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Dennis Edwards and his dog Coup from Sundance, Wyo., were the champions of this year's Meeker Classic with 137 points.

Wait for broadband service could get even longer

By NIKI TURNER
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RBC I Success comes with its own troubles. The county's broadband project has exceeded expected demand—more customers than anticipated have signed up to receive fiber internet. Colorado Fiber Community (CFC), the company contracted to connect individual addresses, has maxed out their $1.5 million budget, and without an infusion of capital, the rate at which homes are connected to the network will drop to 10-15 per month bundled over the course of several months. In August 2017, more than 100 addresses received fiber connection. Seventy-three percent of Rangely customers are connected, and 61 percent of Meeker customers.

The county was anticipating a 45 percent "take rate" of local subscribers, or 2,000 addresses, but the take rate for Rio Blanco County is closer to 60 percent and is expected to continue to rise, according to CFC's Paul Recanzone.

"We've gone well beyond what we anticipated," Recanzone said, adding that in his 15 years experience with community broadband projects he has never seen such a high take rate.

At the outset, the county established an accrual contract with CFC that set aside $1.5 million so that if CFC decided to sell out or the county fired them, ownership of the infrastructure would remain in the county's hands, not go to an outside entity. That contract established security for CFC to obtain a loan with Mountain Valley Bank.

Now that amount has been met, CFC has three options: find a private investor to fund the rest of the money needed to complete the connections, seek an increase in the amount of the "backstop" $1.5 million accrual account with the county and renegotiate the loan with MVB, or request an additional early payout from the county on the $1.5 million that will be paid back "organically" as new customers are added to the network. CFC and the county have already exercised the early payout option once this year.

"We first hit that barrier in June," said RBC IT Director Blake Mobley. Those who are already in the network will not see a change in service. The change will be in how quickly new customers can be added to the network. "They (Local Access Internet and Cimarron) have funds for another two to six weeks."

Recanzone said they are actively seeking outside investors so they can continue expanding the network's reach to everyone who has already signed up. Each "drop" to a home costs approximately $1,100 per subscriber, below the average national rate of $1,500.

RBC Commissioner Si Woodruff expressed concerns Monday during a workshop that the county needs to live up to the promises made to the public.

"We promised the people we'd build a system," Woodruff said Tuesday via telephone. "I think the commissioners made an agreement and we need to put a price tag on it and get it done."

Reduced property tax valuations forecast for 2018 may make meeting that price tag a challenge. According to RBC Finance Director Janae Stansworth, the county expects to lose close to $600,000 in property tax income next year. Completing the broadband project, according to Recanzone, could cost an additional $600,000-$800,000.

"I don't want to see the county lose money, but we need to finish the project," Woodruff said. "Voters approved it by a large margin. We also didn't ask the voters for any money to get it done. If we made a mistake, let's do what we can to fix it."

Local Access Internet owner Dale Smith is on the commissioner's agenda for Monday, Sept. 18 in Rangely and Monday, Sept. 25 in Meeker to discuss solutions. Smith hopes the public will attend to express their views.

Edwards and 'Coup' win Meeker Classic

By REED KELLEY
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MEEKER I Twelve dogs and their handlers, out of the 130 dogs that started the competition last Wednesday, competed in the Meeker Classic Sheepdog Trials finals Sunday. Dennis Edwards and his four-year-old male dog, Coup, from Sundance, Wyo., emerged the champions with a score of 137 points. Joni Tietjen and her three-year-old female border collie, Star, from Clearmont, Wyo., were the reserve champions with 125 points.

The other eight top 10 finals finishers were Stella and Barbara Ray, Millboro, Va., third with 117 points; Bob and Herbert Holmes, Gouldbusk, Texas, fourth with 112 points; Angie Coker-Sells, Tecumseh, Okla., tied herself with Soot and Andy, fifth and sixth places with 106.1 points; Maverick and Barbara Ray, seventh with 105 points; Nan and Beverly Lambert, Andover, Conn., eighth with 96 points; Sam and Faansie Basson, Stephenville, Texas, ninth with 91 points; and Tip and Dave Imas, Olympia, Wash., 10th with 65 points.

The total purse for the trials was $22,500 which was split proportionately between the top 20 dogs. In addition, there was about another $6,000 won in day money and special awards. For example, four-time former Trials' champion Amanda Milliken and her dog Dorey from Kingston, Ontario, Canada, won the Bad Luck Award for the preliminaries, awarded Saturday, sponsored by the 4M Ranch of Meeker. At the same time, Milliken won the Highest Preliminaries Score award, sponsored by ColoWyo Coal Company, with her two-time champion dog, Howell.

Trials director Maym Cunningham told the *Herald Times* that the Meeker sheep "surely tested the dogs this year" as they are known to do. Familiar faces and past champions—like Tom Wilson, Scott Glen and Amanda Milliken—competed this year but didn't make the finals cut. Those dogs that did were really strong and especially adept in moving the sheep while maintaining control. Coup, the champion, made a very strong final run, handled the sheep well and moved them decisively, penning the sheep for the final obstacle with seven-and-a-half minutes left on the clock. In contrast, some 30 out of the original 130 dogs ran out of time (retired) during the first two days of competition.

Cunningham reports, "There was a good turnout of spectators this year with many familiar faces and many new faces. Everyone had a great time and things went smoothly—a happy, contented crowd of spectators, vendors and competitors. We rest our laurels on the community and the many volunteers who make the Trials run. Visitors, handlers and demonstrators love the friendly, small town atmosphere of Meeker."

Cunningham shared what she says is a typical spectator comment: "This is my second year at Meeker and my third year as a dog sponsor. The sense of community here and the variety of related events make it special. But best of all is watching the bond between handler and border collie in every run. Some are

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Going behind the scenes at a wildland fire

PAT TURNER PHOTO

Incident commander Bill Cramer directed a tour of the firefighter's camp for the Himes Peak Fire on Sunday. Cramer is the chief of the Alaska Smokejumpers. He parachuted in Wednesday with his team.

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RBC I At the Himes Peak Fire, 46 miles east of Meeker, the Herald Times had an opportunity to see firsthand some of what goes on behind the scenes during a firefighting operation in the wilderness.

On Friday, Sept. 1, authorities received a report of smoke in the Trappers Lake area. Crews responded, but did not find the fire.

Over the next few days, the source of the smoke became more apparent. Firefighters identified a lightning-caused fire burning mostly within the burn scar of the 2002 Big Fish Fire in the Big Fish and lower North Fork drainage.

On Wednesday, Sept. 6, the fire reached a predefined priority level necessitating additional support. Several engine crews and aircraft were at work on the fire when a seven-person team of smokejumpers from Pocatello, Idaho, parachuted in via plane to take charge of the fire.

"We function as another asset on the line," said Bill Cramer, chief of the Alaska Smokejumpers for the Alaska Fire Service and incident commander on the Himes Peak Fire. It's his 28th year as a smokejumper, and his 30th year fighting wildfires. A 20-person hand crew also arrived that day.

According to Curtis Keetch, District Ranger for the U.S. Forest Service Blanco District, wildland fires are addressed based on location, conditions, fire behavior, and the safety of personnel. When a wildfire reaches certain predefined levels, additional help in the form of air support, ground crews and sometimes smokejumpers like Cramer's team, can be requested. Sometimes those teams and crews require additional support to do their jobs: com-

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Rangely council gives added funds to Wolf Creek project

By JEN HILL
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RANGELY I The Rangely Town Council met Tuesday night where they discussed improvements to White River Village and additional funding to the Wolf Creek Reservoir project.

Elizabeth Wiley, owner of Elizabeth Robinson Studio and Home on the Rangely, approached the council during public input for the purpose of clarifying what she said were misunderstandings regarding her business relationship with the Rangely Outdoor Museum. Wiley, who organized the OldTimers gathering at Septemberfest, provided the council with an explanation of the history of her partnership with the event. She told the board that following confusion about her status as a paid contractor or volunteer she chose to provide her services to the OldTimers free of charge. Wiley said that the confusion that followed led to sponsors of the event pulling their funds as well as a refusal by the Chamber of Commerce to forward on information about the event. She also expressed concerns that her reputation and livelihood had been damaged. Wiley requested that, in the future, when a business is going to be discussed at council meetings the business owner be notified so that they may participate in the discussion.

Town Manager Peter Brixius updated the council on sales tax saying that the town has received $521,000 from January through September 2017. Brixius compared the number to last year's entire revenue of $557,000, saying the numbers were "hopeful." He also informed the council that the town has hired their fifth police officer who will begin working this week.

The council approved filling for a $13,000 grant request from County Capital Improvement Tax Fund to make improvements to the laundry facilities and common room areas at White River Village. They hope to expand and upgrade the laundry equipment as well as replace worn carpet. The low income senior and disabled housing facility currently offers 24 apartments.

The vacancy on the town Planning and Zoning Commission was filled with the appointment of Matt Billgren. The Town is also seeking to fill a vacancy on the Rangely Development Agency.

The Council decided to give an additional $5,000 of funding to the White River Water Conservancy District for continuation of the Wolf Creek Reservoir project. The Water Conservancy has been faced with a $22,112 shortfall following a cut in severance funding which threatens the future of the project. Prior to the request to the town of Rangely for additional funding, Rio Blanco County had agreed to provide the needed funds to the Water District, but requested they also seek funds from the towns of Rangely and Meeker. Councilwoman Ann Brady expressed concerns about the town funding a future project that she said would not be a benefit to existing Kenney Reservoir if the reservoir is off stream, as it would not prevent future sedimentation at Kenney. She was also concerned that the Colorado River District and Moffat County have not funded any of the project to date. Director of the Water Conservancy Alden VandenBrink discussed the importance of the project and water storage to the future of Rangely. He described the funding as "hedging towards the future of the town." Prior to the additional funding the town had given the district $50,000 towards the project. Councilman Andy Key expressed concerns that Rangely has funded more of the project than the county, which he said had a big potential for benefit. After lengthy discussion the council approved the $5,000 in funding with council members Ann Brady and Trey Robie voting no.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

■ **Adult Open Gym** pickleball Mondays at 7:30 p.m. in the MES gym. For 18 and older. Volleyball Tuesdays from 7:30-9 p.m. in the MES gym. Adult open gym basketball Wednesdays from 7:30-9 in the MES gym. Call 878-3403 for details.

■ **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.

■ **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 VFW, 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 e**very Thursday at 5:30 p.m. at St. James' Episcopal Church—Richards' Hall, Fourth and Park.

■ **Real-Tea Roundtable.** Join real estate expert Suzan Pelloni for helpful hints on buying and selling property. The first Monday of the month at 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.

COURTESY PHOTO

Fire retardant is delivered to the Hime Peak Fire east of Meeker by airplane. The concoction, which is similar to fertilizer, doesn't put the fire out, but it does slow the fire's progress, according to Bill Cramer, chief of the Alaska Smokejumpers, who dropped in Wednesday and was serving as incident commander on the fire. As of press time Wednesday, the fire was declared 100 percent contained. Crews were expected to remain through the weekend to "mop up" hot spots within the perimeter, monitor the fire and rehabilitate the containment line.

CLASSIC: Strong showing

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spectacular and some not so much so, but always the bond is there. The spectators here are a varied group and it is fun to watch with them. For some, it is their first time ever watching dogs work, and many of them leave fans for life. Thank you Meeker for another great week. Until next year..."

Cunningham also said that while final numbers haven't yet been compiled, gate numbers were up, vendors saw higher sales, the parking lot was full and so was the town. The downtown events—Friday's art, wine and cheese event was overflowing with people and a large crowd munched their way through the Jammin' Lamb cook-off Saturday.

The Handlers' Challenge at the fairgrounds arena Saturday featured contests between handlers and their dogs including some novices and two dog-two handler teams. The event was punctuated by the appearance of local Greg Cunningham and his dog Frank. Greg used what appeared to be a fairly effective secret weapon—a sweep broom rather than just a stock sorting stick—on the sheep.

The art show—coordinated by Sarah Grimes and Kari Jo Ruchti—was a big success this year, Cunningham said, with a 60 percent increase in sales over 2016. The first place art winner was Laura Yager of Boise, Idaho, with her cut paper collage entitled "Wish Ewe Were Here" which will be the Trials' 2018 poster. Second place art went to Marsha Mello of Elkton, Ore., for her "Turning the Post" oil on paper. The Shirley Coy Best of Northwest Colorado award was won by Cheryl Harley-Volz of Fruita for her "BAHHH" alcohol ink/mixed media piece.

The People's Choice Award went to James Dawson of Crawford, Colo., for his "Heaven's Trail" oil. The Johnny Wix Children's Choice was "Working Hands," an oil, by Patricia Samples-Ehrlich, Weldona, Colo.

In the photography contest, first place went to "Ready to Work" by Betty Gillis, Lavernia, Texas, with second place going to "Border Collie Puppy" by Paul Turner of Meeker.

FIRE: Officials have to weigh safety, wilderness values

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munications specialists, supply specialists, and people who provide food and water and sanitation services.

By Sunday, when the fire was mostly contained, there were more than 100 people working together to fight the fire. An infrared scan of the area by plane determined the fire to be 112 acres.

That acreage equates to more than three miles of perimeter line that has to be monitored. A single spark can smolder for days before it turns into a full-fledged fire. When conditions allow, firefighters use a three-step plan in cases like the Himes Peak Fire: anchor (the start of the fire), flank (go around the sides), and pinch (get to the front of the fire's growth and pinch it off).

Planes bring in fire retardant, which Cramer says lives up to its name—it slows the fire's progress, but doesn't stop it. Retardant gives ground crews time to flank the fire, deal with "hotspots," and dig firelines for containment purposes. Dropping retardant or even water doesn't put the fire "out." It just means the ground crews can get in and establish a fire containment perimeter.

Firefighters, who expend up to 6,000 calories a day on a fire, were removing hazards, taking out heavy fuels, and encircling the fire with water hoses.

Behind the scenes, a small village had popped up at the Himes Peak Campground, with water trucks, portable toilets and hand washing stations, a food truck, a supply trailer, and a mobile communications unit. Every firefighting team requires basic essentials: food, water and shelter. Rudimentary tents provide shelter. The food is provided by caterers, most of whom are contracted with national fire responders. Water and sanitation supplies are trucked in from the nearest source. The Himes Peak Fire was something of an anomaly, Cramer said, thanks to the location and cooperation with local landowners. Most fire sites don't afford firefighters such "posh" accommodations as a tent in which to eat meals.

"It takes a whole team to have a successful operation," Cramer said. "We couldn't do it without our partners."

As of press time, local, regional and national firefighters are addressing numerous large wildfires throughout the Pacific Northwest and Montana, and several wildfires are burning in northwest Colorado. How those fires are treated depends on location, size, safety for fire personnel, risk to structures and other high value resources, and more.

"We have to weigh wilderness values with public safety. It's a judgement call what tools we use," Keetch said. "Where there's a fire on my district everyone's lives are in my hands."

Blanco District Public Information Officer Lynn Lockwood said they expect trail closures surrounding the Hime's Peak Fire to be lifted on Friday, Sept. 15, barring unforeseen changes to the fire situation. Call 970-878-4039 for further information.

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Register at the Meeker Recreation Center or by calling 970-878-3403.

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When	**Practices:** October 9-December 2 Mondays & Wednesdays 6:15pm-7:15pm **Games:** Saturdays TBD ***No session Nov. 22.***	**Practices:** October 10-December 9 Tuesdays & Thursdays 6:15pm-7:15pm **Games:** Saturdays TBD ***No session Oct. 31 and Nov. 23.***
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Dear College Community,

The Colorado Community College System (CCCS) and the State Board of Community Colleges & Occupational Education (SBCCOE) invite your participation in setting goals as part of the 2017-2018 CCCS Presidential search.

Participants will have an opportunity to share with SBCCOE what they believe are the most important priorities for CCCS (and colleges) as well as provide input on strengths, experiences, and attributes they would like in a future System President.

We hope to see and hear from you at the community forum on Tuesday, September 19.

Dr. Nancy McCallin, CCCS President
Dr. Russell Meyer, SBCCOE Board Chair

COLORADO COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM

NEWS BRIEFS

Cribbage tournament winners

RANGELY | The winners of the 2017 Carl Rector Memorial Cribbage Tournament were Rod Ficken in first place and Debbie Ficken in second place.

AGNC summit Sept. 15 in Craig

RBC | Tri-State Generation and the Moffat County Local Marketing District will present the Associated Governments of Northwest Colorado's economic development summit Friday, Sept. 15 at the Clarion Inn in Craig, Colo., from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Topics will include regional diversification and demographics, rural economic development and entrepreneurship, coworking and regional collaboration, and a presentation on help as a new opportunity for agriculture. Registration is $75 and can be done online (www.agnc.org) or at the door. Please contact Kealey Campbell at admin@agnc.org or by phone 970-665-1095 if you would like to be invoiced for your registration.

Ideal You introductory workshop Sept. 19

MEEKER | Learn more about the Ideal You medically designed weight loss method and lifestyle at an introductory workshop and social Tuesday, Sept. 19 at 6 p.m. upstairs in the Hugus Building, 592 Main St., in Meeker. Call 970-824-0226 for more information.

Costa Rica group meeting Sept. 20

MEEKER | Costa Rica group will meet at 7:30 p.m. next Wednesday, Sept. 20, in the Meeker Public Library to plan fundraising activities. High school students interested in this opportunity for hands-on science working with leatherback turtles in one of the world's premier ecological reserves: if you have not yet signed up, please plan to attend, or contact Dr. Dorsett.

Public forum for Rangely Sept. 21

RANGELY | You are invited to a public forum in Rangely to share your ideas and input to help determine and prioritize the next project and initiatives for economic and community development Thursday, Sept. 21 at 6 p.m. at the Rangely High School auditorium (234 S. Jones Ave.). Participate in a live poll, hear ideas, provide input. Please come with a cell phone or web-enabled device to participate in the polling. If you have any questions, please contact Konnie Billgren at 970-675-5290.

Benefit golf tournament Sept. 23

MEEKER | A golf tournament to benefit the Meeker Education Foundation will be held Saturday, Sept. 23 at the Meeker Golf Course. The championship flight (18 holes) is $400 per four-person team and includes use of a golf cart and drinks at holes, cash prizes and dinner prepared by Elk Creek Ranch Chef at the Meeker Golf Course Clubhouse. The "funsome foursome flight" (9 holes) is $40 per person and includes golf cart rental, drinks at holes and dinner. All money raised through this event is tax exempt and will purchase curricular materials (textbooks and other) for Meeker schools. For more information contact Debbie and Jim Cook at 970-878-5554, Becky Ridings at the Meeker Golf Course at 970-878-5642 or Mary Strang with the Meeker Education Foundation at 970-878-5362.

Coal Creek School celebration Sept. 23

MEEKER | Rio Blanco County Historical Society and MM-Eight Construction invites you to join them for an afternoon of celebration on Sept. 23 from 1-4 p.m. at Coal Creek School, 617 County Road 6. Enjoy a free barbecue lunch, music and memories with family, friends and people of all ages. If possible bring a dessert to share. Please park only in designated areas. Shuttles will take you to the school.

Register for community education classes

MEEKER | Registration for fall Community Education Classes is open. Schedules were mailed two weeks ago to local residents. Many of the classes will start the week of Sept. 11 as follows: basic computer, Sept. 11; quilting, Sept. 13; stamping, Sept. 11-15; smart phone basics, Sept. 18; digital photography, Sept. 28; and crocheted rugs workshop, Sept. 29. More classes will be coming in October and November. For further information or to get on a class list, call 878-5227, email iris.franklin@cncc.edu, or stop by the CNCC Meeker Center located in the Riegel Building at 345 Sixth St.

COLORADO GRAND ...

Members of the Colorado Grand annual tour of vintage autos came through Meeker Tuesday and handed over a check for $1,500 to representatives from Pioneers Healthcare Foundation. The tour is in its 29th year and has contributed more than $5.5 million to Colorado charities.

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EDITOR'S COLUMN...

Deserts or desserts?

By NIKI TURNER
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This Sunday commemorates the signing of our nation's Constitution. I wanted to print the Constitution in its entirety as we did with the Declaration of Independence, but space this week has not permitted me to do so.

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Small towns are wonderful fodder for fiction, whether mystery, romance, thriller or otherwise. Part of that comes from the tendency small communities have toward nepotism. Nepotism is defined as "the practice among those with power or influence of favoring relatives or friends, especially by giving them jobs." It's not considered a good thing, particularly when it comes to government, but it's more popular than ever these days.

Nepotism comes naturally. It seems normal to hire your children and friends. You trust them, you can boss them around. That might be fine when you're talking about your local store (or newspaper). It's not often fine when it extends to your government officials. That's how we end up with kangaroo courts and good ol' boy networks.

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Just deserts, or just desserts?

It's one of my favorite typos. "Just desserts" (instructions given for potlucks), means something totally different than "just deserts." (If you don't see the difference, please consult a dictionary.) I often wonder if that typo is indicative of our tendencies toward optimism and pessimism.

For example, one of my sons and his wife got stuck on the west coast of Florida this week during Hurricane Irma in the direct path of the storm. They're fine, the area they are in was one of the safer places between Naples and Tampa, but I spent multiple hours vicariously planning for the worst. I now know more about surviving a hurricane's storm surge than I will probably ever need to know, given the fact I refuse to travel to hurricane-prone areas during hurricane season. (They're on their way home this morning, finally, four days later than expected.)

All my "just deserts" thinking accomplished nothing for them in their situation.

My oldest son, on the other hand, is a "just desserts" kind of person, even though he's one of the few people I know who are well-versed in actual survival techniques in the most outlandish conditions.

"It's an adventure!" He wrote to his brother, blended with tidbits of helpful, practical information that might actually be applicable to the situation. Not only would he meet the challenge head-on, he would do with the same kind of attitude he adopts when eating free pie: happily.

Do we get our "just desserts" or our "just deserts" in life? Or does it depend on what we're expecting? Are your deserts someone else's desserts?

GUEST COLUMN: HEALTH & WELLNESS

Know the warning signs for stroke: F.A.S.T.

By JULIE DRAKE
Special to the Herald Times

Julie Drake

RBC I After more than 40 years of decline, progress has slowed in preventing stroke deaths, according to the latest report by the Centers for Disease Control. Also of concern is the increase in stroke deaths among Hispanics and people living in the South. In Colorado the trend is reversing. Deaths from strokes had been decreasing and now they are on the rise. Stroke is one of the leading causes of death and disability, but it doesn't have to be, about 80 percent of strokes are preventable.

Stroke is a medical emergency. Learn the signs and symptoms. Remember FAST.

Face drooping: Does one side of the face droop or is it numb? Ask the person to smile. Is the person's smile uneven or lopsided?

Arm weakness: Is one arm weak or numb? Ask the person to raise both arms. Does one arm drift downward?

Speech difficulty: Is speech slurred? Is the person unable to speak or hard to understand? Ask the person to repeat a simple sentence, like "The sky is blue." Is the person able to correctly repeat the words?

Time to call 911: If someone shows any of these symptoms, even if the symptoms go away, call 9-1-1 and say, "I think this is a stroke" to help get the person to the hospital immediately. Time is important! Don't delay, and also note the time when the first symptoms appeared. Emergency responders will want to know.

High blood pressure is the single most important preventable and treatable risk factor for stroke. Get a blood pressure cuff for home use, or regularly go to a place that has one. It is important to measure blood pressure at different points in time. Write down the time and readings and take to your physician for interpretation. Stroke risk can be identified early and prevention is key.

If you can't think of an appropriate Christmas gift for a parent, friend of colleague, think about purchasing a home blood pressure unit. Help them understand the importance of using it and writing down results. This gift could be life saving.

Julie Drake is the Rio Blanco County Public Health Director.

GUEST COLUMN: UNDER THE DOME

On the road again with Bob Rankin

By BOB RANKIN
Special to the Herald Times

Bob Rankin

RBC I We wore out the tires on our car last month. That's either a testament to how well Joyce and I do our jobs of reaching out to western Colorado or the result of CDOT not having enough money to fix the potholes. For those of you not well versed in government acronyms, CDOT is the "underfunded" (to the tune of $9 billion) Colorado Department of Transportation. Look for a lot of discussion and perhaps a ballot measure next year to fund our roads.

Joyce was out getting new tires installed in Grand Junction while I sat in on the Club 20 executive session. The Club 20 fall meeting and the steak fry the night before always draw a crowd of west slope politicians and active citizenry to discuss and take positions on important issues like economic development and energy. I've been a member for years and respect the opinions of the representatives from 20 western counties. And we are always joined by elected officials and candidates from the front range, so it's also fun time for handshakes and back slaps. The highlight of the meeting was to hear from Congressman Tipton and Senator Gardner about the big issues being addressed in Washington. I'll take Denver any day.

There's a lot of concern after the tragic explosion in Firestone about abandoned or unmapped oil or gas pipelines and well sites. Senator Scott and I have submitted a letter to the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission requesting detail on the number and costs of plugging these wells and reclaiming the sites.

I serve on the boards of the Colorado Tourism Office and the State Internet Portal Authority, both critical to western interests. I'm looking forward to the upcoming yearly planning sessions for both.

The Joint Budget Committee, my daytime job, will be gearing up for another balancing act soon. We get a new forecast this month and the Governor's budget recommendation on Nov. 1. Then we start to review the departments in detail. By March, all six of us will be exhausted and even more unpopular but we will have a budget. I'm sure Medicaid will continue to grow faster that revenue and we have to deal with the uncertainty of health care reform from the feds. We'll face demands for more funding for schools and transportation. The prison population has started growing so we need to reopen a facility. And the state fair still loses money. They tell me it's simply a matter of priorities.

But we still have a month of travel, conferences and meetings, so those new tires will get a good workout before they get parked in the garage at our little apartment in Denver and we walk through the snow to the capitol every day.

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

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RIO BLANCO COUNTY DAYS GONE BY

The Meeker Herald — 100 years ago

■ The British Tommy's definition of a "Slacker" as given in the dictionary of the trenches is: "An insect who stays back in England and lets other men do the fighting."

■ You can't worry and be glad at the same time—so just be glad. ~Mildred Shaw

■ Fred Nichols was up from Rangely this week, attending to jury duties.

■ The rain storms of midweek put auto travel on the Meeker-Rifle road out of commission.

■ The season has advanced to a point where flies are considerable of a nuisance—especially to bald-headed men.

■ On account of school privileges, Mr. and Mrs. J.N. Neal have moved to town, taking the handsome and commodious Coudery residence on west Park Avenue.

The Meeker Herald — 25 years ago

■ The moving of the log school house from Marvine Creek into Meeker was made without incident to the location last Thursday. Tacked onto the bulletin board in the school house is a sheet of paper listing the teacher and the names of her four students for the school year 1954-55, when the building was last used as a classroom.

■ Cowboy halfback Ron Taussig looked like he had plenty of running room as he took off for an end run sweep in third period action of the Meeker-Basalt game last Saturday at Basalt. Meeker won 26-7.

■ No new snow has fallen as yet, but the frost was very evident Wednesday morning.

■ Bernard Nieslanik is now the proud owner of a hair dryer after White River Electric Association's annual business meeting and door prize drawing Tuesday. Other winners and their gifts were: Mrs. Josie Clapper, electric broiler; Mrs. Dorothy Bloomfield, radio; Mrs. Margie Wilber, electric iron; Mrs Martha Garcia, room heater; Mrs. Ethel Stout, electric carving knife; and Mrs. Genevieve Nay, who won the grand prize, a portable dishwasher.

Meeker Herald — 25 years ago

■ It's hard to think the Meeker Classic Sheepdog Championship Trials started from a cup of coffee. Marv Brown and Laura Lu Watkins and I were sitting at their dinner table talking about dogs and the next thing we knew there were 50-60 dogs trialing at Seely's field in 1987. What put that trial on the map was a $15,000 cash purse donated by Malcom Bricklin. ~ Gus Halandras

Rangely Times — 50 years ago

■ Now is the time to cut unsightly weeds for the last time this summer. We notice, up and down Main Street, several unsightly patches of weeds that should be removed.

■ The average net worth of families in Rio Blanco County is estimated at $19,200, based on local earning figures and on overall findings of the Feveral Reserve Board. This compares with $17,600 per family in the rest of the mountain state and $18,100 in the State of Colorado.

■ Gary Corbin celebrated his fifth birthday Sunday by entertaining five of his little friends at a party given by his mother. Those attending were Kenneth and Sharie Crown, Annette Moon, Gaylene Aplanalp and Ricky Massy.

■ Defensive standouts for Rangely were tackle Jay Rector and linebacker Tom Suchar. Fullback Bill Hume averaged 4.5 yards per carry for a total of 63 yards in 14 carries.

■ Absentees from high school classes during the first two weeks of school have been increasing at an alarming rate.

Rangely Times — 50 years ago

■ The county runs a self-funded insurance program for their employees. At the Sept. 13 meeting of the county commissioners, this was the biggest item of discussion. Basically, the problem is a large increase in rates. Actual rates will be increasing about 25 percent.

A group of those opposed to casino gambling in Dinosaur met last Wednesday evening to discuss plans for helping to defeat the initiatives which could bring casino gambling to at least 33 additional Colorado communities.

■ Rangely First Baptist Church celebrated it's 45th anniversary.

■ The Rangely Panther football team won their first game of the 1992 campaign over Basalt 28-0.

RIO BLANCO COUNTY WEEKLY CALL REVIEW

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

Sept. 4- 10, 2017

For the last week the dispatch center processed 590 phone calls, receiving 32 911 calls, 86 calls for Meeker Police Department (MPD) and placed 156 outgoing phone calls. A total of 183 calls for service were created, 101 for the Sheriff's Office, 84 for MPD and eight 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 three auto crashes were reported throughout the county.

The Sheriff's Office conducted 21 traffic stops issuing three summons, while the MPD had 17 stops with two summons.

Other calls for the Sheriff's Office included 17 agency assists, one 911 hang up, two alarms, 10 animal calls, five civil papers served, 10 business checks, four citizen assists, four disturbances, three BLM wildland fires, four motorist assists, four suspicious incidents, seven traffic complaints, four traffic hazards, one VIN and one warrant arrest.

MPD calls included four agency assists, three 911 hang ups, two alarms, 10 animal calls, four business checks, six citizen assists, three civil issues, nine disturbances, one domestic violence, two fraud calls, three harassment, one missing person, three motorist assists, four suspicious incidents, two traffic complaints and three VIN inspections.

There were eight calls for Meeker Fire and Rescue responding to two ambulance requests, three medical transports, one motor vehicle crash and two wildland fires.

There were three assists with Colorado State Patrol.

Rio Blanco Detention facility booked in six and released six and currently has 12 inmates.

There were no DUI arrests.

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Tues.	**Sept. 19 -** Bean/Cheese Burrito, Spanish Rice, Lettuce Cups, Salsa, Fruit, Milk
Wed.	**Sept. 20 -** CHOICE DAY - Chicken A la King/Biscuits OR Yogurt Special, Carrot Coins, Fruit, Milk
Thurs.	**Sept. 21 -** Hamburgers, Vegetable Normandy, Fruit Juice, Apple Crisp, Milk

RANGELY: SEPT 18-21, 2017

Mon.	**Sept. 18 -** Frito Pie w/ Toppings, Salad Bar w/ Fruit, Milk/Water. JR/SR HIGH A LA CARTE: Hamburgers
Tues.	**Sept. 19 -** Chicken Patty Sandwich, Potato Chips, Salad Bar w/ Fruit, Milk/Water. JR/SR HIGH A LA CARTE: Tacos & Toppings
Wed.	**Sept. 20 -** Taquitos w/ Salsa, Steamed Rice, Salad Bar with Fruit, Milk/Water. JR/SR HIGH A LA CARTE: Chicken Sandwich
Thurs.	**Sept. 21 -** Beef Macaroni, Mixed Vegetables, Dinner Rolls, Salad Bar with Fruit, Milk/Water. JR/SR HIGH A LA CARTE: Pepperoni Pizza

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Qualities of the Godly Man (1)

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

Fret not thyself because of evildoers . . . trust in the Lord . . . (Ps. 37:1–3)

■ Dr. J.D. Watson

PSALM 37 is another of David's striking works. Penned in his old age (v. 25), it addresses the age old conundrum about the *prosperity* of the wicked but the *pain* of the godly. The first 11 verses provide a wondrous summary of how we are to live by giving us five qualities of the godly man (or woman).

First, we see the godly man's *caution* in the words **fret not thyself because of evildoers** (v. 1). Interestingly, this is the only "negative" quality of the five, but it is listed first and is actually repeated twice more (vv. 7, 8). The Hebrew in all three cases (*ḥārāh)* is related to both a rare Aramaic root meaning to cause fire, and to an Arabic root meaning burning sensation in the throat. Further, unlike other words for anger, this one speaks of the original stirring up of the anger, as one would kindle a fire, and the heat that results from it. The full force of this word is seen in its very first OT occurrence (Gen. 4:5), where Cain was angry at Abel, painting the graphic image of a fire being ignited in his heart and the horrific result.

It is easy to see from all this why David asserts his caution. It is probably safe to say that every believer has at one time or another felt at least a little "heated" at the seemingly unjust success of the wicked and the suffering of the righteous. But to do so is actually to criticize the sovereignty of God. He is sovereign over all things, including all men, whether they enjoy luster or endure lack. Further, David assures us that such prosperity is fleeting; the ungodly will be mowed down like grass in judgment, and their fame and fortune will wither to nothing (v. 2).

Second, we note the godly man's *confidence* because of his **trust in the Lord** (v. 3). The underlying sense of the Hebrew *baṭaḥ*, in fact, is "to have confidence in," and its many occurrences illustrate the plethora of things in which the ungodly put their confidence: military might (Deut. 28:52); human leaders (Jud. 9:26); friends (Ps. 41:9); wealth (Ps. 49:6); idols (Hab. 2:18); one's own righteousness (Ezek. 33:13), and even lies (Jer. 28:15).

Every one of those will ultimately and utterly fail us, so the godly man puts his confidence in God alone. "Faith cures fretting," Charles Spurgeon encourages us. "Sight is cross-eyed, and views things only as they seem, hence her envy; faith has clearer optics to behold things as they really are, hence her peace." Such trust, in turn, leads to doing **good**, demonstrating once again that true faith, genuine salvation, implicitly implies obedience. "True faith is actively obedient," Spurgeon observes again. "Doing good is a fine remedy for fretting. There is a joy in holy activity that drives away the rust of discontent." Finally, as a result, God promises, **thou shalt be fed [on truth]**, as it can be fully rendered. Truth is the food of faith, and our love of Truth is an insatiable appetite.

Scriptures for Study: What do each of the following verses say about trust (*baṭah*): Psalms 9:10; 21:7; 26:1; 44:6; 56:1; 91:2; 119:42?

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OBITUARIES

Kayleen Lynn (Overton) Welch

April 12, 1976~Aug. 22, 2017

Kayleen Lynn Overton Welch

Kayleen Lynn (Overton) Welch was born in Westminster, Colo., on April 12, 1976. She grew up in Meeker, Colo., and faithfully attended Faith Baptist Church. She was graduated from Meeker High School in 1995 and later graduated from Colorado Northwestern Community College in Rangely in 1997. Kayleen worked at Colowyo Coal where she met her husband Timothy Welch. They were married on Sept. 16, 2000. They lost an infant daughter, Kaylynne Genevieve, at birth in 2005. On Sept. 18, 2006, she was blessed with another daughter CherishLynn. The family moved to Gillette, Wyo., in 2015. Kayleen was a loving mother, involved with MOPS and very involved in her church. She loved the Lord with all her heart. Kayleen is survived by her daughter CherishLynn Welch, parents Jim and Andrea Overton, and sisters Michelle (Brian) Pollock, Jamie Lynn (Joshua) Gier and Rebekah Kay Overton. Memorial donations may be made to the Kayleen Welch Memorial Fund in care of Grant Mortuary. The funds will be used for the care and education of CherishLynn.

Rama Jean (Hall) Sorenson

Nov. 1, 1926~Sept. 8, 2017

Rama Jean Hall Sorenson

Jean was born on Nov. 1, 1926, in Denver, Colo. She was adopted by a wonderful couple, Leslie O. and D. Madge Hall. She grew up in Palisade, Colo. She was graduated from Palisade High School and went to Oral Roberts University. She married Carl Fredrick Sorensen on April 25, 1948, in Hotchkiss, Colo. Shortly after their marriage, they returned to Meeker to live.

She worked more than 25 years for Meeker High School. She loved gardening and keeping up her home. She loved to camp and fish and traveling around the great state of Colorado.

She passed away Sept. 8, 2017, at home with her loved ones by her side. She is survived by her daughters Donna (George—deceased) Morris, Kathy (Dan) Armour, and Leslie Sorensen with three grandchildren: Jeannetta (Robert) Wadsworth, Rob (Kelly) Armour and James Morris. She had seven great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild. She also leave behind her honorary sister Shirley Goosman, and honorary son Wiley Berthelson. She is predeceased by her husband Carl Sorensen and her infant son Allen Edward.

Graveside services will be Monday, Sept. 18, 2017, at 11 a.m. at Highland Cemetery in Meeker, Colo. The family would like to thank Dr. Landa and the caregivers of Western Slope In-home Care for their excellent care. In lieu of flowers, please donate to the Meeker Animal Shelter or a charity of your choice. (www.blackburnmortuary.com)

Ellis E. Eliasen

June 13, 1942~Sept. 9, 2017

Ellis E. Eliasen was the sixth born child of A.B. Whitey and Mary Jean Eliasen. He was preceded in death by his parents, sister Liz, and two brothers, Earl and Elton. Mourning him, Edgar and Jan Eliasen, Elaine Webber, Enid and Dave Steffen, Ellie and Don Anding, Jenny and Ken Megahey, Jerry and Catherine, John, Sue, Zina, Ron and Sara, and Mac Richardson, tons of nephews, nieces and greats.

Ellis was happiest outdoors fishing, riding horses, riding quads, taking pictures, shooting baskets at the elementary school, or smacking rocks with a baseball bat. He was the ringleader of the sled riding or hood riding parties, where it was always "last man standing" years before it was a TV show.

He had so much patience whether he was working a horse, or riding herd on the younger brothers and sisters. He taught us how to drive, shoot guns, and by example, how to treat each other and every living thing.

Ellis was a kind, gentle, generous and patient man. The best version of a son, brother, uncle, friend you could ask for.

Ellis was one of the last great cowboys. his horses loved him as much as he loved them. He trained his horses with love and gentleness, never jerking the reins or using a quirt. He didn't need to, his horses responded to him.

Respect was a huge part of who Ellis was. He respected people, animals and Mother Earth.

Ellis was an avid reader, passing his books around as he finished them. None of them were by female writers, and none of them were written by an author with three names.

He was so smart, probably the smartest person we'll ever know, but he never made anyone he talked to feel stupid. He had no desire or need to grandstand or brag. He let his actions speak for him.

Ellis lived his life on his own terms. His sense of humor and joy was totally uninhibited, he chortled and laughed like a child.

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Haskett appointed to CPW commission

By REED KELLEY
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RBC I The Colorado Parks and Wildlife Commission held their September meeting in Steamboat Springs last week. Longtime Northwest Regional Manager Ron Velarde was honored for his 47 years with the agency (see sidebar), Meeker area outfitter Jeanne Horne was recognized for her years of service on the commission, and the governor's four new commission appointments began their first terms.

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Marie Haskett, Colorado's Outfitter of the Year, will now serve on the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Commission.

On Aug. 30, Governor John Hickenlooper appointed three new members from the northwest region of the state to the commission. Of particular local interest, 2016 Outfitter of the Year, Marie Haskett, owner and operator of JML Outfitters upriver, was appointed as a representative of sportspersons and outfitters. In effect, Haskett replaces Jeanne Horne on the commission. Horne is the owner and operator of J-Bar-H Outfitters, now out of Hamilton. Horne was originally appointed to a partial term on the commission in 2012 and reappointed to a full term in 2013. Commissioners are now limited to two terms under state law. She was the COA Outfitter of the Year for 2011.

Horne is held in high regard by her fellow commissioners who, among other accolades, gave her credit for often being tougher than the rest of them. She told the commission, "I leave this body with the utmost respect for the agency, its staff and its leadership." Horne told the *Herald Times* that she will continue to run her business and that outfitting is her passion.

Haskett's outfitting business is located on Papoose Creek, 30 miles east of Meeker. It was started by her grandfather, Glynn "Doc" Frasier, in 1961, and continued by her mother Maggie Haskett. Her own outfitting experience now exceeds 30 years. In addition to the drop camps she operates on eight different sites during the hunting seasons, she also offers trail rides, fishing and camping trips during the summer. She trains horses during the winter and raises most of her own stock. She says she starts working with foals "the day they hit the ground." Haskett's first term will expire in July 2021.

Haskett reported to the Herald Times in April that she has clients who date back to her grandfather, their kids and grandkids. She says, "I am fortunate that so much of my business is repeat business." She is especially fond of what she calls her Horse Crazy Camp (not Crazy Horse Camp). Starting at age 10, kids come for six days to learn to ride and be responsible for all aspects of horsemanship, including feeding, grooming, saddling and exercising.

Also appointed last week by the Governor were Carrie Besnette-Hauser of Glenwood Springs and Jim Spehar of Grand Junction, both to vacancies created by resignations. Their first terms will expire in July 2019. Hauser is president of Colorado Mountain College (CMC), is an avid outdoorswoman, and is a member of the board of American Rivers, a national conservation nonprofit. CMC is well-known for its sustainability and outdoor education programs. Spehar is a former Grand Junction mayor and Mesa County commissioner. Both Hauser and Spehar were appointed as representatives of public outdoor recreation participants and parks resource users.

In addition last week, the governor appointed Marvin E. McDaniel, Jr., of Sedalia, as an at-large commission member who will have a four year term. McDaniel is an executive vice-president, chief administrative officer and group president of utilities with Xcel Energy.

The CPW Commission is a citizen board, appointed entirely by the governor, which sets regulations and other policies for Colorado wildlife and parks programs. The commission is comprised of 11 voting members that include three who are representatives of sportspersons, at least one of whom must be an outfitter. Other members are three agricultural producers, three recreationalists, one of whom must be associated with a nonprofit, non-consumptive wildlife organization, and two at-large representatives.

Regardless of the particular interests each member is appointed to represent, under state law, all 11 are expected to consider the diversity of park, wildlife and outdoor recreation issues throughout Colorado and be committed to the long-term financial stability and sustainability of the agency. A minimum of four of the 11 must reside west of the Continental Divide.

Current agricultural producer representatives on the commission are Robert Bray of Redvale, James Vigil of Trinidad and Dean Wingfield of Vernon. Wingfield is also a Yuma County commissioner. Other current members are, for sportspersons, John Howard of Boulder and Alex Zipp of Pueblo; for recreation and parks users, Michelle Zimmerman of Breckenridge; and as an at-large member, Dale Pizel of Creede.

In addition, the executive director of the Department of Natural Resources, now Bob Randall, and the commissioner of agriculture, now Don Brown, serve on the commission as ex-officio members. Randall was represented by Assistant DNR Director for Parks, Wildlife and Lands Madeleine West, and Brown was represented by in Steamboat by Deputy Agriculture Commissioner Chris Wiseman.

CPW COURTESY PHOTO

At the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Commission last Thursday in Steamboat Springs, Meeker area outfitter Jeanne Horne received many accolades from the commission upon ending her two terms of service, including that she's a "class act." Here, Horne accepts a bronze of the bighorn sheep ram, "Old Warrior" from CPW Director Bob Broscheid. The bronze is to be a reminder that Horne will forever be considered a member of Colorado's parks and wildlife fraternity.

CPW COURTESY PHOTO

Ron Velarde, left, of Grand Junction retired June 30 as the CPW Northwest Regional Manager, ending his 47 year career at the agency. His replacement, JT Romatzke, right, who was chosen last month to be Velarde's replacement, here gives Velarde framed U.S. and Colorado flags that were flown over the Colorado Capitol the day Velarde retired. The commission and CPW leadership showered Velarde with many additional mementos of his years of service and high praise.

The commission approved final regulations governing fee waivers, discounts, and sponsorships related to park products and state wildlife area access permits; regulations

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Romatzke named CPW regional manager

RBC I Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) announced last month that Grand Junction area wildlife manager for Mesa and Garfield Counties, J. T. Romatzke, 43, has been chosen to replace Ron Velarde as northwest regional manager. Romatzke joined the agency in 1998, became a district manager in 2002, and area manager in 2008.

Romatzke played a big role in establishing the Cameo shooting and education complex just off I-70 at the mouth of Debeque Canyon on the Colorado River.

In 2015, the Colorado Cattlemen's Association named Romatzke public servant of the year. He was also named officer of the year by the Association of Midwest Fish and Game Law Enforcement Officers.

Velarde, 71, who served as NW regional manager for 17 years, retired June 30. He started with the agency in 1970.

The Parks and Wildlife Commission, meeting in Steamboat last Thursday and Friday, heaped praise on Velarde for his "legendary" 47 years of service to the agency. A story was told that at 10 years old, in Walsenburg, Velarde penned a letter to Colorado Outdoors, the parks and wildlife publication, about how mountain lions should be managed and how the public should have the opportunity to hunt them. As a professional, Velarde was touted as a "bridge-builder" and for having played a key role in bringing about the establishment of the CPW Habitat Stamp Program.

Broscheid has said of Velarde, "I can't overstate the huge impact he's made on this agency. His wisdom and experience will be missed.

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A kick-off to the 2017 Mountain Valley Bank Fall Festival

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BOBBY GUTIERREZ

Demonstrating the kind of precision that made them the 2017 champions are Dennis Edwards and his four-year-old border collie, Coup.

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Meeker Classic director Maym Cunningham.

DALE HALLEBACH

The relationship between dog and handler is an amazing thing to watch.

CAITLIN WALKER

Meeker's sheep are notoriously difficult to work with, and this year's batch was no exception.

PAT TURNER

Meeker P.E.O. members hosted the sixth annual quilt show downtown. From left, Stephanie Oldland, Beverly Steinman, Peggy Shults and Sherry Overton with an antique quilt that has the names of some of Meeker's earliest pioneers.

DALE HALLEBACH

Dog and handler work together to bring the sheep into the pen.

DALE HALLEBACH

Cooling off in the trough.

CAITLIN WALKER

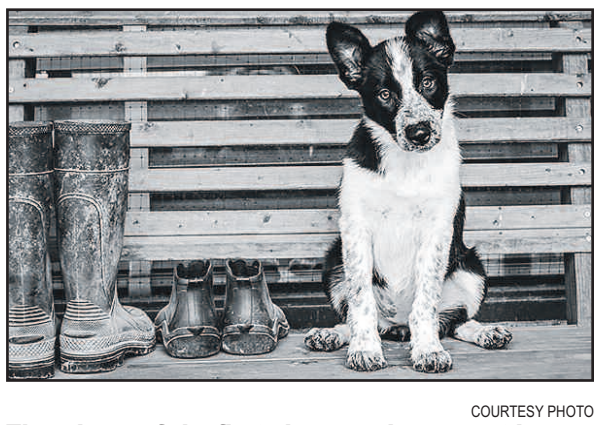
Elk Creek Ranch chef Scott Creecy was one of five competitors at the Jammin' Lamb event.

DALE HALLEBACH

The finalists gather with their dogs on Sunday afternoon.

DALE HALLEBACH

There is no other dog quite like a border collie.



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The winner of the first photography contest is "Ready to Work" by Betty Gillis of Lavernia, Texas.

COURTESY PHOTO

The winner of the art competition is "Wish Ewe Were Here," a cut paper collage by Laura Yager of Boise, Idaho.

CAITLIN WALKER

Popular local band Casserole Beans performed for the crowd during the Jammin' Lamb culinary competition in downtown Meeker.

DALE HALLEBACH

Mark your calendars for September 2018 for the 32nd annual Meeker Classic. Visit www.meekersheepdog.com for updates.

PAT TURNER

Kim McKee performs Celtic music at Smoking River Arts on a harp made from Scottish sycamore wood.

Craig mayor shares '13 Ways to Kill Your Community'

By JEN HILL
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RANGELY | Last Thursday Craig Mayor John Ponikvar asked the question that's been on everyone's mind, "What are you going to do here in Rangely when the oil and gas doesn't come back?"

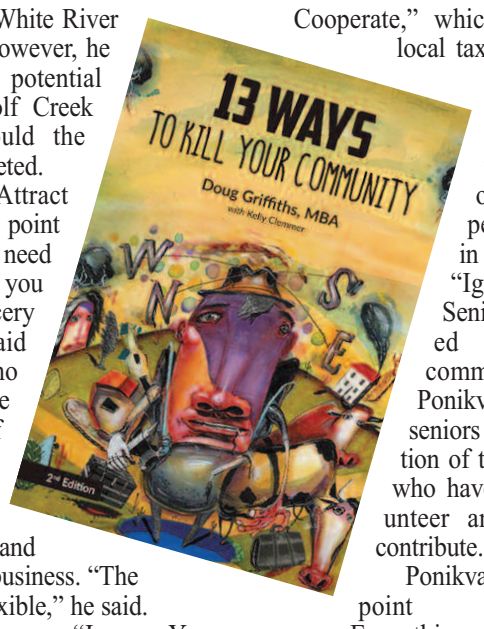
The question was asked as part of Ponikvar's presentation to a small group of interested citizens on the book "13 Ways to Kill Your Community" by Doug Griffiths and Kelly Clemmer.

Ponikvar began his presentation by complimenting Rangely, specifically calling out the county wide broadband project, The TANK and Rangely Automotive Museum as real assets to the community. He drew parallels between Rangely and Craig as communities that both struggle with economic resiliency due to economies that are based primarily on fossil fuels.

Ponikvar also addressed the large number of studies that many communities, including Craig, undertake, drawing laughter when he mentioned a 2015 Craig study which was conducted to study the previous studies. However, he said that both Craig and Moffat County have experienced various successes in recent years, which he attributes to a change in culture.

Ponikvar was first introduced to "13 Ways" when he heard it discussed on an NPR radio program. The book uses what he described as "reverse psychology," calling to mind all of the things a community shouldn't do if they want to achieve sustainability.

Point one was "Don't Have Quality Water." Ponikvar pointed out local issues with the shrinking size of Kenney Reservoir and concerns with the White River algae bloom. However, he mentioned the potential benefits of Wolf Creek Reservoir, should the damn be completed.



"Don't Attract Business" was point two. "You don't need a grocery store, you need two grocery stores," said Ponikvar, who discussed the importance of competition. He also talked about the impact of rules and regulations on business. "The city must be flexible," he said.

Point three was "Ignore Your Youth," followed by "Deceive Yourself About Your Real Needs and Values." Here Ponikvar urged the community to ask "who are we and who do we want to be?" Point five was familiar, "Shop Elsewhere." According to Ponikvar, $1 will turn over six to seven times in a small community. He also mentioned the importance of sales tax, stating that 80 percent of Grand Junction sales tax revenue comes from those living outside Grand Junction.

Point six was "Don't Paint," where the importance of community-wide beautification was discussed. This was followed by "Don't Cooperate," which encouraged local taxing entities to be on the same page rather than view each other as competitors. "Live in the Past" and "Ignore Your Seniors" were listed as potential community killers. Ponikvar referred to seniors as the foundation of the community who have time to volunteer and money to contribute.

Ponikvar summarized point 10—"Reject Everything New"—with the warning, "You'll always get what you've always had." "Ignore Outsiders" followed. Ponikvar suggested that locals who grew up within the community should make themselves tourists for a day to develop a new appreciation for what is here already. He also proposed that the new broadband internet program could bring in new people who want the quiet, rural lifestyle and would be able to work remotely. "Welcome their ideas," he said.

"Become Complacent" was followed by the last way to kill your community, which Ponikvar said was vital, "Don't Take Responsibility."

"In any community you're going to find out some people just like drama," he said. But Ponikvar also said that opportunity can come from crisis.

The 13 Ways to Kill Your Community were followed up by four questions that Ponikvar said every community must answer; who are we and why do we matter, what do we want to be known for, what are we willing to struggle for and what is our story?

Ponikvar ended his presentation telling the audience, "It's all about attitude."

Ponikvar grew up in Leadville and is currently the Mayor of Craig and president of T & H Parts, also in Craig. His enthusiasm for the subject was apparent. "When I found the book I realized it was a message every small community needs to hear," he said. "The western slope is losing fossil fuels. We need to reinvent ourselves in a new world economy."

The book "13 Ways to Kill Your Community" is available online as well as at the Rangely Chamber of Commerce office.

COMING SOON ...

PAT TURNER PHOTO

A Redbox movie vending machine has popped up outside Watt's Ranch Market in Meeker.

Rangely schools seek funding via two mill levies

By JEN HILL
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RANGELY | In the coming weeks election ballots will begin hitting Rangely mailboxes with a variety of decisions to be made directing the future of Rangely schools. Along with two school board seats opening up the district is also seeking two mill levies to expand school funding through property tax increases.

Issue 3A is a mill levy override offered directly by the school district. The measure seeks to increase the levy to 2.67, the maximum mill levy that can be set, as determined by the state. The levy would equate to an annual property tax bill increase of $42.52 for a residential property valued at $200,000 and $154.86 for a business property valued the same.

Measure 5A is a continuation of the mill levy currently sponsored by the Western Rio Blanco Recreation District which helps fund athletic and competitive activities at the schools. The mill levy, which was initially passed in 2012, sunsets this year. The increased tax bill for 5A will ring in at $14.93 for a home valued at $200,000 and $43.50 for similarly valued business properties.

The district claims the funding increase is vital for the schools following years of broken funding promises from the state. In 2010 the state began using what is commonly termed as the "Negative Factor" to calculate school funding. According to Rangely Schools Superintendent Matt Scoggins the state chose to redistribute funds intended for the schools to other governmental agencies. Scoggins says that the district has been shorted more than $3.7 million in the last seven years.

Additionally, the district says they have been hit by a drop in student enrollment. In the last few years Scoggins estimates that the district has lost 67 students. Because Colorado funds education on a per pupil basis the decreased enrollment equates to decreased funding.

Should 3A pass the district says the funds will be used to retain quality staff and attract new hires, maintain current staffing and operations, provide textbooks and technology and maintain class sizes. The funds from 5A will provide for coaching stipends, supplies, bus drivers and some of the travel costs associated with athletics.

According to the Colorado Department of Education's website Rangely schools currently receive 60 percent of their funding from local sources, 38 percent from the state and 2 percent of funds from the federal government. The website lists total funding for the 2015-2016 school year at just over $8 million. Should 3A pass the district anticipates approximately an additional $1,250 per pupil.

However, the district says that even if both mill levies are approved they still may face some budget shortfalls. "If neither ballot issue passes we can cut the supply budget and that might save a few thousand dollars, but we are talking hundreds of thousands of dollars so we will likely see cuts in areas that would include staffing, maintenance of buildings, transportation, athletics, activities and special services. We have already made a number of budget cuts over the last four years and future cuts will certainly be challenging," said Scoggins.

In the meantime, the district says they are already trying to make sensible cuts including eliminating administration positions at both the high school and district office.

Scoggins also wants voters to know that even if both mill levies pass Rangely residents can expect a decrease in their tax bill by 2019. The school bond, passed in 2008, expires in 2018 leaving a 36 percent net decrease in taxes collected by the school district beginning in 2019. Scoggins doesn't see any changes in the way the state handles education funding in the near future, saying, "It will likely take a rewrite of the School Finance Act before there is any significant change." This is why he believes local funding efforts such as the mill levies are so important. "This is a chance for the community to have some control over what funds go to the school district. The state is not going to do that," he said.

RIO BLANCO COUNTY WARRANTY DEEDS ~ June-July 2017

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BUYER: JOHN RANDOLPH
DESCRIPTION: TOWN OF MEEKER 15, 16 1011 MAIN STREET
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SELLER: TOWN OF RANGELY
BUYER: SHARON WEAVER
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BUYER: ROSS MCGEE
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BUYER: CLAUDE AND KAYLA ROSE
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BUYER: MICHAEL MCPHERSON
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BUYER: BEAU AND HOLLY STEELE
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DESCRIPTION: 1N 090W 21 29100 & 29063 COUNTY ROAD 8
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BUYER: ASHLEY AND DANIEL GARCIA
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DESCRIPTION: RIDGE ESTATES 296824 12 1601 WHITE RIVER ROAD
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BUYER: JOSHUA AND VALLERIE JACKSON
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Cowboys slay Dragons 39-6

By BOBBY GUTIERREZ
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MEEKER I After traveling through Wyoming and Nebraska, the Cowboys ended up in the northeast corner of the state where they played and defeated the Holyoke Dragons 39-6. The Cowboys will have a bye this week, for extra time to prepare to host the Monte Vista Pirates for homecoming Sept. 22.

"It was a good trip," Meeker head coach Shane Phelan said. "We got to see some of the state many of us have not seen before. Holyoke is a nice town."

The Cowboys started out slow and took a three-point lead into the second quarter after senior Jerrick Garza kicked a field, then a safety by juniors Tannen Kennedy and James Amick put the Cowboys up 5-0.

"You don't see that score often in a football game," coach Phelan said.

Meeker would score again, when senior quarterback Logan Hughes connected with junior Eli Hanks for a touchdown but they did not add the extra points.

The Dragons would get their lone touchdown in the second quarter and the first half would end with the Cowboys ahead 11-6.

"We didn't play well in the first half and that's my fault for not having them prepared," coach Phelan said. "We talked a little at halftime and the kids responded well in the third quarter."

The Cowboys exploded with 28 points, including another touchdown by Hanks, a touchdown run by senior running back Doak Mantle and a "nice catch," according to coach Phelan, by senior Trapper Merrifield, who now has already caught five touchdown passes in three games for the Cowboys.

Coach Phelan said his offense was "balanced" again, as Hughes completed 10 of 18 passes, including three for touchdowns and he rushed for another.

Mantle had his first 100-yard game of the season, rushing for 136 yards on 13 carries. Six Cowboys carried the ball for a total of 362 yards, including 70 from Hughes, 67 from Jorgen Stagg, 48 from Hanks, 31 from Kennedy and 10 from Jake Shelton, who also had an interception on defense, as did senior Stephen Walsh.

"Our defense did some good things," coach Phelan said.

Kennedy led the team with 11 tackles, Shelton and sophomore classmate Tevin Pelloni both had six tackles and freshman Ryan Phelan finished with three, including a sack.

The varsity Cowboys will have a bye this week, while the JV team will play in Craig today and in Silt against the Coal Ridge Titans on Monday.

"The bye week will give us an opportunity to refocus and get back to fundamentals," coach Phelan said. "We'll get a little rest and prepare for a really tough Monte Vista team here for homecoming."

BECKY HUGHES PHOTO

Meeker senior Jerrick Garza scored the Cowboys' first points against the Holyoke Dragons when he kicked a 30-yard field goal. Garza and his team defeated the Dragons 39-6 in Holyoke and will have a bye this week. The Cowboys will prepare to play a "tough" Monte Vista team for Homecoming 2017 Sept. 22, in Starbuck Stadium.

MATT SCOGGINS PHOTO

Rangely High School junior AJ Lujan takes a flying leap with the ball during the game against Del Norte. The Panthers will play Soroco this week in Oak Creek.

Panthers drop one to Del Norte Tigers

Special to the Herald Times

RANGELY I This weekend the Panther football team traveled to Del Norte to take on the Tigers. After an eight-hour trip the Panthers looked to be a little jet-lagged early, playing at low intensity and pace. They picked it up as the game went on but were unable to finish several drives due to penalties and turnovers. The Panthers gave up one touchdown reception in the first half and went into the locker room down 0-7.

The second half was much of the same. Both teams failed to score in the third quarter. The Panthers came out in the fourth and put a great defensive stand together capped off by a blocked punt by Lane Gillard. On the punt block Stetson Cudo scooped and scored for the only Panther touchdown of the night. The Panthers went for the two-point conversion to take the lead and AJ Lujan punched it in to give the Panthers an 8-7 lead with three minutes left in the game. The Tigers received the ball and put together a drive that got them to the Panthers 40-yard line with 30 seconds to go. Del Norte threw a Hail Mary pass down the sideline into Panthers double coverage and their receiver miraculously came down with the catch to score a touchdown and go on to win the game 13-8.

"It was a tough one for the Panthers," said head coach Paul Fortunato. "They understand that they have a lot to work on and that they must take care of the mental mistakes to give themselves a better chance to come out on top."

The Panthers travel to Oak Creek this week to take on their division rival Soroco Rams.

Special thanks to Prater's Plumbing and Heating for sponsoring team meal this week.

MATT SCOGGINS PHOTO

RHS sophomore Tytus Coombs had 14 carries and 59 rushing yards in the game against the Del Norte Tigers last week.

New volleyball coach gets first home win

BOBBY GUTIERREZ PHOTO

Meeker High School's new head volleyball coach Greg Cravens led the team to its first home win last Saturday against DeBeque.

By BOBBY GUTIERREZ
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MEEKER I Greg Cravens, Meeker's new head volleyball coach, earned his first home win last Saturday in his new gymnasium as his team defeated the DeBeque Dragons in three straight games. Meeker is currently 5-1 and will play in Grand Junction Friday then host Vail Mountain Saturday.

The lady Cowboys swept the Dragons in three games, including a dominating 25-9 opening win, followed by a 25-14 victory, then won the third game and the match with a 25-20.

Meeker junior Julia Dinwiddie led the team with eight kills, while classmate Krissie Luce finished with six and seniors Brittney Adams and Sydnie Main each had three kills.

Coach Cravens said senior Caleigh Morlan "turned her ankle" on Wednesday, "so we turned to Brittany Adams and Allison Moon to step in and both were ready for the task. Adams had a serving ace with her three kills and Moon finished with six digs."

"Addie Joy has been working hard on her serving and all of her hard work paid off Saturday with a team leading four aces," coach Cravens said of the junior's serving.

Senior Lila Klinglesmith finished with four digs and she had an ace serve. All of Meeker's varsity team got to play, including seniors Michaela Jones and Natalie Simonsen, juniors Kolbi Franklin, Kirsten Brown and Kassie Luce.

Meeker's JV team also won its match against the Dragons and they will play in a tournament Saturday in Grand Junction.

"The JV team is going to get plenty of time on the court, as they will play four matches in five hours," coach Cravens said.

Meeker's varsity will play Caprock Academy Friday in Grand Junction, then host Vail Mountain Saturday, starting at 2 p.m.

MATT SCOGGINS PHOTO

The RHS golf team includes five members from Rangely and two from Meeker. Altogether the team earned a second place team win at the Panther Invitational at Cedar Ridges.

Rangely Panthers golfers earn second as a team

Special to the Herald Times

RANGELY I The Panther Invitational High School Golf Tournament was held on Sept. 7 at the Cedar Ridges Golf Course in Rangely. The seven members of the Rangely Panthers golf team competed well on their home course, earning a second overall team placing. High scoring individuals included Austin Ficken, with a score of 85, tying for third overall. Phil Arnold, with a score of 90, was fourth overall and Nick Massey with a score of 93 earned fifth overall. Caleb Noel scored 114, Marshall Webber scored 106, Raiden Ganser scored 114 and Brady Bertoch came in at 129.

All team members attend Rangely High School with the exception of Arnold and Massey who attend Meeker High School.

Mark Skelton, Panthers golf coach from Rangely, commented, "Each week the kids show improvement in part or all aspects of their game and it definitely was apparent Thursday as the team total was the lowest of the season by almost 20 strokes."

The team has competed in five tournaments to date, with two more scheduled this week. Remaining tournaments include Coal Ridge in New Castle on Wednesday, Sept. 13 and Chipeta in Grand Junction on Friday, Sept. 15. Regionals are scheduled for Monday, Sept. 18 at Devil's Thumb Course in Delta.

MHS runners continue to progress

By BOBBY GUTIERREZ
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MEEKER I On a "hilly course" in Hotchkiss, the Meeker High School cross country team ran last Saturday and the Cowboy runners continue to enjoy the challenge of each new course.

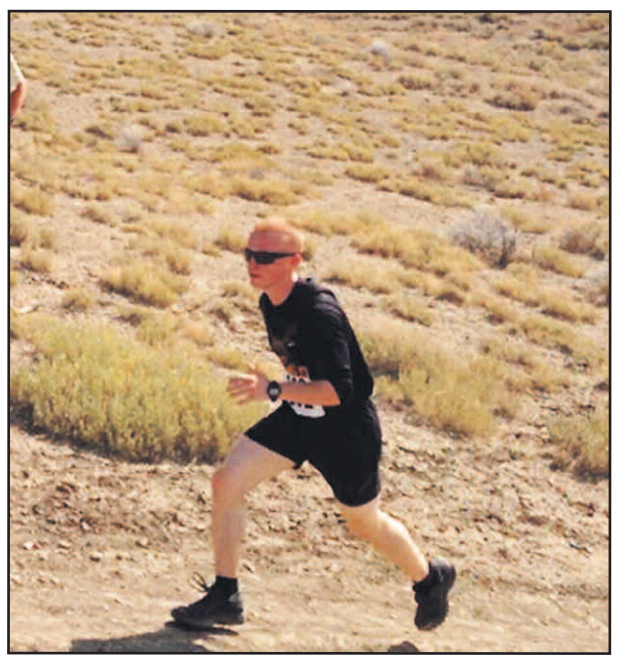
Meeker sophomore Briar Meszaros was the only girl to run for the Cowboys and according to coach Marty Casey, "she managed the hilly course in 26:45, which was good for 17th place."

The eight Meeker boys were led by senior Matthew Beck, who finished in 23rd place, taking 20:59 to finish the race and Pake Burke was four places behind him. Josue Martinez was the 51st runner to cross the finish line, followed by freshmen Ashdon Siebert and Greg Jones.

"Ashdon and Greg ran together for a good part of the race and finished the same way," coach Casey said of the rookies finishing in 59th and 60th place.

Sophomores Josh Dinwiddie and Zach Harman, along with freshman Josh Day, also represented the Cowboys, helping the boys' team finish in seventh place.

"This was another new course for this group, mostly rolling terrain, with a few good climbs but nothing like last week," coach Casey said. "Everyone seemed to enjoy the variation. I saw some very good effort and plenty to build upon. I am excited to watch this team progress throughout the season."



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MHS senior Matthew Beck led the boys' cross country team at Hotchkiss, finishing in 23rd place.

Rangely junior high Panthers at Hayden

Special to the Herald Times

RANGELY I The Rangely Junior High Panther football team traveled to Hayden on Friday, Sept. 8. The Panthers came out strong on defense being led by Timothy Scoggins, Justin Cudo and Zane Varner, and were able to stop the Tigers on their initial offense drive in the game. Unfortunately after that the Panthers did not have an answer to the Tigers' perimeter speed as the Tigers were able to put up 30 points in the first half compared to shutting out the Panthers.

In the second half the Panthers were able to play better perimeter defense and held the Tigers to one score. The Panthers were also able to score in the fourth quarter when quarterback Zane Varner was able to scamper 53 yards for a touchdown. With help from the Panthers new tight end Ashton Bennett, Varner was able to get around the left end of the offensive line and outrun the Tigers defense.

The Panthers will have a bye this week as they prepare to take on Meeker and Hayden on Saturday, Sept. 23 in Meeker.

Spartan rodeo team starts season

Special to the Herald Times

RANGELY I The CNCC rodeo team returned yesterday from the first of 10 total regional rodeos (five fall rodeos, five spring rodeos). They competed well with some solid results for our young team.

Freshman all-around cowgirl Makenah Faircloth placed fifth in the first round of the barrel racing, and third overall in the team roping with her partner Blayden Pollit (CMU). Veteran cowgirl Taylor Duzik, paired with CNCC alum Rhett Nielson, placed fifth overall in the team roping. Another solid freshman performance was turned in by Austin Romans who placed ninth overall in the tie down roping.

"Regardless of the scoreboard, our athletes are all making great improvements and as this season progresses, I know they will continue to evolve into top competitors," said CNCC rodeo coach Jed Moore.

Points earned at each regional rodeo are compiled at year's end to determine the region's top three competitors in each event who will earn a berth to the College National Finals Rodeo in Casper, Wyo.

"The Spartans will travel to Pocatello, Idaho, this weekend for the Idaho State University Bengal Roundup, if you see them on campus, be sure to let them know we're all behind them," Moore said.

Rangely Rock 'N' Bull results are in

Special to the Herald Times

RANGELY I The arena has been packed up, the stock has headed back out to their different homes, the cowboys have rolled on to the next rodeo, and now the dust has settled on the eighth annual Rangely Rock 'N' Bulls.

From a production standpoint, of the previous seven years, this was our greatest event yet. The CNCC rodeo team worked tirelessly from Friday morning until Sunday afternoon setting up the arena, hanging banners, cleaning the grandstands, running a flawless community event, and then packing it all up again.

"I can't begin to thank them enough for being where they needed to be, and giving 100 percent at every job," said coach Jed Moore.

The town of Rangely and surrounding areas along with our great spectators really stepped up this year with sponsorships and donations and filled the grandstands and lawn at Columbine Park. Without their support this event would not be possible.

Champion cowboy Jacob Smith from La Salle, Colo., has competed at Rock 'N' Bull five of the eight years and claimed his first championship here in Rangely as the only cowboy to make a qualified ride, not once but twice. Smith pocketed $4,900 for his efforts. The championship round featured the top six cowboys from the first round, four of whom were either current or past CNCC rodeo cowboys. Current team members Ethan Cook and Brandon Olson qualified for the final round with alumni Rhett Nielson and Strider Leverton. Though none of them made a qualified ride, it was a great accomplishment to make it that far in such a difficult pen of bulls.

The Champion Bull Team, brought to us from Summit Pro Rodeo from Kiowa, Colo., amassed 260 team points including the high marked bull of the event, 2015 PRCA Bucking Bull of the Year Cross the Line. Jesse Hill, co-owner of Summit Pro Rodeo and his trio of great bucking bulls earned $2,950 and the trophy belt buckle for their win.

Our local sponsor who was paired with the championship bull team, and also received a trophy belt buckle, was W.C Striegel. "Bud Striegel and family have been tremendous supporters of this event since its inception and we were happy to see their team win," Moore said.

Donations and expenses are still being finalized but it looks like this year's Rock 'N' Bull has raised close to $7,000 for the CNCC Rodeo Team Scholarship-Foundation account. These monies are used for scholarships, training aids, and travel expenses for these hard working cowboys and cowgirls.

"Those that were able to attend, we thank you all for your support of our event and we're already putting plans in motion to make the 2018 Rock 'N' Bull bigger and better! Those who missed it, put Sept. 1, 2018 on your calendar!"

For some great photos of the event, check out the Rio Blanco Herald Times Facebook page: www.facebook.com/theheraldtimes/ as well as the Colorado Northwestern page.

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Friday, Sept. 22
BBQ: 11:00am-1:00pm - RBC Courthouse Lawn
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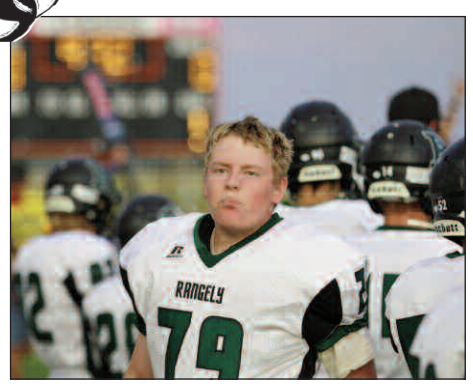
Cross Country @ Eagle Valley
Golf @ Gypsum
Volleyball @ HOME v. Caprock, 11am
JV Volleyball @ HOME v. Meeker/Hayden, 9am

MONDAY
Football @ HOME v. Plateau Valley, 4pm

TUESDAY
Volleyball @ HOME v. Meeker, 6pm



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JV Football @ Craig 4:30pm

FRIDAY
Softball @ Home v. Cortez 3pm
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Almost seven years of free dinners served to community

By NIKI TURNER
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MEEKER | A "free lunch" might be impossible to find, but in Meeker there is such a thing as a free dinner. Once a week on Thursday since November 2010, Meeker churches have stepped up to heed the Bible's command to feed the hungry. That's more than 10,000 meals provided to anyone who shows up, free of charge, free of obligation. You don't have to listen to a sermon or put money in an offering plate.

In fact, "no proselytizing" was one of the original tenets of the agreement established between the participating churches at the beginning.

"We didn't want it to be church-centered," said Father Scott Hollenbeck of St. James' Episcopal Church, one of the original organizers, along with Joe and Ellen Nieslanik and former Meeker resident Bill Ertmer. "We just wanted to feed people, body, mind and spirit."

The idea to host a weekly dinner grew out of the annual Thanksgiving feast put on by the Holy Family Catholic Church.

"It was a springboard," Hollenbeck said. He also wanted to make better use of Richards Hall, the fellowship hall at St. James. They have a full kitchen with a commercial-grade dishwasher, which made Richards Hall the best site.

The meals are provided by teams from the participating churches and organizations, currently from St. James, Holy Family Catholic, Meeker United Methodist, Meeker Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and the latest addition: a team from Barone Middle School led by Principal Jim Hanks.

The teams have prepared meals for between 20 and 50 people every week for the last seven years.

Hollenbeck said they plan to feed 50 every week. Sometimes there are more, sometimes less, but they've never run out of food. During the last "boom," things were busier at Breaking Bread, with energy industry workers eager to take advantage of a hot, home-cooked meal.

In the summer months they serve sloppy Joes, and switch to a spaghetti feast in the winter.

Each participating group is responsible for providing, preparing and serving the meal. In seven years, they've only missed two weeks.

"Anybody who has a heart for this is more than welcome," Hollenbeck said.

Any and all are welcome to attend. Breaking Bread begins at 5:30 p.m. on Thursdays at Richard's Hall, across the street from the sheriff's office.

NIKI TURNER PHOTO

The Breaking Bread team from St. James' Episcopal Church has been serving together since the program's inception.

COMMISSION: Horne honored for service

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regarding the use of parks and outdoor recreation lands; and regulations governing the use off-highway vehicles including allowing passengers on vehicles designed to carry passengers, as long as they do not interfere with the safe operation of the OHV.

Draft regulations forwarded to final reading at the November 16-17 commission meeting in Yuma included adjusting nonresident big game license fees according to the Consumer Price Index and adjusting commission rates applicable to the sale of licenses by agents; exemption trapping of nuisance furbearers and small game wildlife while incorporating new industry best management practices in the interest of animal welfare; and the field trials and training of hunting dog chapter.

Furthermore, the commission reviewed issues that have arisen in general and fishing regulation chapters to be considered in November including the possible implementation of an antler and horn collection closure on public lands west of I-25 from January 1 through April 30 annually. The commission requested that the option of requiring a license for antler collection be prepared for consideration. Also forwarded was a citizen petition for allowing the use of sling bows in harvesting fish species that can currently be taken using archery equipment.

Advocates for this use of sling bows argue that they would give fisherman another means to enjoy the sport of bow fishing, that it's a legitimate way to remove invasive species, and that its portability would facilitate use while traveling.

Also sent forward for November was authorizing special hunt seasons and licenses to control "conflict or nuisance turkeys" to be set by the director.

After considerable discussion, the commission approved the draft mitigation plan advanced by the Northern Water Conservancy District's Northern Integrated Supply Plan involving the transfer of water from the Upper Colorado River basin to the Poudre River basin; heard the annual report on CPW's strategic plan; and heard an update and special project report from Great Outdoors Colorado.

Commission meeting information and agendas can be found at cpw.state.co.us/aboutus/pages/commission.aspx.

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Former Encana employees and others with information about release of contaminants from a pipeline near the A27 Central Distribution Point in 2016, North Parachute Mountain, or similar incidents in which Encana may have impacted water, land and/or air quality in the Piceance Basin by release of hydrocarbons and other compounds, chemicals, and substances.

Information is sought by Plaintiff Bishop Ranch, LLC in the case of *Bishop Ranch, LLC v. Encana Corp. et al.* pending in Rio Blanco County, Case #2017CV30030. Communications will be conducted pursuant to law, Colorado Ethics Opinion 69 and Colorado Rules of Professional Conduct, 4.2.

Persons with information may contact Sheryl Myers, Paralegal for Bishop Ranch, LLC, at 970-942-3332.

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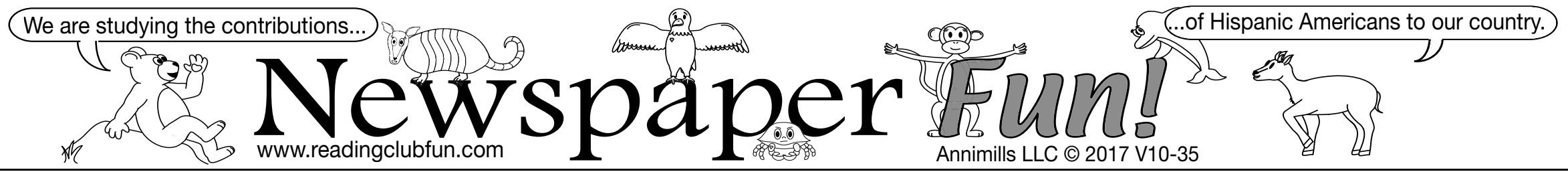

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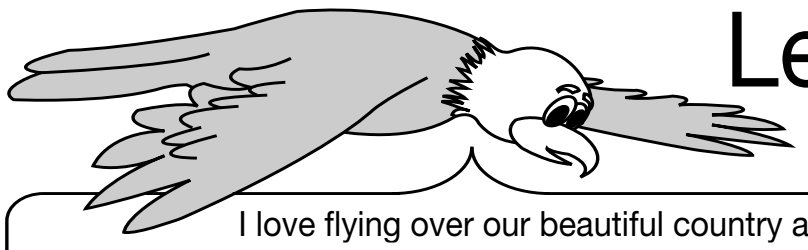
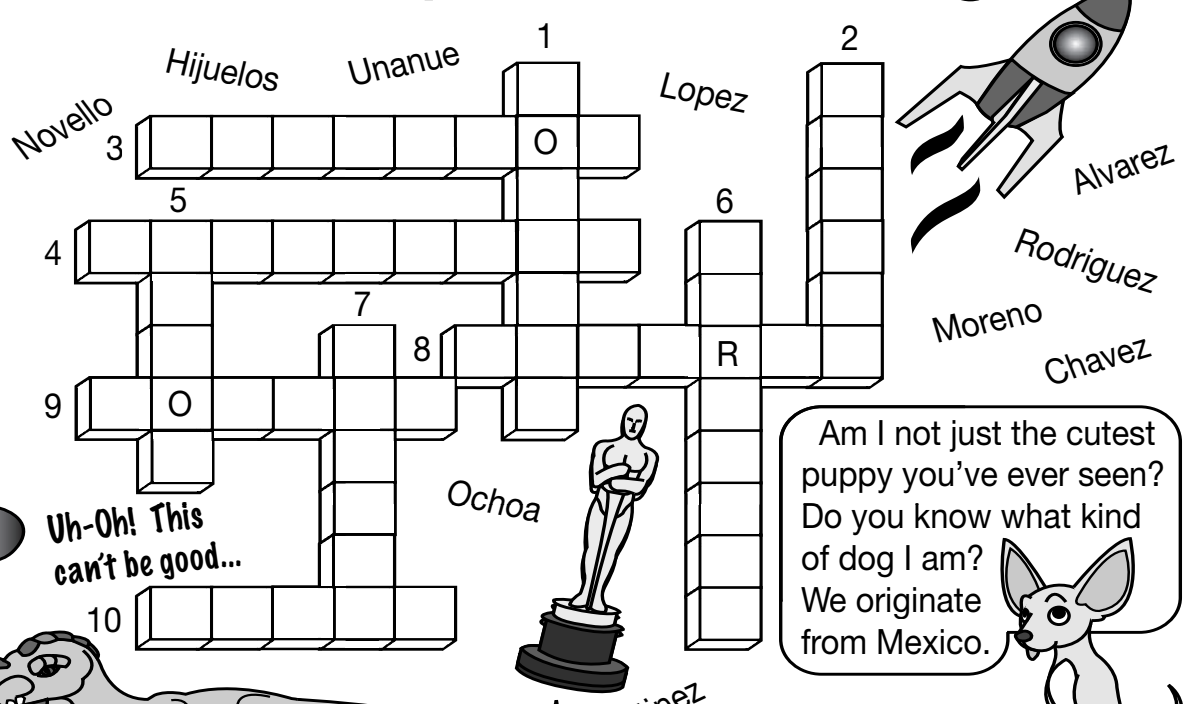


Learning About Hispanic Heritage

I love flying over our beautiful country and seeing all kinds of families doing things together. On this page we celebrate families of Hispanic heritage. We learn about how they have shaped the history of the United States. People of Hispanic heritage have come to the U.S. from countries such as Puerto Rico, Cuba, Mexico and other parts of Central and South America. They may speak slightly different versions of the Spanish language, and possess a range of identities and cultures, but they have one thing in common – they are part of the American story!



Can you read the clues to identify these Hispanic Americans?

1.) Antonia Coello _____ - the first Hispanic U.S. Surgeon General; also the first woman to hold the position
2.) Cesar _____ - went to many elementary schools while traveling to farms with his family to work; he started a labor union to get fair wages, better housing and to improve other conditions for farm workers
3.) Oscar _____ - won a Pulitzer Prize for Fiction (1990) for his novel *The Mambo Kings Play Songs of Love*
4.) Alex _____ - youngest major league baseball player to hit 600 home runs
5.) Ellen _____ - first female Hispanic astronaut
6.) Susana _____ - Governor of New Mexico, born in Texas; family of Mexican heritage
7.) Prudencio and Carolina _____ - began a company called Goya, producing Hispanic foods; the largest Hispanic-owned food company in the U.S.
8.) Luis Walter _____ - won the Nobel Prize in Physics (1968): he and his son declared that the mass dinosaur extinction was caused by a meteor impact
9.) Rita _____ - first Hispanic actress to win an Oscar
10.) Nancy _____ - great woman golfer; got first set of golf clubs at age 8

Native Countries

Can you find and circle these countries that people of Hispanic heritage come from?

Celebrations

If you see a Hispanic heritage celebration at your community center or in your neighborhood, be sure to join in the fun.

You may smell – and want to taste – a delicious dish called ***paella***. It is a Spanish dish often made of simmered rice, chicken, chorizo (Spanish sausage), scallops, shrimp, tomatoes, green beans and other vegetables and spices: saffron, garlic, parsley, salt. Every chef puts his own twist on it!

You may hear ***Mambo*** music playing at the festival. This music developed originally in Cuba.

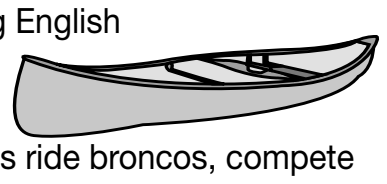
Fill in the missing vowels to name two mambo instruments:

1. This is the tumbadora or Conga dr__m.

2. Some people call this mambo bell the "c__w-bell"

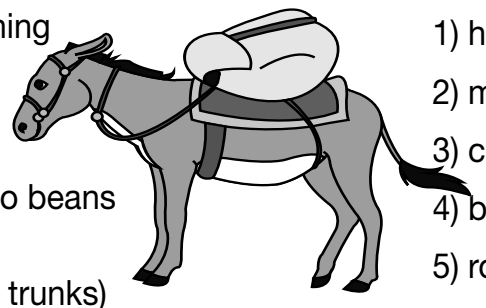
Borrowed Words!

About 40 million Americans speak Spanish at home. The majority of these people also speak or are learning English too. The words below came into the English language from words in Spanish. Some of them were originally words that the Spanish adopted from Native American words. **Match each word to its definition:**



1.) mosquito
2.) cafeteria
3.) chocolate
4.) poinsettia
5.) canoe
6.) burro

A.) tropical plant, red leaves; Christmas decoration
B.) this female pest's bite will leave you itching
C.) strong, surefooted; sometimes used by people to carry items that are heavy
D.) treat made from roasting, grinding cacao beans
E.) light, narrow boat with pointed ends (Native Americans made them from tree trunks)
F.) place where one selects a meal, carries it on a tray to table



1) hurricane
2) manatee
3) canyon
4) barbecue
5) rodeo
6) chihuahua

A) event where cowboys ride broncos, compete in roping animals
B) powerful, twisting storm, comes off the ocean
C) small, Mexican dog, very little hair, barks a lot
D) "Sea Cow," large, endangered water mammal
E) deep valley, cliffs on sides, often a stream in it
F) a fireplace used for cooking meat, or a gathering where meat is cooked on one

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LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF FILING OF VERIFIED PETITION TO DETERMINE HEIRSHIP AND NOTICE OF HEARING
In the Matter of the Estate of FRANCES M. RAU, Deceased
District Court, Rio Blanco County, Colorado
455 Main Street, PO Box 1150,
Meeker, CO 81641
(970) 878-5622

To All Interested Persons:
This Notice of Hearing is filed pursuant to C.R.S. §15-12-1303. The Petitioners are Debra Ann Brown, whose mailing address is 2735 Valley Road, Orefield, PA, 18069, and Diane M. Keshel, whose mailing address is 7095 Lentz Road, New Tripoli, PA, 18066. The Decedent is Frances M. Rau. The property, located in Rio Blanco County, Colorado, is as follows:
All in Rio Blanco County, Colorado, a 1/12th interest in oil, gas, and other minerals except coal
Township 3 North, Range 91 West of the 6th P.M.
Section 27: S W 1 / 4 N W 1 / 4 , W1/2SW1/4
Section 28: SE1/4NE1/4
Rio Blanco Assessment No.: N5500139
Rio Blanco Assessment Former No.: R550139
Decedent passed away on August 5, 2010. The individuals named in the Verified Petition to Determine Heirship as having an interest in the above-described mineral interests are as follows:
Debra Ann Brown, Daughter of Decedent
2735 Valley Road
Orefield, PA 18069
½ Interest
Diane M. Keshel, Daughter of Decedent
7095 Lentz Road
New Tripoli, PA 18066
½ Interest
Should you object to the relief sought in the Verified Petition to Determine Heirship, you must file an Answer to the same within thirty days of the date of the mailing of this Notice, in any event, no later than the date set herein for the Non-Appearance Hearing scheduled in this matter. All objections to the Verified Petition to Determine Heirship must be filed in writing with the Court and the appropriate filing fee be paid within the time period for answering. The hearing shall be limited to the objections timely filed and the parties timely answering the Verified Petition to Determine Heirship.
A hearing on the Verified Petition to Determine Heirship will be held at the following date, time, and location:
Date: October 20, 2017
Time: 1:30 p.m.
Courtroom/Division: B
Address: 455 Main Street, Meeker, CO 81641
The hearing will take approximately one-half hour.

DISTRICT COURT, RIO BLANCO COUNTY OF COLORADO
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Plaintiff(s): REVERSE MORTGAGE SOLUTIONS, INC.
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SHERIFF'S COMBINED NOTICE OF SALE AND RIGHTS TO CURE OR REDEEM
Sheriff's Sale No. 1700047
Under a Judgment and Decree of Foreclosure entered August 16, 2016, in the above-captioned action, I am ordered to sell certain real property as follows:
Original Grantor(s): Pauline R. McPhail, an unmarried woman
Original Beneficiary: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Urban Financial Group
Current Holder of Evidence of Debt: Reverse Mortgage Solutions, Inc.
Date of Deed of Trust: June 12, 2009
County of Recording: Rio Blanco
Recording Date of Deed of Trust: June 24, 2009
Recording Information (Reception No.)
Book No. and Page No.: 296139
Original Principal Balance: $450,000.00
Outstanding Principal Balance: $214,502.80
Amount of Judgment Entered August 16, 2016: $302,904.03
THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN.
THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED OF TRUST.
THE LAND REFERRED TO IN THIS REPORT IS SITUATED IN THE **STATE OF COLORADO, COUNTY OF RIO BLANCO,** AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:
A tract of land located in Sections 10 and 15, Township 1 North, Range 103 W of the 6th Principal Meridian, Rio Blanco County, Colorado being more particularly described as follows:
Beginning at the Southwest corner of said Section 10, thence along the Westerly line of said Section 10, North 00 degrees 02 minutes 00 inches West, 2270.22 feet;
Thence North 00 degrees 02 minutes 00 seconds West, along the West line of the Southwest Quarter of said Section 10, 655.21 feet to a point in the White River;
Thence South 83 degrees 38 minutes 00 seconds East, along said White River, 176.56 feet; Thence South 13 degrees 08 minutes 41 seconds East 826.96 feet to a Point on the centerline of Rio Blanco County Road No. 2;
Thence South 58 degrees 09 minutes 12 seconds West, along said centerline, 437.68 feet to a point on the West line of the Northwest one-quarter of said Section 15;
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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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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.
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Dated: August 14, 2017
Anthony Mazzola, Sheriff
Rio Blanco County, State of Colorado

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Respectfully submitted this 31st day of August, 2017 by:
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Cantafio Hammond, PC
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2017 RIO BLANCO COUNTY LANDFILL LEACHATE POND PROJECT REQUEST FOR BID

PROJECT NAME, LOCATION AND GENERAL SCOPE OF WORK
2017 Rio Blanco County Landfill Leachate Pond Project. Work for Rio Blanco County includes constructing leachate pond according to specifications.
CONTRACT DOCUMENTS
Contract Documents shall be available on-line at www.govbids.com/scripts/co1/public/home1.asp, or on the county's website at www.rbc.us on the Bid Postings page, or at the Rio Blanco County Road and Bridge Dept. 570 2nd Street, Meeker, Colorado 81641 on Sept. 7, 2017.
WORK SCHEDULE
The Project shall begin October 2 and be completed by October 27, 2017.
PROJECT SUPERINTENDENT AND QUESTIONS
Van Pilaud, County Engineer, (970) 878-9590, Fax (970) 878-3396. All Bidders are advised to examine the site and become familiar with all conditions. Any questions regarding this Project are to be directed in writing to Van Pilaud before Thursday, September 21, 2017 at 2:00 P.M. at the above address or fax number.
MANDATORY PRE-BID MEETING
Bidders must attend the mandatory pre-bid meeting:
Monday, September 18, 2017 at 10:00 A.M. at the Rio Blanco County Road & Bridge Dept., 570 Second Street, Meeker.
BID SUBMITTALS
Bids shall have Vendor's name and address and **"2017 RIO BLANCO COUNTY LANDFILL LEACHATE POND PROJECT"** written on the sealed envelope. All required documents shall be included with the bid or it shall be rejected.
Each bid must include a certified check or cashier's check in the amount of not less than five percent (5%) of the total bid, made payable to Rio Blanco County, or by a bid bond in like amount executed by a surety company.
Mailed bids are due no later than 4:00 P.M. on Friday, September 22, 2017. No bids shall be received Saturday, September 23 through Sunday September 24, 2017. Hand delivered bids will be accepted IN MEEKER from 8:00 A.M. to 10:45 A.M. on September 25, 2017. Do not depend on overnight delivery.
Mailing: RBC Board of County Commissioners, Attn: Vicky Edwards, 555 Main St., Ste. 307, Meeker, CO 81641
Hand-delivery address: Rio Blanco County Courthouse, 555 Main St., 3rd Floor Board Room, Meeker, CO 81641
BID OPENING
Bids shall be opened and read in public at 11:15 A.M. on September 25, 2017 at the Commissioners' Meeting Room at Courthouse 3rd Floor Board Room, Meeker, CO. Bids submitted after 10:45 A.M. shall be returned unopened. Bids submitted and opened shall not be withdrawn for 30 days thereafter.
BID PREFERENCE
C.R.S. 8-19-101, et.seq, shall be observed on all construction contracts on public projects. The law states that when a construction contract for a public project is to be awarded to a bidder, a resident bidder shall be allowed preference against a nonresident bidder from another state equal to the preference given or required by the state in which the nonresident bidder is a resident.
BID AWARD
The Rio Blanco County Board of County Commissioners reserve the right to reject any or all bids; to waive any informalities in bids; and to accept the bid that, in the opinion of the Board, is in the best interest of the County of Rio Blanco, State of Colorado.
RIO BLANCO COUNTY
Dated: September 7, 2017
By: Shawn Bolton, Chairman
Publish: September 7 and 14, 2017
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TOWN OF MEEKER BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Tuesday September 19, 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.Staff Updates
VII.New Business-
1.Rocky Mountain Youth Corps Presentation- Mr. Mark Wertheimer, Associate Director
2.RBC Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP)- Ty Gates
3.Proposal to form public abatement resource team- Jocelyn Mullen, P.E. (Rangely Engineer)
4.Meritage Software- Kim Despins/ or Tiffany Williamson
5.2018 Budget Discussion
VIII. Mayor's remarks
IX. Town Administrator's Report
X. Town Attorney's Report
XI. Adjournment
Discussion with Attorney for the purpose of receiving legal advice on specific legal questions regarding filed litigation in Rio Blanco County C.R.S. §24-6-402(4)(b)
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Sealed Bids for the construction of the Meeker Water Supply Improvements- 2017, Meeker, Colorado will be received by The Town of Meeker Town Hall, 345 Market St., Meeker, Colorado 81641, until 2:00 P.M. local time on October 17, 2017. The envelopes containing bids shall be marked as follows: "Bid- 2017 Water Supply Improvements". Bids received will be publicly opened and read during the Board of Trustees meeting at 7 P.M. on October 17, 2017.
The project consists of: Furnish all labor, materials, and equipment for power supply improvements to the existing well field and SCADA improvements for the water system and all incidental work necessary to complete the Project as required by the plans and specifications.
Bid security shall be furnished in accordance with the Instruction to Bidders. The check(s) or bond(s) shall be made payable to Town of Meeker, Colorado, 345 Market St., Meeker, Colorado as security that the bidder(s) to whom the award(s) are made will enter into contract to build the improvements bid upon and furnish the required bonds and insurance.
The Issuing Office for Bidding Documents is: Olsson Associates, 760 Horizon Drive, Suite 102, Grand Junction, CO 81506. Questions should be directed to Wyatt Popp, Engineer, at 970.263.7800 or by email at wpopp@olssonassociates.com. Plans and specifications are available exclusively on-line at QuestCDN at http://www.questcdn.com for $10.00, non-refundable. Once logged into the site, insert eBidDoc project number 5359325.
A pre-bid conference is scheduled for 10:00 A.M. local time on October 5, 2017 at the downstairs board room at The Town of Meeker Town Hall, 345 Market St., Meeker, Colorado 81641. Attendance at the pre-bid conference is highly encouraged, but not mandatory.
The Town of Meeker reserves the right to accept any bid which it deems most advantageous to the Town, and to reject any or all bids submitted and to hold as many bids as it desires for consideration for a period of sixty days after the bids are open.
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NOTICE OF VACANCY

The Rangely Junior College District has a vacancy on their Board of Directors. Any individual interested in serving on the Board of Directors of the Rangely Junior College District needs to submit a written letter of interest to the Rangely Junior College District at P.O. Box 375, Rangely, CO 81648 by Friday September 29, 2017. For further information, contact Linda Gordon at 970-629-1116.
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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS ANNOUNCEMENT

Meeker School District RE-1 is seeking proposals to extend the northeast wall of the Meeker School District Bus Garage so that the garage door on the southwest wall may be closed while performing maintenance operations on school district buses. Proposals will be accepted until 4:00 p.m. on September 25, 2017. For a more detailed scope of work, interested applicants may contact Chris Selle, at chris.selle@meeker.k12.co.us or 970-878-9040.
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given of the filing of a Technical Revision 114 (TR-114) to the Colowyo Coal Mine, Mining Permit No. C-1981-019, by the Colowyo Coal Company L.P., 5731 State Highway 13, Meeker, CO. 81641, with the Colorado Division Reclamation Mining and Safety, Colorado Department of Natural Resources, 1313 Sherman Street, Room 215, Denver, Colorado 80203. TR-114 proposes a clean water diversion above a cut slope on the Collom Haul Road.
All of the areas to be affected by this Technical Revision are owned by Colowyo Coal Company L.P., Axial Basin Coal Company, and are located approximately 28 miles south of Craig, Colorado, west of Colorado State Highway 13 and west of Moffat County Road 51.
The affected area can be located on U.S. Geological Survey 7.5-minute quadrangle map Nos. N4015-W11245/7.5 (Axial, Colorado) and N4007.5-W11245/7.5 (Ninemile Gap, Colorado) and is more particularly described as follows:
All or portions of Sections 2-6, 7-11, 14-22, and 28-30 of Township 3 North, Range 93 West, all or portions of Sections 13, 15-18, 20-24, 26-30, and 31-34 of Township 4 North, Range 93, all or portions of Sections 1-3, 10-12, and 14-15 of Township 3 North, Range 94 West, and all or portions of Sections 12, 13, 18, 23-27, and 34-36 of Township 4 North, Range 94 West of the 6th P.M., Moffat County and Rio Blanco County, Colorado.
A precise description of the Permit Boundary can be found in Volume 2A, Exhibit 1, Item 12 of the permit document and is included herein by reference.
A copy of the application for the Technical Revision is on file at the Moffat County Clerk and Recorder's Office in the Moffat County Courthouse located at 221 West Victory Way, Craig, Colorado, 81625 and the Rio Blanco County Clerk and Recorder's Office in the Rio Blanco Courthouse located at 555 Main Street #303, Meeker, CO, 8164. Questions concerning this Technical Revision should be directed to Tony Tennyson, Senior Environmental Engineer at Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association Inc., at (970) 824-1232.
Any person having an interest concerning this Technical Revision has the right to provide written comments or objections concerning this Technical Revision to the Colorado Division Reclamation Mining and Safety at the address noted above. Comments to the Division must be made within 10 days after the publication of this notice.
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COMBINED NOTICE - MAILING
CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 17-15

To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust:
On June 30, 2017, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Rio Blanco records.

Original Grantor(s)	JUAN M. BORRAYO-CONTRERAS AND LUZ P. FLORES-BARRAYO
Original Beneficiary(ies)	MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. ACTING SOLELY AS NOMINEE FOR INTERMOUNTAIN INDUSTRIES, INC. D/B/A MAJOR MORTGAGE USA
Current Holder of Evidence of Debt	JP MORGAN MORTGAGE ACQUISITION CORP.
Date of Deed of Trust	October 30, 2009
County of Recording	Rio Blanco
Recording Date of Deed of Trust	November 02, 2009
Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/Page No.)	297220
Original Principal Amount	$134,640.00
Outstanding Principal Balance	$120,189.11

Pursuant to CRS §38-38-101(4)(i), you are hereby notified that the covenants of the deed of trust have been violated as follows: failure to pay principal and interest when due together with all other payments provided for in the evidence of debt secured by the deed of trust and other violations thereof.
THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN.
LOTS 35 AND 36, BLOCK 4, COLTHARP'S ADDITION TO COLTHARP'S SUBDIVIDED LOTS, TOWN OF RANGELY, COLORADO ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED APRIL 23, 1946 AS RECEPTION NO. 69722. COUNTY OF RIO BLANCO, STATE OF COLORADO.
Also known by street and number as: 601 E RANGELY AVENUE, RANGELY, CO 81648.
THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED OF TRUST.

NOTICE OF SALE

The current holder of the Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, described herein, has filed Notice of Election and Demand for sale as provided by law and in said Deed of Trust.
THEREFORE, Notice Is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, 11/01/2017, at Office of the Public Trustee, Rio Blanco County Courthouse, 555 Main Street, Meeker CO 81641, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s)' heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.
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● A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE FILED PURSUANT TO SECTION 38-38-104 SHALL BE FILED WITH THE PUBLIC TRUSTEE AT LEAST FIFTEEN (15) CALENDAR DAYS PRIOR TO THE FIRST SCHEDULED SALE DATE OR ANY DATE TO WHICH THE SALE IS CONTINUED;

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

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www.coloradoattorneygeneral.gov

Federal Consumer Financial Protection Bureau
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Iowa City, Iowa 52244
(855) 411-2372
www.consumerfinance.gov

DATE: 07/05/2017
Karen Arnold, Public Trustee in and for the County of Rio Blanco, State of Colorado
By: Karen Arnold, Public Trustee
The name, address, business telephone number and bar registration number of the attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is:
Lauren Tew #45041 Monica Kadrmas #34904 Nichole Williams #49611
Randall M. Chin #31149 Weldon P. Phillips, Jr #31827
Barrett Frappier & Weisserman, LLP 1199 Bannock Street, Denver, CO 80204 (303) 350-3711
Attorney File # 6688279
The Attorney above is acting as a debt collector and is attempting to collect a debt. Any information provided may be used for that purpose.
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COMBINED NOTICE - MAILING
CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 17-16

To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust:
On July 6, 2017, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Rio Blanco records.

Original Grantor(s)	ANDREA NICOLE ADAMS
Original Beneficiary(ies)	MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. ACTING SOLELY AS NOMINEE FOR MONTAGE MORTGAGE, LLC
Current Holder of Evidence of Debt	PACIFIC UNION FINANCIAL, LLC
Date of Deed of Trust	December 26, 2014
County of Recording	Rio Blanco
Recording Date of Deed of Trust	February 17, 2015
Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/Page No.)	309785
Original Principal Amount	$209,452.00
Outstanding Principal Balance	$202,342.02

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LOT 20, BLOCK 3, LA MESA SUBDIVISION TOWN OF RANGELY, COLORADO ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED OCTOBER 26, 1982 AS RECEPTION NO. 208675.
Also known by street and number as: 514 HILLTOP CT, RANGELY, CO 81648.
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LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Estate of Leonard M. Plummer a/k/a Leonard Plummer a/k/a Leonard Marion Plummer, Deceased
Case No. 17PR30012
All persons having claims against the above-named estate are required to present them to the Personal Representative or to
the District Court of Rio Blanco County, Colorado on or before I/9/18, or the claims may be forever barred.
Personal Representative:
Ronald Glen Plummer
c/o Kain & Burke, PC
225 N. 5th St., #611
Grand Junction, CO 81501
970-241-2969
Publish: September 7, 14, & 21, 2017
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MEEKER SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1
Board of Education Regular Meeting
555 Garfield Street
Meeker, CO 81641
September 19, 2017 - 7:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Pledge of Allegiance: Mr. deVergie will lead the Pledge of Allegiance
3. Welcome of Guests
4. Approval of Agenda

Student Celebrations:
General Public Comment Session: (comments limited to three minutes)
Consent Agenda:
1. Approval: Minutes from Regular Board Meeting on August 15, 2017
2. Acceptance: Financial Reports and Check Vouchers for August 2017
3. Acceptance: Resignations - Gary Zellers (HS Drama Sponsor), Mike Dinwiddie (MS Boys Basketball Coach)
4. Approval: Meeker School District Emergency Operations Plan
5. Approval: Policy 2nd Reading
6. Approval: Policy Repeal 2nd Reading
7. Approval: Student Fees
8. Approval: Superintendent Goals

Public/Committee Reports: Meeker URA, DAC, Meeker Education Foundation, BOCES
Principal Reports:
1. Meeker Elementary School - Kathy Collins
2. Barone Middle School - Jim Hanks
3. Meeker High School - Amy Chinn

Superintendent Report
Action Items:
1. Approval: School Accreditation
2. Approval: Personnel Hires
   a. High School Coaches - Beth Bennett (Vol. Cheer), John Strate (Vol. Cross Country)
   b. High School Drama Sponsor - Shana Holliday
   c. Certified and Classified Substitutes - Samantha Lopez, Shanna Lewis
   d. Student Custodial Substitute - Zach Kehrig
3. Approval: GBEB-R (2nd Reading)
4. Approval: JFBB-R (2nd Reading)

Other BOE Information:
1. Policy Presentation (1st Reading) - JKD/JKE, JKD/JKE-R
2. Policy Repeal (1st Reading) - EEAG-E
3. Discussion - Facilities Master Plan Findings and Next Steps

Executive Session (if needed):
Adjournment
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Board of County Commissioners
Of Rio Blanco County, Colorado
Monday, September 18, 2017

Rio Blanco County Annex Building
17497 Highway 64
Rangely, Colorado 81648
Tentative Board Agenda

Items of routine and non-controversial nature are placed on the consent agenda. Any Commissioner or member of the audience may request an item be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered separately on the regular agenda prior to action being taken by the Board on the Consent Agenda.

Public Comment: *Any member of the public may address the Board on matters which are within the jurisdiction of the Board. If you are addressing the Board regarding a matter listed on the Agenda, you are requested to make your comments when the Board takes that matter. Please limit your comments to three minutes per member or five minutes per group. The public comment time is not for questions and answers. It is your time to express your views.*

11:00 a.m. Call to order:
•Pledge of Allegiance
•Move to Approve the September 18, 2017 •Agenda including any changes.
CONSENT AGENDA FOR SEPTEMBER 18, 2017
•Move to Approve the below listed items of the •Consent Agenda for September 18, 2017.
•Consent 1_Consideration of the Board Minutes of September 11, 2017

BUSINESS AGENDA
•General:
•Business 1_Move to Approve an Appointment to the Columbine Park Board.

MOU's, Contracts and Agreements:
•MCA 1_Move to Approve a License Agreement between the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado and T-Mobile West, LLC, providing for the placement of T-Mobile West's equipment on Blanco County's Stadtman Communications Towers. (All Sign)

Other Business:
•Public Comments
•County Commissioners Updates
ADJOURN.

The agenda is provided for informational purposes only; all times are approximate. Agenda items will normally be considered in the order they appear on the agenda. However, the Board may alter the Agenda, take breaks during the meeting, work through the noon hour and even continue an item for a future meeting date. The Board, while in session, may consider other items that are brought before it. Scheduled items may be continued if the Board is unable to complete the Agenda as scheduled.

The next regular Board meeting is tentatively scheduled for September 25, 2017, at the Rio Blanco County Historic Courthouse, 555 Main Street, 3rd. Floor, Meeker, Colorado. Please check the County's website for information at: http://www.rbc.us/departments/commissioners. If you need special accommodations please call 970-878-9683 in advance of the meeting so that reasonable accommodations may be made.
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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.

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

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.

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.

The 2017 Annual Craft & Gift Show will be Friday, Nov. 3rd from 4:00 to 8:00 PM. and Saturday, Nov. 4th from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM at the RBC Fairgrounds. Please email: meekerladiessocialclub@gmail.com or call Michelle Weston at 970-878-5563 to request a registration form. Booth space is $40.

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.

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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.

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◆ **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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◆ **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**
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HOMES IN MEEKER ...

***NEW 960 7th St.-** 2 lots at north edge of town, next to Jensen open space. Nice big home, 3-4 BR, 2 BA, walk-out basement, family room, living room, decks, views, 2 car attached garage. Steel siding & roof. **$225,000**.
***NEW 1070 Laurie Circle-** 3 BR, 2 BA, single level home. Attached garage, fenced back yard. **$129,000.**
***NEW 871 10th St.-** 4 BR, 2 BA home. Family room, living room, fireplace, garage, shed, deck, views. **$225,000**.
***223 Main St.-** Full quarter block near downtown. Beautiful 3 BR, 2 BA home. Plus three 1 BR, 1 BA fully equipped rental cabins, big garage, storage sheds, lots of trees and space. ***REDUCED!* $349,000**.
***148 Main St.-** 3 BR, 2 BA, 2,076 sq ft single level home with loft, 2 car heated garage. ***REDUCED!* $169,000**.
***112 Main St.-** Historic 2 story, 3 BR brick home on large corner lot plus a small cottage for Mom. ***REDUCED!* $209,000**.
***780 11th St.-** 3 BR, 2 BA freshly upgraded bi-level home. Fenced back yard, storage shed. **$199,500**.
***125 Main St.-** Lg corner lot with an impeccable 5 BR, 2.5 BA, 2 story home. Living room, dining room, family room, walk-in closets, large covered back patio, oversized 3 car garage, 2 kennels, beautiful yard. **$319,000.**
990 Main St.-** 3BR, 1.5 BA, updated log home w/attached 2 car garage. **$159,000.** ***SOLD!
1266 Cleveland-** 3BR, 2BA home. Detached garage, A/C, fenced back yard. **$207,000.** ***SOLD!
1134 Park Ave.-** 4 BR, 2 BA log home. Remodeled, with several upgrades. Fenced yard, shed. **$169,000.** ***SOLD!

RANCHES — RURAL RESIDENTIAL — HUNTING PROPERTIES...

***2610 CR 33-** 3 Acres 7 miles west. Very private. 4 BR, 3 BA home, basement & views. ***REDUCED!* $255,000.**
***17501 CR 8-** 19 miles upriver, 2.57 acres bordering Oak Ridge Wildlife area public land. Walk out hunting! Newer 678 sq ft log cabin, 2 BR, 1 BA. Decks with great river views. Good water well. **$195,000.**
***439 Agency Dr.-** 6 Acres, 1 mile S of Meeker, beautiful 2 story log home, 4 BR, 3 BA, finished walk-out basement, family room, storage, attached 2 car garage. Horse barn/shop. Awesome views. **$483,999.**
***1560 CR 15-** 390 acre ranch, 5 miles NE of Meeker. Fenced and cross fenced, well and spring, 1,412 sq ft log home, storage shed, loafing shed. Great pasture. Secluded and private with great views. **$995,000.**
***210 CR 75-** Papoose Creek Cabin in Forest Service lease land, log cabin, outhouse. **$55,000.**
***CR 8- 88 Acres** just east of Meeker. Hunting, dry land pasture, development potential. ***REDUCED!* $400,000.**
29100 CR 8-** 12 Acres with River. Updated 3 BR, 2 BA cabin, borders BLM. **$420,000.** ***SOLD!

BUSINESS & INVESTMENT ...

***109 Market St.-** 3+ lots on the corner of 1st & Market. Great location next to the Dollar Store ***REDUCED!* $200,000.**

RAW LAND AND HOMESITES ...

***NEW 3 Large Multi-family Lots** in Sanderson Hills, near Rec Center. Zoned MR-A. **$180,000** for all 3, or separately.
***NEW CR 14-** 5 Acres bordering county land with river. Heavily treed, cabin sites, Crooks Creek water rights. **$72,000.**
***12924 CR 8-** 5 Acres with River, great fishing. Vacant land, good building site, 13 miles upriver, awesome views. **$149,000.**
***8432 CR 15-** 7.5 Acres, 10 miles NE of Meeker. Great home site with a creek flowing through with great fishing, water well, pasture. **$175,000.**
***8432 CR 15-** 18 Acres, 10 miles NE of Meeker. Great home site with a creek flowing through, great fishing and hunting, good pasture. **$185,000.**
***5807 CR 7-** Vacant 20 acre parcel, 9 mi. North, on Strawberry Creek. Good home site & viewsl. **$75,000.**
CR 8- 88 Acres** just east of Meeker. Hunting, dry land pasture, development potential. **$400,000.** ***REDUCED!
***359 Love Lane-** 5 acres, Cross L Estates, Lot 13, great horse property, well. **$100,000.**
***Little Beaver Estates-** 35 acre lot bordering DOW hunting land. **Lot 11- $95,000.**
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***100 acres-** 29 miles east of Meeker, surrounded by Nat'l Forest, covered with Aspens. **$1,395,000.00.**
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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 454 Rimrock Dr. - 5+ Acres, 3BD/2BA Home, Phenomenal Shop. $289,000.
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
NEW 345 Cleveland St. - 2.28 Acres, Potential for 12 Building Lots. $216,000.
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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. Newer 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 55775 Hwy. 318, Maybell, CO - 3BD/2.75BA home with 8.68 ac and Yampa River frontage. Large barn, and multiple outbuildings. **$149,000**
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**
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 outbuildings 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 206 Brontosaurus (Hwy 40), Dinosaur, CO - $155,000
NEW 335 6th St. - Don't miss this chance to own a part of downtown Meeker. This 4,492.63 sq ft multipurpose building is subject to automotive and foot traffic year around. Great location for any business or office. **$310,000**
NEW 1120 Cleveland St. - Apartment building, six units, 0.51-acre lot in town. Units are 2BD/1BA ea with access to the shared laundry facility. Street and area parking for tenants. **$299,500**
NEW 1020 Hill St. - Triplex built in 2005. Each unit features 2BD/1.5BA, kitchen, and laundry hookups. Street and alley parking. Great chance to invest in this income producing property. **$277,000**
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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