

VETERANS DAY LUNCH

Monday, Nov. 11 ★ Barone Middle School ★ Bob Tucker Dr., Meeker

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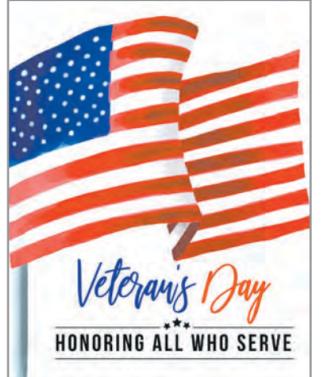
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ELECTION RESULTS

By HT STAFF

RBC | According to RBC Clerk and Recorder Boots Campbell, 2019 election turnout was 59%. Of 4,402 active voters, 2,382 returned ballots. Here's how you voted this year:

LOCAL ISSUES

RANGELY RE-4 SCHOOL DISTRICT WINNERS

- SARAH HUME NIELSEN
- TODD LOW

MEEKER WATER FLUORIDATION

- PASSED
- 53.92% FOR (378), 46.08% AGAINST (323)

RANGELY HOSPITAL DISTRICT TAX HIKE

- PASSED
- 60.23% FOR (642), 39.77% AGAINST (424)

STATEWIDE ISSUES

PROPOSITION CC

- FAILED STATEWIDE
- HOW RBC VOTED: 22.73% FOR (534), 77.27% AGAINST (1,815)

PROPOSITION DD

- TOO CLOSE TO CALL AS OF PRESS TIME
- HOW RBC VOTED: 32.8% FOR (772), 67.16% AGAINST (1,579)

Local veteran's story included in new book

Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER | **EDITOR'S NOTE:** Dave Cole downplays his own Vietnam experience in light of what others endured, but he did play a role and his story deserves to be told. Author William F. Brown agreed, and asked Cole to be interviewed for a chapter in a new book, "Our Vietnam Wars, Vol. 3."

With Cole's blessing, we're including his chapter in the book, which is available in paperback and on Amazon Kindle at <https://www.amazon.com/Our-Vietnam-Wars-Vol-veterans/dp/169883859X/>. Cole, who is a member of the local VFW chapter in Meeker, would like to encourage and invite service members and their families to join the local VFW, American Legion and their Auxiliaries to help serve our community and promote patriotism.

DAVE COLE'S WAR

U.S. Navy, Seaman Apprentice E-2, Operations Control USS Oriskany CVA 34 Dixie and Yankee Stations, 1966

I grew up in Englewood, Colorado, a suburb near Denver, with flying in my blood. My mom and dad had met in 1937 while both enrolled in a flight school. WWII stopped their flying but I heard about their adventures growing up. After my first airplane ride at age six, I was hooked and earned my private pilot license while in High School (this was even before I had a driver's license) working as a busboy to pay for it. I enrolled in the University of Colorado as an ROTC cadet, and studied aerospace engineering for two years. While working nights to earn tuition and struggling to maintain passing grades, I learned that the Navy had an Aviation Cadet Program, NAVCAD, which only required

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Dave Cole

THROUGH THE CRACKS

A sick stranger, a police shooting and a town's silence

By **NIKI TURNER** and **SUSAN GREENE**

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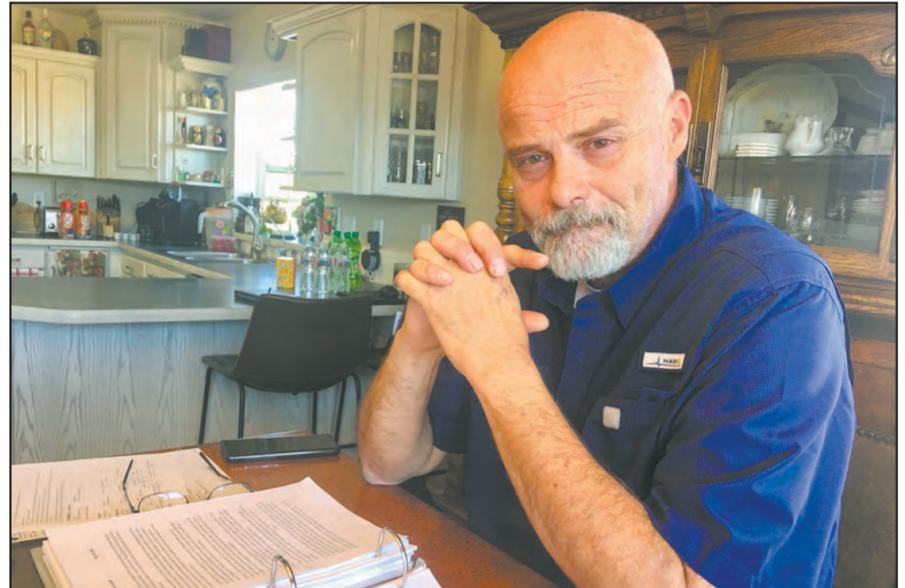
RANGELY | No one seems to know why Daniel Pierce settled in this northwestern Colorado town last year after his wife in Missouri and mother in California kicked him out of their houses. But in the four months he lived here, he came to think of it as heaven.

Not just because he relished the hours he'd spend bumming cigarettes in front of the Kum & Go and watching pickups haul ATVs west toward the Utah desert. But because Pierce, who had paranoid schizophrenia, became convinced he was God and Rangely the place where people long dead or lost from his life would reappear at his whim.

That's what he told the police officer who checked in on him twice last December after he scared some kids outside a school and alarmed workers at the local bank.

Lt. Roy Kinney had been keeping his eye on Pierce, just as he did the rest of this 2,300-person community with its boom-and-bust economy, don't-tread-on-me politics and town motto declaring itself "Way outside of ordinary!" "Do you know who I am? I'm the Creator, God," Pierce, 58, told him. "I'm God. I am Jesus f***ing Christ."

He tried to prove his point by inviting the lieutenant to "shoot me, I'll come back to life, shoot me." If his estranged wife did



SUSAN GREENE PHOTO

Former Rangely police lieutenant Roy Kinney was forced to retire following his 2018 shooting of Daniel Pierce, a newcomer to the area who suffered from paranoid schizophrenia. In the aftermath, Kinney signed a confidentiality agreement stating he would not 'disparage' the town of Rangely, under threat of a civil suit and damages.

not return to him that evening, he threatened, "Everybody in this town will disappear."

Kinney was rattled by those threats, but decided Pierce was not a danger to himself or others.

That conclusion would prove fatal two days later when Pierce drew all three of Rangely's officers—the town's whole police force—and a sheriff's deputy into a lengthy car chase. In the adrenaline blur of its final 20 seconds, Kinney shot Pierce in the head.

Pierce's Dec. 10, 2018 killing

marked Rangely's first officer-involved homicide in nearly four decades. Everybody in town heard about it. Yet, in the aftermath, there has been silence.

In that silence, town officials refused to turn over key documents to internal affairs investigators. In that silence, a long-standing rivalry between the police department and the larger sheriff's office and a soured relationship between two friends raised questions about how the case and the investigation were handled. And in that silence, the police chief and Kinney were forced from their jobs.

Town officials released no information about the shooting, and later urged the *Rio Blanco Herald Times* not to report the story. The newspaper partnered with *The Colorado Independent* to investigate what happened. Our outlets combed through hundreds of pages of public documents, reviewed hours of video and audio recordings, and interviewed more than 50 people, including Pierce's family members, Kinney and other law enforcement officers, mental health providers, legal experts, and state, county and local government officials.

The death of Daniel Pierce was, in many people's minds, further evidence of recklessness in a police force town residents had come to distrust. We found his killing may have been legally justified, but it was not unavoidable. It underscored the extent to which many in law enforcement are ill-equipped to handle mental health

crises and the degree to which the kind of intervention Pierce needed is lacking in rural Colorado.

There was a shooting and its aftermath. This is the story of both.

THE STRANGER

Daniel Pierce did not have an easy childhood. His mother, Rose Nuttbrock, was 16 when she had him. His father, never around, died of a heroin overdose. His younger brother, David, was murdered by a schoolmate when he was 14 and Pierce 18.

Pierce's family says he went through Army basic training in the 1980s but did not go on to serve because he married and had kids. Their account of his short-lived military record contradicts what he told people in Rangely, where he flashed the "Combat Engineer" tattoo on his arm and talked about serving in the special forces during Operation Desert Storm. He actually had been working at a farm store in Northern California at that time.

He and his first wife had two girls, the eldest of whom, Heather, died from sepsis at age five. In 1990, he severely injured his back in a car accident. Pain kept him from working after an unsuccessful surgery. His first marriage ended, as did his contact with his younger, surviving daughter—yet another in his long string of losses.

Pierce started dating a former coworker whom he eventually married. Debra Pierce says he

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Saturday: 60s/20s Sunny

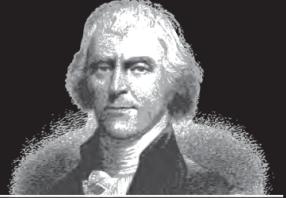


Sunday: 50s/20s Sunny




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LEGO CREATIONS ...



ROXIE FROMANG PHOTO

Rangely Parkview Elementary School kicked off their first Lego Club meeting of the year last Tuesday, Oct. 22 in the multipurpose room. Lego Club is open to children preschool-5th grade and is a free activity. Meeting dates are scheduled for Nov. 12, Dec. 10, Jan. 14 and Feb. 11. Lego building action happens from 6-7 p.m. and Legos are provided. All questions about the club can be directed to Marie Varco at 970-675-2267. Pictured are Parkview Elementary Students Kolton Wilczek, Ian Guzman and Everett Boren enjoying Lego Club.

NEWS BRIEFS

Fundraiser benefit for Jones family

MEEKER | In September of this year, Diana was diagnosed with a tumor in her heart and underwent open heart surgery. Mike and Diana own and operate Meeker Drugs, a historic downtown keystone. Over the years, Diana and Mike have helped many families and businesses with their big years. As a community we would like to give back. A silent auction and benefit dinner will be held Saturday, Nov. 9 from 6 to 9 p.m. at the 4H Building in Meeker. There will be live music and a cash bar. If you would like to donate to the Silent Auction or have questions, please contact Jan Nye at 970-274-0589.

Veterans Day Lunch at BMS Nov. 11

MEEKER | Barone Middle School and the Meeker Chamber of Commerce invite members of the public to the annual Veterans Day Lunch on Monday, Nov. 11 at 12:45 p.m. followed by the Veterans Day assembly and program at 1 p.m. at Barone Middle School. Seniors, veterans and all community members are welcome.

Fall community education classes

MEEKER | True Colors: Personality Analysis—Monday, Nov. 11 and 18, 10 a.m. to noon. Increase understanding of self and others to improve communication, cooperation, etc. in personal and professional relationships. Outlander: Travel to Scotland Planning Meeting—Interested in travel to Scotland in spring 2020? Attend planning meeting Wed., Nov. 6, 6-7 p.m., in Craig or WebEx in Meeker and Rangely. For further information and to register for these classes, call 878-5227 or, cncc.edu/communityed, email shawn.sweeney@cncc.edu or iris.franklin@cncc.edu or stop by the office at 345 Sixth St. next to the Meeker Post Office.

Flu vaccines available again

RBC | Rio Blanco County Public Health is again providing flu shots for all ages. Receiving a flu vaccine in November is still in time to keep patients protected for flu season, according to the CDC. Call to schedule: 878-9520 Meeker, 878-9525 Rangely.

COLE: continued

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two years of college, so I enlisted in January 1966. Unfortunately, no sooner was I in boot camp than I found out that the Navy had shut the program down.

Directly following boot camp, I joined "Ships Company" aboard the USS Oriskany as a Seaman Apprentice E-2 "non-assigned personnel." That was about as low on the totem pole as you could get, assigned as a cook's assistant and toilet cleaner working twelve hour shifts as we headed for WESPAC (Western Pacific) and Vietnam. After stays in Honolulu and Yokosuka Japan, we arrived at Dixie Station off the coast of South Vietnam on June 27 and began flight operations, shifting to Yankee Station in the Gulf of Tonkin off the coast of North Vietnam on July 8. So for me it was Boot Camp to the ship to Vietnam all in six months.

I wanted to get as close as I could to aviation so I requested and was reassigned to Operations Center (OC Division) which provided Air Traffic Control. While there I taught myself how to type, prepared weather reports, learned radar, and got very good at writing backward on the big, clear plastic "status board" with a grease pencil. I would write down the pilots' names, aircraft numbers and fuel states of our planes returning from air strikes against N. Vietnam so that the officer in charge could determine which would refuel in the air, divert to S. Vietnam or trap directly aboard the ship.

The Oriskany was an Essex class aircraft carrier, a "long hull" version with a wooden deck, home-ported in San Diego. Construction of the ship began in 1945 and it was commissioned in 1950, the last of that class still in service when I went aboard. It had done two combat tours during the Korean War and an eventual five in Vietnam. It was used for the filming of "The Bridges of Toko-Ri" in 1954. The Oriskany

was actually involved in bombing bridges in North Korea during that war, and we got to watch this movie while we were at sea.

Typically we worked 12 hours on and 12 hours off. Our division's sleep compartment bunked 30 to 40 men stacked four high, located just below the #2 or #3 arresting gear wires, which made it very hard to sleep. While the officer's quarters had air conditioning, the enlisted compartments did not, so while in Japan, a number of us chipped in and bought an air conditioning unit for our space drawing in outside air, we added a plywood door to keep the cool air in the compartment. The AC and the plywood door were to soon prove critical.

On Oct. 26, 1966, at 0730 the fire broke out in the magnesium flare locker forward of and below our level in the hangar bay. It proved to be the worst ship fire in the U.S. Navy since World War II. 44 men died, most of whom were pilots.

I had been to the dentist the previous afternoon where all four of my wisdom teeth were removed. During extractions, one tooth broke off at the gum line and had to be dug out. My face was all swollen, and I was supposed to keep ice on it. Unfortunately, the average temperature outside was 100° and no ice was available. I had been lying in my rack all night in pain trying to sleep when the fire alarms klaxons went off all over the ship.

There was nothing new about hearing klaxons or fire drills. Fire was the worst hazard any ship faced, and we were used to having frequent drills. They would always begin "This is a drill, this is a drill—Fire at the....." This time, however, the voice on the intercom began "This is a dr..." out of habit and continued with the real "Fire at the...." which was a critical mistake. Unfortunately, many people only

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COLE: accidental fire aboard USS Oriskany

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heard the “This is a...” and tuned out the rest. That was especially true of the pilots. We had been doing continuous air operations for over three months, they were all exhausted, and their quarters were dangerously close to the flare locker. Many of them died of asphyxiation. Only one crewman died of burns.

What had happened was that a sailor accidentally pulled the trigger lanyard on one of the magnesium parachute flares in the starboard side locker on the forward hangar bay under the flight deck during a downloading process after the strike had been cancelled. Not thinking, he threw the flare inside the compartment with the 700 others, closed the door, and they all went off. These are intensely hot and set off dangerous chemicals stored in the elevator bay. It is impossible to extinguish a magnesium fire with water. The fire penetrated down five decks before it was brought under control.

Because our air conditioner was running and our plywood door closed, we did not smell the smoke until we exited our space. I heard several levels of fire warnings. As the three of us were not on any of the fire crews, we did not react until the speakers sounded “General Quarters (Battle Stations)!” That got everyone’s attention. We got dressed and headed for the door. The Operations Center (our battle station) was several decks below our quarters. When we opened the door, there was thick smoke in the corridors and stairwells which quickly got worse.

We all had memorized the route from our berthing quarters to our General Quarters (Battle Stations) and found our way blocked by some locked hatches which forced us to find an alternative route. I remembered seeing an elevator machinery access door next to the toilets of our head, which allowed us to get down to the hangar deck. While moving across the deck on our way to the OC division, an officer ordered us to carry five gallon buckets of animal blood to the foaming equipment fighting the fire in the forward hangar bay. It was frightening to see flames over our head, jet airplanes scorched black, crew frantically moving airplanes to other areas of the flight deck to get them out of danger, and men pushing steaming bombs overboard. Two other carriers, the Constellation and the Franklin D. Roosevelt had sailed nearby to give aid.

The “Prepare to Abandon Ship” order was given over the IMC (ships PA system) and I was then told to go to the mess and begin distributing life preservers. A number of thoughts began racing through my head. Two at the forefront were “How well can I swim under oil slicked waves on fire” and “What is the fastest way to jump ship?”

The mess halls were shut down, so they broke out old WWII C-rations for all to eat around lunch time. It wasn’t long before one sailor became ill from eating out of one of the cans which had swollen. It was announced to us that the food inside had gone bad, usually from botulism, which could get you very sick and even kill you, we should not eat contents of any bulging cans, and anyone who had should report immediately to the sick bay.

Eventually, they got the fire under control, but so much water had been pumped inside the ship that it was now riding dangerous-

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~ Dave Cole, U.S. Navy Veteran

ly bow-down. Normally the bow was 50-feet above the surface of the ocean, but it was now down by the bow 20 feet. Many flooded compartments below deck had battery powered emergency lights which were dim or out by night-fall. Twelve hours after the fire began, I was ordered to join a bucket brigade to remove water from flooded compartments well below sea level because with no electricity the normal pumps would not function. While going further below decks to do this, moving along dark passageways with water up to our knees, I saw electricity arcing behind us. That was very scary.

When the fire was out, we sailed for Cubi Point Naval Air Station Bay in the Philippines, where the airplanes and munitions were offloaded, and on to San Diego, arriving on November 16. By March 23 all of the repairs to the ship had been completed, on June 16 the ship returned to Westpac and Vietnam. On July 14 the ship commenced bombing operations on Yankee Station off North Vietnam. Ironically, on July 26 the Oriskany provided help with the fire on the USS Forestall.

The Navy did interviews of everyone who had been aboard. Five crewmen were eventually court-martialed, but the charges were dismissed. Those of us who were involved in fighting the fire received letters of commendation for what we did. It allowed us to pick a school we wished to attend. I chose the basic Air Traffic Controller School in Brunswick, Georgia (NAS Glynco) and left the Oriskany in December enjoying a Christmas stop in Denver on the way to school. Unlike high school, by now I was really motivated, and did very well, placing #1 in each class, and attending all three of the air traffic control schools available—Basic ATC, Ground Controlled Approach and Tower Controller. I joined the Navy aero club on the base, completed my advanced pilot and flight instructor certification at my own expense and during my off duty hours. The Navy assigned me to remain at the Naval Air Station at Glencoe Georgia as an Air Traffic Controller. I was released early from my military service in October 1969. I was an E-5 when I was discharged, received the usual array of Navy medals and ribbons. My only diagnosed disability was Tinnitus, ringing of the ears, but suffered from PTSD as a result of the chaos, frenzy and life threatening terror of being nearly trapped below. During my transfer from the West coast to

Georgia, I had stayed stayed at my parent’s house over Christmas and woke them up night after night with my screaming. I thought that it was normal until I realized recently that it had a name PTSD.

My BS degree was completed at Metro State College in Denver during which time I taught flying. Because of all the pilot certificates I had accumulated, I was able to receive almost a year of college credit by exam. In fact, because of my background I ended up writing a few of the exams and teaching an instrument instructor simulator class to receive its credit because they had not scheduled a class instructor.

During the completion of college I flew in Madagascar and West Germany commercially. As I completed my degree in June of 1973, Frontier Airlines hired me. Due to re-organization, bankruptcy and restructuring my piloting career took turns at Peoples Express, Continental, and FAA Aviation Safety Inspector. United

Airlines recruited me from the FAA as an instructor and line pilot for their Boeing 737, 747-400, 757, 767, and Airbus A-320. I found it interesting that a few of the Navy pilots onboard the Oriskany, whose names I had written on the status board, later became my copilots in the airline business. I had been the younger Seaman Apprentice E-2, just up from cook’s assistant and toilet cleaner who couldn’t get into the NAVCAD program, while they were the commissioned officer pilots who later became airline copilots due to their longer commitment time in the Navy and the airline seniority system.

I retired from the airlines in 2005 and went on to run a Colorado college flight program. My flying continues flying private jets and turboprops. Additional interests include life memberships in the VFW, American Legion, performing contra-dance and bluegrass violin music and volunteering in church outreach.

WELL-SHOD ...



COURTESY PHOTO

Meeker International Ecology Group would like to thank Watt’s Ranch Market and Meeker Drugs for helping collect more than 1,500 shoes. The group is still collecting to raise funds for their Galapagos trip. Their goal is 2,500 shoes total, which will be bagged and picked up by Funds2.org. Donate at the Meeker Library, Meeker Recreation Center and St. James Episcopal Church. (Above) MHS student Gabe Richardson sits atop 60 bags of 25 pairs of shoes each, while Father Scott Hollenbeck supervises.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

■ **Open Archery Indoor Shooting** held by the Meeker Sportsmans Club. \$5 for members, \$10 for nonmembers. Kids 17 and under shoot free! Nov. 7, 14, 19 and 26 at 7 p.m. at RBC Fairgrounds.

■ **The Rangely Moms Group** meets the first Thursday of each month from 9-11 a.m. at First Baptist Church (207 S. Sunset Ave.) to help connect moms in our community. Any moms who have newborn through elementary aged children are welcome to join us for food, fellowship and fun. Childcare is provided. The first meeting is free. Subsequent meetings are \$5. Scholarships are available if needed.

■ **Free Community Dinner** every Thursday at 5:30 p.m. at St. James—Richards’ Hall, Fourth and Park.

■ **Gentleman’s Group “Geezer Gather”** every Thursday at 9 a.m. at the Meeker Veteran’s Community Center. 290 4th Street. Adults 55+, stop by for refreshments and conversation. 970-878-3758.

■ **Drop-in adult pickleball** Thursdays at the Admin Gym. Adult (18+) drop-in pickleball will run Sep. 12–Nov. 21 (no session Oct. 31) on Thursdays from 7:30-9 p.m. A minimum of four participants must arrive by 7:45 p.m. or the program will be cancelled for the night. ERBM Recreation & Park District 970-878-3403.

■ **Friday Craft Class** for middle school through adults. Every Friday at 1 p.m. at the Meeker Public Library. November’s craft will be jewelry making. Space is limited to 10 participants. Call 878-5911 or drop by to sign up.

■ **The Meeker Library Book Club** will be reading 8:55 to

Baghdad by Andrew Eames. We will discuss the book on Monday, Nov. 11 at 1 p.m. All are welcome to join in the fun.

■ **Winter Line-Up Registration Begins** Nov. 11 at the Meeker Recreation Center. Registration begins for Winter Line-Up classes at 5:00am. Brochure found at MRC or online at www.ERBMrec.com ERBM Recreation & Park District 970-878-3403

■ **Graphic Design for Non-Designers** Do you need great graphic designs for your business but you are not a graphic designer? Come learn some tricks of the trade using tools that are right at your fingertips. This class will bring out your creative side while teaching you about color, font, photography and more! Rangely: Nov. 7, 12–1 p.m. at CNCC Weiss Conference Room. Meeker: Nov. 14 12–1 p.m. at Meeker Coworking Community. Offered by Rio Blanco County SBDC “The Headwaters Project

■ **Drop-in adult volleyball** Tuesdays at the MES Gym. Adult (18+) drop-in volleyball will run Sep. 10–Nov. 19 on Tuesdays from 7:30-9 p.m. A minimum of four participants must arrive by 7:45 p.m. or the program will be cancelled for the night. ERBM Recreation & Park District 970-878-3403.

■ **Drop-in adult basketball** Wednesdays at the MES Gym. Adult (18+) drop-in basketball will run through November 20 on Wednesday evenings from 7:30-9 p.m. A minimum of four participants must arrive by 7:45 p.m. or the program will be cancelled for the night. ERBM Recreation & Park District 970-878-3403.

■ **Youth Open Gym Basketball** Fridays from 1 to 2:30 p.m. at the MES Gym for K-8th grade boys

and girls Fridays through Dec. 13. Youth under 8 must have a parent/caregiver 13 or older present. At least four participants need to arrive by 1:15pm or open gym will be cancelled for the day. ERBM Recreation & Park District 970-878-3403

■ **Alcoholics Anonymous** meetings held Tuesday and Thursday from 7–8 p.m. at New Creation Church, Rangely.

■ **Meeker Recreation Center** and pool will close at noon Nov. 27 and will be closed through Nov. 29. Normal hours resume Nov. 30. ERBM Recreation & Park District 970-878-3403

■ **Art On A Kart Master the Masters.** Mark your calendar for the third Thursday of each month for an evening of art and friendship. Canvas, paint, drawing and painting techniques are included. \$30 per person. Call or text Liz Waters 970-274-3794 to confirm or ask questions.

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

■ **Meeker Lions Club** meets every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at 290 Fourth St. New members are always welcome. It’s a great way to give back to the community and spend time with a fun group of people.

■ **A Night Under Our Stars** discussion group for those interested in UFOs, spirits and other strange things. Please bring your stories. White River Museum, every second Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.

■ **Rangely Community Resource Pantry Hours:** Mondays from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m., Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and the first and third Saturday of the month from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

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

■ **Gentleman’s Group** meeting every Tuesday at 9 a.m. at the Meeker Recreation Center lounge. Adults 55+, stop by for refreshments and conversation. ERBM Recreation & Park District 970-878-3403.

■ **Celebrate Recovery** meetings every Friday from 6 to 8 p.m. at Meeker Assembly, Fourth and Market Street. Meeker Council of Churches.

■ **Game Day** for adults 55+ on Wednesdays at 9 a.m. in the Meeker Recreation Center lounge. Stop by for refreshment, conversation and a game of cards.

■ **Real-Tea Roundtable.** Join real estate expert Suzan Pelloni for helpful hints on buying and selling property. The first Wednesday of the month at 7:30 a.m. at Wendl’s.

■ **Quilting Group.** Tuesdays from 2-9 p.m. at WREA’s Kilowatt Korner. All are welcome. Come during hours that fit your schedule. Bring your sewing machine and project. Making personal and comfort quilts for the Walbridge Wing and hospice care.

■ **Foot Clinic.** Pioneers Hospital Home Health Foot Clinic will be at MVCC on the second Wednesday of each month, to trim toenails of anyone who has trouble with the task. Please call PMC Home Health 970-878-9265 to schedule an appointment. Thank you.

■ **The VFW, American Legion and their Auxiliaries** will meet the second Thursday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at 290 4th St. For further information call (970)878-5326.

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EDITOR'S COLUMN

The stories that must be told

By **NIKI TURNER**
editor@ht1885.com



Pulitzer Prize finalist for her work as an investigative journalist. She had the skill set I needed, and she agreed

(it's been almost a year, can't you let it go)? Why do you need to publish this (why does it matter)?

It matters because a man who fell through the cracks of our country's healthcare system died at the hands of a Rangely police officer who believed he was forced to defend himself and his fellow officers.

It matters because the careers of two veteran officers ended without so much as a how-do-you-do or a see-ya-later... Just a deafening silence after decades of public service.

It matters because public officials who represent the community and carry its trust were either unprepared or unwilling to be transparent when asked for information. In fact, they discouraged us from covering this story out of fear of public backlash.

Fear seems to be the main reason for the silence. It's easy to be silent. Speaking up is risky. I have tremendous respect for the people who agreed to be interviewed for this story. It's a story that needs to be told. It's a story we, as a community, need to have discussions about in the future, on several levels.

I know not everyone will be pleased with this story, and

I accept that. It's not our job to make everyone comfortable. We'll leave that to the likes of glossy magazines and partisan news sources that tell their readers just what they want to hear and nothing else.

I'm not going to apologize for doing my job. I am going to apologize for not doing it a lot sooner. When Daniel's Pierce's mother says she doesn't understand why no one seemed to care or contacted her after her son died, I take that as a rebuke. We didn't do what your local newspaper is supposed to do: we didn't tell the story. We allowed ourselves to be silenced right along with everyone else.

Our job is to tell the stories, as best we can, with as much integrity and honesty and accuracy and fairness as we can muster. I believe we've done that with this story.

This wasn't an easy story to tell. Without Susan's expertise and assistance, it wouldn't have come together. My dip into the pool of investigative journalism was intense, educational, and exhausting. And now I have a new set of tools in my tool box for future use.

Everyone has a story. Those stories deserve to be told.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Nielsen announces bid for commissioner

Dear Editor:

I, Scott Nielsen, am announcing my candidacy for Rio Blanco County Commissioner.

As many of you know I was born and graduated in Meeker. I joined the United States Army shortly after graduating and have an Honorable Discharge. After working in Colorado, Oklahoma and California I returned to Meeker in 1993. I worked for Dowell in the oil-field before the bust of the early '80s. I have worked as an auto mechanic, and I have worked at a cinder mine as an equipment operator. My wife Nettie and I have three children, six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. After returning I worked for Rio Blanco County Road and Bridge for almost 25 years and currently work for CDOT out of the Meeker Patrol.

I am currently serving on the Town of Meeker board of Trustees, and I am also an officer in The Meeker Sportsman's Club, that I have been a member of for over 25 years. I am a Life member in the NRA, and an NRA certified instructor in Basics of Pistol Shooting. I enjoy fly fishing, camping and

hunting, especially archery. I love Rio Blanco County and its outdoor opportunities, it has something for everyone that loves the outdoors. Now with the high speed internet that is available it offers accessibility that is not always easy to have in remote areas like ours.

Why am I running? I believe that voters should have a choice and I think that I will represent Rio Blanco County well. What is my agenda? I don't believe that I have any specific agenda. I do like most of what is being done in the County. From the OHV trails, to the fiber optic installation, the sheepdog trials and the rally car race. We have great hiking and biking trails that are easily accessible from both towns. CNCC is an example of great things Rio Blanco County have to offer. Even the excitement of the Tank is generating positive interest in the county. I would like to keep exploring avenues for exporting natural gas. I also believe that we should keep our eyes and minds open to new ways to bring new industry or development to the county to help with the local economy. I will bring common sense, maturity and honesty with me to the board.

I would appreciate your vote.

Thanks,
Scott Nielsen
Meeker

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GUEST COLUMN: CNCC CORNER

New personnel energize CNCC campuses

By **RON GRANGER**
Special to the Herald Times



Ron Granger

RBC I Welcome to the first monthly update for Colorado Northwestern Community College. Over the next several months we will share more about what is happening at CNCC while spotlighting our outstanding programs, personnel and students. I want to begin by thanking all our local communities for the support they give us. As a college, we are lucky to have the opportunity to do the work we love in such a wonderful place. When people from the other colleges in the Colorado Community College System visit us, they find this “jewel” in northwest Colorado. They are amazed at the area, the college, and what has been accomplished here. We are proud of who we are and the communities we serve. Colorado Northwestern Community College is successful because of people. The people who work at the college, the students that attend, and the people who live in this area.

The semester is half over, and the enthusiasm of the students, faculty and staff is at an all-

time high. We have already had many great accomplishments this school year. We’ve had wonderful student events such as the Hoe D o w n , hit milestones in athletics, and noted multiple student successes in academics. However, one of the biggest accomplishments has been filling vacant positions with excellent and dedicated personnel. I can’t introduce everyone, but wanted to note a few key hires.

Among these are the additions to our administration. CNCC has welcomed three new vice presidents to the family. Keith Peterson, Vice President of Instruction, and James Caldwell, Vice President of Finance and Administration, are celebrating one year with CNCC this month. John Anderson, former Registrar and now Vice

President of Student Affairs and Craig Campus, has been in the VP position since April. Aside from additions to our administration, we have also filled a few other key staff positions such as our Director of Marketing Reuben Talbot; Coordinator of Campus Safety and Security Trevor Sperry; and Athletic Director Candra “CJ” Robie. We have also been able to bring several new instructors, and other key personnel, on both campuses into the CNCC family as well.

All the new personnel have added a tremendous amount of energy and positivity to our college. You can see and feel the change on both campuses. The energy among our employees, both with the veteran personnel and those who are new to CNCC, is excellent. It is that energy that makes CNCC a great college and a great place to be. We invite everyone to come visit our campuses and see the proud traditions we have and are creating as we continue to serve northwest Colorado. The greatest place in the world!

OBITUARIES

Ted Lyke

Nov. 5, 1950 ~ Nov. 4, 2019



Ted Lyke

My father-in-law and love, Ted Lyke, came to Colorado this fall as he did every year to visit his beloved daughter and grandkids and spend time with me chasing elk in the woods. Only this year was different, after 18 months battling pancreatic cancer, it would be his last. In late September, my son Jonan and I enjoyed a wonderful day hunting and fishing one more time with “Poppy” before later that week seeing him taken by EMT to Pioneers where he would spend his final days. The care, patience and compassion shown to him during his time at Pioneers Medical Center was an absolute blessing to our family! We are extremely grateful to the entire team that went above and beyond to ensure Ted was consistently treated with great dignity and mercy.

Ted went to his eternal home on Nov. 4, one day shy of his 69th birthday. He loved hunting and fishing, telling stories, and spending time with family; but

most of all he lived to preach the good news of the gospel of Jesus to any and all. He travelled the world as a missionary and was particularly involved in Haiti and Africa. As a family we are confident that he stepped into eternity hearing the words “well done good and faithful servant...enter into the joy of your master.” It is comforting to know he is no longer suffering; but his laughter, stories, wisdom and mentorship will be missed by many who knew him well.

We want to thank all of our Meeker Assembly church family who have prayed for us, cooked meals, visited Ted and supported us as a family over the last several weeks. We love you guys! To the EMTs, techs, nurses, doctors, etc. that were involved with caring for Ted, you guys are amazing and we are so blessed to have such incredible service oriented individuals and resources in our community. Ted is survived by his wife Nancy, daughter Content and family (Meeker, Colorado), daughter Charity and family (Fort Myers, Florida), and son David and family (Sequim, Washington). A memorial service will be planned in January at Life Church Fort Myers to celebrate Ted’s life.

~Sean VonRoenn and Family

Deborah (Sheehan) Rams

Oct. 15, 1963 ~ Oct. 28, 2019



Debbie Rams

Deborah (Sheehan) Rams, passed away on Oct. 28, 2019, in Meeker, Colorado. Debbie was a loving mother, teacher and a beautiful friend to so many.

She was born on Oct. 15, 1963, in Oak Park, Illinois, and achieved many accomplishments in her life. Debbie attended Rocky Mountain High School-1982, received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Colorado State University-1987, and a Masters of Special Education from UCCS-2009. She loved and was loved deeply by her two daughters Courtney and Caitlin Rams. Debbie worked as an elementary art and special education teacher. She had a big heart, enjoyed working with kids and helping those around her in need.

Debbie loved the simple things in life: the beautiful mountains, a meaningful country song, making homemade pizza with her daughters and sharing a laugh for the day with friends. A loving sister to Marcus Sheehan, Dan Sheehan and Michelle Been, and a beloved daughter of Marlene and Timothy Sheehan. Debbie was truly an angel. Her faith in God was bigger than this world could hold. Her belief in the power of guardian angels will have her overlooking all the lives she touched as an angel herself. May the love given to her by her daughters spread to the moon and back forever and always.

An intimate celebration of life will be held for friends in Meeker on Wednesday, Nov. 6 from 4-7 p.m. at the Old West Heritage Cultural Center, 517 Park, Meeker, Colorado, 81641. A formal service for friends and family will take place Friday, Nov. 8 at 2 p.m. at St. Joseph’s Catholic Church, 300 West Mountain Ave., Fort Collins, Colorado, 80521. Burial to remain private.

In lieu of flowers the family asks that donations be made in Debbie’s honor to a charity of choice. Suggestions include Colorado Horsepower-Equine Assisted Therapy, Walbridge Wing Nursing Home and Meeker Education Foundation.

GUEST COLUMN: ERBM WINTER SPOTLIGHT

Avoid the winter doldrums with a healthy dose of ERBM

By **SEAN VONROENN**
ERBM Executive Director

MEEKER I Cabin fever is defined as irritability, listlessness, and similar symptoms resulting from long confinement or isolation indoors during the winter—which we all know can sometimes feel like our longest season here in Meeker.

Park and recreation agencies have many ways to overcome mental health threats, which can be more pervasive than any of us would like to admit. According to National Alliance on Mental Illness data, 20% of American adults experience mental illness annually, while more than 18% experience anxiety disorders. Furthermore, many adults and youth alike are not being treated for these conditions and can feel isolated as a result. Fortunately, parks and recreational activities can be extremely effective in the promotion of physical and mental health by providing places for positive public interaction and activities, as well as individual reprieve.

The National Recreation and Parks Association reports a growing body of research to support these health benefit statements. For instance, recent evidence based findings suggest

that:
■ Physician-diagnosed depression and anxiety are significantly higher in residential areas with the fewest park and recreation amenities compared to the neighborhoods with the most.

■ People living more than 1 kilometer away from a green space have nearly 50 percent higher odds of experiencing stress than those living less than 300 meters from a green space. Respondents who do not report stress have more than 50 percent higher odds of visiting a green space at least a few days a week than those reporting stress.

■ Use of park and recreation facilities and services are strongly associated with decreased health complaints, improved blood pressure and cholesterol levels, reduced stress, improved general health perceptions and a greater ability to face problems.

As always, ERBM has a variety of programs and services to keep you and your family energized and engaged this winter. Find a fit in any of our traditional opportunities or special events, including: the Holiday Social, Breakfast with Santa, or the Dance and Tumbling Expo. Get your do-it-yourself sled ready for the Cardboard

Derby at Paintbrush Park, come out to Lake Avery for some ice fishing, or dust off those skis or snowboards for a day at Sunlight Mountain. Perhaps give an art project a try at our acrylic craft workshop or try your luck at the cribbage tournament at the VFW. If basketball is your thing, get signed up for adult coed 3-on-3 basketball league, Hoops for Charity 3v3 Tourney, or the Nuggets Skills Challenge. More information on all of these events/programs can be found in the Winter Line-Up, in mailboxes and online on Nov. 8. Registration begins Monday, Nov. 11.

Be sure to stop by MRC in December to enter our customer appreciation drawings and definitely don’t miss the first two weeks of the new year for our annual MRC Membership Blitz (50% off all annual recreation center passes!).

Winter is truly jam packed at ERBM, and these are just some of the many ways we want to partner with you to fight off the ill effects of cabin fever and combat mental health risks. So come on out and invite someone to join you in getting involved today—it might just have a bigger and more lasting impact than you realize!

Forrest U. Harmon

1933 ~ Oct. 31, 2019

Forrest U. Harmon passed away Oct. 31, 2019, at Pioneers Medical Center in Meeker, Colorado, where he was a patient for nearly five years. He was 86 years old. Forrest was born to Leslie “Pete” Harmon and Cora M. Harmon in 1933. A sister, Pat Cochran of Goodland, Kansas, preceded him in death. He also has a sister, Iris Harmon of Canyon City, Colorado.

Forrest graduated from high school in Gunnison, Colorado, in 1952. After graduation he was drafted into the U.S. Army during the Korean War, and was stationed in Alaska. He later married Kay Bryan of Gunnison. They had two boys, Ross (Stacie) and Mitchell (Margaret) and one grandson, Jett. All survive.

Forrest was a rancher and he loved baby animals. He also enjoyed traveling and was always curious to “see” what was around the next bend.

Eventually, Forrest and Kay divorced, as did Chuck and Marlene Tate. Forrest and Marlene reconnected at a class

reunion in Crested Butte, Colorado, 29 years ago, and as they say, “the rest is history.” Both enjoyed traveling.



Forrest Harmon

Marlene kept a huge map where she traced their travels through 33 states.

Forrest spent the winter months in Quartzsite, Arizona, taking in all the “shows.” Anything you’d ever want to buy, was there. It was in Arizona that he learned “wire-wrapping.” He made hundreds of pendants from polished stones wrapped with copper wire. Unsold trays of pendants were taken to the Wing as gifts to the employees who had a part in Forrest’s care.

As per Forrest’s request, no services will be held. Burial will take place at Highland Cemetery in Meeker, Colorado.

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Samson: The Proclamation of Faith

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

... for the time would fail me to tell of... Samson... (Heb. 11:32c)



Dr. J.D. Watson

WE come to one of the most enigmatic characters in Scripture. Samson was a man set apart for God from birth but was never truly submitted until his death. Here was a man who was prideful from the beginning but humbled like no other at the end. And, oh, how mighty he was with men, but what a weakling with women!

First, the requirement. Israel had been in subjugation to the Philistines for 40 years.

Sadly, however, there is no indication that they even once cried out to God for deliverance. They had grown complacent, content, and even comfortable under pagan rule; they actually resented Samson upsetting the status quo between them and the Philistines. So God had to intervene and deliver them from themselves. Through his parents, God said Samson would deliver His people but also demanded that he be set apart according to the Nazarite vow—he was never to drink wine, touch a dead body, or cut his hair.

Second, the response. We can only imagine Samson’s wild youth, for when we start reading about him, we see him violate two of the three requirements: he got drunk and touched a lion’s carcass. We also see his flawed character: he was proud and arrogant, disrespected his parents by marrying a Philistine woman against their counsel, had no control over his tongue, lied frequently, and lost his temper. And then, of course, there was that whole business with Delilah!

This begs the question: how on earth could God use a fellow like Samson and include him in a list of the faithful? But before we get too harsh in our criticism, each of us should first ask: “Do I not

also do such things, or at least other things, that violate God’s clear principles about commitment, character, and conduct?”

In spite of much wasted opportunity, we are drawn to Samson’s prayer at the end, his proclamation of faith: “O Lord GOD, remember me, I pray thee, and strengthen me, I pray thee, only this once, O God, that I may be at once avenged of the Philistines for my two eyes.” Here we note three of God’s greatest names: “Lord” is *Adōny*, which speaks of His dominion, possession, and sovereignty; “GOD” is *Yāhweh*, His “covenant name”; and “God” is *’Elōhīym*, the Strong One who is to be feared and revered because of who He is. Finally, a prayer of repentance and trust pours from Samson’s lips.

Third, the result. There was, predictably, a negative result. In keeping with 1 John 2:15–16, as a result of the lust of the flesh, Samson lost his strength, as the result of his lust of the eyes, he was blinded, and as a result of the pride of life, he was the most humiliated of slaves. But there was also the positive: he died for his God, bringing judgment upon as many as 3,000 Philistines. Samson serves as a warning for each of us to be one of the faithful, not one of the failures.

Scriptures for Study: Read Samson’s full story in Judges 13–16. What observations can you make, and what strikes you the most profoundly?

We hope you will visit our website (www.TheScriptureAlone.com), where you will find not only our podcast of these devotional studies but also other resources for Christian growth, including messages in MP3 media files. You are also invited to worship with us at Grace Bible Church (on the corner of 3rd and Garfield) at 10:30 A.M. each Lord’s Day, where the ministry is: “continu[ing] stedfastly in the apostles’ doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers” (Acts 2:42).

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Debra Pierce (left) was married to Daniel Pierce in 2012 when he was prescribed a painkiller to treat severe back pain following a car accident and an unsuccessful surgery. Within six weeks, Daniel began hearing voices. The doctor did not pull him off the painkiller until a few months later, then told Debra her husband's delusions might not go away. "This is who he is now," Debra remembers the doctor saying. (Right) Debra holds a photo of Daniel, whom she called 'Red' and her daughter Kayla. "There was a time when I loved him." Debra left Daniel in 2016 after 21 years together because he had begun to frighten her with his delusions.



JULIE DENESHA PHOTOS

SILENCE: Victim suffered from schizophrenia, relocated to Rangely in 2018

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had reconstructive surgery on his lower back in the late 1990s and relied on a port to infuse him with a steady cocktail of drugs to ease his constant pain. He stayed home, living on Social Security disability, and spent his time fixing things around the house and helping raise her daughter, Kayla. "Red pushed her a little hard, but he was a good dad, a good guy," Debra says of the husband she nicknamed for his hair color. "There was a time when I loved him."

Pierce's back pain worsened, leading a doctor in 2012 to prescribe a painkiller called Prialat. The drug comes with an FDA warning: "Severe psychiatric symptoms and neurological impairment may occur during treatment."

He started hearing voices after about six weeks on the medication. There were people living under their house, he told Debra. He was sure they had installed cameras in their shower.

"He pretty much destroyed the house drilling holes in the walls trying to find them," she says.

The doctor did not pull him off the painkiller until a few months later, she recalls, and he warned her then that her husband's delusions might not go away. "This is who he is now," she remembers the doctor saying.

The voices grew louder and Pierce's paranoia more fierce until he agreed later that year to be hospitalized near their home in Missouri. He spent three weeks in the psychiatric ward, where doctors diagnosed him with paranoid schizophrenia. The pills they had given him helped quiet the voices. When he would not take them, doctors injected the medication. But Pierce eventually stopped showing up for the monthly shots until delusions, along with constant threats lurking in all corners, became his new normal in his early 50s.

Debra realized over time he had been lying to her about his military experience. She started wondering what else he was lying about and which of his tales stemmed from mental illness and which from deception. She would move out during his bad spells and Pierce would threaten her as he sensed her slipping away. She came home one day to find that he had shot and killed two of her cats. If it would have been legal to hunt humans, he told her, that would be his sport.

Pierce would say things like, "You're still my wife, and if I can't have you, nobody will," and Debra came to suspect that if she ever left him, "nobody would find my body." Police would show up for welfare checks because he had reported she had been taken hostage. Their 21-year relationship came down to two terrifying options: "He would either kill me or he would kill somebody else and then (everybody) would look at me and ask, why didn't you get him help?"

And so she cut off all contact in 2016 and hid from the man to whom she remained legally married. Without treatment, she says, the voices in his head drowned

out her own, and no amount of her patience or love could silence them.

Pierce hid his diagnosis from his mother, who did not learn of it until he moved back to California to live with her in 2017. Nuttbrock was alarmed by how he had changed.

"He would talk like he was talking to someone, but there was nobody there."

Once, Pierce called police in California to say he had killed Debra in Missouri and needed them to check on her. A SWAT team surrounded her home 1,600 miles away. When they confirmed she was safe, Nuttbrock asked police to put her son on an involuntary mental health hold. He persuaded doctors to release him after one night.

Wherever there was a crack in his mental health care, he found a way to slip through it.

"The *sik meds only make me sick I don't need them. An they change me for the worst,*" he wrote Debra from California in a letter blaming their problems on former neighbors whom he believed had connected military radio equipment to his brain, emitting frequencies he could hear 24/7.

"I'm so upset about all this stuff. I'm ready to kill them all. The pain of worrying about you an missing you is getting more than I can handle! And I don't care anymore about going to jail for killing them," his letter reads. "I wish thing could be different but someday some I'll bring you there bodys to prove it to you."

Nuttbrock agreed to let him stay under one condition: "I didn't want to hear any more about those voices." But they kept speaking to him and he to them until Pierce scared his teenage nephew. When she gave Pierce one last warning, he, at six feet tall, lunged at her. She told him then he needed to move out.

"He wasn't my son" by that point, she says, crying into the phone. "He was a stranger. I didn't even know him. And I was afraid."

Pierce headed east in the blue Chevy van his mother bought him, stopping in New Mexico and then back in Missouri to find Debra. She recalls the Memorial Day weekend in 2018 when he showed up at the home supply store where she works.

"I said 'There's nothing left,' and he said, 'You're still my wife,' (and) I said, 'Leave me the f*** alone.'"

"He had tears in his eyes and drove off," she says, teary, too. "That was the last time I seen him."

Untreated paranoid schizo-

phrenia often breeds alienation for those with the condition. The delusions, the paranoia can subsume their former selves so that people who were close to them tend to push them away out of self-protection. So it was that nobody in Pierce's family spoke with him during the six months that followed.

Nuttbrock was tracking her son's whereabouts from the bank statements and blood pressure prescription mailed to her home. She could see that he headed from Missouri to Wyoming, then down to Colorado in August 2018. He had no ties in Rangely that she or her daughter-in-law knew of.

Pierce wrote her in October 2018 that he had been led here by his "extended family" of Native American relatives — a distant branch of her family tree she doubts he could have tracked down. Maybe out of loneliness, she wonders, he was searching for some lost tribe.

Tim Webber, who heads the Western Rio Blanco Metropolitan Recreation and Park

Nuttbrock last October. "I even found my Heather here Mom. She is a butieful girl," he went on about his young daughter who died decades earlier. "I know this a sounds so crazy, but please believe me. So much has happen in my life."

Pierce's last letter to her, dated Nov. 15, described the way Rangely takes such good care of its children, the friends he was making here, and the park near his townhome.

"It's a special life here," the letter reads. "My health is great here. No more pain or headaches. Thank God."

RANGELY AMERICA

Petroglyphs and paint pictographs have graced the sandstone canyons south of Rangely for about 13 centuries. But a town that now has one church for every 230 residents is also known for an often-photographed bluff on its eastern outskirts spray painted with the misspelled message "Jesus is Comming."

This patch of high desert 25 miles east of the Colorado-Utah border has

tion has stayed relatively static.

The town has worked hard to diversify its economy. It founded Colorado Northwestern Community College more than 50 years ago. It sponsors annual motor sports events like rock-crawling and rally races. And it promotes its Tank Center for Sonic Arts, an abandoned water tank reconfigured as a music venue whose eerie acoustics have drawn international attention.

Despite those efforts, there is a sense among locals that Rangely is under siege — be it by new state oil and gas regulations, by federal Obamacare guidelines blamed for the hospital's financial woes, and even by its own county government, which some say favors the town of Meeker on the east side of this two-town county.

Kinney, a 53-year-old Marlboro-smoking, Mountain Dew-drinking former police lieutenant, grew up partly in Rangely, where his granddad worked the oil fields for Chevron.

Being a cop, he says, is "all I ever wanted to do." He enlisted in the Air Force as a law enforcement specialist and worked for the Rio Blanco Sheriff's Office for 15 years before he went to work as Rangely Police Department's No. 2 in 2010.

Locals saw him as a throwback — one of those small-town cops who knew your parents and probably your grandparents, and who would take the time to show up in person rather than phone. Smart, some describe him. A bit tightly wound, others say. A guy who'll talk with you and hear what you're saying.

"Like that sheriff on TV. You know, Opie's dad," one of his neighbors says.

"Yeah," agrees her husband, "but with balls."

Kinney reported to longtime Rangely Police Chief Vincent Wilczek, known as Vinny, who refused multiple requests to be interviewed for this story.

Wilczek has a reputation as rough around the edges — short-tempered, long-winded, and sometimes gruff. He had a stroke in 2016. Kinney ran the department in his long absence.

To the extent that a 73-year-old town like Rangely has old, established families, Wilczek's is one of them. The police department and the town administration are linked through blood and marriage. Wilczek's cousin, Lisa Piering, became town manager the day after Pierce's death after years serving as town clerk. And his wife, Karen, serves not only as Rangely's county court clerk, but also the primary judge in its municipal court, where cases stemming from police citations are heard.

"I think that's a conflict of interest," says Rio Blanco County Sheriff Anthony Mazzola.

Karen Wilczek was reappointed as municipal judge by the town council after assuring members she recuses herself "when any potential or perceived conflicts of interest arise." Town Attorney Dan Wilson backed her up.

The Rio Blanco Sheriff's Office and the Rangely Police Department cooperate with one another, but the relationship can be strained. The small police force long has grumbled that the larger Sheriff's Office lures away Rangely police with its slightly higher salaries.

It hasn't helped that the police chief had a history of butting heads with the sheriff whose election bid he opposed in 2014. When Mazzola won the seat, he reached out to Wilczek and deputized him and all Rangely police officers in what he calls a gesture of trust and reconciliation.

Their truce was short-lived. At first, Wilczek and Mazzola bickered over minor jurisdictional issues — what Kinney called "pissing matches." Those turned into all-out war in 2016 when Kinney, unable to pursue a robbery suspect on foot because of an injury, yelled at him to stop and fired two warning shots into the air with people and a sheriff's deputy nearby.

Mazzola calls Kinney's warning gunfire "boneheaded" and "reckless," especially for a veteran officer. He was furious when Wilczek refused to seek an outside investigation, as is required for officer-involved shootings. Wilczek said it was not an officer-involved shooting because nobody was hit and his department's policies did not prohibit officers from firing warning shots.

The Ninth Judicial District Attorney's office and agents from the Colorado Bureau of Investigation sided with the police. But Mazzola had lost trust in Rangely's police force and its ability to work safely with his deputies. He told the town manager "your town is out of control" and declared all of Rangely's officers un-deputized because, he says, he did not want the legal liability for their missteps.

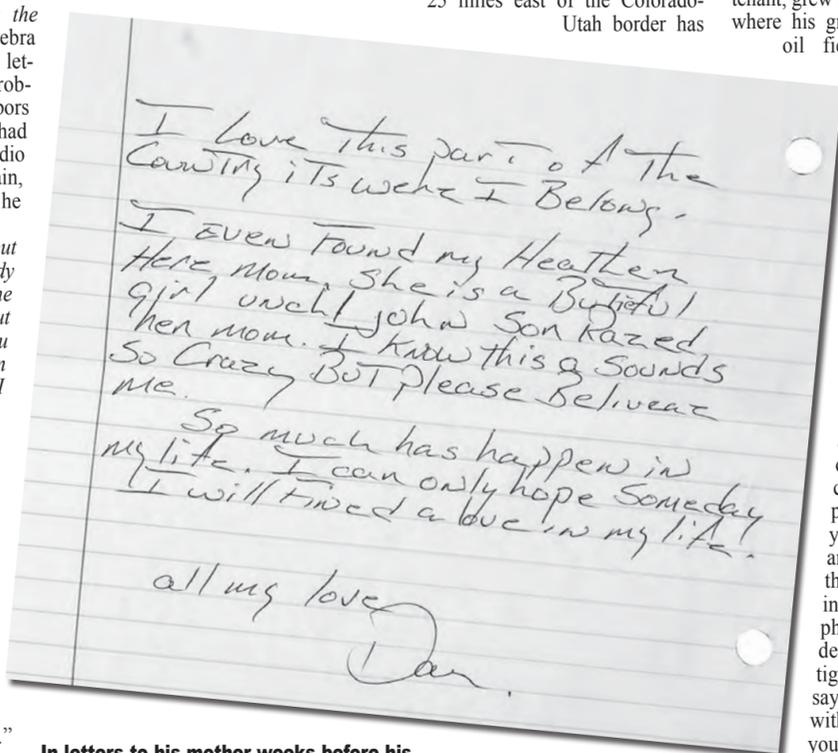
"I touted Roy as the best cop in the county. (But) when he went to work for Rangely PD, something changed," Mazzola says of Kinney.

Kinney took Mazzola's condemnation as a personal attack from a man he had considered a close friend since Dec. 10, 2004.

It was on that date — 14 years to the day before Kinney would kill Pierce — that Mazzola killed a suspect in a reported domestic dispute after a car chase. Kinney, who also responded to that call, remembers Mazzola asking him immediately after, "Did I f*** up? Did I f*** it up?"

"I told him no, because in my eyes he hadn't, even though in other people's eyes he may have," he says.

For many years, the two men would meet for dinner each Dec. 10 to, as Kinney puts it, "celebrate our survival." But in recent years,



In letters to his mother weeks before his death, Daniel told her he loved Rangely. "It's a special life here. ... My health is great here. No more pain or headaches. Thank God."

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District in Rangely, first encountered Pierce at the district-run RV park in town where Pierce was living out of his van. When Pierce told him he was a veteran, Webber loaned him a tent and sleeping bag, stopped charging him rent for his RV park space, and hired him to mow the greens at the local golf course. "He was always on time and he did a good job," he says. "He was a different fellow, but a nice guy."

As temperatures dropped last fall, Pierce used the money he earned at the golf course and a job working maintenance at the community college to rent a duplex on South Grand Street. His landlord, Chris Wills, describes him as neatly dressed, well spoken and chatty about what he said was his career in the Army's elite special forces.

Something about Rangely resonated with Pierce.

"I love this part of the country it's where I belong," he wrote



Daniel Pierce's mother Rose Nuttbrock (left), who lives in southern California, doesn't understand why she didn't hear from anyone after her oldest son's death. "Does Colorado care? Do they even care if an officer, you know, shoots someone, if they kill a man with mental illness?" (Right) Daniel had a younger brother named David who was murdered by a schoolmate when he was 14 and Daniel was 18.



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they stopped getting together. "I guess our relationship changed," he says.

Mazzola agrees that the 2004 shooting "bonded us," and says, "I'm not sure how things fell apart."

The demise of their friendship would later cause Kinney to wonder if Mazzola tried to influence the investigation into Pierce's death to make him look bad.

Criticism of the Rangely PD intensified in 2017 when prominent residents were being pulled over in what they complained were overly aggressive traffic stops. Officers would snare drivers on pretexts such as turning on their blinkers too soon or having muddy license plates or objects dangling from their rear-view mirrors. Locals were angry to learn officers had a running contest to see who could make the most drunk driving arrests.

"We didn't encourage competition, I'll tell you that," says Kinney, who also does not deny such a contest took place. "It's human nature to be competitive. It has been going on among officers here for a long, long time."

In January 2018, the town council held a three-hour public hearing on the police department, which Kinney refers to as "the evisceration."

Residents complained they felt picked on by over-amped cops abusing their power. Jeff Rector, a Rio Blanco County commissioner who had been pulled over twice, said their "heavy-handedness" was out of touch with "Rangely America." "Everybody's not a bad guy," added Paul Fortunato, a former sheriff's deputy.

Sheriff Mazzola, in the meantime, became increasingly outspoken against the police force. "We're public servants," he says of law enforcement. "We're not at war with the public."

The five-person department lost two of its officers in 2018. One of them, Max Becker, left for the sheriff's office because he felt his views about law enforcement didn't line up with the police force. He later filed a complaint against the Rangely department alleging it was misrepresenting the length of time recorded for its traffic stops to justify the use of a drug-sniffing dog. The Colorado Bureau of Investigation and the DA's office found discrepancies, but did not pursue the issue.

"We're public servants. We're not at war with the public."

~ Anthony Mazzola, RBC Sheriff



Anthony Mazzola

A confidential informant, meanwhile, lodged a complaint through the sheriff's office, claiming Kinney and Wilczek were throwing drug-tainted tennis balls into people's cars to trigger canine drug searches. Both denied the allegation, and no action arose from that complaint, either.

Distrust stung the police department hardest late last year when it started having trouble getting its cases prosecuted. Jessica King, the deputy DA at the time, says she was "constantly frustrated" by its chronic inability to provide her office with evidence and documentation from its arrests.

She felt she was "stonewalled right and left," mainly on drug cases, which she stopped prosecuting. But Mazzola says it was more than drug cases and that "She was totally bucking everything from Rangely."

By the time Pierce was killed in December, Kinney says King's refusal to prosecute cases had rendered his department essentially powerless.

JESUS TALK

Still on the beat despite public scorn and interdepartmental drama, Kinney first met Pierce at an ATV race in September 2018. He would over the next months see the newcomer walking around town. "He always wanted a cigarette, saying his military check hadn't come yet. I'd give him one and we'd stand on the street and talk." Over many Marlboros, Pierce told him stories about his exploits in the special forces. "It was just extraordinary stuff that made me think, 'No way, this guy's full of crap,'" says the Air Force veteran.

Their exchanges were friendly until Dec. 4 when the school district reported a man who fit Pierce's description had been lingering around the high school trying to lure students into his blue van. Kinney and Wilczek went to question him outside the Main Street Café, where Pierce told them one of the students was his nephew, Sebastian.

Pierce seemed lucid during that conversation. But he had never mentioned to Kinney he had family in town. And there was no student named Sebastian involved in the school encounter. The lieutenant tracked down Pierce's mother by phone in California that day. Nuttbrock told him about her son's paranoid schizophrenia and her decision to kick him out of her house.

"She opened her heart to me and I really thought we made a connection," he says. "I told her that everything seemed to be fine with him, that he seemed to be fitting in, other than that weird school thing."

Four days later, on Dec. 8, employees of the Bank of the San Juans on Main Street reported a man fitting Pierce's description had come by looking for a red-headed teller he thought might be in danger. They told him no redhead worked there. Still, he said he would return for her Monday and would be "coming with God."

Kinney headed to Pierce's place, where body camera video shows Pierce waiting for him on his front porch.

"Had a call from the bank. You spooked 'em," Kinney told him.

"You can put me where you

want. Tonight everybody will be gone," Pierce said.

He invited the lieutenant into his living room where he kept only a rug, the back seat of a car he used as a sofa, and a radio blaring country music. After some conversation, he proclaimed himself "the Creator."

"You think you're the Creator?" Kinney asked. "Is the Creator harmful to people?"

"No. Hell no. I'm not harmful to anybody, Roy."

Pierce pointed in the direction of the bank, saying the redhead he was looking for that morning was his wife Debra.

"Your Debra doesn't live here in Rangely," Kinney told him.

Pierce, still wearing his wedding ring, said she had visited him the day before and that they were trying to get back together. Kinney asked where she went.

"I... She... Roy, you can come and go. This is heaven. You can come and go from this place."

When Kinney told him to stop scaring people, Pierce got in his face. "You want to shoot me? Shoot me, I'll come back to life, shoot me."

Kinney radioed for back-up.

"You don't need back-up. You want to put me in jail? Put me in jail," Pierce challenged him. "You're not going to put me in a hospital, either. You're not going to f***ing sedate me because medicine doesn't work on me. You've got one choice. ... Tonight the world ends if I don't get my wife back."

"And if she doesn't come back, what's going to happen?" Kinney asked.

"Like I said, the world will disappear tonight. Everybody in this town will disappear. That's the way it goes."

Kinney left after about 20 minutes. As he walked out Pierce's door, the Rio Blanco County sheriff's deputy who had responded as back-up commented:

"He is off his rocker. Is that an M-1 hold or what?"

Police officers have authority under Colorado law to take people into custody for an involuntary, 72-hour treatment evaluation if they are mentally ill and an imminent danger to themselves or others. The decision to put someone on an "M-1 hold" hinges on factors such as whether their thought process is illogical, they are hearing voices or seeing things that are not there, and they are showing signs of anger and aggression.

Kinney says Pierce was the second person in his life to "scare the hell out of me" — the first being an older cousin named Tommy Carl.

"Looked a lot and talked a lot" like Pierce, he says.

He describes his cousin while reviewing the body camera video of what he calls Pierce's "Jesus talk" in his home office. "Tommy Carl was a vicious, violent bastard. I don't say that about Dan. But that's what I see in his eyes when he gets angry here."

His cousin died about 10 years ago: "Killed himself in Oklahoma, confronted by cops

and they wouldn't shoot him, so he shot himself."

Kinney says the fact that Pierce rattled him that morning was not reason enough to "take away his freedom." He had encountered several people during his three decades of policing who asked him to shoot them. "It's not an uncommon thing," he says. "And, Jesus, this is the second Jesus I've dealt with in my career."

He decided Pierce's threats were not credible because he did not have the power to literally destroy the town.

Kinney called the hotline at Mind Springs Health — the contractor paid to provide mental health services in Rio Blanco County — and described his conversation with Pierce. He laid out his reasoning for why "he wasn't M-1-able." He says the counselor agreed.

Mind Springs President and CEO Sharon Raggio confirms the call was made and says it lasted 58 seconds. She says because her organization has no record of Pierce in its system, it was likely a "curbside consult."

Still, she says, the call was out of the ordinary.

"Usually when law enforcement calls, it's for some kind of help. It's not just 'Does this person need an M-1 or not?' but 'Is this person safe and how can we engage them and get them into treatment?'"

As Raggio tells it, typical protocol would be for Mind Springs to reach out to the subject of the call and "ensure that a safety plan would be made."

But no such outreach or safety plan was made on Pierce's behalf. Kinney says he did not discuss those options during his phone call with Mind Springs and that the counselor did not offer them.

The police incident report about Pierce's visit to the bank and subsequent "Jesus talk" with Kinney was written in July 2019 — seven months after Pierce's death — by Officer Ti Hamblin, who had been named Rangely's interim police chief after Kinney's and Wilczek's forced retirements. Kinney hadn't gotten around to writing it before he was put on leave after the shooting.

The report does not mention the lieutenant's call to Mind Springs or any efforts to seek help for Pierce.

THE PURSUIT

Two days after Kinney had visited Pierce, the officer stopped in the parking lot of Rangely's Kum & Go and was speaking with Butch McAlister, a former sheriff's deputy. It was Monday evening, Dec. 10. McAlister had spotted a car broken down outside the convenience store and worried because the methamphetamine user inside was relying on a propane heater to keep warm.

Pierce showed up, walked between Kinney and McAlister, and said the man who had been causing trouble outside the high school had a woman tied up in the basement. Then, he went to smoke with the cashier.

"I told Butch that if there's somebody dangerous, it's that guy," Kinney says.



Authorities say boy was slain deliberately

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Press-Enterprise Staff Writer

A 14-year-old boy being held in the rifle slaying of a friend last Thursday apparently first wounded the boy accidentally and then finished him off later, according to sheriff's detectives.

The dead boy, David Todd Pierce, also 14, was found by a sheep herder Friday morning in the hills south of Home Gardens. Neither of the two boys who had some target shooting with him Thursday afternoon reported the incident to police.

The second and apparently fatal shooting occurred after the boy now in custody went to look for help, returned without any, and then shot the boy five or six times, according to what the third boy told detectives. No motive was known.

The coroner's office said Pierce's body had several bullet wounds, including a fatal gunshot wound in the head.

The boy who allegedly shot Pierce was not identified because of his age. He was arrested and booked into Juvenile Hall for the slaying.

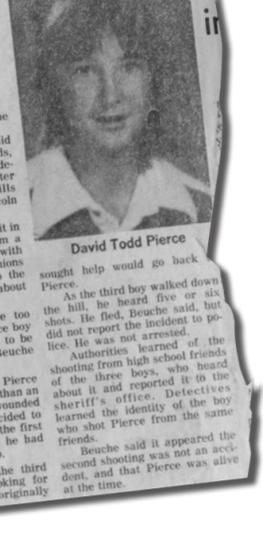
Sgt. Bernard Beuche said that Pierce and his two friends, students at La Sierra High, decided to go target shooting after school Thursday in the hills about two miles from Lincoln Street.

Beuche said Pierce was hit in the stomach by a bullet from a 22-caliber rifle the boys had with them. Pierce's two companions tried to carry him back to the road but they stopped after about a half-mile.

"It appears they were too tired to go on and the Pierce boy was too severely wounded to be carried any farther," Beuche said.

The boy who had shot Pierce went for help. After more than an hour of waiting with the wounded Pierce, the third boy decided to go for help, too. He met the first boy returning, who said he had been unable to find help.

They agreed that the third boy would continue looking for help, while the boy who originally



David Todd Pierce

The lieutenant headed to his office to fill out paperwork. Shortly after, he heard from dispatch that a white pickup truck had been stolen from the Kum & Go. He assumed the thief was the meth user with the broken-down car until he heard the description of the suspect.

"I was just like, 'Oh, God, it's him.'"

He was alarmed to hear from dispatch that the truck Pierce had stolen had a rifle on the front seat.

Sheriff's Deputy Max Becker, the former Rangely police officer, spotted the stolen truck on state Hwy. 139 southeast of town. Pierce was driving about 40 miles an hour, well below the speed limit, when Becker radioed that he would follow him and wait for backup from Kinney, who was the only other law enforcement officer on duty and nearby. Becker also asked dispatch to alert law enforcement in neighboring Mesa County, about 50 miles in the direction Pierce was heading. He says he planned to follow Pierce all the way to Mesa County if necessary because he did not want to escalate the situation.

Pierce stopped in the middle of the road and got out of the truck. Becker initiated a "high risk traffic stop," drawing his gun and telling him to show his hands. "He clearly (saw) who and what I am," Becker says. Yet, "he seemed surprised."

Ignoring Becker's commands, Pierce got back into the stolen truck and continued driving southbound.

Kinney chimed in about Pierce over the radio: "That party, I know who it is. 10-96 on him" — "10-96" being police code for "mental suspect." "He was very confrontational the other day," Kinney warned. "The guy is nuts."

The lieutenant caught up to Becker and asked if he could safely pass him and Pierce, "get

some distance," and lay out spike strips to disable the truck. Becker did not object, advising that there was a straightaway coming up where Kinney could set the strips safely.

Kinney made the pass, but Pierce then turned the stolen truck around and headed back north on State Highway 139. Kinney caught up immediately behind Pierce, telling him several times by name over a loudspeaker to pull over.

By this point, Pierce's driving had become erratic, leading Kinney to speculate over the radio that Pierce could be "messing with that rifle." Meanwhile, Wilczek had joined the pursuit and deployed spike strips further north. Hamblin, too, had responded. Rangely's entire police force, plus Becker, was now involved.

Kinney decided to pass Pierce after he failed to respond to the loudspeaker. As he did so, Pierce suddenly crossed the centerline, veering toward Kinney's patrol car and causing the lieutenant to nearly run off the road to avoid being hit. There would be disagreement later as to whether he was trying to ram Kinney's car, or just driving erratically. Kinney would say Pierce was trying to kill him.

As Becker tells it, Wilczek escalated the situation by driving "right on [Pierce's] bumper." "It was an indicator to me that things were getting a little bit ramped up," he says.

The pursuit took place in the county sheriff's jurisdiction until Pierce approached the intersection of state highways 139 and 64, within Rangely's town limits. The spike strips the officers set up deflated the front tires of the stolen truck, limiting Pierce's ability to control it. Kinney was concerned that if Pierce turned left at the intersection, no officers would be there to protect the town. He directed Becker to "push him off

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PAIGE JONES PHOTO

After two interactions earlier in the week with Rangely police, Pierce stole a truck from outside the Rangely Kum & Go, setting off a tragic chain of events that would lead to his death.

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the road" and guard against any oncoming traffic.

Because ramming a vehicle amounts to use of deadly force, Becker refused. Later, opinions would differ on whether that decision affected the outcome.

Officer Hamblin followed Kinney's order, using the bumper of his patrol car to push the truck as Pierce accelerated, making it spin off the side of the road near the intersection. The truck accelerated forward again, striking Kinney's patrol car with enough force to significantly damage the car and injure Kinney's neck in a way that would eventually require surgery and limit his range of motion. Pierce reversed after the first impact, pushing Hamblin's car sideways. He pulled forward again, bounced off the front of Becker's patrol car to hit Kinney's again. The revving of the truck's engine drowns out almost all other sound in the video. The squad cars had Pierce cornered.

Wilczek, by this point, was out of his car standing alongside the stolen truck. Pierce reversed again. The chief shouted to his colleagues that he would fire at its back tires to disable them, then did so with two shots.

Kinney, still in his patrol car, didn't hear Wilczek, but he heard the shots and thought Pierce had fired at the chief. He says he could not see whether Pierce was holding a gun, but did see a big smile on his face. He interpreted that grin to mean "I was next."

It was fast and loud, that moment in the December darkness when Kinney shot through the front windshield, hitting Pierce twice in the head.

Then time stopped. "Everything, everything in me seemed to freeze," Kinney says.

He, Becker and Hamblin secured the car, finding that the rifle in it had been left untouched. Pierce, wearing his Army cap, was slumped in the driver's seat. "He's dead," Kinney said, though Pierce was still breathing. Paramedics arrived to transport Pierce to nearby Rangely District Hospital, where he was pronounced dead shortly after.

One of those paramedics was Shanna Kinney, the head of Rangely's emergency services

and the lieutenant's wife. She had been on standby at the hospital, listening to the radio traffic on the police scanner. When she heard Becker defy her husband's order to push the truck off the road, she says her "heart sank."

"In my entire career I had never heard or seen that happen before. I knew that [Becker] falling to the rear [of the pursuit] was going to leave our three officers to deal with this and I had a feeling that this was going bad," she says.

'OVER FOREVER!'

Most everyone in Rangely heard within a day or two about a police chase and some guy they had shot.

Chris Wills knew more details than most because an investigator had come to question her about her tenant Daniel Pierce, and because Pierce's blue Chevy van had been towed to Wild Willie's Storage, Wills' business.

She went to the townhome Pierce rented from her and found on the kitchen counter a calendar with two notes jotted in marker.

"The Ends" read the note on Dec. 5. The one on Dec. 9 read "Over Forever!"

"My husband and I were sitting there like 'Oh my God, this was suicide by cop.' We figured then that it was orchestrated," she says.



Pierce's killing was Rangely's first officer-involved homicide since 1981, when one of the department's officers killed a sniper at the town's post office. Yet town officials stayed mum, not even mentioning it during a town council meeting the next day. They put Kinney and Wilczek on extended administrative leave pending criminal and internal affairs investigations.

In the [criminal probe](#), DA Jeff Cheney wrote in March that he considered "potential violations of police policies and best practices as a factor," but ultimately cleared Kinney and Wilczek of criminal wrongdoing. Given that Pierce had used the stolen truck as a weapon, the DA found, they had the right to defend themselves and each other.

Rangely's new town manager, Lisa Piering, and Mayor Andy Shaffer made no public statements about the shooting, both citing confidentiality around personnel matters. Piering refused to release Kinney's personnel file to officers in the Craig Police Department who were conducting the internal affairs probe. According to the report, she told investigators that town Attorney Wilson "did not feel comfortable" turning over the file.

Piering ignored the *HT*'s questions, even months later, about what had happened with Wilczek and Kinney.

Piering told *The Independent* in August she did not know and had not asked if police had sought mental health intervention for Pierce. She said Rangely officers "have training, obviously, on all sorts of human behavioral issues." But that was an overstatement. In a career spanning nearly 30 years, Kinney's mental health training amounted to a one-day workshop four years earlier.

Piering said Rangely's town council had no policy discussions after Pierce's killing because nobody had called for one and there was "no need." She defended officers, saying they had followed a set of police policies the town had newly adopted.

But she was wrong. Chief Wilczek had been working on revising the police policies since at least 2010. Former Rangely Town Manager Peter Brixius says in the last year he was there — he left in August 2018 — there was an "extensive push" to get new policies in place. But, officers that December night were still operating under a set of policies and procedures adopted 18 years earlier, copied from those of the Grand Junction Police Department.

The new policies still have not been adopted and are scheduled this month to be considered by the town council.

Piering, by the time of that interview, had received the internal affairs report, which clearly showed officers broke several of those policies when they chased and killed Pierce.

She and the town Attorney Wilson refused to release that report, which predated by four

months a new state law requiring police internal affairs records be open to the public. The old statute governing those records required government agencies to do a balancing test weighing the public interests for transparency against the law enforcement officer's desire for privacy.

"Allowing the public unfettered access to the report you request would seriously impair the privacy interests of those involved..." concludes a letter they had signed by Hamblin, the new chief who has refused to discuss anything related to Pierce's killing.

The Independent's First Amendment lawyer Steve Zansberg pointed out in a letter to the town that Hamblin had a conflict of interest in determining privacy interests because he was directly involved in the Pierce pursuit.

The town eventually agreed to release the internal affairs report, but with all the conclusions redacted. Those are the important parts — the ones the public would need to determine whether police went rogue the night they killed Pierce.

Releasing the unredacted report, Piering wrote in an affidavit, "would have a hugely chilling effect on my ability to supervise my employees and to fairly exercise my discretion in making employment related decisions and consider future changes to policy." She, the council and town employees, she continued, "would be inundated with criticism, opinions, and adamant recommendations of what I should do, and what the Council should do, relative to each of the decisions I and my staff have made since the incident occurred."

The end result, she wrote, would be "that our governance of the Town of Rangely would be severely negatively impacted."

Experts on government transparency say Colorado has an open records law precisely so the public can evaluate officials and hold them accountable.

"Law enforcement officers, in particular, require scrutiny because they wield so much power," says Jeff Roberts, executive director of the Colorado Freedom of Information Coalition. "Secrecy fosters mistrust, but transparency helps to build trust between a police department and a community."

Under the new state law, Roberts noted, only limited redactions would have been allowed.

When Piering agreed to an interview with the *HT* in September, she invited Mayor Shaffer to the meeting. Publishing this article, they said, would re-traumatize the officers involved, "dredge things up" and "stir up a can of worms for this community."

"It's going to rekindle this whole thing that has went on... It's not a favorable position for anybody," Shaffer warned the newspaper. "From me to you in small town America, that's what's going to happen. That's where it's going and it's not going to be nice for anybody."

The story, they said, is over.



An unredacted copy of the internal affairs report obtained in our reporting concluded that Wilczek should have cleared with Kinney his decision to fire at the truck's tires. The chief admitted several times his lack of familiarity with his own department's policies on pursuits, use of force, and deadly force.

The report found that Kinney violated department policy by taking tactical control of the pursuit outside of the town limits without Becker's formal approval. Ramming the truck and shooting Pierce without confirming if he was holding a weapon, investigators determined, were unjustified uses of deadly force.

The report did not find Hamblin at fault for ramming the truck because he was following Kinney's directions. Investigators seem to have ignored now-Chief Hamblin's admission that he would have asked to ram the truck if the lieutenant had not made the order.

The report cited Kinney's 2016 warning shots incident at least three times — saying at one point it was symptomatic of a lack of leadership. It said the lieutenant



KURT MILLER PHOTO

Following Pierce's death, his landlord discovered a calendar on the kitchen counter marking the day before Pierce's death as "Over Forever!"

broke department policy by taking unreasonable risks in pursuing Pierce so aggressively.

Kinney, in response, says he "started calling the shots because Becker wasn't doing it" — a point Becker does not dispute. He points to a part of the video in which he asked Becker if he could pass Pierce, and "Max gave me an affirmative." "I was backing Max up, and I believe I was helping him to bring this to an end safely. Helping does not mean showing up and being a blind and deaf dunce."

Kinney most objects to the report downplaying the threat he says Pierce posed. He asserts that Pierce tried to sideswipe his patrol car rather than merely "swerved," as the report phrases it. It is unclear from the [dashboard video](#) which account is more accurate.

He did not help his case by arguing semantics, insisting the truck was "pushed" rather than "rammed" off the road. He at points was defensive and snarky. Asked why he did not follow Becker's lead in letting Pierce continue driving toward Mesa County, he told his reviewer, "Why? Because we didn't."

The investigation found that Kinney had taken half of a 300 mg Hydrocodone pill early the morning of the incident, more than 14 hours before he killed Pierce.

He had been on the prescription for chronic back pain since the 1990s and had disclosed it on his job application and to Wilczek and the town manager. He also had a signed medical waiver to keep taking it. Still, the inquiry deemed his use of the drug to have violated Rangely's code of conduct.

"It did not affect me while on duty," he says. "But if I violated their code, OK, they got me, ...especially if they're looking for excuses."

Kinney believes Mazzola stirred criticism about the police department and intentionally influenced the inquiry against him and Wilczek by telling internal affairs investigators about the September 2016 warning shots incident.

"I honestly believe that they were trying to get us torn down so the sheriff could take over."

He acknowledges that theory "may sound paranoid," but says,

"Having been hit with back to back to back complaints ... we have every reason to be."

More personally, Kinney feels burned by the former friend whose own officer-involved shooting he defended. The brotherhood he had with Mazzola, he says, has been betrayed.

"That's a sad damn thing."

Mazzola says he spoke with internal affairs investigators because they reached out to him with questions. Both he and Becker acknowledge that Kinney "is a better tactician" than Becker.

"Roy has a very strong personality. He's a leader and he'll take charge," Mazzola says. But he draws a line, saying, "There are jurisdictions for a reason." Kinney taking control of the pursuit from Becker amounted to Rangely police "not respecting our jurisdiction."

Michael Benza, senior instructor of law at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio, says a pattern of policy violations and police overzealousness could have created serious legal liability for Rangely. Piering's refusal to release Kinney's personnel file to the internal affairs investigators was, in his opinion, a "red flag."

All of those actions, he says, "add zeros" to a potential lawsuit against the town.



Neither the DA's nor internal affairs reports addressed the judgment calls Kinney and his department made in response to Pierce's mental illness or whether different decisions or protocols may have prevented the fatal outcome.

No one in town leadership asked how or why a man police knew was sick ended up with two of its bullets in his head.

A man's life and death were reduced to a closed police matter. Nobody said it was a shame, a tragedy, or that maybe there are cracks in the system.

JUDGMENT CALLS

Rose Nuttbrock wants to believe her son wanted to live.

If he was suicidal, she asks, why were his last letters to her so upbeat and "why would he have just refilled his high blood pressure prescription in November?"

She tells herself he didn't mean to steal the white pickup truck and must have thought it

"It makes you wonder if the price of a life in a rural area is lower than the price of a life somewhere else. I hate to tell you that the answer is yes."

~ Ken Davis, Northwest Colorado mental health care provider

was his because he used to own one in Missouri that looked like it. She reckons he stopped on the highway and got out of the truck, confused, because he didn't know why the police were chasing him. About the "Over Forever!" he wrote on his calendar, she thinks maybe he was referring to his time in Rangely, where he had hoped to escape from his problems — not, she says, referring to his life.

But reason weighs on her. Her own experience reminds her of those voices, that sickness in his head. And she realizes her Danny was sick of being sick.

She understands his behavior was causing problems for the police. What she cannot abide is that Kinney knew about his paranoid schizophrenia, yet killed him anyway.

"Why couldn't they have used tear gas or something? Why did they have to shoot him? If he was holding a gun, (wouldn't they) have seen it?... That just isn't right," she says. "If this had happened in California, newspapers would have been knocking down my door. I mean, why wasn't I hearing from anybody? Does Colorado care? Do they even care if an officer, you know, shoots someone, if they kill a man with mental illness?"



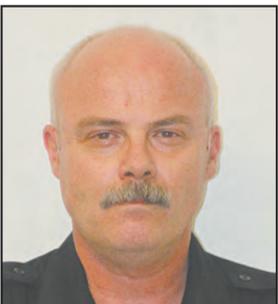
Rio Blanco County is a dangerous place to have a mental health crisis.

Residents here are nearly twice as likely as the average Coloradan to be uninsured. With about 6,300 residents, the county has far less than half the mental health providers per capita than the state

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Ti Hamblin



Roy Kinney



Vince Wilczek



Max Becker



Rangely Town Manager Lisa Piering (left) and Mayor Andy Shaffer (right) discouraged the HT and The Colorado Independent from pursuing this story in an attempt to “protect the town.”

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average. [Countywide](#), according to [Mental Health Colorado](#), it has two licensed professional counselors, two clinical social workers and one registered psychotherapist. It has no psychologists and no nurses specializing in mental health.

The county health department long has ranked mental health – and substance abuse issues – as its top concern, but its latest [progress report](#) in 2018 found it had made “little traction” on prevention and treatment efforts.

Some 57% of residents here cited “mental health stigma” as the reason they have been unable to obtain mental health services, and 61% reported being uncomfortable discussing personal problems, according to [data](#) compiled by Mental Health Colorado. Those percentages eclipse the statewide averages of 22% and 31% statewide, respectively.

Sharma Vaughn, who worked until August as the chief nursing officer at Rangely District Hospital, says this community too often perceives mental health problems as a character flaw rather than an illness. Those attitudes are largely cultural – “the rugged individualistic West,” she says. But she sees them also as reflections of an under-funded rural health care system.

“If we have an emergency and we don’t have the resources, it can be between an hour or two hours before someone gets to us with that specific skill set,” she says. About the Pierce case in particular, “My worry is that I’m not sure what resources we had for him and I’m not sure what resources we have for law enforcement professionals to make sure we have someone in crisis getting the help they need.”

The national model for preparing first responders is a 40-hour crisis intervention training ([CIT](#)) that originated in Memphis and teaches officers to recognize acute mental disorders so they can help people access care and treatment. It is designed to promote the safety of both the public and officers.

Several law enforcement agencies in Colorado require officers to take crisis intervention training. Rangely is not one of them. Officials from small and rural law enforcement agencies say they do not have the money or person-power to spare officers for a whole workweek of training. Why Rangely does not is unclear. Piering refused to answer ques-

ing. “I did not have the manpower to ‘need to’ hold any mental health training until now,” he wrote in an email. Now that he has hired three new officers, is advertising for a lieutenant and just requested funding for a sixth officer, he said he is trying to schedule a class “for early next year.”



It is easy, experts warn, to assume that better mental health training for law enforcement could change the outcomes of cases like Pierce’s.

“But I don’t know that’s necessarily true,” Valentino says.

“When you have law enforcement responding to unmet mental health needs, bad things happen,” adds Vincent Atchity, the new president of Mental Health Colorado, the state’s premier advocacy group, who has spent [much of his career](#) trying to disentangle people with mental illness from the criminal justice system.

Until recently, Colorado was one of six states that still used jails to house people on involuntary mental health holds. But big city law enforcement agencies were complaining about jail overcrowding and rural departments struggled to meet the 72-hour limit for M-1 holds because of the time it could take to transfer people to and from clinics for mental health evaluations. The legislature in 2016 passed a bill to extend the 72-hour limit, but then-Gov. John Hickenlooper vetoed it on grounds that evaluation and treatment for people in crisis should not be delayed. In 2017, lawmakers passed – and Hickenlooper signed – a law requiring that

people on involuntary holds be housed in clinical settings such as psychiatric wards rather than in jails. There is no such ward at Rangely District Hospital. Rio Blanco County has a contract with West Springs Hospital, which is run by Mind Springs Health, the organization Kinney called about Pierce. The hospital is 92 miles south in Grand Junction.

West Springs is the only psychiatric hospital between Denver and Salt Lake City. It had 32 beds on the day Kinney called, and had been at capacity for years, with a list of patients waiting for inpatient care. “The truth is they were always full, every day, and every day we had a wait list,” says Mind Springs’ Raggio.

Her organization addressed the problem by adding 32 more beds, doubling West Springs’ capacity. Those beds became available on Dec. 11, 2018 – the day after Pierce was killed.



Pierce fell through other cracks in mental health care services in other ways that also involved Mind Springs.

“What I do know is that Mind Springs encourages officers to not do M-1s. Mind Springs encour-

ages officers to defer to Mind Springs,” Valentino says. “As the professionals, as the people who have the most training around this, they didn’t want people in law enforcement to be making those decisions about M-1s inappropriately.”

Mind Springs’ Raggio frames her organization’s stance a bit differently, saying law enforcement officers often feel “uncomfortable” seeking M-1 holds because they are not mental health professionals and “because it’s a big deal to take away someone’s constitutional right to be free.” “Generally speaking, we encourage law enforcement to use what we call an M.5, instead,” she says.

M.5 holds, made possible by a state law that went into effect six months before Pierce’s death, are an option for first responders, medical and mental health professionals to take someone who does not meet the “imminent danger” criterion of an M-1 hold to an outpatient clinic for walk-in services such as evaluation and treatment. Those initiating them are supposed to coordinate with a so-called “mobile crisis service” – which is required by law in each county and must arrive within two hours in rural areas – to create a safety plan for the person in crisis. The mini-M-1 hold is a half-measure to address mental health breakdowns as health crises rather than criminal ones and to make sure that people with urgent needs like Pierce get the intervention they need.

Some, mostly well-resourced and urban communities in Colorado have formed co-responder teams that bring together law enforcement,

paramedics and mental health clinicians to respond to calls like the ones about Pierce from the school and bank in Rangely. Rio Blanco County’s public health department says its communities can not afford such a team. As with many of its mental health needs, the county relies on Mind Springs to act as its mobile crisis service under a subcontract for the state.

Whenever someone asked for mobile response to a home, business, hospital or jail, Raggio says, “We responded.”

“We would have been happy to correspond with Lt. Kinney,” she adds. “He could have put Mr. Pierce on an M.5 and taken him over to our office. That was a legal option.”

Kinney says he did not know about the mobile crisis service or an M-.5 hold until asked about them in an interview for this story.

“I have never heard of either.” Alice Harvey, a former emergency room nurse who took the job as public health director in Rio Blanco County in summer 2018, says she has noticed confusion about the mobile crisis service and how it’s supposed to work with law enforcement.

“It’s a bit of a mess, honestly, because there’s such need and we’re all scrambling to provide resources.”

“You want clarity. You want people to know so they’re not sitting there thinking, whatever, like we’re just a bunch of yahoos because, frankly, I’m destroyed by that.”

~ Roy Kinney

Raggio says the Pierce case will prompt her to make sure that Mind Springs’ hotline counselors offer support to first responders who call in seeking M-1 holds but do not ask for other help.

“I think we need to go back and better train people on those types of calls,” she says. “I agree this was a tragedy. It’s just terrible when anything like this happens. Let’s all work together to close the cracks and make sure this never happens again. That’s really what it’s got to be about.”

Ken Davis, a mental health care provider in Moffat County and longtime advocate of better crisis intervention services in northwest Colorado, says he feels sick knowing “We’ve created a kind of perfect storm in which somebody with a persistent severe mental health problem is not getting the treatment, not getting the support, with people in the position of authority not recognizing the problem, and we’re having these kinds of unfortunate outcomes.”

“This is a man’s life. It makes you wonder if the price of a life in a rural area is lower than the price of a life somewhere else. I hate to tell you that the answer is yes.”

His death, adds Vaughn, the nurse in Rangely, “Might be a really good example of a time when the community needs to come together to discuss mental illness.”



There has been no such coming together, no public conversation about what Pierce was enduring, and no discussion about whether Rangely police are equipped to prevent deaths like his now and in the future. Residents are left to surmise what ailed him, what might have saved him, and how their police force responded to his case.

Wills, Pierce’s landlord, kicks herself for not offering her tenant spiritual help. “I feel kinda bad because if I had known what was going on with him, maybe I would have called a pastor to check in on him.”

Jillien Wade is a lifelong Rangely resident who works as a postal carrier in town. She never met Pierce, but heard about his killing.

“There were rumors... like that he had Huntington’s disease,” she says.

In the absence of more information about the shooting, she “assume(s) the police department made the best decision in that moment.”

“I want to believe that was the situation.”

NOT TALKING

Mazzola, after killing the suspect who tried to ambush him in 2004, saw a counselor who urged him to “tell the story to anyone who will listen” and to keep telling it until he didn’t feel the need to anymore.

Talking about that shooting, the sheriff says, was therapy for him, a path to move forward.

Kinney has not had that option.

The town made him sign a confidentiality agreement when Piering, Mayor Shaffer, town attorney Wilson, and [the agency](#) that insures Rangely police forced his retirement in May. He had to agree under the threat of a civil suit and damages not to “disparage” the town, Piering, or other town officials, especially as it relates to decisions made after Pierce’s death.

“So, basically, I’m under contract not to say anything.”

Not saying anything led Kinney to hole up most of the past year in his home office reviewing body camera and dashboard camera videos. He has memorized the twists and turns of the pursuit and the back and forth of the police radio chatter. He watches the Jesus talk video thinking “I know what’s coming, what if we could turn back and M-1 him,” and he sobs.

Saying nothing prodded Kinney to pour over Rangely police policies, transcripts of internal affairs interviews, Colorado’s M-1 laws, and studies about paranoid schizophrenia.

The silence spurred a depression that has, if nothing else, made him realize how clueless he had been about depression.

“It consumes me, this shooting. It’s all I think about,” he says.

Kinney describes his town as a “rumor basin” – a place where if people do not know something about you, they’ll make it up. The longer the silence goes on, he says, the worse it gets.

“You want clarity. You want people to know so they’re not sitting there thinking, whatever, like we’re just a bunch of yahoos because, frankly, I’m destroyed by that,” he says.

He points to the body camera video playing on his screen and adds, “They don’t know Dan Pierce. They don’t know Jesus.”

The silence became unbearable for Kinney by September, the weekend his daughter was getting married and word had spread through Piering that journalists from the HT and The Colorado Independent were onto the Pierce story and might crash the wedding. Through channels, he says, Piering let him know that the angle of this story would be that he got away with murder.

He decided to end his silence, regardless of the risks. He wants to tell the people of his town, “I did everything I could, knowing what I knew then, to protect myself, fellow officers, the community and him.”

“I heard the shots and believed Dan shot at Vince and that’s why I killed him,” he says. “There is nothing to cover up. I know in my heart that his goal was to die that night and I’m just really sad that I was any part of it. All I need is to let people know that I didn’t violate the trust they had in us. We were out of options.”



Kinney replays in his memory his conversation with Pierce’s mom. It haunts him that he had reassured Nuttbrock after she “spilled her guts to me,” and then killed her son less than a week later. It makes it harder knowing that he may have been the person in town Pierce most trusted.

“I thought if anybody could talk him down it would be me.”

Kinney’s gag order has kept him from reaching out to Nuttbrock since the shooting. It also has kept him from contacting Debra, whose absence in Pierce’s life has, in some ways, become an absence in his.

If the two had spoken, Debra would have questioned what went down that night on that road into Rangely.

“Did he need to use brute force? Maybe he didn’t. I don’t know,” she says of Kinney.

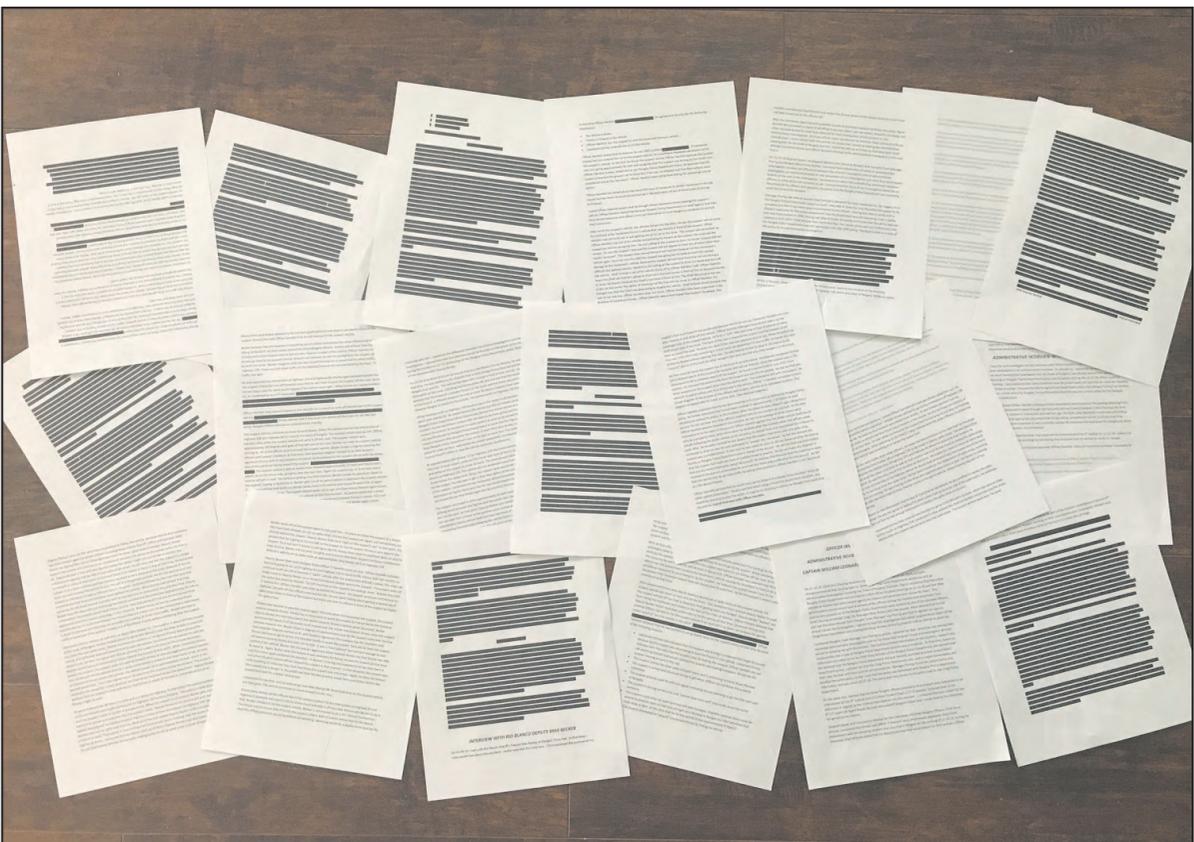
She also would have told him about things that may have made the past 11 months easier. Like Pierce’s plan, if his pain got too bad, to “run out in front of a truck and end it all.” And his infatuation with OJ Simpson’s 1994 Bronco chase from police, which struck such a chord with him that he would talk about it years later. And her suspicion that some part of her late husband “knew what he was doing and that he was tired of the voices and wanted to end this.”

Had it not been for the silence, Debra would have told Kinney she knows the corners Pierce could put you in: You were damned if you helped him, and damned if he hurt somebody else and you were blamed for not having stopped him.

She would have told the lieutenant she knew what he saw in Pierce’s eyes that day in his townhouse and two nights later, cornered in the stolen truck. And she would have said what is perhaps hardest to say: That as much as we may feel for people with acute mental illness, there can be something terrifying that grows from their madness that needs to be stopped, sometimes at any cost.

Had Kinney been able to reach out, Debra would have said “I’m glad Red’s not hearing the voices, wherever he is.”

She also would have told the lieutenant, “I don’t hold anything against you.”



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After multiple requests, the HT and The Colorado Independent received heavily redacted copies from the Internal Affairs investigation of the shooting. The Town of Rangely’s attorney removed all conclusions from the reports.



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Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER | The Pioneers Medical Center (PMC) Board of Directors has accepted the resignation of CEO Ken Harman as he prepares to begin a new position with Memorial Hospital of Carbon County in Rawlins, Wyoming. The board anticipates appointing an interim leader before Harman's departure at the end of November, and is launching a national search for a new permanent CEO.

"Ken has been a strong leader for PMC over the last 10 years. We hate to see him go, but we recognize that this is great career opportunity for Ken and his family and we wish him the very best," said Kim Brown, President of the Pioneers Medical Center Board of Directors.

Harman has overseen significant accomplishments during his years at PMC including construction of a new facility, expansion of services, recruitment of visiting specialists and orthopedic surgeons, and improvements in quality measures and processes.

"Pioneers Medical Center has been my home for almost 10 years. I've been privileged to have worked with some of the best physicians, administrators, support team members and volunteers in healthcare. They are an amazing team and I expect that PMC will continue to grow and thrive," said Harman.

The board has asked its hospital management partner, Quorum Health Resources, to help identify an interim CEO and conduct the national search for a permanent CEO. The board is committed to maintaining momentum on current initiatives underway at the hospital, including the construction project, orthopedic and visiting specialist expansion and many other programs in place to provide great care to Meeker and its residents.




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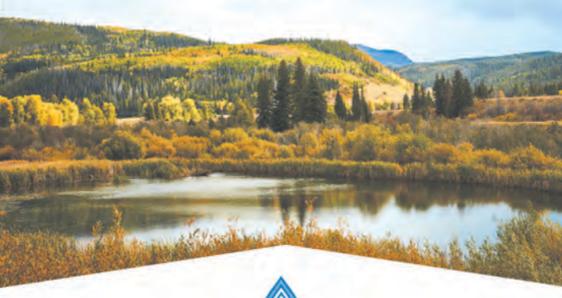
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RBC high school football teams headed into state playoffs

Cowboys play Demons Saturday at home



By **TIFFANY JEHOUREK**
Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER I The snow had to be plowed off of the field for the Class 1A Western Slope League championship game last Friday in the final regular season game and second match between Meeker and Hotchkiss this year. Their first match was in August when the Cowboys took on the Bulldogs on their turf; a final score of 28-7, Meeker victory. Until last Friday it was the only loss Hotchkiss was dealt.

“Hotchkiss is a quality opponent and it was fun to be a part of that game,” said head coach Shane Phelan.

The temperature was in the mid-20s at kick-off. With just under four minutes left in the first, quarterback Ryan Phelan connected with Jake Shelton and Kelton Turner ran it in for another two; the Cowboys were on the boards first,

8-0 Meeker. In the last two minutes of the half, the Cowboys held possession and pushed to put up another TD and narrowly missed. The teams went to the locker rooms at the half, the score was 22-13, the Cowboys.

Through the second half Hotchkiss was unable to answer Meeker’s offense. Three Cowboys exceeded 10 tackles. Tevin Pelloni had 13 and both Turner and Shelton had 11. The Cowboy/Bulldog final score was 42-26 Meeker.

The offense was not slowed by the frigid temperatures, 526 all-purpose yards were led by Turner who had 68 rushing yards and 145 overall. The Phelan/Shelton combo put up a 108 total receiving yards to lead the team and Colby Clatterbaugh who was nearly in triple digits receiving with 99 yards.

The Cowboys now look to postseason play; there are 16



TIFFANY JEHOUREK PHOTO

Cowboy junior Colby Clatterbaugh had 99 yards receiving during the Cowboy/Bulldog game last Friday that put Meeker into post-season play.

teams and four rounds in postseason, opening round, quarter-finals, semi-finals, and then championship. The rankings for seeding in the end-of-season tournament changed this year and there are four factors that decide what the rankings will be: Colorado High School Sport Athletics Association (CHSAA) Ranking Point Index (RPI), CHSAA Now Coaches Poll, Max Preps Rankings, and Packard Ranking. The seeding at the beginning of the tournament will determine where games are played for the entire tournament; not until a champion is crowned in the final game will rankings be updated and finalized for the year.

The Cowboys moved up from the number five spot to number four last week and are holding steady. They will take on the 6-3, 13 ranked Buena Vista Demons this coming Saturday in the opening round of playoffs.

“We have been playing all year for the opportunity to be in this game; it’s always great when you

play on a Saturday in the postseason,” commented Phelan.

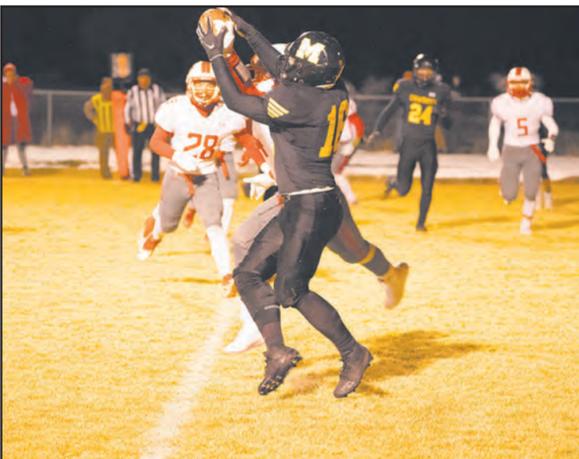
The Demons have only allowed 187 total points in their nine regular-season games, and in three games lost by more than 37 points each.

Buena Vista and Meeker had one common opponent this year; both teams took on and beat the Cedaredge Bruins. The final score of Demons and Bruins was 27-6 and final score for Cowboys and Bruins was 36-6.

“Buena Vista has a balanced attack; their quarterback throws well and their run game has multiple backs able to take the ball in any direction,” said Phelan. “We will have our work cut out for us.”

“We are excited to host this game,” commented Phelan. “It is great to be able to play in front of a home crowd and community support.”

Cowboy football will be this Saturday, Nov. 9 at 1 p.m. at Starbuck Stadium.



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MHS senior Jake Shelton catches a pass from quarterback Ryan Phelan. The Cowboys will host the Buena Vista Demons this Saturday at 1 p.m. for the first round of post-season state championship playoff games.

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The Rangely Panthers 8-man football team earned a No. 12 seed in the state playoffs and will play Dayspring Academy in Greeley this Saturday starting at 9 a.m. in the first round of the playoffs.

Panthers head to Greeley Saturday for round one

Special to the Herald Times

RANGELY I What better night for some high school football in Rio Blanco County than on a cold Halloween night in Rangely, Colorado. This game saw temperatures hover around 20 degrees at kickoff and plummet to single digits by the time the final horn sounded in a Rangely Panthers victory over the Plateau Valley Cowboys 36-14. Your Panthers were looking to cap off their regular season and Parent Appreciation Night where the team honored all players, managers and coaches and their families for the great sacrifices that they make for their son to play, their daughters to manage and the families of the coaches to coach. The Rangely

High School football coaches would like to thank all the parents, legal guardians, families and administrators for allowing them to spend time with the great athletes of the football team at RHS. With a win, the Panthers would stay in contention for an at large berth into the Colorado 8-man state playoff brackets. The win would put the Panthers at 3-3 in the Northwest 8-man League and 6-3 overall. Rangely entered the game with a Ratings Index Percentage (RPI) of 12 of the 8-man football teams in the state of Colorado.

This was the first Thursday game for the entire Rangely football team as they started off to a sluggish start giving up 14 points on five plays to the 1-7 Plateau Valley Cowboys. The Panthers failed to respond on their first offensive possession as they were forced to put after an early snap cost the Panthers a loss of 17 yards. The Panthers defense responded in their third stand and the Cowboys elected to punt on fourth down and long. Junior Ryan Richens took the punt and raced up the middle of the field from a key block by sophomore Timothy Scoggins—74 yards to put the Panthers on the board for the first time of the night. The Panthers failed to convert their two-point conversion play and the score stood at 6-14 in favor of the Cowboys.

The Panthers defense stood tall on the next possession for the Cowboys as senior Hunter Hanvey forced a Cowboys fumble and recovered the fumble himself. Sophomore running back Zane Varner carried the ball 19 yards for the Panthers to set the Panthers up with a first and goal from the Cowboys 10-yard line. Four plays later and strong

goal-line stand by the Cowboys stopped the Panthers drive in its tracks and the Cowboys set up their offense on their three-yard line. The Panthers defense showed its grit and was able to force a turnover on downs after the Cowboys managed to move the football 47 yards on eight plays.

Junior quarterback Anthony Lujan locked on to his receiving targets nicely in the Panthers ensuing drive and led the Panthers to another score. Lujan completed passes to Richens for 13 yards, junior Austin Davis for 12 yards, and Varner for 27 yards to put the score at 12-14 in favor of the Cowboys in the second quarter. On the touchdown pass to Varner, the Cowboys were flagged for an unsportsmanlike conduct penalty and the Panthers elected to enforce the penalty on the kickoff.

Freshman kicker Marstan Wagner lined the ball up as the Panthers decided for an onside kick with the short field advantage from the Cowboy penalty. The Panthers did not recover the kick and the Cowboys set their offense on the 35-yard line. On the Cowboys’ first offensive play of the drive, Varner came up from his linebacker position and recorded a sack and caused a fumble that was recovered by junior Gabe Polley on the Cowboys 31-yard line. Lujan continued to stay hot through the air and connected on two of his three pass attempts, both to Richens for a Panthers touchdown. Richens then ran the ball around the left end for the two-point conversion to put the score at 20-14 in favor of the Panthers heading into halftime.

The Panthers received the second half kick-off and deliv-



MATT SCOGGINS PHOTO

Heading into the playoffs for the second year in a row and their last year in high school football are Rangely High School seniors Justin Rusher (14), Dalton Dembowski (76), Hunter Hanvey (80), Del Garner (71), and Tytus Coombs (22).

ered a steady dose of between tackle runs. Lujan capped the drive with a two-yard rushing touchdown. Richens then followed the touchdown with a successful two-point conversion that put the Panthers up 28-14 in the third quarter.

The Panthers’ defense was not to be outdone by the offense in the third quarter as Varner intercepted the Cowboy pass on the Cowboys’ 48-yard line and then scampered 12 yards to the Cowboys 36-yard line. The Panther offense failed to take advantage of the short field position and gave the ball back to the Cowboys on a turnover of downs on the Cowboys 26-yard line. In some back and forth action the defense forced a four and out for the Cowboys and gave the

Panthers offense the ball back on the Cowboys 45-yard line.

Lujan found Richens for a 37-yard pass on a third down and six to keep the Panthers drive alive. Richens capped the drive off with a four-yard touchdown and Lujan found junior Austin Davis on the two-point conversion to put the Panthers up comfortably, 36-14. The Panthers had responded to their sluggish start with 36 unanswered points against the Cowboys. The Panthers secured their sixth win of the season and third win in the Northwest 8-man League.

With this win, the Panthers have secured a playoff berth for the second year in a row. The Panthers will play Dayspring Christian Academy in Greeley on Saturday, Nov. 9 at 1 p.m.

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MHS volleyball won all four games at the home-hosted league tournament last weekend, and will play for the regional title this weekend, again in Meeker, beginning with a match against Sargent at 9 a.m. Saturday. COURTESY PHOTO

Lady Cowboys qualify for volleyball regionals; third year in a row

By PAIGE JONES
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MEEKER I For the past three years head coach Greg Cravens has successfully brought the Meeker Cowboys volleyball team to the Regional tournament. Last weekend, the Cowboys won all four games at their home-hosted league tournament. The Cowboys saw Vail Mountain and Vail Christian Friday and West Grand and Paonia on Saturday. They came out as the number one team of the tournament and will host regionals for the third year in a row as the number one team in the 2A Western Slope League.

With an undefeated league season, the Cowboys will enter regionals with a 12-0 win-loss record. The Cowboys have been winning most games in three sets.

This Saturday, the Cowboys will hold regionals here in Meeker. The matches will be up against Telluride and Sargent. Meeker sits at No. 5 in the 2A total state bracket, while Telluride

is No. 23 and Sargent is No. 36 in the 2A state bracket. The first match will be Meeker against Sargent at 9 a.m., following those matches will be Telluride vs. Sargent then Meeker vs. Telluride. This weekend will determine placement for the state tournament that will happen next weekend in Denver at the Coliseum.

The Cowboys are sitting fifth in the state behind Wiggins No. 2, Union Colony Prep (Greeley) No. 3, Limon No. 2 and Denver Christian No. 1. This weekend will help the Cowboys hopefully move up a spot or two for the state tournament. The higher the ranking, the easier the games will be.

Last year, the Cowboys finished fifth at the state tournament. This year the hope is to play on Saturday night where this year's team could make history in winning the first state volleyball title for Meeker. This is a possible result of going into state with an undefeated league season. Come support the Meeker Cowboys this Saturday at regionals.



Panther volleyball's season came to a close last weekend in matches against Hayden, Hotchkiss, Plateau Valley and Caprock Academy. Seniors Zoey Peck, Hannah Wilkie and Andrea Knight ended their high school volleyball careers. MATT SCOGGINS PHOTOS

Tough close for lady Panthers

Special to the Herald Times

RANGELY I It was a tough closing weekend for the lady Panthers. Between Friday and Saturday they went 0-4, dropping matches to Hayden, Hotchkiss, Plateau Valley and Caprock Academy. There were some close sets in those matches but the Panthers just could not pull it together to get the wins.

The coaches would like to thank all the young ladies for working so hard this season

and also the parents and community for all their support. We wish to send a special shout out to sophomore Chloe Goshe and freshman Kiley Goshe for all they did for the team this year. Watching them grow and develop as players this season makes us extremely sad they are moving. We know they will be a huge asset to any team they choose to be a part of. We wish them luck in the future and will be watching to see their names in state statistic listings. We look forward to next year.

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■ The Indians are on their annual game slaughtering raid in the western end of the county at the present time. Each year they encroach a little bit farther on the white man's domain. They are now operating in the Coyote basin region. Of course the game wardens don't bother them and the Utes can slaughter deer for the hides as long as there are any in sight.

The Meeker Herald
100 years ago

■ John R. Hilkey of Powell Park has a fine lot of purebred young Hereford bulls for sale, and which he is desposing of at reasonable prices.

■ Just when we predicted a spell of good weather along came about two inches of snow Wednesday evening. But the snow departed next day, and Old Sol is again on the job.

■ Boy had queer aspiration: California youth believed he would make an ideal lady's maid, but he weakened.

The Meeker Herald
50 years ago

■ Meeker's Mayor and Town Council members spend a good deal of their time Monday night discussing police department policies and shortly before the meeting ended went into executive session, presumably to discuss other problems within the department.

■ Oscar Sizemore, owner of Sizemore's Resort east of Meeker on the White River, says this hunting season may be his last as he and his wife, Lulu, the "chef," plan to sell their business and retire.

The Meeker Herald
25 years ago

■ If you were waiting to hear local voting results Tuesday night, you had a long delay as Jackie Brennan, Hazel Edwards and Nancy Amick were up until 4:30 a.m. on Wednesday morning due to problems with running the official ballots through the voting machine.

■ A one cent sales tax could be what helps offset declining revenues for the town of Meeker. At least, that was one option discussed by town council members as a way to improve the town's coffers that are about \$110,000 less this year due

to a decrease in mineral leasing and severance tax revenues.

■ Cowgirls to put 24-3 mark on the line at state tourney in Denver.

Rangely Times
50 years ago

■ The Bank of Rangely has given the Rangely Library a very desirable piece of property on Main Street.

■ Anti-war demonstrators have grievously hurt the United States by short-sighted, reckless, perilous undermining of efforts to seek a fair peace.

Rangely Times
25 years ago

■ Rangely votes straight Republican; for college mill increase; against most amendments

■ Town Manager Bill Lewis is recovering quite well from a broken leg he received in a motorcycle accident.

■ The Rangely Panther football team traveled to Denver last Saturday to play in the 2A playoffs. Their first playoff appearance in five years was not a pleasant one as they were defeated by number 1 ranked Kent Denver 35-0.

RBC WEEKLY CALL REVIEW

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

Oct. 28-Nov. 3, 2019

Meeker Dispatch Center administered 608 phone calls last week including 45 911 calls, 46 calls for Meeker Police Department (MPD) and placed 176 outgoing calls. A total of 167 calls for service were created, 78 for the Sheriff's Office, 69 for MPD. (Please

note the department breakdown of calls may reflect a different number because of incidents with multiple agency responses).

The Sheriff's Office conducted nine traffic stops and issued one citation. MPD had 11 stops and issued two citations.

Other calls for the Sheriff's Office included 13 agency assists, two 911 hang ups, eight animal calls, two civil papers served, two business checks, five citizen assists, two civil issues, two disturbances, nine motorist assists, three traffic hazards, two VIN inspections, four warrant arrests and one each: abandoned vehicle, alarm, back

country rescue, K-9 deployment, suspicious incident, traffic accident, traffic complaint, traffic hazard, unattended death.

MPD calls included six agency assists, two 911 hangups, two animal calls, 17 business checks, five citizen assists, two disturbances, four motorist assists, three parking violations, six suspicious incidents, three traffic complaints, two VIN inspections and one each: abandoned vehicle, civil, property, snow complaint, traffic accident, traffic hazard.

There were 16 calls for Meeker Fire and Rescue with six ambulance requests, five medical transfers, one

backcountry rescue, two assists with Colorado State Patrol on traffic crashes and responded on one crash with RBSO, one alarm, motorist assist.

There were eight assists with Colorado State Patrol.

Thirteen traffic crashes occurred in RBC, two with injuries reported, five involving deer/elk and vehicles.

Rio Blanco Detention facility booked in eight, one by Rangely Police Department and seven from the Sheriff's Office. One inmates was released. There are currently 17 inmates in the facility. There were five transports to or from other facilities. There were no DUI arrests.

NW Colorado Air and Space Coalition meets in Rangely

Special to the Herald Times

RBC I Colorado Northwestern Community College met on Friday with local business and community leaders as part of the first meeting of the Northwest Colorado Air and Space Coalition. The coalition was formed in response to ideas presented to local leaders during the Aviation Roadshow that toured Northwest Colorado earlier this summer. The roadshow brought many aviation and aerospace professionals to our area to explore our communities and learn more about the opportunities that exist for their industry in northwest Colorado. Comments from visiting aeronautical professional and industry leaders were resoundingly positive as to the untapped potential that Colorado's northwest provides. They provided local leader with several ideas that could advance the aerospace industry here in our local area.

The coalition is working to build on the ideas presented during the roadshow and showcase opportunities in Northwest Colorado for the aeronautical and aerospace industries. The goal is to bring economic profitability to the area and creating a symbiotic relationship between our communities and

an industry that can thrive and grow in this area.

The Coalition discussed the many benefit and opportunities available to the aerospace industry locally. They also began planning a more active approach telling the story to people in the aerospace industry and highlighting the benefits this region provides.

"There are many benefits to the aerospace industry in this area. From fiber optic internet, to the unique skill sets of local industries and manufactures, to the educational opportunities and training the college provides," said Keith Peterson, VP of Instruction at CNCC. "All these elements play into the value we offer to this growing industry. We just need to do a better job of telling that story to the right people."

In attendance at the meeting were Peterson; Ray Beck, Moffat County Commissioner, Colorado Aeronautical Board, and chair of Associated Governments of Northwest Colorado (AGNC); Bonnie Petersen, executive director of AGNC; Jeffrey Forrest, chair and professor of MSU Aviation and Aerospace Science Department; Mike Sneddon, West Portal Industries, Craig; and Kurt Anderson, owner of Spartan Drill Tools.

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The Barone Middle School Cowboys traveled to Steamboat last Saturday for their first basketball tournament of 2019. They made some changes from previous games and are improving. This Friday both seventh and eighth grade A teams will travel to Soroco for a Craig, Meeker, Rangely, Soroco and West Grand Tournament. The next home game is Saturday, Nov. 6 against Hayden.

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MACC presents *James and the Giant Peach, Jr.*

Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER I The Meeker Arts and Cultural Council (MACC) Center Stage Youth Theatrical Group (CSYTG) in cooperation with the ERBM Recreation and Park District, proudly presents the fall musical *James and the Giant Peach, Jr.* on Thursday, Nov. 21 at 7 p.m.; Friday, Nov. 22 at 1 p.m. (free matinee performance for youth age 13 and under), and at 7 p.m.; Saturday, Nov. 23 at 2 p.m. Due to renovation of the MHS auditorium, the production will be held at the Meeker Elementary School Cafeteria at 201 Ute Rd.

SPECIAL INFORMATION ON TICKETS FOR SEATING:

There are only 186 seats available per performance. Advance purchase of tickets is required to avoid disappointment. Tickets are \$7 for all ages and are only available for advance sales at the Meeker Chamber of Commerce at 710 Market St. (phone 970-878-5510) and at The Little Cheese Shop/Blanco Cellars at 645 Main St. (970-779-9463). Patrons may purchase advance tickets direct-

ly. Any remaining unsold seats may be purchased at the door prior to the performance. The free tickets for youth age 13 and below must also be obtained in advance for the Friday Nov. 22 1 p.m. matinee. Free youth tickets are only valid for that performance. Tickets are color-coded and dated for each performance. Groups wishing to sit together are advised to arrive early as seats are not reserved.

As a fundraiser to offset production costs, businesses, families and other groups may purchase box ads in the printed program for \$20. Contact the Meeker Chamber to subscribe not later than November 18. Advertising merchants may wish to offer a discount to patrons who bring in their tickets for a purchase following the performance.

This delightful CSYTG renowned Broadway musical is the tenth outstanding youth musical production since the series was created by MACC in 2010 and introduces the wonderful world of the performing arts to aspiring young actors of the community. CSYTG engages young

performers from third through eighth grade introducing them to the joys of the performing arts through acting and technical theatre production experiences. Older performing arts youth in the MHS Drama Club and International Thespian Society Troupe 1284 assist with mentoring and coaching young performers. Many community parents and volunteers with performing arts experience and talent share in the production logistics to enable these worthwhile opportunities for youth. ERBM Recreation and Park District collaboratively provides funding and resources for the production.

Based on one of Roald Dahl's most poignantly quirky stories, *James and the Giant Peach Jr.* is a brand new take on this "masterpeach" of a tale. Featuring a wickedly tuneful score and a witty and charming book, this adventurous musical about courage and self-discovery is destined to be a classic. When James is sent by his conniving aunts to chop down their old fruit tree, he discovers a magic potion that grows a tremendous peach, rolls

into the ocean and launches a journey of enormous proportions.

James befriends a collection of singing insects that ride the giant piece of fruit across the ocean, facing hunger, sharks and plenty of disagreements along the way.

The possibilities for creative costuming and puppetry abound, and young actors will love playing the outlandish and larger-than-life human and insect characters.

James and the Giant Peach, Jr., is presented by special arrangement with Music Theatre International.

Book by Timothy Allen McDonald;

Music and Lyrics by Benj Pasek and Justin Paul;

Based on the book, "*James and the Giant Peach*" by Roald Dahl.

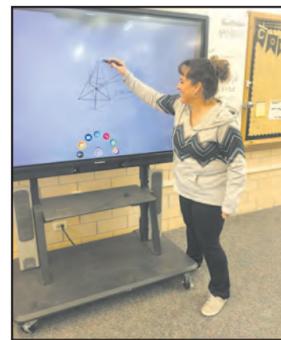
See MACC Facebook page for flyer: <https://www.facebook.com/Meeker-Arts-and-Cultural-Council-102526356488068>

For questions: contact MACC President Nancy Richardson 720-341-4326 or Director Shana Holliday 970-987-9299.

New math teacher at MHS

By **BECCA STEERMAN**
Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER I The Meeker School District would like to welcome Clea Steerman to the staff. Clea Steerman transferred to the area in early July from Lamar, Colorado, where she taught high school and junior math and science at McClave School. She is married to Don Steerman, a Meeker High School graduate, and they have three children: James and Jeanete, 20, and Becca, 17. She is teaching high school math. She is also an assistant coach on the volleyball team.



Clea Steerman is teaching high school math and is an assistant volleyball team coach at MHS.

Students Porter Hossack, states, "Starting on the first day of school, walking into Mrs. Steerman's class (geometry) I already knew that she was going to have an impact on my education, as well as my personal life. Going through the year, Mrs. Steerman and I have made a bond that I have not made with any other teacher. One of the greatest attributes that she has is, she doesn't just come to school to do her job, she comes to make an impact on the lives of each and every one of her students."

Steerman also loves being in the community of Meeker. "The first thing I noticed was how respectful the students were. Every single day, I have numerous students tell me, 'Thank you for teaching me.' Another thing I've seen is how invested the students are in their own education. They truly want to learn

and to make themselves better. I love teaching at Meeker High School, I love the students and have truly been blessed by being in the same classroom as they are. The atmosphere among the high school staff is very positive and they have made me and my family feel so welcome. I quickly saw how supportive the administration and community are towards Meeker Schools and I am so thankful to call myself a Meeker Cowboy," Steerman said.

Steerman has already jumped head first into the youth activities in Meeker. She is a friendly face that people look forward to seeing. Steerman coached the C volleyball team and helped the girls develop skills and have a successful season. They are currently 9-2.

MAKE IT WITH WOOL



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Kolbi Franklin participated in the Colorado Make It With Wool contest held in Brighton, Colorado. She was first place in the senior division with her hand tailored, 100% Pendleton coat. She is eligible to compete at the national MIWW contest in January 2020, held in Scottsdale, Arizona. Kolbi also received the Allison Turvey Smile Award in which she was voted on by others at the contest. This award was created in honor of Allison Turvey, whose life was tragically taken in a car accident. Turvey was a previous contestant at the MIWW contest.

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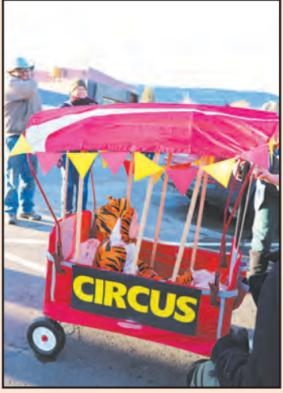
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(Top) Town of Rangely Trustee Tyson Hacking with wife Danielle. (Bottom) The Cook family enjoying trick or treating at Rangely Community Medical Health and Wellness Center.



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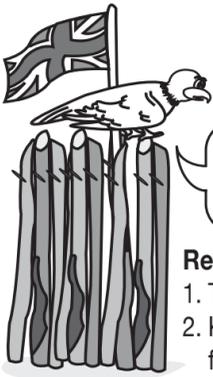
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Have you heard of Jamestown, VA? Where was Jamestown on the map? Kids: color stuff in!

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Jamestown!

Jamestown, Virginia was settled over 400 years ago. It was the first permanent English colony in North America. Here is some of its history.

Read the clues to fill in this puzzle about Jamestown.

- Three ships of adventurers sailed from _____ in 1606.
- King James I of England hoped they would find a shorter _____ to the Orient.
- Men on the ships settled on Jamestown and built a _____.
- The native people and colonists had periods of fighting and _____.
- Captain John Smith, a leader of Jamestown, was captured by Chief Powhatan while seeking _____. According to Smith's diary, the chief's 11 year old daughter, Pocahontas, helped to save his life.
- _____ tried to return to England for help after his powder bag exploded.
- Ships from England, expected to bring _____, did not come.
- During the winter of 1609-1610, almost all settlers died of _____.
- In the spring, the settlers decided to _____ the colony and return to England, but a ship with a new governor arrived and forced them to turn back.
- John Rolfe helped settlers grow a type of _____ which was a hit in England.
- _____ married Rolfe and went to England, where she met the King and Queen.
- Pocahontas died of an _____ before she was able to go home again.
- The first black Africans were brought to America in 1619 as "indentured _____." This was the beginning of an era of slavery.
- The same year, the first _____ from Europe also arrived in Jamestown.
- A new Indian Chief did not like settlers taking Indian _____. He attacked and killed many colonists.
- The English made a _____ with the Indians, but then poisoned many to death.

Let's visit America's first permanent English colony.

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Jamestown
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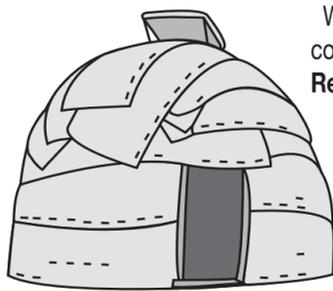
How We Teach and Learn History

There is no town left, but today you can go to visit the area where Jamestown started and see copies of the ships on which the first settlers sailed to get to a new land. There are also models of the English fort and a Native American village that you can study to learn how the people lived then.

Can you find and circle these things people are using or doing to teach people about the history of Jamestown?

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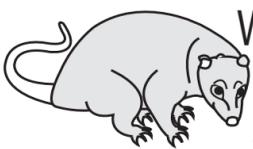
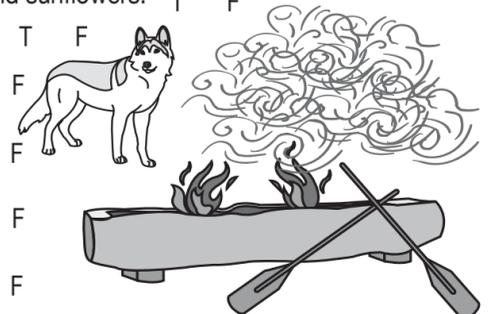


Powhatan Tribal Daily Life

- Powhatans harvested corn, beans, squash and sunflowers. T F
- Men hunted deer, turkey and zebra for food. T F
- Long houses had fires burning inside, to cook with and for warmth. T F
- Long houses had a hole in the roof to allow smoke to escape. T F
- Villages were usually built on high ground near rivers. T F
- Men would skin and clean the meat they brought home after hunting. T F

What do you know about the daily life of the Native Americans during colonial times? Below are some daily activities of the Powhatan Indians. Read each clue and circle "T" if it is True and "F" if it is False.

- Men would shave one side of their heads so bow strings didn't get caught in their hair. T F
- Women built the "yehakins" (long houses). T F
- Men built canoes to travel across the sea. T F
- Men worked the fields to grow crops. T F
- Women collected firewood and water. T F
- Men would fish with spears and fishing poles. T F



Words From the Powhatan Language

Captain John Smith, one of the founders of Jamestown, Virginia, recorded about 50 Powhatan Indian words. William Strachey, a writer, recorded about 500 words. They spelled the words based on their sounds. The language of the Powhatan is no longer spoken, but people are studying the language. And, some words we use today, such as "raccoon," have come from this language!

- opossum
- tomahawk
- moccasin
- raccoon
- muskrat
- pone
- pecan
- hominy
- hickory
- persimmon

- a hand ax used as a tool or weapon
- nocturnal creature with a striped tail
- animal with a ratlike tail; related to the kangaroo!
- rodent that lives partially in water; has strong odor
- leather shoes, usually made from deerskin
- hard wood from this tree is used for tool handles
- flat cornbread, made without milk or eggs
- fruit, orange and sweet
- ground corn, used to make grits
- these "seeds" are baked into a favorite pie

Take a look at these 3 words to see how their spelling has changed!

- opossum from "aposoum"
- tomahawk from "tomhikon"
- raccoon from "rokohamin"

MAGICAL NIGHTS ...



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THEME: WORLD CUISINES ACROSS

- Caribbean vacation destination
- "How Green ____ My Valley"
- Elementary particle
- His oyster?
- Where couples are joined?
- Most common vowel in English language
- Relating to a node
- E in BCE
- Makes better
- *Tex-Mex or California cuisine, e.g.
- *Sm'rgÅsbord, e.g.
- Dwindle
- In a frenzy
- U.N. workers' grp.
- Notary Public's mark
- Vandalizing a car
- Karl of politics
- Priests' robes
- Type of eclipse
- One on a list
- *Like cuisine in a fancy restaurant
- Stalactite site
- Las Vegas' main street
- Very pleased with oneself
- Location of ACL and MCL
- John Cusack's time machine, 2010
- Upper hand
- Caribou kin
- Student aid
- Four quarters
- *Pelmeni and borscht, e.g.
- *Samosa and biryani, e.g.
- Remove, as in a Pinterest post
- Any doctrine
- Spectator
- Newman/Redford movie "The ____"
- Cartographer's creation
- "____ Line Is It Anyway?"
- Carrying container
- Sunday newspaper inserts
- Editor's "Let it stand" marks

- ### DOWN
- Grass bristle
 - Shingled house part
 - Pakistani language
 - Nonchalantly unconcerned
 - Rhymes at rap battling
 - One of Five Ws
 - Lungful
 - Tetanus symptom
 - Got an A
 - *Tom Kha Gai and Gaeng Daeng, e.g.
 - Horned birds
 - Classic TV series " ____"
 - Israeli money
 - African sorcery
 - *Chinese pan
 - Egg white
 - *Coddle and soda bread, e.g.
 - Another word for Bingo
 - Not hidden
 - Regrettably
 - Exclamation of disgust
 - Absurd
 - Innie or outie
 - *Spanokopita, e.g.
 - Do like exhaust pipe
 - Wall support
 - Encourage, two words
 - Whimpering
 - Flapper's accessory
 - Funds
 - True inner self
 - Number of planets
 - Metal enemy
 - "Do ____ others..."
 - Rotisserie skewer
 - Cosine's counterpart
 - Mischievous fairies
 - Gel-producing plant
 - Hatchling's home
 - *Typical U.S. fare, acr.
 - Second solfa syllable, pl.

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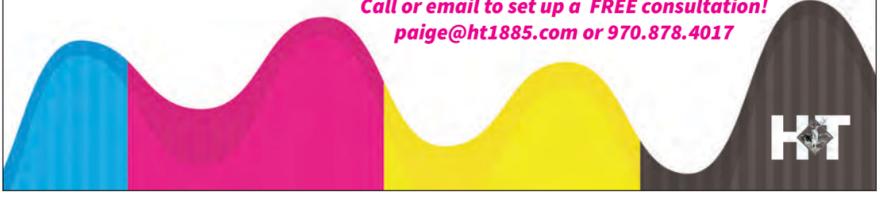
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BURDICK MATERIALS, 1089.00
BUSINESS SOLUTIONS GROUP LLC, 165.95
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CENTURY EQUIPMENT COMPANY, 240.36
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CIMARRON TELECOMMUNICATIONS LLC , 55.00
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FEDERAL EXPRESS, 177.11
FIDELITY ADVISOR FUNDS, 29884.06
FIRST BANKCARD, 4814.83
FORTERRA , 54.90
FPPA, 805.75
FRESH EXPRESS, 54.25
GALLS LLC, 979.73
GEER, LUKE D., 100.00
GRAND JUNCTION PIPE & SUPPLY, 6258.04
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KIMBALL MIDWEST, 241.07
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RANGELY HARDWARE, 2624.17
RANGELY SCHOOL FOUNDATION, 14139.12
RANGELY TRASH SERVICE, 811.00
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**Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado
Rio Blanco County Historic Courthouse
555 Main Street, 3rd Floor Hearing Room
Meeker, Colorado 81641**

Tentative Agenda November 12, 2019

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

1.11:00 a.m. Call to order:
A.Pledge of Allegiance
B.Changes to November 12, 2019 Agenda 1)
2)
C.Move to approve the November 12, 2019 Agenda including any changes.
2.CONSENT AGENDA FOR NOVEMBER 12, 2019
Items of routine and non-controversial nature are placed on the consent agenda. Any Commissioner or member of the audience may request an item be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered separately on the regular agenda prior to action being taken by the Board on the Consent Agenda.
A.Move to approve the below listed items of the Consent Agenda.
B.Consideration of the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado, Meeting Minutes of October 22, 2019.
C.Consideration of the Financial Management Report for October, 2019.
D.Consideration of the DHS EBT Register and Warrant Register for October, 2019.
E.Consideration of the Motor Vehicle Publication Report for October, 2019.
3.BUSINESS
A.Move to approve/deny a Final Contractor Settlement between the Board of County

Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado and Stripe-A-Lot, Inc. for the 2019 Pavement Marking Paint Project, in an amount not to exceed \$3,397.99.
B.Move to approve/deny a Final Contractor Settlement between the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado and G.A. Western Construction Co., for the 2019 Rio Blanco County Bridge Maintenance Project, in an amount not to exceed \$6,367.38.
C.Move to approve/deny a Final Contractor Settlement between the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado and GMCO Corporation for the Rio Blanco County 2019 Dust Control Project, in an amount not to exceed \$9,371.10.
D.Move to approve/deny a Final Contractor Settlement between the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado and Oldcastle SW Group, Inc. dba United Companies, for the Rio Blanco County 2019 Chip Seal Project, in an amount not to exceed \$27,816.61.
E.Move to approve/deny a Request for Reimbursement No. 5 for the Meeker Airport Coulter Field EEO Master Plan Update, FAA Reimbursement Grant No. 3-08-0041-013-2018, in the amount of \$3,752.00, CDOT Reimbursement Grant No. 18-EEO-01, in the amount of \$208.44, and Rio Blanco County Commitment, in the amount of \$208.45, for a total amount of \$4,168.89.
F.Move to approve/deny a letter from the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado and the White River & Douglas Creek Conservation Districts regarding the Bureau of Land Management - White River Field Office Proposed Piceance Riparian Enclosure Projects.
4.BID OPENINGS
A.None
5.BID AWARDS
A.Move to award the Rangely Airport Pavement Maintenance and Remarking Project to Straight Stripe Painting, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$39,250.00.
6.MOU's, CONTRACTS, AND AGREEMENTS
A.Move to approve/deny a Memorandum of Understanding between the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado and the Colorado Department of Revenue for Control of Confidential Data Concerning Sales & Use Tax.
B.Move to approve/deny a Memorandum of Understanding between the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado, the Town of Meeker, and the Colorado Department of Revenue for Control of Confidential Data Concerning Sales and Use Tax.
C.Move to approve/deny a Memorandum of Understanding between the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado, the Town of Rangely, and the Colorado Department of Revenue for Control of Confidential Data Concerning Sales and Use Tax.
D.Move to approve/deny a Memorandum of Understanding between the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado, Rio Blanco County Lodging Tax Board of Rangely, and the Colorado Department of Revenue for Control of Confidential Data Concerning Sales and Use Tax.
E.Move to approve/deny a Memorandum of Understanding between the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado, Rio Blanco County Lodging Tax Board of Meeker, and the Colorado Department of Revenue for Control of Confidential Data Concerning Sales & Use Tax.
F.Move to approve/deny an Agreement for Services between the Board of County

Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado for the use and benefit of the Rio Blanco County Department of Social Services and the Board of County Commissioners of Garfield County, Colorado on behalf of the Garfield County Department of Human Services for Child Support Services in an amount not to exceed \$24,000.
G.Move to approve/deny Contract Modification No. 2 to an Agreement for Services between the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado and GMCO Corporation for the 2019 Dust Control Project, extending the completion date from September 30, 2019 to October 31, 2019 and increasing the not to exceed amount by \$2,030.61 to the new amount of \$315,800.85.
H.Move to approve/deny Contract Modification No. 01 to an Agreement for Services between the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado and Patrick M. Walsh, dba Rim Rock Campground for the Rio Blanco County Camping Management Agreement and Facilities Use Agreement removing the dates to allow the agreement to be used from year to year.
I.Move to approve/deny a Renewal of Service Agreement between the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado and Also Linen and Uniform Rental Service for supplying and cleaning rags and rugs.
J.Move to approve/deny Contract Modification No. 01 to an Agreement for Services between the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado and Dave Stewart, for Building Inspection Services, increasing the not to exceed amount by \$115.00 to the new amount of \$4,465.00.
K.Move to approve/deny Contract Modification No. 02 to an Agreement for Services between the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado and Dave Stewart for Building Inspection Services, extending the contract termination date from October 9, 2019 to November 9, 2019.
L.Move to approve/deny Contract Modification No. 01 to an Agreement for Services between the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado and Civic Forum Associates, Inc., for the Rio Blanco County 2019 Columbine Park Multi-Purpose Indoor Arena Design Project increasing the original planned Scope of Services and increasing the not to exceed amount by \$27,500.00 to the new amount of \$187,400.00
M.Move to approve/deny an Agreement for Services between the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado and Treatment Assessment Screening Center, Inc. (TSAC) for Substance Abuse Treatment Services in an amount not to exceed \$2,500.00.
7.RESOLUTIONS
A.Move to approve/deny Resolution No. 2019-25, a Resolution of the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado, Canceling Uncollectible Delinquent Natural Resource Tax on Account No. N0501275.
8.OTHER BUSINESS
A.Road & Bridge Report - Dave Morlan
B.Public Comment
C.County Commissioners Update
9.PUBLIC HEARINGS
A.None
Adjourn
The agenda is provided for informational purposes only; all times are approximate. Agenda items will normally be considered in the order they appear on the agenda. However, the Board may alter the Agenda, take breaks during the meeting, work through the noon hour and even continue an item for a future meeting date. The Board, while in session, may consider other items that are brought before it. Scheduled items may be continued if the Board is unable to complete the Agenda as

scheduled.
The next regular Board meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, November 19, 2019 in the Rio Blanco County Annex Building, 17497 Hwy 64, Rangely, Colorado, 81648. Please check the County's website for information at http://rbc.us/186/Board-of-County-Commissioners. If you need special accommodations please call 970-878-9431 in advance of the meeting so that reasonable accommodations may be made.
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**Eastern Rio Blanco County Health Service District
Notice of Proposed Budget**

Notice is hereby given that a proposed budget has been submitted to the Eastern Rio Blanco County Health Service District (dba Pioneers Medical Center) Board of Directors for the budget year 2020.
A budget hearing for the proposed 2020 budget has been scheduled for November 26th, 2019 at 12:00 noon in the Board Conference room at Pioneers Medical Center, 100 Pioneers Medical Center Drive, Meeker, Colorado, 81641 at which time it will be considered by the Board of Directors for adoption.
A copy of such proposed budget has been filed in the office of the District at 100 Pioneers Medical Center Drive, Meeker, Colorado, 81641, where the same is open for public inspection.
Any interested elector of the District may file or register any objections and/or protest to the proposed budget at any time prior to the final adoption of the budget by the Board of Directors.
Board of Directors
Eastern Rio Blanco County Health Service District
By Karolyn Michalewicz, Secretary
Published: Nov.7, Nov. 14 and Nov. 21, 2019
Rio Blanco Herald Times

**Eastern Rio Blanco County Health Service District
Notice of Public Hearing for Medicaid Swing-Bed Certification**

Notice is hereby given that an application for Medicaid swing-bed certification has been submitted to the State of Colorado by the Eastern Rio Blanco County Health Service District, dba Pioneers Medical Center.
A public hearing for the Medicaid swing-bed certification application has been scheduled for November 26th, 2019 at 12:00 noon in the Board Conference room at Pioneers Medical Center, 100 Pioneers Medical Center Drive, Meeker, Colorado, 81641 at which time a resolution will be considered by the Board of Directors for adoption.
A copy of such resolution and application has been filed in the office of the District at 100 Pioneers Medical Center Drive, Meeker, Colorado, 81641, where the same is open for public inspection.
Any interested elector of the District may file or register any objections and/or protest to the application and/or resolution at any time prior to the final adoption of the resolution by the Board of Directors.
Board of Directors
Eastern Rio Blanco County Health Service District
By Karolyn Michalewicz, Secretary
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**Budget Worksession
Conference Room, 6-7pm 11/12/19
Town of Rangely
November 12, 2019 - 7:00pm
Agenda**

Rangely Board of Trustees (Town Council)
Andy Shaffer, Mayor
Andy Key, Mayor Pro Tem
Trey Robie, Trustee
Luke Geer, Trustee
Tyson Hacking, Trustee
Matt Billgren, Trustee
Alisa Granger, Trustee
1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Invocation
4. Pledge of Allegiance
5. Minutes of Meeting
a. Discussion and Action to approve the minutes of October 22, 2019
6. Petitions and Public Input
7. Changes to the Agenda
8. Public Hearings – 7-15pm
9. Committee/Board Meetings
10. Reports From Council
11. Supervisor Reports – See Attached
a. Janet Miller
12. Reports from Officers – Town Manager Update
13. Old Business
14. New Business
a. Discussion and action to approve a request by WRMB Park & Rec for a contribution of \$1,500 to cover the Sleigh Costs for Christmasfest 2019 Dec 12-14th
b. Discussion and action to approve the October 2019 check register
c. Discussion and action to approve the Liquor license renewal for Nichols Store
d. Discussion and action to approve Resolution 2019-05 authorizing the April 7, 2020 Rangely Regular Municipal Election to be conducted as a Mail Ballot Election and appointing the Town Clerk as the Town's designated Election Official to be responsible for running the election and establishing a voting precinct in the Town.
e. Discussion and action to approve Resolution 2019-06 authorizing the town clerk of the Town of Rangely to appoint election judge4s and additional election personnel for the Regular Municipal Election of April 7, 2020
f. Discussion and action to approve Resolution 2019-07 a resolution to present a ballot question to the voter's in the April Municipal Election on April 7, 2020 asking if they wish to continue fluoridation of the Town's drinking water
g. Discussion and action to authorize the Town of Rangely to apply for a CDOT TAP Grant for improvement on the Kennedy Drive Path for \$1,028,000. The TAP grant requires a 20% (206,000) cash match for the 80% grant.
15. Informational Items
a. Rangely Shop N Dine month of November 2019
b. Business over Breakfast Thurs Nov 14th 7am SPN Well Service
c. Rangely Elks Charity Ball Nov 16th, Elks Lodge 6pm
d. RBC 911 PSAP Meeting Tue Nov 19 5-8pm TOR Conference Room
e. CNCC Community Lecture Series Wed Nov 20th 6-8 Archaeology & Paleontology Rector Hall
f. Santa's Gift Shop Bazaar Nov 23 9-3pm EEC Building
g. Small Business Saturday November 30th, Shop local and support our community!
h. Giving Tuesday Dec 3, Multiple Sclerosis Foundation
i. Elf on the Shelf Nov 29-Dec 14th
16. Board Vacancies
a. RDA/RDC Board Vacancy (3)
b. Planning and Zoning Board Vacancy
17. Scheduled Announcements
a. Rangely Junior College District Board meeting is scheduled for Nov 11, 2019 at 12:00noon
b. Rangely District Library Board meeting is scheduled for Nov 11, 2019 at 5:00pm
c. Western Rio Blanco Park & Recreation District Board meeting is scheduled for Nov 11, 2019 at 7:00pm
d. Rio Blanco County Commissioners Board meeting is scheduled for Nov 19, 2019 at 11:00am
e. Rangely School District Board meeting has been scheduled for Nov 19, 2019 at 6:15pm
f. Rangely Chamber of Commerce Board meeting is scheduled for Nov 21, 2019 at 12:00noon
g. RDA/RDC Board meeting scheduled for Nov 21, 2019 at 7:00pm
h. Rural Fire Protection District Board meeting is scheduled for Nov 18, 2019 at 7:00pm

i. Community Networking Meeting is scheduled for Nov 25, 2019 at 12:00noon
j. Rio Blanco Water Conservancy District Board meeting is scheduled for Nov 27, 2019 at 6:00pm
k. Rangely District Hospital board meeting is scheduled for Nov/Dec on Dec 12, 2019 at 6:00pm
17. Adjournment
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**RIO BLANCO COUNTY
NOTICE OF FINAL CONTRACTOR SETTLEMENT
RIO BLANCO COUNTY 2019 DUST CONTROL PROJECT**

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 12th day of November, 2019 at Meeker, Colorado, final settlement will be authorized by the Rio Blanco County Board of County Commissioners with GMCO Corporation, P.O. Box 1480, Rifle, CO 81650 for all work done by said CONTRACTOR on the project known as Rio Blanco County 2019 Dust Control Project.
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.
All such claims shall be filed with Clint Chappell, R & B Coordinator, Rio Blanco County Road & Bridge Department, 570 2nd Street, Meeker, Colorado 81641 on or before November 7, 2019 at 4:00 P.M.
Failure on the part of a creditor to file such a statement will relieve Rio Blanco County from any and all liability for such claim.
Dated at Meeker, Colorado this 28th day of October, 2019.
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF RIO BLANCO COUNTY
BY JEFF RECTOR, CHAIRMAN
Published: October 31, and November 7, 2019
Rio Blanco Herald Times

PUBLIC NOTICE

Weldon Construction, LLC; PO Box 1170, Vernal, UT 84078; (435) 828-3329, has filed an application for a Regular (112) Construction Materials Operation Reclamation Permit with the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Board under provisions of the Colorado Land Reclamation Act for the Extraction of Construction Materials. The proposed mine is known as the North River Gravel Pit, and is located at or near Section 5, Township 1, Range 102, 6th Prime Meridian.
The proposed date of commencement is January 15, 2020, and the proposed date of completion is December 31, 2030. The proposed future use of the land is rangeland. Additional information and tentative decision date may be obtained from the Division of Reclamation, Mining, and Safety, 1313 Sherman Street, Room 215, Denver, Colorado 80203, (303) 866-3567, or at the Rio Blanco County Clerk and Recorder's Office, 555 Main St. #2, Meeker, CO 81641, or the above-named applicant.
Comments must be in writing and must be received by the Division of Reclamation, Mining, and Safety by 4:00 p.m. on December 1, 2019. Please note that under the provisions of C.R.S. 34-32.5-101 et seq. Comments related to noise, truck traffic, hours of operation, visual impacts, effects on property values and other social or economic concerns are issues not subject to this Office's jurisdiction. The subjects, and similar ones, are typically addressed by your local governments, rather than the Division of Reclamation, Mining, and Safety or the Mined Land Reclamation Board.
Published: November 7, 14, 21 & 28, 2019
Rio Blanco Herald Times

**RIO BLANCO COUNTY
NOTICE OF FINAL CONTRACTOR SETTLEMENT
2019 RIO BLANCO COUNTY BRIDGE MAINTENANCE PROJECT**

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 12th day of November, 2019 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 2019 Rio Blanco County Bridge Maintenance Project.
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.
All such claims shall be filed with Van Pilaud, County Engineer, Rio Blanco County Road & Bridge Department, 570 2nd Street, Meeker, Colorado 81641 on or before November 7, 2019 at 4:00 P.M.
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Dated at Meeker, Colorado this 28th day of October, 2019.
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF RIO BLANCO COUNTY
BY JEFF RECTOR, CHAIRMAN
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**PUBLIC NOTICE
Meeker Cemetery District
November 12th, 2019 5pm
265 County Road 4, Meeker, CO
Board of Directors Special District Workshop**

Pursuant to section 24-6-402(2)(c), C.R.S. a special meeting workshop is called by the board of directors to discuss Budget.
Published: November 7, 2019
Rio Blanco Herald Times

**Meeker Cemetery District
November 14th 2019 8:30am
265 County Road 4, Meeker, CO
Board of Directors Regular Board Meeting**

1. Call to Order
2. Approve Agenda
3. Approve Minutes October 10th
4. Present and approve bill/deeds
5. Public Input
6. Old Business
a. Budget 2020
7. New Business
a. Evaluation
b. Sale of District Assets
c. Snow removal
8. Manager Report
9. Open Board Discussion
10. Adjourn
Published: November 7, 2019
Rio Blanco Herald Times

**COMBINED NOTICE - MAILING
CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 19-16**

To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust: On August 19, 2019, 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): Robert Baughman
Original Beneficiary(ies): Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Bay Equity LLC
Current Holder of Evidence of Debt: Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC
Date of Deed of Trust: May 20, 2016
County of Recording: Rio Blanco
Recording Date of Deed of Trust: May 20, 2016
Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/Page No.): 312368
Original Principal Amount: \$209,768.00
Outstanding Principal Balance: \$197,928.70
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 12 BLOCK 4 REPLAT NO. 2 OF THE REPLAT OF LA MESA P.U.D. ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED JULY 23, 2007 AS RECEPTION NO. 289325.**
Also known by street and number as: 1220 Deserado Dr., Rangely, CO 81648.
THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED OF TRUST.

NOTICE OF SALE

The current holder of the Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, described herein, has filed Notice of Election and Demand for sale as provided by law and in said Deed of Trust. THEREFORE, Notice is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, 12/18/2019, at Office of the Public Trustee, Rio Blanco County Courthouse, 555 Main Street, Meeker CO 81641, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s)' heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.
First Publication: 10/24/2019
Last Publication: 11/21/2019
Name of Publication: Rio Blanco Herald Times

NOTICE OF RIGHTS

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

- A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE FILED PURSUANT TO SECTION 38-38-104 SHALL BE FILED WITH THE PUBLIC TRUSTEE AT LEAST FIFTEEN (15) CALENDAR DAYS PRIOR TO THE FIRST SCHEDULED SALE DATE OR ANY DATE TO WHICH THE SALE IS CONTINUED;
- A NOTICE OF INTENT TO REDEEM FILED PURSUANT TO SECTION 38-38-302 SHALL BE FILED WITH THE PUBLIC TRUSTEE NO LATER THAN EIGHT (8) BUSINESS DAYS AFTER THE SALE;
- IF THE SALE DATE IS CONTINUED TO A LATER DATE, THE DEADLINE TO FILE A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE BY THOSE PARTIES ENTITLED TO CURE MAY ALSO BE EXTENDED;
- IF THE BORROWER BELIEVES THAT A LENDER OR SERVICER HAS VIOLATED THE REQUIREMENTS FOR A SINGLE POINT OF CONTACT IN SECTION 38-38-103.1 OR THE PROHIBITION ON DUAL TRACKING IN SECTION 38-38-103.2, THE BORROWER MAY FILE A COMPLAINT WITH THE COLORADO ATTORNEY GENERAL, THE FEDERAL CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION BUREAU (CFPB), OR BOTH. THE FILING OF A COMPLAINT WILL NOT STOP THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS.

Colorado Attorney General 1300 Broadway, 10th Floor Denver, Colorado 80203 (800) 222-4444 www.coloradoattorneygeneral.gov	Federal Consumer Financial Protection Bureau P.O. Box 4503 Iowa City, Iowa 52244 (855) 411-2372 www.consumerfinance.gov
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DATE: 08/20/2019
Rhonna Waldref, Public Trustee in and for the County of Rio Blanco, State of Colorado
By: Rhonna Waldref, Public Trustee
The name, address, business telephone number and bar registration number of the attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is:
David W. Drake #43315 Scott D. Toebben #19011
Randall S. Miller & Associates, P.C. 216 16th Street, Suite 1210, DENVER, CO 80202 (720) 259-6710
Attorney File # 19CO00280-1
The Attorney above is acting as a debt collector and is attempting to collect a debt. Any information provided may be used for that purpose.
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**COMBINED NOTICE - MAILING
CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 19-17**

To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust: On August 26, 2019, 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): Barbara R. Urbanik and John A. Urbanik
Original Beneficiary(ies): Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.
Current Holder of Evidence of Debt: M & T Bank
Date of Deed of Trust: March 03, 2010
County of Recording: Rio Blanco
Recording Date of Deed of Trust: March 15, 2010
Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/Page No.): 298178
Original Principal Amount: \$101,241.00
Outstanding Principal Balance: \$67,807.99
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 15, Tamarron Subdivision, according to the Plat thereof filed April 10, 1980 as Document No. 194871, Town of Rangely, Colorado**
Also known by street and number as: 255 E Raven Ave, Rangely, CO 81648.
THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED OF TRUST.

NOTICE OF SALE

The current holder of the Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, described herein, has filed Notice of Election and Demand for sale as provided by law and in said Deed of Trust. THEREFORE, Notice is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, 12/18/2019, at Office of the Public Trustee, Rio Blanco County Courthouse, 555 Main Street, Meeker CO 81641, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s)' heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.
First Publication: 10/24/2019
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DATE: 08/28/2019
Rhonna Waldref, Public Trustee in and for the County of Rio Blanco, State of Colorado
By: Rhonna Waldref, Public Trustee
The name, address, business telephone number and bar registration number of the attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is:
David W. Drake #43315 Scott D. Toebben #19011
Randall S. Miller & Associates, P.C. 216 16th Street, Suite 1210, DENVER, CO 80202 (720) 259-6710
Attorney File # 19CO00279-1
The Attorney above is acting as a debt collector and is attempting to collect a debt. Any information provided may be used for that purpose.
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PUBLIC NOTICES

County Engineer, Rio Blanco County Road & Bridge Department, 570 2nd Street, Meeker, Colorado 81641 on or before November 7, 2019 at 4:00 P.M.
Failure on the part of a creditor to file such a statement will relieve Rio Blanco County from any and all liability for such claim.
Dated at Meeker, Colorado this 28th day of October, 2019
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF RIO BLANCO COUNTY
BY JEFF RECTOR, CHAIRMAN
Publish: October 31, and November 7, 2019
Rio Blanco Herald Times

NOTICE OF BUDGET

Notice is hereby given that a proposed budget has been submitted to the RANGELY CEMETERY DISTRICT Board of Directors for the ensuing year of 2020; a copy of such proposed budget has been filed in the office of Colorado CPA Services, P.C., 118 W. Main Street, Rangely, Colorado where same is open for public inspection; such proposed budget will be considered at the scheduled board meeting of the RANGELY CEMETERY DISTRICT to be held at 2025 E. Main, Rangely, Colorado in November 2019.
Any interested elector of such RANGELY CEMETERY DISTRICT may inspect the proposed budget and file or register any objections thereto at any time prior to the final adoption of the budget.
Published: November 7 & 14, 2019
Rio Blanco Herald Times

NOTICE OF BUDGET

Notice is hereby given that a proposed budget has been submitted to the Rangely Regional Library District Board of Trustees for the ensuing year of 2020; a copy of such proposed budget has been filed at the Library, 109 E. Main Street, Rangely, Colorado, where same is open for public inspection. Such budget will be considered at the regularly scheduled board meeting of the Rangely Regional Library District to be held at Rangely Regional Library, 109 E. Main Street, Rangely, Colorado on Monday, November 11, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.
Any interested elector of such Rangely Regional Library District may inspect the budget and file or register any objections thereto at any time prior to the final adoption of the budget.
Published: October 31 & November 7, 2019
Rio Blanco Herald Times

MEEKER SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1
Board of Education Work Session and Special Board Meeting
Meeker High School - 550 School Street Meeker, CO 81641
November 11, 2019 - 6:00 p.m.
1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Pledge of Allegiance: Mr. Allen will lead the Pledge of Allegiance
3. Welcome to Guests
4. Approval of Agenda
General Public Comment Session: (comments limited to three minutes)
Action Item:
1. Approval: Expenditure up to \$40,000 from Capital Reserve to purchase copiers
Other BOE Information:
Executive Session (if needed):
Special Meeting Adjournment
Work Session:

PUBLIC NOTICES

1. Construction project update
a. 3D Model - Haselden
b. Construction project update - NV5
2. District Accountability Committee
a. Name Change - District Advisory Committee?
b. Membership and goals - draft attached
3. BOE Officers/Appointments - Official action at November 26, 2019 meeting
a. President
b. Vice President
c. Secretary
d. Treasurer
e. BOCES Board Representatives
f. DAC Representative
g. MEF Representative
h. CASB Delegate
4. BOE Professional Development
a. Self evaluation
b. BOE mission, values, roles, and focus
c. District mission and vision
5. Items introduced by board members
Published: November 7, 2019
Rio Blanco Herald Times

RIO BLANCO COUNTY
NOTICE OF FINAL CONTRACTOR SETTLEMENT
RIO BLANCO COUNTY 2019 PAVEMENT MARKING PAINT PROJECT

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 12th day of November, 2019 at Meeker, Colorado, final settlement will be authorized by the Rio Blanco County Board of County Commissioners with Stripe-A-Lot, Inc., P.O. Box 1957, Montrose, CO 81402 for all work done by said CONTRACTOR on the project known as Rio Blanco County 2019 Pavement Marking Paint Project.
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.
All such claims shall be filed with Clint Chappell, R & B Coordinator, Rio Blanco County Road & Bridge Department, 570 2nd Street, Meeker, Colorado 81641 on or before November 7, 2019. 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 17th day of October, 2019.
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF RIO BLANCO COUNTY
BY JEFF RECTOR, CHAIRMAN
Published: October 31 & November 7, 2019
Rio Blanco Herald Times

PUBLIC NOTICE

A public hearing has been scheduled for November 19, 2019 at 7:00 pm at the Meeker Town Hall, 345 Market Street, to consider a request by Meeker Lions Club, for one (1) Special Event Liquor License for the following events at 594 Main Street, Hugus Building, Meeker Colorado; December 14, 2019 from 4:00 pm to 12:00 am for Pioneer Medical Center Christmas Party § Kathleen Sizemore, Liquor Clerk
Published: November 7, 2019
Rio Blanco Herald Times

PUBLIC NOTICES

Public Notice
As the snow season approaches, please remove everything from the street, such as trailers parked along the curb or in cul-de-sacs, vehicles that are not used all the time and basketball hoops. We take this opportunity to thank you in advance for your cooperation. If you have any questions or need further information, please call (970)878-5344.
Lisa Cook, Town Administrator
Russell Overton, Public Works Superintendent
Published: October 31st, November 7th & 14th, 2019
Rio Blanco Herald Times

OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO
PUBLIC NOTICE

OF PROPOSED UNDERGROUND INJECTION CONTROL PERMIT

PURPOSE OF PUBLIC NOTICE:
The purpose of this notice is to solicit public comment on the injection permit submitted by Ursa Operating Company LLC for their Boies C-24M-M2W well. The Boies C-24M-M2W was directionally drilled and the intent is to convert it to an EPA Class II disposal well. At the surface the Boies C-24M-M2W disposal well is located 708 feet from south line and 1301 feet from west line of Section 24, Township 2 South, Range 98 West, 6th P.M., Rio Blanco County, Colorado. The bottomhole location is in the same Township and Range; 766 feet from the south line and 716 feet from the west line of Section 24.
BACKGROUND
Class II injection wells are permitted and regulated in such a manner as to prevent the contamination of underground sources of drinking water and to ensure fluid emplacement and confinement within the permitted injection zones. Class II injection wells are permitted to inject waste generated from oil and gas exploratory and production operations. Ursa Operating Company LLC proposes to inject these fluids into the Wasatch-G Member of the Wasatch Formation and Fort Union Formation in the Boies C-24M-M2W well through a cased-hole completion at depths of approximately 4149 to 4183 and 4280 to 4286 feet MD in the Wasatch and 4403 to 4624 feet MD in the Fort Union. (MD = Measured Depth)
Public comments are encouraged and will be accepted, in writing at the Commission for a period of thirty (30) days after publication of this notice. If any data, information, or arguments submitted during the public comment period appear to raise substantial questions concerning proposed injection well permit, the Director may request that the Commission hold a hearing on the matter.
Additional information on the operation of the proposed injection well may be obtained at the Commission office.
IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF COLORADO
OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO
By Robert P. Koehler, PhD
Underground Injection Control-Lead, COGCC
Dated at 1120 Lincoln Street, Suite 801
Denver, Colorado 80203
Date: November 5, 2019
Published: November 7, 2019
Rio Blanco Herald Times

PUBLIC NOTICES

Eastern Rio Blanco County
911 Emergency Telephone Service Board
Rio Blanco County Sheriff's Office Training Room
355 4th Street
Meeker, CO 81641
Proposed Meeting Agenda
November 12, 2019 - 5:30pm
1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call
4. Approval of Agenda
5. Approval of Minutes
a. Board Meeting on May 14, 2019
Reports
1. Financial
2. Bookkeeping Proposition
3. Esinet and CPE Update
New Business
1. Fiscal Year 2020 Budget
a. Schedule Budget Approval Meeting
2. Rio Blanco 911 PSAP Meeting
a. Public Posting
Other Board Business
Adjournment
Published: November 7, 2019
Rio Blanco Herald Times

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Proposed 2020 Budget for the Yellow Jacket Water Conservancy District
Notice is hereby given that the Board of Directors of the Yellow Jacket Water Conservancy District will hold a hearing on its proposed 2020 budget on December 5, 2019, beginning at 3:00 p.m., at the Meeker Public Library, 490 Main Street, Meeker, CO. Copies of the proposed budget are available for inspection at the Rio Blanco County Clerk and Recorder, 555, Main Street, Meeker, CO and the office of the Moffat County Clerk and Recorder, 221 Victory Way, Suite 200, or by contacting Scott Grosscup at Balcomb & Green, P.C., 970-945-6546 or sgrosscup@balcombgreen.com. Any interested person within the District may at any time prior to the final adoption of the budget, file or register his or her objections and/or comments for Board consideration with the District at P.O. Box 447, Meeker, CO 81641 or by contacting Mr. Grosscup.
Published: November 7, 2019
Rio Blanco Herald Times

NOTICE OF BUDGET

Notice is hereby given that a proposed budget has been submitted to the Rangely Rural Fire Protection District, Board of Directors for the ensuing year of 2020; a copy of such proposed budget is on file at Linda Gordon/Budget Officer, 215 Hillcrest Avenue, Rangely, CO where same is open for public inspection; such proposed budget will be considered at the regularly scheduled board meeting of the Rangely Rural Fire Protection District to be held at the Fire Hall, 115 Nichols Street, Rangely, CO on Monday, November 18, 2019 at 7:00 pm. Any interested elector of such Rangely Rural Fire Protection District may inspect the proposed budget and file or register any objections thereto at any time prior to the final adoption of the budget.
Published: November 7, 2019 and November 14, 2019
Rio Blanco Herald Times

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF PROPOSED TOWN OF MEEKER 2020 BUDGET
PUBLIC HEARING DATE:
NOVEMBER 19, 2019
Notice is hereby given that a proposed budget for the Town of Meeker for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2020 has been submitted to the Town of Meeker Board of Trustees, Rio Blanco County, Colorado, and has been filed in the office of the Town Clerk, 345 Market Street, where it is available for public inspection beginning October 15, 2019 during regular business hours Monday through Friday 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., it is also available on the Town's website www.townofmeeker.org. Such proposed budget will be considered for adoption by the Board of Trustees during a Public Hearing scheduled November 19, 2019 at 7:00 P.M. at the Board of Trustees regular meeting, at Town Hall, 345 Market Street, Meeker, Colorado. The public is invited to attend the public hearing.
Any elector of the Town of Meeker has a right to file or register his protest with the Town of Meeker prior to the time of the adoption of the budget by the Town of Meeker.
Town of Meeker
Lisa Cook, Town Administrator
Published: October 24th & 31st; November 7th & 14th, 2019
Rio Blanco Herald Times

PUBLICATION LIST DELINQUENT MANUFACTURED HOME TAXES FOR THE TAX YEAR 2018
RIO BLANCO COUNTY
COLORADO

- M0500147** 1
LANSTRUM, ROBERT J.
MBL HOME TITLE: 49E101863
SERIAL: 2290664673 YEAR: 1979
MAKE: TITAN SIZE: 14X56
Total Due: \$87.95
- M1400118** 2
MCCORMICK, SHAY
SIZE: 14X66
PRIOR TAXES DUE
Total Due: \$381.98
- M0304800** 3
OWENS, LOREN PAUL AND
STURGEON, NANCY ANN
SERIAL: COL641726A7B YEAR:
1997 MAKE: SUMMIT SIZE: 28X44
Total Due: \$124.46
- M7500090** 4
ROACH, ASHLEY H.
SUBD: CIRCLE N MHP MBL HOME
TITLE: 49E139197 SERIAL:
GEBGXADM13680 YEAR: 1975
MAKE: ALPINE SIZE: 14X67
Total Due: \$86.63
- M7500114** 5
SMITH, DON J & LILLIE O
c/o GULLION, REBECCA
SUBD: RIVERVIEW MHP MBL
HOME TITLE: E48257 SERIAL:
GC192056 YEAR: 1973 MAKE:
KIRKWOOD SIZE: 24X57
Total Due: \$86.63
- M0800027** 6
VAUGHN, BOONE K & BARBARA J
MBL HOME TITLE: 49E115631
SERIAL: K252AKET 41480 YEAR:
1965 MAKE: MARLETTE SIZE: 10X49
PRIOR TAXES DUE
Total Due: \$162.09

COMBINED NOTICE - MAILING

CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 19-15

To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust: On August 16, 2019, 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): Brian Prater and Marcia Prater
Original Beneficiary(ies): Seacoast Commerce Bank
Current Holder of Evidence of Debt: Seacoast Commerce Bank
Date of Deed of Trust: June 25, 2018
County of Recording: Rio Blanco
Recording Date of Deed of Trust: July 03, 2018
Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/Page No.): 316686
Original Principal Amount: \$472,900.00
Outstanding Principal Balance: \$469,690.55
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: The note is in default for violation of the terms of the loan regarding violation of federal law with respect to marijuana, and the legal holder of the indebtedness has accelerated the same and declared the same immediately fully due and payable.
THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN.
Lot 1 West Valley Minor Subdivision According to the Plat thereof recorded September 17, 2009 as Reception No. 296842
Also known by street and number as: 6050 County Road 102, Rangely, CO 81648.
THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED OF TRUST.
NOTICE OF SALE
The current holder of the Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, described herein, has filed Notice of Election and Demand for sale as provided by law and in said Deed of Trust. THEREFORE, Notice Is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, 12/18/2019, at Office of the Public Trustee, Rio Blanco County Courthouse, 555 Main Street, Meeker CO 81641, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s)' heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.
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DATE: 08/16/2019
Rhonna Waldref, Public Trustee in and for the County of Rio Blanco, State of Colorado
By: Rhonna Waldref, Public Trustee
The name, address, business telephone number and bar registration number of the attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is:
J. Richard Livingston #6404
Livingston & Mumby LLC 2764 Compass Drive #200A, Grand Junction, CO 81506 (970)242-7322
Attorney File # 2019-15
The Attorney above is acting as a debt collector and is attempting to collect a debt. Any information provided may be used for that purpose.
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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

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

COMBINED NOTICE - RESTART - MAILING
CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 18-04

Republished to restart foreclosure stayed by bankruptcy and reset sale date.
To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust: On August 9, 2019, 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): LAWRENCE E. BEBER, JR and LANAJ J. BEBER
Original Beneficiary(ies): MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS
Current Holder of Evidence of Debt: FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION
Date of Deed of Trust: June 11, 2015
County of Recording: Rio Blanco
Recording Date of Deed of Trust: June 17, 2015
Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/Page No.): 310541
Original Principal Amount: \$177,362.00
Outstanding Principal Balance: \$168,471.07
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 40-41, BLOCK 3, REPLAT NO. 2 OF THE REPLAT OF LA MESA P.U.D. AS PLATTED AND RECORDED ON JULY 23, 2007 AS RECEPTION NO. 289325, COUNTY OF RIO BLANCO, STATE OF COLORADO.
Also known by street and number as: 1264 SUNRIDGE AVE, RANGELY, CO 81648.
THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED OF TRUST.
NOTICE OF SALE
The current holder of the Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, described herein, has filed Notice of Election and Demand for sale as provided by law and in said Deed of Trust. THEREFORE, Notice Is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, 12/11/2019, at Office of the Public Trustee, Rio Blanco County Courthouse, 555 Main Street, Meeker CO 81641, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s)' heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.
First Publication: 10/24/2019
Last Publication: 11/21/2019
Name of Publication: Rio Blanco Herald Times

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DATE: 08/09/2019
Rhonna Waldref, Public Trustee in and for the County of Rio Blanco, State of Colorado
By: Rhonna Waldref, Public Trustee
The name, address, business telephone number and bar registration number of the attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is:
Alison L. Berry #34531 David R. Doughty #40042 Elizabeth S. Marcus #16092
Lynn M. Janeway #15592 Nicholas H. Santarelli #46592 Sheila J. Finn #36637
Janeway Law Firm 9800 S. Meridian, Suite 400, Englewood, CO 80134 (303) 706-9990
Attorney File # 18-018046
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COMBINED NOTICE - MAILING

CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 19-14

To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust: On August 6, 2019, 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): JARROD P. LANG
Original Beneficiary(ies): MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR HIGHLANDS RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE, LTD., ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS
Current Holder of Evidence of Debt: WESTSTAR MORTGAGE CORPORATION
Date of Deed of Trust: November 30, 2011
County of Recording: Rio Blanco
Recording Date of Deed of Trust: December 01, 2011
Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/Page No.): 302699
Original Principal Amount: \$154,969.00
Outstanding Principal Balance: \$134,615.16
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.
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LOT 36, BLOCK 4, SAGEWOOD WEST SUBDIVISION, TOWN OF RANGELY, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED JUNE 27, 1979 AS RECEPTION NO. 189097, COUNTY OF RIO BLANCO, STATE OF COLORADO
Also known by street and number as: 1121 HALF TURN RD, RANGELY, CO 81648.
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NOTICE OF SALE
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First Publication: 10/10/2019
Last Publication: 11/17/2019
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DATE: 08/06/2019
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Attorney File # 19-022121
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Open Range Cowboy Church of Meeker



Sunday, 6:00 in the evening
Fairgrounds Exhibit Hall
For more information,
Please call Tom
970-260-6820

MEEKER STREAKER MONTHLY SCHEDULE November 2019

NOTE: Please schedule out -of-town appointments before 2:00 PM and call-in advance to set up all medical appointment rides. 970-878-9368 or Cell# 970-456-7701. Chuckwagon: 970-878-5627. Activities are

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subject to change. Schedule subject to driver availability-thank you for your patience while we are short-staffed!
Bus available on dates noted below:
11/7 - Bus in town
11/8 - Bus in town
11/9 - No bus
11/10 - Church bus
11/11 - Bus in town
11/12 - Bus in town
11/13 - Bus in town
11/14 - Bus in town/Rifle trip
11/15 - Bus in town
11/16 - No bus
11/17 - Church bus
11/18 - Bus in town
11/19 - Bus in town
11/20 - Bus in town
11/21 - Bus in town/Grand Junction Medical 117

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

ELDER CARE SERVICES

★★★★★
Western Slope In-Home Care
www.westernslopehomecare.com
970-878-7008

HELP WANTED: GENERAL

Restaurant servers, bussers, and hosts. Hunting Season help at Ma Famiglia's. Looking for people with dynamic personalities. Full or part-time positions available. Pick up an application at 401 Market St. Meeker.

FT/PT Housekeeping. Apply in person at Blue Spruce Inn.

PIONEERS MEDICAL CENTER

A community oriented medical center with high patient standards, is hiring for the following positions:
PRN:
■ RN - Acute/ED
■ Patient Care Tech (CNA) - Acute/ED
■ RN or LPN - LTC
■ Certified Nursing Assistant - LTC
■ RN - Home Health
■ Certified Nursing Assistant - Home Health
FULL-TIME: (eligible for benefits & sign-on bonus):
■ Occupational Therapist
■ Physical Therapist
FULL-TIME: (eligible for benefits):
■ RN - Acute/ED (Days)
■ RN - Acute/ED (Nights)
■ RN/LPN-Wing (LTC) Shift: 2-10 p.m.
■ CNA-Wing (LTC) Days
■ CT/US Tech - Radiology
■ CRT or RRT - Cardiopulmonary
■ MLT or MLS - Laboratory (evenings, 3-11pm)
■ Food Service Technician - Dietary
Submit Resume and/or Application to:
Pioneers Medical Center, HR,
100 Pioneers Medical Center Dr.,
Meeker, Colo., 81641
Visit our Website at:
www.pioneershospital.org
Pioneers Medical Center
Phone: (970) 878-5047 Fax: (970) 878-3285
100 Pioneers Medical Center Dr., Meeker, CO 81641
Eastern Rio Blanco County Health Service District

HOMES: MEEKER

108+acres, log home, 4 BDR/1.75BA, cistern barn, shop, set up for horses/cows, 4 miles west of town. Call for info. 970-756-0718
9/19-10/17
For Sale: 14x70 mobile home on 2 acres 4 miles west of Meeker, 3 BDR/1BA, cistern, \$70,000. 970-756-0718 or 970-878-4629
10/24-11/21

HUNTING

Browning compound bow with sights, 12 arrows, 2 quivers, 2 stabilizers, 2 mechanical releases and hard case. \$275. 970-404-1238

Guided Elk Hunts Available
November 13-17, 4th Season, Game Management Unit 11. Buy your leftover licenses now! Call 970-274-6850 or 970-878-4138

LAND/LOTS

Lot with beautiful view, 870 9th Street. If interested, please call 970-220-2403.
10/10-11/7

MISCELLANEOUS

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

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- Admin. Asst., R&B & HS (Rangely)
- Admin. Asst., R&B (Meeker)
- Building Inspector
- Case Aide
- Deputy Coroner
- Eligibility Specialist
- Motor Vehicle Compliance Agent
- Relief Cook
- Relief Control Room Specialist
- Relief Landfill Clerk
- Relief Radino Driver, Rangely
- Staff Assistant

For details and a Rio Blanco County application, please go to www.rbc.us or Rio Blanco County HR at 555 Main St., Meeker, CO. 970-878-9570.
ADA/EOE

RENTALS: MEEKER

Apartment for rent. 2 BDR/1BA, fully furnished, utilities included, above restaurant. No smokers/no pets, references required, \$595, available October 15. Call 970-878-4141, ask for Henry.

Now available - the best office in town overlooking town square. Call to see. Hugus Bldg 970-274-6850

SPACIOUS 2BD/1BA apartments available immediately. Owner pays trash, sewer, water and heating. Coin operated laundry on-site. \$550/\$600 monthly. 970-756-4895.

Storage units for rent in Meeker.
Rocky Mountain Storage
1251 Market St.
10x10 \$50 per mo
5x10 \$40 per mo
970-878-3700

CLEAN REMODELED 2BD apartments, in-house laundry, storage units available, close to shopping and the downtown area & more. \$595 per month. Western Exposures Realty LLC (970) 321-2777.

AVAILABLE NOW: Beautiful retail space downtown at 6th and Main in the historic Hugus Building. Call 970-878-4138 for details.

Available Now! Super nice 2BD/1BA home located in town. Quality appliances, hardwood floors, n/s, n/p. For showing please call 878-3190.
11/7-12/5

STORAGE DEPOT 10x25 unit. 878-4808.

RENTALS: MEEKER

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

Roommate wanted: Fully furnished townhouse, wifi, washer/dryer in house, no pets, no smoking, references, deposit, long term preferred. 970-620-0917
10/24-11/21

1 BDR furnished apartment, all utilities included. \$600.00 per month, \$600 deposit. Laundry facilities on site. 970-878-4754
10/10-11/7

RENTALS: RANGELY

2 BDR/1 BA apt. No pets, n/s. 970-778-5040

SILVER SAGE RV PARK RV
314 E. Main Street.
RV Spaces for rent.
Managers: Dan & Debbie Shadow
(970)675-2259 or cell: (253)222-3261 or (253)222-3469

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

YARD SALES

Rangely - Yard Sale
Friday & Saturday
November 8 & 9, 9:00 - 5:00
Multi-family
Heritage Building at 226 E. Main Street
New items have been added. Folding tables and chairs, holiday items, crib size bed, jet tub, household furniture.
11/7

TOWN OF RANGELY MARKETING COORDINATOR

The Town of Rangely is currently seeking a Marketing Coordinator. Position is full time with an excellent benefit package; Salary is dependent on experience. Under direct supervision of the Town Manager, promotes the Town of Rangely by preserving and enhancing our community. Develop effective relationships with local community stakeholders to assess community and event sponsorship and activities. Work with the Rangely Chamber on special events. Identify advertising and marketing opportunities as well as web, social media content, digital marketing and advertising. Forecast and administer Marketing budget. Serve as a Public Information Officer (PIO). Bachelor's degree in Marketing, Business, Tourism or related field from an accredited college with (2) years' work experience preferred. Applications available at www.rangely.com or in the administrative offices. Will be required to pass a pre-employment drug screen and background check.

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Cash for Mineral Rights
Free, no-risk, cash offer. Contact us with the details:
Call: 720-988-5617
Write: Minerals, PO BOX 3668, Littleton, CO 80161
Email: opportunity@ecmresourcesinc.com

Buy a 25-word statewide classified line ad in newspapers across the state of Colorado for just \$300 per week. Ask about our frequency discounts!
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BROOKS REALTY
889 Main St., Meeker, Colorado
www.brooksrealty.com
(970)878-5858
Laurie J. Brooks Owner/Broker

550 C.R. 60
NEW! 104 acres! 14 Mile Subdivision, Meeker. 4BD/2.5BA log home with full UF bsmt. Nice open kitchen, gorgeous panoramic views. 1,200 SF garage with three addit. outbuildings. Good water. Close to BLM. \$595,000

- ◆ NEW! 309 South Grand Ave, Rangely — Maintenance free and new roof! 1,276 SF, 2BD/2BA, bright and clean kitchen, great back deck and huge area for extra parking! Move-in ready! REDUCED! \$141,000
- ◆ 791 11th St. — Remodeled 4BD/2BA with large lower level family room. \$173,000 SALE PENDING!
- ◆ 1040 Main St. — Investment opportunity! Seven, 2BD/1BA units with additional studio unit w/ 3/4BA & kitchenette! Good location and good rental history! \$425,000

Alpine West Properties LLC
Call for Additional Details 970-420-8076

789 8th St. **NEW 440 Garfield St.** **1346 Sage Ridge**

64646 Hwy 64 **NEW 353 Park Ave.** **NEW 1134 Michael Cir.**

FOR SALE IN MEEKER

TBD CR 15 - 2BD/2BA 390+ac w/ Water...\$895,000	646 Main - SALE PENDING	340 4th St - SALE PENDING
789 8th St. - 5BD/3BA Bed&Breakfast...\$625,000	95 Agency Dr. - SALE PENDING	1082 Pinyon Tr. - SALE PENDING
64646 Hwy 64 - 43.61ac on the River...\$300,000	114 Main St. - SALE PENDING	112 Main St. - SALE PENDING
1346 Sage Ridge Rd. - 3BD/1BA, Views...\$287,000	114 CR 119 - Cabin - SOLD	975 6th St. - SOLD
1134 Michael Cir. - 3BD/2.5BA, Updates...\$285,000	925 7th St. - SOLD	
1947 CR 12 - 3BD/1BA Cabin No. 2...\$250,000		
1959 CR 12 - 3BD/1BA Cabin No. 3...\$250,000		
353 Park Ave. - 4BD/2BA, Fresh Updates...\$239,000		
1042 Park Ave. - 3BD/1BA 2,340 SF...\$204,000		
440 Garfield St. - 2BD/1BA, Ig Garage...\$195,000		
9 E. Main St. - 2BD/1BA New Updates...\$179,000		
1128 Main - 2BD/1BA w/ Ig Garage...\$175,000		
440 Cross L - Lot 3, 4+ac w/ Utilities...\$100,000		

RANCHLAND CR 15
390+ Acres with Log Home
Domestic Well, Spring & Pond
Great Horse Property

FOR SALE IN RANGELY

258 E. Main St. - Commercial/Res...\$240,000
315 & 317 N Grand Ave. - Duplex...\$140,000

Locally Owned Firm www.AlexPlumb.realtor

Strawberry Patch Road Lots
Two beautiful 5 acre parcels with ponds, fencing and electricity!
Owner financing available.
\$56,500 each

Ma Famiglia Italian Restaurant, 410 Market St. - Business & Real Estate.
Turnkey & Profitable. \$695,000!

RESIDENTIAL
752 2nd St. - 4BD/2.75BA Close to schools, Rec. Center and Fairgrounds. Price reduced to \$209,000.
PENDING! NEW! 939 Park Ave. - 4BD/3BA bi-level home, nice kitchen, family room, fireplace and a fabulous 24'x40' metal shop. Great Location. Price reduced to \$227,900.
SOLD! NEW! 1147 Michael Circle - Extremely clean, one level 3BD/2BA home. Open floor plan with fireplace, hot water heat and large attached 2 door garage. Private location! \$275,000
SOLD! 1254 Sunrise Ave., Rangely - Nice 3BD/2BA home in La Mesa. Large lot & hot tub. \$175,000!

RURAL RESIDENTIAL
Ranch for sale on Strawberry Creek - Adjoins BLM, some alfalfa and oats fields, home, workshop, new large metal building, barn and arena, good location. Realtor owned. Call for details.
PENDING! 1083 Boulder Dr., Craig - Wilderness Ranches cabin, turnkey. \$157,000!

All advertising is subject to errors, omissions or changes without notice.

WESTERN EXPOSURES REALTY LLC
1033 W. Market St. Meeker, CO
www.westernexposures.com
970.878.5877

ONEA MILLER - Broker
oneamiller@gmail.com
970-321-2777

Meeker Realty LLC
NEW LISTING - 375 3rd Street, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 1 car detached garage, corner lot close to downtown. Priced to Sell at \$145,000

Cindy Welle, Broker ~ Owner | Wendy Garrett, Broker Assoc.
(970) 878-5165 | www.meeckerrealty.com
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HOMES IN MEEKER ...

- *395 6th St. - Residential/Commercial corner lot near post office. 2 story, 4 BR, 2 BA, beautiful hard wood floors, basement. Previously used as offices, retail and residential. Great location. \$245,000
- *1123 Park Ave. - Nice 2007 singlewide manufactured home on 1 full lot. 2 BR, 2 BA. Furnished. REDUCED! \$115,000
- *1116 Jeanette Cir. - 3 BR, 2 BA home, 2 car garage, yard, unobstructed views. \$275,000. SOLD!
- *389 7th St. - Big landscaped corner lot, very nice 2 BR, 1 BA home, garage. \$185,000. SOLD!

RANCHES - RURAL RESIDENTIAL - HUNTING PROPERTIES...

- *1020 S. Little Ranch Drive- 80 acres of good fenced pasture, beautiful 3BR, 2 BA log home, wood floors, walk-out basement, family room, good well, 3 stall loading shed with power & water, awesome views, very private, great hunting. Borders BLM land - Area 22. Priced reduced to: \$549,000.
- *92 CR 59- 5 acres 10 miles up Buford/New Castle Road. Home sites. Borders forest. \$115,000. SALE PENDING!
- *210 CR 75- Papoose Creek Cabin in Forest Service lease land, log cabin, outhouse. \$30,000. SALE PENDING!
- *CR 8- 88 Acres just east of Meeker. Hunting, dry land pasture, development potential. REDUCED! \$400,000.

RAW LAND AND HOMESITES ...

- *NEW .81 Acre Lot East off of School St., fenced, great home site, currently a hay field, not annexed. \$45,000
- *92 CR 59- 5 acres 10 miles up Buford/New Castle Road. Home sites. Borders forest. \$115,000. SALE PENDING!
- *2101 Meath Dr. - 35 acres in Little Beaver Estates 8 miles east of Meeker. Good pasture. Great views. \$89,900.
- *1751 Bright Water Lane- 39 Acres with White River, irrigated hay meadow, and great home sites. 5,000 sq ft barn with power, septic & cistern. Borders BLM. 14 miles west off of Hwy 64. Great hunting area. \$375,000.
- *2 Large Multi-family Lots in Sanderson Hills, near Rec Center. Zoned MR-A. \$140,000 for both, or sold separately.
- *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. REDUCED! \$400,000.
- *100 acres- 29 miles east of Meeker, surrounded by Nat'l Forest, covered with Aspens. \$1,395,000.00.
- *TBD CR 13- 35 Acres, 4.5 miles south of town. Fenced, borders BLM on 2 sides. \$189,000. SOLD!

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2604 Rd. 53-1,951 Acre Hunting Paradise	\$3,850,000	1001 Flag Creek Dr.-Lot 21, New Construction	Under \$425,000	545 3rd St.	SALE PENDING
40± Unencumbered Acres-1,449' Riverfront	\$2,500,000	915 Market St. - Carwash, Residence, Income Opportunity	\$405,000	1060 Park St. - 4BD/2BA, Fully Remodeled	\$185,000
2204 Rd. 7-618 Acres, 2 Homes, Shop, Grazing Permit	\$1,980,000	6± Acres, Buford/New Castle Rd.-Meadow, Well & Power	\$389,000	824 2nd St. - 3BD/3BA, Spacious yard, Unique floor plan	\$179,000
4267 Rd. 10-90± Acres, Home, Guest House, Stable	\$1,375,000	43523 Hwy. 13-4.18 Acres, Commercial Opportunity	\$387,000	1106 Mark Cir. - 3BD/2BA, Garage, Close to Trails & Park	\$178,000
Elk Creek Ranch Lot-World Class Fishing & Amenities	\$1,300,000	751 Rd. 60-3BD/2BA Cabin on 35± Secluded Acres	\$379,000	109 Market St. - 1/2 Acre, Corner Lot, Highly Visible	\$175,000
1168 Rd. 63-506± Acres, Custom Log Home & Shop	\$1,170,000	363 N Cross L Dr.-3BD/2BA, Valley Views, opt. adjoining lot	\$373,000	1299 Rd. 10 - 4.52 Acres, Ideal Basecamp for Units 23/24	\$175,000
Elk Mountain Inn-21 rooms, Bar, Restaurant, Courtyard	\$975,000	29± Acres up Rd. 8-Valley Views, Building Area, Fishing	\$349,000	1109 Main St.	SALE PENDING
223 8th St.-2+BD/2BA, Yard, Adjoining Retail Space	\$790,000	TBD N. 6th St.-8.45± Acres, Livestock Welcome	\$299,000	1105 & 1107 Market St. - Corner Lot, Commercial Opportunity	\$149,000
658± Acres, Rd. 143-North of RB Lake, Hunt Unit 11	\$660,000	950 Cleveland St.-3BD/3BA, large workshop	\$285,000	338 Love Ln. - 4± Acres, Residence, Livestock Welcome	\$93,000
319± Acres, Rd. 77-Colorow Cabin, Well, Grazing Permit	\$640,000	841 3rd St.-4BD/2BA, Large Lot, Attached Garage	\$279,000	Yoleta Ln. east of CRAIG - 40± Acres	\$69,000
431 E. Market St.-22± Acres, Shop, Office, Living Quarters	\$549,000	7.46 Acres, E. Market St.-Highway Frontage, Great Traffic	\$249,000	2 Sage Hills Lots - Panoramas, Build Your Dream Home	\$59,000
1100 Flag Creek Dr.-Lot 24, New Construction	Under \$534,000	212 Garfield St.-3BD/3BA, Central, Spacious	\$230,000	Four 22,500 SQFT Lots	SALE PENDING
687 Garfield St.-Historic Brick 4BD/3BA, Corner Lot	\$449,000	3915 Rd. 10 - 3.1 acres, Stunning Views, Well Water	\$219,000	Ridge Estates - 22 rural residential lots	From \$45,000 to \$160,000

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