker CO 81641, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s)' heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.

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| First Publication   | 6/16/2016               |
| Last Publication    | 7/14/2016               |
| Name of Publication | Rio Blanco Herald Times |

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• **A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE FILED PURSUANT TO SECTION 38-38-104 SHALL BE FILED WITH THE PUBLIC TRUSTEE AT LEAST FIFTEEN (15) CALENDAR DAYS PRIOR TO THE FIRST SCHEDULED SALE DATE OR ANY DATE TO WHICH THE SALE IS CONTINUED;**

• **A NOTICE OF INTENT TO REDEEM FILED PURSUANT TO SECTION 38-38-302 SHALL BE FILED WITH THE PUBLIC TRUSTEE NO LATER THAN EIGHT (8) BUSINESS DAYS AFTER THE SALE;**

• **IF THE SALE DATE IS CONTINUED TO A LATER DATE, THE DEADLINE TO FILE A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE BY THOSE PARTIES ENTITLED TO CURE MAY ALSO BE EXTENDED;**

• **IF THE BORROWER BELIEVES THAT A LENDER OR SERVICER HAS VIOLATED THE REQUIREMENTS FOR A SINGLE POINT OF CONTACT IN SECTION 38-38-103.1 OR THE PROHIBITION ON DUAL TRACKING IN SECTION 38-38-103.2, THE BORROWER MAY FILE A COMPLAINT WITH THE COLORADO ATTORNEY GENERAL, THE FEDERAL CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION BUREAU (CFPB), OR BOTH. THE FILING OF A COMPLAINT WILL NOT STOP THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS.**

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| <b>Colorado Attorney General</b><br>1300 Broadway, 10th Floor<br>Denver, Colorado 80203<br>(800) 222-4444<br>www.coloradoattorneygeneral.gov | <b>Federal Consumer Financial Protection Bureau</b><br>P.O. Box 4503<br>Iowa City, Iowa 52244<br>(855) 411-2372<br>www.consumerfinance.gov |
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DATE: 04/08/2016  
Karen Arnold, Public Trustee in and for the County of Rio Blanco, State of Colorado  
By: Karen Arnold, Public Trustee  
The name, address, business telephone number and bar registration number of the attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is:  
MARCELLO G. ROJAS #46396      SUSAN HENDRICK #33196  
Klatt, Odekir, Augustine, Sayer, Treinen & Rastede, P.C. 9745 EAST HAMPDEN AVE., SUITE 400, DENVER, CO 80231 (303) 353-2965  
Attorney File # 160086  
The Attorney above is acting as a debt collector and is attempting to collect a debt. Any information provided may be used for that purpose.

**LEGAL NOTICES**

p.m. on Friday July 22, 2016. Hand delivered bids will be accepted on Monday, July 25, 2016, no later than 11:00 a.m. at the Rio Blanco County Justice Center, Courtroom A, 455 Main Street, Meeker, CO. 81641. Do not rely on the overnight delivery companies to deliver on time. Bids arriving after the above listed times will not be considered. Faxed bids will not be accepted.  
Sealed bids will be opened and reviewed by the Board at 11:15 a.m. On Monday, July 25, 2016, in the Commissioners Meeting Room, Rio Blanco County Justice Center, Courtroom A, 455 Main Street, Meeker, Colorado.  
THE DESCRIBED PROPERTY IS SOLD "AS-IS" WITHOUT ANY WARRANTIES, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, AS TO THE CONDITION OF SUCH PROPERTY. BY SUBMITTING A BID, BIDDER(S)/BUYER(S) REPRESENT THAT BIDDER(S)/BUYER(S) HAVE PERSONALLY INSPECTED THE DESCRIBED PROPERTY AT: Rio Blanco County Shop, 570 Second Street, Meeker, Colorado, AND ACCEPTS THE PROPERTY "AS-IS". ALL SALES ARE FINAL.  
All questions and inquiries must be received by David Overton at (970) 878-9590, ext. 9597 or (970)629-5645 no later than 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 21, 2016.

Payment by the successful bidder must be made in cash or by cashier's check within 5 days of the bid opening made payable to the Rio Blanco County Treasurer located at:  
Physical Address: 1032 Jennifer Drive Meeker, CO 81641.  
Mailing Address P.O. Box G Meeker, CO 81641  
Possession and removal of the equipment must be made within 14 days of bid opening.  
RIO BLANCO COUNTY FLEET MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT  
Published: June 30, July 7, 14 & 21, 2016  
Rio Blanco Herald Times

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF RIO BLANCO COUNTY, COLORADO**

Notice is hereby given that on Monday, July 11, 2016, the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado will hold a public hearing beginning at 1:15 PM, at the Rio Blanco County Justice Center, Courtroom A, 455 Main Street, Meeker, Colorado 81641, to consider a Resolution adopting the ERBM Recreation and Park District Amended Service Plan. The final draft of the ERBM Recreation and Park District Amended Service Plan

will be available for a comment period beginning June 16, 2016 through July 1, 2016.  
The deadline for property owners to submit a petition to the Board of County Commissioners objecting to the Amended Service Plan is no later than July 1, 2016. Once the comment period expires, and if no significant changes are made to the final draft as a result of public comment, the ERBM Recreation and Park District Amended Service Plan will be formally adopted by resolution after the public hearing.  
The proposed ERBM Recreation and Park District Amended Service Plan is available for review at the following locations:  
Online At: www.rbc.us/Admin/DocumentCenter/Document/View/667  
Rio Blanco Administration Building, 200 Main Street Meeker, CO 81641  
Rio Blanco County Clerk and Recorder Meeker, 1032 Jennifer Drive Meeker, CO 81641  
ERBM Recreation & Park District District Offices located at the Meeker Recreation Center, 101 Ute Rd, Meeker, CO 81641  
Published: June 16 and June 30, 2016  
Rio Blanco Herald Times

**NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT**

NOTICE is hereby given that on WEDNESDAY JULY 6th, 2016, at 7:00 p.m., final settlement will be made with TDA CONSTRUCTION INC., 1080 Garfield St. Meeker, Colorado, by the MEEKER SANITATION DISTRICT, PO Box 417, Meeker Colorado, on a contract for labor and materials for a project known as 2nd STREET SEWER LINE REPLACEMENT; and that any person, co-partnership, company, association of persons, or corporation who has an unpaid claim against TDA CONSTRUCTION INC., or its subcontractors, for labor and materials, may, at any time, up to closing of business the last work day prior to final settlement, that is, by JULY 5th, at 4:30 p.m., file a verified statement of the amount due with the OFFICE MANAGER, MEEKER SANITATION DISTRICT, pursuant to Section 38-26-107, C.R.S., as amended. Failure on the part of the Claimant to make such verified statement, prior to the final settlement on the contract with TDA CONSTRUCTION INC., will relieve the MEEKER SANITATION DISTRICT from any liability for such Claimant's claim.  
PUBLISHED BY THE ORDER OF MEEKER SANITATION DISTRICT.  
Gail Frantz  
Office Manager  
Meeker Sanitation District  
265 8th Street  
PO Box 417  
Meeker, CO 81641  
Publish: June 16, June 30, 2016  
Rio Blanco Herald Times

**MEEKER SANITATION DISTRICT**

**July 6, 2016**  
**REGULAR BOARD MEETING at 7:00 PM**  
The Regular Board Meeting of the Meeker Sanitation District will be held at the Meeker Sanitation District Office, 265 8th Street,

**COMBINED NOTICE - MAILING  
CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 16-08**

To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust: On April 25, 2016, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Rio Blanco records.

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| Original Grantor(s)  | MARGIE M PRICE   |
| Original Beneficiary(ies)                                  | MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR QUICKEN LOANS INC., ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS |
| Current Holder of Evidence of Debt                         | CARRINGTON MORTGAGE SERVICES, LLC  |
| Date of Deed of Trust                                      | February 05, 2010  |
| County of Recording  | Rio Blanco   |
| Recording Date of Deed of Trust                            | February 23, 2010  |
| Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/Page No.) | 298035   |
| Original Principal Amount                                  | \$111,925.00   |
| Outstanding Principal Balance                              | \$101,861.39   |

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**LOT 5, BLOCK H, WHITE ADDITION TOWN OF RANGELY, COLORADO**

**Also known by street and number as: 218 S GRAND AVE, RANGELY, CO 81648.**  
**THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED OF TRUST.**

**NOTICE OF SALE**

THEREFORE, Notice Is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, 08/24/2016, at Office of the Public Trustee, Temporary Office, 1032 Jennifer Drive, Meeker CO 81641, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s)' heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.

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| <b>Colorado Attorney General</b><br>1300 Broadway, 10th Floor<br>Denver, Colorado 80203<br>(800) 222 |
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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Rio Blanco County Sheriff's Office  
COMMUNITY NOTIFICATION OF  
SEXUALLY VIOLENT PREDATOR  
CHANGE OF RESIDENCE**

Residents of the community are hereby notified of a change in residence address for Jeffrey Allen Pedigo who has been determined to be a Sexually Violent Predator (SVP). SVP's former address: 975 Cleveland Street, Meeker, Colorado, 81641. SVP's new address: Rifle Colorado. Approximate date of relocation: June 9, 2016. Please call Rio Blanco County Sheriff's Office at (970)878-9600 with questions or concerns.

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

ATV, BOAT and Snowmobile Owners! You can now renew your Colorado OHV registrations on line at: www.parks.state.co.us

**IN MEEKER TIMES, book by local author.** In this entertaining and sometimes funny book, Lorna Idol shares 28 tales of life growing up in Meeker, CO. \$19.99. Order by phone 303-679-1608 or www.lornaidolbooks.com

**MEEKER STREAKER  
MONTHLY SCHEDULE  
JUNE, 2016**

NOTE: Please call 878-9368 in advance to set up all medical appointment rides. Activities are subject to change. Bus available on dates noted below.  
6/30 Bus in Town  
7/1 Bus in Town  
7/2 No Bus  
7/3 AM Bus  
7/4 No Bus  
7/5 Bus in Town  
7/6 Bus in Town  
7/7 Bus in Town, Grand Junction  
Due to Daylight Savings Time, please schedule out-of-town medical appointments before 2:00 PM. Call Streaker for a ride 878-9368. Reservations for Rec. Center Trips should be made at 878-3403. Chuckwagon 878-5627. Please call in advance for a ride to medical appointments- (970)878-9368. For Rangely dental appointments, please call (970)675-3250.

**RADINO & CHUCKWAGON**

Please call before 9:00 a.m. day of meal  
878-5627 or 675-8112  
Senior Citizen Nutrition Program  
Meals served at noon.  
Reservations appreciated.  
Suggested Donation Over 60 - \$2.50. Under 60 - Guest Fee \$7.  
(Did you know? Homebound trays can be ordered for over 60, suggested donation \$2.50 - 12:10 p.m. pickup.)  
Fri., July 1: Salmon loaf, Au gratin potatoes, squash, fresh fruit  
Mon., July 4: Closed  
Tues., July 5: Combination meal in Meeker, Roasted pork loin, potatoes/carrots, broccoli, raspberry sherbet, raspberries  
Wed., July 6: Brunswick stew, spinach salad, tropical fruit, zucchini bread  
Fri., July 8: Beef stroganoff over noodles, spinach, sweet potatoes, bread  
\*\*MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE\*\*  
Milk, Tea and Coffee are offered with all meals. Menu subject to change.

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

MEEKER HOUSING AUTHORITY Board of Directors meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 2:30 p.m. at The Pines, 875 Water St., Meeker.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

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

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

**Alcoholics Anonymous**

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

**Rangely Victim Services**

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

**Veterans Service Offices**

**Rio Blanco County:** Veterans Service Officer - Joe Dungan, Wednesday, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., County Administration Building, 200 Main Street Suite 300, Meeker. 878-9690 office, 878-3219 home. Fax 878-9581.  
**Rangely:** Veterans Service Officer - Hoot Gibson, Tuesday and Thursday, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., County Annex, 17497 State Hwy 64, Rangely. 878-9695 office, 675-2669 home.

**SAFEHOUSE**

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

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

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

ATTN: RIO BLANCO COUNTY VETERANS: If you do not receive VA travel allowance for visits to the Grand Jct VAMC or to the Craig VA Clinic please contact the RBC Veterans Service Office, Meeker: Joe Dungan, 878-9690 Rangely: John "Hoot" Gibson, 878-9695

**ELDER CARE SERVICES**

Would like to provide in-home care service, Colorado certified CNA, to include light housekeeping. (970)620-0917.

**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.

**CLEANING**

Cleaning service-Carol Crain, (970)620-0917.

**LAWN & GARDEN**

**Emerald City Lawn Care**  
Lawn, Leaf, and Garden. Free Estimates. Insured (970) 220-2040

**LOST & FOUND**

Missing Verizon cell phone. Call 760-524-6176 or Contact Kay @ Rangely Camper Park.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

**ASK ABOUT OUR CNC MACHINING**  
Can't get a metal part? We can make all kinds of parts. We have CNC Machine equipment, lathe and tooling to do the job. Contact Phil at Family Automotive and Machine. (970)878-5606.

**YARD SALES**

MEEKER: 825 5th St., Fri & Sat, 7/1 & 7/2, 7 AM - 3 PM.

MEEKER: Alley behind 734 Water Street, July 2nd, 8 AM-2 PM, lots of tools, clothes, men's coats, work clothes, books, cookbooks, aprons, antiques, decorations, cabbage patch dolls, Barbie dolls and more.

MEEKER: 826 2nd St., Thurs., 6/30 - ?? BACKYARD PICKS - MANY FREE ITEMS. Lots of clothes and still some very fabulous finds. Oak roll top desk, snowblower, antique dolls, jewelry and more. House has been sold, everything must go. Questions please call EXQUISITE ESTATE SALES 970-846-9026.

**HELP WANTED: GENERAL**

**Rangely District Hospital** has an opening in the Dietary Department for a cook. This is a Fulltime position working 40 hours per week. High school diploma or equivalent preferred but not required. Experience preferred or will train. Competitive benefits available. Knowledge of cooking methods/procedures, including types of preparation and related routines. Must be able to stand 80% of the time. Must be able to reach 5 feet heights and 3 feet depths and be able to lift 50 pounds. Must be able to work evenings, weekends and shifts as assigned. If interested in this position, please contact Veronica Reeves, Dietary Director at 970-675-5011 ext. 161. You may apply online at www.rangelyhospital.com http://www.rangelyhospital.com/> . A complete job description and application are available in the Human Resources department at 225 Eagle Crest Drive, Rangely CO 81648.

RANGELY - Need person willing to cover town council meetings, school board meetings, and/or possible High School sports. Contact Sean at The Herald Times office. Phone: (970) 878-4017.



**New and Used Salesman/Manager**  
All aspects of auto sales. Pay commensurate with experience. Email resumes/references to office@nwautogmc.net or call (970)878 5026 for more information.



Auto Technician needed, pay based on experience, send resume to office@nwautogmc.net or call 970-878-5026 for more information

**HELP WANTED: GENERAL**

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

**Aviation Technology Instructor**

Colorado Northwestern Community College, Rangely Campus, is seeking a full-time instructor in the Aviation Technology Program. Minimum requirements include on, including ALL REQUIREMENTS, and the application procedure, please visit our website at: www.cncc.edu/human-resources/employment-opportunities-2/ Review of applications will begin immediately. CNCC is an Equal Opportunity employer.

**HELP WANTED: FT**

**The Meeker Colorado Police Department is accepting applications** for the position of Police Officer. Starting pay for the Officer position it is \$43,000 - \$47,000 year depending on qualifications, plus full medical/family benefits, and an excellent retirement plan. Applicants must be Post Certified and have a valid Colorado driver's license, experience is preferred. Application deadline will be July 22, 2016 at 5:00 pm, accepted by mail, fax or email. For application/information call Kathleen at 970/878-4969 or 970/878-5344 Email kathy@town.meeker.co.us. AAEOE

**Overton Recycling** is looking for a laborer. Starting pay \$14.00 an hour. Pay increase based on experience and work ethic. Must have driver's license and clean driving record. Contact Lee @ (970)683-8219

**HELP WANTED: PT**

The Rangely School District RE-4 has a part-time, possible full-time, custodial position open at this time; please refer to www.rangelyk12.org for information and application.

**RE: RENTALS: MEEKER**

House on 10 acres, for rent or sale, fenced, and has well water. Must see to appreciate. 6 miles out Strawberry. Evenings (970)878-7413 or (970)208-4765.

3 BDR/2 BA house. Garage, W/D, deck. \$1100/mo + utilities. SD req. Available mid July. No Smoking, Pet considered. (303) 518-6065.

2 BDR 1 BA apartment. \$425, you pay electric. Call (970)260-3302.

SPACIOUS AND CLEAN 2 BDR/1BA apartment, coin laundry, heat included, NS. Rent + SD, renter pays electric only. 970-756-4895

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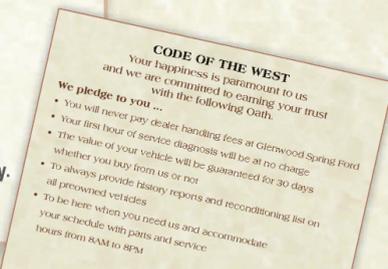
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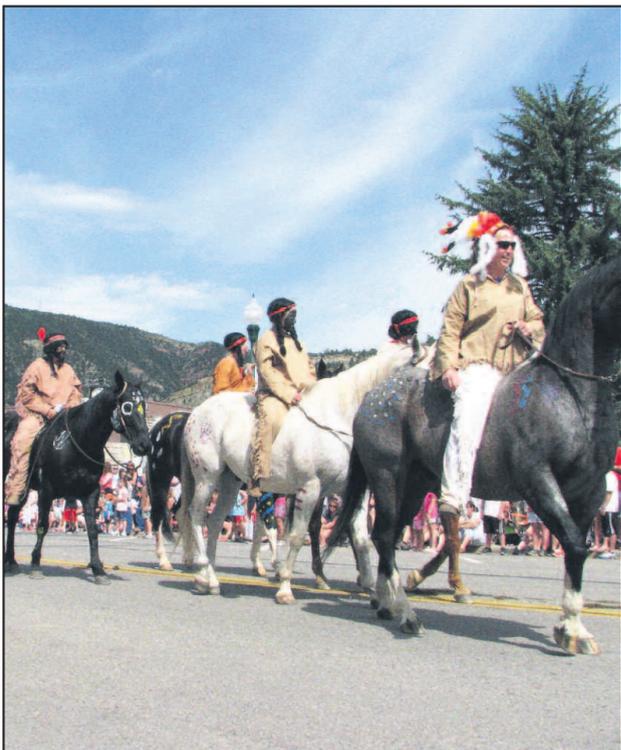
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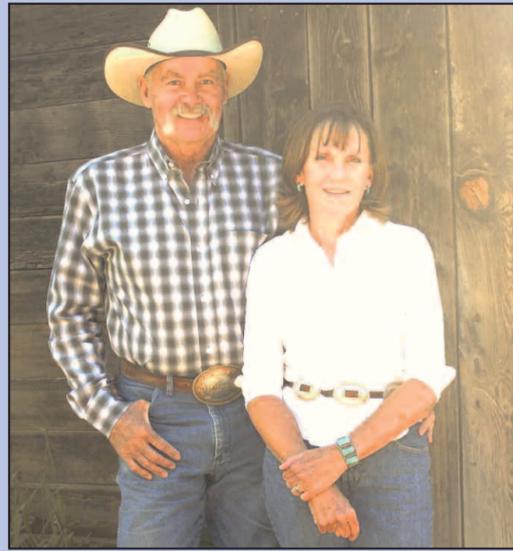
The annual Fourth of July parade down Main Street in Meeker draws a big crowd of all ages to celebrate. This year's theme is "Cowboy Pride." The parade will begin Monday, July 4 at 10 a.m.



KIM EKSTROM PHOTO

Rodeo is the heart of Range Call, with the longest continuously-running annual rodeo in Colorado. The CPRA rodeos are on Saturday and Sunday, and the Ranch Rodeo and Calcutta are on Monday.

## 2016 Parade Grand Marshals are examples of 'Cowboy Pride'



2016 Range Call Parade Grand Marshals  
Jim and Bev Brennan

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

**MEEKER** Range Call is proud to announce Jim and Bev Brennan as the 2016 Parade Grand Marshals.

Jim and Bev have been instrumental in making Range Call what it is today.

Jim and Bev were married Aug. 13, 1977, and are the fourth generation of pioneer families in the area;

Both inherited a sense of pride and a strong work ethic as well as the need for community service in the area.

Jim was the Range Call president from approximately 1979 to 2002. He along with his wife, their son, Neil, board members Bill Jordan and Richard Jennings are the reasons Range Call has flourished.

In 1980, they began having a concert as part of the celebration, and, in 1989, they debuted the Ranch Rodeo.

Jim and Neil have been pick-up men in the regular rodeos, and they have supplied stock and organization for the

ranch rodeos and volunteered endless time making everything run smoothly.

The theme this year is "Cowboy Pride," and this family certainly represents that so well.

Jim said he is proud that his family established their ranch in the early 1900s and that they are still operating the centennial ranch after more than 100 years.

Now, the sixth generation is living on the ranch.

Jim and Bev's son, Neil, and his wife, Kari, and two children, Hattie and Milo, live on the Piceance Creek Ranch. Their son, Matt, lives in Carlsbad, N.M.

The family has been a model of endurance and dependability and their contributions to Range Call have been substantial.

Thank you for your service, for carrying on the tradition of pioneering families, and for being a very real part of Range Call's history and this week's grand marshals.

## Dramatic pageant tells the story of the Meeker Massacre



HERALD TIMES ARCHIVE

**With an all-volunteer cast, the Meeker Massacre Pageant tells the history of this part of Colorado and Meeker in particular. The pageant is held outside in the fairgrounds arena Friday, July 1, beginning at dusk.**

By **NIKI TURNER**  
niki@theheraldtimes.com

**MEEKER** For more than 70 years, the Meeker community has come together during the annual Range Call Celebration to create a dramatic re-enactment of the Meeker Massacre.

The Meeker Massacre Pageant is a symphonic drama, a blend of music, dance, pantomime and dialogue that depicts a series of historical events.

Pageantry became popular in the United States in the late 1800s and early 1900s. One of the most famous pageants is "The Lost Colony," which began in 1937 in North Carolina. Residents of Roanoke Island wanted to share the story of the Lost Colony with the world before it was forgotten forever.

The Meeker Massacre Pageant began in 1938, inspired by LaRoy Purdy.

Although the "massacre" of Nathan Meeker and 11 other white men by members of the Ute tribe is

the climax of the pageant production, it is a fairly small part of the whole drama.

The pageant tells the story of the Ute people in northwestern Colorado and all the outside influences—the Spaniards, the Powell party and the mountain men—who came in and ultimately ended up in the Utes being sent to reservations.

It's not a historical re-enactment like those done at the sites of Revolutionary or Civil War battles, but it does tell the story of the region in entertaining detail and fashion.

The event was first sponsored by the local ladies' auxiliary—a women's social club. With the exception of a year or two during the Second World War, residents of Meeker have presented the pageant during Range Call every year.

Some of those residents are the direct descendants of the first pageant performers.

After a few years, and with the additional help of the sheriff's posse and other community social groups, scripts were written.

In the 1950s and '60s, John Wix wrote a script which he narrated for many years.

When he stopped narrating, he took his script with him, and Margaret King wrote a new one titled "The Twilight of the Ute Empire." That script is still in use today.

The pageant reached a peak in participation and spectators in the 1950s. Elliot Roosevelt, a relative of United States presidents Theodore and Franklin Roosevelt and a homeowner upriver, narrated the pageant for almost 5,000 spectators one year.

Adjustments to the script have been made over the years by a variety of authors and directors as new information about the events leading up to and following the Meeker Massacre comes to light.

This year's pageant begins at dusk Friday, July 1, at the fairgrounds.

## Historical Society events during Range Call

Special to the Herald Times

**MEEKER** The White River Museum at 565 Park St. is open every day. It is Colorado's only curio museum. See fascinating exhibits such as Teddy Roosevelt's chair, Native American exhibits, pioneer art and artifacts and much more.

Join us for the Milk Creek Battle Site Tour on Sunday, July 3 beginning at 1 p.m. Meet at the White River Museum, 565 Park St., for

escort to Milk Creek Battle Site (about 17 miles from Meeker) and a guided tour. Wear comfortable clothing and shoes, hats, sunscreen and sunglasses; bring water, snacks and cameras. Tour lasts at least two hours.

The Rio Blanco County Historical Society will be selling their famous root beer floats from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on July 4, on the courthouse lawn downtown. Funds support the White River Museum programs and projects.



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Steve Cox rides a float in the 2015 Fourth of July Parade.

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ERBM Recreation & Park District  
Celebration Activities

## Holiday Weekend Modified Hours

**July 2:**  
Center open 8:00am-1:00pm  
Pool Closed

**July 3:**  
Open 11:00am-6:00pm  
Pool closes at 5:00pm

**July 4:**  
MRC & Pool Closed  
Join us Downtown!

## RUN FOR YOUR LIFE 5K

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| <b>When</b>  | July 4   Monday   Run Race begins at 7:30am   Walk Race begins at 8:00am                                      |
| <b>Who</b>   | Age Divisions for both Male & Female<br>6 & Under, 7-12, 13-18, 19-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, 70-79, 80+ |
| <b>Where</b>   | Downtown Plaza Lawn (formerly the Courthouse Lawn)  |
| <b>Cost</b>  | Early Bird \$15   Full Cost \$20  |
| <b>Early Bird Deadline:</b> July 3 (Register at MRC or at the ERBM registration tent on Main Street July 2 & 3)<br>Full Cost will apply on July 4. Day-of registration information:<br>Run participants may register at the ERBM registration tent from 6:00am-7:00am<br>Walk participants may register at the ERBM registration tent from 6:00am-7:30am |   |



Choose to run or walk a 5K. Registration includes a T-shirt that will be distributed at the time of registration. There is a 1.5 hour time limit for both races. Participants must pick up their bib numbers on July 4 at the ERBM registration tent on the lawn at the Downtown Plaza (Main Street) by 7:00am for run participants and 7:30am for walk participants. Remaining T-shirts will be sold for \$15 from 12:00-2:00pm at the ERBM registration tent at the Main Street Madness 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament on July 4 at the Downtown Plaza Basketball Courts.

Prizes for the run will be awarded to the fastest overall male and female finishers and to the top male and female finisher in each age division. Overall male and female walker will be awarded in the walk race; no individual age division prizes will be awarded.

## FREE CONCERT

Desert Moon | July 4 | 10:30am-2:30pm at the Downtown Plaza Pavilion

## MAIN STREET MADNESS 3-ON-3 BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Day-of registration and team check-in is from 8:30am-11:30am at ERBM registration tent at the Downtown Plaza Basketball Courts. Games will begin at 11:45am.

- Minimum of 2 teams per age division; minimum of 3 players per team/maximum of 4 players per team.
- Divisions may be combined depending on number of teams.
- Teams may play up in age bracket, but not down.
- **Only those who register by June 28 are guaranteed to receive an event T-shirt.**

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| <b>When</b>   | July 4   Monday   First games begin at 11:45am |                                       |                                     |
| <b>Who</b>  | Entering grades 6-8<br>Male & Female           | Entering grades 9-12<br>Male & Female | Adult 18 & Over<br>Male & Female    |
| <b>Where</b>  | Downtown Plaza<br>Basketball Courts            | Downtown Plaza<br>Basketball Courts   | Downtown Plaza<br>Basketball Courts |
| <b>Cost</b>   | Early Bird \$30/team   Full Cost \$35/team     |                                       |                                     |
| <b>Early Bird Deadline:</b> July 3 (Register at MRC or at the ERBM registration tent downtown on July 2 & 3.) Full Cost will apply on July 4. Day-of Registration: July 4 register from 8:30am-11:30am at the ERBM registration tent at the Downtown Plaza Basketball Courts. |  |                                       |                                     |

## KIDS EVENTS AT RANCH RODEO

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| <b>When</b>  | July 4   Monday   3:00pm (during the Ranch Rodeo)             |
| <b>Who</b>   | 2-12 Years Old  |
| <b>Where</b> | RBC Fairgrounds<br>(on the track in front of the grandstands) |
| <b>Cost</b>  | FREE  |

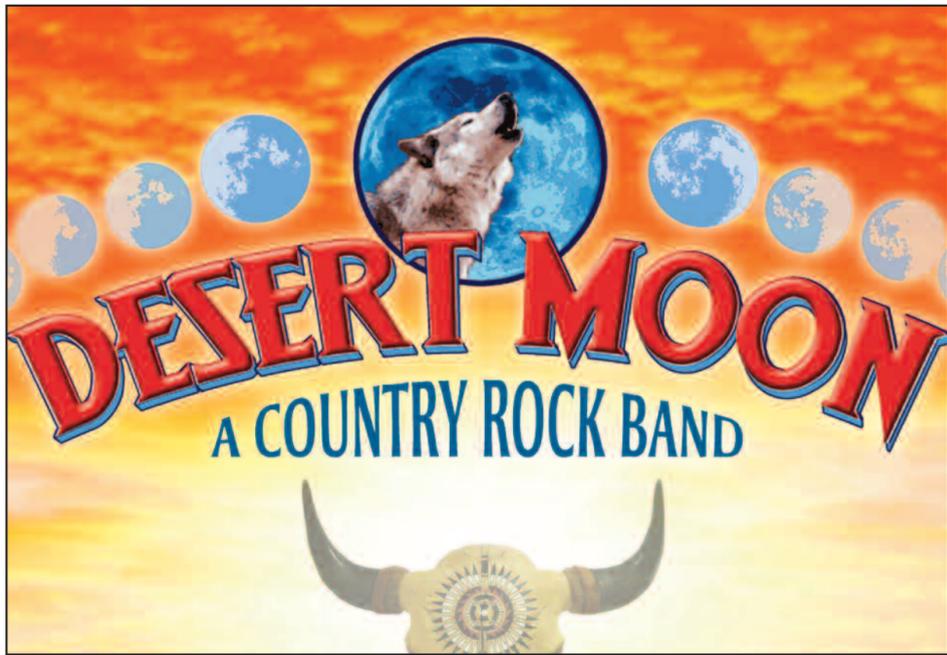
Calling all little buckaroos!  
Come and get dirty, wet, and gooey at this annual event during the Ranch Rodeo. There will be tons of crazy games and prizes for all who join the fun! We will start with games for the 2-6 year-olds and end the fun with activities for the 7-12 year-olds.



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# Recreation district sponsors multiple events



Desert Moon, a country rock/Americana band from Grand Junction will kick off this year's Summer Entertainment Series with a concert in the downtown plaza Monday, July 4 after the parade.

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## Main Street Madness basketball tournament returns July 4

Special to the Herald Times

**MEEKER** You might not be up for riding a bull or running a 5K, but you can shoot some hoops at the Main Street Madness 3-on-3 basketball tournament during the annual Meeker Range Call celebrations.

You may register for the event at the Meeker Recreation Center or the

ERBM registration tent at the downtown plaza through July 3. Early bird rate is \$30/team.

Day-of registration and team check-in is from 8:30-11:30 a.m. at the registration tent for \$35.

Games begin at 11:45 a.m. There are male and female divisions for three different age groups: entering grades 6-8, entering grades

9-12, and 18 and older (games start at 2:30 p.m.)

Depending on the number of teams registered, divisions may be combined. Teams may play up in age bracket, but not down.

The tournament is sponsored by the Eastern Rio Blanco Metropolitan Recreation and Park District.

Special to the Herald Times

**MEEKER** The Eastern Rio Blanco Metropolitan Recreation & Park District sponsors several events on July 4:

**Run for Your Life 5K**

When: Monday, July 4  
Run Race begins at 7:30am; Walk Race begins at 8 a.m.  
Who: Age Divisions for males and females  
Where: Downtown Plaza Lawn (formerly Courthouse Lawn)  
Cost: \$15 until July 4. July 4 registration will be \$20

Choose to run or walk a 5K in ERBM Recreation & Park District's annual Run for Your Life 5K on July 4. Registration is \$15 (\$20 day-of) and includes an event T-shirt. There is a 1.5 hour time limit for both races. Participants can register by calling 970-878-3403 or by visiting the Meeker Recreation Center during normal business hours. Day-of registration will be available at the ERBM registration tent on Main Street from 6 to 7 a.m. for runners and 6 to 7:30 a.m. for walkers. Prizes will be awarded to the fastest overall male and female finishers and the male and female finishers in each age group for the run race; only overall male and female will be awarded in the walk race.

**Summer Entertainment Series Concert**

When: Monday, July 4 from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.  
Where: Downtown Plaza Pavilion  
Cost: Free

The first concert of ERBM's Summer Entertainment Series will be on July 4 and will feature Desert Moon. Bring your lawn chair and enjoy the music for this free concert during the July 4 activities.

**Main Street Madness 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament**

When: Monday, July 4. Games start at 11:45 a.m.  
Where: Downtown Plaza Basketball Courts

Cost: \$30/ team (\$35/team if register on July 4)

The annual ERBM Main Street Madness 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament will take place at the Downtown Plaza Basketball Courts on July 4. Male and female teams of 3-4 players are encouraged to participate in three different divisions: entering grades 6-8; entering grades 9-12; and adult 18-plus. Register at the Meeker Recreation Center or by calling 970-878-3403 before July 4 for \$30/team. Day-of-registration available from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the ERBM registration tent at the Downtown Plaza Basketball Courts for \$35/team. Games will start at

11:45 a.m.

**Kids Events at the Ranch Rodeo**

When: Monday July 4 at 3 p.m. (during the Ranch Rodeo)  
Where: RBC Fairgrounds (on the track in front of the grandstands)  
Who: 2 to those 12 years old  
Cost: FREE  
Little buckaroos between the ages of 2-12 are invited to get dirty, wet and gooey at the annual kids events at the Ranch Rodeo at 3 p.m. on July 4. There will be tons of crazy games and prizes for all who join in on the fun. The event will start with games for the 2-6 year olds and end the fun with activities for the 7-12 year olds.



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The Main Street Madness Three-on-Three Basketball competition downtown is a local favorite.



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# Blackhawk's popularity grows; new release on the way

Special to the Herald Times

**MEEKER I** Multi-platinum-selling country group Blackhawk has signed with Loud & Proud Records and are working on their first studio release in 12 years.

The band (guitarist/vocalist Henry Paul and keyboardist/vocalist Dave Robbins) are currently in Nashville with co-producer Dale Oliver (Casting Crowns, Steven Curtis Chapman), putting the finishing touches on their new album, "Brothers Of The Southland," currently scheduled for a late-spring release.

"'Brothers of the Southland' is the product of BlackHawk's evolution," says Loud & Proud owner and

president Tom Lipsky. "It represents the band through the years and their many hits, the adversity they faced and Henry and Dave's decision to continue their musical journey together.

"BlackHawk's sound remains a beautiful blend of melody and harmony with genuine and purposeful lyrics and Loud & Proud is excited to be their label partner," Lipsky said. "We know their legions of fans are going to love experiencing this new music."

"We're thrilled to be working with Tom Lipsky and Loud & Proud," says Henry Paul. "His belief, commitment and appreciation for our music has us excited for the future. We're looking forward to the

next chapter of our story."

Along with third founding member Van Stephenson, Henry Paul and Dave Robbins exploded onto the country music landscape in 1993 with their self-titled album and top 10 hit single "Goodbye Says It All."

Three more hit singles followed ("Every Once In A While," "I Sure Can Smell The Rain" and "That's Just About Right"), propelling the album to platinum status. They maintained that pace in the years that followed, scoring a dozen top 10 hits, including two No. 1 songs while selling more than 7 million records.

Tragedy struck in 1999, when Van was diagnosed with melanoma, a deadly form of skin cancer. After a

long and courageous fight, Van lost his battle in 2001.

Henry and Dave honored his dying wish that BlackHawk continue to make great music and fight for a cure.

They established the Van Stephenson Memorial Cancer Research Fund in his memory, donating the proceeds of their efforts to the Vanderbilt Cancer Research Center.

Over the course of their amazing career, BlackHawk's songs have touched people young and old.

Their unique musical character has been a catalyst in bringing non-country music fans to the genre. Twenty-one years after their arrival, BlackHawk's legend grows.



COURTESY PHOTO

Blackhawk is the headlining concert Saturday at the Rio Blanco County Fairgrounds. Gates open at 5 p.m., concert begins at 7 p.m.

## The name LeDoux carries a lot of weight in country music

Special to the Herald Times

**MEEKER I** In country music, a last name like LeDoux casts a big, storied and bittersweet shadow, but it's one Ned LeDoux doesn't mind standing in one bit.

Having been a drummer in his dad, Chris,' band Western Underground since 1998, Ned knew from an early age that he had "no plan B" but to play music.

"Once I got the taste of the road and being in front of a crowd and just the sound of it, it was...freedom," LeDoux said.

When his dad passed away in 2005 from cancer, Ned continued to tour with his father's band to keep the musical spirit of Chris LeDoux alive. This drove him to pick up the guitar and try his hand at some of his dad's songs.

It started with "Rodeo Man," and before long Ned had a whole catalogue of his father's early hits ready to play.

When the other band members heard Ned's voice, he found himself front and center singing at the shows.

Stepping out from behind the drums stirred something inside of Ned that he hadn't felt before.

"It's a different kind of rush,

getting up with a guitar and standing behind a microphone ... shoot I'm getting butterflies thinking about it right now," he said.

The timing couldn't be more right for Ned to pick up a guitar and belt out "Western Skies;" it has been more than a decade since Chris LeDoux passed, and he believes people want to hear something new.

Ned has boxes of song ideas his dad never finished and is digging through those for inspiration.

"I will kind of stick with what dad used to do but bring my own stuff to the table," he said.

In July 2015, Ned traveled to Nashville with some of those unfinished songs and met up with Mac McAnally to put that inspiration to work. Mac produced Chris' last two studio records and wrote his hit "Horsepower," so the collaboration with Ned was a natural fit and led to the first new Chris LeDoux co-write in nearly two decades.

His latest song "Brother Highway" is about all the time he has spent on the road touring with various bands since his days in high school.

Ned says he doesn't even need a road map anymore - that he and the highway are like brothers.

He wants to write songs about

what he knows, keep the themes simple and harken back to the sound of good ole country music, but with an edge. Eventually, Ned plans to release an album of new material and include a few of his dad's songs re-recorded in his own style as a tribute.

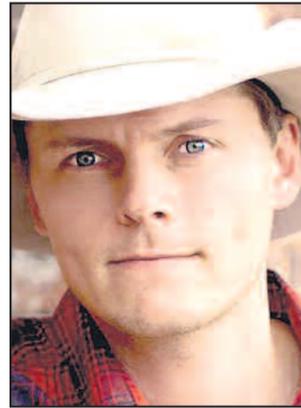
For the last year, Ned has been steadily touring and opening for acts like Toby Keith, Chris Janson and Randy Houser. Yet now that he is in front of the mic, Ned has a new goal.

"There's an age group who doesn't know who Chris LeDoux is and I just want to keep his name out there," he said. "I want to reintroduce him to people who've maybe heard of him but didn't know what he did. Just carry on his legacy and carry on his music and at the same time show them what I can do."

On tour, you're guaranteed to hear "This Cowboy's Hat," the song most requested by his fans and a request Ned is honored to oblige.

His personal favorite song to sing though is one called "You Can't Tell Me We Ain't Got It All." It's the first original song Ned co-wrote with his dad and seems to pick up right where Chris left off.

And, thankfully, there is more to come as there is a new voice to carry on the LeDoux sound.



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Ned LeDoux opens for Blackhawk Saturday at the Rio Blanco County Fairgrounds. Gates open at 5 p.m., concert begins at 7 p.m.

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9 AM Food & Craft Festival  
Art Show on site at historic Wilber Barn

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2016**

7 AM Preliminary Runs begin & run all day, 47 dogs  
9 AM Food & Craft Festival opens  
9 AM - 4 PM Art Show on site at historic Wilber Barn  
5 - 7 PM 2016 International Art Contest Reception (Wilber Barn)  
Lamb Cook-Off Held in conjunction with Art Reception  
6:30 - 8 PM Michael Martin Murphey solo concert at Trial Site

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2016**

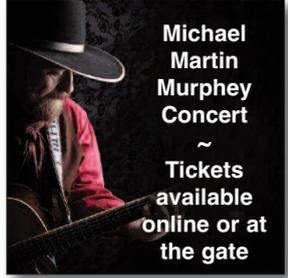
7 AM Preliminary Runs begin & run all day, 47 dogs  
7 - 9 AM Pancake Breakfast RBC Masons (Trial Site)  
9 AM Food & Craft Festival, Educational Exhibits & Demonstrations ongoing in Vending & Education Area: Dutch Oven Cooking, Spinning, Felting & Weaving, Bag Piping, Great Kilt, Wool Waulking & Story Telling Demonstrations, Navajo Weaving  
9 AM - 4 PM Art Show on site at historic Wilber Barn  
Afternoon Dog Show Demonstrations (Schedule posted at agility field)  
Noon - 5:30 PM PEO Quilts in the Country - ALL NEW QUILTS (Fairfield Center - 3rd & Main)  
8 PM "Unbranded" Free Movie Screening RBC Fairgrounds, 700 Sulphur Creek Rd.

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2016**

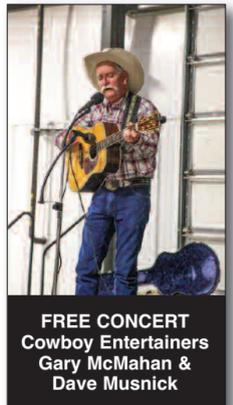
7 AM Semi Final Eliminations - all day 30 dogs  
9 AM Pancake Breakfast - RBC Masons (Trial Site)  
9 AM Food & Craft Festival, Educational Exhibits & Demonstrations  
9 AM - 5:30 PM PEO Quilts in the Country - ALL NEW QUILTS (Fairfield Center - 3rd & Main)  
9 AM - 4 PM Art Show on site at historic Wilber Barn  
9 AM - 4 PM Flyball & Dog Agility Demonstrations (Schedule posted at agility field)  
12 - 1:30 PM Lunch Break  
12:45 PM Dog Handling Demo - Trial Field  
1:30 - 2:30 PM Border Collie Handling & Training Demo Flyball Field  
4:30 - 8 PM Free Outdoor Concert by Dave Musnick & Gary McMahan, Cowboy Entertainers (RBC Fairgrounds)  
5 - 7 PM Lion's Club Barbecue (NEW LOCATION: Fairgrounds)  
7 PM Handler's Challenge - Jackpot Area Trial (RBC Fairgrounds)

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2016**

7 - 9 AM Pancake Breakfast RBC Masons (Trial Site)  
8 AM Opening Ceremony  
8:30 AM Final Round - 12 dogs (first 6 of 12 dogs)  
9 AM Food & Craft Festival, Educational Exhibits & Demonstrations ongoing in Vending & Education Area: Dutch Oven Cooking, FFA Petting Farm, Spinning, Navajo Weaving, Pottery, Leatherwork, Braiding, Sheep Industry, Colorado State University Canine Sports Medicine, Colorado Comfort Canines, Great Kilt, Wool Waulking & Story Telling  
9 AM - 4 PM Art Show on site at historic Wilber Barn  
9 AM - 10 AM Border Collie Handling & Training Demo Flyball Field  
10 AM - 1 PM Dog Show Agility Demonstrations  
12 - 1:30 PM Schedule posted at agility field  
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The reenactment of the infamous attempted robbery of the Bank of Meeker takes place July 4 at 1 p.m.

# Guided tour of the Milk Creek Battlefield site offered July 3

Special to the Herald Times

**RBC I** While the Meeker Pageant—the annual dramatic reenactment of the events leading up to and surrounding the Meeker Massacre—garners plenty of attention every year during Range Call, history buffs should take time out to tour another nearby battle site.

The Milk Creek Battle of 1879 was the last major engagement between a Native American tribe and the United States Army.

As tensions escalated between White River Indian Agent Nathan Meeker and the Utes, Meeker called for military assistance from the nearest fort. In response, Major Thomas T. Thornburgh and 150 troops were dispatched from Fort Fred Steele in Wyoming. They rode south and crossed Milk Creek some 18 miles northeast of the White River Agency, where they engaged in a fierce battle

with the Utes that lasted 12 days.

While Thornburgh and his men were besieged by Ute warriors, other Utes from the tribe attacked the White River Agency on Sept. 29, 1879, and killed all the white male employees of the agency, including Nathan Meeker.

Thornburgh's troops formed a wagon circle and sent out a plea for aid. In response, 35 African-American cavalrymen based out of Fort Lewis, Colo., broke through the Indian line to reinforce their comrades-in-arms.

A relief expedition of 350 men led by Col. Wesley Merritt from Fort D. A. Russell, Wyo., finally lifted the siege on Oct. 5, 1879. Army casualties were 13 dead, including Major Thornburgh, and 43 wounded.

To commemorate the battle and honor all who lost their lives in the battle, a memorial park has been built on County Road 15, approximately

17 miles northeast of Meeker. The park attracts heritage tourists from throughout the world annually.

The Rio Blanco County Historical Society (RBCHS) and many other organizations and individuals worked together to create two monuments at the site: one for the Utes who died and one for the soldiers. Gates designed by iron artist Mark Scritchfield and local mason Paul Vinzant tell the story of the battle at the park's entrance.

Once again, the RBCHS will host a comprehensive tour of the battle site during the Range Call Celebration. This year's tour will take place on Sunday, July 3, beginning at 1 p.m. at the Garrison building next door to the White River Museum (565 Park Ave.) and will convey to the site with educational stops along the way. The tour takes at least two hours and costs \$10 per adult. Children are free.

# Thwarted bank robbery lives on at Range Call

Special to the Herald Times

**MEEKER I** One of Meeker's claims to fame was the dramatic attempted robbery of the Bank of Meeker on Oct. 13, 1896.

As people have retold the event, there were a few hectic moments where bullets flew and danger was lurking. But when the crisis was over, three "wannabe" bank robbers were dead.

Northwest Colorado Heritage relayed the incident this way: "As the story goes, Jim Shirley

and his gang tried to follow in the footsteps of Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid and thought they could easily pull off this banking heist. But Shirley underestimated the quick draw citizens of Meeker as they quickly killed the thieves after just a few short minutes of a rowdy bullet exchange.

"News spread quickly throughout the nation of the adeptness of these frontiersmen, and the message was heard loud and clear to bandits far and wide: 'Don't Mess with Meeker.'" The Rio Blanco County Historical

Society reenacts the historic event right on the original location of Sixth and Main streets every year during the Range Call Celebration, where the scene unfolds much as it did the day Jim Shirley and his gang went down in local history. Some of the participants are direct descendants of those original frontier men who stood up in defense of their town more than a century ago.

This year's reenactment will take place at 1 p.m. Monday, July 4, in downtown Meeker.



COURTESY PHOTO

The Milk Creek Battle of 1879 is considered the last major engagement between the U.S. Army and Native Americans. The Rio Blanco County Historical Society's guided tour is Sunday, July 3. Participants should meet at the White River Museum Garrison building at 1 p.m. The tour takes approximately two hours.

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# Run for Your Life 5K run/walk in its 37th year; takes place July 4

Special to the Herald Times

**MEEKER I** The 37-year-old Run for Your Life 5K will take place on Monday, July 4.

The Meeker Herald (now the Rio Blanco Herald Times) was the original race sponsor, followed by the fire department, Meeker High School's cross-country team and the Eastern Rio Blanco Metropolitan Recreation and Park District.

Participants can choose to walk or run the 5K (slightly more than 3 miles) course. There is a 1.5 hour time limit for both races.

The race begins at the down-

town plaza at 7:30 a.m. for the runners and 8:00 a.m. for the walking race.

Register for the event at the Meeker Recreation Center or at the ERBM registration tent on Main Street July 2-3 to get the early bird rate of \$15.

Registration the morning of July 4 from 6-7 a.m. for runners or 6-7:30 a.m. for walkers at the registration tent on the courthouse lawn is \$20.

All participants will receive a T-shirt at the time of registration, and must pick up their bib numbers at the registration tent by 7 a.m. for

runners and by 7:30 for walkers.

Leftover T-shirts will be sold for \$15 from 12-2 p.m. at the Main Street Madness 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament on July 4.

Prizes for the run will be awarded to the fastest overall male and female finishers and to the top male and female finisher in each age division.

Overall male and female walker will be awarded in the walk race; no individual age division prizes will be awarded. Age divisions are 6 and under, seven-12, 13-18, 19-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, 70-79 and 80+.



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These three young women returned to their hometown for the Fourth of July Run for Your Life last year, and took the top three places in their age division. This year's race is Monday morning, registration begins at 6 a.m. at the downtown plaza.

# Plein Air Meeker art show and silent auction July 2-4

Special to the Herald Times

**MEEKER I** Artists taking part in Plein Air Meeker 2016 have been visible along Rio Blanco County roads and forests within 50 miles of Meeker since June 15 as the painters have focused on outdoor art available thanks to Mother Nature.

"En plein air" is French for "in the open air," and the artists who started the two-week painting competition on June 15 will paint through June 30 in the natural light to complete a painting on location. That premise makes up the fourth annual Plein Air Art Competition, held in Meeker. There are prizes for the artists, and the best of show art will win \$1,000.

"Plein air art began in the late

1800s in Europe and quickly moved back to America," said Pat Sheeran-Daggett, the owner of and artist at The Upstairs Gallery in Meeker. Sheeran-Daggett helped start the local competition in 2012 in conjunction with the Meeker Chamber of Commerce.

"Plein air art painting also played a major role in helping define American art late in the 1800s in that it is responsible for many of the large landscape paintings quite prominent throughout the West.

Sheeran/Daggett said plein air art 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.

"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."

The paintings must be turned in to the Meeker Chamber of Commerce office by noon on Friday, July 1. Most will be painted with water colors, oils, acrylics or pastels, but any medium may be used.

Paintings will be on display at Meeker Public Library July 2 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., July 3 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and July 4 from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. A silent auction will take place as well. Bids must be submitted by 3 p.m. July 4.



CAITLIN WALKER PHOTO

The appearance of the Meeker fire trucks in the parade is an annual favorite for the kids.

## 2016 RANGE CALL ROYALTY...



KIM EKSTROM PHOTO

The 2016 Range Call Royalty Court from left to right: Ashlynn Gilber, first princess; Jazzmyn Wakefield, second princess; Phalon Osborn, queen; Emily Amick, first attendant; Melayni Wangnild, second attendant.

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## RANGE CALL CELEBRATION Schedule of Events

### Friday, July 1st

|   |               |                    |
|---|---------------|--------------------|
| Meeker Massacre Pageant                 | Dusk (~9pm)   | Fairgrounds        |
| <b>Saturday, July 2nd</b>               |               |                    |
| Coed Softball Open Invitational         | 9am           | Paintbrush Park    |
| Vendors & Kids' Activities              | 10am          | Courthouse Lawns   |
| Meeker's Got Talent<br>& Hypnotist Show | 1pm           | Courthouse Lawns   |
| CPRA Rodeo                              | 3pm           | Fairgrounds        |
| <b>Concerts (gates open at 5pm)</b>     | <b>7pm</b>    | <b>Fairgrounds</b> |
| Barn Dance                              | After concert | Fairgrounds Arena  |

### Sunday, July 3rd

|                             |          |                   |
|-----------------------------|----------|-------------------|
| Jon Wangnild Memorial Shoot | 10am     | Shooting Range    |
| Vendors & Kids' Activities  | 10am     | Courthouse Lawns  |
| Milk Creek Battlefield Tour | 1pm      | Meet at Museum    |
| Hypnotist Show              | 4-5:30pm | Fairgrounds       |
| CPRA Rodeo                  | 6pm      | Fairgrounds       |
| Barn Dance                  | 9pm      | Fairgrounds Arena |

### Monday, July 4th

|                                   |                                |             |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------|
| Run for Your Life 5K              | 6-10:30am                      | Downtown    |
| Pancake Breakfast                 | 7-10am                         | Courthouse  |
| 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament      | 8:30am registration<br>11:45am | Downtown    |
| Vendor Booths & Kids' Activities  | 10am-7pm                       | Courthouse  |
| 4th of July Parade "Cowboy Pride" | 10am                           | Downtown    |
| Concert: Desert Moon              | 10:30am-2:30pm                 | Downtown    |
| BBQ                               | 11am                           | Downtown    |
| Bank Robbery Re-enactment         | 1pm                            | Downtown    |
| Calcutta                          | 2pm                            | Fairgrounds |
| Ranch Rodeo & Kids' Events        | 3pm                            | Fairgrounds |
| Fireworks                         | ~8pm                           | Town Park   |



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