

# Herald Times



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## County required to buy new election equipment

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**RBC** Changes in Colorado state statutes regarding elections will require the county to purchase a new voting system from a “certified” provider. Rio Blanco County Commissioners approved an agreement Monday to buy the new system in an amount not to exceed \$81,546.14 for the equipment, \$9,000 for onsite elections support, and annual software licensing, warranty, support and fees of \$13,695.

“At this time it’s the only certified voting system you can buy,” said Rio Blanco County Clerk and Recorder Boots Campbell. “The state has made the rules requiring it. Basically we have no choice.”

The board approved scheduling and coordination of elections for the South Routt School District Re-3 school board (part of the district falls within Rio Blanco County borders); the Rangely Junior College District;

and the Western Rio Blanco Metropolitan Recreation and Park District.

The commissioners also approved \$16,667 in funds toward the Rangely Airport beacon and fence relocation project. The state will contribute \$16,666 and the federal government will make up the difference with \$300,000 going toward the project.

Commissioners also approved expenditures of \$2,800 for the restoration of a 1917 United States map and \$975 for the restoration of a 1919 Rio Blanco County map that were found in the treasurer’s vault.

The maps will be restored and installed in the commissioners’ meeting room, and copies of the restored maps will be taken to the recently renovated Coal Creek School.

In other business, the commissioners appointed Karl Maser, co-owner of Ute Lodge, to the Meeker Lodging Tax Board. Maser fills the seat formerly held by L.D. Grove.

## JUST OUT FOR A TEST DRIVE...



It may have looked like there was an emergency at the Meeker Hotel or the Hugus Building the Thursday before last, but it was just the Meeker Volunteer Fire and Rescue “test driving” a 110-foot boom truck. Having a truck with that kind of reach would give firefighters greater safety in reaching rooflines and two-story buildings in case of fire, according to Fire Chief Terry Skidmore.

BOBBY GUTIERREZ PHOTO

# 31st annual Meeker Classic sheepdog trials start Sept. 6

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**MEEKER** There’s always something new happening at the Meeker Classic Sheepdog Championship Trials and this year is no exception. There are new workshops, a photography competition to complement the annual art contest, and a whole new take on the lamb cook-off.

In its 31st year, the Meeker Classic continues to find innovative ways to entertain and interact with visitors and the community for which it’s named. The competition begins Wednesday, Sept. 6 at 7 a.m. at Ute Park, and continues through Sunday at 4 p.m., when one of the dog and handler teams will be awarded the first place prize.

“This community makes everybody feel

welcome,” said Classic director Maym Cunningham. This year they intend to bring more focus to the downtown corridor after the sheepdogs and their masters do their work at Ute Park.

“Last year was a hard year with the courthouse construction downtown.” This year, the Classic hopes to bring more focus to “downtown businesses and local people.” In addition, new educational workshops are intended to build the event’s reputation as a cultural festival for the region.

The art contest is a perennial favorite of the trials, with the winning artwork selected as the next year’s marketing poster. Those posters are considered collectible items for many fans. This year, in addition to the art contest, there will be a photography contest division with cash awards for the winners. Photographer

Dale Hallebach is the photography juror and artist Andy Goettel is the art contest juror. Contest submissions are currently on exhibit at the Meeker Library.

The art and photography reception will be held Thursday, Sept. 7 at the Wilber Barn at Ute Park from 5-7 p.m., with hors d’oeuvres and refreshments provided by local restaurateurs.

On Friday, Blanco Cellars and The Little Cheese Shop will host an Art, Wine and Cheese evening at Smoking River Art Gallery from 6-9 p.m. The Little Cheese Shop will be at the trials site Friday and Saturday with free tastings of sheep cheese as well.

One of the more popular events of the Classic is the lamb cook-off. This year the event takes a new tack, moving downtown and picking up as the Jammin’ Lamb festival from

4-8 p.m. Saturday. The festival is a culinary competition featuring some professional chefs and some locals and friends of the Meeker Classic. Lamb cooked by the competitors will be served in addition to side dishes provided by the Lions Club and desserts provided by Jeff Rector and Mona Avey. Tickets are \$10 at the event and will benefit the Old West Heritage Culture Center and the Meeker Lions Club. Live music and a beer garden are part of the Jammin’ Lamb festival.

Attendees can also enjoy the annual lamb barbecue on Sunday at 12 p.m., hosted and prepared by the Rio Blanco County Wool Growers Association.

The Classic has always included educational components—from teaching people about the work of the border collie to demonstrations of wool spinning. This year, once

again, some 700 schoolchildren from north-west Colorado will attend the Trials for free, with a visit to the White River Museum included. Educational programs and exhibits include sniffer dogs, Celtic music and story telling, a presentation on livestock guardians, dog agility demonstrations, animal assisted dog therapy teams, sports medicine for dogs, Navajo weaving demonstrations, pottery, leatherwork and saddlemaking, and western hat history and care tips, among others. Check out an 1800s sheep wagon, and compare it to a modern version.

New this year are fee-based workshops, including three daily photography classes (Wednesday through Friday) with professional photographer Adam Jahiel at the Trials site, a

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# Algae causes problems for Rangely water plant

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**RANGELY** During the last few years the increase in the algae bloom of the White River has been cause for many discussions. Meetings have been held in Meeker and Rangely to seek answers from various tests and experts. While the exact cause of the increasing algae has yet to be determined many of the consequences are making themselves apparent. In addition to the impact of the biology of the river, the algae has also made the summer months exceptionally challenging for the Rangely Water Department.

In the months of June and July, when the algae bloom is at its greatest, it accumulates on the two intake screens at the Rangely Water Treatment Plant. The screens are designed to protect fish and their larvae from being sucked out of the river. In order to accomplish this, the screens are made of a very fine mesh. Unfortunately, this ultra-fine mesh also makes for a great algae

catch. According to Rangely Town Manager Peter Brixius, during the height of the algae bloom each screen must be regularly pulled out to have up to 100 pounds of algae stripped off as often as three times a day. The crew at the water plant has taken to calling the massive pieces of algae they pull off the screens “wigs,” a reference to their long, hair-like appearance.

The algae increase has also raised some concerns about potential toxins in the water. Brixius said that the town has decided to begin testing for Cyanotoxins, “as a result of the combination and potential of Cyanobacteria coupled with harmful algae blooms in a warm water stream which can produce a by-product known as Cyanotoxins.” Should the test come back positive the Cyanotoxins can be treated with proper pre- and post-treatment disinfection. The test costs \$280, which Brixius says “makes this one of the more expensive parameters that we would seasonally monitor.”

The water treatment plant cur-

rently monitors more than 100 chemical, biological and radiological constituents on varying schedules over a three-year period.

“All of the users on the White River must be concerned about water quality, irrigation issues and recreational benefits from Trappers Lake to Rangely and beyond,” said Brixius. He is hopeful that there will be an eventual solution. “The meetings occurring in Meeker, as initiated first by CPW and now set up and organized by Rio Blanco County to help bring the subject matter experts together to identify possible sources of the problem and begin to correct any issues that are manageable, are good first steps. This looks to be a many year solution.”

So far the meetings have identified multiple potential causes for the algae bloom including fertilizer leeching into the river, changes in river hydraulics, incubation of algae in riverside ponds, insecticide applications such as aerial spraying and changes in the flow of the river.



JEN HILL PHOTO

Algae is visible on the mesh intake screens at the Rangely Water Treatment Plant. This summer’s algae bloom required staff to pull up to 100 pounds of algae from the screens as often as three times a day.

The Rio Blanco County Commissioners have scheduled another meeting on Wednesday,

Aug. 30 at the county courthouse at 9 a.m. to discuss the problem.

In the meantime, the Rangely

Water Treatment Plant can take a break as the algae bloom slowly disperses with the onset of fall.

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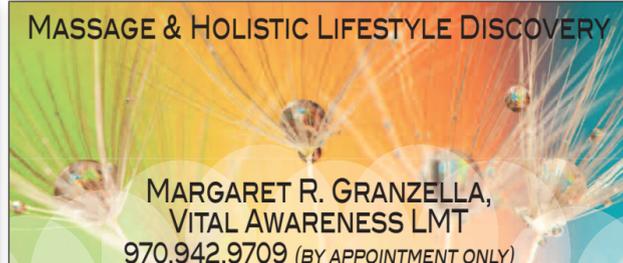
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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

■ **Meeker Rec Center and Pool** closed for Labor Day, Sept. 4. Normal hours resume Sept. 5.  
■ **Adult Open Gym** volleyball starts Sept. 5 from 7:30-9 p.m. in the MES gym. Adult open gym basketball starts Sept. 6 from 7:30-9 in the MES gym. Call 878-3403 for details.

■ **CPR/AED/First Aid** class Sept. 9. Register at the Meeker Rec Center or call 878-3403.

■ **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.

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

■ **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.

■ **Gentleman's Club** meeting every Tuesday at 9 a.m. at the Meeker Recreation Center and each Thursday at 9 a.m. at the FVW, 290 4th St. in Meeker.

■ **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.

■ **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.

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

■ **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 The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

■ **Real-Tea Roundtable.** Join real estate expert Suzan Pelloni for helpful hints on buying and selling property. The next Roundtable will be Sept. 11, 7:30 a.m. at Wendll'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.



Colorado Parks and Wildlife district wildlife manager Bailey Franklin spoke with part of the tour group Aug. 15 on the Grady and Klinglesmith ranches NRCS Conservation Stewardship Program public tour. Franklin explained the mechanical tear-down and seeding that was done with wildlife friendly species on this portion of ground which had harbored old, decadent and not-so-wildlife-friendly big sage.

# Gradys, Klinglesmiths host stewardship conservation program tour of properties

By REED KELLEY  
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**MEEKER** | Mike and Mary Grady as well as Lenny, Jackie, Lowell and LoAnn Klinglesmith, hosted a Stewardship Conservation Program (CSP) tour of their properties up at Lime Kiln just east of Flag Creek below Hay Flat and the surrounding country earlier this month. Part and parcel to the tour was a tremendous lunchtime feed for over some 30 individuals attending the event

Tiffany Jehorek, Meeker district conservationist for the Natural Resources Conservation Service, reported that any approved CSP plan is custom built by the operators and NRCS together. Providing a public tour about their efforts and success (or

not) is one of many options operators can choose to include in their plan. The CSP was rolled out in the 2002 Farm Bill under the auspices of NRCS which is part of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. CSP is a voluntary program in the NRCS tool shed which can assist landowners achieve conservation benefits to their land and the environment alike.

According to Jehorek, "Both the Grady and the Klinglesmith (LK) Ranches voluntarily entered into the program to take conservation on their land a little further by providing more benefits to soil, water, wildlife, plant diversity, and livestock production. The tour was an opportunity to showcase how NRCS can assist landowners and, even more importantly, show what a couple of our Rio Blanco

County livestock producers are doing for the land we love."

As advertised, Mike Grady talked with the group of 30 some people about the history of the Lime Kiln area and some of the people who homesteaded there. The Lime Kiln Rural School, at over 8,000 feet in elevation, was the highest school in the county and was named for the limestone quarried and processed in the area. The Rio Blanco County Historical Society states that at one time 32 families lived in the area. Beginning in 1916, first in a settler's cabin and then in a log schoolhouse on donated private land, the community quickly found out that due to the harsh conditions, school in the winter was to impossible, so summer school terms were held from April to November. The school was

closed in 1939.

In 1910, Henry Jacobs was raising spring grain in the area as were others. The growing use of automobiles was one of the factors that led to the economic demise of grain operations there, according to Grady. A lot of sheep were run in the country. Families who occupied parts of the Grady Ranch included the Moyers, Coses, Slifkas, Peasleys, Mangus', Services, and Foxes.

Colorado Parks and Wildlife district wildlife manager Bailey Franklin, who provides the leadership for the effort to improve wildlife habitat as well as conditions for warmer season cattle grazing to benefit the ranches, detailed the various cooperative pro-

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writing workshop Saturday from 8-11 a.m. downtown with author Cat Urbigkit, and wool felting and needle felting classes with Kimberly Gamba. All skill levels are welcome to attend any of the workshop classes, but you must pre-register as space is limited. Visit [meekersheepdog.com/workshops-classes/](http://meekersheepdog.com/workshops-classes/) to register online and get details about the instructors.

Economic impact surveys indicate the Meeker Classic directly brings between \$800,000 and \$900,000 into the local economy each year. Secondary funds aren't measured. Visitors stay an average of 2.5 days

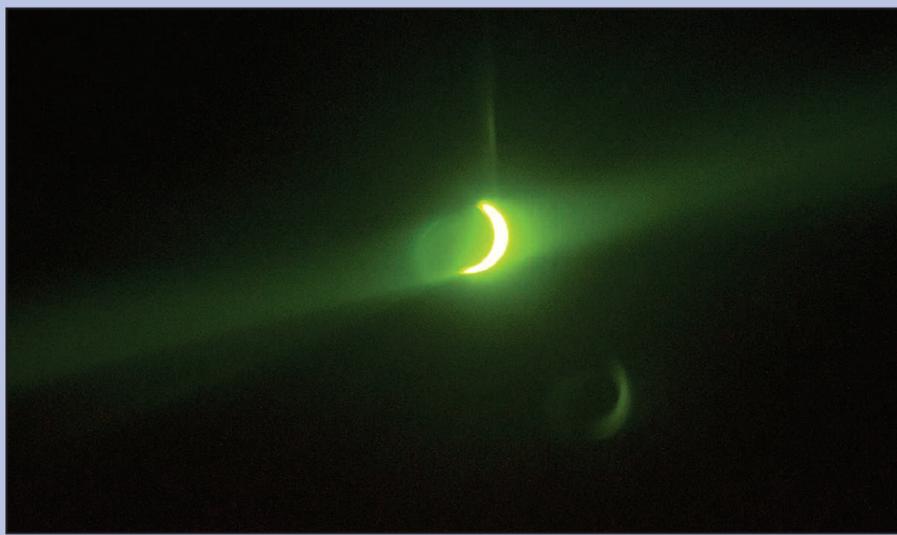
when they attend.

With between 300 and 350 mostly local volunteers every year, the event is dependent on—and grateful for—the participation of area residents.

"We will take any volunteers any time," Cunningham said. Volunteers receive a five-day pass, a \$15 to \$40 savings.

Local residents receive a 20 percent discount on a five-day pass. Sales end Sept. 6. One day passes are also available. Tickets are available at the Meeker Chamber, at Wendll's and online at [meekersheepdog.com/get-tickets/](http://meekersheepdog.com/get-tickets/). Type "LOCAL" into the promotional code for the 20 percent discounted rate.

## ECLIPSE...



Herald Times reader Jack Mohnhaupt snapped this unusual photo of the Aug. 21 eclipse above Lake Avery.

# FALL GROUP FITNESS

Full class details found in the Fall 2017 Line-Up at the Meeker Recreation Center or online at [www.MeekerRecDistrict.com](http://www.MeekerRecDistrict.com).

### General Rules:

- Must be at least 13 years old to participate in fitness classes.
- Drop-ins are welcome when space allows for \$4.50/person or \$2.00/senior.
- Register for the whole session on or before September 8 for the early bird price!

### Session 1: September 11-October 12

Early Bird Price Deadline: September 8

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
8:00am	AQUAFIT 8:00am-9:00am MRC Pool	Water Warrior 8:00am-9:00am MRC Pool	AQUAFIT 8:00am-9:00am MRC Pool	Water Warrior 8:00am-9:00am MRC Pool
8:30am	Yogalates 8:15am-9:15am Studio	Mama Madness 8:15am-9:15am Admin Gym	Yogalates 8:15am-9:15am Studio	Mama Madness 8:15am-9:15am Admin Gym
9:00am				
9:30am	Hydro Fit 9:15am-10:15am MRC Pool		Hydro Fit 9:15am-10:15am MRC Pool	
10:00am				
10:30am	Chair Yoga 10:00am-11:00am Studio		Chair Yoga 10:00am-11:00am Studio	
11:00am				
12:00pm				
12:30pm	Body Barre 12:10pm-12:50pm Studio	Pilates 12:10pm-12:50pm Studio	Body Barre 12:10pm-12:50pm Studio	Pilates 12:10pm-12:50pm Studio
5:30pm				
6:00pm	Body Blast 5:30pm-6:15pm Admin West Lawn		Crank It 5:30pm-6:15pm Admin West Gym	Shape & Sculpt 5:30pm-6:15pm Admin Gym

### Fitness Calendar Key

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- Admin West Gym
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### Rangely museum fundraiser Sept. 4

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### Wagon Wheel OHV Club meets Sept. 6

**MEEKER** | Wagon Wheel OHV Club will meet next Wednesday, Sept. 6 at 7 p.m. at Kilowatt Korner at Sixth and Market in Meeker. All riders are invited to attend.

### Meeker Classic coming Sept. 6-10

**MEEKER** | The 31st annual Meeker Classic Sheepdog Championship Trials begin Wednesday, Sept. 6. Get your tickets now at the Meeker Chamber of Commerce or at Wendll's, or visit bit.ly/2wqJPB7 to buy online. For a complete schedule of events, including new attractions this year, see [www.meekersheepdog.com](http://www.meekersheepdog.com).

### Craig mayor to give presentation Sept. 7

**RANGELY** | Craig Mayor John Ponikvar will give an informative talk on Thursday, Sept. 7 at 6:30 p.m. at the Rangely Jr./Sr./High School auditorium about the book "13 Ways to Kill Your Community" by Doug Griffiths and Kelly Clemmer. Books will be available for purchase.

### Costa Rica informational meeting Sept. 7

**MEEKER** | Students interested in a research and conservation trip to Costa Rica next summer, please attend a meeting with Dr. Dorsett at 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 7, in the Meeker Public Library. Bring parents. The program is open to all high school students, with preference to those who have taken biology.

### Tri-State, Colowyo vendor info Sept. 13

**RBC** | Have you ever wondered about how to become a qualified vendor with Tri-State Generation and Transmission and Colowyo Coal Company? Intimidated by what you imagine are the insurance and safety requirements? Come learn all about what it takes to do business with Tri-State as a qualified vendor at an informative breakfast meeting 7:30-9 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 13 at Hampton Inn and Suites in Craig. Space is limited, so please register ASAP at [www.craig-chamber.com](http://www.craig-chamber.com).

### Meeker students at Fort Lewis College

**MEEKER** | The fall 2017 semester welcomed new transfer and freshmen students from all over the country and globe to Durango, Colo. Nishiko Thelen of Meeker is majoring in business administration. Caroline Copeland of Meeker is majoring in gender and women's studies. Fort Lewis College is the Southwest's crossroads of education and adventure. Our blend of small classes, dynamic academic programs, and a liberal arts perspective leads to transformative learning experiences that foster entrepreneurship, leadership, creative problem solving, and life-long learning. And our unique and beautiful mountain campus, on a mesa above historic Durango, Colo., inspires an active and friendly community with a spirit of engagement, exploration and intellectual curiosity.



## LEADING THE CHARGE ...

Meeker High School alumnae and current Colorado State University student Aly Ridings made history by leading Cam the Ram into Colorado State Stadium for the first time. Ridings is a senior at CSU, she has been a "Ram handler" for two years and will graduate next May with a degree in biology. "This was such an amazing experience to be able to lead Cam in the first game in the new campus stadium and honestly, it was one of the most incredible things I have ever been a part of," Ridings wrote via text.

MICHAEL QUINN/COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY PHOTO

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grams CPW carries on with the LK Ranch including establishment of conservation easements, Rancing for Wildlife which includes public hunters, and participation with the Habitat Partnership Program. The Yampa Valley Land Trust headquartered in Steamboat Springs holds and monitors the easements.

Range monitoring techniques, brush control, prescribed burning, aspen thinning, and the use of wildlife friendly fencing were displayed and discussed. Rob Raley, a Meeker native and retired area land, wildlife and hunt manager on the tour, complimented the Gradys and Klinglesmiths for their willingness to open their operations and share their experiences with the public.



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32 oz. BABY CUT CARROTS	2 for \$4
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8 oz. Whole or Sliced MUSHROOMS	2 for \$3
14 oz. Dole Classic COLESLAW	2 for \$3
0.75 oz. Jovy FRUIT ROLLS	2 for \$1
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12 oz. Sweet Petite CARROTS	2 for \$3
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10-12 ct. Ortega TACO SHELLS	4 for \$5
4 oz. Ortega DICED CHILES	4 for \$5
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64 oz. GATORADE	2 for \$4
24 oz. Nalley CHILI	4 for \$5
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EDITOR'S COLUMN...

Time flies when you're having fun

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Time also flies when you're climbing a learning curve that has a steep incline. Tomorrow (Sept. 1) marks our one-year anniversary as owners of the *Rio Blanco Herald Times* and associated publications.

It really has been fun, almost all of the time!

Co-owners Caitlin Walker and my husband Pat have been hugely helpful. Caitlin took on my former role as production person and ad designer. She's the amazing talent behind our advertising and our redesigned magazines. She taught herself how to do it and works at home with four tiny children, two of whom she is homeschooling this year. I couldn't be more in awe.

And my husband, who got thrown into the high-intensity, deadline-driven melee of newspaper production without any kind of preparation—his newspaper experience was limited to distribution, and that was 27 years ago. Now he's in distribution and advertising and marketing and sometimes reporting and photography and accounting and all the other things I keep tossing his way, plus whatever he comes up with himself, and he's doing a wonderful job. It's hard to start over in a new industry, but he has done it with a smile and a can-do attitude, and I'm grateful.

I also want to thank our staff, contractors and contributors for everything you do. You're all essential to getting the paper out every

week. Last, but certainly not least, thank you to all our advertisers. We hope to continue to work together to benefit your businesses and build

up our local economies. We've added digital options to our advertising options, and have worked hard this year to build up our website and social media numbers. We also made our online edition free. We hope that's an asset for our readers and advertisers. Our website traffic has more than doubled (hence the reason we've been having website trouble for the last few weeks) and we're marching toward 3,000 Facebook fans for the *Herald Times*.

Let's continue working together to showcase our wonderful communities in print and online for generations to come.

Meeker Fire Chief Terry Skidmore knows what it's like to live in hurricane and tornado country. He's organizing a donation drive to help the victims of Hurricane Harvey. Drop sites will be set up around town for specific items Skidmore says are often overlooked in disaster recovery situations.

Call the fire station for details on what to donate, or check out our Facebook page for more information.

GUEST COLUMN: EDUCATION

High school activities bring communities together

By BOB GARDNER AND RHONDA BLANFORD-GREEN  
Special to the Herald Times

**RBC I** Tailgates. Pep rallies. Friday night lights. The new school year is here! And that's exciting news for student-athletes and high school sports fans alike.

Research shows that being a student-athlete is about a lot more than fun and games. It teaches important life lessons, too. In fact, high school athletes not only have higher grade point averages and fewer school absences than non-athletes, they also develop the kind of work habits and self-discipline skills that help them become more responsible and pro-

ductive community members. Attending high school sporting events teaches important life lessons, too.

Among them, it teaches that we can live in different communities, come from different backgrounds, faiths and cultures, cheer for different teams, and still have a common bond.

That's why attending the activities hosted by your high school this fall is so important. It's not only an opportunity to cheer for your hometown team, it is also an opportunity to celebrate our commonality. And that's something our country needs right now.

The bond we share is mutually supporting the teenagers in our

respective communities. We applaud their persistence, tenacity, preparation and hard work, regardless of the color of the uniform they wear. We acknowledge that education-based, high school sports are enhancing their lives, and ours, in ways that few other activities could. And we agree that, regardless of what side of the field we sit on, attending a high school sporting event is an uplifting, enriching, family-friendly experience for all of us.

Many of the high schools in our state lie at the heart of the communities they serve. They not only are educating our next generation of leaders, they also are a place where we congregate, where people from

every corner of town and all walks of life come together as one. And at no time is this unity more evident than during a high school athletic event.

This is the beginning of a new school year. Opportunities abound in the classroom and outside it. Let's make the most of them by attending as many athletic events at the high school in our community as possible.

Turn on the lights, and let the games begin!

*Bob Gardner is the executive director of the National Federation of State High School Associations and Rhonda Blanford-Green is the commissioner of the Colorado High School Activities Association.*

GUEST COLUMN: HEALTH & WELLNESS

A little dirt might be good for you

By JULIE DRAKE  
Special to the Herald Times

**RBC I** John Deere had a popular T-shirt about 15 years ago that said "Dirt—it does the body good." This statement is proving to be truer than any T-shirt wearing kid knew.

It is interesting to read some of the current research around human immunity and soil biodiversity. Much of it comes from Colorado State University. In an article titled "Soil Biodiversity and Human Health," researcher Diana Wall points out that improving soil biodiversity will



Julie Drake

improve human health. This concept is gaining momentum in public health circles as well.

Bio-diversity means having abundant and varied life within the soil. Some of the organisms are bad, some are good. Anthrax may be lying dormant in the soil, and is obviously bad, whereas other less virulent microorganisms in the soil may help lessen the prevalence of allergies in people. So the theory goes, exposure to dirt (and

the microorganisms within) as a kid causes an immune reaction that helps us develop a tolerance to pathogens. Researchers speak of beneficial predators and microbes in the "soil food web." Many of the antibiotics in use today are derived from soils. Penicillin came from *Penicillium*, a fungus found in soil, and Vancomycin came from a bacterium found in dirt. Researchers from Northeastern University have identified a new antibiotic from a soil sample in Maine that can kill several species including methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA).

A USDA soil scientist friend of mine just led me to the works of Dr. David Montgomery, a professor and

researcher from the University of Washington in Seattle. His work shows the correlation and connection between the human microbiome (all of the microorganisms in our body) and the microbial health in soils. If you have a few minutes check out Dr. Montgomery on YouTube. His recorded presentation called "Hidden Half of Nature" is superb. It is interesting to think about the possibilities as integration of research and knowledge of disease from humans, plants and animals become more prevalent and trusted. There may be a day where the soil scientist, farmer, rancher, environmental engineer, veterinarian, physician and public health official sit at the same table to tackle a problematic disease or health condition.

*Julie Drake is the director of public health for Rio Blanco County.*



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# Coal Creek School mysteries you could help solve

Special to the Herald Times

**MEEKER** Coal Creek School is celebrating its restoration on Sept. 23 but needs help with some mysteries about the Coal Creek School. We have little or no official documents, newspaper articles or dated pictures that give us information about:

1. When the stucco was actually put on the school and why it was added? Estimated to be in the 1920s.
2. When was the belfry and bell taken off the building and why? Estimated to be after 1948.
3. When and how did the bell get cracked?
4. What happened to the curved front window after the school closed in 1948? We believe the top half was still there when the school closed in 1948.
5. What was the history of the school and how was it used from 1948 until we started restoration in 2013? Official deeds shows the Meeker School District No. 1 of

Rio Blanco County owned it from 1948–1957. The Coal Creek Community Association owned it from 1957–1987 and Rio Blanco County Commissioners have owned it on behalf of the Rio Blanco County Historical Society from 1987 to the present day.

It is our goal to show how rural schools were important to each community not only as schools but as community centers, polling places or even residences after a school closed. Anyone with dated pictures, newspaper articles or official documents as well as personal knowledge of the above Coal Creek School events or any other Rio Blanco County rural school please contact a Rural School Project team member. We will also be at the Sheepdog Trials selling root beer floats on Sept. 8 and 9 and at the Coal Creek School Celebration on Sept. 23. Stop by to talk about Rio Blanco County rural schools or share your information with us. Marge Rogers, 878-4752; Ellen Reichert, 878-5678; Martha Cole, 878-5326; Janet Clark, 878-4628.



The Coal Creek School, pictured here prior to the renovation and restoration work which has been done, still has some mysteries to be solved. COURTESY PHOTO

# How will Colorado fund outdoor recreation in the future?

Special to the Herald Times

**RBC** Colorado Parks and Wildlife's ability to effectively manage the state's wildlife and 41 State Parks continues to be a significant challenge in light of the agency's budget shortfall. If the situation persists, CPW officials say future generations may have less opportunity to enjoy some of the state's most important natural resources.

To help find potential solutions, CPW invites the public to learn more and provide ideas and feedback during several meetings in key communities across the state. In Steamboat Springs, a public meet-

ing will take place at 6 p.m., Sept. 6 at the CPW office, 925 Weiss Dr.

"Operating with a strained budget is not just a problem for the agency, it's a problem for everyone in this state, whether you hunt, hike, fish, camp or boat, or depend on the revenue these activities generate for businesses and the state's economy," said Policy and Planning Supervisor Katie Lanter. "The public will need to be heavily involved and help decide how the management of some of Colorado's most important natural resources will be funded so they will be available for future generations."

Introduced last session, Colorado House Bill 17-1321 would

have granted the CPW Commission—a citizen board made up of 11 voting members appointed by the governor and tasked with setting CPW's regulations and policies—the authority to raise resident hunting and fishing license fees and park fees to meet projected funding shortfalls. After passing in the Colorado House of Representatives with bipartisan support, the legislative effort fell short when the Senate Finance Committee voted against the bill by a 3 to 2 vote last May.

"Funding is only one natural resource management challenge

looming on the horizon," said Lanter. "Over the next 25 years, Colorado's population is expected to increase by 2.5 million people, putting more pressure on recreation areas and wildlife."

Lanter adds shifting demographics are an additional challenge. By 2040, the number of Coloradans over age 65 will be three times as many as today. In addition, Colorado's population is also becoming more racially and ethnically diverse.

"The public will have to decide what's important to them in terms of

wildlife and parks management—more cuts and less opportunity, or find a way to increase operating revenue so that we can manage at the level expected by Coloradans," said Northwest Regional Manager JT Romatzke. "I can say that this agency has had to undergo severe belt-tightening and there is little room for more without severely crimping it's mission. We are at a crossroads and we need to find an effective solution quickly, or risk losing a critical part of Colorado's heritage."

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### Moosehead Lodge thanks helpers

Dear Editor:  
On behalf of the Moosehead Lodge, we would like to thank Rangely High School football coaches Paul Fortunato, Cody Denny, Camron Enterline, the RHS football team, Tim Weber, Nathan Montegro, Jerry Blankenship, JC Chumacero, and Rachael Armstrong for all their

hard work in laying sod at the lodge. You are all a great asset to our community. Once again, thank you.

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## The Believer's Relationship to God's Word (2)

By Dr. J. D. Watson  
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... his delight is in the law of the Lord ... [he] bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither ... (Ps. 1:2-3)



**Dr. J.D. Watson**

IT is because the first two facets of our relationship to God's Word are true that there is a *third*: the believer's *labor* in the fruit he produces. While there might be bland, perhaps even blighted, trees in God's orchard, there are no completely barren ones. Just as fruit is proof positive of life in the tree, so is spiritual fruit in the life of the believer. In both cases, fruit is automatic. Both bear fruit because it is their nature to do so. Yes, there will be times when a tree will need pruning, perhaps even need treatment for disease, but it is still living and will bear its fruit in [its] season, that is, "at the proper time." "But what time is that?" we might ask. The time that God sovereignty wills. It is not our effort that produces fruit, but rather God's energy.

So what constitutes fruit in the Christian life? "The NT declares there are no less than five types of fruit: First, there is *witnessing for Christ* (Jn. 4:36; Rom. 1:13; 1 Cor. 16:15; Mark 1:17). While some teach that only *winning* people is fruit, just the *witnessing* itself is fruit. Second, there is *worship of God* (Heb. 13:15; Hosea 14:2, where 'calves' is *par*, used figuratively for "fruit"). Third, there is *wholesome conduct* (Rom. 6:22; Col. 1:10; Phil. 1:10, 11). Fourth, there is *winsome character* (Gal. 5:22, 23), which is proof positive of true conversion. Fifth, there is *wealth-sharing with other Christians* (Rom. 15:28, 29; Phil. 4:16, 17)."

Fourth, we observe the believer's *longevity* because **his leaf also shall not wither**. The Hebrew behind *wither* (*nābēl*, 5034H) is used often in the literal sense of the fading, drying up, and falling away of grass (Ps. 37:2), leaves (Is. 1:30), and flowers (28:1). It is also used figuratively in such verses as Exodus 18:18, where Jethro counsels Moses that he will surely just "wear away" if he tries to govern and judge the people by himself. But God's promise here is that this will never happen to the well-planted, well-watered believer.

When I originally wrote these words, in fact, I needed only look out my office window for an illustration. Thousands of evergreens dotted the mountains around our home here in Meeker. It was then early October, so it wouldn't be long until snow and cold descend at 6,400 feet above sea level. But those trees would remain "ever green." That is what God has promised us. No matter what foul weather comes, no matter what distress, disturbance, or difficulty arises, the believer is "ever green."

Further, David specifically mentions the *leaf*. While the trunk and branches of the tree are the *profession* of life, it's the leaves that are the *proof*. The former speaks the *words*, but the latter is the *witness*. Oh, what assurance of our security in Christ this gives us (Rom. 8:35–39)!

**Scriptures for Study:** Read John 15:1–6. What does this passage tell us about bearing fruit?

You are invited to worship with us at Grace Bible Church (on the corner of 3rd and Garfield) at 10:30 A.M. each Lord's Day, where the ministry is: "continu[ing] steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers" (Acts 2:42). Please visit our website ([www.TheScriptureAlone.com](http://www.TheScriptureAlone.com)), where you will find many resources for Christian growth, including messages in MP3 media files.

# Quilts in the Country show supports women's education

Special to the Herald Times

**MEEKER** I It begins with an idea. Colors maybe, or textures initiating a plan that can only be materialized through fabrics and thread. A story that eventually comes to life, piece by piece, pattern by pattern; woven with the history of an art that is nearly 250 years old in America. It is this sense of history that comes alive each year at the Meeker Philanthropic Educational Organization (P.E.O.) chapter's annual "Quilts in the Country" quilt show. The show is held annually during the Meeker Classic Sheepdog Championship Trials and showcases a wide range of quilts, old and new, lovingly created by women all across Northwest Colorado. Now in its sixth year, the show is proud to feature a visual treasure trove of colors, texture and design styles with the opportunity for attendees to touch and learn about the creations.

There are the threads of history woven through the show as well. Walking in the midst of such large, colorful quilts pieced together tediously by hand, one cannot help but think of the vast tradition ingrained in the art form of quilting. One such piece steeped in rural Colorado history is Meeker's "Pioneer" quilt which is one of the exceptions, and is displayed each year. The quilt features hand-embroidered blocks from many of

Meeker's pioneering ladies. The quilt's owner, Lucy Jane Howey, can remember as a child when her grandmother Mary Allsebrook Smith would host teas at her house, inviting many of the town's pioneer ladies. At one such tea, her grandmother handed out white blocks of fabric, requesting that the ladies embroider their name as well as the date they came to Meeker on the block. Later, Lucy remembers her grandmother and mother, Wilma Smith, working diligently to assemble the blocks, hand quilting them together into a beautiful piece of history. The quilt was finished in 1936, when Lucy was just 10 years old, and it continues to live on as a piece of history, with 84 ladies "piecing" it together over 80 years ago. "Quilts in the Country" is excited that it will have the opportunity to display this historic piece again at this year's upcoming show.

P.E.O. Chapter BA comes together each year to create a beautiful "Opportunity" quilt which is featured at the show as well. Tickets for a chance to win the one-of-a-kind Opportunity quilt can be purchased during the show. Winner will be chosen at the conclusion of the show on Saturday afternoon and need not be present to win.

The show also features a country bake sale featuring handmade baked goods, jams, jellies, breads, cakes and pies. Handmade quilted items are also

available for purchase as well as fresh-from-the-garden, locally grown flower bouquets. P.E.O. Chapter BA thanks you in advance for your support of our "Quilts in the Country" show. The fundraiser enables us to continue to assist women in their educational endeavors in our community, our state and our world. It has also allowed us to create a scholarship in Meeker, which is open to high school senior women looking to pursue their secondary education at a vocational or trade school. We believe that assisting women in all stages of their educational journeys is important, and we thank you for supporting us in our mission.

Thank you so much for your consideration of our upcoming event. I have included some photos of quilted items that were displayed in our show last year. If you have a special quilt, we encourage you to enter it to be displayed. Please contact Stephanie Oldland at 970-878-4711 or by email at [stephold@wreawildblue.org](mailto:stephold@wreawildblue.org) for more information on entering quilted items. Please do not hesitate to contact her directly with any questions, or if she can provide any further information.

This year's show will be held Sept. 8 from 12-5:30 p.m. and Sept. 9 from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Fairfield Center in Meeker. Admission is \$3 per person.



Some of the many quilts that were on display last year during the annual "Quilts in the Country" show hosted by the Meeker P.E.O. Chapter. This year's show will be held Sept. 8 from noon to 5:30 p.m. and Sept. 9 from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Fairfield Center in Meeker.

COURTESY PHOTO

# Commissioners oppose proposed statewide regs on air quality

By NIKI TURNER  
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**RBC** I County commissioners have drafted a letter to the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment in regard to proposed rules for air quality that would apply the same rules for combatting ozone levels to the Western Slope and the Front Range.

Proposed revisions to Regulation No. 7 would "address the requirements of the federal Clean Air act for areas classified as moderate non-attainment," and would grant the Air Quality Control Commission the power to impose "similar requirements on facilities on

a state-wide basis," according to documents on the commission's website.

RBC Commissioners responded to the proposed revisions as presented in a *Daily Sentinel* article Aug. 18, in which Air Quality Control Commission Administrator Michael Silverstein was quoted as saying, "All of Colorado contributes to each other's air quality problems" and goes on to state "that's especially the case when it comes to ozone, a regional pollutant derived from a number of different compounds."

The revisions present a potential hindrance to rejuvenating oil and gas development in Western Colorado, as it would place greater restrictions on industry to control

leaks from natural gas wells, compressors and pipelines that contribute VOCs (volatile organic compounds) into the atmosphere. An air quality report from the American Lung Association for 2016 indicated that Rangely had a few days of higher than normal ozone levels. Practices related to oil and gas drilling are considered one cause for high ozone levels, but are not considered the primary culprit.

Automobile traffic is the number one contributor to high ozone levels. Another contributor, and likely one that is responsible for the winter occurrence of high ozone in Rangely, is that sunlight reflecting off snow creates ozone. Years in which there is heavy snow coverage in the area record more instances of

higher ozone. In addition, VOCs released in the Uinta Basin are thought likely to cross state lines into Rio Blanco County as a result of typical west to east weather patterns.

High ozone levels have been connected to respiratory problems such as asthma and lung cancer.

The commissioners' letter in response to the article expressed their disappointment over "numerous inaccurate and inappropriate statements" from Silverstein, adding, "These statements seriously call into question whether he remains fit to guide the Commission through an objective, open-minded rulemaking process as required by law."

The revisions to the regulation are scheduled to be heard on Oct. 19-20. Interested parties are encouraged to share their comments either in person at the hearing or in writing prior to the hearing. Written comments should be submitted by Oct. 2. Electronic submissions should be emailed to: [cdphe.aqcc-comments@state.co.us](mailto:cdphe.aqcc-comments@state.co.us) and include name, address, phone number, email address and the name of the group that you may be representing (if applicable). Written submissions should be mailed to: Colorado Air Quality Control Commission Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment 4300 Cherry Creek Dr. South, EDO-AQCC-A5 Denver, Colo., 80246.

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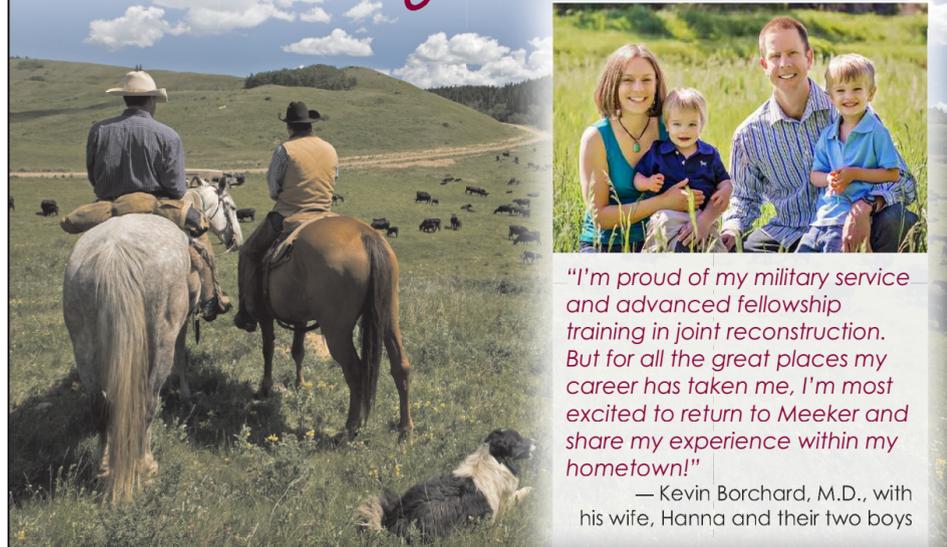
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# 60th high school reunion for Meeker's Class of 1957

Special to the Herald Times

**MEEKER I** The Meeker High School Class of 1957 celebrated their 60-year class reunion on Aug. 12 at the beautiful natural setting of Bill and Carole Miller's home on Lime Kiln. This class was the second to graduate from the "new high school," and they are "amazed it is still standing!"

"We shared special memories and lots of laughter.

There was not one person who acknowledged our age; unless we looked at each other as we stood from our chairs. We pretended to be 17 years old for a day!" wrote Shirley Harp via email. The following people attended: Richard Burdick (Betty), Ben Franklin (Iris), Ron Hilkey, Ben Hopson (Ellen), Wayne Johnson (Vicky), Carole Klingsmith Miller (Bill), Shirley Mitchel Harp, Geri Nay Camera, Eva Pilkington Seely (Dan), Wilfred Rael (Katherine), Ann Sheridan Turner, Delbert Smith (June) and Mike Whalin (Mary).



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The Meeker High School Class of 1957 attending their 60th reunion, from left to right, Mike and Mary Whalin, Ben and Ellen Hopson, Delbert and June Smith, Bill and Carole Miller, Dan and Eva Seely, Katherine and Wilfred Rael, Shirley Harp, Richard and Betty Burdick, Geri Camera, Ben and Iris Franklin, and Wayne Johnson. (missing Ann Turner, Ron Hilkey and Vicky Johnson.)

## Meeker schools earn accreditation with distinction for second year in a row

By REED KELLEY  
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**MEEKER I** The Meeker School District (MSD) began this school year with a July 1 unaudited fund balance of \$4.285 million compared to \$4.7 million last year. This figure reveals an intentional partial spend-down of the MSD reserve, but not as much as expected as the Board of Education (board) oversaw less spending and some slightly higher than expected revenues. MSD Superintendent Chris Selle points out that this is a good problem to have. The 2017-2018 school district approved budget totals \$7,165,414.

At the current rate of deficit spending (whittling down the reserve), Selle told the board that it looks like the district will be able to operate without new revenue sources until at least the 2021-2022 school year. This projection does not include the possibility of any major capital improvement or construction. To that end, the next advisory and public master facilities planning meetings will be Sept. 6 (advisory group at 4 p.m. and the public at 6 p.m.) with reporting from the district's consultant, Bennett Wagner Grody Architects. These meetings are scheduled to be held in the high school cafeteria.

The projected student headcount

for this year was 738 compared to a beginning 743 headcount last year and a 705 headcount the year before. At the Aug. 15 board meeting, high school Principal Amy Chinn declared her building "clean and ready to go." She invited parents and the public to visit anytime.

Last May the board approved a list of 20 teacher substitutes and 27 classified substitutes for the 2017-2018 school year. Over the summer, the board has approved a few new teachers, staff and coaching personnel including Greg Cravens as both the high school volleyball coach and paraprofessional interventionist at Barone Middle School and Rebekah Cravens as both a Meeker Elementary School (MES) paraprofessional and BMS volleyball co-coach. Michelle Selle is the other BMS volleyball co-coach.

Other coaching staff approved are Matt Dupire, volunteer MHS football; Caleb Newkirk, volunteer cross-country; Jason Browning, BMS head football; Clinton Kilduff, BMS assistant football; Nick Smith, volunteer BMS assistant football, Kyle Ackes, assistant MHS volleyball; and Samantha Wilson, assistant MHS softball. According to BMS principal Jim Hanks, the middle school still has an opening for a basketball coach.

Teachers approved include

Briana Williams, sixth grade, and Maria Beckington, MHS Spanish. Additional certified and classified substitutes approved include Andrea Gianinetti, Angela Follman, Deborah Rams and Patrick Walsh. Abbie Powell has also been approved as a custodial substitute. Kim Gould and Annie Ellis have been approved as additions to the food services team.

Over the summer, the board accepted resignations from J'Leah Richardson, food services, and Keely Winger, assistant BMS volleyball coach. Janet Kendall never accepted her approval for food services.

On policy matters, the board gave third and final approval Aug. 15 to policies covering school wellness, food services including free and reduced-price meals, the use of school vehicles by community groups and the cooperative educational programs (BOCES).

Policies considered on first reading Aug. 15, projected to be finalized at the board's regular Oct. 17 meeting, included safe schools, accident reports, school closings and cancellations, security and access to buildings, video and audio monitoring, placement of audio-visual monitoring, use of video cameras on transportation vehicles, staff conduct and responsibilities, school year calendar and instruction time, open enrollment, violent and aggressive behav-

ior, secret societies and gang activity, drug and alcohol involvement by students, student discipline, suspension and expulsion procedures, use of cell phone and other personal technology, use of physical restraint and intervention, and student fees, fines and charges.

Selle is recommending current board policies regarding buildings and ground management, bus scheduling and routing, school personnel liability and protection, and staff training for crisis prevention and management be dropped as they address administrative management functions.

Selle announced that MSD student learning growth data from the partnership for assessment of readiness for college and careers (PARCC) state tests in English language, literacy and mathematics given this last spring were excellent with Meeker being at or above the 50th percentile on 10 of 11 tests. On the 11th test, district students were only one percentile below the 50th percentile. Regarding PARCC general academic achievement, Selle

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## Meeker School District Informational Community Meeting

Who: All community members invited

Where: Meeker High School

When: Wednesday, September 6 at 6 p.m.

What: Discussion of options to address the facility needs for the Meeker School District Bus Garage and Meeker High School.

## Please Attend to Learn More!

# SEPTEMBER FEST

*rangely, colorado*

## Fireworks, competitive barbecue added to 2017 Septemberfest

### Festivities get underway early Saturday

By JEN HILL

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**RANGELY** I As Rangely gears up for another Labor Day weekend Septemberfest celebration, the Western Rio Blanco Recreation District is prepared to up the ante this year with several new offerings including fireworks and a barbecue cook-off.

The Open Barbecue Contest will take place at Elks Park and begins Saturday at 8 a.m. with judging occurring at 3 p.m. Contestants will vie for the barbecue championship by cook-

ing whatever meat they best prepare barbecue style. According to the Recreation District this event was requested by participants in the annual Fourth of July Rib Cook-Off who were looking to branch out.

Saturday evening will feature the first annual Rangely OldTimers and Alumni Gathering. From 4-7 p.m. the Rangely Outdoor Museum will host a picnic style dinner and presentation with Ken Bailey, former Rangely resident, "Energy Girl" cartoonist and self described "Oil Geek," who will discuss The Birth of the Boom. The event costs \$38 which includes dinner

and a year-long membership to Rangely OldTimers.

This year's annual Labor Day concert in the park will feature the country and rock music stylings of Jacob Christopher. The concert begins at 7 p.m. at the softball field in Elks Park. Concert goers should bring their blankets and chairs to get comfortable while they kick back and enjoy the upbeat party mix of country, rock and pop music.

Following the concert, the Recreation District will be shooting off fireworks, truly ending Septemberfest 2017 with a bang.

## Rangely OldTimers prepare for first annual gathering

By JEN HILL

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**RANGELY** I The newly formed Rangely OldTimers are gearing up for their first meeting this Labor Day Weekend with the hope of bringing together those with Rangely ties to share their histories, stories and love for the area.

The OldTimers are headed up by lifelong Rangely resident and passionate history lover Gaila Bell. Bell envisions the OldTimers as a way to connect old friends and honor the history of the area. "Rangely is unique. We have coexisted with fossil fuels, ranchers, Indians and so many different cultures. We have stories to tell," she said.

With stated groups goals that include, "Encourage former residents to visit during OldTimers Reunions, and other events, to share memories and stories, create collaborative community activities and unite old and new traditions to create prosperous community activities that testify to the synergy between the extraction industry and the preservation of natural resources" the OldTimers have developed their first event, taking place this Saturday.

The first annual Rangely OldTimers and alumni gathering will include a picnic style dinner and presentations. From 4-6:30 p.m. on Saturday lovers of Rangely history and culture will gather with their camp chairs and blankets to take part in the story telling. The event costs \$38 which includes dinner and a year-long membership to

Rangely OldTimers as well as tickets to the fireman's breakfast and barbecue in the park on Monday. During the evenings festivities the OldTimers will be honoring three major benefactors who have helped to establish, maintain and expand the museum over the years—Don Peach, former Rangely Mayor, Rio Blanco County Commissioners and Chevron. According to Bell, all three have made significant contributions to the museum.

At 6:30 p.m. Ken Bailey will give a free fireside presentation open to all. Bailey, who is a former Rangely resident, creator of the Energy Girl comic and self described "Oil Geek," will discuss The Birth of the Boom, focusing on oil camps and early life in the field. "Not many people know what it was like to live in Rangely and be a camp kid. It's so unique," said Bell. Bailey has also donated his artwork for use by the OldTimers.

Bell is hopeful that the event will highlight Rangely's ability to work together by bringing together oil and gas, mining, agriculture and archeology. She also wants to honor all those who have spent years quietly working to preserve Rangely's roots.

The event also has the potential to help the town's attempts to increase local tourism by bringing back former residents and supporting the Rangely Outdoor Museum. The museum currently draws more than 1,000 visitors a year, with that number expected to grow with recently introduced programs such as the fireside presentations and the potential development of a reposi-

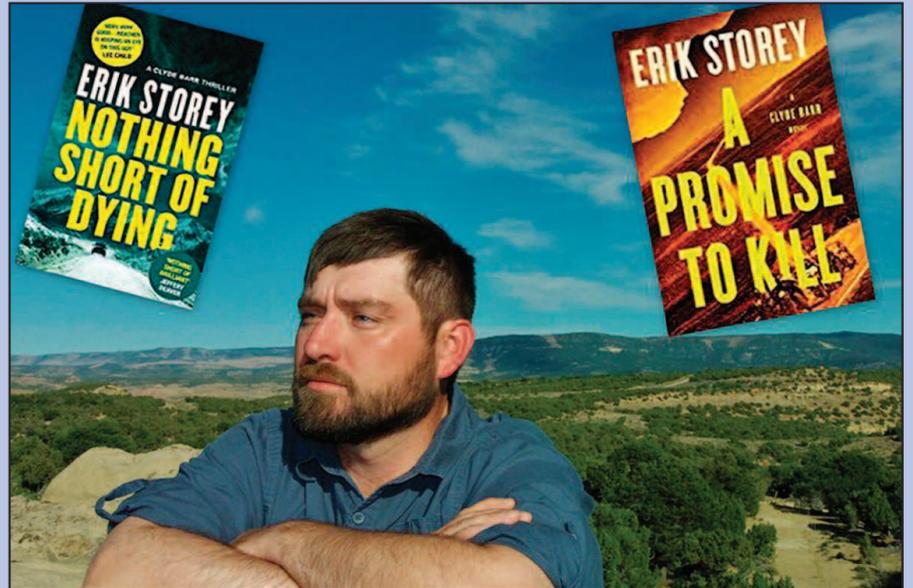
tory on museum grounds.

The OldTimers are currently considered a short time committee, however, Bell is hopeful that following the Labor Day weekend festivities the museum will adopt the OldTimers as a permanent subgroup of the museum with an annual gathering. OldTimer membership runs \$15 for an individual, \$25 for a couple or family, \$35 for a business and \$50 for a benefactor.

Sponsorships of the OldTimers are available at various levels. The \$75 "Tent" level sponsorship includes a mention in all public sponsorship discussions and one ticket to Saturday's event. At the \$150 "Trolley Car" level sponsors will receive their logo placed on a poster at OldTimers events and two tickets to the first gathering. A \$250 "Camp House" sponsorship includes four tickets to Saturday's gathering, business logo on tickets and promotional items and a special gift. The highest level of sponsorship, the \$500 "Rec Hall" status includes all the benefits of the "Camp House" plus recognition on the front page of the OldTimer's website for a year. Bell is pleased with the response they've had from local businesses and supporters. "We've had overwhelming sponsorship support," she said. Those interested in becoming sponsors should contact Bell.

The OldTimers event has been heavily supported by 13 year-Rangely resident Elizabeth Wiley. Wiley's business, Elizabeth Robinson Studio, has donated hours of effort to coordinate and market Saturday's event. Wiley felt the

### RANGELY AUTHOR BOOK SIGNING...



COURTESY PHOTO

**Local author, Erik Storey, will be signing and selling copies of his books at Septemberfest in Rangely. He will have a booth set up in the Elks Park Craft Fair on Monday, Sept 4 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. He will have copies of his new book, "A Promise to Kill," and paperbacks of his debut novel, "Nothing Short of Dying," available for purchase. Come by and get your copies signed and have a visit. Sponsored by Out West Book Store, Grand Junction, Colo.**

desire to get involved and support her community saying, "This is the first place that's ever really been home. I think the idea of being an 'oldtimer' myself someday is what inspired me to give this event all I've got and hopefully set it up to have a long life. I hope the community will come out and support the event, it should be a lot of fun."

The stated mission of the OldTimers is, "We provide an opportunity for all previous and current residents of Rangely to engage in the preservation of our history and foster economic development in the area. Through communication, education, and events, we lovingly share our past, present and future to all who live and visit here."

The OldTimers view themselves "As dedicated caretakers of our area's culture and landscape, we will coordinate a strong, united effort to preserve and protect Rangely's unique history, from ancient to modern times."

Honoring the energy sector's role in Rangely history is also important to the OldTimers. Part of their vision states, "By illustrating—through education, marketing, and print collateral—the numerous ways fossil fuel workers and their way of life coexist in protecting our natural resources, we will research, record and preserve the history of the oil, natural gas, and coal mining

industries, and their influence on Rangely and Northwestern Colorado.

In addition to historical education, outreach and preservation the OldTimers also hope to leverage the group and Rangely's unique historical and geographical location to obtain funding for increased museum projects. One of their six strategic goals states, "Utilize the

cost of preservation of oral histories and photo archives, as an in kind source of matching funds to obtain grants which further our mission."

More information on the Rangely OldTimers can be found at rangelyoldtimers.com. More information about the Rangely Outdoor Museum and Fireside presentations can be found at ramuseum.wixsite.com.

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**SEPTEMBER 2-4, 2017**



## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### Saturday, Sept. 2

- OPEN BBQ COOKOFF**— 8am-3pm at Elks Park
- FAST, FLAT AND FREE 5K** — 8am to finish at Elks Park
- DOTSON MEMORIAL SCRAMBLE** — 9am to finish - Cedar Ridges Golf Course
- BIKE RALLY** — 9am-12pm at the Rangely Car Museum Parking Lot (Presented by the Rangely Police Department & WRBM Recreation & Park District.)
- OPEN SATURDAYS AT THE TANK** — 9am-1pm at The Tank
- OPEN MIC AT THE TANK** — 8pm-10pm at The Tank
- BENCH PRESS CONTEST** — 11am to finish at Elks Park (Men & Women Divisions 15 & up)
- DAY IN THE PARK** — 12pm-4pm at Elks Park (Free inflatables for all ages, bring a picnic basket for lunch.) (Sponsored by WRBMRPD.)
- FIRST ANNUAL OLD TIMERS & ALUMNI GATHERING** — 4pm-7pm at Rangely Outdoor Museum (Dinner included.)
- 8TH ANNUAL ROCK 'N BULL** — 7pm to finish at Columbine Fairgrounds (\$20 VIP, \$10 Adults, \$5 Kids, Under 3 FREE)

### Sunday, Sept. 3

- ICE CREAM SOCIAL** — 1pm to finish at Rangely Museum
- CHILI COOK-OFF CONTEST** — 3pm at Elks Park Main Pavilion
- MUDDY DIP 'N DASH** (Obstacle Course) — 5:30pm to finish at old Parkview site
- MUD TUG O' WAR** (Teams of 5) — 7:30pm to finish at old Parkview site
- OPEN HOUSE AT THE TANK** — 5pm-8pm at The Tank
- DINNER & A MOVIE** — 6pm at Elks Park Main Pavilion (Presented by New Creation and Rangely Christian Church.) (The drawing for half a hog will also take place; be sure to get tickets in advance.)

### Monday, Sept. 4

- FIREMAN'S PANCAKE BREAKFAST** — 6:30am-8:30am at Rangely Fire Station
- STAR SPANGLED PARADE** — 9-10am on Main Street
- CRAFT FAIR IN THE PARK** — 10am-5pm at Elks Park
- CAR SHOW IN THE PARK** — 10am-5pm at Elks Park
- BARBECUE IN THE PARK** — 1-3pm at Elks Park (\$2/PERSON MINIMUM DONATION)
- DUCK RACE** (Sponsored by SZTUCO) — 5-6pm at Green River Bridge
- JACOB CHRISTOPHER CONCERT IN THE PARK (FREE)** — 7pm to finish at Elks Park Softball Field
- FIREWORKS** — Dusk at Elks Park Softball Field

According to some, Rangely is one of those places where you have to create your own fun, which is what folks had in mind when they came up with **Septemberfest**.

The Elks Park BBQ Cook-Off will take place Saturday, Sept. 2, 2017. Cooking will begin at 8 a.m. with judging at 3 p.m. Cash prizes for top three.

The **8th Annual Rock 'N Bull** will be held on Saturday, Sept. 2, 2017 at the Fairgrounds beginning at 7:00 p.m. Cost is: \$20 VIP \$10 for Adults \$5 for Kids. 3 years and younger are Free.

Rangely Museum will hold the **Annual Ice Cream Social** on Sunday, Sept. 3, 2017 starting at 1 p.m.

The Annual **Chili Cook Off** will be held on Sunday, Sept. 3, 2017 at Elks Park at 3 p.m. Judging will follow

Don't miss our annual **Craft Fair in the Park** on Monday, September 4, 2017.

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# Cowboys win opener in Starbuck Stadium 40-0

## Host Coal Ridge Titans Friday

By **BOBBY GUTIERREZ**  
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**MEEKER I** The last game the Meeker High School football team played in Starbuck Stadium was the 1A Colorado State Football Championship game, the only loss of the season last year for the Cowboys. They started their new season with a new team and a new group of seniors who led the Cowboys back to their winning ways in front of the always-supportive Cowboy fans.

The Cowboys started the season as the second ranked 1A team in the state to defending state champion Strasburg and they won back their home turf with an explosive 40-0 win over the Highland Huskies, also a 1A playoff team last year, last Friday in Starbuck Stadium. Meeker will again defend their home field against the bigger 2A Coal Ridge Titans this Friday in Starbuck Stadium starting at 7 p.m.

"In the first game, we don't know what to expect," Meeker head coach Shane Phelan said. "We were fortunate to come out and put some drives together on offense and we stymied them on defense, until we got it rolling our way in the second quarter."

Meeker kicked off to start the game and forced the Huskies to punt their first possession. The Cowboys drove to the four-yard line, where Logan Hughes fumbled the ball back to the Huskies, the only turnover the Cowboys would give.

Hughes, who led the 1A state in passing last year with more than 2,500 yards, quickly redeemed himself by scoring the season's first touchdown, running in from six yards out and also running in the extra points to give his



BOBBY GUTIERREZ PHOTO

**The Meeker High School football team graduated several starters from last year's state runner-up team but they returned quarterback Logan Hughes, who led the state with more than 2,500 yards passing and classmate Doak Mantle, who rushed for more than 1,000 yards last year, both were all-conference and all-state selections. Meeker will host the 2A Coal Ridge Titans Friday, starting at 7 p.m.**

team an 8-0 lead at the end of the first quarter.

Hughes then recovered a Husky fumble at the 50-yard line, then threw a bomb to his wide-open classmate Stephen Walsh, who was tackled at the four-yard line. Hughes then connected with senior Trapper Merrifield for the touchdown.

Meeker's defense forced the Huskies to punt again and a bad snap over the punter's head resulted in a two-point safety for the Cowboys and an 18-0 lead with 7:50 left to play in the first half.

Senior running back Doak Mantle, who rushed for more than 1,000 yards last year, scored Meeker's next

touchdown and Hughes connected with Kale Burke for the extra points, giving their team a 26-0 lead.

The Cowboys forced the Huskies to punt again with 3:17 to play in the first half. Hughes again connected with Merrifield in the end zone with 47 seconds to play in the second quarter, when sophomore Jake Shelton ran in the two-point conversion and the Cowboys took a 34-0 lead into halftime.

The Huskies kicked off to start the second half and Meeker started the running clock by leading 40-0 after a drive put Hughes into the end zone again.

"We did a good job up front and we were pretty balanced running and passing," Coach Phelan said. "We had multiple players touch the ball."

Hughes finished the game completing eight of 11 passes for 161 yards and two touchdowns, he also ran for 74 yards and two touchdowns. Merrifield caught four passes, two for touchdowns and 78 yards, while Walsh caught two, Burke one, as did senior Jacob Pelloni and junior Andy Kracht.

Mantle rushed for 51 yards on 13 carries, including one for a touchdown, and Jorgen Stagg carried the ball six times for 41 yards. Junior Tannen Kennedy rushed for 22 yards, Shelton rushed for 14 and Burke ran for nine.

Tevin Pelloni led the Cowboys with eight tackles, junior James Amick finished with seven, Mantle had six and Kennedy finished with five.

Coach Phelan gave his assistants credit saying: "Andy (Coryell) called a good game for us, Darby (Finley) had them blocking up front and Brock (Campbell) had our receivers catching the ball. It's a work in progress but we're headed in the right direction."

## Rangely runners take first place at Basalt cross country meet

Special to the Herald Times

**RBC I** The Rangely cross country team headed to the Basalt Invitational on Saturday, Aug. 24, for their first meet of the season. The Panthers have two female high school runners, three male high school runners, three junior high female runners and one male junior high runner. Some of the runners were not able to run this weekend but will be good to go next weekend.

The meet started with the middle school combined race for a distance of 1.55 miles. Rangely was able to take first in both the girls' and boys' race. Mary Scoggins led the Panthers with a time of 11:17 taking first over-

all. Norrah Patch was able to take 14th overall in the race with a time of 14:30, followed by Macy Morgan with a time of 20:22. Colton Noel, the lone boy for the Rangely junior high runners, took first for the boys with a time of 12:48.

After the middle school meet Raelynn Norman found herself on the line for the varsity girls' race. She has been battling a head cold this week but was able to run 5K in 25:29.

"Raelynn is a good runner and should get better each week, it is hard to run when you can't breathe. I expect some great things from her this season" said cross country coach Beth Scoggins. Chloe Filfred will join her next weekend.

The last race of the day was the varsity boys' race. Patrick Scoggins took off with two other boys from Glenwood Springs and they were able to hang with him for the first mile but then Scoggins opened up his stride with some surges up some small hills and left the other two behind. He was able to take first with a time of 16:51. Nick Miers was the other Rangely male runner and he finished the race with a time of 26:16. Cameron Filfred will join the team next weekend.

The Panthers will be running next week on Friday in Delta at Devil's Thumb. This will be the first time ever at this course so it will be fun to see what it has in store for the runners.



MATT SCOGGINS PHOTO

**Rangely cross country runners Mary Scoggins, Patrick Scoggins and Colton Noel earned first place at the Basalt Invitational last Saturday, the team's first meet for the season.**

## Meeker volleyball team wins opening match

By **BOBBY GUTIERREZ**  
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**MEEKER I** The girls have been gathering at open gyms all summer and have been through two-a-day practices with their new head coach in preparation for the 2017 high school volleyball season, which the Meeker varsity girls opened with a 3-0 sweep of the North Park Wildcats in Walden last Friday. The lady Cowboys will play four matches this weekend in the West Grand tournament in Kremmling, which starts Friday.

"It was a very enlightening experience as my first time as the Meeker volleyball coach," Greg Cravens said of his first match as the lady Cowboys' new head coach. "It was a pleasure to watch the girls in action Friday night. We have been working hard on serve-serve and at times, it hasn't been pretty during practice but Friday night, the team let their skills shine though."

Meeker easily defeated the Wildcats in three games (25-13/25-13/25-14) to start the Cravens coaching era with a win.

Coach Cravens said, "Avery Watt and Lila Klinglesmith were both stars that night passing and Krissie Luce led the team in kills with 12." Coach Cravens said the team "had a very good serving night," with Watt, Klinglesmith and Kessie Luce all getting two aces each.

Kessie Luce also led the team in assists with 26, Julia Dinwiddie had two blocks and Klinglesmith led the team with six digs.

Meeker's JV team won their match in two games.

Meeker will play Clear Creek, Peyton and Lyons in pool play in the West Grand tournament and a fourth opponent to be determined after pool play.

"The West Grand tournament has some very good teams in it and it is going to be the challenge our team is looking for," coach Cravens said. "Lyons is ranked third in the state and we get the opportunity to play them Saturday. We will need to continue getting better at serve-serve and work on our blocking and defense to be prepared for the weekend."

Meeker's match against Clear Creek will start at noon Friday and they play Peyton at 4:30, then Lyons at 10:30 a.m. Saturday.



COURTESY PHOTO

**Meeker High School harriers competed in Grand Junction last week for the Warrior Invitational. Briar Meszaros was Meeker's only female varsity runner.**

## RHS golf team plays in Craig, head to GJ next

Special to the Herald Times

**RANGELY I** The Rangely Panthers traveled to Craig this last Wednesday. Rangely sported a full squad and had two JV players on the course as well.

As a whole the team played fairly well, but the golf course opened the eyes of some of our players and showed some weaknesses that need to be addressed. Many of the players three- or four-putted several greens. Some good old fashioned hard and

disciplined practice will certainly make amends to the putting woes.

Austin Ficken came in with a low score of 96. Following him was Nick Massey with a 99, Phil Arnold with a 100, Caleb Noel with a 101 and Marshall Webber with a 108. Raiden Ganser played in his first ever tournament and carded a 112. Brady Bertoch also played in his first tournament and shot a 143.

Tuesday the Panthers travel to Tiara Rado in Grand Junction. Start time is 9 a.m.

## Meeker cross country competed in Grand Junction, head to Delta Friday

Special to the Herald Times

**MEEKER I** Meeker Cross Country travelled to Grand Junction to compete in the Warrior Invitational on Saturday. The varsity boys raced first for the Cowboys, and Matthew Beck was Meeker's first to the finish in 26th place at 19:25. Pake Burke was Meeker's second to cross the line, at 21:34 and 46th place, and Christopher Strate was the final varsity runner for the Cowboys finishing in 57th place at

25:35.

Briar Meszaros was Meeker's only varsity girl this week and had a solid finish at 15th place, in 24:18.

The JV boys' race featured Meeker's largest number of runners, including four freshman racers. Josue Martinez had a great first race, with a 21st place finish, at 23:47. Freshmen Greg Jones and Ashdon Seibert were not far behind, at 24:23 and 24:25 for 25th and 26th places respectively. Sophomore Josh Dinwiddie was Meeker's next to cross the line in 35th

place at 27:05. Freshman Josh Day finished his first race in 27:48 and 36th place. Sophomore Zach Harman completed the Cowboy squad in 39th place at 37 minutes.

"The team seemed to enjoy the course at Matchett Park, a variety of dirt roads and trails, with some fun hills. I am very happy with the effort I saw from everyone," said coach Marty Casey.

The team will be in Delta Friday for the Devil's Thumb Hill Climb with the varsity girls' race at 10 a.m.

## MHS softball team defeats defending champs in opener

By **BOBBY GUTIERREZ**  
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**MEEKER I** "Base hit and we celebrate," third base coach Dr. Chris Williams told his batter Tilly Brown during the opening game against the Basalt Longhorns, defending league champs. She did just that, and she and her team celebrated after defeating the Basalt Longhorns 6-5. The lady Cowboys will host the Rifle Bears at Paintbrush Park in a non-conference game Friday at 4 p.m.

The Meeker High School girls' softball team was hosting the defending league champions in the first game of the season and the situation was one many young athletes imagine while growing up: bottom of the seventh, score tied, the hometown team against the defending

champs, two outs, winning run on second, then your coach says; "Base hit and we celebrate," which is what you do, with a line shot to left-center field. Let the celebration begin.

The Meeker girls jumped ahead of the Longhorns 3-0 after the first inning was played, then neither team scored in the second. The defending champs put two runs on the scoreboard in the top of the third inning and the Cowboys added two in the bottom of the fourth.

The Longhorns pulled to within one after scoring two in the fifth and tied the game with another run in the sixth before Meeker's defense held the defending league champions scoreless in the seventh, giving the home team another chance in their final at bats and the rest is history.

Meeker's varsity will host Rifle on their home field in Paintbrush Park starting at 4 p.m followed by a JV game.

# Back repeats as women's club champ; Watt regains men's title

By **BOBBY GUTIERREZ**  
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**MEEKER I** Five women and 18 men, divided into two flights, played 36 holes of golf last weekend at the Meeker Golf Course to determine women and men's club champions, along with bragging and parking rights. After two days of play, Meeker's Peggy Back defended her Women's Club title and will keep her parking spot but defending champ Lex Collins will have to give up his title and parking space to former and new champion J.C. Watt.

The women's field was small but the game was close between the defending champ and Jill Massey. Back trailed Massey by one shot after nine

holes but recovered and took a one shot lead, finishing the first day with a gross score of 88. Back shot the same score Sunday, as did Massey, giving the defending champ a two-stroke victory.

There was also a close race in the championship flight of the Men's Club championship as the defending champ shot a one-over-par 69 on the first day, one shot better than Watt and two shots better than last year's runner-up Kyle Hooks, who shot a 71 after the first 18. Collins added a stroke to his score Sunday, while Watt and Hooks each took one off, only Hooks missed his final putt, forcing a playoff between Collins, the defending champion, and Watt.

"It was competitive," Watt, who has won several men's club titles, said. "There were three of us all

within one shot of each other, which made it fun." A four-hole playoff was needed to determine the new/old champion.

Hooks finished with the best net score and Jason Mack had the second best net score in the championship flight.

The first flight also featured a two-man contest with Scott Bowman taking a two-shot lead over George Back after the first day of play but Back played five shots better than Bowman on Sunday to win the title by three shots.

Earl Scheuer finished with the best net score and Greg Ackerman was second.

The final tournament on the schedule at the Meeker Golf Course is the O.F.I.C. (Old Farts In Carts) tournament, Sept. 9.



BOBBY GUTIERREZ PHOTO

Peggy Back will keep her reserved parking space at the Meeker Golf Course after defending her Women's Club championship title last weekend, in the annual, two-day women and men's club championship tournament, which featured five women and 18 men divided into two flights. Lex Collins will have to give up his parking space and bragging rights as the best golfer to his friend J.C. Watt, who beat Collins in a four-hole playoff for the title in the championship flight. George Back won the title in the first flight.

# Panther junior high team drops first game to West Grand 36-30

Special to the Herald Times

**RANGELY I** The Rangely Junior High School football team took the field against West Grand Middle School on Saturday, Aug. 26. The Panthers and Mustangs combined to score 66 points between the two teams in a back and forth game with West Grand coming out on top 36-30.

The Panthers were led offensive-

ly by eighth-grade tailback Zane Varner who scored three touchdowns, two running and one receiving. Eighth-grade tight end Timothy Scoggins scored the other touchdown for the Panthers with a 45-yard touchdown catch and run. Seventh-grade wide receiver Kevin Wren also

added to the offense output with a 30-yard catch.

On defense the Panthers were led by Varner who made multiple tackles. Eight-grader Keihlin Myers also added in some great tackles as well, but the entire Panthers defense did not have an answer for the West

Grand running game.

The Panthers will look to get on the winning side in Rangely on Friday, Sept. 1 at 11 a.m. against the Soroco Rams. Please come and support the Panthers as they continue to work hard and grow as great football players.



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<b>Tues.</b>	Sept. 5 - Penne Pasta/Sauce, Garden Salad, Breadstick, Fruit Cups, Milk	<b>Tues.</b>	Sept. 5 - Chicken Tenders, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Salad Bar w/ Fruit. JR/SR HIGH A LA CARTE: Corn Dog
<b>Wed.</b>	Sept. 6 - CHOICE DAY - Chicken Salad Wrap OR Yogurt Special, Corn/Carrots, Fruit, Milk	<b>Wed.</b>	Sept. 6 - Pulled Pork Sandwich, Potato Wedges, Mixed Vegetables, Salad Bar with Fruit, Milk/Water. JR/SR HIGH A LA CARTE: Taco Bar
<b>Thurs.</b>	Sept. 7 - Waffles/Sausage Patty, Tator Bars, Veggie Sticks, Fruit Juice, Milk	<b>Thurs.</b>	Sept. 7 - Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce, Steamed Green Beans, Salad Bar with Fruit, Milk/Water. JR/SR HIGH A LA CARTE: Beef & Bean Burritos
		<b>Fri.</b>	Sept. 8 - Cheese Nachos w/ Taco Meat, Salad Bar with Fruit, Milk/Water. JR/SR HIGH A LA CARTE: Chicken Sandwich

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# MEEKER COWBOYS

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## FINAL RODEO TONIGHT...



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**Bull rider Ethan Cook helps a young cowboy out of the chute in the mutton busting competition during the 2017 Meeker Summer Rodeo Series. Ariat has been sponsoring the rodeo series by providing caps for all the young cowboys and cowgirls competing in the mutton-busting competition and they will also provide a pair of Ariat boots to the winners of each event of the series. The champions will be determined tonight in the final rodeo of the series at the Rio Blanco County Fairgrounds, starting at 7 p.m.**

## RIO BLANCO COUNTY DAYS GONE BY

*The Meeker Herald — 100 years ago*

- Success doesn't consist in never making blunders, but in never making the same one twice.
- A large number of Meekerites went to Rifle last Friday and Saturday—Apple Pie Day.
- Another big transfer took place last week when Mrs. Hattie Randolph sold her fine ranch in Josephine Basin to James A. Beuley, a newcomer. Tom Scott negotiated the sale.
- White mice are rather scarce in this section, but George Cose, while haying in his alfalfa field, captured two and brought them to town. The mice are on exhibition and being fed by Lon Porter.
- Sincerity is preferable to popularity because it never withers.—Charles Sandberg

*The Meeker Herald — 50 years ago*

- A proud moment in the life of Miss Diana Amick who took champion honors during the round robin showmanship contest held during the annual Rio Blanco County Fair. C.J. Wilson presented the beautiful trophy awarded by the First National Bank of Meeker.
- The list of Meeker school district teachers and their duties printed in last week's Herald failed to mention the coaching duties of one of

the high school teachers. Bob Tucker, starting his second year of teaching at Meeker High, is industrial arts instructor. As perhaps one of the greatest all around athletes to graduate from Meeker High, Tucker is head baseball coach and assistant football and basketball coach at Meeker.

■ The bidding brought a total in \$15,287.37, for 28 fat lambs, 10 fat hogs and 42 fat steers at the sale.

*The Meeker Herald — 25 years ago*

- The Meeker School District Board is going to a vote. They want to raise the RE-1 mill levy by three mills to meet the needs of the district and return to a five-day school week.
- UPS Phil thought he was making his last deliveries in downtown Meeker Friday. The company told him he was being transferred. Francis Hoedart at White River Trading baked him a vodka cake; Bowstrings gave him a gift certificate. The fellow who is replacing him had a big good-bye party. But the departure has been postponed for a date indefinite. Phil Pryke has been UPS's man in Meeker for 13-1/2 years. He claims more friends here than in his hometown of Steamboat Springs.
- Three rifles were found in the river by kids swimming. The rifles were identified as those stolen locally several years ago.
- A citizen reported rattlesnakes in his yard, which turned out to be water snakes.

*Rangely Times — 50 years ago*

- Mrs. Alma Hegwer announced this week that Jack's Clothing Store had been sold to Herb and Sam Snyder of Vernal.
- School enrollment for District Re-4 is up from last May with

increases shown in the middle school and senior high. A total of 816 is enrolled to date with another 20-25 expected.

■ Ralf Myers, chairman of the board of Crestone Exploration, Inc., announced last week that a pilot test shaft will be drilled near Rifle this month, using the Belser method of tapping oil shale. "We'll be producing oil in 90 days," Myers stated flatly. He estimated cost of production at 30 cents a barrel.

■ The Rangely Panthers, hit hard by graduation, list six returning regulars from the squad that won its first seven games in 1966, then lost two conference games in a row. They are Mike Hutton, Mike Lancaster, Dale Matriciano, Jay Rector, Tom Suchar and Joe Turner.

*Rangely Times — 25 years ago*

- It began the second week of June, when some weapons and ammunition were stolen from Rangely True Value. Since then, there has been increased in-store pilferage, according to Lance Stewart, owner.
- The U.S. Fish and Wildlife service approved a squawfish education program a year ago to be conducted by the Rio Blanco Water Conservancy District. Therefore a 55-gallon glass aquarium was placed in the Rangely District Library with six 3-6 inch live Colorado Squawfish. The White River is the historic habitat for this fish that was once called the "white salmon."
- Dinosaur Elementary School kindergartners started the school year following directions to a "Sweet End" by making homemade ice cream.

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Dr. Ting has practiced a full spectrum family medicine for almost 30 years, including several years of OB and emergency medicine. While medical practice and patient care always come first, Dr. Ting has participated in medicine at many levels, including administration and teaching. She is an assistant clinical professor in family medicine at the University of Colorado. She maintains her family medicine board certification and still loves to learn new things.

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RBC 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.

Aug. 21-27, 2017

For the last week the dispatch center processed 478 phone calls, receiving 20 911 calls, 54 calls for Meeker Police Department and placed 120 outgoing phone calls. A total of 178 calls for service were created, 81 for the Sheriff's Office, 89 for MPD and 10 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 two auto crashes were reported throughout the county.

The Sheriff's Office conducted

22 traffic stops issuing three summons, while the MPD had 31 stops with one summons.

Other calls for the Sheriff's Office included nine agency assists, one 911 hang-up, five animal calls, 15 civil papers served, two business checks, three citizen assists, one harassment, five motorist assists, two suspicious incidents, one theft, one VIN and one warrant arrest.

MPD calls included eight agency assists, two 911 hang-ups, 15 animal calls, nine business checks, four civil issues, two disturbances, one harassment, one juvenile problem, two motorist assists, five suspicious incidents, one theft, four traffic complaints and one VIN inspection.

Meeker Fire and Rescue responded to six ambulance requests and four medical transports.

There were four assists with Colorado State Patrol.

The Rio Blanco Detention facility booked in five and released seven and currently has 13 inmates.

No DUI arrests were made.

# Pet first aid course now available online

Special to the Herald Times

**RBC |** For more than 100 years, the American Red Cross has been training people to perform first aid skills so they could save the lives of others. Now, the organization announces the release of its new Cat and Dog First Aid online course so that owners will know what to do in an emergency until veterinary care is available.

"Millions of people learn how to respond to emergencies and save lives by enrolling in American Red Cross training programs," said Gino Greco, CEO for Colorado and Wyoming. "Now, cat and dog owners, pet-sitters and dog walkers can take the Red Cross Cat and Dog First Aid online course and learn life-saving skills for their pets."

People can access the course on their desktop or tablet at redcross.org/catdogfirstaid and go through the content at their own pace. It takes approximately 30 minutes to complete the course.

Participants can stop and pick up where they left off if Fluffy needs a treat or it's time to take Fido out to the dog park.

The interactive course includes:

- How to determine a pet's normal vital signs so that owners can notice if there are any irregularities;
- Step-by-step instructions and visual aids for what to do if a pet is choking, needs CPR, has a wound or is having a seizure; and
- Information on preventative care, health and tips for a pet's well-being.

The Red Cross Pet First Aid App complements the course by providing cat and dog owners with instant access to expert advice, an animal hospital locator, pet-friendly hotels, content on how to include pets in family emergency preparedness plans and more.

The app can be downloaded for free in mobile app stores or by texting 'GETPET' to 90999. American Pet Nutrition is a proud sponsor of the Pet First Aid App.

# Evidence of invasive mussels found at Green Mountain Reservoir; officials ask for 'diligence'

Special to the Herald Times

**RBC |** State and federal officials have confirmed the presence of invasive quagga mussel larvae, known as veligers, in Green Mountain Reservoir located in Summit County along Hwy. 9 between Silverthorne and Kremmling.

On Aug. 18, as part of a state and federal initiative to monitor aquatic nuisance species in the state, specialists with the Bureau of Reclamation first confirmed the presence of the veligers, initially through microscopic analysis followed by DNA testing. An independent laboratory contracted by Colorado Parks and Wildlife confirmed Reclamation's findings. It is unknown if the veligers were dead or alive at the time of detection.

CPW immediately increased monitoring of the reservoir for all life stages of quagga mussels. Through a partnership with the Denver Aquarium, CPW's volunteer ANS scientific scuba dive team surveyed the reservoir last Friday and did not find any evidence of invasive mussels. No adult zebra or quagga mussels have ever been found in Green Mountain Reservoir or anywhere in the state of Colorado, although eight different reservoirs in Colorado have been temporarily suspect or positive for mussel veligers since 2008.

"Although this is very troubling, it's important to keep in mind that the reservoir is not considered infested, a designation given only to bodies of water that have extensive and reproducing adult populations," said Elizabeth Brown, invasive species coordinator for CPW. "At this point,

Green Mountain Reservoir is only considered 'suspect,' not positive. A body of water can be considered 'positive' only after a second independent specimen collection is obtained and the genetics confirmed by two independent laboratories, which has not yet occurred."

Officials are most concerned about the possibility that the presence of veligers could eventually lead to a major infestation. This would put the reservoir's hydroelectric power generation, water quality, drinking water delivery and recreation at risk.

"This is an unfortunate discovery, and something we have been working very hard to prevent," said CPW Director Bob Broscheid. "It shows why we need a robust inspection program. As more and more people move to or visit Colorado and use our water resources for boating, we must continue to work hard to prevent the spread of these harmful invasive species. We cannot overstate how serious this is."

All ballast boats, inboard and inboard/outboard engines must have a green seal in between launches or decontamination may take place prior to launching. Boaters are encouraged to inspect their own boat between every use and make sure it is clean, drained, and dry.

The State of Colorado requires boats to be professionally inspected if:

- a boat has been in any body of water that is positive, or suspect for ANS
- a boat has been in any body of water outside of Colorado
- a boat will be entering any

water body where inspections are required

Officials are unsure how the veligers entered the water but suspect a boat that visited an infested body of water in another state may have become contaminated, then launching illegally into Green Mountain Reservoir.

"This situation demonstrates the importance of following the law and going through the required inspection and decontamination process upon entering and exiting bodies of water," said Reid DeWalt, Assistant Director Wildlife and Natural Resources with CPW. "We could face the possibility of a very harmful infestation that could cause severe damage to the reservoir and its infrastructure."

The watercraft inspection and decontamination station at Green Mountain Reservoir is operated by the Heeny Marina and funded by a partnership between CPW and the U.S.Forest Service. The station has now begun implementing containment protocols which means that every boat has to be inspected when exiting the reservoir and will be issued a seal and blue receipt. If a boater leaving Green Mountain Reservoir intends to launch in a different water body, their boat must be decontaminated before launching by a certified professional.

Cooperation with Colorado's mandatory inspection and decontamination program has proven successful to stop the movement of harmful invasive species, such as quagga mussels, into new waters. Public awareness and participation is the best weapon in the prevention of invasive

species. Invasive mussels severely endanger our water supply for drinking water, hydropower, agriculture, recreation and natural resources.

"It is everyone's responsibility to take care of our natural resources," said Karn Stiegelmeier, Summit County Commissioner. "This news is certainly difficult to hear with the amount of effort and diligence we have put into the ANS program on the reservoir. We will continue working alongside our partners to make sure we educate residents and visitors of the importance of decontamination of boats before and after they are on a body of water. This can be prevented, but we need everyone's participation."

Boaters are reminded to take the simple precaution of making sure that they clean, drain, and dry their boat every time they go boating. Due to financial constraints the state does not have additional inspectors that can be sent to assist with boat inspections at Green Mountain. Going into a holiday weekend state and federal officials are asking for the public's help to prevent invasive species.

"We know this is an extra step for those who have come out to enjoy recreating on the lake, but staying vigilant has proven to be effective throughout Colorado," said JT Romatzke, Northwest Region Manager with CPW. "We need to make sure we are balancing our recreation with the integrity of our water resources."

For more information about zebra and quagga mussels, please visit: cpw.state.co.us/aboutus/Pages/ISP-ANS.aspx.

# SCHOOLS: Test scores are in the top 12 percent statewide

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reported that MSD results for this last school year were phenomenal. The percentage of Meeker students scoring in the "meets" or "exceeds" categories was greater than the state average on 19 of 20 tests. For that 20th test, district students were only two percentile down. Selle said, "These are the best results for the MSD since

at least 2009. While student learning (not test scores), per se, is our priority, high levels of learning generally produce high test scores. Our entire community should take great pride in these results."

Selle told the Herald Times that he just learned this week that the district, for the second year in a row, has been awarded "Accreditation with Distinction" indicating the district

ranks in the top 12 percent of schools in the state. The related evaluation, carried out by the Colorado Department of Education, rates financial, safety, and testing administration parameters in addition to academic achievement, growth, post-secondary and workforce readiness.

With regard to the school board elections happening on Nov. 7, the district administration reports that

nominating petitions have been turned in by five individuals for the four available seats. All have yet to sign their candidate acceptance (confirmation) form, but it appears there will be a contest. Nominating petitions had to be returned to the school administration by today.

The next school board meeting is a work session, Tuesday, Sept. 5, 7 p.m., at the administration building.



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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of Phyllis C. Berrett, Deceased, Rio Blanco County District Court Case Number 17PR30010.

All persons having claims against the above-named estate are required to present them to the Personal Representative or to District Court of Rio Blanco County, Colorado on or before December 15, 2017, or the claims may be forever barred.

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SNOWMOBILE TRAILER

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF UPCOMING ELECTION/ CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

On Tuesday, November 7, 2017, the Rangely Junior College District election will be held where there will be four seats open on the Board of Trustees. The candidates receiving the highest number of votes will each serve four-year terms. Anyone interested in running for these seats must be a registered voter and reside within the Rangely Junior College District. In addition it is necessary to submit a notice of intention to be a candidate and a nomination petition signed by at least 25 registered voters residing in the Rangely Junior College District. The first day to circulate nomination petitions is Wednesday, August 9, 2017. The above mentioned forms may be obtained between 8am & 5pm from Becky Dubbert in the President's Office on the CNCC-Rangely Campus 970-675-3301.

The petition must be completed and returned to Becky Dubbert's office no later than Thursday, August 31, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.  
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In the Matter of the Estate of Waltraud Margareta McCracken, a.k.a. Waltraud M. McCracken, a.k.a. Waltraud McCracken, a.k.a. Trudy McCracken, a.k.a. Tridal McCracken, a.k.a. Waltraud Margareta Riffler Rio Blanco County District Court Case No. 2017PR30004

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The Meeker Chamber of Commerce invites all interested persons or firms capable of providing the required products to submit bids for the design and fabrication of wayfinding signage in Meeker Colorado. Please see the website www.meekerchamber.com under "news" for all the information or call (970) 878-5510 to receive a bid packet. Bids are due September 12, 2017 at 12:00 pm.  
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MEEKER CEMETERY DISTRICT BOARD MEETING AGENDA September 7th, 2017 @ 8:30am BOARD ROOM 265 County Road Meeker Cemetery

1. Call to Order
2. Additions or changes to Agenda
3. Approval of August 10th minutes
4. Public Comments
5. OLD BUSINESS
6. NEW BUSINESS
- B. Tool Cat Bids/Award
- C. Manager Report
- D. Office Manager Report
- E. Present & Approve Bills & Deeds
7. Open Board Discussion
8. Adjourn
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LEGAL NOTICES

MEEKER SANITATION DISTRICT September 6, 2017

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

1. Call to order
2. Additions or Changes to the Agenda
3. Approval of Minutes
4. Public Comments
5. New Business
  - A. Budget - Appointment of Budget Director
  - B. Property Liens for Delinquent Accounts
6. Old Business
  - A. Wastewater Plant and Collections System Assessment

7. Attorney  
8. Board  
A. Reports  
B. Delinquent Accounts  
C. Approve Current Bills

9. Adjourn  
This agenda is subject to change without further notice.  
Agenda is posted at the office of the Meeker Sanitation District.  
265 8th Street.  
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TOWN OF DINOSAUR DISBURSEMENTS FOR JUNE 2017

Gross Salaries, \$8,173.45  
PERA, Monthly Contributions, \$1,768.24  
CO Dept of Revenue, CWT, \$241.00  
IRS, FWT/Med, \$929.02  
Centurylink, Phone, fax, internet, \$270.45  
Moon Lake Electric, Electricity, \$1,302.72  
Rangely Trash Service, Trash Service, \$82.00  
Rio blanco Herald times, Ordinance, \$41.36  
Mesa County HealthDept, Water Test, \$20.00  
Caselle, Inc., Support, \$251.00  
LR Gateway Services, Gas, oil, \$409.64  
Sands Law Office LLC, Professional Services, \$2,469.56  
Westwater Engineering, Sewer Project, \$13,839.84  
Pinnacle Assurance, Workers Comp, \$487.00  
Micro Plastics, Name Plate, \$15.55  
Personnel Concepts, Labor Law, \$15.90  
Eagles Nest Contracting, Sewer Project, \$27,279.10

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Rangely True Value, Water line, gate parts, swamp cooler, hook up parts, \$560.63  
Rangely Auto Parts, Belt andrn parts for tractor, \$57.75  
TOTAL ACCOUNTS PAYABLE, \$58,214.21  
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RIO BLANCO COUNTY NOTICE OF FINAL CONTRACTOR SETTLEMENT

RIO BLANCO COUNTY 2017 PAVEMENT MARKING PAINT PROJECT

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 11th day of September, 2017 at Meeker, Colorado, final settlement will be authorized by the Rio Blanco County Board of County Commissioners with Stripe-A-Lot, Inc., P.O. Box 1957, Montrose, CO 81402 for all work done by said CONTRACTOR on the project known as Rio Blanco County 2017 Pavement Marking Paint Project.

1) Any person, co-partnership, association, or corporation who has an unpaid claim against the said project may at any time, up to and including the date specified in item 2 below, file a VERIFIED STATEMENT of the amount due and unpaid on account of such claims.

2) All such claims shall be filed with Clint Chappell, R & B Coordinator, Rio Blanco County Road & Bridge Department, 570 2nd Street, Meeker, Colorado 81641 on or before September 7, 2017.

3) Failure on the part of a creditor to file such a statement will relieve Rio Blanco County from any and all liability for such claim.  
Dated at Meeker, Colorado this 28th day of August, 2017  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF RIO BLANCO COUNTY  
BY SHAWN J. BOLTON, CHAIRMAN  
IRS, FWT/Med, \$929.02  
Publish: 8/31/17 & 9/7/17  
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MEEKER SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1 Board of Education Work Session 555 Garfield Street Meeker, CO 81641 September 5, 2017 - 7:00 p.m. Work Session

1. Resolution in response to potential legalization of marijuana
2. FY17 ending fund balance
3. Superintendent goals for 2017-2018
4. CDE facility assessment
5. Master Plan
6. Relocation of Bus Garage in partnerships with the Town of Meeker

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7. School Board professional development
  - a. CASB events - fall regional meeting, CASB convention
  - b. Personnel roles and responsibilities
    - i. Governance vs. management
    - ii. Statute
    - iii. Policy
    - iv. Current processes
  - c. Curriculum
    - i. What is curriculum
    - ii. What does statute/policy require from the BOE
    - iii. What processes are in place
    - iv. What is on the horizon
    - d. Risk assessment from auditor
8. Items introduced by board members  
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PRESS RELEASE FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE SEPTEMBER 1, 2017

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Victim Assistance and Law Enforcement Board of the 9TH Judicial District, which is Garfield, Pitkin and Rio Blanco Counties, is seeking grant applications from agencies and organizations to provide assistance services to crime victims. The funding cycle is January 1 - December 31, 2018.

The board is committed to funding programs which provide direct services to crime victims and implement the Victim's Rights Amendment. Revenue for this fund is generated from a surcharge or fees assessed to people who are convicted of felonies, misdemeanors, traffic offenses and fish and game violations. These funds are authorized by Title 24, Article 4.2, Colorado Revised Statutes. During the 2017 grant cycle the board awarded a total of \$215,000 to 7 agencies that provide services to victims in the 9th Judicial District. It is anticipated that approximately \$250,000 will be available for the 2018 12-month grant cycle.

PRIORITY CATEGORIES:  
1) In accordance with 24-4.2-103(5), priority use for moneys in the fund shall be the implementation of the rights afforded to crime victims pursuant to Section 24-4.1-302.5 and for provision of the services delineated pursuant to Sections 24-4.1-303 and 24-4.1-304 related to all crimes as defined by Section 24-4.1-302. 2) Services outlined in Section 24-4.2-105(4) C.R.S.  
Completed grant applications must be received

LEGAL NOTICES

by the board administrator by 4:30 p.m., Tuesday, October 10th, 2017  
Steve Aurand, VALE Board Administrator  
9th Judicial District Attorney's Office  
109 8th Street, Suite 308  
Glenwood Springs, CO 81601  
saurand@9daco.org  
(970) -384-3517  
Publish: August 31, and September 7, 2017  
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TOWN OF MEEKER BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Tuesday September 5, 2017 7:00 P.M. Regular Scheduled Board Meeting 345 Market Street, Meeker, CO

- I. Call to Order
- A. Pledge of Allegiance
- B. Roll Call
- II. Approval of the Agenda
- III. Approval of the Previous Minutes
- IV. Approval of Monthly Disbursements
- V. Public Participation

This is an opportunity for Citizens to bring comments and questions to the Board of Trustees not being addressed in the Regular Meeting Agenda. In consideration of other regularly scheduled agenda items, comments will be limited to 3 minutes or less. Citizens are asked to approach the podium state their name and address for the record.

VI. Wolf Creek Reservoir Project Update- Mr. Brad McCloud  
VII. New Business

1. MOU with Colorado Department of Local Affairs for UCD Meeker Town Facilities Needs Assessment and Architectural Concept Planning VIII. Public Hearing:

1. Ordinance 05-2017, an Ordinance amending Meeker Municipal Code Section 2.04.050 Election Cancellation Requirements
  2. Request from "Ma Familia" for renewal of a Hotel & Restaurant Liquor License
  3. Request from Sullivan Family LLC dba Ol' Crows Beer & Beverage for a Retail Liquor License renewal
  4. Request from "White River Convenience" for a 3.2 Percent Beer Retail Liquor License renewal
- Mayor's remarks  
Town Administrator's Report  
Town Attorney's Report  
Adjournment  
Board Workshop- Capital Improvement Plan / 2018 Budget Direction  
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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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.

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



**RECREATION & PARK DISTRICT**  
Meeker, Colorado

**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

**Part Time Positions**

- Lifeguards
- Housekeeper

For details and an application, go to [www.meekerrecdistrict.com](http://www.meekerrecdistrict.com) or 101 Ute Road, Meeker CO. 970-878-7417

EOE



**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

- Solid Waste Landfill Manager
- Relief Dispatcher
- Relief Detention Control Specialist

**RANGELY**

- 4-H Youth Coordinator
- Clerk Assistant

**MEEKER**

- Road & Bridge Operator

For details and a Rio Blanco County application, please go to [www.rbc.us](http://www.rbc.us) or Rio Blanco County HR at 555 Main St., Meeker, CO. 970-878-9570.

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- CNA - LTC - Nights

**FULL-TIME:**  
*[eligible for benefits]:*

- Cook/Food Service Tech
- Clinic Scheduler
- Dishwasher

**PART-TIME:**  
*[eligible for benefits]:*

- Clinic Medical Assistant

**Submit Resume and/or Application to:**  
Pioneers Medical Center, HR,  
100 Pioneers Medical Center Dr., Meeker, Colo., 81641  
Visit our Website at:  
[www.pioneershospital.org](http://www.pioneershospital.org)

**Pioneers Medical Center**  
Phone: (970) 878-0247 Fax: (970) 878-2285  
100 Pioneers Medical Center Dr., Meeker, CO 81641  
Eastern Rio Blanco County Health Service District



**MEEKER SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1**

**Employment Opportunities**

**Meeker School District**

- School Bus Driver
- Meeker High School
- Drama Coach

ADA/EOE  
*Subject to change at any time!*  
For details and an application, please visit our website at [Meeker.k12.co.us](http://Meeker.k12.co.us) or Meeker School District Administration at 555 Garfield St., Meeker, CO

**970-878-9040**



**MEEKER SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1**

**School Bus**

**Route/Activity/Substitute Driver**

Meeker School District Re-1 is seeking individuals to drive a school bus route and activity trips beginning with the 2017-2018 school year. While it is preferred that applicants hold a current CDL Class B P2S license, the district will train approved applicants in obtaining this license.

For job requirements, details and an application, please visit [Meeker.k12.co.us](http://Meeker.k12.co.us) or Meeker School District Administration, 555 Garfield St., Meeker, CO.

*Review of applications will begin immediately and close when position is filled.*

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**970-878-9040**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

Looking for female roommate to help out with rent and utilities and weekends with cooking and laundry. Call for interview. 970-260-8758

**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.

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

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  
Attorneys for Plaintiff:  
Randall S. Miller & Associates, P.C.  
Scott D. Toebben, Atty. Reg. No: 19011  
David W. Drake, Atty. Reg. No: 43315  
216 16th Street, Suite 1210  
Denver, CO 80202  
Phone: 720-259-6710  
Facsimile: 720-379-1375  
Email: [stoebben@rsmalaw.com](mailto:stoebben@rsmalaw.com)  
[drake@rsmalaw.com](mailto:drake@rsmalaw.com)

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 October 12, 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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Name of Publication: Rio Blanco Herald Times

**NOTICE OF RIGHTS**

YOU MAY HAVE AN INTEREST IN THE REAL PROPERTY BEING FORECLOSED, OR HAVE CERTAIN RIGHTS OR SUFFER CERTAIN LIABILITIES PURSUANT TO COLORADO STATUTES AS A RESULT OF SAID FORECLOSURE. YOU MAY HAVE THE RIGHT TO REDEEM SAID REAL PROPERTY OR YOU MAY HAVE THE RIGHT TO CURE A DEFAULT UNDER THE DEED OF TRUST BEING FORECLOSED. A COPY OF SAID STATUTES, AS SUCH STATUTES ARE PRESENTLY CONSTITUTED, WHICH MAY AFFECT YOUR RIGHTS, 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](http://WWW.COLORADOATTORNEYGENERAL.GOV/CA)), THE FEDERAL CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION BUREAU ([WWW.CONSUMERFINANCE.GOV](http://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: August 14, 2017  
Anthony Mazzola, Sheriff  
Rio Blanco County, State of Colorado

**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.

**SAFEHOUSE**  
If you are being abused physically or mentally, you can call SAFEHOUSE for confidential shelter and help.  
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ATV, Boat and Snowmobile Owners! You can now renew your Colorado OHV registrations on line at: [www.parks.state.co.us](http://www.parks.state.co.us)

**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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

**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.

Attention Rio Blanco County Veterans: Veterans may be eligible for mileage reimbursement for travel costs to receive VA medical care. If you do not currently receive VA travel compensation please contact the Rio Blanco County Veterans Service offices. Rangely: John "Hoot" Gibson, 970-878-9695. Meeker: Joe Bob Dungan, 970-878-9690. Travel compensation is made possible through the Veterans Trust Fund Grant and VFW Post 5843.

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.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**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.

**AUCTIONS**

Annual Fall Consignment Auction, Saturday September 30th at 9:00 a.m., 2368 S. 1500 E. in Vernal, Utah  
Equipment of all kinds, Many Vehicles, Trucks, Trailers, Campers, ATV's, Motorcycles, snow machines, pipe, New and Used Tools, Generators, Air Compressors, Lumber, Tack, Hunting items, Guns, Ammo, Antiques & Collectibles, Coins, Household Items, and much more! For more information or to Consign to this Auction please call ZJ Auction Service, Inc. 435-789-7424. [www.zjauction.com](http://www.zjauction.com)

Country Moving Auction  
Saturday, September 9th 10:00 a.m.  
37630 Routt County Road 27  
Hayden, Colorado  
(2 miles on 20 Mile Road)

JD tractor w/loader, 2 horse trailer, 16' gooseneck stock trailer, 1989 Ford pickup, several 3 pt attachments, 1971 travel trailer, yard art, saddles & tack, chickens, 4 wheeler, snowmachine, camp & fishing items, tools, fencing, bee items, rafters, panels, stock tanks, furniture, toys, freezers, kegarator, antiques, 30-30 rifle, coins, doors, lumber, for more info call Steve Claypoole, CP Auction Service 970-260-5577. See [www.cpauction.com](http://www.cpauction.com) "Call us about a sale for you" 8/31-9/7

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Bulldog Chimney Sweeps will be in Meeker September 28, 29 & 30th. Chimney season is over. Have your chimney serviced for next year. 970-872-2333 [www.bulldogchimneysweeps.com](http://www.bulldogchimneysweeps.com) 8/24-9/21.

**FARM AND RANCH**

Looking for horse pasture for 2 horses close to town. Call 970-948-2440 8/17-8/24

**FURNITURE**

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**GUNS**

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**HUNTING**

Deer tag needed for Unit 11, 3rd season, November 4-12. 530-225-6737. If no answer leave message.

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**HELP WANTED: GENERAL**

Evening dishwasher needed full-time. Serious positions. Apply in person at Ma Famiglia.

**TOURISM / MARKETING COORDINATOR:**

The Meeker Chamber of Commerce is accepting applications for a part-time tourism/marketing coordinator. Application and job description are available at the Meeker Chamber of Commerce, 710 Market Street, Meeker, CO, or by calling (970) 878-5510, or visit [www.meeketchamber.com](http://www.meeketchamber.com) in the news postings. 8/17-8/31

Mystic Eagle needs individuals to palatalize stone. Must have transportation to job site 10 miles out of Meeker. \$ 14.00 per hour. We also have job opportunities in the Glenwood Springs area. Please inquire at (970) 230-9196. 7/27-8/31

**Shotcrete Nozzle Operator**  
Mays Construction Specialties, a Western Colorado Company is seeking an experienced shotcrete nozzleman for a diversified specialty concrete contractor. Preferred ACI Certification, not required. Must be willing to relocate, travel, and during winter conditions. Full job description available online [www.mays-mcsi.com](http://www.mays-mcsi.com). Excellent wage, commission, and benefits package. EOE/AA/M/F/Disabled/Veterans 8/17-9/14

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**HELP WANTED: GENERAL**

**Case Manager A or B**  
Garfield County, CO is seeking a Case Manager A or B. The person in this position will have a home office, be employed by Garfield County, and provide services to clients in Rio Blanco & Moffat County. He/she will provide program coordination for clients accessing services under the Caregiver Support Program and the Senior Equipment and Services Program. These programs are grant funded and were established to provide support for persons involved in an ongoing care giving relationship, and for seniors who need to access equipment and resources in order to enhance their independence. CMA (Non-exempt): \$20.92 - \$26.15 hourly CMB (Exempt): \$48,464.97 - \$60,581.21 Visit our website @ <https://www.garfield-county.com/human-resources/employment-opportunities.aspx> to review a copy of the job description and/or apply.

**HOMES: MEEKER**

FOR SALE 14x70 mobile home on 2 acres, 4 miles west of Meeker, 3 BDR/1BA, cistern, \$70,000. (970)756-0718 or (970) 878-4629. 8/3-8/31

**LAND/LOTS**

FSBO: 22 acre horse property with RV service and new fence. \$85,000 OBO. 4751 County Rd 7. 580-377-9436

**MISCELLANEOUS**

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Retired 65-year-old white woman likes to fish, camp and travel, looking for a relationship. 970-487-3140 8/24-9/21

**RENTALS: MEEKER**

AVAILABLE NOW: retail space in the center of Meeker at 6th and Main in the historic Hugus Building. Includes over 5000 square feet and loading dock in the alley. This former general store has Main Street display, windows, an antique ceiling, freight elevator, built-in cupboards and 1910 era show cases. Call 970-878-4138 for details.

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CLEAN REMODELED 2BD APARTMENTS, in-house laundry, storage units available, close to shopping and the downtown area & more. \$575 to \$595 per month. Western Exposures Realty LLC (970) 878-5877.

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Mostly furnished 1 BDR, 1 BA house, with shed, ranch setting, 5 miles from Meeker. \$400/month. Call 970-319-9453

**RENTALS: MEEKER**

STORAGE DEPOT 10x25 unit. 878-4808.

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

House for rent. 10 miles from Meeker. \$1500 per month. References and background check required. Call 970-274-6850

4 BDR/2BA house with garage, workshop, shed, large deck, nice location. No smoking/no pets. \$1200 /mo. 871 10th Street. 970-629-0151 References. 8/17-9/14

Beautiful log home on 10 acres with river access, 3 BDR/2 BA, completely furnished, 1/2 mi out of city limits. No pets. \$2,000/mo. Ron 303-237-1207 7/27-8/24

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**RENTALS: RANGELY**

House - 2 BDR upstairs, 3 rooms downstairs, central heat/ac, fenced yard, 1 car garage. 970-629-3605

Rangely Duplex for Rent 1 or 2 bedroom duplex -Newly remodeled & landscaped. Please contact Rodney 970-462-6538 or Dan 970-462-6858.

FOR RENT: 3 slideout 5th wheel, accommodates single or couple, nice permanent setting in RV park. lease, \$650 mo., utilities paid, deposit, references required. 970-629-1314

**RENTALS: RANGELY**

**SILVER SAGE RV PARK**  
(970)675-2259  
RV Spaces for rent.  
Managers: Dana & Debbie Hanvey  
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**SPORTING GOODS**

2 used Cabelas kayaks/youth, with paddles. \$100 off purchase price. \$90 each. Will take payments. Andrea 970-878-3136 8/31

**YARD SALES**

MEEKER: Moving Sale, 1157 Garfield Friday and Saturday, September 1st and 2nd, 7:30a.m. -1:00p.m., tools, antiques, new generator, furniture. Something for everyone. 8/31

MEEKER: Multi-family yard sale, Buckskin Valley (follow signs) Saturday, September 2nd, 8:00 a.m. -2:00 p.m. 8/31

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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

**Real Estate Corner**

**Real-Tea Roundtable** September 11, 2017 7:30 a.m., Wendell's

**Ranches & Recreational**  
Moffat County - Elk Springs 1,280 +/- Acres, Game Unit 10. \$960,000

**Meeker**  
810 Shaman Tr. - 5BD/3.25BA, Energy Efficient, 10+ Acres. \$629,000  
500 Rd. 47 - Brand new 2BD/2.5BA on 38.85 Acres, Garage, Barn, Storage Shed. \$449,000  
339 Love Ln. - 4BD/3.5BA, Cathedral Ceilings, 3+ Acres. \$445,000  
1163 Rd. 53 - Mountain cabin, 4BD, 3BA on 35 acres up Morapos Creek. \$429,000  
585 Cleveland St. - 3,806 SQFT, 3 BD/3.5 BA, private yard. \$389,000  
890 3rd St. - SOLD!  
NEW - 1021 Main St. - Freshly updated throughout, 3 BD, 3.75 BA, 1 Car Garage. \$189,000  
217 County Rd. 75 - 4BD/1BA Vacation Cabin. \$187,000  
1058 Sage Ct. - Completely Remodeled Cottage 1BD, 1BA, Large Lot. \$139,000

**Craig**  
Yoleta Lane - East of Craig, 40 Acres. \$85,000

**Vacant Land**  
1751 Brightwater Ln. - 39 Acres, 5,000 SQFT Pole Barn, River Front. \$375,000  
TBD East Market St. - 7.46 Vacant Acres at the Intersection of HWY 13 & Road 8. \$249,000  
1105 & 1107 Market St. - Large Commercial Lot. \$149,900

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**JUST LISTED!**  
**18,775 SF Lot on Robert Street**  
Great view and building site with plenty of room to build your dream home. Water and sewer taps in place! \$38,000.

- NEW! 1032 Jennifer Dr. — Opportunities are unlimited for this great building with lots of paved parking! Over 4800 sq. ft. of interior space, fenced yard on south side, handicap accessible state of the art fire suppression system. Trees, landscaped and ready for your new business. \$460,000.
- White River Ranch Estates on Hwy. 64 Lot 12 — 35 acres with White River frontage, private fishing area, 3 phase electrical in place. \$225,000.
- 1247 Garfield St. — Cute 3 BD, 1 BA ranch-style home w/ one car garage. \$125,000. SOLD!
- 815 Sulphur Creek Rd. — Great opportunity to own this impeccably kept home! \$208,000. SOLD!
- 1057 Sage Ct. — Fresh paint throughout, 3 BD/2 bath home. \$149,500. SOLD!

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**RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY**  
NEW 482 12th St. - 2BD/1.5BA, two-story townhouse with open living room and kitchen floor plan. \$47,500  
NEW 780 5th St. - Spacious corner lot with 4BD/2BA home. Two separate living spaces, complete with their own kitchens. Live in one, rent the other, or just rent both. \$158,000  
NEW 880 Main St. - One-and-a-half story, 4BD/2BA home with oversized 9,500 sq ft lot. A small cabin sits just off the alley and is a great rental. \$155,000  
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  
959 Garfield St. - Wonderfully kept 4BD/2.5BA home, detached garage, workshop and lots of storage. 1 yr. Home Warranty Available. Price Reduced: \$252,500  
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 1083 Boulder Dr. - Craig - Beautiful Log Cabin in Wilderness Ranches. Never cabin furnished. Log furniture. Turn key. Includes a transport trailer for your elk, deer, and antelope. Very nice! \$169,900  
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: \$375,000  
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 UNDER CONTRACT!  
1972 RBC Rd. - 36 W. Water. 16+ acres with 100' of front lot top space. Hay sheds, storage shed, 2 1/2 car home and cabin. \$230,000 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

**RANCH PROPERTY**  
NEW 281+ Acre Ranch - This 281+ acre property features a solar-powered well and adjoins BLM on two sides. Perfect for building a dream home or cabin getaway. Enjoy the wildlife, hunting and outdoor recreation this property provides. The possibilities are endless. Dry land grazing. \$422,000  
NEW 48 Acres Irrigated Hay Meadows - With 5.5 shares of Miller Creek Ditch Water Rights. Includes wheel line sprinklers. \$285,000 UNDER CONTRACT.  
River Ranch on Yampa: 63322 W Hwy. 40 - 128.68 acres with over a mile of Yampa River frontage, senior water rights, partial mineral rights, and a beautiful 5BD/4BA home, plus a 2,160 sq ft metal barn. Price Reduced from \$1,250,000 to \$998,000  
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  
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

**VACANT LAND**  
2 lots in Sage Hills - Two beautiful view lots in prestigious Sage Hills. Very motivated sellers. \$30,000 each or both \$58,000  
10 Acre Lot on Strawberry Patch Rd. - Includes storage building and fencing. A clean property in the country with great potential. \$68,500  
Two 5 Acre Lots on Strawberry Patch Rd. - Ponds, fenced and electricity. Really nice. \$56,500 each  
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. \$99,000  
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 Commercial Building in Dinosaur - \$155,000  
NEW 395 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 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  
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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