

# Herald Times



## Champs ...

For the second year in a row, Amanda Milliken of Ontario and her dog Howell earned first place in the 30th annual Meeker Classic. See page 10A for photos from the 5-day event.

## Forest Service issues temporary closure for Lost Solar Fire area

By NIKI TURNER  
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**RBC I** As of Wednesday morning, the Blanco Ranger District issued a temporary area closure order for the Lost Solar Fire area in the Flat Tops Wilderness.

The lightning-caused fire has grown to approximately 4,500 acres since it started Aug. 8 and is burning in mixed conifer and aspen and partially in open meadow in the Lost Solar drainage.

The fire is being managed using a “confine and contain” strategy, allowing the fire to play its natural role in the ecosystem. The safety of fire personnel, the remote location of the fire, and the steep and rocky terrain in the area were additional factors in the decision to manage the fire.

The Lost Solar drainage is home to a herd of Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep as well as a healthy population of elk and other wildlife.

Currently 35 fire personnel, including a Type 3 helicopter and crew and a wildland fire module, are monitoring the fire and area structures.

“The majority of fire activity has been to the north and east, with little activity south of Lost Solar Creek,” said Lynn Lockwood, public information officer for the Blanco Ranger District of the White River National Forest.

The storm that moved through early this week

did not provide enough precipitation to slow the fire’s progress.

“The fire is still active,” Lockwood said. “This closure could go on for awhile, possibly until we get snow. We’re reevaluating it all the time.”

The entire area is now restricted, with the exception of the South Fork Trail, the Park Creek Trail and the Nichols Creek Trail.

The restricted area is defined as an area in the Flat Tops Wilderness located at T. 2S R. 90W, Sections 1,2,11-15, and 22-24; T. 2S R. 89W, all or portions of sections 2-10 and 15-21 including Trail #1828 Lost Solar Creek from its junction with trail #1827 South Fork Trail to the junction of trail #1825 Oyster Lake Trail. Also trail #1825 from the junction with trail #1828 west to the junction with trail #2254, Trail #2254 between its junction with trail #2253 and trail #1825. Park Creek Trail #1829 will remain open for now.

Going into or being upon the National Forest System lands within the Lost Solar Creek Fire closure area, or being on the closed portion Trails (#1828 Lost Solar Creek, #1825 Oyster Lake Trail and Fowler Bench Trail #2254) is prohibited.

Hunters or other outdoor recreationists with access questions are asked to call the Meeker office of the Blanco District at 970-878-4039. For current information, please call the fire information line at 970-456-1620.

## FIRE INFORMATION

**Lost Solar Fire Fire Closure Area**  
Order N. WRNF 2016-14

- Trail Open
- Trail Closed
- Fire Perimeter - 09/12/16
- Fire Closure Area

Scale: 0, 0.5, 1, 2 Miles

## Rangely Development Agency considering tax incentives to entice growth

By JENNIFER HILL  
Special to the Herald Times

**RANGELY I** The Rangely Development Agency (RDA) is moving forward with an ambitious plan to diversify the local economy while supporting the needs of CNCC. The proposal for the multi-faceted development includes providing tax incentives to a potential developer. However, the proposal must first be approved by the local special tax districts, something that not all of the districts are prepared to do.

The plan came to life after the RDA heard the suggestions made by Better City, a company hired last summer to study the community and provide ideas for economic growth.

The current goal is to attract an investor to Rangely to erect a new development consisting of student housing for CNCC students, a full service grocery store, some type of family centered recreation such as bowl-

ing, an arcade or a skating rink and potentially a fast service restaurant.

According to Rangely Town Manager Peter Brixius, the project’s estimated cost is \$4.3 million. However, that is a rough estimate which will be updated as plans move forward and more information becomes available.

The project is dependent on Rangely’s ability to entice a developer to the area. The RDA, which is spearheading the project in conjunction with the Town of Rangely, is preparing a proposal which utilizes enticements such as tax increment financing to encourage interest. Before the plan can be presented to potential developers it must first be approved by the RDA board, which consists of members representing each of the special tax districts.

Should the RDA choose to use the tax increment financing plan, it would allow the RDA to offer a potential developer a guaranteed return on investment in the early years

of the new development. The funds for the return would be attained from the increase in tax revenue created by the new development, instead of those funds flowing to the special districts. The amount of money given back to the developer and the length of time over which that money would be given will be determined during the negotiation process. However, Kelby Bosshardt of Better City stated that anywhere between 10-15 percent return would be reasonable and that the amount could be adjusted depending on the success of the venture, giving the developer less if the development proves financially strong. Another piece of the negotiation that Bosshardt thinks will be important for Rangely is requiring that the developer keep their finances open and transparent to protect the community from fraud.

Not all of the special districts represented on the RDA board are prepared to approve the tax increment financing plan. The Rio Blanco Water Conservancy District voted

unanimously to refuse their support of the program. Director Alden VandenBrink stated the board is deeply concerned about the implications of allowing government subsidized businesses to operate in direct competition with other established businesses in town. They are also apprehensive about the choice of businesses the plan seeks to bring to town.

“The board felt that, yes, we need a grocery store, but the other things don’t really fit Rangely,” VandenBrink said, pointing out that bowling alleys and skating rinks in the region have all gone out of business in the last decade or so. Another concern cited is that the housing for CNCC students is not actually set aside exclusively for student use. Should the economy boom again and put housing in high demand, CNCC could still be left without necessary accommodations.

Brixius, who believes that the project is essential to growth, said, “We are asking a developer to come to Rangely and build a

retail/housing development that would theoretically provide a 15 percent return on investment. The project itself will generate new tax dollars which are above those tax dollars currently generated by the property.”

“According to the Pro-Forma (a method used for predicting investment results), all taxing entities are shown to see an increase in their returns the first year and a portion of the new tax dollars are to return to the developer who has risked \$4 million in order to support the development.”

The next phase of the project requires that all the taxing districts be on board. “We want all taxing entities to join the RDA and support the plan. So far we have substantial support from key districts, but there is much more work to be done. There are concerns that the districts’ income will be affected and I think that most districts understand now that this is not the case,” Brixius said. The

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## MYSTERY PLANE...



MARGARET SLAUGH PHOTO

**Rio Blanco Water Conservancy District Manager Alden VandenBrink had an unusual telephone request a few weeks ago from a pilot wondering if there were any restrictions on Kenney Reservoir for landing a seaplane. The caller said he had business to do in Rangely. VandenBrink told him there were no restrictions in place, and shortly thereafter “the plane dropped in.” Colorado is the only state in the country that does not allow seaplanes to use any state-controlled waterways. Because Kenney Reservoir is locally owned, this seaplane was able to land, take care of business and fly out again.**

## One Craig Station power plant to be retired in 2025

Special to the Herald Times

**RBC I** The owners of the Craig Station power plant, including PacifiCorp, Platte River Power Authority, Salt River Project, Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association and Public Service Company of Colorado, a subsidiary of Xcel Energy, have reached an agreement with the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, WildEarth Guardians and the National Parks Conservation Association to revise the Colorado Visibility and Regional Haze State Implementation Plan (SIP).

Under the proposed revision to the SIP, the 427-megawatt Craig Station Unit 1, which is part of a three-unit generating facility in Craig, Colo., will be retired by Dec. 31, 2025. The unit

will have more stringent limits on annual emissions beginning in 2020.

“A power plant may have multiple generation units that independently produce power. At Craig Station, there are three generating units. Each one operates independently and has its own boiler, turbine/generator and air quality control systems. Nucla Station has one generating unit. It will retire, closing the power plant. Craig Station has three generating units. Unit 1 will retire, and Unit 2 and Unit 3 will continue to operate at the power plant,” said Tri-State’s Lee Boughey, senior manager of corporate communications.

The SIP approved in 2014 required significant nitrogen oxides (NOx) emissions reductions for Craig Station Unit 1 by August 2021. The owners reviewed several compliance options to meet the new standard,

including installing additional emissions controls and switching fuels.

The owners ultimately decided to seek an extension to the compliance deadline and unit retirement, rather than installing emissions controls. The decision to propose revising the SIP is driven by the state and federal regulatory environment for coal-based generation, current and forecasted market conditions, the significant costs to install additional emissions controls and the best interests of electric consumers.

“Tri-State has worked tirelessly to preserve our ability to responsibly use coal to produce reliable and affordable power, which makes the decision to retire a coal-fired generating unit all the more difficult,” said Mike McInnes, CEO of Tri-State. “We are

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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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■ **The 2016 Annual Craft & Gift Show** will be Friday, Nov. 4 from 4-8 p.m. and Saturday, Nov. 5 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. 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.

■ **Quilting Group.** Tuesdays from 6-9 p.m. at Kilowatt Korner. Bring your sewing machine and project.

■ **Adult Open Gym Volleyball** Tuesdays from 7:30-8:30 p.m. in the MES Gym. Adults 18+ invited to volleyball open gym. Program will continue until Nov. 15. Call 878-3403 or visit meekerrecdistrict.com.

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

■ **Adult Open Gym Pickleball,** Wednesdays from 1-2:30 p.m. in the Admin Gym. Adults 18+ invited to pickleball open gym. Program will continue each Wednesday until Nov. 16. Call 878-3403 or visit meekerrecdistrict.com.

■ **Adult Open Gym Basketball** Wednesdays from 7:30-8:30 p.m. in the MES Gym.

Adults 18+ invited to basketball open gym. Program will continue until Nov. 16. Call 878-3403 or visit meekerrecdistrict.com.

■ **Discover the Parks** Sept. 20 from 9:30-11 a.m. at Foothills Park. Call 878-3403 or visit us online at meekerrecdistrict.com.

■ **Meeker Veterans Community Center Open House** for gentlemen at 290 Fourth St. every Thursday at 10 a.m.

■ **Free monthly movie** at 1:30 p.m. Sept. 12 at the Meeker Rec Center. Featured film: "Brooklyn."

■ **The Meeker Library Book Club** meets at 1 p.m. the second Monday of each month (excluding holidays). The next meeting will be Oct. 10. We will be discussing "Brooklyn" by Colm Toibin. All interested readers are welcome. Stop by the Meeker Library for details.

■ **Belfry Fund Rubber Ducky Race** on Saturday, Sept. 24, 2 p.m. starting at City Park Fifth Street bridge. Duckyies are available now and during the Fall Festival for a \$5 donation. Proceeds go towards rebuilding the Coal Creek School belfry. Contact Martha at 303-886-8086 or stop by the White River Museum to get your ducky and more race details.

Please send calendar items to [calendar@theheraldtimes.com](mailto:calendar@theheraldtimes.com) before 5 p.m. on Monday.

## Rangely Chamber starts 'rocked' group

Special to the Herald Times

**RANGELY** I The Rangely Chamber wants to "rock" your day and bring a smile to your face.

"Many of us love Rangely and the people who call Rangely home, and right now it seems like that all of us could use a big dose of encouragement," said chamber member Sandy Payne.

That is what the chamber is hoping to accomplish. Join their Facebook group called Rocked by the Rangely Chamber to follow along with the fun

or to post your picture. You do not have to be a chamber member or on Facebook to participate.

"When you find a decorated rock, simply take the rock you found and put it somewhere else in town. Or if the rock you found is meaningful to you, just keep it, and create a new rock to hide. The rocks can also be hand delivered to someone who could use a smile," Payne said. Please join us in spreading encouragement around our community and help our town to Be Rocked by the Rangely Chamber.

## CNCC classes in Meeker

**MEEKER** I The following exciting classes are still available for registration: High Altitude Tomato Canning—Sept. 16; Graphology: Handwriting Analysis—Oct. 3; Computer Classes—Microsoft Word—Oct. 11; Microsoft Excel—Nov. 8, and PowerPoint—Dec. 6; Mosaic Workshop—Exciting craft class—Oct. 14-15; Food Safety Works Training for employees in food service—Sept. 29.

Call 878-5227, email [iris.franklin@cncc.edu](mailto:iris.franklin@cncc.edu), or stop by the CNCC office on Tuesday or Wednesday at 345 Sixth St. for more information.

## HERO'S STATUE ...



**Fallen American hero Captain William "Pyro" DuBois, who died Dec. 1, 2014 in the Middle East while flying in support of Operation Inherent Resolve when his F-16 crashed after helping his wingman land safely. Captain DuBois was memorialized with a bronze statue, sculpted by local artist John Kobald, which was dedicated in Grand River Park in New Castle on Sept. 10, 2016. Captain DuBois is survived by his nephew Karsen, wife Ashley, mother Donna, sister Devon and father Ham.**

BOBBY GUTIERREZ

## American hero memorialized with bronze statue

By **BOBBY GUTIERREZ**  
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**RBC** I American hero Captain William H. "Pyro" DuBois Jr., was memorialized Sept. 10, 2016 at Grand River Park in New Castle, with the unveiling and dedication of a bronze statue of the fallen fighter pilot.

Captain DuBois grew up in New Castle and was graduated from Rifle High School. Hundreds attended and many were bused to the park, located on the south side of I-70 and the Colorado River, for the ceremony, which included the National Anthem, sung by his child-

hood friend Thomas Breslin, speeches by New Castle Mayor Art Riddle, Garfield County Commissioner Tom Jankovsky and Major General H. Michael Edwards. Captain DuBois attended the University of Colorado on a full ride ROTC scholarship to study Aerospace Engineering, graduating with honors and was accepted into an elite pilot training program ENJEPT (Euro Nato Joint Jet Pilot Training) at Sheppard Air Force base in Texas and then on to F16 training at Luke Air Force Base in Arizona.

DuBois was twice named the top fighter pilot in his class and earned

two top gun awards. He was an F16 instructor pilot, flight lead and combat commander. Captain DuBois flew with the 35th fighter squadron, known as the Pantons, in Korea, where he was earned the call sign "Pyro" and was based at Shaw Air Force Base in South Carolina.

Captain DuBois was deployed to the middle-east to fight ISIS with the 77th fighter squadron, the Gamblers and died when his jet crashed as he was returning to base assisting his wing man with a mechanical problem.

DuBois's wife Ashley, parents Ham and Donna, sister Devon and his nephew Karsen were also intro-

duced, after which his sister and father shared memories before the unveiling of the statue.

Major General H. Michael Edwards also spoke about the 30-year-old pilot, then read a proclamation from Governor John Hickenlooper and presented it to the family.

The statue was sculpted by local artist John Kobald who said he had been working on the piece since last fall.

"It was a huge honor to get the commission and it was very emotional working with the family after the loss of a hero like that," Kobald said.

## Federal civil suit filed against Meeker Housing Authority

Special to the Herald Times

**MEEKER** I A federal civil suit was filed in U.S. District Court in Denver on Tuesday against the Meeker Housing Authority (MHA).

Three disabled residents of a subsidized housing complex in Meeker claim recently changed MHA rules prohibiting companion service animals are a violation of their civil rights.

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## 50TH ANNIVERSARY ...



DOMINICK CARDILE PHOTO

**Almost 60 friends and family members gathered in the Mountain Valley Bank community room on Sept. 3, 2016, for a surprise 50th wedding anniversary party for Art and Lila Cox of Meeker. Their actual anniversary will be celebrated Oct. 18, so the surprise party was a complete success.**



**Friday, September 16**  
10:00am  
6<sup>th</sup> Street Park  
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The NFL Punt, Pass and Kick program is a national skills competition for boys and girls between the ages of 6 and 15 (age as of December 31, 2016). Youth compete against their peers in punting, passing, and place kicking!

Register at the Meeker Recreation Center or visit [www.nflppk.com](http://www.nflppk.com) to register online. Day-of registration available at 6<sup>th</sup> Street Park from 9:00am-9:45am.

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# Car theft from Meeker leads to Hwy. 64 chase

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**RBC 1** At approximately 10:52 a.m. Sept. 9, a local man was having coffee at the Meeker Café when he learned that his truck had been stolen while parked on Main Street with the keys in the ignition. At approximately 11:25 a.m., a Rio Blanco County Sheriff's Deputy attempted a traffic stop on a vehicle matching the description of the stolen vehicle near mile marker 41 on Highway 64 west of Meeker.

The vehicle, a green Toyota flatbed pick-up, refused to stop for Rio Blanco County Deputy Will Pena and a pursuit began. The driver of the truck attempted to elude Deputy Pena with speeds in excess of 90 MPH until reaching Rangely

town limits where Rangely Police Lieutenant Roy Kinney deployed a spike strip, which deflated the right front tire. The truck then stopped and the two occupants were taken into custody by Deputy Pena, LT. Kinney and also assisting was DOW Officer Terry Wygant.

Two suspects in the vehicle were arrested without further incident. Arrested was the driver Alex David Morgan, 22, for second degree aggravated motor vehicle theft, theft, vehicular eluding, first degree criminal trespass, reckless endangerment, conspiracy and reckless driving. The passenger, Cheyleigh Karrie Hayes, 19 was arrested for theft, first degree criminal trespass, conspiracy and possession of drug paraphernalia.



## TRACY ...

Following the Club 20 Western Slope candidate forums in Grand Junction Saturday morning, Colorado State Senate District 8 candidate Emily Tracy, D-Breckenridge, and her husband, Del Bush, traveled to Rangely, specifically to check up on the TANK they'd heard so much about. On the right she experiences the Tank with John and Mickey Allen, and former Rangely mayor Paula Davis. Tracy said, "The TANK is a unique and special place. I was amazed how the acoustics allow sounds to reverberate and sustain for 15 seconds or more, creating almost mesmerizing vocal or instrumental music. She sees how it might increase Rangely visitors wanting to learn more about it as it's really not to be missed. "Once you experience it you will want to return," she said. Senate District 8 includes Rio Blanco County as well as Garfield, Grand, Jackson, Moffat, Routt and Summit counties.

REED KELLEY PHOTO

# No confirmed plans to close campgrounds upriver from Meeker

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**MEEKER 1** Meeker area residents and recreationalists can rest a little easier regarding concerns about the closure of multiple upriver campgrounds.

"In my career this is the third round where we've nationally looked at our developed sites in the forest," Rich Doak, White River National Forest staff officer for recreation explained, referring to the Recreational Site Analysis (RSA) process. "We went through this in 2007 on the White River, and prior to that in 1987-89. It's a periodic thing, not something new."

Doak said the Forest Service reviews various elements for sites under analysis, including long-term sustainability, public usage, resource damage, etc., in order to determine where to best apply their resources.

"We're looking at 160 developed sites across the forest and asking those questions," Doak said.

At this point in the RSA, data has been collected, various scenarios examined and the local districts have made some recommendations.

"Those recommendations come to the leadership team and the team will make an initial recommendation on what they'd like to see us do," Doak said, adding, "Some sites will be not changed, some sites may be tweaked. There may be changes in operating seasons, or we may reduce sites that have low occupancy. The ball park is wide open."

The recommendations from the leadership team will be narrowed down and presented for public comment.

"What we're really hoping for

are options and alternatives, not just people saying, 'don't do this,'" Doak said, offering as an example a small campground at the end of a bad road in another district. When the Forest Service recommended closing the campground, a local company that runs a nearby reservoir stepped up to take over much of the responsibility for the campground, freeing up needed resources for the Forest Service.

Once the comment period is completed, the Forest Service will review the plan again, incorporating the comments, and create a proposal. Depending on the actions proposed, the public may have another opportunity to comment before the 5-year implementation plan gets underway.

In regard to the calls, emails, and social media comments received, Doak said, "At this stage of the game all we have are ideas down on paper. I have not seen any ideas on what I've read that even come close to what I've read on social media."

The Forest Service will send out a press release and make the information about the proposal available as a project page on their website, and encourages interested parties to subscribe to email updates.

"It's not going to be a secret," said Jerman.

"Our goal is to keep our rec sites up-to-date and provide what the public desires," Doak said. "We want all our sites to be high quality, and so we have to be realistic about what we can continue to sustain in the future."

According to Kate Jerman, public affairs officer for WRNF, reaching the phase of public comments will take three months or longer.

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## EDITOR'S COLUMN...

### So much potential for good things

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Last weekend my husband and I and moved into an antique house in Meeker. I've always wanted to live in an old house, and this one qualifies. It was built in 1912, and I'm itching to dig into public and historical records and find out about its history. That said, it comes with quirks. Like the fact the kitchen and bathroom floors are seriously tilted in opposing directions. It's like living aboard an old-fashioned sailing ship in a storm. But that's OK. The house has character and tremendous potential. As my husband said, "the defects are like wrinkles, you can see where life has been lived." Seeing potential—whether in a person, a house, or a project—is a blessing and a curse. You can find hidden treasure, or you can be drained by the needs facing you. That's true for us as individuals and for our communities. I sat in on a meeting Monday for the Main Street America program in Meeker and

was struck anew by how much potential is in our county. I won't say "growth" or "progress" because those are scary words for some. I will say "potential." Potential is defined as "the latent qualities or abilities that may be developed and lead to future success or usefulness." Potential is what you see when you look at your kids and grandkids and great-grandkids. Potential translates into hope for the future. The Meeker Classic and The TANK are just two examples of what can happen when just a few folks get together and see potential in an idea, a project, or a place. I'm excited to see what comes from the plans and ideas and projects our communities are pursuing, and I encourage everyone to find a place to set their hand to the proverbial plow and get involved. It's worth the time and effort to be proactive and positive.

## RIO BLANCO COUNTY DAYS GONE BY

*The Meeker Herald — 125 years ago*  
 ■ The board of town trustees met in regular monthly session. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Simms. Trustees present: Rooney, Kyser, Purdy and JoHagen. Absent: trustee Thompson.  
 ■ H.H. Joy appeared before the board and asked the board to extend the water mains to the high school building. On motion the request was laid on the table.  
 ■ Meeker had its first auto stealing case, when two immature youths tried to "swipe" the Clarence Ford auto. The youths got as far as White River, when overhauled.  
 ■ Lightning got a large stack of hay on the Sam Wright place last Saturday. A stacker was also partially consumed.  
 ■ New snow was visible on the high places Sunday morning.  
 ■ Commencing Monday, Sept. 18 pictures will start at 8 o'clock sharp at the Princess Theater.

approximately 3-1/2 tons of hay.  
 ■ Meeker High School's 1966 football season is coached by Ed Duffy, Paul Starbuck and Bob Tucker. Team members include: Doug Williams, Mike Nieslanik, Ron Taussig, Mike Sullivan, Bruce Dorrell, Jim Cook, Rod Crawford, Chuck Bewley, Theon Strickland, Joe Merriam, Roger Clare, Jerry Oldland, Ran Anderson, Mike Brubaker, Dick Watt, Francis McKee, Jim McKean, Les Crook, Mike Lugenbeel, Phil Jensen, Gary Stewart, Ted Stewart, Steve Harp, Charlie Talkington, John Merriam, Don Merriam, Doug Moody, Roger Weir, John Schrepfer and Larry Talkington.  
*The Meeker Herald — 25 years ago*  
 ■ The Front Range isn't the only area of the state having trouble with mountain lions close to populated areas as Meeker residents have turned in several reports this past year. Most of the reports come from Wall Street toward Ninth Street, along Pine and Cedar streets.  
 ■ Eight-year-old Allan Larson was involved in a car/bicycle accident that sent him to the hospital. His injuries were not of an extremely severe nature.

■ The Meeker Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star installed new officers.  
*Rangely Times — 50 years ago*  
 ■ Rangely's Main Street will be resurfaced this month. Commissioner Hugh Caldwell told Mayor B.F. Yaeger today.  
 ■ The Rangely Panthers held on grimly to a 12-7 lead to stop the determined Grand Junction Central Warriors and come up with a victory here Friday night in the opening contest of the football season.  
 ■ At Bestway: Johnathan apples, 8 lbs. for \$1. Folgers coffee 3 lb. can \$2.09.  
*Rangely Times — 25 years ago*  
 ■ The Colorado Welcome Center at Dinosaur celebrated its first anniversary on Sept. 6.  
 ■ An overlay of State Highway 64 from the Town Limits to Colorado Well had received criticism from County and Town officials because it was not considered adequate.  
 ■ CNCC is pleased to announce that full-time enrollment is up 14.5 percent from last fall. We have enrolled 376 full-time students for fall semester 1991.

## GUEST EDITORIAL

# Tourism growth proves to be a mixed blessing for Moab, Utah

*EDITOR'S NOTE: This topic came up at the Main Street America meeting in Meeker Monday.*

By **JON KOVASH**  
Special to the Herald Times

**RBC** Conservationists in Moab, Utah, have been heartened by the strong statewide and national support for the proposed Bears Ears National Monument. Yet I was struck by how many people also say that they do not want to become another Moab. This is a fairly common fear in the West. Depending on your location, substitute the idea of becoming yet another Aspen or Park City. In a way, it's ironic. For years, Moab's greens have touted the tourism economy as the alternative to all that nasty drilling and mining. Tourism, they say, avoids the worst of the boom-and-bust cycles charac-

terized by pollution-spewing extractive industries. But everyone has learned that tourism also brings sprawling growth, crappy jobs, ever-higher rents and home prices, and an increasingly unmanageable crush of visitors and traffic. In Moab, tourism has transformed the area at least as dramatically as any drilling tower or potash pit. We deride the drill-baby-drillers for thinking that our natural resources are unlimited, yet we never hear anyone suggest a cap on visitors, even as our national parks become ever more crowded, smashing attendance records year after year. There is substantial evidence that tourism and lackluster stewardship have not benefitted most locals. Just in the last year, according to the Community Action Partnership of Utah, Grand County's poverty rate jumped up to 16.3 percent, with

Moab's children hit hardest: 18 percent live in poverty households, shooting up to 49.6 percent for those children under 5 who live with a single mom. Half of Moab's food stamp households include children. The average Moab renter gets a wage of \$9.74 an hour, yet it takes \$14.56 an hour to get into a two-bedroom apartment. Close to a third of Moab residents have no health insurance, compared to 12.5 percent for Utah as a whole. Moab's average household income is \$52,800, versus \$69,686 for Utah. One-fourth of residential housing is occupied by tourists, leaving a serious housing shortfall for local workers. Two recent findings agree that the poor get hit hardest by tourism: Moab's cost of living, housing costs, sales tax and income tax are all higher than the national average, and Utah's job growth in recent years has mostly benefitted middle- and upper-

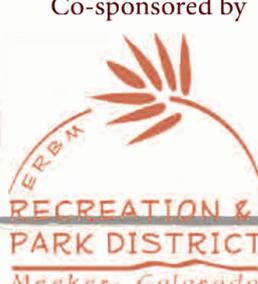
income households. Those who advocate for a Bears Ears National Monument like to remind everyone that our nation's federal land is owned by the whole country, not just the local yokels. Yet Moab, to the disappointment of many longtime visitors, acts as though it believes that surrounding federal lands can be used to extract money from an infinite number of tourists and to support an ever-expanding party and adventure town. Think how you would feel if someone proposed a 10,000-person village at Springdale, near Zion, or consider the horrifying actual plans for a gondola and restaurant at the Little Colorado confluence, at the eastern edge of the Grand Canyon. Do we commend their civic boosterism? No! We condemn mega-developments because Zion National Park and the Grand Canyon belong

to all of us. Should President Obama create a Bears Ears monument, I hope Moab and the vacation marketers can restrain themselves from trying to cash in: No tourism boosters giving pep talks in Bluff, no flyboys pressing for scenic flights, no death-seeking extreme sportsters descending on Comb Ridge, no gluten-free bistros in Blanding and no mass hordes of random tourists emanating out of Las Vegas, looking for that quick, bloodless Disney experience. Along with the Navajos and Utes in the remote villages of Aneth, Montezuma Creek, White Mesa and Bluff, a surprising number of Anglos in the sleepy Mormon towns of Blanding and Monticello say they are also spooked by the prospect of industrial tourism. What will help is that the small towns within the Bears Ears area are separated by vast amounts of not much at all.

Remote doesn't begin to describe this land of sculpted red rock. Recent history also gives us reason for hope, even if Bears Ears becomes a national monument. In 1996, President Bill Clinton went to the Grand Canyon to announce his highly controversial creation of the Grand Staircase-Escalante Monument. You might think that tourism would boom the nearby towns of Escalante, Torrey and Boulder. But no, they remain pretty much what they've always been in the face of increased but hardly Moab-level visitation. It may be too much to hope, but unlike Vietnam, in the Utah wilds it might be possible to save the villages without destroying them. Jon Kovash is a contributor to *Writers on the Range*, the opinion service of *High Country News* (hcn.org). He writes in Moab, Utah.



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The senior parents would like to thank Rocky Mountain Orthopaedic and total joint repair, identity graphics, Shelby Burke and Zach Clatterbaugh for supporting the seniors in sports this year. We appreciate you.

MHS Senior Parents  
Meeker

Meeker Classic board  
thanks volunteers,  
friends

Dear Editor:  
At the close of the 30th annual Meeker Classic Sheepdog Trials, we are again reminded of the extraordinary qualities of this community and why it's such a special place to call home. What a showcase of volunteerism, community and friendship!

Handlers, vendors and visitors to the Meeker Classic marvel at how the community pulls a five-day event together. Each and every volunteer and stakeholder commits their time and energy selflessly to insure the success of an event that has marked its spot as one of the premier sheepdog trials ever. Setting the standard for other trials to follow, the Meeker Classic boasts a volunteer base of around 350 people who give of their time or talent during the year.

We want to express our deepest appreciation and thanks to all that helped make this year's trial a success. Each of you made an important contribution for your community. Volunteers of all ages pitched in to park cars, run concessions, take tickets, pick up trash, clerk and time, exhaust the sheep, put up posters, raise the flags, help with the education program, work in the art barn and so much more. We received numerous comments on how happy and welcoming our volunteers are—you are wonderful

ambassadors for Meeker and Rio Blanco County.  
This community should be especially proud of the young people that pitched in to help out. Eighth-graders kept the grounds immaculate with their trash duty, washing tables and checking porta-johns, FFA Chapter members helped man the parking lot and taught event visitors about their projects, 4-H members pitched in to sell programs and serve lamb, Range Call Royalty helped during the concert and with opening ceremonies and various individual students and groups were seen helping everywhere. It's a remarkable commentary on the youth of our community.

Many civic groups joined in to make their contribution to the event—our deepest gratitude to the Lions Club, Masons, Woolgrowers, VFW and VFW Auxiliary, Rio Blanco Historical Society, Meeker Chamber and all of their volunteers to partnering with us. The CNCC Sniffer Dogs group helped with the education program and did several other talented craftsmen and artists. The list goes on and on—each and every segment of the trial from inception to cleanup involved multiple volunteers.

Equally important are the various local sponsors that have supported the Meeker Classic over the years. This truly was a community effort. We received numerous compliments on the community, the event and the people: "The people are friendly, the community clean and beautiful and the trial the best they've been too." Meeker has created an event that welcomes all, as they share a week together each September. Visitors feel a connection—a sense of kinship—a of community that embraces all.

The time, effort and contributions of so many make this event a success. We thank each and every one of you for what you do. Meeker truly is "SOMETHING"!!!

Thanks so much,  
The Meeker  
Classic Board of Directors

Dangerous Donald  
Trump

Dear Editor:  
Dangerous Donald Trump might be a threat to our viability. He could try to assume dictatorial powers and abolish the Constitution, Congress, and the Supreme Court. Some of his supporters are far right extremists. His candidacy is reminiscent of the Fascists in Germany, Italy, and Japan during the 1930s and 1940s.

Trump has unwittingly proposed to pull our troops out of South Korea and Japan if they do not pay for our aid. This will open up the Far East to Chinese and North Korean expansion. He might try to abandon NATO, thereby enabling Russian expansion in Europe. Trump doesn't have a problem with countries acquiring nuclear weapons. He even encouraged Russia to spy on Clinton. His blunders could lead to miscalculations by totalitarian regimes and increase the possibility of war. Amazingly, he says he knows more about ISIS than our generals.

Trump appears to be unstable, shallow and disorganized, and he does not have the requisite knowledge or understanding of U.S. and world affairs, nor the intellectual capacity, to be President and commander-in-chief.

Vote for the socially liberal and fiscally conservative Libertarian ticket of Johnson/Weld.

Donald Moskowicz  
Londonderry, NH

Rangely Outdoor Museum  
grateful to volunteers, donors

Special to the Herald Times

**RANGELY I** The Rangely Outdoor Museum's 20th annual Ice Cream Social was Sunday, Sept. 4 at the museum. Since it had been rainy that morning, museum staff decided to move the social indoors.

Two-hundred thirty-four visitors signed in that day, and many more came through but didn't sign the guest book. The homemade ice cream contest had seven entries making it really tough on the judges, although they would never complain, according to museum director Brenda Hopson.

The third place winner of \$50 was: Pauline Miller with mint chocolate chip; the second place winner of \$75 was René Harden with Almond Joy; and the first place winner of \$125 was James Scoggins with jalapeño.

"We had some great ice cream," Hopson said. The other flavors and participants were: Derry and Diane Banta with vanilla, Pauline Miller also had coffee mocha, Julia Davis had strawberry cheesecake and James Scoggins also brought s'mores.

"We hope that you will all come and try next year. Now is the time to start practicing with those ice cream flavors," Hopson added.

The museum also hosted a member and new member drawing for a quilt made by Ellen Boudreaux and two framed 11x14 photos by Margaret Slaugh. The winners of the photos were Ingrid Reed and Rick and Simone Edwards. Diane Banta won the quilt.

"We want to thank everyone who donated and helped out this year,"

Hopson said.

"Bill Hume at Nichols, thank you so much for donating all the ice cream and ice that we use during this event. You have been such a huge help for us. We appreciate you bunches. Thanks also to W. C. Striegel for donating the \$250 in prize money. What a great help this is; we couldn't put on this event without you either. Thanks to Cheryl Robertson for donating the \$100 for all the supplies that we use and Loyann Hayes for picking them up. Thanks to Tom and Dorothy Collins for manning the guest book and gift shop. Also our servers: Naomi LeGere and helpers Diane Sizemore, Margaret Slaugh and Alexis Hopson who also helped us set up that morning. You are all pretty special. Thanks to Jarrod Fiscus of "Fiscus and Gravy" for bringing his equipment and playing his band's music in the 1913 school house and also Billy Brenton who walked around the room and serenaded with his tunes. Our three judges will remain nameless but are so much appreciated. The Lodging Tax panel

has helped us each year be able to advertise our event in the Herald Times and the Town Bill and also make posters to put around town."

As a non-profit, the museum relies on memberships and donations which help a great deal throughout their season.

Fall hours are: Fridays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sundays from noon to 4 p.m.

"We have three buildings full of displays along with Rangely's first jail, our first fire truck and the Raven A1 Discovery Well. We also have the Wolf Canyon School along with other displays along the walk path. Come check us out this fall."

The last weekend open this year will be Oct. 14-16. The museum will open for the new year the first Friday in May 2017.

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<b>Tues.</b>	<b>Sept. 20</b> - Sloppy Joes, Corn, Fruit, Milk, Pudding Cup	<b>Tues.</b>	<b>Sept. 20</b> - Corn Dog, Baked Beans, Mixed Vegetables, Salad Bar with Fruit, Milk/Water. JR/SR HIGH A LA CARTE: Tacos and Toppings
<b>Wed.</b>	<b>Sept. 21</b> - CHOICE DAY - Penne Pasta OR Yogurt Special, Roll, Salad, Fruit, Milk	<b>Wed.</b>	<b>Sept. 21</b> - Beef Stroganoff, Noodles, Dinner Rolls, Green Beans, Salad Bar with Fruit, Milk/Water. JR/SR HIGH A LA CARTE: Chicken Sandwich
<b>Thurs.</b>	<b>Sept. 22</b> - Mini Corn Dogs, Baked Beans, Carrot Sticks, Fruit, Milk	<b>Thurs.</b>	<b>Sept. 22</b> - BBQ Pork Sandwiches, Potato Wedges, Mixed Vegetables, Salad Bar with Fruit, Milk/Water. JR/SR HIGH AL LA CARTE: Pepperoni Pizza

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**The Absolute of Satisfaction**  
By Dr. J. D. Watson  
Pastor-Teacher, Grace Bible Church

**YE now therefore have sorrow: but I will see you again, and your heart shall rejoice, and your joy no man taketh from you (Jn. 16:22).**

"When happenings happen to happen happily, you have happiness," I once heard J. Sidlow Baxter quip; "when happenings happen to happen unhappily, you have unhappiness; happiness, then, is merely circumstantial happiness. But joy is independent of circumstances." If anything can succinctly summarize our culture, that's it—looking for happiness "in the moment." But true joy (*chara*, "gladness and rejoicing") goes far beyond circumstances.

*First*, we note the *prompting* of joy. What prompts and encourages us to joy? It is, of course, **sorrow** itself. The preceding verse illustrates with the "anguish" of childbirth. This is the Greek *thlipsis*, a graphic word that literally means to crush, press, compress, squeeze and is from *thlaō*, to break. It appears, in fact, many times in the NT to indicate that tribulation, hardship, affliction, distress, and other difficulties are simply an everyday part of Christian living.

*Second*, however, there is the *promise* of joy. Just as the anguish of childbirth is the promise of the joy that is to come, so do the difficulties of the Christian life assure us that "the new birth" we have in Christ (Jn. 3:3-8) is the source of our joy. Specifically, Jesus promises His disciples that while His departure brings sorrow now, that should just prompt them to joy because they would see Him again. But wait a moment. Does this refer to His resurrection, His sending "another Comforter" (14:16), or His bodily Second Coming? Does it really matter? Whichever it is (perhaps all three?), the result is exactly the same: *joy*.

*Third*, there is the *permanence* of joy. Here is the greatest truth. While happiness is fleeting, joy is fulfilling; happiness is shifting, but joy is secure; happiness is uncertain, while joy is unchanging. *No one*, our Lord goes on to assure us, can take our joy away from us. Yes, we can give it away, but no one can steal it; we can misplace it, but no one else can hide it from us; we can be careless with it, but no one else can capture it.

There is something seriously wrong with the sad Christian. We do not say that lightly. Puritan William Gurnall, for example, challenges: "Christ takes no more delight to dwell in a sad heart, than we do to live in a dark house." Stronger still is Thomas Watson: "Let me tell you, it is a sin not to rejoice. You disparage your Husband, Christ. When a wife is always sighing and weeping, what will others say? 'This woman has a bad husband.' Is this the fruit of Christ's love to you, to reflect dishonour upon him?"

Let us note finally that joy is, in fact, the culmination of all the other absolutes we have seen. When we *comprehend* God's sovereignty in our salvation, when we *contemplate* Christ's sacrifice and the security that results, and when we *consider* the solidarity we have in His friendship, how can we not have joyful satisfaction?

**Scriptures for Study:** What has blessed you the most in this study of "absolutes"?

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

## BLM recommends removal of restrictions on sale and adoption of wild horses and burros

Special to the Herald Times

**RBC I** The Bureau of Land Management's National Wild Horse and Burro Advisory Board met Sept. 8-9, 2016, in Elko, Nev., to discuss issues relating to the management and protection of wild horses and burros on Western public rangelands. White River and Douglas Creek Conservation Districts' Executive Director Callie Hendrickson attended the meeting and provided public comment on behalf of the districts and the National Association of Conservation Districts.

Current statistics of the National BLM Wild Horse and Burro Program are that the range where the law allows the horses to roam in the 10 western states will support 27,000 horses and burros. The current estimated population is 67,000. Because horses have virtu-

ally no predators, their numbers double every four years (20 percent annual increase) and the only management tool available to the BLM is gather and remove. Why not just gather and remove the excess 40,000 horses? There are currently another 47,000 horses and burros in holding facilities costing the taxpayers more than \$50 million per year until the day they die a natural death. BLM has estimated that caring for only the horses currently in holding would cost the taxpayers \$1 billion.

Hendrickson quoted the Senate Conference Report (92-242) which accompanies the 1971 Wild Free-Roaming Horse and Burro Act. "The principal goal of this legislation is not the single use management of areas for the benefit of wild free-roaming horses and burros. It is the intent of the committee that the wild free-roaming horses and

burros be specifically incorporated as a component of the multiple-use plans governing the use of the public lands." She stated, "the BLM is currently headed down the path of single use management by allowing horses to do irreparable harm to rangeland ecosystems at the expense of native and endangered species habitat and the suspension of livestock AUMs."

Following the tour and multiple comments such as those stated above, the advisory board made a strong and controversial recommendation to the Secretary of Interior stating; "The BLM should follow the stipulations of the Wild Horse and Burro Act by offering all suitable animals in long and short term holding deemed unadoptable for sale without limitation or humane euthanasia. Those animals deemed unsuitable for sale should then be destroyed in the most

humane manner possible."

The board members have looked at all the options but finally realized there is no way for BLM to manage their way out of this disaster through adoptions and fertility control. On the same day the board made this recommendation, the BLM pulled the sterilization research on wild horses due to legal actions taken by activist groups. Because special interest groups oppose BLM at every turn as they attempt to implement some form of management that would help reduce numbers, BLM and Congress are being left with no alternative but to remove the restrictions on selling and euthanizing excess horses.

The second recommendation to the Secretary of Interior is that "BLM should prioritize designated Sage Grouse Habitat for removal of excess animals. BLM should also use degree of range degradation as a criterion for prioritization for removal of excess animals.

Consideration should be given to those rangelands that are most amenable to rehabilitation." This recommendation certainly drives the point home that there are already areas of range that have passed the threshold and transitioned into a state which will not recover given the arid climate. At this point, BLM needs to focus on the areas that can recover and immediately remove the excess horses from those areas before it is too late for the land to recover.

The ultimate goal should be to reduce the numbers of horses on the range to the Appropriate Management Level (AML) and then implement fertility control in a manner that keeps numbers in check so that the numbers gathered from the range would match the adoption rate. This would eliminate the need for sale and euthanization in the future.

The majority of the board appears to recognize and appreciate the multiple use mandate of the

BLM and that they are charged with sustaining the health, diversity, and productivity of the rangelands. Frustrated with the argument that BLM should just remove the livestock and allow the horses to graze in the herd management areas (HMAs), the board made the following recommendation; "BLM should develop partnerships with other agencies and departments to conduct environmental and socio-economic effects of reduced animal unit months on HMAs due to range degradation resulting from overpopulation of wild horses and burros. Further analysis should be conducted regarding the effects of the potential removal of all livestock from HMAs."

For additional information about alternative management options, we encourage people to visit the National Horse and Burro Rangeland Management Coalition's website and review the Management Options Fact Sheet found on the front page.

### RIDIN' FOR BRADI...



**The Riden' For Bradi poker run Aug. 27 was a huge success with more than 60 bikes participating and 32 hands sold. The 217-mile ride started in Meeker and looped through Craig, Dinosaur and Rangely before ending at Chippers in Meeker where an afterparty and raffle were held. All proceeds went to Meeker resident Bradi Bland and his family. Bland, 18, is currently recovering at home from a traumatic brain injury suffered during a car accident in April. To make a donation, go to [www.gofundme.com/dcyqq4v8](http://www.gofundme.com/dcyqq4v8).**

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### OBITUARY

#### Richard Darrel Muller

May 22, 1950~Sept. 7, 2016

Richard Darrel Muller, 66, died peacefully in his home on Sept. 7, 2016, in Price, Utah. He was born May 22, 1950, in Glenwood Springs, Colo., to Darrel Thayne Muller and Veda Lillian Muller (Nielsen). He and his wife, JoDell, were married on April 5, 1998, and have spent 23 wonderful years together!

He was raised in Rangely, Colo., and received his associates degree from Colorado Northwestern Community College. He was a devout Boy Scout leader and was an Eagle Scout himself. His hobbies include big game hunting, fishing, camping, carpentry, spending time with his family and caring for special needs.



**Richard Darrel Muller**

Tatton, Jessica (Eric) Carlson, Crystal (Beau) Bryant, Jamie Muller, Ricci (Joe) Sadar; siblings Judy (Veron) Lee, Michael Muller, Janice Burke, Robert Muller, Mark Muller, and Joyce (Charles) Novak; grandchildren Jeff Muller,

He was preceded in death by his dad, Darrel Muller, and his mom, Veda Muller.

He is survived by his wife, JoDell Muller; children Brian (Jennifer) Tatton, Cansas Grieger, Jaci

Nicholas and Elizabeth Grieger, Derick and Kurtis Tatton, Preston Leighton, Dylan and Austin Smith, Bryanna Carlson, Emersyn Bryant, Elijah Muller, Garrett and Traylee Sadar and Macen Bracken; nieces, nephews, and one great-granddaughter, Braylin Muller.

Services are entrusted to Fausett Mortuary. A memorial service will be held Monday, Sept. 12, 2016, at 12 p.m. at Fausett Mortuary, 680 E 100 S, Price, Utah. Family and friends may sign the guest book and share memories of Richard at [www.fausettmortuary.com](http://www.fausettmortuary.com). In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the National MS Society Team G-Dog.

Read us online @ [theheraldtimes.com](http://theheraldtimes.com)

On September 1, the owners of Craig Station along with State and Federal agencies and environmental groups agreed to revise the Regional Haze Rule compliance plan for Colorado. Since this impacts your community, Tri-State is holding a community meeting at 6:30 pm on Thursday, September 15 at Moffat County High School. At the meeting, Tri-State will discuss the agreement and your community's concerns.

We encourage you to attend this discussion and bring your questions. Tri-State CEO Mike McInnes and representatives from the State of Colorado will be on hand to discuss Tri-State's plans to work with community leaders as they determine a path forward.

Tri-State, along with the Environmental Protection Agency, the State of Colorado and two environmental groups agreed to revise the current Regional Haze Rule compliance plan for Colorado. Under the revised plan, Nucla Station in southwest Colorado will be retired by December 31, 2022 and Craig Station Unit 1 in northwest Colorado will be retired by December 31, 2025. Prior to the retirement date, both units will have more stringent limits on annual emissions beginning in 2020. The New Horizon Mine which provides fuel to Nucla Station, will also be retired by 2022.



**COMMUNITY MEETING  
6:30 PM, THURSDAY, SEPT. 15  
MOFFAT COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL**

# Meeker Project 45 moves forward

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**MEEKER I** "It's all in the name of revitalizing Meeker," Meeker Chamber of Commerce director Stephanie Kobald said of the Main Street America program during Monday's informational meeting at Kilowatt Korner.

Meeker was accepted into the program in July after about a year of preparation. Monday, Johanna Jamison from the Colorado Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) and Shay Coburn from Main Street America met with members of the community to discuss the whys and hows of the program.

"Main Street is one of the top most

effective revitalization and economic development programs in the country," Coburn said.

The Main Street program, which does not cost the taxpayers or the community anything beyond staffing hours and volunteer time, "provides structure and accountability" for communities pursuing improving economic development and can serve as a

kind of umbrella program to help different organizations pursuing economic and community development coordinate their activities. The program originally began as an effort to preserve historic resources in the late 1970s.

According to Coburn, in 2015 the 14 participating communities (now up to 21) in Colorado had an average of 19 new full-time jobs and seven new businesses. Those communities ranged in population from "almost" 400 to about 21,000. Most are less than 5,000. Communities like Lake City, Colo., and Brush, Colo., have seen great results from participating in the Main Street program.

"We are more than just Main Street," Kobald said. And so the Meeker group has opted to name their chapter the Meeker Project 45, in honor of Meeker being the 45th incorporated town in Colorado.

Additional public meetings will be announced in the paper and online. Business owners and interested citizens are encouraged to attend and participate.



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Sept. 10, 2016 marked a historic day for high school sports in Meeker. The new track was dedicated to Bob King during halftime at the first home football game of the season. The school board chose to dedicate the track to King not only because of the King family's many donations to the project, but because of King's dedication to the high school as a former superintendent. The King family will be in Meeker Oct. 7 for an official dedication of the completed track. When the project is completed, Meeker will once again be able to host track meets. Special thanks were given to the Meeker Education Foundation as the catalyst for funding the project. No school district money was spent. ERBM also made a generous donation that was needed to complete the track. The Town of Meeker provided a significant contribution by helping provide access to a consistent and sustainable water source. SGM provided engineering and surveying services, as well as in-kind donations. Krule Construction turned the idea into a reality and also made in-kind donations. Brett Steinacher, Brent Rowles, Roy Wedding, Russell McClain and Klark Kindler planned and prepped the field. And thanks were given to the football team for their patience and flexibility during the construction project.

## POWER: Unit 1 plant to close by 2015

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not immune to the challenges that face coal-based electricity across the country."

The retirement of Unit 1 will mean the Craig station will require less coal. "Craig Station currently purchases coal from Colowyo Mine and Trapper Mine. With the retirement of Unit 1, Craig Station will require less coal, as only two units will continue to operate. We will continue to pursue the development of the Collom are at Colowyo Mine, which is currently being permitted," Boughey said.

As the operator of Craig Station, Tri-State will work with local officials and the State of Colorado to develop a transition team for those impacted by the retirement.

"We are grateful for the understanding and support Tri-State and our employees are receiving from the communities. The agreement we reached allows Craig Station Unit 1 to continue to operate through 2025, which provides Tri-State and community leaders time to plan," Boughey said.

"We are part of this rural community and understand the retirement of

Craig Station Unit 1 will affect our employees, their families, their communities and their very way of life," said McInnes. "We feel a strong responsibility to provide ample time for our employees and the community to plan for the future, which this agreement allows."

Under the federal regional haze regulations, the State of Colorado develops and implements a SIP to address visibility in national parks and wilderness areas. Colorado's plan requires reductions of NOx emissions from generation sources.

Several procedural steps are required to implement the terms of the agreement, including approval by the Colorado Air Quality Control Commission and the EPA.

The retirement will result in car-

bon dioxide emission reductions that the State of Colorado has set a goal to achieve and will help meet other proposed federal requirements. Tri-State has operated the unit in compliance with stringent environmental requirements and is proud of its environmental record.

Approximately 283 people work at the three-unit, 1,303-megawatt Craig Station. Craig Station Units 1 and 2 make up the Yampa Project, owned by PacifiCorp, Platte River Power Authority, Salt River Project, Tri-State and Public Service Company of Colorado. Tri-State is the sole owner of Unit 3. Construction of Craig Station's Unit 1 was completed in 1980.

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## 69TH ANNIVERSARY...



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Family and friends want to wish Bob and Phyllis Fairchild a happy 69th anniversary. They were married Sept. 17, 1947, in Hutchison, Kan. In the years that followed they moved to Rangely, Colo., raised their two sons, Rob and Bryan, who went on to marry their two awesome daughters-in-law and are now blessed with five grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. We love them and they love us. Their marriage has always been a good example of what it takes to be married for 69 years. They are the sweetest couple who truly do love one another and we are glad to be a part of their life story. We wish them the happiest and best anniversary ever!

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A kick-off to the 2016 Mountain Valley Bank Fall Festival

## Cowboys slay visiting Dragons 36-20

By **BOBBY GUTIERREZ**  
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**MEEKER I** "It was a nice home opener for us," Meeker head football coach Shane Phelan said about his team's 36-20, non-league victory over the Holyoke Dragons on their brand new field in Starbuck Stadium. "The kids were excited to play on the new field and in front of their hometown fans."

The Cowboys are undefeated in their first three games and the varsity will have a bye this week but Meeker's JV will play two home games, including one today against the Moffat County Bulldogs at 5 p.m.

It took Meeker a couple of series to get started but once the Cowboys started moving the ball, the Dragons could not stop them.

The two teams traded interceptions with Meeker's Doak Walker getting the pick for the Cowboys before Meeker quarterback Logan Hughes threw one himself but then made up for it when he rushed for the game's first touchdown then connected with senior Cole Brown for the two-point conversion, giving the Cowboys an 8-0 lead at the end of the first quarter.

Meeker's defense forced the Dragons to punt and after a penalty, the Cowboys started on their own six-

yard line, when Hughes and Brown connected again but this time it was for an 89-yard touchdown, less than two minutes into the second quarter. Senior Casey Turner ran in for the two point conversion and the Cowboys led 16-0.

Both teams' defenses forced punts and Meeker started on the 50 yard line after Holyoke's second punt of the second quarter.

"We have a bunch of hard nosed kids who fly around the field and make football plays," coach Phelan said.

Meeker drove down to the 5-yard line when Hughes connected for another touchdown pass, this time to senior Sheridan Harvey and the Cowboys took a 22-0 lead into the second half.

The Dragons scored on their first possession in the second half but the Cowboys would score again in the third quarter when Hughes connected with Trapper Merrifield for an 18-yard touchdown, with three minutes to play in the quarter, then Merrifield intercepted a pass to give the ball back to his team at the end of the third quarter.

Turner ran the ball the next three plays and scored on the third rush and gave his team a 36-7 lead.

Meeker played some of their backups and the Dragons were able to

score two touchdowns to make the score closer than the game was.

"We lost focus a little in the fourth quarter but some of our mistakes are correctable," coach Phelan said. "We need to buckle down and get things fixed during our bye week."

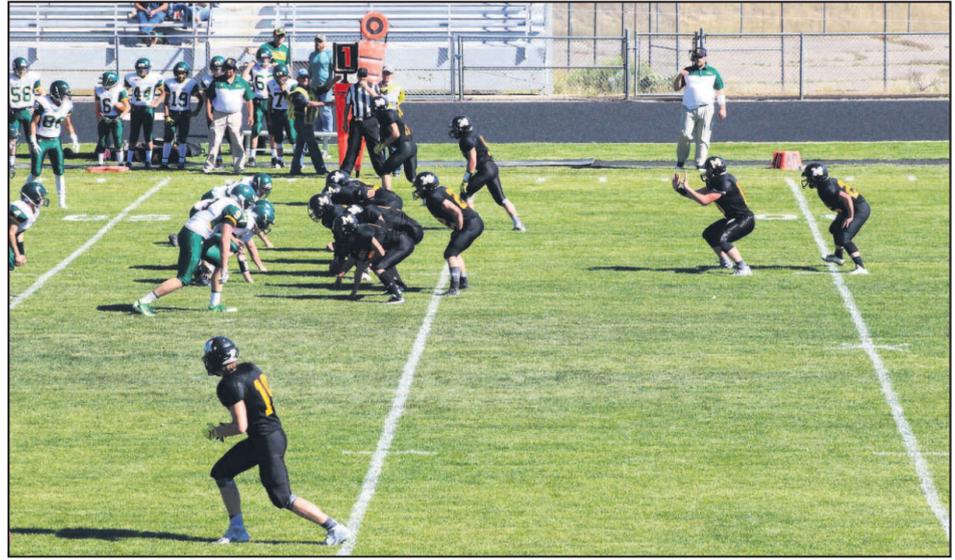
Hughes completed 16 of 22 passes for 208 yards and three touchdown passes and he carried the ball nine times for 54 yards. Brown and Harvey each caught five passes from Hughes, senior Hunter Garcia caught three, Merrifield two and Turner caught one.

Junior Doak Mantle carried the ball 16 times for 66 yards and Turner ran the ball 12 times for 62 yards.

"We have a pretty balanced attack," coach Phelan said. "We have a great receiving core, Casey and Doak are doing a good job carrying the ball and our line up front is providing protection, a few holes and hopefully they will continue to improve through the year."

Meeker's JV team will host Moffat County tonight at 5 p.m., then host Coal Ridge Monday, also starting at 5 p.m.

"This will give us a chance to focus on some of our younger guys and develop their skills," coach Phelan said of the upcoming JV games.



The Cowboys used a balanced offensive attack to whip the visiting Holyoke Dragons 36-20, rushing for 212 yards and passing for 208. The Cowboys are currently 3-0 and will have a bye this week, using it to heal and prepare for Monte Vista. Meeker's JV team will play Moffat County today at 5 p.m. and host Coal Ridge on Monday at 5 p.m.

## Panther football team wins second game of the season

By **BOBBY GUTIERREZ**  
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**RANGELY I** After a 42-18 pounding of the Del Norte Tigers last Friday, the Rangely High School football team is now 2-0 and they will play another home game on Yaeger Field, this Friday at 7 p.m.

"We are young but sure don't play like it," Rangely head coach Paul Fortunato said. The Panthers are averaging 43 points per game, after winning their first game of the season on the road, beating Dove Creek 44-30.

"We came out firing," coach Fortunato said of the first home game of the season, where sophomore running back AJ Lujan returned the opening kick to the Tigers' 25-yard line and freshman running back Tytus Coombs ran it in for a touchdown two plays later, giving the Panthers an early 6-0 lead.

The Tigers tied the game with a touchdown of their own on their first possession but the Panthers wouldn't let them on the board again until late in the fourth quarter.

Sophomore quarterback Devin Moore led the Panthers on offense, scoring Rangely's next two touchdowns, including a 30-yard run on

fourth down, then again after sophomore Tristan Moore recovered a fumble at the 50 and Lujan ran the ball down to the 10-yard line. Ramirez also rushed in for the two point conversion and the Panthers led 20-6 at the end of the first quarter.

The Panthers capitalized on another Tiger fumble, which was recovered by Stetson Cudo, when senior Troy Allred caught an over-the-shoulder pass in stride from Ramirez, who rushed in for the two point conversion.

Ramirez broke free on a long run, moving the ball to the eight-yard line before running in for his third touchdown in the first half, giving his team a 34-6 lead at halftime.

The Panthers kicked off to start the second half and their defense stopped the Tigers after four plays, then Ramirez scored his fourth touchdown and added his second two-point conversion of the game to send his team into the final quarter with a 42-6 lead.

"We thought it was a good time to get some of the younger guys some game time and our second team finished the third and fourth quarters against Del Norte's varsity and did a good job," coach Fortunato said. "We saw a bunch of improvement from the same situation they were in last week

against Dove Creek."

Coach Fortunato said the Panther JV team lost 20-0 to Del Norte on Saturday but "they played hard and are getting better every week."

"It's a young JV team with little high school experience," coach Fortunato said. "They will be fine, they just need some more time."

Ramirez led the varsity with 155 yards rushing on 12 carries, four touchdowns, two, two-point conversions and a touchdown completion for 23 yards. Lujan gained 70 yards on 11 carries and Coombs rushed for 39 yards on three carries.

Allred led the Panther defense with nine tackles, senior Mikey Sheppard and Lane Gillard each recorded eight, Coombs finished with seven, while Moore and Grady Nielson each had eight, Ramirez, Daiman Geyler and Zach Sulser all finished with four and Trenton Files had three.

The Panthers will host the Soroco Rams this Friday, with the kickoff scheduled for 7 p.m.

"The Rams are off to a 2-1 start this season and have a good athletic team," coach Fortunato said. "Please come out to Yaeger Field this Friday, it should be a good game."

## Golfers post lowest scores of season

By **BOBBY GUTIERREZ**  
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**RANGELY I** Rangely golfers posted three of their lowest scores of the season as they participated at the Fruita Monument High School invitational at Redlands Mesa on Tuesday and then they played at home in a triangular with Vernal and Craig on Thursday.

Harrison Heil started the week with a personal best at Redlands with a score of 81. After going six over on the first four holes, he played great golf shooting three over on the next 14 holes. Austin Ficken also had one of his better scores of the season on an extremely tough course with a 101. Phil Sheridan, from Meeker, shot a 99 which will move him into the number two spot on the team. Marshall Webber and Caleb Noel were not available to play in this tournament. Thursday was a very good day for the Panthers as they won the triangular with a season best team score of 275. Ficken carded a career score of 86 which was also the second best score of the day. Craig's number one shot a 75. Webber also had a career best of 91 and Sheridan was right on their tail with a season best of 94. Noel had some very good hitting holes but struggled a little on the greens, he shot a 113.

"The kids are starting to hit a good stride and are doing it at the right time as Regionals are on the 19th," coach Mark Skelton said.



Devin Ramirez of the Rangely Panthers gets to the outside of the field for a score at the game against Del Norte Tigers last week. The Panthers won the game 42-18.

## Meeker harriers do well at Grand Junction meet

Special to the Herald Times

**MEEKER I** Meeker's cross country team traveled to Grand Junction for the Tiger Invitational on Friday, Sept. 9.

Canyon View Park hosted four races: varsity and JV races for boys and girls.

The varsity girls started the day and Meeker's Julia Eskelson ran a 21:58 for a 10th place medal. Briar Meszaros crossed the line in 25:03, 45th of 74 runners.

The boys' varsity followed, with Austin Russell leading the Meeker team in 17:31 and fifth place. Tannen Kennedy was the second runner in 55th place at 19:58, and Josh Cochran finished right behind him at 20:16 at 56th. Clay Anderson was the fourth runner in, 72nd at 21:47. Meeker's

fifth scorer was Pake Burke, with a 22:01, 75th place finish. Christopher Strate rounded out the team, crossing the line in 24:18 for 78th place.

The JV races followed, and Lacey Ford represented Meeker in the girls' division, finishing in 32:00 for 35th place. Meeker had three boys in the JV race: freshman Josh Dinwiddie finished his first race in 30:47 and 82nd place, followed by Alex Murray in 84th place at 32:17 and Zach Harman in 35:50 and 85th place.

"We saw some great competition and some very solid running from our whole squad. We are looking to keep it up for our next meet, and throughout the season," coach Marty Casey said.

Meeker travels to the Gypsum Creek Golf Course this weekend for the Eagle Valley Invitational, with races beginning at 10 a.m.



Austin Russell was the leading runner for the Meeker cross country team at the Tiger Invitational meet in Grand Junction Sept. 9.

### Youth football

**RANGELY I** The Rangely Youth Football team will host Union Grey in a home game this Saturday at Rangely High School, 234 Jones Ave. The third/fourth grade team will play at 10 a.m. and the fifth/sixth grade team will play at noon.



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### Austin Ficken RHS Golf

Ficken carded a career best score of 86 last week which was also the second best score of the day at the Rangely Triangular.



### Logan Hughes MHS Football

Hughes led the Cowboys from his quarterback position to a 36-20 win over the Holyoke Dragons, completing 16 of 22 passes for 208 yards. He also carried the ball nine times for 54 yards and one touchdown.

# Panther varsity volleyball wins in three sets at Plateau Valley

Special to the Herald Times

**RANGELY I** The lady Panthers traveled to Plateau Valley Friday. The White team played well for their first match. First set was close, with the girls losing 25-27, but coming back in the second set 25-16 to take it to a third set. The third set ended with Plateau Valley coming out on top 15-10. The White team played hard and gained some experience.

JV played well, winning in three, 17-25, 25-10, 15-11. JV ladies had some great serving by Aspen Rhea and great play at the net by Mackenzie Cochrane, Linsley Morrill and Kassidi Brannan.

Varsity played well winning in three straight sets, 25-14, 25-16 and 25-19. Some great passing and digging by Halie Elam helped contribute to some great plays by Antoinette Dorris setting up Sarah Conner who

led with 13 kills. Lindzey Thacker led with some great serving, having three aces. All the ladies played hard. Thank you to all who drove to Plateau Valley to support the Lady Panthers.

The lady Panthers have a busy week ahead traveling to Baggs, Wyo., on Thursday, playing at home Friday against DeBeque and traveling to Grand Junction Saturday to take on Caprock.



COURTESY PHOTO

The Meeker High School varsity volleyball team defeated the lady Dragons in DeBeque in three straight games last Friday. The lady Cowboys are currently 5-1.

## MHS volleyball team sweeps DeBeque

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**MEEKER I** Meeker's high school varsity traveled to DeBeque last Friday and defeated the lady Dragons in three straight games. The lady Cowboys are currently 5-1 and will host Caprock Academy this Friday, then play in Vail Saturday.

"The whole team is working hard to improve and they are all striving to better themselves and the team, every chance they get," Meeker head coach Janae Stanworth said.

Meeker easily defeated the Dragons; 25-14 in the first game and won by the same margin, 25-11 in the second and third games.

"We had 92 percent serving and the girls really stepped up their defense and serve receive," Coach Stanworth said.

Meeker sophomore Krissie Luce led the team with 22 serves, including six aces, while her twin sister Kassie and Lila Klingsmith each had 14 and both had two aces. Seniors Peyton Burke and Maggie Phelan each had nine serves and

classmate Kinzy Burke had four.

Kassie Luce led the team with 18 digs, while her twin and Peyton Burke each had 10 and Kinzy Burke had eight.

Senior Reese Pertile led the team with nine kills, senior classmate Halle Ahrens had eight, Krissie Luce finished with six and sophomore Michaela Jones had five.

The JV match against Caprock Academy will start at 5 p.m., followed by the varsity. Meeker will play Vail Mountain, Saturday starting at 1:30 p.m.

## RANGELY JUNIOR HIGH VOLLEYBALL...



MATT SCOGGINS PHOTOS

The Rangely Panthers' seventh-grade A team: #21 Mary Scoggins, #24 Shauna Lapp, #17 Angelina Peck, #7 McKinley Winkler, #28 Elyssa Byers, #19 Chloe Goshe, #12 Tanya Fraijo.



The Rangely Panthers eighth-grade volleyball A team: #15 Crimson Blankenship, #16 Megan Ward, #27 Adelynn Halcomb, #8 Aspen Low, #32 Faith Yardley, #20 Kacie Lapp.

## Rangely cross country team does well at Hotchkiss meet

Special to the Herald Times

**RANGELY I** After a week off the Rangely Panthers' cross country team headed to Hotchkiss for a hilly and challenging course. The course was run on dirt trails with rolling hills throughout the whole course. There were not a lot of teams but there was some good competition from several 4A, 3A and 2A teams.

The junior high team ran first with a 1.55 mile course with plenty of hills. Many times the boys and girls run together but at this race the girls ran first, then the boys. Norrah Patch started with a great run of

14:19 taking 19th place. Colton Noel turned in a time of 14:46 taking 61st followed closely by Philip Noyes with a time of 15:14 taking 63rd place.

The varsity girls were next to run. Due to injuries the Rangely girls are down to two girls for the season but were well represented. Raelynn Norman ran an impressive race placing 11th with a time of 26:09 and Chloe Filfred ran a 31:27.

"It is hard to compare times from course to course since they all have different challenges but the girls rose to the challenges and will be ready for the next ones," said coach Beth

Scoggins.

Patrick Scoggins placed fourth with a time of 18:19. Nick Mears is still getting his feet wet with this being his second meet, and he ran a 22:41 placing 36th. He is getting stronger and has the will to run well and will only get better with each meet.

Landon Rowley ran his first meet of the season with a time of 27:15 to place 51st.

The Rangely runners will be going to Gunnison next week where they will be able to watch RHS alum William Scoggins in a college run before the varsity races.

# RANGELY PANTHERS

**CROSS COUNTRY**  
Sept. 17 @ Gunnison, 9 a.m.  
**GOLF**  
Sept. 14 @ Gunnison, 10 a.m.  
**FOOTBALL**  
Sept. 16 @ HOME v. SoRoCo  
**VOLLEYBALL**  
Sept. 15 @ Baggs, 5 & 6 p.m.  
Sept. 16 @ HOME v. DeBeque, 4, 5, 6 p.m.  
Sept. 17 @ Caprock 11-12 p.m.



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# MEEKER COWBOYS

**CROSS COUNTRY**  
Sept. 17 @ Eagle Valley, 9 a.m.  
**FOOTBALL**  
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**SOFTBALL**  
Sept. 20 @ HOME v. Basalt.  
**VOLLEYBALL**  
Sept. 16 @ HOME v. Caprock, 6 p.m.  
Sept. 17 @ Vail Mountain, 2:30 p.m.



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# Meeker Classic celebrates 30th anniversary



"We had three record attendance days during the week and vendors experienced the same results with their sales. It was a great trial," said trial director Mary Cunningham of the 30th annual Meeker Classic Sheepdog Championship Trials. "All the handlers were happy to be in Meeker, spectators and handlers love the community—it's a homecoming week of sorts." Both the winner and reserve champion were repeats of last year's event. Amanda Milliken and her dog Howell of Ontario, Canada, took top honors followed by Derek Fisher of Nampa, Idaho and his 5-year-old collie Nell.

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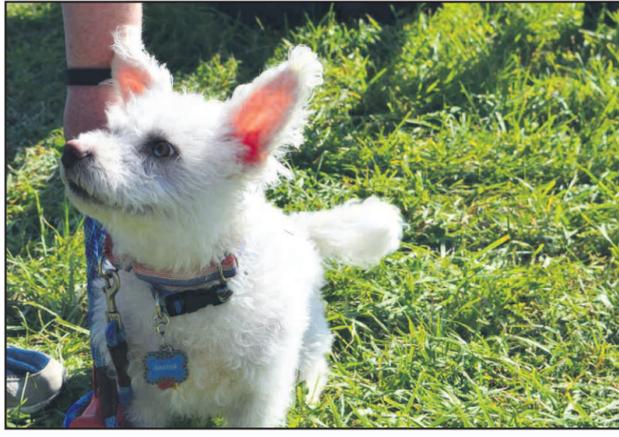
"31 years ago I was drinking a cup of coffee when this idea hit the table," Gus Halandras, above, said. What an idea it was. Over the years, the Classic has grown to include a wide variety of events, including the International Art Contest. Halandras is seen here announcing winners at the Art Reception held Sept. 8.



Erik Lloyd of Sheep Camp Wool Mill demonstrated the art of spinning to a captivated audience at the Meeker Classic Saturday morning. The family owned and operated mill produces yarn and other products from the wool of their Bluefaced Leicester and Merino sheep.



The CNCC Canine Sniffers presented two educational demonstrations of nose work at the Meeker Classic. Above, Arlene Estes and her collie Deuce search for a scent marker hidden in the rigging of the tent



Baxter, a bichon frise mix and lamb lookalike, was one of the competitors in the flyball tournament held Saturday morning at Ute Park. Both flyball and agility demonstrations and contests were held throughout the weekend, highlighting another facet of the amazing abilities of man's best friend.



One of the very best aspects of the Classic is watching dog and handler work together as a team. Here, a dog herds a group of 20 into the shedding ring, where the orange-collared sheep will be sorted from the rest.



This year's Classic featured several new entertainment opportunities, including a screening of the movie "UNBranded," a barbecue, beer garden, and free outdoor concert at the fairgrounds, and a concert at Ute Park. Chart topping artist and songwriter Michael Martin Murphey (above) performed cowboy classics and a variety of other styles of music after the lamb cook off and art reception.



The Classic's iconic posters have become collectible works of art for many. The winning art contest piece is used for the next year's poster. This year's first place winner is titled "Bide A Wee, Girl" by Lauri Callison of Virginia.



This beautiful sheepdog took a break from watching the sheep on the field to pose for a photo.



Meeker Mayor Regas Halandras and Michele Morgan enjoyed the concert and vendors at Ute Park Thursday.



This little one enjoyed the colors, sights and sounds at the Classic, a perfect place for kids to learn about art, music and local history.



Arturo Rodriguez of the Mexican House and the Meeker Hotel and Café, won the people's choice award at the lamb cook-off held Thursday with his lamb tostadas.

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CAITLIN WALKER PHOTO

The PEO Quilt in the Country show was held last weekend. A riot of colors, shapes and designs were displayed at the Fairfield Center in Meeker and all proceeds benefitted educational assistance and opportunities for women. The Paper Doll quilt, pictured above, won the 2016 Viewer's Choice Award. The quilt was created by Shawnee Barnes.

# Rubber duck race to raise funds for Coal Creek School

Special to the Herald Times

**MEEKER** "A Pleasant Event" was reported in the *Meeker Herald* on Sept. 24, 1892, about the dedicatory ball held at Coal Creek School. People from all over the county came to this "temple of learning" for a dance and a supper that was an "epicurean feast." The total cost of the building was \$2,000. More than 600 pupils were educated at Coal Creek School when it closed in 1948.

The Rio Blanco County Historical Society—Rural School Project is in the final stages of restoring the exterior of Coal Creek School to its original appearance in 1892 with the help of a State Historical Fund grant and through the generous donations of individuals, businesses and local grants. This historic building is on the

National Register of Historical Places, the Colorado Register of Historical Properties and the Rio Blanco County Historic Preservation List. The Rural School Project team is now enlisting the help of the community to restore the belfry and the interior of the Coal Creek School.

The ornate belfry of Coal Creek School was the focal point of this school but did not withstand the test of time and has to be rebuilt. The original bell is in the White River Museum and will be restored to its location above the school. We are raising funds to complete the interior of the school and recreate the belfry. At present prices, just the belfry will cost more than seven times what the school cost to build in 1892. Please join us at the Fall Festival in Meeker on Sept. 24 for root beer floats and a

chance to win the Rubber Ducky Race.

Old buildings are like people with unique personalities and stories to tell. Making Coal Creek School into an educational, interpretative center for our community and visitors is preserving our heritage. We are inviting the community to become involved in restoring the belfry and interior of Coal Creek School with donations of time, materials and money. The Rural School Project team of Marge Rogers, Martha Cole, Janet Clark and Ellen Reichert are available for information or presentations explaining the restoration of this historical building and making history come alive for people of all ages. A rededication event in 2017 is planned to celebrate the school's 125th year.

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# LAND LEASING OPPORTUNITY

Colowyo Coal Company is seeking a motivated person or persons to lease three separate parcels of Colowyo's ranch properties, including irrigated and sub-irrigated property for livestock grazing and haying in Moffat County. These properties will include approximately 90,000 acres (deeded and leased) in separate parcels and are located approximately twenty-five miles south of Craig, Colorado. The successful person(s) will be safety conscious, be self-motivated, work with integrity and demonstrate excellent communication skills while managing all activities required by the lease/agreement and consistent with good agricultural practices. This will be a maximum of a five (5) year lease and shall begin January 15, 2017.

Must be 18 years old, with a valid driver's license, and be able to successfully meet all of the safety, lease commitments, as well insurance and financial requirements of this lease.

All interested parties must contact Colowyo by email to [cduran@tristategt.org](mailto:cduran@tristategt.org) or [tonia.folks@tristategt.org](mailto:tonia.folks@tristategt.org) by **September 28, 2016**. The email must include, full name, address and business address, if applicable. Colowyo will fax or email those interested persons a Request for Proposal packet which will describe the process and associated deadlines, all deadlines are mandatory, therefore no late materials will be accepted at any time.

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# Dept. of Interior OKs modified plan for Colowyo

Special to the Herald Times

**RBC I** The U.S. Department of the Interior has approved and signed a modified mine plan for Colowyo Mine, which was subject to a federal district court order requiring the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSM) to update its environmental review of the mine.

In addition to the new mining plan, on Aug. 31, the OSM completed a new environmental assessment for the mine, resulting in a finding of no significant impact on the environment from mining operations.

The approval of the new mine plan completes the effort by OSM to comply with the court's May 8 order to complete the environmental review within 120 days. OSM's counsel has notified the court that it has completed the environmental review and approved a modified mining plan.

"We are grateful to the staff at the Office of Surface Mining and the other cooperating agencies for their diligence and hard work to complete the environmental review within the short timeframe ordered by the judge," said Mike McInnes, chief executive officer of Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association, which owns Colowyo Mine through its subsidiary, Colowyo Coal Co.

"The unwavering support we have received from our 220 mine employees, the community and elected officials across Colorado helped ensure the Department of the Interior, from Secretary Jewell down, committed the resources and time necessary to complete this important work," McInnes said.

Colowyo Coal Co. believes the new mine plan allows the mine to continue to operate and the completion of the environmental assessment, finding of no significant impact and mine plan will satisfy the court, but it is uncertain how the court will proceed.

"The approval of the new plan should provide our employees and the residents of Moffat, Rio Blanco and Routt counties with the confidence to move forward and focus on the future," said Chris McCourt, Colowyo Mine's manager.

Colowyo Coal Co. is owned by Tri-State, which purchased the Colowyo Mine in 2011. Tri-State is a not-for-profit wholesale power supplier to 44 electric cooperatives and public power districts that serve 1.5 million members throughout 200,000 square-miles of Colorado, Nebraska, New Mexico and Wyoming.

"I would like to thank and give a pat on the back to the Office of Surface Mining and Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell for re-writing Colowyo's permit on time," Rio Blanco County Commissioner Jon Hill said. "Too many times federal agencies have not met court-imposed deadlines and this one was particularly unreasonable.

"This proves that a concentrated grassroots effort can pay off," he said. "Thanks also to Gov. John Hickenlooper; enlisting his help made a difference in attitude from the bureau.

"One more time, two counties were held hostage by a group of outsiders that have no stake in the outcome," Hill said. "If (WildEarth Guardians) lose, they can just shrug their shoulders and try something else. If they win, we pay the price in the expense of fighting them and, to add insult to injury, our tax money is used to pay their lawyer fees.

"I have a goal of getting Congress to rescind the Equal Access to Justice Act," he said. "If these organizations had to start filing suit with their own money maybe they would only file when there was an actual benefit to the environment."

Commissioner Shawn Bolton was short and to the point, saying "I am cautiously optimistic" about the judge's acceptance of the ruling.

This action came at a time that the loss of even one job has a negative effect on the economies of Rio Blanco and Moffat Counties. If the mine had been shut down it would have been a disaster. It is my understanding that the court will have to take another look at the permit. Let us hope that the judge will see that the Office of Surface Management did their due diligence and will put the final stamp of approval on the permit.

**Background on Colowyo Mine**  
Located in northwest Colorado, the Colowyo Mine produces more than 2 two million tons of low-sulfur, sub-bituminous coal annually and is currently one of two primary fuel sources for the Craig Station power plant near Craig, Colo.

Colowyo Mine operates in full compliance with all federal and state environmental requirements and has been recognized with numerous awards for its environmental and reclamation efforts and successes.

In 2013, the mine contributed an estimated \$206.7 million direct and indirect economic impact to the region and generated public revenues in an estimated amount of \$12.0 million (federal and state royalties, severance tax, sales tax, property tax, etc.).

**Background on case decision**  
In February 2013, WildEarth Guardians sued the U.S. Office of Surface Mining in the Federal District Court, claiming that the agency failed to adequately provide public notice and address environmental impacts prior to mine plan approvals for seven coal mines in the Western U.S., including Colowyo.

Specifically, the WildEarth claimed the Environmental Assessment that OSM prepared to comply with the National Environmental Policy Act for the Colowyo mine plan was inadequate and asked the court to strike down the current mine plan. Tri-State joined the lawsuit to assist the defense.

Wildearth's lawsuit against the OSM was not based on a violation of any air or water quality laws or regulations. Tri-State claims the Colowyo Mine has responsibly operated its mining and reclamation activities since the mine plan was approved under the federal review process and the mine remains in compliance with all state and federal requirements.

The issues raised in the lawsuit are related to whether OSM completed appropriate public notification and analysis required during a review of the mine plan issued in 2007. At no time during the case did Wildearth argue that the mine should be designed or operated any differently than it operates today.

Judge R. Brooke Jackson heard oral arguments on April 24 and on May 8 ruled against OSM.

In his ruling, Judge Jackson agreed with Wildearth's claims that OSM did not involve the public or take a "hard look" at the environmental impacts of mining operations when the agency approved the

Colowyo mining plan.

Recognizing the potential effect of the decision on Colowyo Mine, its employees and the northwest Colorado community, the judge delayed vacating Colowyo's mining permit for 120 days to allow the OSM to address the deficiencies in

the permitting process that he discussed in the order.

During this time, Colowyo continued to operate.

Colowyo Coal Co. believes the original court decision against OSM was in error and is appealing that decision.

## TAX: Incentives needed

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town also plans to continue developing their relationship with the college to develop clear objectives. If the special tax districts do choose to come on board Brixius says the town will move to secure a location for the development. "This step, along with support from the taxing entities and the college happening together, allows us to move forward in soliciting a developer."

The Better City project identified this type of project as fundamental to satisfying community needs that

must be met before local growth can occur. Several of Better City's suggestions centered around the expansion of programs at CNCC. However, the college has currently reached its limits in student housing and is unable to grow without additional housing. Additionally, residents and local business owners expressed a need to see improved access to groceries and recreation in order to attract and keep new residents and businesses.

The RDA meets today at 7:30 p.m. at the Rangely Town Hall for further discussion of the project.

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#### BEFORE THE COLORADO OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE AND APPLICATION FOR HEARING DOCKET NO. 161000386

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AND TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Pursuant to Rule 522.e., the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission Staff has applied to the Commission for an Order Finding Violation against Woodard Sandra K (Operator No. 10342), to adjudicate allegations in the Notice of Alleged Violation Nos. 401082021, 401082126, and 401082150. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to §§34-60-101 to -130, C.R.S. and the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 2 CCR 404-1, that the Commission has scheduled this matter for hearing on:

Dates: October 24-25, 2016  
Time: 9:00 a.m.

Place: Northeastern Junior College  
Hayes Student Center Ballroom  
100 College Ave.  
Sterling, CO 80751

The Notice and Application for Hearing and related information is available at <http://ocgcc.state.co.us/reg.html#/hearings> by scrolling to the appropriate Docket month and locate "Enf\_Docket" link.  
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#### Board of County Commissioners Monday, September 19, 2016 Rio Blanco County Annex Building 17497 Highway 64 Rangely, Colorado, 81648

The meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado scheduled for September 19, 2016, in Rangely, Colorado, has been cancelled. The next regular Board meeting is tentatively scheduled for September 26, 2016, to be held at the Rio Blanco County Justice Center, 455 Main Street, Meeker, Colorado. Please check the County's website for information at [www.rbc.us/departments/commissioners](http://www.rbc.us/departments/commissioners).

If you need special accommodations please call 970-878-9683 in advance of the meeting so that

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reasonable accommodations may be made. 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.  
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#### RIO BLANCO COUNTY NOTICE OF FINAL CONTRACTOR SETTLEMENT

**CR 0 BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT**  
NOTICE is hereby given that on the 10th day of October, 2016 at Meeker, Colorado, final settlement will be authorized by the Rio Blanco County Board of County Commissioners with G. A. Western Construction Co. of 3354 C Road, Palisade, CO 81526 for all work done by said CONTRACTOR on the project known as CR 0 Bridge Replacement Project.

1) Any person, co-partnership, association, or corporation who has an unpaid claim against the said project may at any time, up to and including the date specified in item 2 below, file a VERIFIED STATEMENT of the amount due and unpaid on account of such claims.  
2) All such claims shall be filed with Van Pilaud, County Engineer, Rio Blanco County Public Facilities Department, 570 2nd Street, Meeker, Colorado 81641 on or before October 4, 2016.  
3) Failure on the part of a creditor to file such a statement will relieve Rio Blanco County from any and all liability for such claim.

Dated at Meeker, Colorado this 12th day of September, 2016.  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF  
RIO BLANCO COUNTY  
BY SHAWN J. BOLTON, CHAIRMAN  
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#### Notice of Sale to satisfy Lien of Self-Service Storage Facility Re: Units: 32 Joney Gibson

Notice is given, pursuant to Title 38, Article 21.5, that charges in the amount of \$525.00 are, and for the last 30 days have remained, due and owing to the undersigned Meeker U-Lock-It, LLC., A Colorado Corporation, whose principle place of business is 1080 Garfield St, Meeker CO 8164. Notice if further given that unless such charges are paid within 30 days after receipt of this notice, the above described personal property will be advertised for sale pursuant to 38-21.5-103, and will be sold at 861 Market St on September 17, 2016 8:00 AM, to the highest bidder for cash.  
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#### TOWN OF MEEKER BOARD OF TRUSTEES Tuesday September 20, 2016 6:00 P.M. Board Tour of Ute Park and Town Facilities

#### 7:00 P.M. Regular Scheduled Board Meeting 345 Market Street, Meeker, CO

- I. Call to Order
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call
- II. Approval of the Agenda
- III. Approval of the Previous Minutes
- IV. Approval of Monthly Disbursements
- V. Public Participation
- VI. Staff Updates
- VII. New Business
  - A. Public Hearings- 7:00 p.m.
    1. Request from Mr. Raymond Ashcraft at 100 Third Street to operate a Home Occupation of Vehicle Repair
    - B. Preliminary 2017 Draft Budget/ CIP

- Discussion
  - VIII. Mayor's remarks
  - IX. Town Administrator's Report
  - X. Town Attorney's Report
  - XI. Adjournment
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#### REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Victim Assistance and Law Enforcement Board of the 9th Judicial District, which is Garfield, Pitkin and Rio Blanco Counties, is seeking grant applications from agencies and organizations to provide assistance services to crime victims. The funding cycle is January 1 - December 31, 2017.

The board is committed to funding programs which provide direct services to crime victims and implement the Victim Rights Amendment. Revenue for this fund is generated from a surcharge or fees assessed to people who are convicted of felonies, misdemeanors, traffic offenses and fish and game violations. These funds are authorized by Title 24, Article 4.2, Colorado Revised Statutes. During the 2016 grant cycle the board awarded a total of \$183,550 to 7 agencies that provide services to victims in the 9th Judicial District. It is anticipated that approximately \$215,000 will be available for the 2017 12-month grant cycle.

PRIORITY CATEGORIES:  
1) In accordance with 24-4.2-103(5), priority use for moneys in the fund shall be the implementation of the rights afforded to crime victims pursuant to Section 24-4.1-302.5 and for provision of the services delineated pursuant to Sections 24-4.1-303 and 24-4.1-304 related to all crimes as defined by Section 24-4.1-302.  
2) Services outlined in Section 24-4.2-105(4) C.R.S. Completed grant applications must be received by the board administrator by 4:30 p.m., Tuesday, October 11th, 2016.  
Steve Aurand, VALE Board Administrator  
9th Judicial District Attorney Office  
109 8th Street, Suite 308  
Glenwood Springs, CO 81601  
saurand@9daco.org  
(970)-384-3517  
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#### PUBLIC NOTICE

**TREE & BUSH TRIMMING**  
Town of Meeker Municipal Code 18.1.137 created a clear operation area for all town maintenance equipment along all streets within the Town. All trees, tree branches and other obstructions within this operation area or which are causing visual obstruction at intersections must be removed to permit the safe opera-

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tion of Town equipment and promote the safe movement of vehicular traffic. The clear zone and/or obstructed intersections must be cleared by the property owner by October 1, 2016, prior to commencement of the Town Public Works Department clearing operations. More information may be obtained at the Meeker Town Hall, 345 Market Street, Meeker, Colorado, Monday through Friday from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.  
Lisa Cook, Town Clerk  
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#### MEEKER SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1 Board of Education Regular Meeting 555 Garfield Street Meeker, CO 81641

September 20, 2016 - 7:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
  2. Pledge of Allegiance: Mr. Amack will lead the Pledge of Allegiance
  3. Welcome of Guests
  4. Approval of Agenda
- Student Celebrations: Student PARCC Achievement, Meeker FFA General Public Comment Session: (comments limited to three minutes)

Consent Agenda:  
1. Approval: Minutes from Regular Board Meeting on August 16, 2016  
2. Acceptance: Financial Reports and Check Vouchers for August 2016  
Public/Committee Reports: DAC, BAC, 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: Personnel Hires  
1. Classified Substitute - Rene White, Ruthie Miguel, Kitti Piloni, Caleb Newkirk, Michelle Spieth  
2. Certified & Classified Substitute - Natalie Harvey  
3. Food Service Worker - Mary Washburn, Roberta Kinnamon, Tina Snyder  
4. Coaches  
1.1. High School Cross Country Volunteer - Kris Casey, Terrence Casias,

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- Apryl Newkirk, Caleb Newkirk  
1.2. High School Volleyball Volunteer - Margie Joy  
1.3. High School Football Volunteer - Brock Campbell  
1.4. Middle School Football 2nd Asst Greg Chintala  
2. Approval: 2016-2017 Superintendent Goals  
3. Approval: Policy DJ/DJA (Second Reading)  
4. Approval: Policy JICH, JLCD, JLCDB, KFA (Second Reading)  
5. Approval: Policy KF-E (Second Reading)  
Other BOE Information:  
1. Policy Presentation (First Reading)  
1. Policy JLCDB-E - Administration of Medical Marijuana  
2. Policy AC, AC-E-1, GBA, JB, JF, JICDE, JII, JII-R, GBGE -  
Nondiscrimination  
3. Policy JLCB-R - Immunization  
4. Policy DH - Bonded Employees  
Executive Session (if needed)  
Adjournment

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

Pursuant to C.R.S. 37-92-302, you are hereby notified that the following pages comprise a resume of Applications and Amended Applications filed in the office of Water Division 6, during the month of **AUGUST, 2016.**

**16CW11 RIO BLANCO COUNTY** Application for Simple Change in Surface Point of Diversion, Change of Location of Pierce Reservoir, Change from Conditional to Absolute, New Surface Water Right, and New Storage Right. Applicants: Guy and Sarah Pierce, 18069 CR 29, Oak Creek, CO 80467; sarah24rae@yahoo.com; 970-736-2671. APPLICATION FOR SIMPLE CHANGE IN A SURFACE POINT OF DIVERSION: Decreed water right for which change is sought: Pierce Ditch water right and Pierce Reservoir. Date of original Decree and all relevant subsequent decrees: 8/25/10 Case No. 08CW37. Legal description of structure as described in most recent decree: Pierce Ditch - SW4 SW4, Sect24, T3N, R87W, 6PM, Rio Blanco County, CO, 103 ft from South and 1332 ft West. Location of point of diversion: Northing 4453317 Easting 320030, Zone 13. Dam for Pierce Reservoir - SW4 SW4, Sect24, T3N, R87W, 6PM, Rio Blanco County 813 ft from South and 2123 ft West. Northing 4453530 Easting 320275, Zone 13. Source: Whitney Creek, A.K.A Little Trout Creek, trib to Trout Creek, trib to Yampa River. Appropriation date: 10/20/08. Total amount decreed to structure: Total of 1 cfs. Pierce Ditch 5 cfs and Pierce Reservoir 5 cfs. Decreed use or uses: Pierce Ditch 5 cfs for irrigation of up to 40 acres. Pierce Reservoir 5 cfs for stock water, wildlife watering, recreation, piscatorial, and for filling of Pierce Reservoir up to a volume of 1.0 acre feet. Amount of water that applicant intends to change: Pierce Ditch change 1.0 cfs from conditional to absolute. Pierce Reservoir change 1.0 cfs from conditional to absolute. Proposed change in a surface point of diversion: Pierce Ditch - Change 1.0 cfs from conditional to absolute. To clarify we intend to continue our uses for our original water right which include irrigation of up to 40 acres, stock water, and wildlife watering. Our intention is to move Pierce Ditch water right to a new location. We will use Last Chance Ditch which is an existing structure, this would be more cost effective and less invasive to native wetlands. The GPS coordinates for the new point of diversion are 320437mE and 4453709mN. The new point of diversion on Whitney Creek is located on USFS, we have notified them of our plans with no opposition, we have attached a copy of the public notice the USFS issued regarding our water right change, the public notice received no opposition. We will also provide the USFS a copy of our application. From the new point of diversion on Whitney Creek the Last Chance Ditch runs approximately 200 feet on the USFS, the remainder will be located on the applicants property. The portion of Last Chance Ditch we will use is more than capable of handling the additional 1.0 cfs. Pierce Reservoir - Pierce Reservoir is currently being filled and refilled by Pierce Ditch water right at a rate of 5 cfs. Our intention is to continue to fill and refill Pierce Reservoir at a rate of 5 cfs. The GPS coordinates for the new dam location are 4453934mN and 320370mE. We intend to continue all uses for our 1.0 cfs original water right which include: irrigation by pump and sprinkler system for up to 40 acres for the east 1/2 of Sect24, T3N, R87W, 6PM, Rio Blanco County, CO, stock watering, wildlife watering, recreation, piscatorial, and fire protection. We intend to change the location of Pierce Reservoir due to the negative impact the original location would have had on native wetlands. This change coincided with our decision to change the point of diversion for the Pierce Ditch as its original location also had a negative impact on wetlands. Location of the new surface point of diversion: Pierce Ditch - UTM coordinates Northing 4453709 Easting 320437, Zone 13. Pierce Reservoir - UTM coordinates Northing 4453933 Easting 320364, Zone 13. PLS Legal Description SW4 SW4, Sect24, T3N, R87W, 6PM, Rio Blanco County/Landowner: US Forrest Service, 300 Roselawn, Yampa, CO 80483. APPLICATION FOR ABSOLUTE STORAGE RIGHT: Name of Reservoir: Pierce Reservoir. Legal description of location of dam centerline: Easting 320364 Northing 4453933, Zone 13. PLS Legal Description: NE4 SW4, Sect24, TN3, R87W, 6PM, Rio Blanco County Source: Whitney Creek, AKA Little Trout Creek, trib to Trout Creek, trib to Yampa River. Name and capacity of ditch used to fill reservoir: Pierce Ditch. Capacity to fill reservoir is 5 cfs. Legal description of each point of diversion: Easting 320437 Northing 4453709, Zone 13. Date of appropriation: 10/18/10 Appropriation initiated: Pond constructed and filled with water. Date applied to beneficial use: 10/20/10 Amount claimed: Absolute 1.5 acre ft enlargement. Pierce Reservoir will have a total of 2.5 acre ft with this enlargement. Rate of diversion: filled by and will continue to be filled by Pierce Ditch 08CW37 water right, at a rate of 5 cfs absolute. Number of acres proposed to be irrigated: 40 All uses or proposed uses: Irrigation using a pump and sprinkler system, piscatorial, stock water, recreation, fire protection. Applicant intends to use this water right to supplement irrigation on an area of land already irrigated under another water right. Surface area of high water line: .593 acres Vertical height of dam: 8.5 ft. Length of dam: 350 ft. Total capacity of reservoir: 2.5 acre ft dead storage Landowner: Applicants APPLICATION FOR NEW SURFACE RIGHT: Name of structure: Kobbie Ditch. Legal description of each point of diversion: UTM coordinates - Northing 4454074 Easting 320236. PLS - SW4 SW4, Sect24, T3N, R87W, 6PM, Rio Blanco County

Source: Unnamed trib to Whitney Creek trib to Trout Creek trib to Yampa River Date of appropriation: 6/1/15 Appropriation initiated: Water diverted and used for irrigation. Date water applied to beneficial use: 6/1/15 Amount claimed: .3 cfs All uses or proposed uses: Irrigation for up to 12 acres. To fill and refill Kobbie Pond. Number of acres proposed to be irrigated: 12

Applicant intends to use this water right to supplement irrigation on an area of land already irrigated under another water right. Landowner: Applicants APPLICATION FOR NEW STORAGE RIGHT: Name of Reservoir: Kobbie Reservoir Legal description of location of dam centerline: UTM coordinates Easting 320272 Northing 4454047. PLS Legal Description SW4 SW4, Sect24, T3N, R87W, 6PM, Rio Blanco County. Source: Unnamed trib to Whitney Creek trib to Trout Creek trib to Yampa River. Name and capacity of ditch used to fill reservoir: Kobbie Ditch .3 cfs. Legal description of each point of diversion: UTM coordinates Easting 320236 Northing 4454074, Zone 13. PLS - SW4 SW4, Sect24, T3N, R87W, 6PM, Rio Blanco County Date of appropriation: 6/1/15 Appropriation initiated: Made plans to construct pond Amount claimed: Conditional 1 acre ft Rate of diversion: .3 cfs All uses or proposed uses: Irrigation by pump and sprinkler system, piscatorial, wildlife watering, stock watering for 100 head. Acres proposed to be irrigated: 12 Applicant intends to use this water right to supplement irrigation on an area of land already irrigated under another water right. Surface area of high water line: Not constructed yet. Total capacity of reservoir: N/A Landowner: Applicants You are hereby notified that you will have until the last day of **OCTOBER, 2016** to file with the Water Court a Verified Statement of Opposition, setting forth facts as to why a certain Application should not be granted or why it should be granted only in part or on certain conditions. A copy of such Statement of Opposition must be served on the Applicant or the Applicant's Attorney, with an affidavit or certificate of such service being filed with the Water Court, as prescribed by Rule 5, C.R.C.P. The filing fee for the Statement of Opposition is \$158.00, and should be sent to the Clerk of the Water Court, Division 6, 1955 Shield Dr. Unit 200, Steamboat Springs, CO 80487.

Pursuant to C.R.S. 37-92-302, you are hereby notified that the following pages comprise a resume of Applications and Amended Applications filed in the office of Water Division 6, during the month of **AUGUST, 2016.**

**16CW3032 RIO BLANCO COUNTY** White River Electric Association, Inc., P.O. Box 958, Meeker, CO 81641, 970.878.5041, c/o Andrew A. Mueller, Karp Neu Hanlon, P.C., P.O. Box 2030 Glenwood Springs, Colorado 81602, 970.945.2261. APPLICATION FOR CONDITIONAL WATER RIGHTS (SURFACE). Miller Creek Ditch, Legal description of each point of diversion: Historically, the point of diversion was decreed in Case No. CA 0624 as being located on the left bank of the White River at a point whence the Northwest corner of Section 29, Township One South, Range 92 West of the 6th P.M. bears North 62° 21' East, 1655 feet. The point of diversion was located by J. Leif Joy, PLS, GISP on behalf of the Applicant at the following location in preparation for this Application, UTM coordinates, Easting 4425239.3904 Northing 0264479.1869, Zone 13 NAD 83. Source of UTM's, J. Leif Joy, PLS, GISP, Joy Surveying Company. Accuracy of location displayed on GPS device, within 200 feet. Date of Appropriation: March 20, 2015, initiated by negotiation of an Option Agreement with Miller Creek Ditch Company. Amount claimed in cubic feet per second. Conditional right for direct flow of: 34.35 c.f.s. Beneficial Use: Generation of hydroelectric power. Applicant is constructing an hydroelectric generation facility in the SE1/4 of Section 10, Township 1 South, Range 94 West in the 6th Prime Meridian in Rio Blanco County. Map attached to Application. Applicant has entered into agreements for the transportation of water and the construction and operation of the facility with the Miller Creek Ditch Company and the underlying landowners at the location. Applicant will return all water diverted into the facility to the historic ditch location for continued use by senior water rights owners. Name and address of owner or reputed owner of the land upon which the existing diversion structure is located: Pollard Ranch, LLC, c/o Great White Shark, 11808 County Road 8, West Palm Beach, FL 33411.

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MARY ANN NINGER  
CLERK OF COURT  
ROUTT COUNTY COMBINED COURT  
WATER DIVISION 6  
/s/ Kristen Lande  
Deputy Court Clerk

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### LEGAL NOTICES

#### COMBINED NOTICE - MAILING CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 16-14

To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust: On June 20, 2016, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Rio Blanco records.  
Original Grantor(s) WESLEY SALISBURY  
Original Beneficiary(ies) MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR FIDELITY MORTGAGE COMPANY, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS  
BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.  
August 31, 2005  
Rio Blanco  
August 31, 2005  
282448  
\$83,194.00  
\$68,668.19

Current Holder of Evidence of Debt  
Date of Deed of Trust  
County of Recording  
Recording Date of Deed of Trust  
Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/Page No.)  
Original Principal Amount  
Outstanding Principal Balance

Pursuant to CRS §38-38-101(4)(i), you are hereby notified that the covenants of the deed of trust have been violated as follows: failure to pay principal and interest when due together with all other payments provided for in the evidence of debt secured by the deed of trust and other violations thereof.

**THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN.**  
**THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY LOCATED IN RIO BLANCO COUNTY, COLORADO:**  
**LOT 25 TAMARRON SUBDIVISION ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED APRIL 10, 1980**  
**AS RECEPTION NO. 194871**

**Also known by street and number as: 215 EAST RAVEN 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

THEREFORE, Notice Is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, 10/19/2016, at Office of the Public Trustee, Temporary Office, 1032 Jennifer Drive, Meeker CO 81641, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s)' heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.

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Denver, Colorado 80203  
(800) 222-4444  
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Iowa City, Iowa 52244  
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DATE: 06/21/2016  
Karen Arnold, Public Trustee in and for the County of Rio Blanco, State of Colorado  
By: Karen Arnold, Public Trustee  
The name, address, business telephone number and bar registration number of the attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is:  
Alison L. Berry #34531 David R. Doughty #40042 Elizabeth S. Marcus #16092  
Eve M. Grina #43658 Kelly Murdock #46915 Lynn M. Janeway #15592  
Nicholas H. Santarelli #46592 Sheila J. Finn #36637  
Janeway Law Firm 9800 S. Meridian, Suite 400, Englewood, CO 80134 (303) 706-9990  
Attorney File # 16-010555  
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.

**CLASSIFIEDS**

**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**  
• Budget & Finance Director  
• Income Maintenance Technician - Rangely  
For details and a Rio Blanco County application, please go to [www.rbc.us](http://www.rbc.us) or Rio Blanco County HR at 200 Main St., Meeker, CO. 970-878-9570

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

**SAFEHOUSE**

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

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

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

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

THE TANK INTERNATIONAL CENTER for Sonic Arts invites you to explore this one-of-a-kind sound space during Open Saturday hours from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 6 to 9 p.m. through October! The TANK is located at 233 County Road 46 in Rangely; families, locals and visitors welcome. To learn more, visit www.tanksounds.org or call Operations Coordinator Heather Zadra at (970) 629-9937.

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

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

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

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

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 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.

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

**LOST SOLAR FIRE INFORMATIONAL MEETING**  
 Jim Genung, Incident Commander on the Lost Solar Fire will discuss the management and benefits of the Lost Solar Fire and compare/contrast it with the 2002 Big Fish Fire at the Meeker Public Library on Thursday, Sept. 22 at 7 p.m.

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**AUCTIONS**

Oilfield, Gun and Ammo Auction, Saturday, September 24, 10:00 a.m., 825 21 1/2 Road, Grand Junction, Colorado.  
 2 backhoes, snowcat, 1982 Convertible Buick, 1981 Passport Moped, 1997 Ford F150 2x4 pickup, 4 wheeler, 3 snow machines, flatbed trailer, 3 Lincoln welders, LP generator, upright air compressor, 1999 30' gooseneck travel trailer w/ solar, electric motors, 13 meter run metal sheds, 3 have meters, microwave dish, 2 short stop drills, 3 Murphy Millennium control panels, lots of bigger pipe all sizes and lengths, exhaust stack, sweeps, pipe racks, approximately 70 guns, lots of new ammo, 10,000 + 22 shells + 10,000 other calibers, for more info call Steve Claypoole, CP Auction Service (970)260-5577.  
 See web: www.cpauction.com  
 "Call us about a sale for you"

Auction: Annual Fall Consignment Auction Saturday, September 24th at 9:00 am, 2368 S 1500 E, Vernal, UT - Equipment of all kinds, Trucks, Trailers, Campers, Many Vehicles, ATV's, New and Used Tools, Pipe, Welders, Generators, Hunting items, Guns, Ammo, Tack, Antiques and Collectibles, Household Items and much more! For more info or to consign please call ZJ Auction Service, Inc. 435-828-7424 or go to www.zjauction.com.

**Country Auction**  
**Saturday, September 17, 10:00 a.m.**  
**4850 County Road 7**  
**Meeker, Colorado**  
 Kubota tractor, backhoe, 2 motorcycles, snowmachines, attachments, fencing, 10 pistols, 17 rifles, colts, shaper, etc., 4 wheeler, sheep camp, 300 traps, 30 stakes, welder, hand & power tools of all kinds, metal lathe, specialty tools, 2 saddles, 1000s of sports cards, camping items of all kinds, bullets, dies, etc. This is a very clean auction. For more information call Steve Claypoole, CP Auction Services (970)260-5577. See web at www.cpauction.com. Call us about a sale for you

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**CUSTODIAN RANGELY CAMPUS**  
 Colorado Northwestern Community College, Rangely Campus is seeking qualified applicants for a position of Custodian. This position is a full time temporary, non-benefited position. Hourly rate is \$12.58. Necessary requirements: Must possess and maintain a valid State of Colorado driver's license to operate a college vehicle. Must submit to and successfully complete a pre-employment background check as a condition of hire. Prior cleaning experience is a plus. Visit the CNCC website at www.cncc.edu for important instructions for the completion and submission of the application.  
 CNCC is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

**HELP WANTED: GENERAL**

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

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

**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**

Office Administrator  
 Rio Blanco Fire Protection District is accepting applications for the position of Office Administrator. This position is considered part-time up to 32 hours per week. Quick Book experience preferred. Applications and the job description are available at the Meeker Fire Department. Please include your resume and a cover letter with your completed application before the end of business October 1, 2016.

Cemetery District is accepting application for office manager. 21 hours a week w/benefits. Need to be able to meet the public, use Quick Books, do government budgeting, and H.R. Call (970)878-5013

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**HELP WANTED: GENERAL**

**Admin Assistant**  
 Directs incoming phone calls. Planning, assigning and reviewing the work of technical and clerical employees performing general or specialized activities. Resume and salary to: r.wisham@aol.com

**HELP WANTED: GENERAL**

**Northwest AUTO SALES & SERVICE**  
 Auto Technician needed, pay based on experience, send resume to office@nwaotgmc.net or call 970-878-5026 for more information

**LEGAL NOTICES**

**COMBINED NOTICE - MAILING**  
**CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 16-15**  
 To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust: On June 23, 2016, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Rio Blanco records.  
 Original Grantor(s) KELLEN K KUCK  
 Original Beneficiary(ies) MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR INTERMOUNTAIN INDUSTRIES, INC. D/B/A MAJOR MORTGAGE USA, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS  
 Current Holder of Evidence of Debt WELLS FARGO BANK, NA  
 Date of Deed of Trust March 06, 2009  
 County of Recording Rio Blanco  
 Recording Date of Deed of Trust March 11, 2009  
 Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/Page No.) 295210  
 Original Principal Amount \$113,298.00  
 Outstanding Principal Balance \$94,303.83

Pursuant to CRS §38-38-101(4)(i), you are hereby notified that the covenants of the deed of trust have been violated as follows: failure to pay principal and interest when due together with all other payments provided for in the evidence of debt secured by the deed of trust and other violations thereof.  
**THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN.**  
**LOT 17, BLOCK 2, SAGEWOOD WEST SUBDIVISION PHASE 1, TOWN OF RANGELY, COLORADO**  
**ACCORDING TO THE REPLAT THEREOF FILED JULY 12, 1982 AS DOCUMENT NO. 207248.**  
**STATE OF COLORADO, COUNTY OF RIO BLANCO.**  
**Also known by street and number as: 1060 TANGLEWOOD LANE, RANGELY, CO 81648.**  
**THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED OF TRUST.**

**NOTICE OF SALE**  
 THEREFORE, Notice is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, 10/26/2016, at Office of the Public Trustee, Temporary Office, 1032 Jennifer Drive, Meeker CO 81641, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s). Grantor(s) heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.  
 First Publication 9/1/2016  
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DATE: 06/24/2016  
 Karen Arnold, Public Trustee in and for the County of Rio Blanco, State of Colorado  
 By: Karen Arnold, Public Trustee  
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**MEEKER:** Storage Unit Sale, 861 Market St., Meeker U Lock It, across from Clarks, September 17 @ 8 AM.

**MEEKER:** 1089 Pinyon Street, Saturday, September 17, 8 a.m. Moving Sale.

**MEEKER:** 581 Strawberry Patch Road, (6 miles out) Friday, September 16 & Sunday, September 18 only, 8 a.m. To ?, Miscellaneous items, chicken shed on skids, fence, etc.

**MEEKER:** 820 2nd Street, Saturday, September 17, 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. Multi-family yard sale. No early birds, please.

**MEEKER:** 890 3rd, 3-6 Friday, 16th & 8-1 Sat., 17th, "Oh my gosh Becky it's so BIG" Garage Sale EVERYTHING 1/2 price after 11 on Sat.

**MEEKER:** 740 3rd St, Friday, September 16, 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m., Sunday, September 18, 9:00 a.m. - ?. Benefit to support Meeker Traveling Dance team.

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- ◆ 642 Cleveland - 2996 SF, 5 bdrm home, finished basement, large corner lot Reduced! \$215,000
- ◆ 939 Strawberry Patch, 12.4 acres, 3bd, 2ba home, 2 car garage, RV pad ..... \$199,900
- ◆ 1361 Robert St. - 4bd, 2 ba, full finished basement. .... Price reduced! \$188,000
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- \*1089 Pinyon- 1+ Acre lot, nice upgraded 3 BR, 2 BA bi-level home, living room & family room, fireplace, big Trex deck, fenced back yard, garage, great views. \$165,000 SALE PENDING!
- \*1108 Pinyon- Lg lot next to a park, 2,054 sq ft, 4 BR, 2 BA home, big deck, views. \$151,500. REDUCED!
- \*1308 Sage Ridge Rd.- Cedar home, 4 BR, 3 BA, vaulted Aspen ceilings, oak & tile floors, finished walk-out basement with a big family room, granite countertops, decks, awesome views. \$275,000. SALE PENDING!
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- \*1111 Wall St.- 3 BR, 2 BA one level home. Laminated floors, lg master suite, storage shed. \$128,000 REDUCED!

**RANCHES — RURAL RESIDENTIAL — HUNTING PROPERTIES...**

- \*1001 CR 14- Wooded 5 acres, creek, spring, nice 2 BR, 1 BA modern log home. \$245,000 SALE PENDING!
- \*439 Agency Dr.- Beautiful 2 story log home, 4 BR, 3 BA, walk-out basement, big deck, on 6 irrigated acres, 1 mile south of town. Attached garage, plus a 30x40 horse barn, trees and wonderful views. \$485,000.
- \*8500 CR 7- 2 Acres NW of Meeker. 2,592 sq ft updated home, 4 BR, 2 BA, fireplace, well. \$275,000.
- \*1020 S. Little Rancho Dr.- 80 Acres bordering BLM land. Very private, end of the road. Newer log home, 3 BR, 2 BA, decks. Barn, pond, water well, fenced for livestock, good hunting, views. \$595,000.
- \*1260 CR 119- Ute Creek Cabin - Forest Service lease land, 2 room log cabin, 3/4 bath. \$69,000 SALE PENDING!
- \*283 Agency Dr. - 5 acres, 1 mile S. of town, near golf course. Updated 4 BR, 2 BA home with basement, garage, decks. Awesome views. Irrigated hay & pasture. Lg shop with horse stalls. \$419,000.
- \*CR 8 - 88 Acres just east of Meeker. Hunting, dry land pasture, development potential. \$400,000 REDUCED!
- \*29100 CR 8- 12 Acres with River. 1,252 sq ft updated 3 BR, 2 BA cabin, borders BLM. \$529,000 REDUCED!

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- \*12th & Main- 4 unit apartment building. Each has 1,088 sq ft, 2 BR, 1.5 BA. Rented. \$236,500. REDUCED!
- \*109 Market St.- 3+ lots on the corner of 1st & Market. Great location next to the Dollar Store. \$250,000 REDUCED!
- \*304 4th St. Commercial building on corner lot downtown, great office space, 4,437 sq. ft. \$199,000 REDUCED!

**RAW LAND AND HOMESITES ...**

- \*5807 CR 7 - Vacant 20 acre parcel. 9 mi. North, on Strawberry Creek. Good home site & views! \$75,000.
- \*CR 8 - 88 Acres just east of Meeker. Hunting, dry land pasture, development potential. \$400,000 REDUCED!
- \*359 Love Lane- 5 acres, Cross L. Estates, Lot 13, great horse property, well. \$100,000.
- \*River Property- 19.6 Acres 12 miles west, irrigated hay, good home sites, river. \$145,000.
- \*Little Beaver Estates- 35 acre lot bordering DOW hunting land. Lot 11- \$95,000.
- \*Little Beaver Estates 35 acre lot bordering Division of Wildlife public land, Lot 14. \$93,000 REDUCED!
- \*Little Beaver Estates Lot 13 - 35 acre lot bordering Division of Wildlife public land. \$99,000 REDUCED!
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- ◆ 824 2nd St. — 15,000 SF lot, 3 BR 1 3/4 bath home, fenced yard. \$158,000 SOLD!
- ◆ 1886 RBC Rd. 8 — New windows, 3 BR, 2-1/2 BA home, 6.8 acres. \$350,000 SALE PENDING!
- ◆ 744 Market St. — Lots of possibilities, 3CD, 1 bath home 1176 sf, nice 2 car detached garage with extra parking. Oversized lot is 8,625 sf Priced to sell! \$88,000. SOLD!
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1154 Mimi Cr. - Ideal 3BD/2BA two story home, now with 2 adjoining lots included! \$205,000 Under Contract

855 5th St. - Wonderful view over town from this 5BD/2BA home. New roof, siding, windows and flooring. \$200,000

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1013 Hill St. - 2BD/2BA home with huge yard, family room, and extra room in the basement. Some remodeling, including floors. Price Reduced: \$189,000

**RURAL RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES**

2036 RBC Rd. 43 - Seclusion close to town! 70 acres, 4BD/3.25BA large home, guest house, beautiful apple orchard. \$785,000

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1400 Flag Creek Dr. - Stunning 4BD/2.5BA home moments from town. Pole barn, acreage and outstanding views. Price Reduced: \$475,000

945 RBC Rd. 14 - Sensational, beautiful 5BD/3BA log cabin with pristine setting, Creek & pond. The ultimate privacy in the White River National Forest. \$475,000

64280 Hwy 64 - 16.99 acres, joins the BLM and the White River. Beautiful setting with trees, extremely well-kept 5 BD, 2BA home with an attached 46x30' garage & other outbuildings. Nice floor plan, like new! Price Reduced: \$350,000

1601 White River Rd. - Brand new 3BD/2BA home w/ attached garage. 3.22 acres just south of the golf course. Price Reduced: \$319,500

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346 N. Cross L Dr. - Adorable 3BD/2BA stucco home on 3 acres. Only minutes from town, miles of views, nice open floor plan with large family room, new carpet, and a new roof. Just a short distance from town, with outstanding views. \$198,000

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2378 RBC Rd. 40 - Log cabin on 3 acres with spring. Located about 20 minutes drive east of Meeker. \$119,000

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2 Lots on Silver Sage Rd. - Sage Hills. \$45,000 for both.

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