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County's assessed valuation drops 6 percent

By NIKI TURNER
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RBC I The board of county commissioners met Monday in Rangely and awarded a bid for the Coulter Field (Meeker airport) beacon and fence relocation to Flat Rock Construction, Inc. They also approved a grant application with the Department of Local Affairs for the Rio Blanco County Department of Health and Human Services renovation project in an amount not to exceed \$157,570.

Road and bridge director Dave Morlan said his department is continuing to try and obtain agreements with the Bureau of Land Management for projects to be done on various roads.

"We still can't get them to do a programmatic agreement on these right-of-ways," he said. Morlan also said they're "having a heck of a time" trying to meet new rules and regulations for bridge repairs on county roads 102 and 27.

The board also approved a petition for abatement of taxes for Helmrich & Payne International Drilling in the amount of \$21,833.08.

"They didn't let us know that the taxes were delinquent until the taxes were due," said Rio Blanco County assessor Renae Neilson. The site was actually in Garfield County. "They would have been double-taxed," she

said. During public comment, the board heard from Annalee Nickson, director of the Radino Senior Council regarding the center's mission statement and bylaws, which are being redone. Nickson wanted to know how to address a disruption in a meeting or in a manner that would affect the center.

"If someone disrupts, you can call the sheriff and they can be removed," said county attorney Kent Borchard. "It's actually a crime, a misdemeanor, to disrupt a public meeting."

"In your case it would be the police," said Commissioner Si Woodruff.

Nickson said the seniors have expressed concern about safety issues.

"With all the attacks on facilities—this is the seniors—if a gunman came in and started shooting, would our safety man come down and do a run-through of what their reaction would be if someone came in and threatened harm to them?"

"I would ask the police department to come do that," Woodruff said.

Nickson also said some individuals no longer in leadership positions with the center have refused to turn in their keys. The commissioners agreed that should be handled by the center internally.

In commissioner updates, Woodruff said he has attended a meeting with the weed and pest control dis-

trict in Rangely. "They're not sure if they'll have enough funding to continue with the tamarisk and Russian olive removal."

Woodruff and others also met with a gentleman from China regarding the possibility of building a power plant at the junction of Hwy. 64 and CR 5.

"The man from China basically said they—this is China—would be very interested in the project, and would 100 percent finance it, 100 percent build it, and care for it for one year, then sell it. It was quite eye-opening," Woodruff said, adding,

"First and foremost for them or anyone else we would have to have customers willing to contractually buy the electricity."

Woodruff requested a workshop to discuss building inspection requirements for people building small cabins. There are some exemptions based on usage, according to Borchard.

"Garfield County gives a 1,200 square foot exemption on summer cabins as far as building codes are concerned," said Commissioner Shawn Bolton.

Woodruff also requested a meeting with Colorado Fiber and the two broadband installers to see why people's houses aren't getting hooked up.

Commissioner Bolton referenced Governor Hickenlooper's executive

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BUCKET LIST...



CHRIS SWATHWOOD PHOTO

Rangely's Mary Truitt, 75, knocked another item off her "bucket list" last Saturday when she went for a ride in a Piper Supercub seaplane over Kenney Reservoir. "I love planes and helicopters," she said. A helicopter ride was at the top of her bucket list, and she crossed that off a couple years ago. The opportunity to ride in a seaplane, was "a wonderful experience," she said. Being able to fly over the reservoir her family was instrumental in getting constructed made it extra special. "My grandfather had a cabin up at the end of the lake, and that's where my dad was born," she said. Her cousin, Kenneth Kenney, was a Rio Blanco County Commissioner during the reservoir's design and construction. The Colorado Seaplane Association and the Rio Blanco Water Conservancy District collaborated on the day's events, which included a barbecue, giveaways, and information about the flight to gain approval for seaplanes to land on Colorado's public waterways. Videos of the event are available at www.youtube.com/user/COLOPilot.

Sen. Gardner meets with Pioneers CEO to discuss future of rural healthcare

By REED KELLEY
Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER I In an E-Newsletter to "Friends" last week, Colorado U.S. Senator Cory Gardner (R-Yuma) reported that he'd been in northwest Colorado during his Fourth of July in-state work week and had visited with officials at Dinosaur National Monument to discuss U.S. national park policies and met with executives and doctors at Pioneers Medical Center in Meeker to discuss challenges rural hospitals are facing under the Affordable Care Act, aka Obamacare. PMC CEO Ken

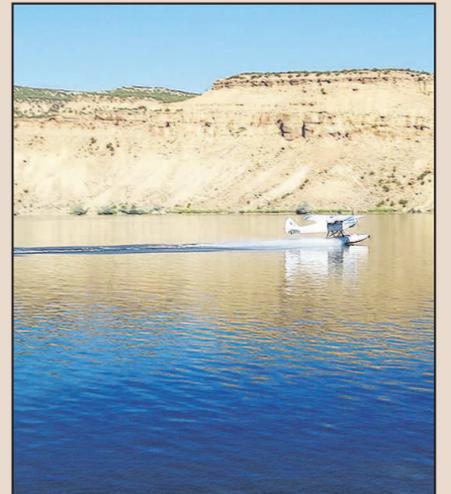
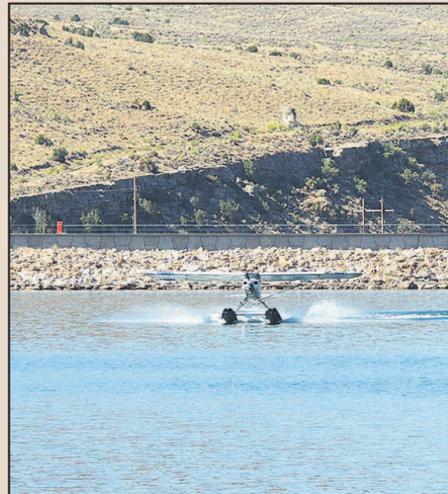
Harman confirmed this news and told the *Herald Times* that based on their discussion he feels Gardner cares deeply about rural health care in the state.

According to Chartis Center for Rural Health—a private Chicago firm dedicated to improving the delivery of care across rural America—80 rural hospitals in the U.S. have closed since 2010 with another 673 in danger of closing. Cuts to Medicaid as proposed in legislation to replace Obamacare, Chartis says, could push many of these facilities over the edge. A recent Chartis report predicts that 20

percent of rural Colorado hospitals are at risk of closing under the proposed cuts while repeal of Obamacare would be even more drastic.

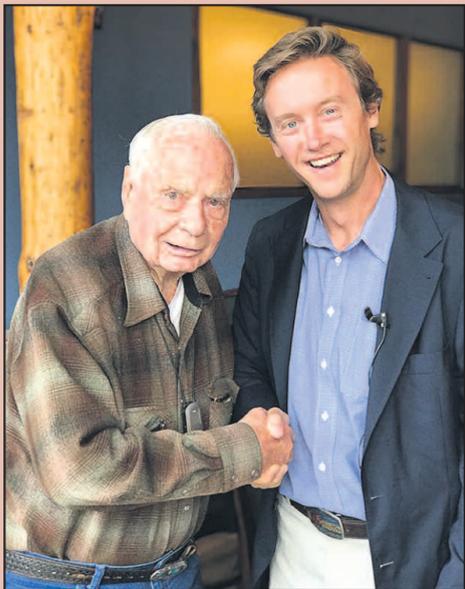
In their generic statements, Chartis writes, "The rural health safety net is under pressure. Rural communities face socioeconomic disadvantages and greater health disparities...and many struggle with negative operating margins, uncertainty, and the unintended consequences of various policies."

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NIKI TURNER PHOTOS

MEET & GREET ...



More than 20 citizens met with Colorado gubernatorial candidate Senator Mike Johnston of Denver Sunday at the Meeker Café, including Joe Sullivan, 98. Johnston listened to each participant share their perspectives and questions on state issues. Regarding education, Johnston expressed the importance of getting ahead of the curve on rapidly changing career choices. On energy, he wants to see Colorado's energy use become 100 percent based on renewables by 2040 while doing the utmost for energy career transitions. Most of his discussion centered on healthcare. He acknowledged the serious problem of Western Slope residents paying 162 percent of Front Range insurance premium rates. In addition, he's very concerned that the current Senate Obamacare replacement bill would cut \$1.5 billion which would threaten Colorado rural hospitals and remove 500,000 people from Medicaid assistance. Johnston would like to see the state require uniform state insurance rates and products. He was headed for another meet and greet in Craig after his visit to Meeker.

REED KELLEY PHOTO

No RFQs from potential general operators received for Meeker Adventure Center

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MEEKER I Meeker's Urban Renewal Authority (MURA) opened the Requests for Qualifications (RFQ) received for the Meeker Adventure Center project Tuesday. Ten RFQs came in before the July 10 deadline. Unfortunately, none of the RFQs were from entities qualified to serve as the general operator for the center.

Without a general operator, the board has to either reevaluate the ownership structure for the project or reissue the RFQ in hopes of attracting a qualified general operator.

Board members and some members of the public in attendance expressed their displeasure to Kelby Bosshardt of Better City, the consulting firm working to facilitate the project.

"I feel like you've blindsided us by not telling us you don't have a general operator," said board member Steve Overtone.

Bosshardt said, via conference call, they had been in discussion with a potential general operator and expected to receive an RFQ from them, but the RFQ never arrived.

"A group had indicated that they would submit with a caveat," Bosshardt said. "The intent was not to blind-side anyone, this is just the way these things go."

Town attorney Melody Massih and Bosshardt reminded the board that the RFQ is simply a fact-finding mission, the first in several steps.

"There were other companies that were interested that decided to pull out because of the big fish in the pond. That's unfortunate," board member Wendy Gutierrez said. "We have a room full of people here with the same puzzled look we're wearing. We were told we weren't building this without having someone who has the financial backing to do it."

"That's still the case," Bosshardt replied. "We don't see this as a failure, we see this as efforts toward success. Part of that is fact-finding through RFQ. We're not recommending that anything proceed until the board is comfortable."

The board agreed to redefine the scope of the project and reissue the RFQ looking specifically for a general operator, they also agreed to notify the respondents soon to let them know their RFQs have been received and will be included in consideration.

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■ **Root Beer Float Day**
Saturday, July 22 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Come enjoy a free root beer float with friends, jump in the bounce house, and slip-n-slide through the sprinklers at the Meeker Recreation Center.

■ **Junior Golf Tournament**
July 25 at 9 a.m. at the Meeker Golf Course. Ages 5-18 invited. Call 878-3403 or visit meekerrecdistrict.com.

■ **MHS Volleyball Clinic** July 26 from 10 a.m. to noon at the MHS gym. Free for youth entering K-8th grade. Call 878-3403 or visit meekerrecdistrict.com.

■ **Mountain Valley Bank will be doing a "Lobby Blitz"** every Wednesday to provide customers with a one on one online banking and mobile banking mini course.

■ **The Meeker Library Book Club** meets at 1 p.m. the second Monday of each month (excluding holidays). All interested readers are welcome. Stop by the Meeker Library for details.

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

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

■ **Game Day** for adults 50-

plus on Wednesdays at 9 a.m. in the Meeker Recreation Center lounge. Call 878-3403 or visit meekerrecdistrict.com.

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

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

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

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

■ **Open Saturdays at The TANK** every Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Free and open to the public. Explore. Play. Listen. For more information call 970-368-2657. Donations gratefully accepted.

■ **Free Community Dinner** every Thursday at 5:30 p.m. at St. James' Episcopal Church—Richards' Hall, Fourth and Park. Hosted by teams from: Meeker United Methodist Church, St. James' Episcopal Church, Holy Family Roman Catholic Church, Emmanuel Baptist Church, and Church of Jesus Christ and Latter Day Saints.

Send calendar items to calendar@theheraldtimes.com no later than 5 p.m. Mondays for that week's paper.

OHV RENDEZVOUS ...



One hundred and thirty OHV enthusiasts participated in last weekend's sixth annual Wagon Wheel OHV Rendezvous, held in conjunction with the first Meeker Days celebration. The Wagon Wheel OHV Club provided volunteer guides for multiple tours on Friday and Saturday.

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Stage 1 fire restrictions in place throughout Rio Blanco County

Special to the Herald Times

RBC | Stage 1 fire restrictions are in effect for the White River National Forest, Bureau of Land Management-administered lands, unincorporated and private lands in Rio Blanco County.

■ Campfires are only allowed within designated fire grates in developed campgrounds (i.e., a metal, in-ground containment structure—fire pans and rock campfire rings are not acceptable).

■ No fires of any type, including charcoal, outside of developed areas.

■ No smoking except within an enclosed vehicle or building, a developed recreation site or in a barren area free of vegetation.

■ No welding or operation of an acetylene or other similar torch with open flame except from an area that has been cleared of vegetation.

■ No operation of any internal combustion engine without a spark arresting device properly installed and in working order.

■ Fireworks are always prohibited on BLM, National Forest and National Park Service lands.

Fire restrictions on these lands will be in place until further notice.

Those found responsible for starting wildfires will also face restitution costs of suppressing the fire.

For more information about fire restrictions visit rbc.us or Facebook: Rio Blanco County Sheriff's Office.

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Patty shifts between duties in the Administrative Services department, including Finance, Guest Services, and Human Resources. She also serves on our agency Safety and Wellness Committee. Patty's organizational skills assisted greatly with the annual ERBM financial audit during this past quarter, which resulted in the whole process being a tremendous success.

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Four seats opening on Meeker school board

By REED KELLEY
Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER Four seats on the Meeker Board of Education are up for election or re-election Nov. 7. The seats held by current school board president Bud Ridings, member Todd Shults, and current board secretary Bill deVergie, are up as the four-year terms of these individuals come to a close. Also up is Davey Smith who was elected in 2015 to the remaining two years of an unexpired term.

The other three current board members—Tom Allen, Kevin Amack and Bob Dorsett—were elected in 2015 and have terms that don't expire until November 2019.

In the Nov. 7 election, voters eligible to vote are those registered who reside within the Meeker School District boundaries. The opening date for candidates to pick up and begin circulating petitions is Wednesday, Aug. 9, at the school administration office, 555 Garfield St.

A qualified candidate must be a registered voter and school district resident for at least 12 months prior to

the election and cannot have been convicted of a sexual offense against a child. In a district with less than 1,000 students, like Meeker, a candidate must file a nomination petition signed by at least 25 verifiable eligible district electors.

Completed petitions are to be returned to Janelle Urista at the School District office. Urista, otherwise the district finance director, is the designated election official for the Meeker School District. The completed petitions must be returned to Urista at the admin office by Aug. 31.

If only four or fewer candidates file verifiable petitions by the deadline, the BOE can cancel the election. Those four or fewer qualified candidates would then be automatically elected and any vacancies would be made by appointment of the existing school board. Any such appointee(s) would serve until the next election.

At press time, board incumbent and president Ridings has reported that he does intend to run again. Incumbent deVergie reports he's yet undecided while neither Shults nor Smith have responded.



PATRIOTIC FACELIFT ...

Nichol's Store, one of Rangely's oldest businesses, recently received a festive facelift with the addition of a painted American flag on the building's storefront.

KONNIE BILLGREN PHOTO

Craig man dies in kayaking accident on Yampa River

Special to the Herald Times

DINOSAUR A 66-year-old man from Craig, identified Tuesday as Michael Brinks, died July 15 while on a two-person private trip using inflatable kayaks on the Yampa River in Dinosaur National Monument.

Based on preliminary reports, at approximately 2 p.m. on Saturday, July 15, the kayaker hit a rock in Tepee Rapid, capsized, and never resurfaced. He was wearing a personal flotation device. The reporting party kayaked 24 miles downstream to Hells Canyon Ranch to report the incident. Monument staff were contacted just before 9 p.m. on Saturday. Search and rescue efforts were launched Sunday morning.

Due to the remote location of the incident, and low water levels along the Yampa River, monument staff used a helicopter to aid in the response. A contracted helicopter from PJ Helicopters of Red Bluff, Calif., and the Mesa Verde National Park Helitack Crew were already on-site in the monument for a wildland fire assignment.

At 11:40 a.m. on Sunday, the kayaker's body was located approximately three miles downstream from the point last seen. The body was recovered from the river and transported to the Moffat County Coroner. The Moffat County Sheriff's Department is a partner in the investigation.

NEWS BRIEFS

Rangely OHV Rally registration

RANGELY Register now for the Rangely OHV Adventure Rally Aug. 1-10. Registration is open until July 31 for \$65. After July 31 registration is \$75. Kids under 10 are free. Visit www.wagonwheeltrails.org to register. For more information, call the Rangely Area Chamber of Commerce at 970-675-5290.

Revitalization workshop July 27

RBC There will be a half-day multi-county community revitalization workshop focusing on brownfield resources July 27 in Craig. The workshop is for community leaders and property owners who are working on economic development, revitalization and brownfield site redevelopment. The workshop is free, but interested parties should register in advance as space is limited. For more information call 970-928-3412 or visit communitybuilders.org.

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EDITOR'S COLUMN...

Crowdfunding our health

By NIKI TURNER
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Harmon believes, and I agree with him, that preventative care, patient participation and health education could cut costs dramatically. But what do you do when even

preventative care is unaffordable?

We lost our group health insurance when my husband quit his corporate job. Private insurance premiums would cost more than half my monthly income. Even though we're business owners, we don't qualify for a group plan because our only full-time employees are also owners.

So we delay those recommended preventative care items because we have to take care of what's already broken before we go pay out-of-pocket for a checkup or a recommended test.

Our healthcare system is in a quandary, and there is no simple solution that will please everyone. In the meantime, consider giving to those crowdfunding campaigns. You might need one someday, too.

The first magazine subscription I ordered was to *The New Yorker*. I was 12. I didn't understand half the articles, but that didn't stop me from sending my first article submission to their New York, N.Y. address. Somewhere in a box I have that first rejection slip.

Scroll forward 35 years and I'm emailing *The New Yorker* to request reprint permissions for an article about Rangely's Tank. Seriously. The esteemed magazine wrote an article about the Tank after the Roomful of Teeth concert (they don't allow reprints for 60 days, but you can read the article here: bit.ly/2u8Ok2M). Perhaps Rangely will become the darling of the eclectic music community around the world? It could happen. Truth is, after all, stranger than fiction.

I'm waiting for permission from the *Daily Sentinel* to share an article about Savannah Edinger, who has lots of Meeker connections, and her recovery from a traumatic accident on I-70 that left her with serious burns and killed two of her beloved horses. Our thoughts and prayers are with her as she recuperates. I can't share the article yet, but I can share the link to her fundraising page: bit.ly/2u8jUNU.

On that note, the fact we—"the richest nation in the world"—have to resort to crowdfunding to care for our sick, wounded and dying tells me there's something terribly wrong with our societal values.

In an article in this week's edition, PMC CEO Ken Harmon said much of the cost of healthcare—70 percent—can be attributed to "lifestyle choices." He has a point. Obesity, smoking, substance abuse, lack of exercise, poor diet and stress contribute to multiple illnesses.

In my own household, 70 percent of our healthcare costs have historically correlated to accidents related to exercise and outdoor activities (aka teenage boys), and women's health issues with no known causality, no viable preventative care, and no confirmed diagnosis without a surgical procedure. The only lifestyle choices that would have saved us money were keeping my sons off the ski slopes and away from dirt bikes. I tried, believe me.

Start a discussion about how we should pay for our nation's healthcare needs and invariably someone will argue that people who suffer from certain diseases or conditions "brought it on themselves" and therefore "we" shouldn't have to pay for their treatment. In my opinion, it gets a little dystopian when we start talking about who "deserves" medical care and treatment. How did we get to this point, and how far will we, as a society, allow that line of thinking to go?

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

MHS alumnae grateful for PHF scholarship

Dear Editor:
I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge Pioneers Healthcare Foundation Board of Trustees and all of the employees at Pioneers Medical Center for their generosity in granting me a scholarship for the upcoming school year. Since being named one of the recipients of the Employees of Pioneers Medical Center Scholarship, I have been eager to begin my journey in becoming a nurse at the University of Northern Colorado.

Because of this award, I will have the opportunity to earn a foundation of knowledge that will be applicable in the medical field. This act of kindness cannot go unnoticed. I am honored to have been selected for this scholarship and appreciate the support from Pioneers Medical Center.

Kinzy Burke
2017 Meeker High School Graduate

Resident wants rocks returned to Highland Cemetery, and he's not the only one

Dear Editor:
Prior to the removal of the large rocks around the flagpole and parking areas at Highland Cemetery there was no public comment or official approval for their removal by the Meeker Cemetery District board. After questions were raised by the public, the Meeker Cemetery District on July 6, 2017, it was decided the large rocks that were removed from around the flagpole and parking areas be returned to and stored at the cemetery. I believe the majority of Meeker Cemetery board did not seri-

ously take into considerations the six pages of signatures by area residents to return the rocks to appropriate places in the cemetery. Keeping them in storage is doing nothing to help enhance the serenity and beauty of the cemetery.

If anyone is interested in the return of the large rocks to their previous location in the cemetery or has an idea how the rocks can be used to beautify other places in the cemetery, attend the next Meeker Cemetery District meeting in August or contact Roger Clark at 878-4628.

Sincerely,
Roger Clark
Meeker

Keep an open mind, but don't be stupid

Dear Editor:
With all due respect to you, I enjoyed reading your thoughts and opinion regarding "Keeping an Open Mind." Well written column and thought provoking.

My utmost respect still goes to my "Good Old Dad" (WWII-era) and his opinion: "To keep an open mind is a good idea! But, to know s*** from Shinola is the best idea!" (Excuse the vulgarity and keep an open mind.)

J.P. Jones
No town provided

EDITOR'S NOTE:
*A little research on the aforementioned colloquialism revealed that it originated from WWII days. Shinola was a type of shoe polish. As the story goes, a disgruntled GI polished his commander's boots with, well, poop, declaring it wouldn't make any difference because the commander "wouldn't know s*** from Shinola." Comedian George Carlin would later incorporate the phrase into one of his routines and be arrested for it due to obscenity laws in 1972.*

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GUEST EDITORIAL

Under the Dome: News from House District 57

By BOB RANKIN
Special to the Herald Times



Bob Rankin

RBC | Education Leadership Council: My big news this month is my participation with the lieutenant governor as co-chair of a reinvigorated ELC. We will appoint the members this month and start our work to build a vision for the future of education in our state. It will include all aspects of lifelong learning from the parent as first teacher to senior citizens continuing to learn. It will be more about the process and structure to capture the vision and dreams of parents, teachers, students and taxpayers than mandating solutions from Denver.

Colorado Energy Office: Many of my constituents have been concerned and let me know their desire to keep the CEO funded. The good news is that we now have funding to keep the office staffed until the next legislative session. There were attempts to reach a compromise on this funding and the mission of the office during the last session and those attempts failed. Without legislative support, the Joint Budget Committee should not override the process and approve funding, so I voted against a supplemental measure at our June meeting. I did not vote against the existence of the office and I will support it if the general assembly comes to agreement.

Joint Budget Committee: I'm honored to serve on this important committee. We work from early November through the middle of May while the regular legislative session only runs from mid-January to May. We try to separate major policy issues from budget decisions, but of course budget is policy and we can't completely separate them. Controversial decisions like the energy office and the hospital provider fee belong in the larger legislative process that draws in all of the elected Representatives and Senators.

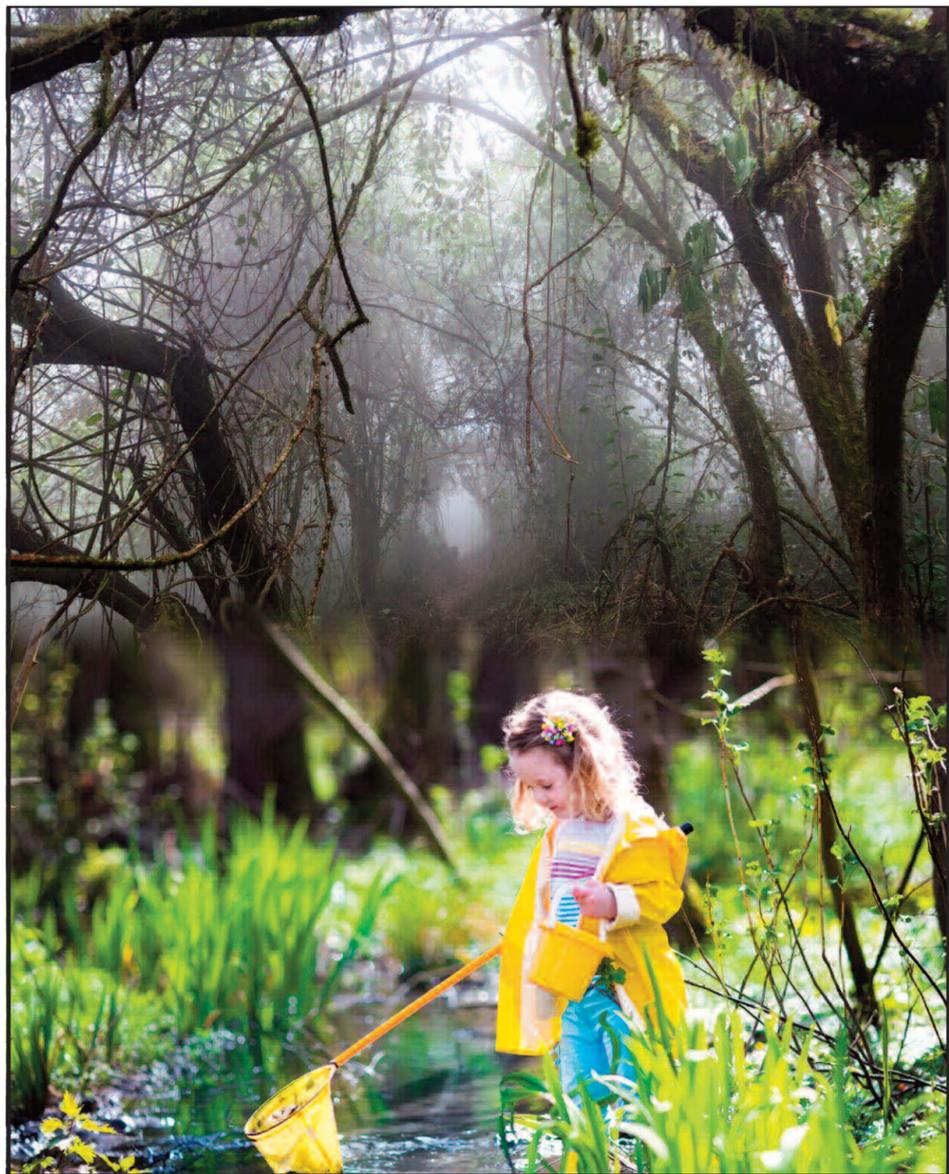
Budget: Our last forecast was down from the March forecast but

with a \$28 billion total budget and \$12 billion of that being general fund from taxes, small percentages are big money. We get another forecast in September and will start to budget to it in

November. The big challenges are changes coming to federal Medicaid funding, demands to put more money in education and funding of our transportation needs. Not to mention that the prison population is trending up and we are out of prison space. With the changes to budgeting implemented by SB17-267, we don't have near term expectations of exceeding the TABOR spending limit so our budget will be based on tax collections, fees and federal revenue and there will be no taxpayer refunds. But spending authority is not spendable revenue so funding challenges have not substantially changed.

Outreach: I'll be traveling throughout my three county district 57 in the next few weeks and accompanying Joyce as she visits schools throughout the whole of western Colorado. As always, I want to hear from local government and citizens about their concerns and expectations of state government. Going into my sixth year and session, I still find new dragons to slay almost every day. But I've also learned enough to connect resources and help my district, so let's talk.

Representative Bob Rankin represents House District 57. He writes the monthly column "Under the Dome" hoping to inform and engage the constituents in his district. He serves on the Joint Budget Committee and represents Garfield, Rio Blanco and Moffat Counties.



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RIO BLANCO COUNTY DAYS GONE BY

The Meeker Herald — 100 years ago

■ The Herald was served with a “Black Hand” notice this week. Our detective reports that the sable-hander is a big man who wears glasses and number 13 shoes and that he lives out in the Sheridan Park region.

■ Never judge a man by his son-in-law. His daughter and his wife usually wish that relation on him without his consent.

■ Fearless burns its bridges behind; fear burns the bridges before.

■ “How did your garden turn out?” “It helped. The work I did in it gave me a great appetite for the vegetables I had to buy.”

■ A big auto party from Oklahoma and Texas spent a few days in town this week, and departed for Steamboat and the Rabbit Ear Pass.

■ Tom Kilduff has his hay up and is now joyriding—most of the time.

The Meeker Herald — 50 years ago

■ Construction of a \$130 million oil shale plant in the Grand Valley area of Western Colorado is scheduled to start by the end of this year.

■ Meeker’s Rural Fire Dept. was called to the Tel Hotel place on Strawberry Creek, 12 miles from Meeker Sunday night to extinguish a fire first believed caused by faulty wiring.

■ To add to the peculiarity of the weather many Meekerites looked out on Flag Creek area Sunday and saw another unusual phenomenon in local weather. Coming down Flag Creek was a tornado which is common mostly to plains country. Some people who have lived where these “twisters” occur easily recognized the characteristics of this funnel shaped menace with the destructive tail. In the case of the one on the Mesa the tail never did drop to the ground.

The Meeker Herald — 25 years ago

■ Four years ago Don Davis posted a 110-vote victory over John Neiberger for the Republican nomination for county commissioner from

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District 2. He won every precinct except for Piceance Creek which voted 4-2 for Neiberger. This year they are racing again for the nomination.

■ “Plenty of hard work and lots of water.” That’s the key to Earl Ilgen’s success in transforming the courthouse lawn into the prettiest park in Northwest Colorado.

■ The school board continues to debate increasing the mill levy. They have until Sept. 1, or 60 days before the election, to decide whether to place the property tax increase on the ballot. This is the last year the school board will have the right to set a mill levy without a vote.

■ There’s plenty of dirt flying down at the intersection of Highway 13 and 64 where Larry Steiner and his family have begun work on a new convenience store. The Stagesop will again rest at the site where Steiner’s restaurant, the Stagecoach, serviced cross-traffic from September 1989 until it burned down February 1990.

Rangely Times — 50 years ago

■ Newly constructed this season, the diving towers at the Rangely Swimming Pool are popular with youngsters.

■ The town council agreed on final plans for the street resurfacing program to start in August at the regular meeting Monday.

■ One person in every five in the U.S. now has two television sets, in case you’re interested. One household of every 10 has a color set, almost doubling in number within one year from 1965 to 1966.

■ The State of Colorado will spend \$10,000 on developing outdoor recreation facilities at Rio Blanco State Recreation Area in 1967-1968. The work program will include shade shelters, water line extended, parking for picnic area and landscaping.

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Rangely Times — 25 years ago

■ It was a long meeting and there were many requests for money or action or inaction. Bud Garner was present representing a group called Rangely Citizens for Healthy Group which started as an investigation for the proper method for circulation petitions by the Council. In the process he ran into some state laws as to what a petition should look like. It was his contention that Resolution 89-7 that formed the Rangely Development Authority was, by the requirements of state law, not valid.

■ There are two recurrent myths about Rangely. The first is that, as an oil field town, dirty streets and an unkempt appearance are somehow natural and a sign of prosperity. Dirt on town streets is not a result of oil field activity. Dirt on town streets is mainly a result of unpaved business parking lots, and parking on unimproved, muddy lots. The second myth is that the town has no future and won’t be here in another generation. The same things were being said ever since the town was founded in 1947, some 45 years ago. This myth is more often than not an excuse for inaction. ~Mayor Don Peach

■ Julie Tobiasson received an interview winner trophy in the Miss T.E.E.N. Pageant.

■ Postmaster Nancy Metnik recently presented two of Rangely’s Post Office employees special awards for their service. A perfect attendance award was presented to Cheryl Rasmussen. A postal volunteer of the year award was presented to Vicki McPhail.

RIO BLANCO COUNTY WEEKLY CALL REVIEW

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

July 10-16, 2017

For the last week the dispatch center processed 496 phone calls, placing 211 outgoing and 540 incoming calls, received 20 911 calls, and 48 calls for Meeker Police Department (MPD). A total of 175 calls for service were created, 93 for the Sheriff’s Office, 81 for MPD and 13 calls for Meeker Fire and Rescue. (Please note the department breakdown of calls reflects a different number because of incidents with

multiple agency response). A total of eight accidents were reported throughout the county.

The Sheriff’s Office conducted 19 traffic stops issuing five summons and 14 warnings, while the MPD had 21 stops issuing 20 warnings and one citation.

Other calls for the Sheriff’s Office included 20 agency assists, two 911 misdials, four alarms, five animal calls, 12 civil papers served, two fire ban violations, three motorist assists, two suspicious incidents, two thefts, two VIN inspections and one warrant arrest. Assisted Rangely Fire/MPD with a wildland fire within the Rangely town limits.

MPD calls included four agency assists, three 911 hang ups, two alarms, 11 animal calls, 11 business

checks, four citizen assists, three motorist assists, two gas skips, three motorist assists, five VIN inspections and two warrant arrests.

Meeker Fire and Rescue responded to two alarms, two medical transports, one traffic crash, one fire at a residence and five ambulance calls.

There were three arrests and five releases and there are currently 15 inmates.

There were eight assists with Colorado State Patrol. No DUI arrests were made.

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The Right Affection
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... seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. (Col. 3:1-2)

PURITAN Thomas Manton wrote, “Take a mirror and turn it toward Heaven, and there you shall see the reflection of Heaven, the clouds and things above. Turn it downward toward the earth, you shall see the reflection of the earth, trees, meadows, men. Just so does the soul receive a reflection from the things to which it is set. If the heart is set toward Heaven, that puts you into a heavenly frame. If you set your heart on earthly objects, you are a man of the earth!” Indeed, our text declares what our affection should (and should not) be.

First, we seek heavenly things. The verb seek is *zēteō* and is in the present tense, indicating a willful and continuous striving after something, as did the merchant who looked for the perfect pearl (Matt. 13:45) and the woman who searched frantically for a lost coin (Luke 15:8). But what does Paul mean here by **things which are above**? This would be vague and nebulous, indeed, if it were not for the next phrase, which points us to **Christ**. We seek everything that pertains to Christ: His disposition, His devotion, His doctrine, and His duty. The aim of all that we seek is to please Him and bring Him glory.

Second, we set our affection on heavenly things. We can look for something but not necessarily love it. We can do things out of sheer habit but with no heart. **Set your affection** is one word in the Greek (*phroneō*) that means to have a mindset on something and involves the will, affections, and conscience. So, we don’t just seek the things of Christ; we think them and even feel them. While seek marks the *practical exertion*, set your affection marks the

personal motivation. Even though our feet are firmly planted on earth, our heads and hearts are in heaven. And where do such thoughts and feelings come from? Not from inner urges or mystic contemplation, but from Scripture alone. It is only there that we find **Christ**. As one commentator writes, “We set our minds upon things above, not by reposing in arm-chairs indulging in dreamy and mystical imaginings as to things that may be in heaven, but rather by setting our minds supremely upon Christ, and seeking in all things the furtherance of Heaven’s interests.”

Third, we shun earthly things. The admonition to **set your affection . . . not on things on the earth** does not imply asceticism. It will do no good to lock yourself in a monastery, cutting yourself off from contact with the world, simply because the issue here is one of the heart, which is always with you. Paul speaks of attitudes, appetites, and aspirations. What do we really want in life? In what do you invest the majority of your time? What do you desire to accomplish more than anything else? What are your most valued investments? Are you pointing your “mirror” toward Heaven or earth?

Scriptures for Study: What do the following verses add to our study today: Romans 12:2; Philippians 4:8; 1 John 2:15-17?

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LIVESTOCK JUDGING TEAMS...



The 2017 Junior RBC 4-H livestock judging team members are (back) coach Clint Shults, Buzz Clatterbaugh and Spud Kent, (front) Hayden Shults, Eva Scritchfield, Trae Kennedy, Marryn Shults and Tatum Kennedy

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The junior and senior teams: (back) Buzz Clatterbaugh, Kacie Lapp, Jilli Bumgardner, Macy Collins and Marryn Shults, (front) Hayden Shults, Trae Kennedy and Tatum Kennedy.

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The combined RBC/Otero County 4-H team earned reserve champion team honors at the TRA contest and third high team honors at the 70th annual Gunnison County Stockgrowers 4-H Livestock Judging Contest. Kacie Lapp, Macy Collins, Jilli Bumgardner from RBC and Jakob Juul from Otero County.

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Rodeo series attracting new fans and local competitors

By REED KELLEY
Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER Several folks attending Meeker's summer rodeo series have told the *Herald Times* that they are going to the rodeo every week to support it as an opportunity for Meeker area kids and big kids to compete, to get better, for Meeker to have this weekly activity, and because they enjoy rodeos.

Meeker Mayor Regas Halandras, who himself has been one of the rodeo contestants several times, emphasizes that the series is a totally private effort which provides the community with an active, weekly event, unsupported by any tax dollars except for the use of the fairgrounds arena. He credits Bill Jordan and Boyd Richardson for keeping the facility in such good shape.

Contestants pay entry fees from which there is a weekly payout to winners. Farris Bulls, the contract rodeo producer, reports that 80 percent of each week's fees are paid back out to the high point scorers. In order to be eligible for end-of-season prizes, contestants must participate in 10 of the 13 rodeos.

"It's a costly effort which Tyler Farris, of Farris Bucking Bulls, and his crew out of New Castle provides," Mayor Halandras said. Farris transports all the rough stock, not so rough stock (mutton-busting sheep, roping calves), and provides pick-up and chute men, and the announcer from Grand Junction.

Farris, 25, starts his younger bulls out at smaller rodeos like Meeker's to get them used to the noises and environment before turning them loose on the top competitors of the Professional Bull Riding (PBR) circuit and the like. He also runs weekly rodeos in Rifle (Mondays) and Snowmass (Wednesdays). In addition, he provides annual rodeos for

other towns, college contests and high school rodeos.

There are a few commercial sponsors. For example, Ariat International, which advertises that, "As athletes, riders put their bodies to the test every day and Ariat creates high performance boots and apparel that keep up," is a sponsor. Ariat will be giving a pair of boots to the summer season's top winner in each event category.

Other leading commercial sponsors are local and include Moody Construction, Mountain Valley Bank and Three Crown Petroleum in addition to a couple other people and businesses. To meet costs, the rodeo depends on ticket buyers who come to watch the event. Halandras says the rodeo has had about 200 people on average while the need is two to three times that number in order to get necessary cash flow into the game. Without adequate support, Halandras is concerned Farris and company may not want to return for another season.

A special attribute of the weekly rodeo is the opportunity it provides interested Meeker area residents to compete and to be fans. A few groups of friends, be they retired ladies, fresh out of high school kids, or families, seem to love taking advantage of gathering at the event weekly. And local competitors abound. In addition to those identified with their scores above, the following locals have been noticed as competitors: Hattie and Milo Brennan, Jake Grieser, Madison Kindler, Deana and Leah Wood, Cody Stickler, Ryan and Kelsey Vroman, Neal and Kari Brennan, Rowdy Atwood, Lori Ann Klinglesmith and Lavender Castaldo. The bronc riders June 29 included athletic standouts from Meeker High School, some of whom had never ridden a bronc before, and they did well. These were Sheridan Harvey, Kasey Rosendahl, Hunter Garcia and Cash

Atwood. Rosendahl rode again last week.

The following are the results from the July 13 performance: in bull riding, Kaiden Decker continues to lead, scoring a 68; junior bull rider Caleb Gieselman scored 74; amateur bull rider Dillon Burch continues to lead; ranch bronc—JD Slagowski scored 75 while Brady Latham scored 74; lower-ranked team roping—headers Drake Groom at 6.3 seconds, Lauren Urista at 7.9 and Paula Cooper at 8.4; and heelers Chance Luccesi at 6.3 seconds, Janelle Urista at 7.9 seconds with T.J. Toon in third; higher-ranked team roping—headers Cody Edinger made 6.13 and 6.7 seconds, Colleen Watson 6.2 seconds, with heelers Brett Watson at 6.1 and 6.2 seconds, and Zane Edinger at 6.7; breakaway roping—Kyra Corson made a time of 3.94 seconds, Deena Norell 4.5 seconds, and Ellie Anderson 4.9 seconds; ladies barrel-racing—Kelsey Tate made 17.62 seconds, Kayla Pinnt 17.84 and Andy Urista at 18.53; junior barrel-racing—Alexis Vreeman at 18.19, Katherine Edwards 19.66 and Cylee Dunsmore at 21.16; big kids' dally ribbon roping—Cody Edinger and Lucas Montgomery at 14.91 seconds with Drake Groom and JD Slagowski at 16.1. The dirt-sled (cowhide) racing was won by Lauren Urista and Jake Edinger. Clint Chew continues to be the saddle bronc leader.

Tickets to the rodeo are \$10, while youth eight years old and under are free. More information about the weekly Meeker rodeo can be obtained at 970-274-9833 or on Facebook at Facebook.com/meeker2017summerrodeoseries/. Nearly 600 people have either "liked" and are following this Facebook site. To sign up for an event, call 970-274-3994 Tuesdays prior to each Thursday rodeo, 6 to 8 p.m.

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HEALTHCARE: Preventative care crucial

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PMC's Harman agrees that PMC is in that cohort of rural hospitals that are vulnerable to these factors, but argues that due to PMC's aggressive broadening of revenue streams and getting ahead of the curve in having an up-to-date facility, PMC is not nearly as likely to be as seriously harmed by federal changes. The

PMC board, Harman points out, has continually pushed to reduce dependence on county property taxes which, nevertheless, allow the organization to have a net operating loss. In 2010, property tax revenues comprised 60 percent of the PMC budget. Now it's only 20 percent.

Four days ago, Colorado Governor John Hickenlooper posted on Facebook that the proposed U.S.

Senate "(un)healthcare bill is no better than the one [that has passed the U.S. House]. It still makes deep cuts to care for the most vulnerable in our state and shifts costs onto older, middle class, and rural Coloradans. Senators should work with Governors on bipartisan solutions to improve our healthcare system, making health insurance more affordable and stabilizing the individual market."

Harman says he believes that the most important approach to cutting health care costs is preventative care and patient participation. He reports that 70 percent of healthcare costs are attributable to the lifestyle choices we make together with not availing ourselves as individuals of the resources and support available to us.

Harman points to the Accountable Care Organization PMC has started and is ramping up in conjunction with its Trials to Health program of which he and the PMC board are anxious to see Meeker residents take greater advantage.

PLEIN AIR WINNER...



Seventeen multi-talented artists participated and there were 60 completed paintings entered in this year's Meeker Plein Air art contest. "We were very pleased to have John Lintott from Grand Junction as this year's judge," wrote JoAnn Goss-Gardner from the Meeker Chamber of Commerce. Lintott based his selections on technique, style, concept and composition, providing valuable insight and feedback. (Above) The Best of Show painting was titled, "Hide and Seek—Deep Hay at Smith's" by Mary Pat Ettinger. See the other winning paintings on our website at www.theherald-times.com.

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HARPIST ...



RENE HARDEN PHOTO

Harpist Carol Vanita performed at Elks Park in Rangely Sunday for a crowd of around 35 people. Her harp is made of cherrywood.

Rodeo stock provider's arrest not expected to affect Meeker Summer Rodeo Series

EDITOR'S NOTE: *Bucking Bulls and Outcast Production is the company that has been providing the rodeo stock for the Meeker Summer Rodeo Series. According to Meeker Mayor Regas Halandras the ongoing investigation into the Farris family is not expected to have any negative impact on the rodeo series.*

By **RYAN SUMMERLIN**
GLENWOOD POST INDEPENDENT
Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER | Two sons of a Silt couple accused in a years-long string of embezzlement from Bear Wallow Ranch have turned themselves in on warrants charging felony theft stem-

ming from the same case.

In June, Garfield County authorities arrested Charles "Zane" Farris and Charla Farris in a long series of thefts that investigators say total in the hundreds of thousands of dollars, possibly more than \$1 million. The Farris family worked for more than 25 years as ranch manager and bookkeeper, respectively.

In 2012, the couple got word that the ranch owners, Waffle House CEO Joe Rogers Jr. and his wife, planned to sell the property. And though the Farris family was supposed to stay on working at Bear Wallow, investigators say they started funneling Bear Wallow money to their own ranch. Authorities have accused the family of embezzlement of money,

livestock and equipment.

The Garfield County Sheriff's Office issued warrants last week for the sons, 25-year-old Tyler Farris and 22-year-old Dustin Farris, who turned themselves in to Mesa County authorities the next day. Both of them worked for the ranch at one time.

Tyler Farris was arrested on charges of felony theft between \$5,000 and \$20,000, felony possession of a dangerous weapon and misdemeanor cruelty to animals.

Dustin Farris was arrested on felony theft between \$5,000 and \$20,000.

In their arrest reports, investigators wrote that "there is also evidence that [the two sons] knew about

and benefited from the theft." Both of them took checks for their work at the ranch and lived at Bear Wallow for a time. The ranch owners, however, say that much of this work was left undone.

Similar to the accusations against his parents, Tyler Farris had been using Bear Wallow checks for thousands of dollars in purchases of equipment and materials that weren't used at Bear Wallow, according to his arrest report. Rather, investigators believe this money was used for his private rodeo bull company. Tyler Farris owns the companies Tyler Farris Bucking Bulls and Outcast Productions.

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Rangely girls' 10 and under softball team finishes fourth at state

Won five games in a row at state tournament

By **BOBBY GUTIERREZ**
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RANGELY I The softball season, which started in April for Rangely's 10-under girls' team, ended last weekend with a fourth place finish in the state tournament. The Rangely girls played 46 games and finished with 35-11 record.

"It was an unbelievable summer for these girls," coach Paul Fortunato said.

The Rangely girls won the Vernal League and were the league tourney champs, finished second place in Arvada in the "Don't Call Me Blue" tournament and also

played in Farmington, N.M., Loveland and Grand Junction tournaments, before playing seven games in the state tournament.

"We lost our first game and had to come back the hard way," coach Fortunato said of the team's state experience. "We won five games in a row, before losing a close-hard fought game (8-7)."

The Rangely girls finished fourth in a field of 18 teams.

"We would like to thank all of the committed parents and coaches for a great summer," coach Fortunato said. "Also, thanks to all that sponsored us along the way and Utah Gas Corp., for sponsoring us for the state tournament."



The Rangely girls' 10U softball team played 46 games during their season, finishing as the Vernal League champions and tourney champs, and taking fourth at the recent state tournament with an overall record of 35-11. Five of their losses were to teams 12 and older. Playing on the team this season were Lexi Lebleu, Bailey Bingham, Emma Smith, Jade Miller, Emma Winder, Ashlynn Ducey, Angelina Fortunato, Miley Chism, Ryann Mergelman, Carmella Fortunato, Kaitlyn Cox and Miah Wren.

COURTESY PHOTO

Hurricanes do well at Western Slope Championship meet in GJ

Special to the Herald Times

RANGELY I The Rangely Hurricanes had the opportunity to swim in the three-day Western Slope Championship meet this past weekend down at Colorado Mesa University in Grand Junction. There were 17 different teams that represented the western slope swimming community. In order to participate at this meet the swimmers had to have a qualifying time in each of their events. The Hurricanes did a nice job representing Rangely, placing high in many events. Many teams swim year-round but the Hurricanes don't even get into the water until May.

On Friday the 8-and-under swimmers were represented by five swim-

mers. Two others were ill and unable to attend. Courtney Casto, 8, swam the 25 back, 25 fly, 50 free and 25 free. She placed 14th in the 25 back with a time of 25.88, seventh in the 25 fly with a time of 28.69, sixth in the 50 free with a 51.11 and ninth in the 25 free with a time of 23.41. Randy Casto, 8, swam the 25 back, 50 free and 25 free. He earned two 16th places and a 15th place and took time off each of his events. His 16th places was in the 25 back with a time of 28.80 and the 25 free with a time of 26.46 and in the 50 free he took 15th with a time of 57.56. Ethan Hacking, 7, started off with the 25 back placing seventh with a time of 24.22, in the 50 free he placed 13th with a 57.02 and in the 25 free he placed 15th with a 26.34. He took

time off almost all of his events. Brielle Lucero, 7, placed within the top 12 of all her events and was able to take time off all her events, it was a good weekend for her. In the 25 back she placed 10th with a time of 27.82, in the 25 fly a time of 35.01 earned her eighth place, in the 50 free a 50.50 was fifth place and in the 25 free she took 11th with a 23.84 time. Wrenalee Moore, 8, competed in three events: 25 back, 25 breast, 25 free. In the back she took 11th with a time of 28.45, in the breast 31.29 got her a ninth place and in the free she had a time of 30.36 and 17th place.

The Hurricanes had 10 swimmers age 9 and above who scored 208 points for the team during the three-day meet.

For the Annika Cantrell, 11, start-



MATT SCOGGINS PHOTO

The Rangely Hurricanes put together a 400 freestyle relay made up of Colton Noel, Timothy Scoggins, Patrick Scoggins and Travis Coates at the Western Slope Championship meet at Colorado Mesa University. The boys took eighth with a time of 5:35.87.

ed with the 50 fly getting 32nd with a time of 1:04.62. She then went on to swim the 100 breast taking 27th place with a time of 2:12.25. On Saturday she swam the 50 breast with a time of 1:02.14 for 32nd place, then swam the 100 free for 40th place and a time of 1:57.67 and finished Saturday with the 100 back with a time of 2:05.0 and placing 27th.

Mackenzie Manchester, 12, had an excellent meet. She started her meet Saturday with the 50 breast then the 100 free and finished the day off with the 100 back. She took 25th in the breast with a time of 55.49, 38th in the free with a new personal best of 1:47.76 and 25th in the back with a time of 1:51.59. Sunday morning she competed in the 50 back, 100 fly and 50 free taking time off on all three of her events. In the back she took 18th place with a time of 46.71, in the fly a time of 2:18.00 got her a 12th place and then in the free she took 33rd with a time of 44.78.

Chloe Noel, 9, competed in the 100 free and 50 breast on Saturday and on Sunday the 50 free and 50 back. She took 33rd in the 100 free with a time of 2:03.75 and then 22nd in the breast with a time of 1:05.46. She has a new personal best in the 50 free with a time of 54.37 and a 35th place. For the 50 back she took 23rd with a time of 1:20.32.

Alivia Green, 9, competed in five events for the weekend starting off in the 100 free with a time of 1:24.82 and 40th place, then in the 100 back she took 22nd with a time of 2:42.85. On Sunday she competed in the 50 free with a time of 56.79 for 38th place and in the 50 back she took 37th with a time of 1:10.72.

The 12 and under girls were able to put together a relay for the 200 free. Annika started the relay off with Manchester second, Chloe third and Alivia fourth. They placed 10th with a time of 3:27.57.

Mary Scoggins, 13, the only girl

to swim for the Hurricanes in the 13 and above group, had a great meet taking time off several of her events and pushing hard to do her best. She started the meet with the 200 free taking 19th place with a time of 2:57.58, then swam the 100 breast for a time of 1:51.97 taking 20th place. Unfortunately, she received a DQ in the 200 back like many other swimmers did that day but she shook it off and went to work on Saturday afternoon in the 100 free, 100 back and 200 IM. She took 20th in the 100 free with a time of 1:20.15, then took 17th in the 100 back with a time of 1:34.90 and the in the 200 IM she was able to take time off and take 23rd with a time of 3:26.05. On Sunday she swam only two events but really worked those two events hard. She took 18th in the 50 free taking off more than one second with a time of 35.49 then in the 200 breast she took 17th with a new time of 3:51.01.

Timothy Scoggins, 13, was one of four boys to represent the Hurricanes. He also started the meet with the 200 free. He placed 15th with a time of 2:51.30, then swam the 100 breast in 1:40.16 for ninth place and was another one who got disqualified in the 200 back. Saturday he took 11th place in the 100 free with 1:12.61, then ninth place in the 100 back with 1:25.17 and then in the 200 IM he took off time for a new personal time of 3:11.44 and 13th place. Sunday he got to swim his favorite event—the 50 free—where he took some time off and placed sixth with a time of 30.89. In the 200 breast he took seventh with a time of 3:31.76 and a ninth place in the 100 fly for a time of 1:32.47.

Travis Coates, 14, swam the 100 breast and 200 back Friday. He placed 19th in the breast with a time of 2:05.34 and was also DQ'd in the 200 back. Saturday he competed in

the 100 free and 100 back. He took 25th in the free with a time of 1:29.01 and 21st in the back for a time of 1:44.97, which is a new personal best.

Brent Cantrell competed in only two events since he had a short swim season. He placed 20th in the 100 breast with a time of 2:09.35 and 27th in the 100 free with a time of 1:50.92.

Colton Noel, 13, competed in four events. He started Saturday with the 100 free for a 26th place and a new personal best of 1:36.33, then swam the 100 back for 22nd place and a time of 1:48.87. On Sunday he took more than 5 seconds off his 50 free for a new time of 40.28 and 23rd place, and then took ninth in the 200 breast for a time of 3:42.65.

Patrick Scoggins, 17, is the only swimmer for the Hurricanes in the 15 and over age group. He, like his younger sister and brother, started the meet with the 200 free. He took seventh place with a time of 2:23.25, an eighth place in the 100 breast with a 1:23.59 and then a sixth place in the 200 back with 2:51.17. On Saturday he swam the 100 free, 100 back and 200 IM. He placed eighth in the free with a time of 1:02.43, eighth in the back with a 1:17.93 and seventh in the IM for a new personal best of 2:23.71. On Sunday, he placed sixth in the 200 breast with a time of 2:58.62 and then eighth in the 100 fly with a time of 1:15.20.

The boys put together a 400 freestyle relay made up of T. Scoggins, Coates, Noel and P. Scoggins. The boys took eighth with a time of 5:35.87.

The Hurricanes are done for a couple of weeks until Aug. 4-6 where the swimmers will be competing in the summer seasonal meet in Lamar, Colo. They will be having their end of the year party on Tuesday, July 25 at 6 p.m. at the Rangely recreation center.



COURTESY PHOTO

Cedar Ridges Golf Course superintendent Hunter Fellows has the course looking great for the tournament season. Cedar Ridges was the site for the 27-hole scramble, held last Saturday and it will host the Rangely Open this Saturday, then the 27-hole, Two-man the following Saturday and then the Couples Classic Aug. 5-6.

Cedar Ridges Golf Course hosts three in a row

By **BOBBY GUTIERREZ**
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RANGELY I The beautifully manicured Cedar Ridges Golf Course in Rangely was the site of the annual 27-hole Scramble Saturday last and it will be used the next three Saturdays, when they host the Rangely Open this Saturday, then the Two-man 27 hole July 29 and followed by the two-day Couples Classic Aug 5-6.

"We battled the heat and some tough pins," said course manager Chris Hejl, who played on the winning team with Terrell Lowry, Kris Kauber and Mark

Skelton.

The foursome shot a 19-under par 89 to finish six shots ahead of Robby and Ryan Elam, Brian Prater and Terry Richardson, who finished with a 13-under par 95.

The three-man team of Julian Mendoza, Bill Cady and Don Reed finished the 27 holes with the best net score of 76, while Jaury Hoefling, Dan and Bruce Penny, along with Roger Flinn, all from Fruita, finished with the second best net score, seven shots back.

The Rangely Open, an 18-hole stroke play tournament for men, will be played this Saturday at Cedar Ridges Golf Course.

COED SOFTBALL ...



BOBBY GUTIERREZ PHOTO

Ace Trucking long-ball hitter **Ron Kelly Crawford** connects with a pitch during a recent game at Paintbrush Park. Ace Trucking is the only team in the seven-team coed league to remain undefeated after winning the showdown against then-undefeated **Watt's Ranch Market** last weekend, followed by a 31-1 pounding of **Fat & Happy** on Monday. Regular league games will continue to be played Mondays and Wednesdays at Paintbrush Park starting at 6:30 p.m. through the end of July and the tournament will start Aug. 7.



COURTESY PHOTO

Rangely football coaches **Paul Fortunato**, **Keenan LeBleu** and **Carlton Quinine**, along with several football players, helped one of the Town of Rangely's top hands, **Jeff "Buck" LeBleu**, recently paint the curbs on Main Street. "Just trying to give back to our community that supports us," coach Fortunato said. Pictured are **Justin Rusher**, **A.J. Garner**, **Caden Dowlen**, **Del Garner**, coach **Keenan LeBleu**, **Titus Coombs**, **Grady Nielson**, coach **Paul Fortunato**, **Tristan Moore**, **Drew Brannon**, **C.J. Lucero**, coach **Carlton Quinine**, **Austin Davis**, **Gabe Polley** and **Dalton Dembowski**. In front are **Angelina Fortunato** and **Carmella Fortunato**.



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Meeker Mayor Regas Halandras took his turn in the dunk seat during Meeker Days last weekend. The event coincided with the OHV Rendezvous.

FARRIS: Investigation still underway

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“Tyler runs a Bucking Bull business that is very expensive and doesn’t seem to make sense given his smaller hourly wages at Bear Wallow,” an investigator wrote in the arrest report.

Dustin Farris too had used numerous Bear Wallow checks, totaling thousands of dollars, for items not used at the ranch, authorities allege. And Charla Farris had made out numerous checks to Dustin, which were then coded in the ranch’s books under different titles, like “Napa” or “Car Quest” or “Northwestern Performance.”

“The Farris were paying their son, Tyler, from Bear Wallow payroll, an amount commensurate with full-time employment at Bear Wallow Ranch during periods when he was, in fact, documented to have been elsewhere working at his own, private, rodeo-bull operation,” according to investigators. “The victims also believe that Tyler’s rodeo-bull operation had possibly been at least partially funded with the company’s money/resources without authorization.”

The FBI’s office in Glenwood Springs also got involved tracing Tyler’s spending.

“From approximately June 2009 through August 2016, Tyler Farris used Bear Wallow funds in furtherance of his rodeo business, Outcast Productions,” the FBI investigator wrote. “The funds were used to provide veterinary care, repairs on his Peterbilt Truck to haul his stock, brand inspections, health certificates, building materials and other business-related expenses. Initial review of traceable funds related to the fraud total approximately \$15,420.18.”

FBI investigators believed more illicitly spent Bear Wallow funds would be discovered connected to Tyler, and they believed more money was spent to promote his business, but that money was mixed in with other Farris Ranch expenses.

“The extent of the theft involving the livestock is still currently under investigation,” a Garfield County investigator wrote.

Tyler Farris also picked up a couple more charges: felony possession of a dangerous weapon for a short-barreled shotgun found in his residence and misdemeanor animal cru-

elty for a group of emaciated horses found on land he was leasing.

On a property Tyler Farris leased to keep livestock, a brand inspector found five horses in very bad shape—so bad that he feared they might die if he left them there, according to an arrest report.

An investigator wrote that photos of these horses were “shocking” and that they appeared to be emaciated.

All of the horses were deemed clinically dehydrated. All of them needed dental care, and one was unsteady on its feet. When they were released into another pasture, they rushed as fast as they could toward the water and drank for more than 20 minutes. Four of them “suffered a colic episode from drinking,” then went right back to drinking more.

The two brothers will be in Garfield County district court on July 26 for appearances on bond. Their parents are scheduled to appear next in court on Sept. 21.

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BLM to hold public hearing regarding use of motorized equipment for wild horse control

Special to the Herald Times

RBC I As part of the Administration’s commitment to make America great through shared conservation stewardship, the Bureau of Land Management Colorado is conducting a public hearing to discuss the use of motorized vehicles to monitor and manage wild horse populations from 5 to 6 p.m. July 28 at the White River Field Office, 220 E. Market St.,

Meeker, Colo.

The BLM conducts an annual statewide public hearing to obtain public comment regarding the use of any motor vehicles in wild horse management as outlined in the Federal Land Policy and Management Act. Motorized equipment is used to accomplish a number of management objectives such as trapping operations, transporting horses and burros, and monitoring.

The BLM plans to use helicop-

ter, fixed-wing aircraft and other motorized vehicles to estimate population numbers and obtain seasonal distribution information for wild horse herds throughout Colorado. Helicopters may also assist in gathering excess wild horses in Colorado this year, including a proposed gather of up to 72 wild horses from private land outside the Piceance-East Douglas Herd Management Area (HMA) southwest of Meeker.

HONORING THE ELDERERS...



The Tank held its second annual “Honoring Our Elders” event this week, welcoming a dozen folks from long-term care, White River Village and Eagle Crest.

Perlmutter withdraws from governor’s race

Special to the Herald Times

RBC I Ed Perlmutter released the following statement regarding the gubernatorial campaign:

“Over the last couple weeks, I’ve realized the demands of running for governor and of serving in Congress were going to take more from me than I can give.

“The democratic primary field is crowded, and whether I am in the race or not, primary voters will have

a choice among a number of qualified candidates and I wish them all the best of luck. I do not plan to be a candidate for office in 2018. For the next 18 months my focus will continue to be on serving the people of the 7th Congressional District, whom I can’t thank enough for their support and trust in me over the years. I know this decision is disappointing to many of you, it is for me too. But I know it is the best course forward.

“As I’ve said many times, ‘Tis a privilege to live in Colorado’ and I truly believe that.”

COMMISSIONERS: Valuation could fall further

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order announced last week that commits the state to reducing greenhouse gas emissions in accordance with the 2015 Paris climate accord which was rejected last month by President Donald Trump.

“He did that without any consultation with counties or anyone else,” Bolton said.

In the Board of Equalization meeting following the commissioners’ meeting, RBC Assessor Renae Neilson said during this year’s property tax assessment protest period, there were 60 real properties protested, 36 were adjusted and satisfied, 15 were denied and one was voided.

“We had 113 oil and gas, but of that 106 were from one company. We denied most of those. We had 30 companies

that didn’t report at all, no drilling rigs in the county.”

“Personal property is our big chunk. If they try to exempt personal property again it will really hurt this county,” she said.

Following a reappraisal, Neilson said the county’s total valuation is down a little more than 6 percent. The RE-4 school district’s value is expected to drop close to 10 percent, she said, and the RE-1 district is going to drop a little over 4.5 percent.

That’s all preliminary,” she said. “We hope by August we’ll have state-assessed in. I look for our number to drop more, maybe a percent or two, that’s just a guess.”

The commissioners accepted the assessor’s protest valuation report.

Senior Picnic

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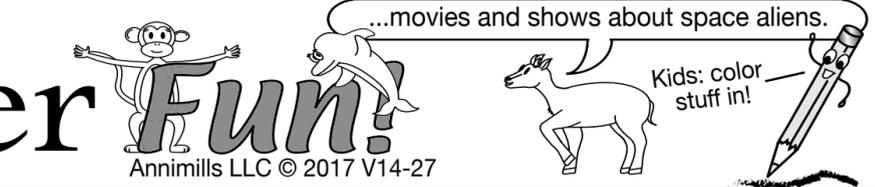
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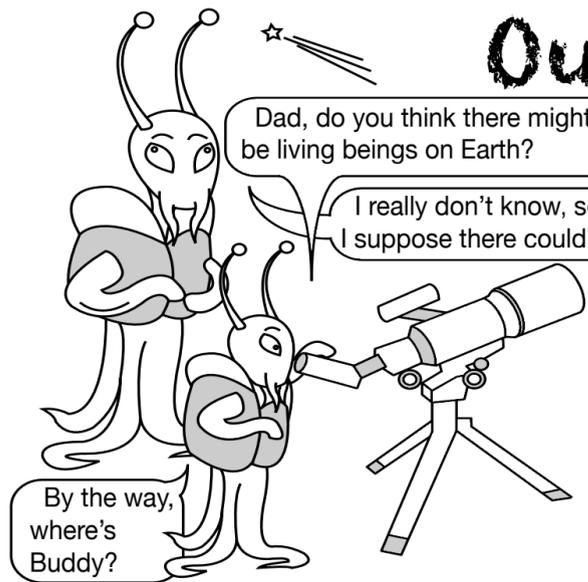
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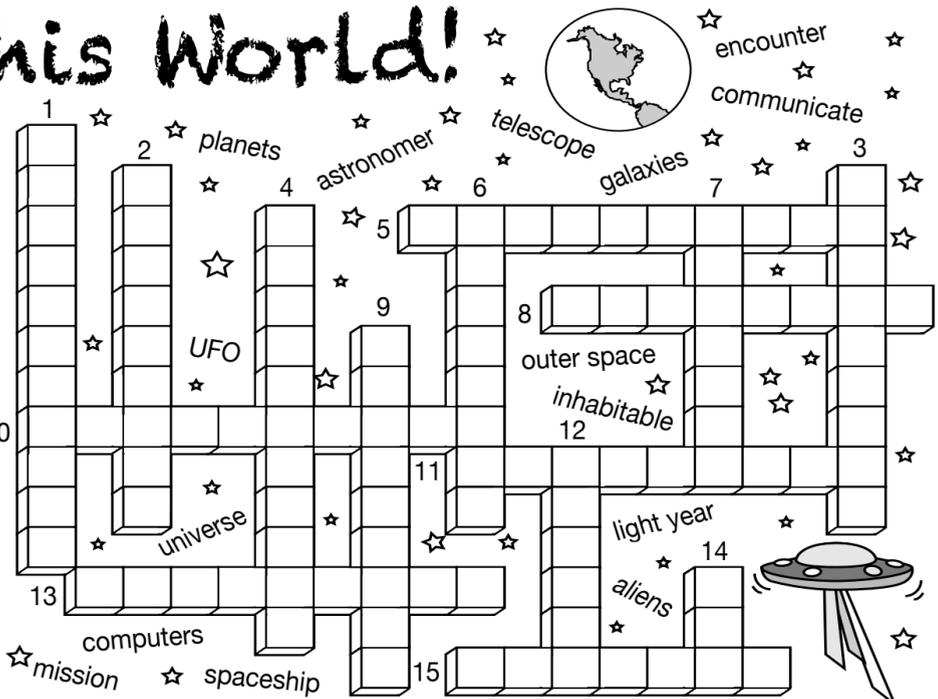
Have you ever wondered if there could be living beings on other planets? Well, you're not alone. There is a group of scientists and engineers (SETI) who use computers to scan the skies for signs of life or communications. Other people like to read about UFO sightings – the largest number reported have been near a military base in Nevada called Area 51.

One of NASA's space programs includes sending a robot to Mars to roam the planet and send back photos. If you are interested in outer space then ask Mom or Dad if you can check out NASA's club for kids. Have fun!

Read the clues to fill in the crossword puzzle:

- a planet able to support life
- face-to-face meeting with an alien
- makes things far away seem closer, larger
- code words/sending of radio waves help us to _____
- no air and no gravity...the last frontier
- every galaxy, every solar system, each star and planet that we know of
- there are 8 of these in our solar system, and billions in the universe

There are couple of giant words in this puzzle...go slow and you'll figure them out.



- large clusters of stars and planets, held together by gravitational forces
- found in almost every home, they help us with homework and connecting with friends, but also are used to search for extra-terrestrials
- scientist who studies the sun, planets and other bodies in space
- flying saucer, space shuttle or rocket
- extra-terrestrials
- distance light can travel in 12 months
- unidentified flying object
- group's set goal when entering outer space

Books: 1. **My _____ Is an Alien** by Bruce Coville and Mike Wimmer.

- Needs Moms** by Berkeley Breathed.
- Aliens on _____** by Clete Smith and Christian Slade.
- Lunchbox and the _____** by Bryan W. Fields.

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Ah...here we are... I've come to bring you a fun word search puzzle. Can you fill in blanks in the clues with the words in the bottom of my spaceship? Next, find and circle the words in my spaceship.

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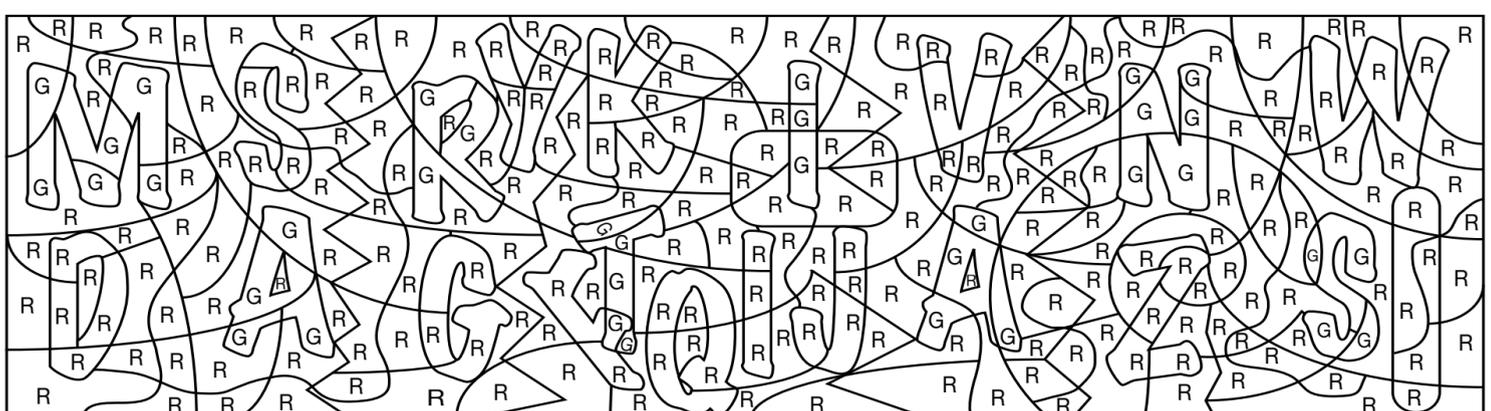
- Superman
 - Luke Skywalker
 - Marvin the Martian
 - Invader Zim
- A. alien from Mars with a green _____
- B. _____-eyed alien with a robot side kick
- C. born on the planet _____
- D. lived a long time ago, in a _____ far away

- Avatar** - movie about _____ aliens called Na'vi who want to protect their homes.
- Transformers** - cartoon _____ from the planet Cybertron who struggle to save their planet.

Red Planet

Can you guess what planet I am from? It has 4 letters in its name. Follow the color key to color in the puzzle to see what "beings" on my planet are called.

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TOWN OF DINOSAUR
ORDINANCE NO. 4-17**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF DINOSAUR, COLORADO, IMPOSING AN EXCISE TAX OF FIVE PERCENT (5%) UPON THE SALE OR TRANSFER OF UNPROCESSED RETAIL MARIJUANA.**

WHEREAS, subsection (2)(a) of Section 29-2-114, C.R.S. provides that in addition to any sales tax imposed pursuant to Section 29-2-102, C.R.S. and Articles 26 and 28.8 of Title 39, C.R.S., and in addition to the State excise tax imposed pursuant to Article 28.8 of Title 39, C.R.S., a statutory municipality in Colorado is authorized to levy, collect and enforce a municipal excise tax on the first sale or transfer of unprocessed retail marijuana by a retail marijuana cultivation facility; and

WHEREAS, a municipal excise tax is imposed at the time when the retail marijuana cultivation facility first sells or transfers unprocessed retail marijuana from the retail cultivation facility to a retail marijuana product manufacturing facility, a retail marijuana store, or another retail marijuana cultivation facility; and

WHEREAS, a municipal excise tax imposed by a statutory municipality may not exceed five percent (5%) of the average market rate, as determined by the Colorado Department of Revenue pursuant to Section 39-28.8-101(1), C.R.S. of the unprocessed retail marijuana; and

WHEREAS, any municipal excise tax cannot be collected, administered or enforced by the Colorado Department of Revenue, but instead must be collected, administered, and enforced by the municipality imposing the tax; and

WHEREAS, no municipal excise tax shall be levied pursuant to the provisions of subsection (2)(a) of Section 29-2-114, C.R.S. until the proposal has been referred to and approved by the eligible electors of the municipality in accordance with the provisions of Article 10 of Title 31, C.R.S.; and

WHEREAS, the Dinosaur Town Council submitted a ballot issue to the vote of the registered electors of the Town of Dinosaur at the coordinated election held on November 8, 2016 concerning the imposition of a municipal excise tax of five percent (5%) on the first sale or transfer of unprocessed retail marijuana by a retail marijuana cultivation facility and such tax was approved by the registered electors voting thereon.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF DINOSAUR, COLORADO:

Section 1. The Town Council of the Town of Dinosaur, Colorado intends that a municipal excise tax be imposed on the first sale or transfer of unprocessed retail marijuana by a retail marijuana cultivation facility to a retail marijuana store or retail marijuana products manufacturer within the Town. The purpose of this tax is to increase the revenue base for the Town of Dinosaur to fund the enforcement of regulations on the retail marijuana industry, other costs related to enforcement of marijuana laws, education and public health programs associated with marijuana consumption, and other Town expenses. All revenues from the tax shall be deposited in the Town's general fund. The excise tax levied by this Ordinance was approved by a majority vote of registered Dinosaur electors voting at the November 8, 2016 coordinated election.

Section 2. Definitions. As used in this Ordinance, "average market rate" means the amount determined by the State of Colorado pursuant to Section 39-28.8-101(1), C.R.S. as the average price of unprocessed retail marijuana that is sold or transferred from a retail marijuana cultivation facility to a retail marijuana store or retail marijuana products manufacturer. All other terms in this Ordinance shall have the same meaning as set forth in the Town's Retail Marijuana Licensing Ordinance.

Section 3. Imposition and Rate of Tax. There is hereby levied an excise tax of five percent (5%) upon the average market rate of unprocessed retail marijuana that is sold or transferred from a retail marijuana cultivation facility located in the Town of Dinosaur to a retail marijuana store or retail marijuana products manufacturer.

Section 4. Vendor Liable for Tax. Each retail marijuana cultivation facility within the Town of Dinosaur shall collect the tax imposed by this Ordinance upon every sale or transfer of unprocessed retail marijuana from the cultivation facility. The person charged with the duty to collect taxes also has the burden of proving that any transaction is not subject to the tax imposed by this Ordinance.

Section 5. Taxes Collected are Held in Trust. All sums of money paid by any person or facility to a cultivation facility as excise taxes pursuant to this Ordinance are public monies that are the property of the Town of Dinosaur. The person required to collect and remit municipal retail marijuana excise taxes shall hold such monies in trust for the sole use and benefit of the Town of Dinosaur until paying them to the Town's Treasurer.

Section 6. Licensing and Reporting Procedures.

(a) Every person with the duty to collect the excise tax imposed by this Ordinance shall obtain an excise tax license from the Town Clerk and shall report such taxes collected on forms prescribed by the Town Clerk and remit such taxes to the Town on or before the tenth (10th) day of the month for the preceding month or months under the report. An excise tax license shall be valid so long as:

- (1) The business remains in continuous operation, and
- (2) The license is not cancelled by the licensee or revoked by the Town, and
- (3) The business holds a valid retail marijuana license pursuant to the Town's Retail Marijuana Licensing Ordinance.

The excise tax license may be cancelled or revoked by the Town as provided in this Ordinance.

(b) Whenever a business entity that is required to be licensed under this Ordinance is sold, purchased, or transferred, so that the ownership interest of the purchaser or seller changes in any respect, the purchaser shall obtain a new excise tax license.

(c) Every person engaged in the retail marijuana cultivation business in the Town of Dinosaur shall keep books and records according to the standards of the Town Clerk and this Ordinance and subject to the Town Treasurer's right to audit as set forth in this Ordinance.

Section 7. Collection of Tax.

(a) If the accounting methods regularly employed by the Vendor in the transaction of business, or other conditions, are such that the returns aforesaid made on a calendar month basis will impose unnecessary hardship, the Town Clerk may, upon request of the Vendor, accept returns at such intervals as will, in the Town Clerk's opinion, better suit the convenience of the Vendor and will not jeopardize the collection of the tax; provided, however, the Town Clerk may by rule permit a Vendor whose monthly tax obligation is less than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) to make returns and pay taxes at intervals not greater than three (3) months.

(b) It shall be the duty of every Vendor to maintain, keep and preserve suitable records of all sales made by the Vendor and such other books or accounts as may be required by the Town Clerk in order to determine the amount of the tax of which the Vendor is liable under this Ordinance. It shall be the duty of every such Vendor to keep and preserve for a period of three (3) years all such books, invoices and other records and the same shall be open for examination by the Town Clerk or designee.

Section 8. Audit of Records.

(a) For the purpose of ascertaining the correct amount of the excise tax due and owing to the Town, the Town Clerk or an authorized agent, may conduct an audit by examining any relevant books, accounts and records of such person.

(b) All books, invoices, accounts and other records shall be made available within the Town limits and be open at any time during regular business hours for examination by the Town Clerk or an authorized agent. If any taxpayer refuses to voluntarily furnish any of the foregoing information when requested, the Town Clerk may issue a subpoena to require that the taxpayer or its representative attend a hearing or produce any such books, accounts and records for examination. Any such subpoena may be enforced by the Dinosaur Municipal Court.

(c) Any person claiming an exemption under the provisions of this Ordinance is subject to audit in the same manner as any other person engaged in the sale or transfer of unprocessed retail marijuana in the Town.

Section 9. Tax Overpayments and Deficiencies. An application for refund of tax monies paid in error or by mistake shall be made within three (3) years after the date of payment for which the refund is claimed. If the Town Clerk determines that within three (3) years of the due date, a Vendor overpaid the excise tax upon the sale or transfer of unprocessed retail marijuana, she shall process a refund or allow a credit against a future remittance from the same taxpayer. If at any time the Town Clerk determines the amount paid is less than the amount due under this Ordinance, the difference together with the interest shall be paid by the retail marijuana cultivation facility within ten (10) days after receiving written notice and demand from the Town Clerk. The Town Clerk may extend that time for good cause.

Section 9. Tax Information Confidential.

(a) All specific information gained under the provisions of this Ordinance which is used to determine the tax due from a taxpayer, whether furnished by the taxpayer or obtained through audit, shall be treated by the Town and its officers, employees or legal representatives as confidential. Except as directed by judicial order or as provided in this Ordinance, no Town officer, employee, or legal representative shall divulge any confidential information. If directed by judicial order, the officials charged with the custody of such confidential information shall be required to provide only such information as is directly involved in the action or proceeding. Any Town officer or employee who shall knowingly divulge any information classified herein as confidential, in any manner, except in accordance with proper judicial order, or as otherwise provided in this Ordinance or by law, shall be guilty of a violation hereof.

(b) The Town Clerk may furnish to officials of any other governmental entity who may be owed sales tax or excises taxes any confidential information, provided that said jurisdiction enters into an agreement with the Town to grant reciprocal privileges to the Town.

(c) Nothing contained in this Section shall be construed to prohibit the delivery to a taxpayer or its duly authorized representative a copy of such confidential information relating to such taxpayer, the publication of statistics so classified as to prevent the identification of particular taxpayers, or the inspection of such confidential information by an officer, employee, or legal representative of the Town.

Section 10. Forms and Regulations. The Town Clerk is hereby authorized to prescribe forms and promulgate rules and regulations to aid in the making of returns, the ascertainment, assessment and collection of said excise tax on the sale or transfer of unprocessed retail marijuana and in particular and without limiting the general language of this Ordinance, to provide for:

- (a) A form of report on the sale or transfer of unprocessed retail marijuana to be supplied to all Vendors;
- (b) The records which retail marijuana cultivation facilities are to keep concerning the tax imposed by this Ordinance.

Section 11. Enforcement and Penalties.

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person to intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly fail to pay the tax imposed by this Ordinance, or to make any false or fraudulent return, or for any person to otherwise violate any provisions of this Ordinance. Any person convicted of a violation of this Ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a municipal offense, punishable by a fine of up to \$300.00 and 90 days imprisonment or by both such fine and imprisonment. Each day, or portion thereof, that any violation of this Ordinance continues shall constitute a separate offense.

(b) A penalty in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the tax due or the sum of ten dollars (\$10.00), whichever is greater, shall be imposed upon the retail marijuana cultivation facility and become due in the event the tax is not remitted by the tenth (10th) day of the month as required by this Ordinance, or such other date as prescribed by the Town Clerk, and one and one-half percent (1.5%) interest shall accrue each month on the unpaid balance. The Town Clerk is hereby authorized to waive, for good cause shown, any penalty assessed.

(c) If any part of a deficiency is due to negligence or intentional disregard of regulations, but without intent to defraud, there shall be added ten percent (10%) of the total amount of the deficiency, and interest, from the retail marijuana cultivation facility required to file a return. If any part of the deficiency is due to fraud with the intent to evade the tax, then there shall be added fifty percent (50%) of the total amount of the deficiency together with interest and in such case, the whole amount of the unpaid tax, including the additions, shall become due and payable ten (10) days after written notice and demand by the Town Clerk.

(d) If any retail marijuana cultivation facility fails to make a return and pay the tax imposed by this Ordinance, the Town may make an estimate, based upon available information of the amount of tax due and add the penalty and interest provided above. The Town shall mail notice of such estimate, by certified mail, to the retail marijuana cultivation facility at its address as indicated in the Town records. Such estimate shall thereupon become an assessment, and such assessment shall be final and due and payable from the taxpayer to the Town Clerk ten (10) days from the date of service of the notice or the date of mailing by certified mail; provided, however, that within the ten (10) day period such delinquent taxpayer may petition the Town Clerk for a revision or modification of such assessment and shall, within such ten (10) day period, furnish the Town Clerk the documents, facts and figures showing the correct amount of such taxes due and owing.

(e) Such petition shall be in writing and the facts and figures submitted shall be submitted in writing, and shall be given by the taxpayer under penalty of perjury. Thereupon, the Town Clerk may modify such assessment in accordance with the facts submitted in order to effectuate the provisions of this Ordinance. Such assessment shall be considered the final order of the Town Clerk, and may be reviewed by a Court of competent jurisdiction under the Rule 106(a)(4) of the Colorado Rules of Civil Procedure, provided that the taxpayer gives written notice to the Town Clerk of such intention within ten (10) days after receipt of the final order of assessment.

Section 12. Tax Lien.

(a) The tax imposed by this Ordinance, together with the interest and penalties herein provided and the costs of collection which may be incurred, shall be, and until paid, remain a first and prior lien superior to all other liens on all of the tangible personal property of a taxpayer within the Town and may be foreclosed by seizing under distraint warrant and selling so much thereof as may be necessary to discharge the lien. Such distraint warrant may be issued by the Town Clerk whenever the taxpayer is in default in the payment of the tax, interest, penalty or costs. Such warrant may be served and the goods subject to such lien seized by any Town peace officer, the Moffat County Sheriff or any duly authorized employee of the Town. The property so seized may be sold by the agency seizing the same or by the Town Clerk at public auction after ten (10) days have passed following an advertised notice in a newspaper published in the Town, in the same manner as is prescribed by law in respect to executions against property upon judgment of a court of record, and the remedies of garnishment shall apply.

(b) The tax imposed by this Ordinance shall be, and remain, a first and prior lien superior to all other liens on the real property and appurtenant premises at which the taxable transactions occurred.

Section 13. Recovery of Unpaid Tax.

(a) The Town Clerk may also treat any such taxes, penalties, costs or interest due and unpaid as a debt due the Town from the taxpayer.

(b) In case of failure to pay the taxes, or any portion thereof, or any penalty, costs or interest thereon, when due, the Town Clerk may recover at law the amount of such taxes, penalties, costs, the reasonable value of any salaried attorney's time, including legal assistant's time, or the reasonable attorney's fees, including legal assistant's fees, charged, plus interest, in any county or district court of the county wherein the taxpayer resides or had a principal place of business (at the time the tax became due) having jurisdiction of the amount sought to be collected.

(c) The return of the taxpayer or the assessment made by the Town Clerk shall be prima facie proof of the amount due.

(d) Such actions may be actions in attachment, and writs of attachment may be issued to the Moffat County Sheriff, as the case may be, and in any such proceeding no bond shall be required of the Town Clerk, nor shall any Town peace officer or sheriff require of the Town Clerk an indemnifying bond for executing the writ of attachment or writ of execution upon any judgment entered in such proceedings. The Town Clerk may prosecute appeals in such cases without the necessity of providing a bond therefor.

(e) It shall be the duty of the Town Attorney, when requested by the Town Clerk, to commence an action for the recovery of taxes due under this Ordinance and this remedy shall be in addition to all other existing remedies, or remedies provided in this Ordinance.

(f) The Town may certify the amount of any delinquent tax, plus interest, penalties and the costs of collection, as a charge against the property at which the taxable transaction occurred to the Moffat County Treasurer for collection in the same manner as delinquent ad valorem taxes pursuant to Section 31-20-105, C.R.S.

Section 14. Status of Unpaid Tax in Bankruptcy and Receivership. Whenever the business or property of a taxpayer subject to this Ordinance shall be placed in receivership, bankruptcy or assignment for the benefit of creditors, or seized under distraint for taxes, all taxes, penalties and interest imposed by this Ordinance and for which the taxpayer is in any way liable under the terms of this Ordinance shall be a prior and preferred lien against all the property of the taxpayer, except as to other tax liens which have attached prior to the filing of the notice, and no sheriff, receiver, assignee or other officer shall sell the property of any person subject to this Ordinance under process or order of any court, without first ascertaining from the Town Clerk the amount of any taxes due and payable under this Ordinance, and if there be any such taxes due, owing and unpaid, it shall be the duty of such officer to first pay the amount of the taxes out of the proceeds of such sale before making payment of any monies to any judgment creditor or other claimants of whatsoever kind or nature, except the costs of the proceedings and other preexisting tax liens as above provided.

Section 15. Hearings, Subpoenas and Witness Fees.

(a) Hearings before the Town Clerk pursuant to provisions in this Ordinance shall be held in a manner that provides due process of law. Any subpoena issued pursuant to this Ordinance may be enforced by the Dinosaur Municipal Judge pursuant to Section 13-10-112(2), C.R.S. The fees of witnesses for attendance at hearings shall be the same as the fees of witnesses before the district court, such fees to be paid when the witness is excused from further attendance. When the witness is subpoenaed at the instance of the Town Clerk, such fees shall be paid in the same manner as other expenses under the terms of this Ordinance, and when a witness is subpoenaed at the instance of any party to any such proceeding, the Town Clerk may require that the cost of service of the subpoena and the fee of the witness be borne by the party at whose instance the witness is summoned. In such case, the Town Clerk, at her discretion, may require a deposit to cover the cost of such service and witness fees. A subpoena issued as aforesaid shall be served in the same manner as a subpoena issued out of a court of record.

(b) The Dinosaur Municipal Judge, upon the application of the Town Clerk, may compel the attendance of witnesses, the production of books, papers, records or memoranda, and the giving of testimony before the Town Clerk or any duly authorized hearing officers, by an action for contempt, or otherwise, in the same manner as production of evidence may be compelled before the Court.

Section 16. Depositions. The Town Clerk or any party in an investigation or hearing before the Town Clerk may cause the deposition of witnesses residing within or without the State to be taken in the manner prescribed by law for like depositions in civil actions in courts of this State and to that end compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of books, papers, records or memoranda.

Section 17. Statute of Limitation.

(a) Except as otherwise provided in this Section, the taxes for any period, together with interest thereon and penalties with respect thereto, imposed by this Ordinance shall not be assessed, nor shall notice of lien be filed, or distraint warrant be issued, or suit for collection be instituted, or any other action to collect the same be commenced, more than three (3) years after the date on which the tax was or is payable, nor shall any lien continue after such period, except for taxes assessed before the expiration of such three (3) year period when the notice of lien with respect to which has been filed prior to the expiration of such period.

(b) In case of a false or fraudulent return with intent to evade taxation, the tax, together with interest and penalties thereon, may be assessed, or proceedings for the collection of such taxes may be commenced at any time.

(c) Before the expiration of such period of limitation, the taxpayer and the Town Clerk may agree in writing to an extension thereof, and the period so agreed on may be extended by subsequent agreements in writing.

Section 18. Exemption from Revenue Limitation. In accordance with the approval of the registered electors voting at the November 8, 2016 coordinated election, the revenues derived from the tax imposed by this Chapter shall be collected and spent as a voter approved revenue change, notwithstanding any revenue or expenditure limitations contained in Ordinance X, Section 20, of the Colorado Constitution.

Section 19. Severability. The Sections, sentences, clauses and provisions of this Ordinance are intended to be severable; if any such Section, sentence, clause or provision is declared unconstitutional, invalid or unenforceable by the valid judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction, such unconstitutionality, invalidity or unenforceability shall not effect the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

Section 20. Effective Date of Tax. The tax imposed by this Ordinance shall become effective upon the effective date of this Ordinance.

INTRODUCED, READ, PASSED, ADOPTED, AND ORDERED PUBLISHED at a regular meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Dinosaur, Colorado, held on July 11, 2017.

TOWN OF DINOSAUR, COLORADO, By: Richard Blakley, Mayor

ATTEST: Tamara Long, Town Clerk

Publication Date: July 20, 2017

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF DINOSAUR, COLORADO, IMPOSING AN EXCISE TAX OF FIVE PERCENT (5%) UPON THE SALE OR TRANSFER OF UNPROCESSED RETAIL MARIJUANA.

Trustee Heinrich introduced, read and moved the adoption of the ordinance titled, and upon adoption that it be published pursuant to law and recorded in the Book of Ordinances.

Trustee Karren seconded the motion. On roll call, the following Trustees voted "Aye":

Darcie Roque, Toby Cortez, David Heinrich, Richard A. Blakley, Charles Winkler

Janice Karren, Debra Bird.

Trustees voted "Nay": None.

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TOWN OF DINOSAUR
ORDINANCE NO. 5-17**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF DINOSAUR, COLORADO, IMPOSING AN OCCUPATION TAX ON THE PROVISION OF MEDICAL MARIJUANA BY MEDICAL MARIJUANA CENTERS, THE PROVISION OF RETAIL MARIJUANA BY RETAIL STORES, SALES TRANSACTIONS BY MEDICAL MARIJUANA OPTIONAL PREMISES CULTIVATION OPERATIONS, SALES TRANSACTIONS BY MEDICAL AND RETAIL MARIJUANA-INFUSED PRODUCT MANUFACTURERS, AND SALES BY MEDICAL MARIJUANA CULTIVATION FACILITIES WITHIN THE TOWN OF DINOSAUR; SETTING FORTH THE PURPOSES OF SUCH TAX; ESTABLISHING ADMINISTRATIVE AND ENFORCEMENT PROCEDURES; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF SUCH TAX.**

WHEREAS, Section 31-15-501(1)(c), C.R.S., and other applicable law authorizes the Town of Dinosaur to license, regulate and tax the owners of businesses on the privilege of conducting various classes of businesses within the Town; and

WHEREAS, in the case of Town of Eagle v. Scheibe, 10 P.3d 648 (Colo. 2000), the Colorado Supreme Court held that an occupation tax may be imposed to compensate a municipality for the use of its services and facilities, and specifically upheld the validity of an occupation tax on a specific class of businesses which is levied at a fixed rate; and

WHEREAS, the registered electors of the Town of Dinosaur at the November 8, 2017 coordinated election approved the imposition of an occupation tax in the amount of \$5.00 per each sales transaction by any medical marijuana center, any retail marijuana store, any medical marijuana optional premises cultivation facility, and any medical or retail marijuana product manufacturing facility in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF DINOSAUR, COLORADO:

Section 1. Purpose. The Town Council of the Town of Dinosaur hereby finds, determines and declares:

(a) For the purposes of this Ordinance, every person that furnishes medical marijuana to a patient for consideration in the Town of Dinosaur, every person that furnishes retail marijuana to a consumer for consideration in the Town of Dinosaur, every person that cultivates and sells medical marijuana to a medical marijuana center or marijuana infused product manufacturer for consideration in the Town of Dinosaur, and every medical and retail marijuana product manufacturing facility that furnishes marijuana-infused products to medical marijuana centers or retail marijuana stores for consideration in the Town of Dinosaur is exercising a taxable privilege. The purpose of this Ordinance is to impose a tax which will be paid by every vendor providing medical marijuana, retail marijuana, marijuana-infused products and cultivated medical marijuana in the Town of Dinosaur, which tax will provide revenues for the Town of Dinosaur;

(b) The provision of medical marijuana to patients and certain medical marijuana businesses and retail marijuana to consumers results in the increased use of Town streets and rights-of-way, increased traffic, increased demands upon municipal services such as police protection and has a substantial affect upon the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the Town of Dinosaur and upon the expenditures budgeted by the Town, which is a matter of local concern; and

(c) The classification of medical marijuana centers, retail marijuana stores, medical and retail marijuana-infused products manufacturing facilities and medical marijuana cultivation facilities as separate businesses and occupations is reasonable, proper, uniform and nondiscriminatory; and the taxable amount hereby levied is reasonable, proper, uniform, nondiscriminatory, and necessary.

Section 2. Definitions. The following words and phrases used in this Ordinance shall have the following meanings unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

Medical Marijuana means marijuana that is grown and sold for a purpose authorized by Article XVIII, Section 14 of the Colorado Constitution.

Medical Marijuana Business means the use of a property or portion thereof, for the production, cultivation, manufacture, storage, distribution, acquisition or sale of marijuana, including the use of property for Medical Marijuana Centers, Medical Marijuana-Infused Products Manufacturers and Optional Premises Cultivation Facilities, whether any such use is for profit or not for profit.

Medical Marijuana Center means a person licensed to operate a business as described in the Colorado Medical Marijuana Code that sells Medical Marijuana and Medical Marijuana-Infused Products at retail to registered patients or primary caregivers as defined in Article XVIII, Section 14 of the Colorado Constitution, but is not a primary caregiver.

Medical Marijuana-Infused Products Manufacturer means a person licensed pursuant to the Colorado Medical Marijuana Code to operate a business manufacturing medical marijuana-infused products.

Patient has the meaning set forth in Article XVIII, Section 14(1)(c) of the Colorado Constitution.

Primary Caregiver has the meaning set forth in Article XVIII, Section 14(1)(f) of the Colorado Constitution.

Person means an individual, partnership, firm, joint enterprise, limited liability company, corporation, estate or trust, or any group or combination acting as a unit, but shall not include the United States of America, the State of Colorado and any political subdivision thereof.

Retail Marijuana means marijuana that is cultivated, manufactured, distributed or sold by a licensed Retail Marijuana Business.
Retail Marijuana Business means the use of a property or portion thereof, for the production, cultivation, manufacture, storage, distribution, acquisition or sale of retail marijuana including the use of property for Retail Marijuana Stores, and Retail Marijuana Products Manufacturing Facilities, whether any such use is for profit or not-for-profit.
Retail Marijuana Cultivation Facility means a "marijuana cultivation facility" as defined in Section 16(2)(h) of Article XVIII of the Colorado Constitution.
Retail Marijuana Products means "marijuana products" as defined in Section 16(2)(k) of Article XVIII of the Colorado Constitution that are produced at a Retail Marijuana Products Manufacturing Facility.
Retail Marijuana Product Manufacturing Facility means an entity licensed to purchase marijuana; manufacture, prepare and package marijuana products; and sell marijuana and marijuana products to other marijuana product manufacturing facilities and to Retail Marijuana Stores, but not to consumers.
Retail Marijuana Store means an entity licensed to purchase marijuana from marijuana cultivation facilities and marijuana products from marijuana product manufacturing facilities and to sell marijuana and marijuana products at retail to consumers.
Sale means the furnishing for consideration by any person of Medical Marijuana or Retail Marijuana within the Town
Tax means the tax payable by the vendor or the aggregate amount of taxes due from a vendor during the period for which the vendor is required to pay the occupation tax on the sales of Medical Marijuana or Retail Marijuana under this Ordinance.
Taxpayer means the vendor obligated to pay the tax under the terms of this Ordinance.
Vendor means a person furnishing Medical Marijuana to a Patient for consideration within the Town or a person furnishing cultivated medical marijuana to a Medical Marijuana Center or Medical Marijuana Infused Products Manufacturer or a person furnishing Retail Marijuana or Retail Marijuana Products to Retail Marijuana Stores.

Section 3. Levy of Tax. Pursuant to the authority granted by the Town's registered electors voting at the November 8, 2016 coordinated election, there is hereby levied by the Town of Dinosaur an occupation tax on:

- (a) The provision of Medical Marijuana by Medical Marijuana Centers to Patients for consideration;
- (b) The provision of Medical Marijuana-Infused Products to other Medical Marijuana Centers for consideration, within the Town of Dinosaur;
- (c) The provision of Retail Marijuana by Retail Marijuana Stores to consumers for consideration within the Town of Dinosaur;
- (d) The provision of Retail Marijuana Products by Retail Marijuana Products Manufacturing Facility to Retail Marijuana Stores or other Retail Marijuana Products Manufacturing Facilities for consideration within the Town of Dinosaur;
- (e) The provision of Medical Marijuana by Medical Marijuana Optional Premises Cultivation Facilities to Medical Marijuana Centers or Medical Marijuana-Infused Products Manufacturers.

In the amount of five dollars (\$5.00) per sales transaction.

Section 4. Exemptions. This Ordinance shall not be applicable to transactions between a Patient and a Primary Caregiver when acting in accordance with all applicable provisions of Article XVIII, Section 14(1)(c) of the Colorado Constitution, Section 12-43.3-101, et. seq., C.R.S., Section 25-1.5-106, C.R.S., and the regulations promulgated by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, Colorado Department of Revenue or any other agency with regulatory authority concerning Medical Marijuana.

Section 5. Collection of Tax.

- (a) Every Vendor providing Medical Marijuana or Retail Marijuana taxable under this Ordinance shall remit such tax on or before the tenth (10th) day of each month on account of Medical Marijuana or Retail Marijuana transactions in the preceding month. Said payment shall be accompanied by a return which shall contain such information and be in such form as the Town Clerk may prescribe.
- (b) The burden of proving that any transaction is exempt from the tax shall be upon the Vendor.
- (c) If the accounting methods regularly employed by the Vendor in the transaction of business, or other conditions, are such that the returns aforesaid made on a calendar month basis will impose unnecessary hardship, the Town Clerk may, upon request of the Vendor, accept returns at such intervals as will, in the Town Clerk's opinion, better suit the convenience of the Vendor and will not jeopardize the collection of the tax; provided, however, the Town Clerk may by rule permit a Vendor whose monthly tax obligation is less than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) to make returns and pay taxes at intervals not greater than three (3) months.
- (d) It shall be the duty of every Vendor to maintain, keep and preserve suitable records of all sales made by the Vendor and such other books or accounts as may be required by the Town Clerk in order to determine the amount of the tax of which the Vendor is liable under this Ordinance. It shall be the duty of every such Vendor to keep and preserve for a period of three (3) years all such books, invoices and other records and the same shall be open for examination by the Town Clerk or designee.
- (e) The tax to be paid by a Vendor shall not be stated and charged separately from the sale price of Medical Marijuana or Retail Marijuana on any record thereof at the time when the sale is made or at the time when evidence of the sale is issued, such as a receipt provided, a Vendor may indicate on the record or receipt the sale price "includes \$5.00 Town of Dinosaur Occupation Tax."

Section 6. Audit of Records.

- (a) For the purpose of ascertaining the correct amount of the occupation tax on Medical Marijuana or Retail Marijuana sales transactions due from any person engaged in such Medical Marijuana or Retail Marijuana business in the Town under this Ordinance, the Town Clerk or an authorized agent, may conduct an audit by examining any relevant books, accounts and records of such person.
- (b) All books, invoices, accounts and other records shall be made available within the Town limits and be open at any time during regular business hours for examination by the Town Clerk or an authorized agent. If any taxpayer refuses to voluntarily furnish any of the foregoing information when requested, the Town Clerk may issue a subpoena to require that the taxpayer or its representative attend a hearing or produce any such books, accounts and records for examination. Any such subpoena may be enforced by the Dinosaur Municipal Court.
- (c) Any exempt person claiming an exemption under the provisions of this Ordinance is subject to audit in the same manner as any other person engaged in the sale of Medical Marijuana or Retail Marijuana in the Town.

Section 7. Tax Overpayments and Deficiencies. An application for refund of tax monies paid in error or by mistake shall be made within three (3) years after the date of payment for which the refund is claimed. If the Town Clerk determines that within three (3) years of the due date, a Vendor overpaid the occupation tax on the provision of Medical Marijuana or Retail Marijuana, she shall process a refund or allow a credit against a future remittance from the same taxpayer. If at any time the Town Clerk determines the amount paid is less than the amount due under this Ordinance, the difference together with the interest shall be paid by the Medical Marijuana Business or Retail Marijuana Business within ten (10) days after receiving written notice and demand from the Town Clerk. The Town Clerk may extend that time for good cause.

Section 8. Tax Information Confidential.

- (a) All specific information gained under the provisions of this Ordinance which is used to determine the tax due from a taxpayer, whether furnished by the taxpayer or obtained through audit, shall be treated by the Town and its officers, employees or legal representatives as confidential. Except as directed by judicial order or as provided in this Ordinance, no Town officer, employee, or legal representative shall divulge any confidential information. If directed by judicial order, the officials charged with the custody of such confidential information shall be required to provide only such information as is directly involved in the action or proceeding. Any Town officer or employee who shall knowingly divulge any information classified herein as confidential, in any manner, except in accordance with proper judicial order, or as otherwise provided in this Ordinance or by law, shall be guilty of a violation hereof.
- (b) The Town Clerk may furnish to officials of any other governmental entity who may be owed sales tax any confidential information, provided that said jurisdiction enters into an agreement with the Town to grant reciprocal privileges to the Town.
- (c) Nothing contained in this Section shall be construed to prohibit the delivery to a taxpayer or its duly authorized representative a copy of such confidential information relating to such taxpayer, the publication of statistics so classified as to prevent the identification of particular taxpayers, or the inspection of such confidential information by an officer, employee, or legal representative of the Town.

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- (a) A form of report on the provision of Medical Marijuana or Retail Marijuana to be supplied to all Vendors;
- (b) The records which Medical Marijuana Businesses providing Medical Marijuana and Medical Marijuana products and Retail Marijuana Businesses providing Retail Marijuana and Retail Marijuana products are to keep concerning the tax imposed by this Ordinance.

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- (a) It shall be unlawful for any person to intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly fail to pay the tax imposed by this Ordinance, or to make any false or fraudulent return, or for any person to otherwise violate any provisions of this Ordinance. Any person convicted of a violation of this Ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a municipal offense, punishable by a fine of up to \$300.00 and 90 days imprisonment or by both such fine and imprisonment. Each day, or portion thereof, that any violation of this Ordinance continues shall constitute a separate offense.
- (b) A penalty in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the tax due or the sum of ten dollars (\$10.00), whichever is greater, shall be imposed upon the Medical Marijuana Business or Retail Marijuana Business and become due in the event the tax is not remitted by the tenth (10th) day of the month as required by this Ordinance, or such other date as prescribed by the Town Clerk, and one and one-half percent (1.5%) interest shall accrue each month on the unpaid balance. The Town Clerk is hereby authorized to waive, for good cause shown, any penalty assessed.
- (c) If any part of a deficiency is due to negligence or intentional disregard of regulations, but without intent to defraud, there shall be added ten percent (10%) of the total amount of the deficiency, and interest, from the Medical Marijuana Business or Retail Marijuana Business required to file a return. If any part of the deficiency is due to fraud with the intent to evade the tax, then there shall be added fifty percent (50%) of the total amount of the deficiency together with interest and in such case, the whole amount of the unpaid tax, including the additions, shall become due and payable ten (10) days after written notice and demand by the Town Clerk.
- (d) If any Medical Marijuana Business or Retail Marijuana Business fails to make a return and pay the tax imposed by this Ordinance, the Town may make an estimate, based upon available information of the amount of tax due and add the penalty and interest provided above. The Town shall mail notice of such estimate, by certified mail, to the Medical Marijuana Business or Retail Marijuana Business at its address as indicated in the Town records. Such estimate shall thereupon become an assessment, and such assessment shall be final and due and payable from the taxpayer to the Town Clerk ten (10) days from the date of service of the notice or the date of mailing by certified mail; provided, however, that within the ten (10) day period such delinquent taxpayer may petition the Town Clerk for a revision or modification of such assessment and shall, within such ten (10) day period, furnish the Town Clerk the documents, facts and figures showing the correct amount of such taxes due and owing.
- (e) Such petition shall be in writing and the facts and figures submitted shall be submitted in writing, and shall be given by the taxpayer under penalty of perjury. Thereupon, the Town Clerk may modify such assessment in accordance with the facts submitted in order to effectuate the provisions of this Ordinance. Such assessment shall be considered the final order of the Town Clerk, and may be reviewed by a Court of competent jurisdiction under the Rule 106(a)(4) of the Colorado Rules of Civil Procedure, provided that the taxpayer gives written notice to the Town Clerk of such intention within ten (10) days after receipt of the final order of assessment.

Section 11. Tax Lien.

- (a) The tax imposed by this Ordinance, together with the interest and penalties herein provided and the costs of collection which may be incurred, shall be, and until paid, remain a first and prior lien superior to all other liens on all of the tangible personal property of a taxpayer within the Town and may be fore closed by seizing under distraint warrant and selling so much thereof as may be necessary to discharge the lien. Such distraint warrant may be issued by the Town Clerk whenever the taxpayer is in default in the payment of the tax, interest, penalty or costs. Such warrant may be served and the goods subject to such lien seized by any Town peace officer, the Moffat County Sheriff or any duly authorized employee of the Town. The property so seized may be sold by the agency seizing the same or by the Town Clerk at public auction after ten (10) days have passed following an advertised notice in a news paper published in the Town, in the same manner as is prescribed by law in respect to executions against property upon judgment of a court of record, and the remedies of garnishment shall apply.
- (b) The tax imposed by this Ordinance shall be, and remain, a first and prior lien superior to all other liens on the real property and appurtenant premises at which the taxable transactions occurred.

Section 12. Recovery of Unpaid Tax.

- (a) The Town Clerk may also treat any such taxes, penalties, costs or interest due and unpaid as a debt due the Town from the taxpayer.
- (b) In case of failure to pay the taxes, or any portion thereof, or any penalty, costs or interest thereon, when due, the Town Clerk may recover at law the amount of such taxes, penalties, costs, the reasonable value of any salaried attorney's time, including legal assistant's time, or the reasonable attorney's fees, including legal assistant's fees, charged, plus interest, in any county or district court of the county wherein the taxpayer resides or had a principal place of business (at the time the tax became due) having jurisdiction of the amount sought to be collected.
- (c) The return of the taxpayer or the assessment made by the Town Clerk shall be prima facie proof of the amount due.
- (d) Such actions may be actions in attachment, and writs of attachment may be issued to the Moffat County Sheriff, as the case may be, and in any such proceeding no bond shall be required of the Town Clerk, nor shall any Town peace officer or sheriff require of the Town Clerk an indemnifying bond for executing the writ of attachment or writ of execution upon any judgment entered in such proceedings. The Town Clerk may prosecute appeals in such cases without the necessity of providing a bond therefor.
- (e) It shall be the duty of the Town Attorney, when requested by the Town Clerk, to commence action for the recovery of taxes due under this Ordinance and this remedy shall be in addition to all other existing remedies, or remedies provided in this Ordinance.
- (f) The Town may certify the amount of any delinquent tax, plus interest, penalties and the costs of collection, as a charge against the property at which the taxable transaction occurred to the Moffat County Treasurer for collection in the same manner as delinquent ad valorem taxes pursuant to Section 31-20-105, C.R.S.

Section 13. Status of Unpaid Tax in Bankruptcy and Receivership. Whenever the business or property of a taxpayer subject to this Ordinance shall be placed in receivership, bankruptcy or assignment for the benefit of creditors, or seized under distraint for taxes, all taxes, penalties and interest imposed by this Ordinance and for which the taxpayer is in any way liable under the terms of this Ordinance shall be a prior and preferred lien against all the property of the taxpayer, except as to other tax liens which have attached prior to the filing of the notice, and no sheriff, receiver, assignee or other officer shall sell the property of any person subject to this Ordinance under process or order of any court, without first ascertaining from the Town Clerk the amount of any taxes due and payable under this Ordinance, and if there be any such taxes due, owing and unpaid, it shall be the duty of such officer to first pay the amount of the taxes out of the proceeds of such sale before making payment of any monies to any judgment creditor or other claimants of whatsoever kind or nature, except the costs of the proceedings and other preexisting tax liens as above provided.

Section 14. Hearings, Subpoenas and Witness Fees.

- (a) Hearings before the Town Clerk pursuant to provisions in this Ordinance shall be held in a manner that provides due process of law. Any subpoena issued pursuant to this Ordinance may be enforced by the Dinosaur Municipal Judge pursuant to Section 13-10-112(2), C.R.S. The fees of witnesses for attendance at hearings shall be the same as the fees of witnesses before the district court, such fees to be paid when the witness is excused from further attendance. When the witness is subpoenaed at the instance of the Town Clerk, such fees shall be paid in the same manner as other expenses under the terms of this Ordinance, and when a witness is subpoenaed at the instance of any party to any such proceeding, the Town Clerk may require that the cost of service of the subpoena and the fee of the witness be borne by the party at whose instance the witness is summoned. In such case, the Town Clerk, at her discretion, may require a deposit to cover the cost of such service and witness fees. A subpoena issued as aforesaid shall be served in the same manner as a subpoena issued out of a court of record.
- (b) The Dinosaur Municipal Judge, upon the application of the Town Clerk, may compel the attendance of witnesses, the production of books, papers, records or memoranda, and the giving of testimony before the Town Clerk or any duly authorized hearing officers, by an action for contempt, or otherwise, in the same manner as production of evidence may be compelled before the Court.

Section 15. Depositions. The Town Clerk or any party in an investigation or hearing before the Town Clerk may cause the deposition of witnesses residing within or without the State to be taken in the manner prescribed by law for like depositions in civil actions in courts of this State and to that end compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of books, papers, records or memoranda.

Section 16. Statute of Limitation.

- (a) Except as otherwise provided in this Section, the taxes for any period, together with interest thereon and penalties with respect thereto, imposed by this Ordinance shall not be assessed, nor shall notice of lien be filed, or distraint warrant be issued, or suit for collection be instituted, or any other action to collect the same be commenced, more than three (3) years after the date on which the tax was or is payable, nor shall any lien continue after such period, except for taxes assessed before the expiration of such three (3) year period when the notice of lien with respect to which has been filed prior to the expiration of such period.
- (b) In case of a false or fraudulent return with intent to evade taxation, the tax, together with interest and penalties thereon, may be assessed, or proceedings for the collection of such taxes may be commenced at any time.
- (c) Before the expiration of such period of limitation, the taxpayer and the Town Clerk may agree in writing to an extension thereof, and the period so agreed on may be extended by subsequent agreements in writing.

Section 17. Exemption from Revenue Limitation. In accordance with the approval of the registered electors voting at the November 8, 2016 coordinated election, the revenues derived from the tax imposed by this Chapter shall be collected and spent as a voter approved revenue change, notwithstanding any revenue or expenditure limitations contained in Ordinance X, Section 20, of the Colorado Constitution.

Section 18. Severability. The Sections, sentences, clauses and provisions of this Ordinance are intended to be severable; if any such Section, sentence, clause or provision is declared unconstitutional, invalid or unenforceable by the valid judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction, such unconstitutionality, invalidity or unenforceability shall not affect the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

Section 19. Effective Date of Tax. The tax imposed by this Ordinance shall become effective upon the effective date of this Ordinance.

INTRODUCED, READ, PASSED, ADOPTED, AND ORDERED PUBLISHED at a regular meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Dinosaur, Colorado, held on July 11, 2017.
TOWN OF DINOSAUR, COLORADO, By: Richard Blakley, Mayor
ATTEST: Tamara Long, Town Clerk
Publication Date: July 20, 2017
AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF DINOSAUR, COLORADO, IMPOSING AN OCCUPATION TAX ON THE PROVISION OF MEDICAL MARIJUANA BY MEDICAL MARIJUANA CENTERS, THE PROVISION OF RETAIL MARIJUANA BY RETAIL STORES, SALES TRANSACTIONS BY MEDICAL MARIJUANA OPTIONAL PREMISES CULTIVATION OPERATIONS, SALES TRANSACTIONS BY MEDICAL AND RETAIL MARIJUANA-INFUSED PRODUCT MANUFACTURERS, AND SALES BY MEDICAL MARIJUANA CULTIVATION FACILITIES WITHIN THE TOWN OF DINOSAUR; SETTING FORTH THE PURPOSES OF SUCH TAX; ESTABLISHING ADMINISTRATIVE AND ENFORCEMENT PROCEDURES; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF SUCH TAX.
Trustee Heinrich introduced, read and moved the adoption of the ordinance titled, and upon adoption that it be published pursuant to law and recorded in the Book of Ordinances.
Trustee Karen seconded the motion. On roll call, the following Trustees voted "Aye":
Darcie, Rocque, Toby Cortez, David Heinrich, Richard A. Blakley, Charles Winkler
Janice Karen, Debra Bird.
Trustees voted "Nay": None.
Published: July 20, 2017
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**TOWN OF MEEKER
ORDINANCE NO. 4-2017**

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A FRANCHISE TO WHITE RIVER ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION, INC., ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, TO CONTINUE TO ERECT, CONSTRUCT, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN AN ELECTRIC SYSTEM AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE IN THE TOWN OF MEEKER, AND TO USE THE STREETS AND ALLEYS OF THE TOWN FOR SUCH PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, White River Electric Association, Inc., a cooperative corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Colorado, hereinafter termed "WREA", desires to continue to operate and maintain said electric system in the Town of Meeker, hereinafter termed "Town" and from time to time to make additions, alterations and improvements, therein;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Town of Meeker Ordinance #157, adopted August 5, 1946, the Town of Meeker ordained the right to erect, construct, operate and maintain an electric distribution, generation, transmission and associated infrastructure, with all the fixtures and appurtenances necessary or advisable for the proper operation and maintenance of said electric system and infrastructure within the limits of the Town in order to supply light, heat and power for public and private use within the Town and for the transmission of electricity through and beyond the Town. The initial franchise agreement set forth a term of twenty-five years. The Town and WREA have continued to honor the terms and conditions as set forth in Ordinance #157;

WHEREAS, the Town of Meeker and WREA have reviewed Ordinance #157 and determined that it remains mutually beneficial to the Town and WREA to continue to be bound to the terms and conditions of Ordinance #157, therefore granting an exclusive franchise to WREA to erect, construct, operate, and maintain an electric light system (including but not limited to poles, wires, substations, transformers and associated facilities) that will assure the continued use of the streets and alleys to the public, safety of the persons and property of the public so far as the maintenance of the system is concerned; and

WHEREAS, the notice has been duly published regarding WREA's request to continue its franchise as provided by Colorado statute;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF MEEKER, COLORADO AS FOLLOWS:

That White River Electric Association, Inc., its successors and assigns, is hereby granted an exclusive franchise:

- a.) To erect, construct, operate and maintain an electric distribution, generation, transmission system and associated infrastructure, with all the fixtures and appurtenances necessary or advisable for the proper operation and maintenance of its electric system and infrastructure within the limits of the Town in order to supply light, heat and power for public and private use within the Town and for the transmission of electricity through and beyond the Town;
- b.) To use the streets or alleys of the Town for such purposes; and
- c.) To cut and trim all trees and shrubbery insofar as may be necessary to keep them clear of the poles and wires of the electric system and related infrastructure.

THIS FRANCHISE IS GRANTED ON THE FOLLOWING TERMS & CONDITIONS.

FIRST: The Town hereby grants to WREA the right to use the streets and alleys within the Town to furnish, sell, transport, transmit, and distribute electricity to the Town, to all Town residents and beyond the Town. The Town also hereby grants to the WREA the right to acquire, construct, install, locate, maintain, operate and extend into, within and through the Town, all facilities reasonably necessary to generate, furnish, sell, transport, transmit and distribute electric services to the Town and WREA members. The electric system and associated infrastructure shall be constructed, owned, operated and maintained by WREA in accordance with generally accepted electric industry standards and in a proper workmanlike manner so as to afford all reasonable safeguards to the public;

SECOND: The electric system, including but not limited to poles, wires, transformers, and substations, shall be erected, operated and maintained so as not to interfere with the traffic on the traveled portions of the streets or alleys; and WREA, after construction or reconstruction of said electric light system or any part thereof, shall restore to their original condition, the streets or alleys on which said poles, transformers and substations have been erected, operated and maintained as far as is practicable;

THIRD: WREA shall continue to furnish the Town with the electric supply necessary to provide efficient street lighting for the Town. Specifically, WREA shall continue to own, operate and maintain all non-ornamental street lighting, including replacement bulbs and fixtures. WREA shall be responsible for the replacement costs of all non-ornamental street lighting. WREA's extension policy shall govern additional street lighting which in general requires new development to pay for the associated costs as a contribution in aid of construction;

FOURTH: WREA shall perform the maintenance associated with the ornamental street lighting but the Town shall continue to own the ornamental street lighting and shall be responsible for costs associated with the maintenance and replacement of the existing or newly acquired ornamental street lighting including bulbs and fixtures. Ornamental street lighting refers to existing or additionally acquired decorative street lighting. Ornamental street lighting does not refer to holiday street lighting. WREA shall continue to provide the Town with electric energy necessary to serve both the ornamental and non-ornamental street lighting;

FIFTH: As consideration for this Franchise Agreement, WREA shall replace all non-ornamental street lighting with energy efficient light bulbs within three years of the execution of this Agreement;

SIXTH: In consideration of such street lighting services the Town shall continue to honor the consideration set forth in the Ordinance #157; specifically the Town shall not require a franchise fee or additional payment related to the electric system and generating facilities and appurtenances, equipment, supplies and materials, land easements, rights of way and franchises, including a provision of complimentary water service to the WREA Headquarter building only (currently located at 233 6th Street, Meeker, Colorado);

SEVENTH: The rights granted in this Franchise Agreement encompass the right and obligation to provide street lighting service to the Town. These rights and obligations shall extend to all areas of the Town, as it is now constituted and to additional areas as the Town may increase in size by annexation or otherwise subject to WREA's extension policy;

EIGHTH: This Franchise Agreement constitutes a valid and binding contract between the Town and WREA;

NINTH: WREA and its contractors shall promptly and fully comply with all applicable Federal, State and Town laws, ordinances, rules and regulations, as may be amended from time to time insofar as they do not conflict with the terms or purpose of the franchise herein;

TENTH: WREA members within the Town limits of the Town of Meeker shall be entitled to representation on the WREA Board of Directors in numerical proportion to the total WREA membership;

ELEVENTH: This Franchise Agreement shall take effect August 1, 2017 and shall supersede any prior franchise granted to the WREA by the Town. The term of this Franchise Agreement shall be twenty-five (25) years and shall expire on July 31, 2042. This Franchise Agreement shall automatically renew for successive twenty-five year terms, unless terminated in writing by either party one-year prior to the existing term;

TWELFTH: WREA agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Town, its officers, employees, and insurers, from and against all liability, claims, and demands on account of injury, loss, or damage, including without limitation claims arising from bodily injury, death, property loss or damage, or any other loss of any kind whatsoever, which may arise out of or are connected with WREA's activities subject to this Franchise Agreement.

First read and introduced on July 18, 2017, with final reading and adoption August 1, 2017.

TOWN OF MEEKER
Regas K. Halandras, Mayor
ATTEST:
Lisa Cook, Town Clerk
Published July 20th & 27th
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**RIO BLANCO COUNTY
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE PUBLICATION LIST
JUNE 30, 2017**

FUND: GENERAL
VENDOR NAME, ACCOUNT NAME, AMOUNT
CITY SHERIFF'S OF CO, TRNING/DEV, (25.00)
HASKET, MARIE, S/R, (318.36)
REDI SERVICES, UTL, (1,351.00)
CO SECRETARY OF STATE, PURC SVCS, 100.00
REDI SVRC, UTL, 1,351.00
CARL J. RECTOR, TRVL, 706.96
AED AUTHORITY, PURC SVCS, 1,950.00
ALSCO, PURC SVCS, 1,851.31
AMAZON, SPPLY, 46.96
AMERICAN COWBOY, SPPLY, 21.00
ATMOS ENERGY, UTL, 1,340.25
BAUDVILLE, SPPLY, 37.45
BETTER CITY, REDI DOLA, 9,117.40
BOYKO, SPPLY, 1,120.26
CENTURYLINK, PURC SVCS, 667.05
CENTURYLINK, PURC SVCS, 383.78
CENTURYLINK-LD, LD PHN, 363.04
CENTURYLINK-LL, PURC SVCS, 626.33
CNCC, CNTRCT SVCS, 2,500.00
CBI, PURC SVCS, 330.00
CO DEPT OF AG, PURC SVCS, 600.00
CO DEPT OF LABOR, PURC SVCS, 80.00
CO FIBER, INTRNT SVRC, 4,069.00
CO, STATE OF, PURC SVCS, 328.78
CTS1 VOLUNTEER, INSRNC, 426.60

DAILY SENTINEL, PURC SVCS, 596.92
DA OFFICE, PURC SVCS, 19,460.58
DUCEY'S ELEC, PURC SVCS, 210.00
EMLAB P&K, SPPLY, 585.50
FASTTRACK COMM, LL PHN, 665.87
FEDEX, PURC SVCS, 26.24
FIBERSTORE, SPPLY, 668.91
GALL'S, UNFRM, 345.41
INTELLICHOICE, PURC SVCS, 20,434.51
KINSCO, UNFRM, 54.99
MCGUIRE AUTO, SPPLY, 98.44
MEEKER AIRPORT, CNTRCT SVCS, 3,500.00
MKR ARTS & CULTURAL, CMMTY SVCS, 2,000.00
MEEKER AUTO, SPPLY, 258.66
MEEKER DRUGS, PURC SVCS, 20.00
MEEKER SAND & GRAVEL, PURC SVCS, 576.25
MEEKER SANITATION, UTL, 1,322.00
MEEKER, TOWN OF, UTL, 3,004.55
MIDWEST RADAR & EQUIP, PURC SVCS, 480.00
MOBLEY, BLAKE, PURC SVCS, 236.26
MOON LAKE ELEC, UTL, 3,354.47
MVB-VISA, PURC SVCS, 14,040.72
MT STATE EMPLOYEE, PURC SVCS, 199.00
NORTHWEST AUTO, SPPLY, 33.08
PATHOLOGY GROUP, PURC SVCS, 5,750.00
PCM-G, SPPLY, 29.42
PHIL VAUGHAN CONST, CNTRCT SVCS, 5,117.71
PMC, PURC SVCS, 57.00
PITNEY BOWES RSRV, PURC SVCS, 835.52

RANGELY, TOWN OF, UTL, 1,847.95
RANGELY TRASH, UTL, 320.50
RANGELY TRUE VALUE, SPPLY, 72.49
RBC FAIR ASSOC, TRPHY/PRM, 13,220.00
REDI SVRC, UTL, 1,485.00
RESPOND FIRST AID, SPPLY, 101.56
RICHARDSON, FAIN, PURC SVCS, 270.00
RB HERALD TIME, PURC SVCS, 183.40
ROCKY MOUNTAIN YOUTH, CMMTY SVCS, 373.50
SAMUELSON, SPPLY, 130.67
SHI INTERN, SPPLY, 2,421.92
SILICON MECHANICS, PURC SVCS, 3,764.00
STAPLES ADV, SPPLY, 385.80
STRATA NETWORKS, UTL, 1,046.40
SUPERIOR LAMP, SPPLY, 653.33
TURNKEY CORRECTIONS, SPPLY, 5.12
TYLER TECH, PURC SVCS, 13,894.09
UNION TELEPHONE, PURC SVCS, 789.16
VALLEY HARDWARE, SPPLY, 675.73
VALUE WEST, PURC SVCS, 2,260.00
VANTAGE POINT, SPPLY, 1,475.03
VOIANCE WIRELESS, LEASE, 4,298.58
VOIANCE LANGUAGE SVCS, PURC SVCS, 50.00
WATT'S, FOOD SPPLY, 913.86
WEATHERFORD ELEC, PURC SVCS, 1,394.46
WENDL'S, PURC SVCS, 13.36
WESTERN HORSEMAN, SPPLY, 24.00
WREA, PURC SVCS, 167.50
WREA, UTL, 11,603.50
WR ENERGY, UTL, 1,179.82
US DEPT. OF THE TREASURY, FED W/H, 38,164.05
US DEPT. OF THE TREASURY, FICA/W/H, 54,785.72
CO STATE WITHHOLDINGS, STATE W/H, 12,073.01
GREAT WEST, RETIREMENT, 40,935.47
COUNTY HEALTH POOL, INSURANCE, 122,382.47
MIDLAND FUNDING, LLC, WAGE ASMNT, 679.85
FAMILY SUPPORT REGISTR, WAGE ASMNT, 1,324.28
A-1 COLLECTION AGENCY, WAGE ASMNT, 659.92
GENERAL FUND TOTAL, 446,310.32
FUND: CAPITAL
VENDOR NAME, ACCOUNT NAME, AMOUNT
A-Z CONTRACTION, MAINT, 2,543.51
AMAZON, MAINT, 301.75
MORLAN, DEBBIE, MAINT, 332.65
PCM-G, INFO, 2,159.80
QYPSAL, INFO, 6,724.07
CAPITAL FUND TOTAL, 12,061.78
FUND: ROAD & BRIDGE
VENDOR NAME, ACCOUNT NAME, AMOUNT
CO DEPT OF AG, PURC SVCS, (175.00)
ALSCO, PURC SVCS, 129.22
AMPM SWEEPERS, CNTRCT SVCS, 1,360.80
BIO-LOGIC, PURC SVCS, 8,135.00
CENTURYLINK, PURC SVCS, 106.50
CENTURYLINK-LL, PURC SVCS, 154.66
DIV OF RECLAM, PURC SVCS, 791.00
ELAM CONSTRUCTION, ASPHALT, 925.48
GMCO, LLC, CNTRCT SVCS, 472,980.58
GMCO CORP, DUST CNTRL, 62,733.67
J.J. KELLER & ASSOC, TRNING/DEV, 325.00
K-D FLAGS, SPPLY, 265.14
MVB-VISA, TRVL, 150.12
OFFICE DEPOT, SPPLY, 120.03
PITNEY BOWES RES, PURC SVCS, 15.77

RANGELY AUTO, SPPLY, 235.00
RANGELY TRUE VALUE, SPPLY, 95.45
RB HERALD TIME, PURC SVCS, 160.24
TYLER TECH, DATA SPRT, 2,130.05
UNION, PURC SVCS, 313.86
WAGNER EQUIP, PURC SVCS, 3,766.00
WREA, SPPLY, 40.00
WREA, UTL, 92.88
US DEPT. OF THE TREASURY, FED W/H, 15,375.18
US DEPT. OF THE TREASURY, FICA/W/H, 23,293.63
CO STATE WITHHOLDINGS, STATE W/H, 5,218.00
GREAT WEST, RETIREMENT, 18,722.62
COUNTY HEALTH POOL, INSURANCE, 56,429.95
A-1 COLLECTION AGENCY, WAGE ASMNT, 576.97
ROAD & BRIDGE FUND TOTAL, 674,467.80
FUND: PUBLIC HEALTH
VENDOR NAME, ACCOUNT NAME, AMOUNT
METROPOLITAN COMP, PURC SVCS, (116.00)
CENTURYLINK-LL, PURC SVCS, 113.13
GLOBALSTAR USA, PURC SVCS, 58.73
MA FAMIGLIA, PURC SVCS, 1,065.50
METROPOLITAN PATH, PURC SVCS, 177.00
PARAGARD DIRECT, SPPLY, 767.64
PMC, PURC SVCS, 205.00
R & S NORTHEAST, SPPLY, 31.07
WREA, PURC SVCS, 21.25
US DEPT. OF THE TREASURY, FED W/H, 1,965.24
US DEPT. OF THE TREASURY, FICA/W/H, 2,584.60
CO STATE WITHHOLDINGS, STATE W/H, 555.00
GREAT WEST, RETIREMENT, 993.10
COUNTY HEALTH POOL, INSURANCE, 1,680.05
PUBLIC HEALTH FUND TOTAL 10,101.31
FUND: DEPT OF HUMAN SERVICES
VENDOR NAME, ACCOUNT NAME, AMOUNT
CENTURYLINK, PURC SVCS, 53.61
US DEPT. OF THE TREASURY, FED W/H, 5,492.92
US DEPT. OF THE TREASURY, FICA/W/H, 6,820.36
CO STATE WITHHOLDINGS, STATE W/H, 1,740.39
GREAT WEST, RETIREMENT, 2,346.54
COUNTY HEALTH POOL, INSURANCE, 16,198.95
A-1 COLLECTION AGENCY, WAGE ASMNT, 630.19
AP PAYMENTS, 11,067.54
DEPT OF HUMAN SERVICE FUND TOTAL 44,350.50
FUND: CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT
VENDOR NAME, ACCOUNT NAME, AMOUNT
LONG WAVE, BRDBND IMP, 190,497.60
MVB, BRDBND IMP, 300,000.00
CANYON EXCAVATION, BRDBND IMP, 1,200.00
FIBERSTORE, BRDBND IMP, 2,019.00
GRAYBAR ELEC, BRDBND IMP, 4,985.53
GROUP 14 ENG, CRTHS, 3,500.00
MVB-VISA, BRDBND IMP, 1,051.35
OLSZEWSKI, MASSIH, OHV TRAIL, 245.25
SHI, CRTHS, 2,138.81
STRATTON TECH, BRDBND IMP, 1,000.00
TDA CONSTRUCTION, BRDBND IMP, 200.00
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND T,OTAL 506,837.54
FUND: USE TAX
VENDOR NAME, ACCOUNT NAME, AMOUNT
ALL TEMP SVCS, PURC SVCS, 686.39
BARNEY, DEBRA, TRNG/DEV, 10.00

CENTURYLINK, PURC SVCS, 163.76
CENTURYLINK-LL, MKR SAFEHOUSE, 131.38
DUCEY'S ELEC, PURC SVCS, 65.00
MEEKER EMBR, SPPLY, 162.00
MOON LAKE ELEC, UTL, 365.22
NICKSON, ANNALEE, PURC SVCS, 23.72
PITNEY BOWES RES, PURC SVCS, 11.50
RNGLY CHAMBER OF COMRC, RNGLY CHMBR, 4,250.00
RANGELY, TOWN OF, UTL, 182.06
RANGELY TRASH, UTL, 166.00
RANGELY TRUE VALUE, SPPLY, 49.99
RB HERALD TIME, PURC SVCS, 20.00
U.S. FOODS, SPPLY, 3,468.65
WATT'S, FOOD SPPLY, 165.93
WHITE RIVER MARKET, FOOD SPPLY, 106.03
US DEPT. OF THE TREASURY, FED W/H, 1,855.68
US DEPT. OF THE TREASURY, FICA/W/H, 2,932.44
CO STATE WITHHOLDINGS, STATE W/H, 656.60
GREAT WEST, RETIREMENT, 1,966.17
COUNTY HEALTH POOL, INSURANCE, 7,621.34
FAMILY SUPPORT REGISTR, WAGE ASMNT, 420.72
USE TAX FUND TOTAL, 25,480.58
FUND: SOLID WASTE
VENDOR NAME, ACCOUNT NAME, AMOUNT
CO DEPT OF AG, PURC SVCS, (200.00)
ACZ LAB, PURC SVCS, 528.00
CO DEPT OF PUBLIC HEAL, ST/FED, 2,570.90
FISHER SCIENTIFIC, SPPLY, 935.59
MEEKER AUTO, SPPLY, 9.72
PITNEY BOWES RES, PURC SVCS, 7.57
SOUDER, MILLER, CLOSURE, 15,354.92
UNION TELEPHONE, PURC SVCS, 53.88
WREA, PURC SVCS, 15.00
WREA, UTL, 158.07
US DEPT. OF THE TREASURY, FED W/H, 1,447.68
US DEPT. OF THE TREASURY, FICA/W/H, 1,788.34
CO STATE WITHHOLDINGS, STATE W/H, 454.00
GREAT WEST, RETIREMENT, 1,260.30
COUNTY HEALTH POOL, INSURANCE, 2,959.50
CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES, WAGE ASMNT, 200.00
SOLID WASTE FUND TOTAL, 27,543.47
FUND: WEED & PEST
VENDOR NAME, ACCOUNT NAME, AMOUNT
NOXIOUS WEED MNGMT, WD CNTRL, (7,630.00)
NOXIOUS WEED MNGMT, WD CNTRL, 7,630.00
COULTER AVIATION, MSQTO CNTRL, 24,331.38
JULIUS AG, WD CNTRL, 14,040.00
MCGUIRE AUTO, SPPLY, 8.23
MEEKER AUTO, SPPLY, 31.46
MVB-VISA, PURC SVCS, 337.81
NOXIOUS WEED MNGMT, WD CNTRL, 24,535.00
PITNEY BOWES RES, PURC SVCS, 0.92
SNYDER & COUNTS FEED, CHEM USD, 4,876.00
VALLEY HARDWARE, SPPLY, 55.92
VAN DIEST SUPPLY, CHEM USD, 5,964.82
US DEPT. OF THE TREASURY, FED W/H, 1,634.83
US DEPT. OF THE TREASURY, FICA/W/H, 2,414.12
CO STATE WITHHOLDINGS, STATE W/H, 526.00
COUNTY HEALTH POOL, INSURANCE, 893.10
WEED & PEST FUND TOTAL, 79,649.59
FUND: FAIRFIELD
VENDOR NAME, ACCOUNT NAME, AMOUNT
REDI SVRC, UTL, (451.95)
REDI SVRC, PURC SVCS, 146.95
REDI SVRC, UTL, 305.00
ATMOS ENERGY, UTL, 301.26
BOYKO, SPPLY, 100.16

CENTURYLINK-LL, PURC SVCS, 80.71
CRITTERS R US, PURC SVCS, 450.00
MEEKER SANITATION, UTL, 35.00
MEEKER, TOWN OF, UTL, 588.00
REDI SVRC, UTL, 305.00
SAMUELSON, SPPLY, 21.45
VALLEY HARDWARE, SPPLY, 115.42
WREA, UTL, 2,074.43
US DEPT. OF THE TREASURY, FED W/H, 231.44
US DEPT. OF THE TREASURY, FICA/W/H, 505.40
CO STATE WITHHOLDINGS, STATE W/H, 95.00
GREAT WEST, RETIREMENT, 367.74
COUNTY HEALTH POOL, INSURANCE, 2,061.60
FAIRFIELD FUND TOTAL 7,332.61
FUND: CENTRAL SERVICES
VENDOR NAME, ACCOUNT NAME, AMOUNT
ALL COPY PRODUCTS, CNTRCT SVCS, 259.05
PAUL D. MILLER CPA, PROF SVCS, 11,500.00
PITNEY BOWES, RNT/LEASE, 107.70
PITNEY BOWES RES, PSLG, 65.24
XEROX, CNTRCT SVCS, 962.56
CENTRAL SERVICES FUND TOTAL 12,894.55
FUND: FLEET
VENDOR NAME, ACCOUNT NAME, AMOUNT
A NUVIEW AUTO GLASS, PURC SVCS, 64.95
ALL TRUCK & TRAILER, PRTS/ACCS, 573.58
CENTURYLINK-LL, PURC SVCS, 62.60
CO DEPT OF LABOR/EMP, PURC SVCS, 175.00
COLUMBINE FORD, PRTS/ACCS, 48.02
DENVER INDUSTRIAL, PRTS/ACCS, 582.35
GCR TIRES & SVCS, TIRES, 4,210.38
GILBARCO, PURC SVCS, 198.38
HILL PETROLEUM, GAS, 12,701.71
HONNEN EQUIPMENT, PRTS/ACCS, 338.90
INTERMOUNTAIN MACHINE, PRTS/ACCS, 514.56
JACKSON GROUP, PRTS/ACCS, 78.73
KIMBALL MIDWEST, SPPLY, 127.43
LAWSON PRODUCTS, SPPLY, 743.69
MASTER PETROLEUM, DIESEL, 11,992.99
MCGUIRE AUTO, PRTS/ACCS, 1,521.11
MEEKER AUTO, PRTS/ACCS, 468.70
MEEKER COLLISION, PURC SVCS, 1,859.52
MOON LAKE ELEC, UTL, 41.18
MVB-VISA, GAS, 620.88
NORTHWEST AUTO, CAPT OUTLAY, 30,290.33
RANGELY AUTO, SPPLY, 1,126.25
RBC CLERK & RECORDER, PURC SVCS, 17.91
SAMUELSON, PRTS/ACCS, 82.40
TOOL CHICK, MISC INV, 67.39
UNITED SUPPLY, PRTS/ACCS, 96.06
VALLEY HARDWARE, PRTS/ACCS, 60.02
WAGNER EQUIP, PRTS/ACCS, 4,300.68
WATT'S, SPPLY, 2.99
WESTFALL O'DELL, PRTS/ACCS, 10,572.61
WREA, UTL, 179.62
XCEL ENERGY, PURC SVCS, 87.15
US DEPT. OF THE TREASURY, FED W/H, 2,838.27
US DEPT. OF THE TREASURY, FICA/W/H, 4,664.89
CO STATE WITHHOLDINGS, STATE W/H, 969.00
GREAT WEST, RETIREMENT, 4,188.63
COUNTY HEALTH POOL, INSURANCE, 11,266.02
FLEET FUND TOTAL 107,734.88
Total: 1,954,764.93
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DISTRICT COURT, RIO BLANCO COUNTY OF COLORADO
P.O. Box 1150
455 Main Street
Meeker, CO 81641
Telephone: (970) 878-5622
Plaintiff(s): REVERSE MORTGAGE SOLUTIONS, INC.
v.
Defendant(s):

The Estate of Pauline R. McPhail; Tracy Lynn Files as the personal representative of the Estate of Pauline R. McPhail; Alan E. South; The United States of America, acting through its agency, the Department of Housing and Urban Development; Karen Arnold, in her official capacity as the Public Trustee of Rio Blanco County, Colorado
Case Number 2015CV030020

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SHERIFF'S COMBINED NOTICE OF SALE AND RIGHTS TO CURE OR REDEEM

Sheriff's Sale No. 1700047
Under a Judgment and Decree of Foreclosure entered August 16, 2016, in the above-captioned action, I am ordered to sell certain real property as follows:
Original Grantor(s): Pauline R. McPhail, an unmarried woman
Original Beneficiary: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Urban Financial Group
Current Holder of Evidence of Debt: Reverse Mortgage Solutions, Inc.
Date of Deed of Trust: June 12, 2009
County of Recording: Rio Blanco
Recording Date of Deed of Trust: June 24, 2009
Recording Information (Reception No.)
Book No. and Page No.: 296139
Original Principal Balance: \$450,000.00
Outstanding Principal Balance: \$214,502.80
Amount of Judgment Entered August 16, 2016: \$302,904.03

THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN.

THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED OF TRUST.

THE LAND REFERRED TO IN THIS REPORT IS SITUATED IN THE STATE OF COLORADO, COUNTY OF RIO BLANCO, AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

A tract of land located in Sections 10 and 15, Township 1 North, Range 103 W of the 6th Principal Meridian, Rio Blanco County, Colorado being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at the Southwest corner of said Section 10, thence along the Westerly line of said Section 10, North 00 degrees 02 minutes 00 inches West, 2270.22 feet;

Thence North 00 degrees 02 minutes 00 seconds West, along the West line of the Southwest Quarter of said Section 10, 655.21 feet to a point in the White River;

Thence South 83 degrees 38 minutes 00 seconds East, along said White River, 176.56 feet; Thence South 13 degrees 08 minutes 41 seconds East 826.96 feet to a Point on the centerline of Rio Blanco County Road No. 2;

Thence South 58 degrees 09 minutes 12 seconds West, along said centerline, 437.68 feet to a point on the West line of the Northwest one-quarter of said Section 15;

Thence North 01 degree 14 minutes 12 seconds East, 400.70 feet, County of Rio Blanco, State of Colorado.

And more commonly known and numbered as 8855 County Road 2, Rangely, CO 81648 (the "Property").

NOTICE OF SALE

The current Holder of the Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust described herein, has filed written election and demand for sale as provided by law and in said Deed of Trust.

THEREFORE, Notice is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 a.m. on August 17, 2017 in the lobby at the Rio Blanco County Sheriff's Office, 355 4th Street, Meeker, CO 81641, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s)' heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale, and other items allowed by law, and will deliver to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.

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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, IS ATTACHED TO THIS NOTICE. HOWEVER, YOUR RIGHTS MAY BE DETERMINED BY PREVIOUS STATUTES.

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 YOU BELIEVE THAT THE LENDER OR SERVICER HAS VIOLATED THE REQUIREMENTS FOR A SINGLE POINT OF CONTACT UNDER C.R.S. § 38-38-103.1 OR THE PROHIBITION ON DUAL TRACKING PURSUANT TO C.R.S. § 38-38-103.2, YOU MAY FILE A COMPLAINT WITH THE COLORADO ATTORNEY GENERAL (WWW.COLORADOATTORNEYGENERAL.GOV/CA), THE FEDERAL CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION BUREAU (WWW.CONSUMERFINANCE.GOV) OR BOTH. PLEASE NOTE, THE FILING OF A COMPLAINT WILL NOT STOP THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS.

IF YOU HAVE RECEIVED CONFIRMATION OF A COMPLETED OR ACCEPTED LOSS MITIGATION PACKAGE FROM THE LENDER OR SERVICER, IN ORDER TO STOP THE FORECLOSURE SALE YOU MUST PRESENT WRITTEN NOTIFICATION FROM THE LENDER OR SERVICER TO THE OFFICER OF RIO BLANCO COUNTY OF SAID LOSS MITIGATION NO LATER THAN FOURTEEN (14) CALENDAR DAYS BEFORE THE SALE DATE. THE NOTICE OF A COMPLETED LOSS MITIGATION PACKAGE OR ACCEPTED LOSS MITIGATION FROM THE LENDER OR SERVICER MUST BE DATED NO MORE THAN THIRTY-SEVEN (37) DAYS PRIOR TO THE SALE DATE.

Dated: June 26, 2017
Anthony Mazzola, Sheriff
Rio Blanco County, State of Colorado

COMBINED NOTICE - MAILING

CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 17-14

To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust:

On April 27, 2017, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Rio Blanco records.

Original Grantor(s) SHAWN BLANKENSHIP

Original Beneficiary(ies) MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. ACTING AS NOMINEE FOR ACADEMY MORTGAGE CORPORATION, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS

Current Holder of Evidence of Debt WELLS FARGO BANK, NA

Date of Deed of Trust March 30, 2012

County of Recording Rio Blanco

Recording Date of Deed of Trust April 02, 2012

Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/Page No.) 303520

Original Principal Amount \$163,741.00

Outstanding Principal Balance \$110,625.58

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.

COVERING THE LAND IN THE STATE OF COLORADO, COUNTY OF RIO BLANCO AS DESCRIBED AS: LOT 2 WHITE ADDITION MINOR SUBDIVISION TOWN OF RANGELY, COLORADO ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED MARCH 19, 1985 AS DOCUMENT NO. 220847

Also known by street and number as: 233 SOUTH GRAND AVENUE, RANGELY, CO 81648.

THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED OF TRUST.

NOTICE OF SALE

The current holder of the Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, described herein, has filed Notice of Election and Demand for sale as provided by law and in said Deed of Trust.

THEREFORE, Notice is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, 09/13/2017, at Office of the Public Trustee, Rio Blanco County Courthouse, 555 Main Street, Meeker CO 81641, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s)' heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.

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● 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.

Colorado Attorney General Federal Consumer Financial Protection Bureau
1300 Broadway, 10th Floor P.O. Box 4503
Denver, Colorado 80203 Iowa City, Iowa 52244
(800) 222-4444 (855) 411-2372
www.coloradoattorneygeneral.gov www.consumerfinance.gov

DATE: 05/18/2017
Karen Arnold, Public Trustee in and for the County of Rio Blanco, State of Colorado
By: Karen Arnold, Public Trustee

The name, address, business telephone number and bar registration number of the attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is:

Alison L. Berry #34531 David R. Doughty #40042 Elizabeth S. Marcus #16092
Lynn M. Janeway #15592 Nicholas H. Santarelli #46592 Sheila J. Finn #36637
Janeway Law Firm 9800 S. Meridian, Suite 400, Englewood, CO 80134 (303) 706-9990
Attorney File # 17-015283

The Attorney above is acting as a debt collector and is attempting to collect a debt. Any information provided may be used for that purpose.

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COMBINED NOTICE - MAILING

CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 17-13

To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust:

On April 27, 2017, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed

LEGAL NOTICES

Application No. 111 (TR-111) for the Colowyo Coal Mine (Permit No. C-1981-019), submitted by Colowyo Coal Company L.P. TR-111 updates Exhibit 7, Item 23 with a Part M which includes a sediment control plan for the initial development of the Colom facilities area.
The Colowyo Coal Mine is a/an surface coal mine located in Moffat, Rio Blanco County, approximately 28 miles S of Craig, Colorado. Coal interest is federal, state and private, and the surface affected is federal, state and private land. The permit area encompasses approximately 27,529.24 acres. This proposed decision is based on a finding that the proposed operation will comply with all requirements of the Colorado Surface Coal Mining Reclamation Act, Section 34#33#101, et seq., C.R.S., and the regulations promulgated thereunder. Copies of the proposed decision, including stipulations, are on file for public inspection at the Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety, Room 215, Centennial Building, 1313 Sherman Street, Denver, Colorado 80203. Persons with an interest that may be adversely affected by the proposed decision may request a formal hearing before the Mined Land Reclamation Board on the proposed decision. Such request must be made within ten (10) days of the initial publication of this notice, must be in writing, and must state with reasonable specificity the reasons for the request and the objections to the proposed decision.
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**WHITE RIVER ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION, INC.
2017 BOARD OF DIRECTOR ELECTIONS
Petitions for Nomination of Director Candidate
Now Available**

Please be advised that Petitions for Nomination of Director Candidates for the White River Electric Association, Inc. Board of Directors are now available. 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 13, 2017 WREA Annual Meeting, two directors from the Town of Meeker will be elected for three-year terms. Completed Petitions must be signed by 15 qualified WREA members and returned to WREA no later than July 28, 2017 by 4:30 p.m. Members may vote in the election of directors by mailed ballot or in person at the Annual Meeting, September 13, 2017 at the Fairfield Center in Meeker, Colorado. Please call WREA at 970-878-5041 for more information or with any questions.
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Public Notice

A public hearing has been scheduled for August 1, 2017 at 7:00 pm at the Meeker Town Hall, 345 Market Street, to consider a request for one (1) Special Event Liquor license for Meeker Lions Club for the following:
August 11, 2017 from 4:00 pm to 11:00 pm
On Main Street – between 5th & 6th Streets
Alternative Location will be 200 Main Street
\$Kathleen Sizemore
Liquor Clerk
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**Board of County Commissioners
Of Rio Blanco County Colorado
Rio Blanco County Historic Courthouse
555 Main Street, 3rd Floor
Meeker, Colorado 81641
PROPOSED AGENDA
July 24, 2017**

Items of routine and non-controversial nature are placed on the consent agenda. Any Commissioner or member of the audience may request an item be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered separately on the regular agenda prior to action being taken by the Board on the Consent Agenda. **Public Comment:** Any member of the public may address the Board on matters which are within the jurisdiction of the Board. If you are addressing the Board regarding a matter listed on the Agenda, you are requested to make your comments when the Board takes that matter. Please limit your comments to three minutes per member or five minutes per group. The public comment time is not for questions and answers. It is your time to express your views.

LEGAL NOTICES

11:00 a.m. Call to order:
•Pledge of Allegiance
•Changes to July 24, 2017 Tentative Agenda
1) _____
2) _____
•Move to Approve Changes to the July 24, 2017 Agenda
CONSENT AGENDA FOR July 24, 2017
Move to Approve the below listed items of the Consent Agenda.
•Consent 1 Approval of the Board Minutes of July 17, 2017.
•Consent 2 Approval of a letter from the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado to the Colorado Department of Local Affairs requesting a contract extension of grant EIAF #8173 from August 31, 2017 to March 31, 2018, for the Columbine Park Building Design Project.
•Consent 3 Approval of a letter from the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado to the Colorado Department of Local Affairs requesting a contract extension of grant EIAF #9084 from August 31, 2017 to December 31, 2017, for the Rio Blanco County Meeker Fairgrounds Enhancement Project.
•Consent 4 Approval of a Single Audit Certification Form between the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado and the Federal Aviation Administration.
GENERAL BUSINESS:
•Business 1 Move to Approve/Deny a request for a donation in the amount of \$1,500.00, for the benefit of the Rangely Food Bank.
•Business 2 Move to Approve/Deny a proposal to participate in the CPW-DFPC Fire Cost Reimbursement Agreement.
Bid Openings:
Bid Awards:
MOU's, Contracts and Agreements:
Resolutions:
• RES 1
Other Business:
•Public Comments
•County Commissioners Updates
Adjourn
The agenda is provided for informational purposes only; all times are approximate. Agenda items will normally be considered in the order they appear on the agenda. However, the Board may alter the Agenda, take breaks during the meeting, work through the noon hour and even continue an item for a future meeting date. The Board, while in session, may consider other items that are brought before it. Scheduled items may be continued if the Board is unable to complete the Agenda as scheduled.
The next regular board meeting is tentatively scheduled for August 14, 2017, at 11:00 a.m., at the Rio Blanco County Historic Courthouse, 555 Main Street, 3rd Floor, Meeker, Colorado. Please check the County's website for information at: <http://www.rbc.us/department/commissioners>. If you need special accommodations please call 970-878-9573 in advance of the meeting so that reasonable accommodations may be made.
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NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT
NOTICE is hereby given that on WEDNESDAY AUGUST 9, 2017, at 7:00 p.m., final settlement will be made with RENNINGER LOG HOMES, LLC., P.O. Box 2593, Meeker, Colorado, by the MEEKER SANITATION DISTRICT, PO Box 417, Meeker Colorado, on a contract for labor and materials for a project known as DRIVE WAY; and that any person, co-partnership, company, association of persons, or corporation who has an unpaid claim against RENNINGER LOG HOMES, LLC., 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 AUGUST 8TH, 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 RENNINGER LOG HOMES, LLC., 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
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LEGAL NOTICES

**Town of Rangely
July 25, 2017 - 7:00pm
Agenda**
Rangely Board of Trustees (Town Council)
Joseph Nielsen, Mayor
Andrew Shaffer, Mayor Pro Tem
Lisa Hatch, Trustee
Trey Robie, Trustee
Ann Brady, Trustee
Andrew Key, Trustee
Tyson Hacking, Trustee
1.Call to Order
2.Roll Call
3.Invocation
4.Pledge of Allegiance
5.Minutes of Meeting
a.Approval of the minutes of the July 11, 2017 meeting.
6.Petitions and Public Input
7.Changes to the Agenda
8.Public Hearings - 7:15pm
9.Committee/Board Meetings
10.Supervisor Reports
a. Don Reed, Utilities Supervisor
b. Jeff Lebleu, Public Works/Bldg & Grounds Supervisor
11.Reports from Officers – Town Manager Update
12.Old Business
13.New Business
a.Discussion and Action to approve the June 2017 Financial Summary
b.Discussion and Action to approve Resolution 2017-07 transferring fee simple ownership from the Rangely Colorado Municipal Building Authority fully and directly to the Town of Rangely by approving the Mayor's execution of a Quit Claim Deed prepared by the Town Attorney, Mr. Dan Wilson.
14.Informational Items
a.Summer Reading Carnival July 25th, 2017 10:00am-12:00pm
b.Senior Picnic July 26th, 2017 12:00pm-2:00pm
c.PaintCare Colorado Sweep Days August 1, 2017 2:00pm-6:00pm
15.Board Vacancies
a. RDA/RDC Board Vacancy
16.Scheduled Announcements
a.Rangely District Library Board meeting July 10, 2017 at 5:00pm.
b.Rangely Junior College District Board meeting is scheduled for July 10, 2017 at 12:00pm.
c.Western Rio Blanco Park & Recreation District Board meeting July 10, 2017 at 6:00pm.
d.RDA/RDC Board meeting is scheduled for July 13, 2017 at 7:30am.
e.Rural Fire Protection District Board meeting is scheduled for July 17, 2017 at 7:00pm.
f.Rio Blanco County Commissioners Board meeting is scheduled for July 17, 2017 at 11:00am.
g.Rangely School District Board meeting is scheduled for July 18, 2017 at 6:15pm
h.Rangely Chamber of Commerce Board meeting is scheduled for July 20, 2017 at 12:00pm
i.Rio Blanco Water Conservancy District Board meeting is scheduled for July 26, 2017 at 7:00pm.
j.Rangely District Hospital board meeting is scheduled for July 27, 2017 at 6:00pm.
17.Adjournment
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEEKER HOUSING AUTHORITY Board of Directors meets the 3rd Thursday of the month at 9:00 a.m. at The Pines, 875 Water St., Meeker.
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.
The VFW, American Legion, and their Auxiliaries will meet the second Thursday of each month at 5:30 PM at 290 4th St. For further information call (970) 878-5326.
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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RIO BLANCO Masonic Lodge #80 meets 2nd and 4th Thursday, 7:00 p.m., at 7th and Park, Meeker.
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.
SAFEHOUSE
If you are being abused physically or mentally, you can call SAFEHOUSE for confidential shelter and help.
878-3131
Would appreciate if the person who borrowed my lawnmower would return it home to 438 E Market. If you know it's whereabouts call 970-683-8074.
Looking for female roommate to help out with rent and utilities and weekends with cooking and laundry. Call for interview. 970-260-8758
The Rangely Moms Group gives pregnant women and mothers of newborns through elementary school-aged children time to take a break, join in discussions and crafts, and build relationships with other moms. We meet the first Thursday of each month from September through May, from 9-11 a.m. at First Baptist Church (207 S Sunset). Join us! For more information, call Britt Campos at 801-589-4803.
Alcoholics Anonymous
Mon. 7 p.m., Weds. 7 p.m., Fri. 7 p.m.
St. James Church - enter from back parking lot, meetings are downstairs in Richards Hall, 4th & Park, Meeker 878-4158 • 878-5919 • 878-5636
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NEW EDEN PREGNANCY CARE SERVICES - pregnancy tests, emergency supplies, guidance by trained volunteers, classes on pregnancy and child care, post-abortion support, referrals. Thursdays, 12p-5p, 345 Main Street, Meeker. Email: newedenpc@gmail.com or (970)878-5117 and Thursdays, 1p-6p, 219 Sunset Avenue, Rangely. Email: newedenrangely@gmail.com or (970) 675-2300. All services are confidential.
Veterans Service Offices
Rio Blanco County: Veterans Service Officer - Joe Dungan, Wednesday, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., County Administration Building, 200 Main Street Suite 300, Meeker. 878-9690 office, 878-3219 home. Fax 878-9581.
Rangely: Veterans Service Officer - Hoot Gibson, Tuesday and Thursday, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., County Annex, 17497 State Hwy 64, Rangely. 878-9695 office, 675-2669 home.
Membership Drive for Meeker VFW Auxiliary Post 5843
We invite anyone who may be a husband/wife, father/mother, brother/ sister, son/daughter, grandfather/grandmother or grandson/granddaughter of a Veteran of a Foreign War. Based on their service in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force or Coast Guard. We will happily pay your first-year membership or equal value toward a Life Membership. This offer is good until August 31st. Come show your patriotism and make a difference in our community. Contact VFW Post 5843 Auxiliary at 970-878-3758 for more info. 7/13-8/24
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Tuesday, 7/25/17, Spaghetti, tossed salad, garbanzo beans, raisins, cream puff/pudding
Wednesday, 7/26/17, Rdino closed for town senior picnic, Turkey w/gravy, apple stuffing french green beans, root beer floats
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Milk, Tea and Coffee are offered with all meals. Menu subject to change. 7/20

AUCTIONS

Estate Auction
Saturday, July 22nd, 10:00 AM
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Moving Auction
Saturday, July 29th, 10:00 a.m.
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NPS Academy Instructor: Rangely Campus
Senior Flight Instructor: Rangely Campus
And a few other positions.
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Recreation Supervisor (Athletics)
ERBM Recreation & Park District is seeking one exempt, full-time benefited Recreation Supervisor (Athletics). Salary range \$52,632.21-\$72,369.29/yr. Duties include, but are not limited to: supervision of full-time, part-time, and seasonal staff, scheduling and evaluating staff; developing, planning, organizing, implementation oversight, and evaluating District recreation programs, including: community, child/youth programs, youth athletics, adult athletics and special athletics; recruiting and supervising volunteers; assisting with the development and management of budgets, tracking expenditures and inventory, implementing purchasing procedures, and coordinating with other District departments, other organizations, agencies, and vendors as necessary. Requirements include, but are not limited to: applicant must be 18 years of age or older, possess a high school diploma or GED, possess and maintain a valid Colorado Driver's license, ability to work flexible hours, including early mornings, evenings, split and/or weekend shifts, be on call, as needed, two (2) or more years' experience in related field, and one (1) or more years supervisory experience. A completed ERBM Recreation & Park District job application is required for consideration

HELP WANTED: GENERAL

and should be returned to ERBM Recreation & Park District, Attn: Human Resources, 101 Ute Rd, Meeker, CO 81641. 970-878-3403. Applications are available at the Meeker Recreation Center and on the website, www.meekerrecdistrict.com. Complete job description is available upon request and online. Applications will be accepted through Monday, July 24, 2017. ERBM Recreation & Park District is an equal opportunity employer. 7/13-7/20

The ERBM Recreation & Park District is seeking Part-time non-benefited and benefited Guest Services Representatives. Salary range \$11.44-19.04/hr. Duties include, but are not limited to: provide high-quality customer service to each patron, perform basic transactions, answer telephones, perform cash handling duties, etc. Requirements include, but are not limited to: applicant must be 16 years of age or older, possess or working towards acquiring a high school diploma or GED, be available to work a variety of shifts, work early morning shifts starting at 4:30 a.m., evening shifts ending at 8:45 p.m., and rotating weekend shifts both Saturday and Sunday open to weekend. A completed ERBM Recreation & Park District job application is required for consideration and should be returned

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to ERBM Recreation & Park District, Attn: Human Resources, 101 Ute Rd, Meeker, CO 81641. Applications are available at the Meeker Recreation Center and online, www.MeekerRecDistrict.com. Complete job description is available upon request and online. Applications will be accepted until position(s) is filled. ERBM Recreation & Park District is an equal opportunity employer. 7/13-7/27

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Recreation Coordinator
The ERBM Recreation & Park District is seeking one full-time benefited Recreation Coordinator with an emphasis in athletics. Salary range \$15.87-21.05/hr. Duties include, but are not limited to: assist in select phases of developing, implementing and coordinating recreational programs and special events to include gym supervision, officiating, coaching, working with youth of all ages and adults, recruiting and working with volunteer coaches, developing league schedules, assisting with summer camp, teen trips etc., and other recreational programs. Requirements include, but are not limited to: applicant must be 18 years of age or older, be available to work early morning, evening, split and/or weekend shifts. A completed ERBM

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HELP WANTED: PART TIME

The Rangely School District RE-4 currently has an opening for a part-time custodial position; please refer to www.rangelyk12.org for an application. 7/20-7/27

HOMES: MEEKER

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- 4-H Youth Coordinator

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2 BDR/1.5 BA townhouse, 478 Garfield, all utilities paid except electricity. \$500 per month, 1st, last & security deposit. Call 970-270-5548

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RE: RANGELY COMMERCIAL

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MEEKER: Moving sale-JULY 21-22. STARTING AT NOON ON FRIDAY AND 8 AM SATURDAY. WE HAVE TREADMILL, EXERCISE BIKES, ELLIPTICAL, TREAD STEPPER, SECTIONAL COUCH, DINING TABLE AND CHAIRS AND MUCH MORE STUFF. 6321 COUNTY ROAD 7.

MEEKER: Week long yard sale through 7/23, 264 9th St., daily 8 a.m.-? couch, dining set, entertainment center, coffee table, lots of miscellaneous.

MEEKER: Garage Sale, 775 11th Street, Saturday July 22nd, Hours: 8:00 to 4:00 Household furniture, decor and misc. items, camping items, guns and cases, tools, yard tools, clothing, Christmas decorations, refrigerator, Polaris 4wheeler, 1976 MG Midget and lots more!

MEEKER: Little bit of everything! Cheap! Fri, July 21, 6 a.m.-4 p.m., Sat, 6 a.m.-12 p.m., 960 7th street, last house on right



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MEEKER SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1

School Bus

Route/Activity/Substitute Driver

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MEEKER SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1

Employment Opportunities

Meeker School District

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- Meeker High School
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- Food Service Cook

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585 Cleveland St. - 3,806 SQFT, 3 BD/3.5 BA, private yard \$389,000
1751 Brightwater Ln. - 39 Acres, 5,000 SQFT Pole Barn, River Front \$375,000
890 3rd St. UNDER CONTRACT!
TBD East Market St. - 7.46 Vacant Acres at the Intersection of HWY 13 & Road 8 .. \$249,000
1389 Ridge Rd. UNDER CONTRACT!
852 4th St. SOLD!
217 County Rd. 75 - 4BD/1BA Vacation Cabin \$197,000
1105 & 1107 Market St. - Large Commercial Lot \$149,900
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- ◆ 345 Cleveland St. — GREAT POTENTIAL! A full City block, over 99,000+ square feet, offering 12 individual lots all being sold as one parcel. \$225,000.
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NEW 264 9th St. - Well-kept mobile home, 2BD/1BA, on its own 5,500 sq ft lot. Fenced back yard with mature trees. **\$43,000**
NEW 1010 Hill St. - This 2BD/1BA, 736 sq ft home on a corner lot is the perfect rental or starter home. An additional 240 sq ft apartment sits behind the home with St. access. **\$139,000**
NEW 873 Market St. - Own Market St. frontage and enjoy this 3BD/1BA, 1,202 sq ft home. A 525 sq ft utility shed sits behind the home with alley access. **\$119,000**
NEW 893 Market St. - This 2BD/1BA, 1,504 sq ft home, on a corner lot, with Market St. frontage has immense potential. Live in the home or rent it out as an income property. **\$127,000**
NEW 524 Hill St. - Delight in this 3BD/2BA home with tile ceilings, an impressive neutral palette, and a large two-car detached garage with heated loft area. **\$260,000 UNDER CONTRACT!**
959 Garfield St. - Wonderful kept 4BD/2.5BA home, detached garage, workshop and lots of storage. **Price Reduced: \$255,900**
855 5th St. - Wonderful view over town from this 5BD/2BA home. New roof, siding, windows and flooring. **\$200,000**
767 12th St. - Two-story, 2BD/1.5BA Townhouse, well-kept and tastefully remodeled. Great fenced area for children or pets. **\$70,000**

FAST SALE 945 & 975 Cleveland St. - Two older homes, great lot space and potential. **Price Reduced: \$50,000**

RURAL RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY
NEW 73209 Hwy 64 - 11.02 acres in Lions Canyon. This 5BD/2BA home includes a heated shop, multiple outbuildings, a domestic well, full surveillance security, and a large home safe. Great Horse Property. **Price Reduced: \$399,900**
NEW 613 Strawberry Patch Rd. - Country home on 10 acres with a well and shed. Enjoy country living with a short drive into town. This home is not a modular. **\$211,500**
1972 RBC Rd. 36 - Well kept 16+ acres with over 6,500 sq ft in shop space. Hay sheds, spring water, 2,160 sq ft home and cabin. **\$589,000 UNDER CONTRACT!**
1400 Flag Creek Dr. - Stunning 4BD/2.5BA home moments from town. Pole barn, acreage and outstanding views. **Price Reduced: \$459,900**
346 N. Cross L Dr. - Adorable 3BD/2BA stucco home on 3 acres. Only minutes from town, miles of views. **Price Reduced: \$269,900**

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NEW 281+ Acre Ranch - This 281+ acre property features a solar-powered well and adjoins BLM on two sides. Perfect for enjoying a dream home or cabin getaway. Build the wildlife, hunting and outdoor recreation this property provides. The possibilities are endless. Dry land grazing. **\$422,000**
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NEW Baker's Peak Vista Ranch: 2113 County Road 70, Craig - 506+ acres with 10cfs water rights, gravity flow. Several out-buildings and a domestic well in place. BLM and State land on three sides. Elk, mule deer and pronghorn. **\$1,300,000**
NEW Four Springs Ranch: 60401 US Hwy 40 - 343.98+ acres with Yampa River frontage, water rights, and beautiful pastures. Ranch house, barn, equipment shed, numerous buildings and corrals. Great Ranch set-up in the perfect location. **\$1,250,000**

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NEW 2 lots in Sage Hills - Two beautiful view lots in prestigious Sage Hills. Very motivated sellers. **\$30,000** each or both **\$58,000**
NEW 10 Acre Lot on Strawberry Patch Rd. - Includes storage building and fencing. A clean property in the country with great potential. **\$68,500**
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NEW 100 Acres off Hwy. 13, south of Meeker - Nice rangeland located near Mile Marker 24 on the west side of Hwy 13. Close to Meeker and Rifle.
37 Vacant Lots - Sanderson Hills Subdivision. Located on the northwest side of the subdivision. **\$29,000** each or **\$25,000** each in packages of 5 lots.
459 Cross L Dr. - 3 acres in Cross L Estates, good building location on corner lot. **Price Reduced: \$69,500**
49 Acre Lot - off Highway 13 at Mile Marker 24. **Price Reduced: \$50,000**
50 Acre Lot - off Highway 13 at Mile Marker 24 with great views for **\$55,000**
2.25 Acres off Hwy. 13, north of Meeker - Nice building location, close to town! **\$45,000**

2 Lots on Silver Sage Rd. - Sage Hills. **\$45,000** for both.
COMMERCIAL PROPERTY
NEW 335 6th St. - Don't miss this chance to own a part of downtown Meeker. This 4,492.63 sq ft multipurpose building is subject to automotive and foot traffic year around. Great location for any business or office. **\$310,000**
NEW 1120 Cleveland St. - Apartment building, six units, 0.51-acre lot in town. Units are 2BD/1BA ea with access to the shared laundry facility. Street and area parking for tenants. **\$299,500**
NEW 1020 Hill St. - Triplex built in 2005. Each unit features 2BD/1.5BA, kitchen, and laundry hookups. Street and alley parking. Great chance to invest in this income producing property. **\$277,000**
NEW 73544 Hwy. 64 - This 15,840 sq ft building on 2.4 acres is absolutely a bargain. Just 2 miles west of Meeker. **\$150,000**. **Withdrawn from market.**
NEW 101 E. Market St. - Excellent location in Meeker, Colorado, the Brothers Property offers .43+ acres, paved parking, 3,985 sq ft of well kept building. Trade fixtures not included, but are negotiable. **\$375,000**
Gravel Pit for Sale - WRC Wet Pit is located about 20 miles west of Meeker, containing approximately 110 acres, water rights, and an estimated 1,500,000 tons of gravel ready for extraction. **\$1,500,000**
680 Water St. - Playa del Rio Apartments sits on 4 lots, feature 19 apartment units, 17 storage units, off street parking and park area. Buy before the market booms! **\$950,000**

Ma Famiglia Italian Restaurant
Business offered at **\$475,000**. Lot and building can also be purchased separately for **\$475,000**.

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- ◆ **NEW LISTING!** 375 3rd Street - Cute Ranch style home, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, corner lot with lots of trees **\$162,500**
- ◆ **NEW LISTING!** 1135 Michael Circle - Beautiful 2 story home on 11,183 SF site, 3 bedrooms, 2.1 baths, awesome views **\$239,500**
- ◆ **NEW LISTING!** 487 Agency Drive - Beautiful home on 5 acres, 3 bdr., 2.5 ba., new carpet & hardwood floors, 30'x60' barn, and more **\$449,000**
- ◆ 66577 Highway 64 - 14+ acres surrounded by BLM, custom home with good well .. **\$350,000**
- ◆ **PRICE REDUCED!** 1036 Park Ave. - Fixer-upper delight, 1 bdr, 1 ba, lots of potential **\$69,500**
- ◆ **SOLD!** 1361 Robert St. - quiet location with this 4 bdr, 2 ba. home, 1 car garage ... **\$178,000**

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HOMES IN MEEKER ...

- *NEW 871 10th St. - 4 BR, 2 BA home. Family room, living room, fireplace, garage, shed, deck, views. **\$225,000.**
- *223 Main St. - Full quarter block near downtown. Beautiful 3 BR, 2 BA home. Plus three 1 BR, 1 BA fully equipped rental cabins, big garage, storage sheds, lots of trees and space. **REDUCED! \$349,000.**
- *148 Main St. - 3 BR, 2 BA, 2,076 sq ft single level home with lot, 2 car heated garage. **REDUCED! \$182,000.**
- *112 Main St. - Historic 2 story, 3 BR brick home on large corner lot plus a small cottage for Mom. **REDUCED! \$209,000.**
- *780 11th St. - 3 BR, 2 BA freshly upgraded bi-level home. Fenced back yard, storage shed. **\$199,500.**
- *1134 Park Ave. - 4 BR, 2 BA log home. Remodeled, with several upgrades. Fenced yard, shed. **\$169,000. SALE PENDING!**
- *125 Main St. - Lg corner lot with an impeccable 5 BR, 2.5 BA, 2 story home. Living room, dining room, family room, walk-in closets, large covered back patio, oversized 3 car garage, 2 kennels, beautiful yard. **\$319,000.**
- *990 Main St. - 3BR, 1.5 BA, updated log home w/attached 2 car garage. **\$159,000. SOLD!**
- *1112 Mark Cir. - 4 BR, 3 BA, 2,492 sq ft home. Full basement, garage. **\$186,000. SOLD!**
- *1266 Cleveland - 3BR, 2BA home. Detached garage, A/C, fenced back yard. **\$207,000. SOLD!**

RANCHES — RURAL RESIDENTIAL — HUNTING PROPERTIES...

- *NEW 2610 CR 33- 3 Acres 7 miles west of Meeker. Very private. 4 BR, 3 BA home, basement & views. **\$265,000.**
- *NEW 17501 CR 8- 19 miles upriver, 2.57 acres bordering Oak Ridge Wildlife area public land. Walk out hunting! Newer 678 sq ft log cabin, 2 BR, 1 BA. Decks with great river views. Good water well. **\$195,000.**
- *439 Agency Dr.- 6 Acres, 1 mile S of Meeker, beautiful 2 story log home, 4 BR, 3 BA, finished walk-out basement, family room, storage, attached 2 car garage. Horse barn/shop. Awesome views. **\$483,999.**
- *1560 CR 15- 390 acre ranch, 5 miles NE of Meeker. Fenced and cross fenced, well and spring, 1,412 sq ft log home, storage shed, loafing shed. Great pasture. Secluded and private with great views. **\$995,000.**
- *210 CR 75- Pappoose Creek Cabin in Forest Service lease land, log cabin, outhouse. **\$55,000.**
- *6500 CR 7- 2 Acres NW of Meeker. 2,592 sq ft updated home, 4 BR, 2 BA, fireplace, well. **\$265,000. REDUCED!**
- *CR 8- 88 Acres just east of Meeker. Hunting, dry land pasture, development potential. **\$400,000. REDUCED!**
- *29100 CR 8- 12 Acres with River. Updated 3 BR, 2 BA cabin, borders BLM. **\$420,000. SOLD!**

BUSINESS & INVESTMENT ...

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

RAW LAND AND HOMESITES ...

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

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