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Wed., Dec. 5 at 5:30 p.m.
Downtown Meeker

CNCC hears suggestions on programming

By EMMA VAUGHN
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RBC I More than 30 community leaders, members and Colorado Northwestern Community College administrators and employees gathered Tuesday in the Weiss building at the CNCC Rangely campus for the countywide CNCC Networking Meeting to join a discussion and brainstorming session of what kinds of programs Rangely and the surrounding areas need, are wanted or can be implemented in the near future.

New Vice President of Instruction Keith Peterson kicked off a lively discussion on how CNCC is spearheading the movement to integrate with the community.

"We can't expect the community to want to get involved with us if we don't get involved with it," he said.

Several programs and ideas were brought up along with perceived issues of why programs that are already offered are not being utilized by community members. Among the targeted conflicts, communication issues and getting the necessary information out to the public was a major problem recognized by both community leaders and CNCC staff. Secondly, scheduling conflicts seemed to be a recurring theme which was addressed several times.

Angie Miller, human resources director of CNCC, urged the group that if they see something they like but the schedule doesn't work, to send the college a note so they can make changes. They are tracking those missed opportunities and trying to find ways to make programs accessible to everyone.

The need for stronger partnerships with the different entities in the community that require certain trainings and certifications and how CNCC can be of service to those programs and qualifications was also discussed. Both sides of the aisle need to come together to ask if a community need can be met and how that can be implemented. Miller urged that what types of services are desired needs to come from business

owners, entity representatives, community office holders and volunteer organization members, so there can be movement on CNCC's end to bring those certifications and accessibility to information and trainings in our own backyard instead of going out of town for those services.

Some of the programs determined to be of interest to the Rangely community were a welding certification course which is already in the works, automotive mechanics, CPR and first aid certifications and outdoor leadership programs, among others. Vice President Peterson reiterated, "What we are hearing today is more trade-based programming, more things where tactile learners can excel. We need to conceive a new way about doing things up here in order to be successful and that's basically because we really haven't done that in the past. What we're hoping to do from these conversations in early next spring or summer is to put together a comprehensive plan based on all the data from what you all have had to say, present it to our various communities and boards and say this was more than just a piece of pizza and dessert and thank you for your time and we'll see you again in two years and you can tell us the same thing. We intend to act on this conversation, and more than that we intend to inform you how we are going to do that and when we are going to be able to accomplish it."

CNCC held three different meeting times throughout the day in Craig on Nov. 26, Rangely on Nov. 27 and Meeker on Nov. 28. CNCC President Ron Granger concluded the Rangely meeting by commending all those in attendance and the effort shown by the Networking Group to bridge the divide and bring the two communities of Rio Blanco County together. Introductions were also made of the new Vice President of Business and Administration James Caldwell, who offered an invitation to "come up the hill" and be a part of CNCC, and a sincere promise that they will come down the hill to be a part of our communities.



EMMA VAUGHN PHOTO
More than thirty county residents were introduced to CNCC's new vice president of instruction and vice president of business and administration during the Community Networking Meeting Tuesday, which also gave attendees an opportunity to join a brainstorming and discussion session about the college's current and future programs.

WORDS OF WISDOM ...



RENÉ HARDEN PHOTOS

Julius Poole came to Rangely to try his hand at roughnecking after his service in the Navy during WWII. The love of his life, Lomell, soon joined him and they made Rangely their lifelong home, starting Colorado Well Service and later Bi-Co Rental, which they owned and operated from 1957-1979. He passed away in 2015. On Nov. 14, 2018, a ceremony was held to dedicate the Julius Poole Memorial Park at the corner of Stanolind Drive and Highway 64. As Poole was well known for planting trees, the plaque placed at the park reads, "Learn character from trees, value from roots, and change from leaves." A reception was held at the Rangely Automotive Museum following the dedication ceremony.

PMC board approves \$7.7 million expansion of orthopedic program

By DOC WATSON
Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER I The primary emphasis of the Nov. 27 Pioneers Medical Center board meeting was the future vision held by both staff and board in the areas of orthopedics as well as hospital expansion.

In preparation for that discussion, Development Director Margie Joy outlined PMC's Strategic Plan for 2019-2022, elaborating on five focus areas: quality (excelling in all we do); finance (breaking even in 2020); growth (meeting the needs of local health-care, such as orthopedics); people (being a premiere employer); and community (being a leader in public health concerns, such as tobacco, alcohol, suicide prevention, etc.).

Also presented was the 2019 budget with projected revenues of \$30.313 million and projected operating expenses of \$26.633 million. The projected revenues are actually a 20.6 percent increase driven mainly by orthopedic surgeries. After other factors are figured in, the net projected income is \$2.706 million.

The meeting then turned to the future vision.

Meeker's own Dr. Kevin Borchard—a highly acclaimed,

board certified (American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons) orthopedic surgeon—was on hand to propose the purchase of the Mako Total Knee Robotic-Arm to assist in knee surgeries. This \$1 million piece of technology guarantees greater accuracy and precision in planning and performing knee replacement than manual technique. It also replaces several other surgical instruments and makes the job much easier for the surgeon and assistants. While there are currently three locations on the Western Slope that have robotic surgery, none of them have joint fellowship-trained surgeons such as Dr. Borchard (and Dr. Dan Ward). "This, coupled with zero percent infection rate, low reoperation rate and short length of stay (in the hospital), would make Pioneers probably the top place on the Western Slope to get a joint replacement," Borchard said.

This discussion then led to another need this robotic advancement and patient increase will demand, namely, building expansion. Joy elaborated on this by presenting three options. The most



COURTESY PHOTO

The PMC board of directors voted to purchase the Mako Total Knee Robotic-Arm to assist in knee surgeries as part of its vision for orthopedic excellence and advancement for the Western Slope.

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Museums, mosquitos and more (oh my!)

By DOC WATSON
Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER I WHITE RIVER INN GRANT EXTENSION

The Nov. 20 Meeker Board of Trustees heard first from White River Inn owner L.D. Grove who sought an extension on a grant the board had approved back in June for improvements on the inn. Since the original work was not done, an extension was needed to cover part of the cost of stone work to upgrade the inn's façade. There was a consensus among the board members to extend the grant.

STAFF UPDATE

The only staff update came from Police Chief Phil Stubblefield. He reported that there were 271 total calls (including traffic), six arrests (including one for domestic violence, one sex assault and one DUI) and 18 summons. The department is still searching for another officer, "as is most every other agency in the state," he added.

MOSQUITO TRAPPING

As reported in the June 9 edition of the *Herald Times*, Rio Blanco County Health Director Julie Drake spoke to the board regarding better practices for municipal mosquito management. Her concern was that Meeker's mosquito control efforts in the past—including aerial spraying, which did not take place in 2018 for the first time in 45 years—have not been based on scientific data.

To gather such data, a mosquito trapping program was instituted. The scientific background of Holly Knowles, who is also a retail food inspector, aided in this data gathering. Using two specially designed traps, placed in alternating locations, several species of mosquitoes were trapped.

Of special interest and concern is the Culex species, the carrier of the West Nile virus. The July 30, 2018, trap data showed that 18 of the 31 mosquitoes collected (58 percent) were Culex, while the Sept. 10, 2018, data showed only 3 of 78 (4 percent) were Culex. No mosquitoes were tested, however, to see if West Nile was actually present.

Because the trapping could not begin until later in the summer, the program will continue next year when it can include the peak season of June. To gather adequate data, it will also be necessary to trap mosquitoes on a weekly basis. The problem here, however, is that no one in Meeker sells dry ice, which provides the carbon dioxide needed to draw mosquitoes. It was also hoped that at least one more trap can be purchased.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Historical Society board member Kay Bivens shared the society's vision to develop five historical tours. One will be a Bank Robbery Trail. Starting at the museum, it will come down to the Hugus building, through the town park, up to the cemetery where the three would-be robbers are buried, and will also include three interpretive signs. Other planned tours include Elk Creek, Coal Creek Schoolhouse, Powell Park and historic buildings in Meeker. No money was asked for at this time, rather the society

MOSQUITO #s

July 30 Trap: 31 mosquitos collected, 58% were potential carriers of West Nile virus
Sept. 10 Trap: 78 mosquitos collected, 4% were potential carriers

just wants the town board and our community to know what it is doing to develop tourism.

LIONS CLUB LIQUOR PERMIT

A public hearing was held to consider a request from the Meeker Lions Club for a special events permit for serving liquor at the Pioneer Medical Center Christmas party at the Fairfield Center on Dec. 15 (4 p.m.–12 a.m.). A motion was made, seconded and passed to issue the permit.

VAPING CODE

Another public hearing involved a lengthy discussion concerning Meeker Ordinance #07-2018, which amends Chapter 9.9 of the Meeker Municipal Code on the issue of "vaping." This issue has caused enormous concern because Colorado has become the worst state in the country for this trend even in the schools. Chapter 9.9 specifically addresses the juvenile use of tobacco products, "including any electronic smoking device" in public.

Police Chief Stubblefield's respectfully proposed change was to apply this to "any person eighteen (18) years of age or younger," which is actually stricter than state law, which specifies those who are simply under 18.

After spending much time studying this issue, his concern is that both 18-year-old students and younger ones could easily be part of any public gathering, including in a vehicle. This could then result in all the students using the product but the 18-year-old claiming it was his alone if confronted by law enforcement. An added result would be that the 18-year-old is now contributing to the delinquency of a minor, which is technically a low-class felony.

With equal respect to and support of Chief Stubblefield's concerns and commitment, the board preferred to stay with the simpler state law of under 18 to prevent complications, misinterpretation and confusion (although state law does not actually address vaping except prohibiting it on school property). The amendment will, therefore, be revised to reflect those who are under 18 for both tobacco products and vaping and resubmitted at the next meeting.

FINAL MATTERS

In his final remarks, Mayor Regas Halandras addressed Lisa Cook's service as interim town manager and the possibility of her "throwing her hat in the ring" to assume that position permanently.

After Cook's own town manager's reports, scheduling the next meeting for Jan. 2, instead of New Year's Day, and a few minor matters, the meeting adjourned.

WEATHER



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Sunday: 20s/10s Snow



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

■ **Breakfast with Santa** Dec. 8, 8:30 to 11 a.m., Fairfield Center. Visit with Santa and enjoy a pancake breakfast! ERBM Recreation & Park District 970-878-3403.

■ **Meeker Public Library** is hosting a Friday craft class for middle school through high school teens. Each Friday starting Nov. 2 will feature a jewelry making class beginning at 1 p.m. Space is limited to 10 participants. Call or come in to sign up now. 970-878-5911

■ **Storytime at the Rangely Regional Library** Tuesdays at 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.

■ **Tiny Open Gym** Tuesdays, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the admin gym. Bring your 1 to 4 year olds to this free open gym to burn off some energy. Runs through Feb. 26 (no session Dec. 25 and Jan. 1.) A gym supervisor will be present, but will not lead organized activities. Max three children per parent/caregiver. ERBM Recreation & Park District 970-878-3403.

■ **Rangely Community Resource Pantry** open Mondays from 4 to 6:30 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.

■ **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.

■ **Gentleman's Group** meeting every Tuesday at 9 a.m. at the Meeker Recreation Center lounge. Adults 50+, stop by for refreshments and conversation. No session Dec. 25 and Jan. 1. 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.

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

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

■ **Game Day** for adults 50-plus 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 Wendll's.

■ **Adult Open Gym Volleyball** (18+): Tuesday at MES gym. 7:30-9 p.m. through Feb. 26 (except Dec. 25 and Jan 1.) ERBM Recreation and Park District. Call 878-3403 for details.

■ **Adult Open Gym Basketball** (18+): Tuesday at MES gym. 7:30-9 p.m. through Feb. 26 (except Dec. 25 and Jan 1.) ERBM Recreation and Park District. Call 878-3403 for details.

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

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

■ **Tootsie Care Day** has joined with Pioneers Hospital Home Health Foot Clinic. To help reduce confusion, Vicki will be at MVCC on the 2nd 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.

Email events by 5 p.m Monday to calendar@ht1885.com

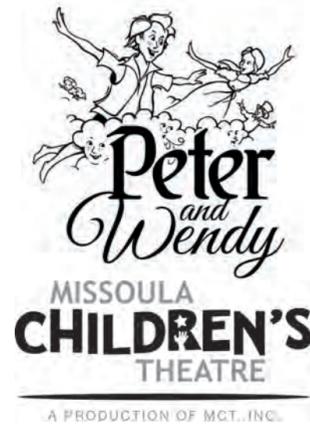
Missoula Children's Theatre holding auditions Monday

Special to the Herald Times

RANGELY The audition for the Missoula Children's Theatre (MCT) production of Peter and Wendy will be held on Monday, Dec. 3, 2018, in the Rangely Jr/Sr High School auditorium. There are roles for students Kindergarten–12th grade. Approximately 50-60 local students will be cast to appear in the show with the MCT Tour Actor/Director. There is no guarantee that everyone who auditions will be cast in the play. Students wishing to audition must arrive by the scheduled starting time and stay for the entire two-hour session. The first rehearsal begins approximately 15-minutes after the audition.

This is a group audition—no advance preparation is necessary, but a smile never hurts. Students should just be ready to come and have a good time.

Rehearsals will be conducted every day from 4-6 p.m. and from 6:15-8:15 p.m. in the auditorium. (NOTE: Younger children usually



rehearse from 4-6 p.m.) Although not all cast members will be needed at every session, those auditioning must have a clear schedule for the entire week and if selected, be able to attend all rehearsals required for their role and be available for all scheduled performances. A detailed rehearsal schedule will be distributed

at the conclusion of the audition. Cast members scheduled for the full four hours and 15 minutes will be asked to bring a sack lunch, dinner or snack to be eaten during the 15-minute break between sessions.

A matinee performance will be held on Friday, Dec. 7 at 1:30 p.m. and an evening performance will be held on Saturday, Dec. 8 at 7 p.m. in the auditorium.

The Missoula Children's Theatre is a non-profit organization based in Missoula, Mont. This coming year more than 65,000 cast members across the globe will take to the stage to the delight and applause of their families, friends, community, neighbors and teachers! The residency in Rangely is made possible by the Rangely School District and the Gifted and Talented program.

For any questions please contact Cheryl Blackburn, Rangely GT Coordinator at 675-2064. Reminder: Everyone who auditions is not guaranteed a part in the Peter and Wendy show!

MACC brings arts and culture to Meeker

Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER Meeker Arts and Cultural Council (MACC) was founded in 2010 to promote and encourage opportunities in the performing and fine arts for youth and adults of the Meeker Community. Founding members Gary and Laurie Zellers envisioned and created the Center Stage Youth Theatrical Group (CSYTG) for third through eighth graders to inspire their interest and development as young thespians and to annually participate. High school age Drama Club and International Thespian Society Troupe 1284 students often assist and mentor CSYTG performers and crew members with productions. The Meeker School District Re-1 and Meeker High School have

generously provided use of the MHS Auditorium and resources for rehearsals and production venues. MACC deeply appreciates the generous support of youth and adult volunteers contributing their time and talents to the performing arts productions.

In collaboration with the generous financial and administrative support of the ERBM Recreation and Park District, MACC has been able to sustain many popular Broadway musical productions suitable for that age group. Since that time, MACC CSYTG has produced Annie, Jr., Cinderella, Jr. Hansel and Gretel, Jr., Alice in Wonderland, Jr., Seussical, the Musical, Jr., Shrek, the Musical, Jr. The Wizard of Oz, (a co-production with the Meeker High School Drama Club and International Thespian



Society Troupe 1284), The Little Mermaid, Jr., Willie Wonka and the Chocolate Factory, Jr., and the 2018 production of Walt Disney's Mary Poppins, Jr.

Many Meeker youth have participated in the program, some since the first production in 2010 and have continued in the Meeker High School Drama Club productions and following graduation, have continued their performing arts careers and avocational interests in higher education and in lifelong career interests.



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The graduate student team will be presenting their findings, opportunities and recommendations based on local citizens' feedback.

November 30th
Rangely District Hospital
12PM-1PM
Everyone is welcome!



Please RSVP to 878-9582 or makala.barton@rbc.us

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Saturday, December 8, 2018
8:30am - 11:00am
Fairfield Center
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You are cordially invited to visit Santa and have breakfast provided by ERBM and cooked and served by the Lions Club.

Bring your wish list to share and some non-perishables to donate to the local food pantry.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Upstairs Gallery open house Nov. 30-Dec. 1

MEEKER Kick off your holidays with an open house at The Upstairs Gallery Friday, Nov. 30 from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Saturday, Dec. 1 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Featured artwork will include paintings by Pat Sheeran-Daggett, ceramics by Andy Goettel and Deb Stewart, glasswork by Tasha Goedert, silk scarves and jewelry by Joanne Nelson and Jennifer Taylor, and floral arrangements and wreaths by Katie Conrado. Please stop in and enjoy the art and refreshments and a bit of holiday cheer. The Upstairs Gallery is located in the Hugus Building at 592 Main St. in Meeker.

Get your 2019 health insurance now

RBC Connect for Health Colorado open enrollment for health insurance ends Dec. 15, 2018. Depending on your income and family size, you may qualify for premium tax credits and cost-sharing reductions to lower your monthly health insurance costs. The Rio Blanco County Department of Human Services and Greg Neal from Western Slope Health Insurance LLC will be available Monday, Dec. 3, 3-6:30 p.m. in Rangely, 101 E. Main St., and in Meeker on Thursday, Dec. 6, 3-6:30 p.m., 200 Main St., Ste. 200 to accept and process applications for 2019 health coverage. New clients and renewing clients are encouraged to participate to ensure that the most viable and cost effective health insurance options are explored. For more information, or to schedule an appointment, please contact the RBC Department of Human Services at 970-878-9640 and visit <http://connectforhealthco.com/get-started/new-customers/>. Walk-ins welcome as well.

MACC meeting Dec. 3

MEEKER The Meeker Arts and Cultural Council [MACC] will hold their monthly meeting on Monday, December 3, at 4:30 PM at the Old West Heritage Culture Center at 517 Park Ave. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Parade of Lights Dec. 5

MEEKER This year the festivities will begin Wednesday, Dec. 5 at 5:30 p.m. with the Courthouse Tree Lighting and Parade of Lights. Enjoy the Christmas choir, hot chocolate and cookies and more. Brought to you by the Chamber of Commerce, Pioneers Healthcare Foundation, White River Electric Assoc., and Horizons Specialized Services.

Support UMC mission trip to Puerto Rico

MEEKER The Meeker United Methodist Church will be providing chili at the Parade of Lights Dec. 5 and at the Holiday Meeker Market Dec. 7-8 in exchange for a donation to support the church's mission trip to Puerto Rico in January.

BLM Advisory Council meeting Dec. 6

RBC The Bureau of Land Management's Northwest Resource Advisory Council will meet Thursday, Dec. 6 at the BLM Colorado River Valley Field Office in Silt, 2300 River Frontage Rd. "The Northwest RAC is a diverse citizen advisory board that provides valuable perspectives for managing BLM lands in northwestern Colorado," said Northwest District Manager Andrew Archuleta. The meeting runs from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. and is open to the public, with public comment periods scheduled for 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Agenda items include wild horse management, a BLM land tenure overview, mineral management, consideration of a letter supporting wildland fire mitigation, and district and field manager updates. For more information about the NW RAC, visit: <https://www.blm.gov/get-involved/resource-advisory-council/near-you/colorado/northwest-rac>.

"How to Start a Business" workshop

RANGELY The Rio Blanco County Small Business Development Center will be holding a free "How to Start A Business" Workshop in Rangely on Friday, Dec. 7 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Rangely Town Hall. Lunch will be provided. For more information visit the RBC SBDC Facebook page or call 878-9582. Please RSVP for the workshop at 970-878-9582 or makala.barton@rbc.us

Holiday Meeker Market Dec. 7-8

MEEKER Stop by to browse items from arts and crafts vendors, commercial and manufacturing vendors, direct sales and home party merchandisers, farmers market and food item vendors, traditional heritage trades, goat milk soaps and candles, health and wellness, woodworking. Friday, Dec. 7 from 12-6 p.m. and Saturday, Dec. 8 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Hugus Building at Sixth and Main Street in Meeker. Contact the Meeker Chamber for more information: 970-878-5510.

Algae Group meeting Friday, Dec. 14

MEEKER The next White River Algae Technical Advisory Group (TAG) meeting is scheduled for Friday, Dec. 14 from 1-4 p.m. at the Sheriff's Training Room in Meeker (355 Fourth St.). We will send the agenda out as we get closer to the meeting date. This room will be a little tight so please RSVP to whiterivercd@gmail.com or call the office at 970-878-9838 so we can do our best to have enough seats available.

The Rio Blanco County Historical Society is seeking voluntary members. We will also be filling two board positions at our next election. If you want to be part of making history and preserving it, please let us know by calling 970-878-9982. We will notify you of our next meeting. The elections will be held in January.



TRAFFIC JAM—RBC STYLE...



It's the kind of traffic jam you don't really mind being in. These sheep were moving down the road to winter pasture on Highway 64 just past White River City.

EMMA VAUGHN PHOTO



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16 oz. Daily's	BIG BUY BACON	2 for \$4

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30 oz. Best Foods	MAYONNAISE	\$3.99
9.5-12.5 oz. Keebler	CRACKERS	\$2.99

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EDITOR'S COLUMN...

Sigh away, it's good for you

By NIKI TURNER
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Reporter 1: You're full of sighs today.
Reporter 2: That's just how I breathe now."
That quote comes from an entertaining Facebook page I've followed for several years called "Overheard in the Newsroom." They post pithy comments and quotes that have been, or could be, heard in a newsroom. Some fun examples include:
"There's a guy on the phone who's mad about everything and wants to speak with someone." (You have no idea how often this happens.)
"Designer: 'How long is your story?' Reporter: 'Longer than short, but not long-long.'" (Something I never understood as a reporter, but understand now as a former designer and current editor.)
"Editor on phone: 'Oh! Hi, how are you? Yeah. It's all good here. You know, just staring into the abyss.'" (I haven't actually said it, but I certainly feel it some days.)
But it's the quote about sighing, which appeared last January, that has stuck with me. I don't just sigh at work (though I'm frequently overheard sighing heavily at my desk), I sigh all the time, and have for years, according to my husband. At work I might sigh over an article full of grammatical

disasters, or the fourth revision to an obituary half an hour before deadline, or an email from some disgruntled person who thinks it's the newspaper's job to broadcast his

or her grievances to the world without any kind of fact-checking, verification or journalistic ethics. At home I sigh over the general disappointments of life: a broken appliance, mud tracked inside by the dogs just after I cleaned the floor, etc.

You might be a "sigher," too. If you are, there's good news. All that heavy sighing may be keeping you alive, according to the results of a study (<http://newsroom.ucla.edu/releases/ucla-and-stanford-researchers-pinpoint-origin-of-sighing-reflex-in-the-brain>) done by UCLA and Stanford researchers, "Heaving an unconscious sigh is a life-sustaining reflex that helps preserve lung function." Apparently sighing, which occurs approximately every five minutes (or more when you're under stress) is nature's way of keeping the alveoli in the lungs from collapsing. So keep sighing. It's probably good for you.

I'm pleased to announce that we have filled the vacancy created by Jen Hill's departure. Emma Vaughn, Rio Blanco County native, former independent candidate for county clerk, and once-upon-a-time intern at the *Herald Times* under previous owner/editor Mitch Bettis, is joining our team to cover Rio Blanco County news. After following her campaign, I believe Emma has the kind of energy, commitment to the truth, and

strong connections on both sides of the county to help us effectively "do" local journalism.

We're having an open house this Friday from 4-8 p.m. here at the Hugus Building upstairs. Come say hello, enjoy some snacks, and let us know what you'd like to see in the paper in the coming year. More coverage of local boards and districts? More feature/human interest stories? Comics? Weather? History? Toss out some ideas.

Dante should have included moving in one of his multiple "circles of hell."

There's nothing like moving from one house to another to remind you that you're harboring tons (literally) of unnecessary baggage: beat up furniture you couldn't even give away, tax files from the 1990s, hoarded over-the-counter medications and cosmetics, and untold months worth of toaster crumbs which set themselves free at will during the moving process.

Four boxes into packing I wanted to set it all on fire. Now (finally) we're in the unpacking process and I'm realizing how much of that process involves hiding things we've moved multiple times in new closets. It's stuff we can't seem to get rid of, but haven't used in years.

Why do we keep it all? Why are we compelled to fill every closet and cupboard and room with more "things"? It's an excellent question to ask as we head into the Christmas season, where we're about to add even more stuff to the mix. What is our fascination with stuff? Something to think about as we start our Christmas shopping excursions!

GUEST COLUMN

A tearful goodbye from Jen Hill

By JEN HILL
Special to the Herald Times



Jen Hill

RBC I Over the years I've learned that many of life's little clichés exist for a reason. Oftentimes there is a grain, or even a boulder, of truth packed into those tiny nuggets of wisdom. The cliché I've been stuck on this week is, "when one door closes, another opens." After a lot of thoughtful consideration over the past weeks I landed on the conclusion that, for now, it is time to close the door on my time at the *Herald Times* and tackle new adventures.
The decision to leave was an incredibly hard one fraught with angst and a few tears. My time with the paper and especially the Turner family has been a wonderful experience, full of exciting opportunities to learn and grow as a writer. I have come to regard my boss as a good friend, something most people don't get to experience. An added bonus was the occasional voices of support for my efforts to keep Rangely informed about their local

and county governments. Those of you who provided those compliments will never know how impactful and sometimes needed they were, thank you. I am proud of my time with the paper and honored to have played a role in local communication.

As I leave my role of local reporter I want to encourage each and every one of you to follow your local and county governments. Ask questions, read through meeting packets and when you can, show up. Don't let them forget that you are here and they work for you.

In addition to participating in your local government I want to urge you to participate in your local economy. Through my role with the HT I have gotten to know most of the local business owners. I have covered more business openings and closing than I care to remember and I've seen the vital role you all play in supporting each other. Shop local when you can, advertise local when you can, preferably with the HT (everyone loves a shameless plug) and consider how you can stop the cycle of publicly complaining about local businesses while simultaneously bemoaning the lack of local services. Find a way to really live the Gandhi quote, "Be the change that you wish to see in the world."

MILLENNIAL MUSINGS

The anonymous elephant in the room

By CAITLIN WALKER
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Caitlin Walker

RBC I It's not difficult to stay anonymous if you never leave home, even in a town of 2,500. This is both a blessing and a curse.

It's a blessing because, "who is that random weird lady falling up the stairs at Town Hall?" is much preferred to, "Caitlin R. Walker, daughter of Pat and Niki Turner, wife of Chance, mother of four, has been regularly falling up the stairs at Town Hall for years, but apparently doesn't learn and just tripped for the 487th time."

(Yes, you read that right. I am indeed talented enough to fall up stairs.)

It's also a curse, because a lot of people have no idea why I now cry over pecan pies at the grocery store.

I lost my little brother in a car accident eight weeks and two days ago. He's the Ethan my mom, Niki, has written so beautifully about in her

editor's column. The past two months have been some of the worst and weirdest of my life, and when I happened upon E's favorite pie at the store last week—'tis the season—I fell apart, and not in the single-tear-glistening-down-my-cheek sort of way.

Something I've learned about grief? It really freaks people out (also, grocery stores are a emotional minefield—still not completely sure why.) None of us are taught how to deal with it, and when we inevitably find ourselves in the midst of a trauma, we often end up feeling like the elephant in the room, whether we're anonymous or well-known.

What has helped most is actually quite simple and reminds me of my grandma's favorite quote: "Be kind, for everyone you meet is fighting a hard battle." (Well, one of her favorite quotes. The other we can't print because it contains profanity. Best grandma ever.)

What can you do? Just be kind. It's an especially important thing to remember during the holidays, when kindness gets forgotten under Christmas lists and stuffing recipes and that giant pile of fake tree branches you lost the assembly instructions for. So sprinkle a little kindness wherever you can this season. Hold a door for someone, offer a smile, answer your phone without snarling (a personal struggle of mine; for the love of bacon just send a text), or hand a tissue to the sniffing stranger in the bakery section.

And for all my fellow elephants this season, anonymous and otherwise, I'm sending you my best and brightest wishes for a kindness-filled season.

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OBITUARIES

Alvin "Butch" Jones

Oct. 21, 1949 ~ Nov. 18, 2018

Alvin "Butch" Jones of Meeker, Colo., died on Nov. 18, 2018, in Meeker among his family and friends.



Alvin Jones

Alvin was born to Albert "Pal" and Louise Jones on Oct. 21, 1949, in Hayden, Colo. He spent his entire

childhood in Craig, Colo., where he acquired his love of hunting, fishing and all things outdoors. Following his graduation from Moffat County High School, he attended Colorado State University in Fort Collins, graduating with a Bachelor's Degree in range ecology and minor in soil science. While attending CSU he met Linda Leroux of Radium, Colo. They were married at the Danforth Chapel on the CSU Campus on May 24, 1969, and remained married for 49 years until his passing.

During high school and college Alvin held various jobs including on a local ranch and at Dinosaur National Park. After an internship, he was hired by the Soil Conservation Service, where he would work until his retirement in December 2005. Early in his career, Alvin and family moved several times but never left western Colorado. He was transferred to Meeker, Colo., in 1976 and lived there for the remainder of his life. He was well-known and respected by ranchers, farmers, water providers and landowners throughout northwest Colorado for his expertise and the assistance he provided them. After his first retirement, he worked for EnCana Gas as a natural resource contractor.

Alvin was an active member of the Meeker community, and served in numerous roles and positions over the years. These include: an originating member of the Sportsman's Club and part of the group that developed the current shooting range facility off of Highway 13, a member of the original board of the Eastern Rio Blanco County Parks and Recreation District, a member of the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation and member of the Wagon Wheel OHV Club.

Spending time with his family and being outdoors were two of his greatest passions. He was known to friends and family as a leader and guide, and loved teaching others to shoot, hunt, fish, ride, explore the western U.S. and be good stewards of the land.

Alvin was preceded in death by his father Albert Leroy Jones, mother Thelma Louise Jones and sister Glenda Cooper. He is survived by his wife Linda Jones of Meeker, Colo.; son Vaughn and Amy Jones of Evergreen, Colo., and their children Collin and Liane; son Don and Jen Jones of Winston-Salem, N.C., and their children Jacey and Conner; sister Sharon Johnson of Fort Collins, Colo.; as well as numerous extended family members and friends.

His family invites you to join them to share stories and friendship in remembrance of his life at a memorial service and reception on Saturday, Dec. 8 at 3:30 p.m. at the Fairfield Center in Meeker, Colo. In lieu of flowers, the family is suggesting donations be made to the Wagon Wheel OHV Club, the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation or HopeWest Hospice and Palliative Care.

George Elmer Wear

July 28, 1919 ~ Nov. 12, 2018

United States Army Brigadier General (Ret.) George Elmer Wear passed away peacefully at the age of 99 surrounded by family at The Fairfax Retirement Community in Virginia on Monday, Nov. 12, 2018.



George Wear

He is survived by Betty, his loving wife of 68 years, daughters Trish Thomas (Bob) and Jessie Napolitano (Sam) and son George Wear, and three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. George was preceded in death by his parents George and Bessie (Maudlin) Wear, his sisters Elinor Wear [Anderson] and Mary Wear [Villa], and his brother Alva R. "Al" Wear.

George was born July 28, 1919, and raised on a ranch in Western Colorado on the White River and in the town of Meeker. George attended the United States Military Academy at West Point and graduated with a commission as a lieutenant on June 6, 1944 (Normandy D-Day). He was sent to Europe with the 106th Division. He fought in the Battle of

the Bulge where he was wounded and hospitalized in England. He returned to his unit just prior to VE Day and spent the next two years with the occupation forces in Germany. George later served in Korea and two tours in Vietnam. During his military career he received 22 decorations including the Combat Infantry Badge in three wars for which he was most proud. He retired from the military in 1974 as a Brigadier General.

Upon retiring, he and Betty spent 34 years in their beloved Colorado in the town of Glenwood Springs. After initially working for the state and Mid Continent Resources mining company, George fully retired spending time with his wife and family, participating in community service, and becoming an avid hiker, skier, golfer and vegetable gardener. With his hiking group, he logged 4,000 mountain miles, which included climbing 22 of Colorado's peaks over 14,000 feet.

In 2008 George and Betty moved to The Fairfax at Ft Belvoir, Va., and enjoyed 10 years reconnecting with old military friends and visits from family.

A memorial service will be held at The Fairfax (9140 Belvoir Woods Parkway, Ft Belvoir, Va.) on Tuesday, Nov. 27 at 10 a.m.

Melba Genevieve LeFevre

Feb. 8, 1927 ~ Nov. 23, 2018

Melba LeFevre passed away in a peaceful sleep on Nov. 23, 2018. She had spent the last year residing in the Walbridge Wing in the Meeker Pioneers Hospital and had lived in Meeker all of her life.



Melba LeFevre

She was married to Clifford Lumpkin from 1947 until his passing in 1948. A son Daryl, was born to the marriage Aug. 16, 1947. Melba then married her life partner, Don, on June 17, 1950, with their daughter Darlene born July 29, 1952.

Don and Melba enjoyed traveling, camping and snowmobiling in the beautiful mountains around Meeker. She had worked for Watt's Ranch Market and Jirak's Rexall drug store before retiring from work. Her most enjoyable times were spent traveling as a Colorado State officer with the Order of Eastern Star Lodge when they visited many states in the

eastern United States and Hawaii.

She and Don could always be found enjoying their favorite pastime of dancing at any and all get-togethers.

Melba was a wonderful cook and hosted almost all the family dinners during the holiday seasons. She cared deeply for the well being and health of all of her family.

She leaves to mourn her passing a sister Maxine (George) Reid; son Daryl and grandson Tony and family Sara, Dominic and Isaac; and daughter Darlene Massey and granddaughters April Massey and grandkids Angel and Selena, and Sonja (Steve) Cook and several great-grandkids, nieces and nephews.

Graveside services are planned for 1 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 1, 2018 at Meeker's Highland Cemetery. In lieu of flowers that are eagerly awaited by the deer at the cemetery, the family asks that you contribute to your favorite local charity in Melba's name. Services were entrusted to the care of Blackburn and Sons Mortuary of Vernal, (435)789-2611, www.blackburnvernalmortuary.cominfo@bvmortuary.com

OBITUARY POLICY

The Rio Blanco Herald Times chooses not to charge a publication fee for obituaries or death notices with a local connection to the county. It is our opinion that publishing obituaries is a matter of public record and part of our responsibility as a newspaper to maintain a living record of our local history. If you need to submit an obituary or death notice, please stop by the office or email editor@theheraldtimes.com

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Climate change denier

Dear Editor:

I am a denier. At least that's my label according to those who believe in human caused global warming (HCGW) which is caused, of course, by the burning of carbon based fuels, coal and petroleum. My position in this discussion was recently bolstered by an televised interview of Patrick Michaels, a scientist who has spent most of his life studying changes in global temperature, a natural phenomenon. Even in my lifetime, there have been several predictions that we were soon going to freeze or dry up from excess heat. Some of the same people kept predicting the end of the world.

Dr. Michaels correctly points out that when the cash registers

began ringing for Al Gore a few years ago, Gore was using graphs when compared to measurements easily obtained today with more sophisticated instruments, are 150 percent off—too high. Despite these discrepancies proponents of HCGW have not backed off, continue to spend billions of dollars of private (taxpayer) money on a big lie.

Parts of the earth (rain forests) are noticeably greener due to a natural occurring slightly warmer climate.

Predictions of the impact of HCGW are based on models developed in 31 countries, but only one developed in Russia produces accurate results.

Become a scoffer and vote down any funding for further support of HCGW by our representatives in Congress.

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Ship-Shape and Bristol Fashion

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

For though I be absent in the flesh, yet am I with you in the spirit, joying and beholding your order, and the steadfastness of your faith in Christ. (Col. 2:5)



Dr. J.D. Watson

THE title of this week's meditation is a fascinating expression that transports us back to the days of the old sailing ships of Briton. "Ship-shape" has been around since the 17th-century but was merged with "Bristol Fashion" 200 years later. The port of Bristol lies in the southwestern portion of the UK where the Rivers Avon and Frome converge. At low tide, the harbor is too shallow to accommodate large ships, even those of the old sailing days. Amazingly, however, it has the second highest tidal range in the world, more than 40 feet. If a ship floated in on high tide and remained, it would be beached at low tide. Since the ship would tilt to one side as it settled on its keel, everything had to be stowed away or securely tied down to prevent utter chaos and cargo spoilage. While this problem was resolved in 1803 with the construction of the Floating Harbor, the expression remains to this day to indicate something that is in first-class order.

That is what God wants from us. The word **order** in our text (*taxis*) comes from a verb that means to arrange in order and was a military term that referred to an orderly array of soldiers. This was undoubtedly impressed upon Paul's mind as he observed Roman soldiers during his imprisonment.

First, then, there must be order in our *character*. It must be ship-shape, with nothing out of place. Second, there must be order in our *conduct*. This, too, must be in Bristol Fashion, with everything stowed away and tied down so that our testimony for Christ is not spoiled. As noted in our last installment, we must be blameless.

Third, and as an extension of the others, there must be order in our *churches*. It is extremely significant that *taxis* also appears in 1 Corinthians 14:40: "Let all things be done decently and in order." The Corinthians had so confused and abused the spiritual gifts (as well as several other things) that there was chaos in the church. Sadly, the same disorder is standard fare in many churches today. Further, as A. W. Tozer well observed (60 years ago!): "Fiction, films, fun, frolic, religious entertainment, Hollywood ideals, big business techniques, and cheap, worldly philosophies now over-run the sanctuary. The grieved Holy Spirit broods over the chaos but no light breaks forth."

Indeed, heavenly *realities* have been lowered to earthly *rabble*. The sacredness of the Church and God's Word have been replaced by little more than a carnival sideshow. Let us be challenged, then, that our *preaching* be orderly, as well-trained men exposit the Scriptures. Let our *praising* be orderly, as we worship in spirit and in truth. And let our *proclamation* be orderly, as we serve Christ according to biblical guidelines. Oh, let us keep it all ship-shape and Bristol fashion!

Scriptures for Study: How do these OT passages set the precedent for orderliness: 1 Chronicles 16:37-42; 2 Chronicles 29:35; Ezra 6:18?

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] steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers" (Acts 2:42).

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Meeker BOE honors committee; moves ahead with renovations

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MEEKER I Following post-Thanksgiving greetings and the Pledge of Allegiance led by board member Kevin Amack Nov. 26, the Meeker Board of Education celebrated, recognized and thanked the citizen 4A Bond Issue Campaign Committee which successfully led the effort to get the 4A bond question approved by Meeker district voters. The bond issue question, which allows the financing for significant renovations of the Meeker High School building and construction of a new district bus garage, passed voter muster as of Election Day, Nov. 6, 1,213 (64 percent) YES votes to 677 NO votes (36 percent).

Monday night, the board heard at some length from Todd Snidow, a representative of its bonding consultants, the nationwide firm of George K. Baum and Company. Snidow, out of the Denver office, is an executive vice-president for Baum in the Colorado Public Finance Group. He has served a wide variety of tax-exempt bond issuers in Colorado, Montana and Wyoming during his 20-year career.

Snidow counseled the board that they need not be in a hurry to issue their bonds pursuant to the successful election, and he advised offering the bonds in at least two major pieces, the first to cover the major portion (\$28 million) of their project upfront,

and the second, up to nearly \$12 million, after they find out if the district receives financial help from the state in the form of a Building Excellent Schools Today (BEST) grant from the Colorado Department of Education or assistance through the Colorado Department of Local Affairs. The Amendment 4A bond approval measure authorized increasing debt up to \$39.7 million.

Snidow further discussed the procedures going forward to issuing the district's bonds including, most specifically, an approximately 80 page document required to inform potential bond investors of the school district's regional economy and likelihood of financial stability. In addition, Snidow suggested getting at least two bond rating agency evaluations.

In his report to the BOE, District Superintendent Chris Selle noted that overall school enrollment is at nearly 750 students, up from 737 a year ago and 743 two years ago. He stated that there is likely to be legislation in the 2019 legislative session to fund full-day kindergarten and that he expects the coalition behind statewide ballot question Amendment 73 for increased school funding would continue to push for better funding. That measure, initiated by several school district superintendents across the state, and other pro-education advocates, failed statewide on a 46 percent YES to 54 percent NO vote.



Meeker Ballot Issue 4A Citizens' Campaign Committee members were recognized and thanked by the Meeker Board of Education at Monday's school board meeting: Trina Zagar-Brown, Jessica Browning, Jewell Kindler, Iris Franklin, JH Sheridan, Joe Nieslanik, Dan (with Sam) Conrado and Robert Amick. Zagar-Brown and Nieslanik were committee co-chairs.

Regarding moving ahead on the high school renovation and bus garage project, Selle recommended that the board approve a conditional notice to proceed with the architectural and engineering services firm of TreanorHL of Denver which earned the highest scores and offered the best fee in presentations to the district's selection committee. The district and this firm will be working with a local Design Advisory Group,

the membership of which is to be announced by Selle this week and which is scheduled to meet Dec. 3, 10, 17 and 18. The work of this group will be intense, according to Selle, as design planning is imminent

now with the school bonds going to sale. The other finalists interviewed for the architectural work were The Blythe Group and CannonDesign.

In closing, the board unanimously approved a 20-page resolution with a

seven page appendix authorizing, via George K. Baum and Company of Denver, as the underwriter, the initial offering of \$28 million in Meeker RE-1 School District bonds.

In other business, the BOE approved the hiring of classified substitutes Michelle Olsen and Janet Kendall; and Barone Middle School girls basketball coaches Samantha Wilson, eighth grade, Paulette Hanks, seventh grade, and Kasyn Chintala, assistant.

On a policy issue, the board approved the inclusion of nicotine products (vaping) in the school's tobacco-free policy on second reading. This change will be considered on third and final reading at the Dec. 11 regular board meeting.

Discussion about district mental health preparedness and suicide prevention policy revolved around whether or not a more detailed, board-approved suicide risk assessment protocol should be pursued, or whether reliance on available, suitably-trained personnel, with rapid referral to Pioneers Medical Center expertise, was sufficient. For the time being, the latter approach prevailed.

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Get to Know Dr. Laurie Good DERMATOLOGIST

Dr. Laurie Good, a board-certified dermatologist, will join the MRH medical team December 1. She practices full-spectrum dermatology for people of all ages, from children through seniors. Common conditions she assesses and treats include skin cancers, eczema, psoriasis and acne, but she welcomes patients with skin conditions and needs of any kind, from diagnostics to medical, cosmetic and surgical. She will see patients in Steamboat two days a week and in Craig two days a week.



Why did you choose to come northwest Colorado? Coming from the desert of the southern Rockies, my family was drawn to the lush, mountain scenery of northwest Colorado. My personal ethos has been to practice dermatology in a rural, underserved setting where I can make a positive impact. My husband and I love life in a small town and recognized northwest Colorado as a down-to-earth, well-rounded area with a community that reflects our family's priorities and values.

Speaking of your family, what can you tell us? My husband, Travis, and I have been together since high school, and we now have four kids, ages 12, 11, 10 and 8. Travis is an MD as well, but with his computer-science background and entrepreneurial spirit, he is the founder and CEO of a health-tech company. Our tight-knit family does almost everything altogether, including skiing, mountain biking, hiking, raising animals, running, camping and traveling. We have a hobby farm with llamas, a donkey, a mini horse and chickens.

What about dermatology makes you so passionate? Dermatology is a tactile and visual specialty that is both diagnostic and procedural, so I get to think about how different diseases present on different skin types, diagnose them, and then often intervene surgically to treat. The true reward, though, is the relationships I develop with my patients. Many patients return at regular intervals for skin checks, often joking that coming to see me doesn't feel like a regular medical visit — it's more like seeing a good friend while maintaining good skin health.

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Colo. seatbelt use up to 86 percent

Special to the Herald Times

RBC | Last year, there were 222 unbuckled fatalities on Colorado roads—accounting for about half of the 410 total passenger vehicle deaths in the state. According to a just-released survey by the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT), seat belt usage in Colorado increased by 2.5 percent in 2018 after three years of decline. CDOT's 2018 State of Colorado Statewide Seat Belt Survey shows seat belt usage improved to 86.3 percent from 83.8 percent in 2017—the first improvement since 2015. Still, Colorado trails the national seat belt average of 90 percent.

View the entire survey at <https://www.codot.gov/library/surveys/2018-statewide-seat-belt-survey/view>. Year-to-date fatality data by county and city can be found at <https://www.codot.gov/library/traffic/safety-crash-data/fatal-crash-data-city-county/fatal-crashes-by-city-and-county>.

“Although some counties improved, overall the state is below the national average,” said Darrell Lingk, director of the Office of Transportation Safety at CDOT. “Colorado unfortunately lacks a primary seat belt law, so people are only cited for not wearing a seat belt when they are pulled over for another traffic violation. This results in less people buckling up.”

The survey identifies use rates for 31 Colorado counties. The highest was Douglas County (95 percent) and the lowest usage was Cheyenne County (65 percent). Adams County fell to second lowest, declining to 70 percent from 80 percent in 2017. The most improved counties were Clear Creek (85 percent; +8 percent), El Paso (85 percent; +5 percent), Fremont (84 percent; +7 percent), Las Animas (92 percent; +9 percent) and Pueblo (86 percent; +7 percent).

Five of the six counties with the lowest use rates were all rural—

Cheyenne (65 percent), Delta (75 percent), La Plata (76 percent), Montezuma and Chaffee (77 percent).

“Each year, this survey gives insight on where we need to focus our efforts to increase Colorado's seat belt use,” said Col. Matthew Packard, chief of the CSP. “As in past years, rural counties use seat belts less than other areas in the state. We need to improve in these regions, and all regions, to increase Colorado's seat belt use and lower passenger vehicle fatalities.”

"Overall the state is below the national average."

~ Darrell Lingk
Director, CDOT Office of Transportation Safety

In 2017 Colorado ranked 40th in the country in seat belt use, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), meaning 39 states scored

better. 2018 comparison data is not yet available. Seat belts reduce the risk of injury and death in a crash by 50 percent.

The annual State of Colorado Statewide Seat Belt Survey is required by NHTSA to estimate seat belt use. Trained surveyors observe and record seat belt use for drivers and front seat passengers only. For this survey, 132,447 vehicles and 162,096 occupants (drivers and passengers) were observed during a two-week period in June. For safety and visibility, this survey was conducted during the daytime between 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., and does not record seat belt use during nighttime hours. NHTSA confirms that belt use is significantly lower, and unbelted fatalities are far greater at night.

Click It or Ticket is a nationwide campaign from NHTSA. Since Click It or Ticket was introduced in Colorado in 2002, statewide seat belt use has increased from 72 percent to 86.3 percent in 2018. In May 2018, CDOT developed a series of ads featuring Coloradans promoting seat belt use. View the campaign ads at <https://www.codot.gov/safety/seatbelts-carseats>



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National average

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Colorado is

40th

in the country for seat belt use

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NIKI TURNER PHOTO

The gazebo at Elk Mountain Inn is home to the Hair Hut, owned and operated by Julia Haines. She's having a grand opening on Friday, Dec. 7 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

New salon opening in Meeker

By NIKI TURNER
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MEEKER | Sometimes turning the page on a new chapter just returns us to our original calling. For Julia Haines, leaving the corporate world and moving to Meeker two years ago when her infant grandson was having health problems (he's fine now) was a new chapter filled with new beginnings, including getting married in August, and now a new business venture: the Hair Hut, at 723 Market St. in Meeker (the gazebo at Elk Mountain Inn).

Haines, a Steamboat native, has pictures of herself as a child playing stylist to her siblings. That early passion turned into 28 years in the beauty industry thus far, in various capacities. She's managed multiple salons—including Great Clips in Steamboat—taught cosmetology at Colorado Northwestern Community College in Craig, and helped open salons and spas for others. This is the first time she's stepped out on her own, after trying on some different careers in the last two years.

When Haines resigned from her corporate job and moved to Meeker, she started as a cook at Elk Mountain Inn's café. With her customer service experience, she pursued the role of bank teller. But after a short time she knew that wasn't the right fit, either. She worked as a cosmetologist in Rifle Glenwood Springs for a while, but the commute was a hindrance. Meanwhile, people

kept contacting her, asking about hair services during her free time.

“People have been finding me,” she said. “When Elk Mountain Inn owner Melinda Parker offered the gazebo space for rent, I couldn't refuse.”

“This is my passion,” she said. “I love to make people feel good. I never thought of it as work.”

The Hair Hut will provide haircuts for women, men and children, colors, perms, facial waxing and formal hairstyling with a personal touch exclusively using Kevin Murphy products. She'll also offer Moroccan Oil, cleansing and conditioning care, as well as gift items from Sonoma/Lavender and We Belong jewelry.

“Kindness goes a long way,” she said, describing her philosophy for work, and for life.

The grand opening of the Hair Hut will be Friday, Dec. 7 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Free gifts (product and hair cut) for appointment bookings of any chemical services. Register for free giveaways, and cider and sweets will be offered.

At the craft bazaar on Saturday, Dec. 8, she will also be offering information about her salon and will also have products and gifts for sale. Register for free giveaways and free product samples.

Currently, the Hair Hut is open by appointment by calling (970) 260-6606. Her regular hours will be Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. She is willing to be flexible to meet clientele needs.

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Meeker boys' basketball coach Klark Kindler (center) has been coaching at MHS for more than 20 years. The team will open its season with the three-day Cowboy Shoot-Out Tournament beginning Dec. 6. Last year's team ended the season at the state tournament with a 22-5 record.

Cowboys set to start season Dec. 6

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

"I like the competition and teaching players how to achieve goals and molding them into young men."

~ Head Coach Klark Kindler

MEEKER I Practice for the 2018-2019 Meeker Cowboys basketball team began on Nov. 12. Head coach Klark Kindler said 22 boys are on the team this year, and five are returning varsity from last year. "That is just about normal," he said.

Kindler's coaching staff includes Matt Dupire and Trey Morris.

Kindler, who has been coaching in Meeker for more than 20 years, says what keeps him coming back is, "Being around the sport. Being around the great people from the players to other coaches and officials."

"I like the competition and teaching players how to achieve goals and molding them into young men," Kindler said.

Dupire has coached for 13 years. Morris, a graduate of Meeker High

School, is in his second year as assistant coach for the Cowboys.

The 2017-2018 season wrapped up with a trip to the state tournament and 22-5 record. Looking forward to this year's team Kindler said, "They have good work ethic. I have not had to get on them about going hard."

The Cowboys open their season with the three-day Cowboy Shoot-Out tournament on Dec. 6 at 7 p.m. hosting Coal Ridge.

RBC's wrestling season underway

Cowboys open season Saturday at CMU

By **BOBBY GUTIERREZ**
Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER I With 25 wrestlers out for the Cowboy wrestling team, including 10 freshmen, Meeker head coach J.C. Watt, who is starting his eighth year at the helm, hopes to fill all 14 varsity weights this season, which opens in Grand Junction with the Maverick Duals, Saturday.

"We are excited to fill all of the weights, including several with younger kids, who will get a shot to be on varsity," coach Watt said.

The Cowboys will be led by seniors Tannen Kennedy, James Amick, Zach McMann and Brayden Woodard.

"We are looking forward to all four of them providing leadership," coach Watt said. "All four are hard workers."

Kennedy, Amick and junior Ridge Williams, all return with state experience. Kennedy is a three-time state qualifier, placing fourth as a sophomore and he was a runner-up last year, while Amick placed sixth last year.

Juniors Charles Curry, Kesston Hobbs and Colby Shelton, along with

sophomores Colby Clatterbaugh, Tucker Ercanbrack, Cooper Main, Dax Sheridan, Carter Strate and Jeremy Woodward will all return, most having wrestled varsity matches.

Freshmen will include Damon Dade, Ty Goedert, Owen Hannomen, Kaleb Nielsen, Parker Pontine, Dalton and Tyson Portwood, Trinden Powell, Rowdy Rosendahl and Kelton Turner and Reese Harvey has joined the team as a junior.

Carl Padilla and Tyrell Turner will again assist Watt with the coaching duties, along with volunteer assistants Dr. Trevor Grant and Brandon Grasmick.

"Our new coaches are great additions to our program," coach Watt said.

Dr. Grant was a two-time state high school champion in Nevada and a three-time national qualifier and All-American for Colorado State University-Pueblo (not as incorrectly reported two weeks ago—I regret the error).

The varsity will wrestle five duals at Colorado Mesa University in the Maverick Duals and the JV will enter a tournament in Olathe.

"Last year was rebuilding year for us," coach Watt said, of his team, which finished eighth in the state tournament. "Our upperclassmen should start getting rewards for their hard work."

11 wrestlers out for Panther team this season

By **BOBBY GUTIERREZ**
Special to the Herald Times

RANGELY I "We are young again this year but every one of them are willing to learn and work hard," second-year head coach J.C. Chumacero said about the 11 wrestlers out for the team this year. Rangely will open the season Friday in Moab, Utah.

The Panthers will be led by juniors Tytus Coombs, Justin Rusher, Del Garner and Dalton Dembowski, with Coombs the only returning state qualifier.

"Tytus had a strong season last year but came up short of winning a match at the state tournament," Chumacero said. "I know he has very high expectations for himself this season."

Six freshmen are out for the team and led by Zane Varner, who placed third last season in the Colorado Middle School State Wrestling Championships. Varner will be joined by classmates Lou Burger, Braxton Moore, Donteia Pearce, Brent Cantrell and Bryon Mackay, while Anthony Garner

"We are young again this year but every one of them are willing to work hard."

~ Head Coach J.C. Chumacero

will be the only sophomore on the team.

"I am really excited to have a full wrestling room," coach Chumacero said. "The past three years we have been lacking in participation, so it's really nice to have a group of young men who are willing to work."

Logan Osborne and Claude Rose will assist Chumacero with the coaching duties again this year, starting Friday and Saturday in Utah.

"This will be a great opportunity to see what we need to work on," coach Chumacero said.

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Nov. 29-Dec. 1
Girls Cowboy Shootout

Dec. 21
@ Rifle
4 p.m.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Dec. 4
@ Coal Ridge
4 p.m.

Dec. 6-8
Boys Cowboy Shootout

Dec. 14
@ HOME v. Grand Valley
4 p.m.



TIFFANY JEHOEK PHOTO

Lady Cowboys open season with Cowboy Shootout

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

MEKER I The 2018 lady Cowboys basketball season is upon us. Coming off a successful 18-6 season in 2017-2018, the Cowboys will host the Cowboy Shoot Out this Thursday and Friday as their opening games. The coaching staff is led by head coach Jamie Rogers, who is in her ninth year of coaching and third year as head coach; Lori Chintala and Ivy Coryell. Chintala has 30-plus years experience in Meeker and Simla, Colo., as a basketball

coach, working with junior high school and JV teams building the future varsity players. Coryell, who is in her third year of coaching, "Brings a tremendous amount of energy to the gym," Rogers said.

Twenty-six girls are out for the season and there are five seniors: Ellie Anderson, Gracie Bradfield, Tori Lasker, Sydnie Main, Megan Shelton and Kenzie Turner. With so many on the team, the practices will be split a couple of days with a goal of "giving every girl what they need to succeed," Rogers said. "We will always come together for pregame."

Basketball is highly dependent on

the success of five players working in unison as a team to achieve a common goal, ball in hoop. "I have told them from day one they are a beautiful team," Rogers said. Working together efficiently every game has a different high scorer. "We have three rebounders who get eight to 10 a game, two girls returning who are in the top 10 for assists in 2A basketball, and sprinter who takes her job as a defensive leader seriously," Rogers continued.

The lady Cowboys first game of the Cowboy Shoot Out will be Thursday, Nov. 29 at 7:30 p.m. taking on Bluejays from Mancos, Colo., at the Meeker High School.



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ERBM youth girls basketball recreational league results

Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER 1 Saturday, Nov. 17 ERBM hosted Youth Girls Basketball games at the MHS gym. This recreational league is a part of the Colorado River Basketball League that includes participating teams from New Castle, Parachute, Silt, Rifle and DeBeque. Results from the Nov. 17 games are as follows:

3RD/4TH GRADE
9 a.m. - Meeker: 18 Rifle 1: 8
11 a.m. - Meeker: 22 Parachute 1: 0

5TH/6TH GRADE
9 a.m. - Meeker 1: 34 Rifle 1: 8
10 a.m. - Meeker 2: 30 Parachute 1: 8
11 a.m. - Meeker 1: 22 Silt: 24
12 p.m. - Meeker 2: 24 Rifle 2: 8

Third and fourth grade games will conclude this Saturday, Dec. 1. Fifth and sixth grades will compete in a single elimination tournament scheduled for Dec. 6-8. Currently, both Meeker teams are undefeated



ERBM STAFF PHOTO
Reese Clatterbaugh and Meeker 2 of the fifth/sixth grade teams defeated Parachute 30 to 8 on Saturday, Nov. 17.

and are number one and two in the standings.

3RD/4TH GRADE TEAM: Kayla Castillo, Avarie Caulfield, Skylar Grimes, Berkli Harvey, Julie Kracht, Malorie Morrow, Lauryn Shults and Kailynn Watson. Coached by Kendra Duerr.

5TH/6TH GRADE TEAMS

■ **MEEKER 1:** Emma Bauer, Graycee Cravens, Ella Dunn, Jacey Follman, Addison Knowles, Shailee Rundberg, Lissbeth Sanchez, Adison Selle, Rhiwan Williams and Leah Wood. Coached by Tom Knowles, Holly Knowles and Angie Follman.

■ **MEEKER 2:** Emma Buckler, Reese Clatterbaugh, Katelyn Dewey, Hayden Garcia, Taylor Garcia, Birdie McCaffrey, Charlie Rogers, Aimee Shults, Rylee Sullivan and Naomy Villalpondo. Coached by Natosha Clatterbaugh and Jamie Rogers.

ELKS HOOP SHOOT RESULTS ...



ERBM STAFF PHOTO

ERBM Recreation and Park District hosted an Elks Hoop Shoot contest on Nov. 16 at the MHS gym. These youngsters claimed top honors in their age divisions and will compete in the Rifle Hoop Shoot on Saturday, Dec. 8 at the Rifle Middle School: Rhiwan Williams, Azalia Bresnak, Sydnie Ross, Wyatt Ross, Finley Deming and Clay Randall.

MACC sustains performing arts for youth and adults

By **BOB AMICK**

Special to the Herald Times

RBC 1 Performing and fine Arts participation enhances academic performance and success.

Educational research studies have confirmed that students who participate in the performing arts also excel in academically rigorous disciplines such as math, science and technology, literature, composition, music, public speaking, as well as athletics and leadership and are often rewarded with academic scholarships to prestigious higher education insti-

tutions and expanded career development opportunities. Many renowned film and stage actors got their start in school performing arts productions.

A 2015 performing arts tour featured a trip for six Meeker students and three teachers funded by local philanthropic charitable foundations and donors to New York City's famed Broadway Theatre Arts program designed for thespian students and teachers who worked with prominent directors and actors to refine their acting skills and knowledge for future.

MACC also sponsors the annual MeekerPalooza Music and Art

festival in the summer, as well as performing arts outreach programs for youth such as the University of Colorado at Boulder's renowned Colorado Shakespeare Festival productions, the Colorado Mesa University Theatre Arts productions, and future plans include attending Denver Center for the Performing Arts productions.

Volunteer and Financial Support needed to sustain performing arts programs

MACC is an IRS 501 [c] 3 non-profit organization registered with the Colorado Secretary of State. Charitable tax-deductible donations

and grants are welcome and encouraged to help sustain the performing and fine arts programs for the youth and adults of the Meeker Community.

Youth and adult volunteers and patrons of the performing arts are most welcome to join MACC and assist in promoting these worthwhile performing and fine arts programs and opportunities.

For more information contact MACC President Nancy Richardson, at info@meekersartsandculture.org or call (970) 439-0183

All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

SIGNED ...



TIFFANY JEHOUREK PHOTO

Meeker High School senior Gracie Bradfield has received a track scholarship and signed with the University of Colorado-Colorado Springs. Her parents are Wade and Marnell Bradfield.

Options for economic development discussed at AGNC summit

By **REED KELLEY**

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RBC 1 The Associated Governments of Northwest Colorado (AGNC) held its fourth annual Regional Economic Development Summit in Rangely earlier this month. Keynote speaker Jonathan Leibert from the Colorado Institute for Social Impact in Colorado Springs focused on the rise of the Fourth Sector—business entities that strive to do good as well as turn profits—in our economic lives.

Bonnie Peterson, executive director of AGNC and the lead for the Northwest Colorado Enterprise Zone, mentioned to the Herald Times, "Businesses in our region need to look at what they are doing and identify [their] social benefit in order to be competitive with regard to the attraction/retention of employees as well as maintaining/increasing their market share. This conversation at our Summit was meant to help our businesses think strategically about their future as the 'fourth sector'

becomes more prevalent in the business world. We hope the attendees found the discussion enlightening and helpful."

Another focus of the meeting, presented by Jana Persky, strategic initiatives manager at the Colorado Office of Economic Development and International Trade (OEDIT), were the "opportunity zones" created by the passage of the tax bill by Congress last December. OEDIT is developing a website that local communities can use to provide information about the opportunity zones in their areas and they have developed a template for potential investors. AGNC suggests that it may make sense to do this regionally as there are seven zones within Garfield, Moffat and Rio Blanco counties. There are seven zones within Mesa County alone and the Grand Junction Economic Partnership (GJEP) is well on the way to developing its own prospectus and marketing to potential investors. There is less capacity in the other counties of the region and we want to be sure that they can compete for those investment dollars as

the opportunity zone funds are created and begin looking for projects.

Further information on the description of these opportunity zones with maps of their locations can be found at <https://choosecolorado.com/opportunity-zones/>.

Mike Blakeman, CEO of Visual Globe, talked about the merger of technology and data to assist local governments and businesses in the identification and inventory of assets. His company—one of the rural jump start companies working in Mesa County—utilizes technology to capture and map underground assets as well as buildings through digital imaging. It is difficult for entities to know exactly what their assets are but through this digital imaging technology, they can be captured and managed. Visual Globe is working with Intel Corporation to develop some model areas that will demonstrate the capabilities and uses of this technology. It is anticipated that if a communi-

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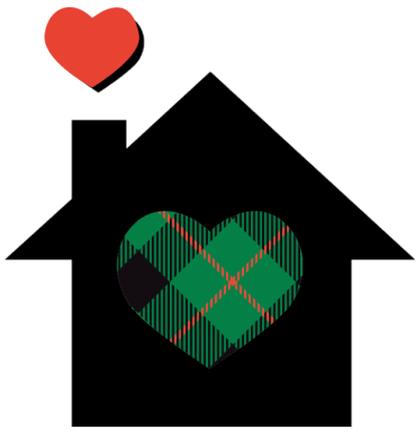
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'Tis the season for Christmas tree permits

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"Harvesting a National Forest Christmas tree for the holiday season is part of a long-standing tradition on the White River National Forest," said Kate Jerman, Forest Service spokesperson. "We encourage fourth graders to take advantage of the free holiday tree program. Additionally, we are pleased to continue our partnerships with community vendors to make obtaining a Christmas tree permit more convenient by providing additional purchase locations."

Vendor Information: In addition to District Offices and the Forest Supervisor's Office, Christmas tree permits will be available for purchase at select community vendor

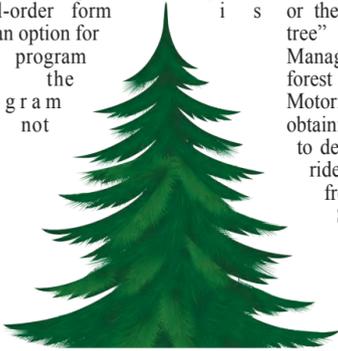
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applicable to community vendor locations. Only one free permit is allowed per fourth grader.

Mail-order Christmas tree permits: Mail-order permits will be available again this year by check or money order. Individuals can download and print an online form, fill out the form and mail it with payment to the Forest Supervisor's Office in Glenwood Springs. Christmas tree permits will be mailed back within 2-3 business days.

It is your responsibility to know the rules and regulations for Christmas tree harvesting. For more information visit an office location or the "How to Cut and Select a tree" website. The Forest Travel Management Plan closes many forest roads prior to or on Nov. 23. Motorized users are responsible for obtaining a Motor Vehicle Use Map to determine where one can drive, ride and recreate. These maps are free and are available at Ranger Stations or on the Forest website: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/recmain/whiteriver/recreation>.



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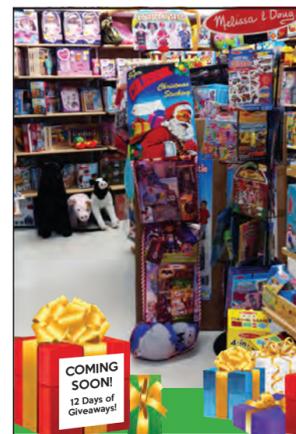
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PMC: Projected 2019 revenue up 20 percent thanks to ortho

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practical and cost effective one is option two, an approximately \$7.7 million expansion that will add two operating rooms, three recovery rooms, six hospital rooms and additional clinic space.

This would also require additional staff, including: another orthopedic surgeon, a certified RN anesthetist, a physician assistant, a surgery tech, two hospital RNs, physical therapy assistant and two clinic assistants.

Joey went on to demonstrate that such expansion is justifiable because the opportunities in ortho care are not only already significant but rising. Due to several factors—an increase in bone disease, more sports injuries and complications from obesity—one in seven Americans suffer from an orthopedic impairment.

She went on to report that the

average age of ortho patients is 66 years-old. With the population of Rio Blanco County expected to reach 7,000 by 2020—27 percent of whom will be 40–59 and 15 percent will be 60–79—potential patients will be 1,890 and 1,050 respectively. Further, PMC is already treating patients from outside our county.

The board was pleased with what it heard. Two motions were made: one to approve the purchase of the Mako robot with a cost of up to \$1.1 million and the second to allow the executive team to start the process of the building expansion by securing an architect at the cost of \$100,000–200,000.

Both motions were made, seconded and passed, launching a staggering expansion of PMC.

CHEVRON ...



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Chevron representatives James A. Francis and Michael Gillard presented Rangely Elks Lodge #1907 and its Exalted Ruler Jeff LeBleu with a donation for an undisclosed sum. Also present for the presentation were the following members Norm Hall, Gretchen Connor, Mike Miller, Larry Yardly, Don Reed, Chris Hall and Jillien Wade. This generous donation will aid the Elks annual help for needy families program and the children's Christmas party this holiday season.

AGNC: Diversification is key to improving NW Colo. economy

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ty partners with Visual Globe to establish these models, it will set those communities apart from others and result in the attraction of others who wish to see how the technology works. Blakeman can be reached at mblakeman@visual-globe.com.

Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association was the presenting sponsor for the Summit. Senior external affairs advisor, Drew Kramer, who offices in Westminster, told the assembled group of some 50 individuals in Rangely that Tri-State is working toward making better social efforts, thus sponsoring events like the summit. Their hope, he said, is to help communities in their service area be more successful, have more economic activity, and thus, use more electricity.

Deana Sheriff, executive director of the West End (Montrose County) Economic Development Corporation located in Naturita, Colo., made a presentation on the efforts being made there (Montrose and Delta Counties are associate members of AGNC). The “West End” is home to communities that have historically been economically dependent on natural resource extraction and development. Most recently, their Tri-State coal-fired power plant and

the coal mine are slated to close as a result of a lawsuit settlement and coal economics which presents a huge economic threat to the area. Sheriff has worked with the communities since April 2017 to assess their assets, their strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and challenges. They have identified ways to assist communities in focusing on new opportunities and economic strategies. “The key is economic diversity,” Sheriff said, “to come out the other side stronger and more resilient.”

They applied for, and received, a three-year grant from the Economic Development Administration (EDA) to hire an economic development director and implement their plan. They have already shown success with new business startups and are addressing a number of clean-up efforts in the communities. The EDA funding came from the “Coal Impacted Communities” grant fund offered in 2018. Since many NW Colorado communities are coal impacted communities, AGNC is working on a collaborative effort to apply for funding in the next year if EDA offers another grant opportunity.

One serendipitous story Sheriff told that relates to “homegrown prosperity” and local gumption was the discovery that there are,

leftover from the early homestead days in western Montrose County, 340 varieties of heritage apples—and like here, the apple trees were very productive this year. They’ve also discovered amaranth and heritage wheat varieties. These sorts of assets have played into the Business Diversity and Action Plan the economic development group developed and published last March.

Their plan sets forth specific targeted goals, some of which are already accomplishing, including the expansion and renovation of their local airport, creation of a fresh food hub, marketing to Telluride, Montrose and Moab, Utah, a natural riverwalk along the San Miguel River, an \$800,000 new rodeo arena in Nucla funded in part by Great Outdoors Colorado, a daycare center funded with help from Tri-State, and the expansion of the shooting range in Nucla with \$55,000 from Colorado Parks and Wildlife. They are also advancing Main Street Colorado programs in Nucla and Naturita, and have opened a brew pub. Sheriff’s bottom-line suggestion is, “Don’t be afraid to ask for help.”

For the last part of the Summit, Sallie Clark, appointed a year ago by President Donald Trump to be the Colorado Director for U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural

Development, provided an overview of the many programs available through USDA in support of businesses, communities, infrastructure and individuals. The programs range from low interest loans to grants for affordable housing to business startups and broadband deployment. There are six USDA locations throughout the state supporting rural development and those in NW Colorado are encouraged to utilize those resources and take advantage of the opportunities available through USDA Rural Development. Clark herself is a former El Paso County commissioner.

Details about the various USDA Rural Development programs can be found online at www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services. Rio Blanco County is served out of Delta where field office specialist David Carter can also be reached at 970-399-8195 or Dave.Carter@co.usda.gov.

AGNC chair and Moffat County Commissioner Ray Beck is quick to give exceptional credit to Peterson for organizing and running these AGNC community outreach events. In addition to Tri-State, other Summit sponsors were ANB Bank, Colorado Housing and Finance Authority, Colorado Department of Local Affairs and Colorado Northwestern Community College.

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- Read the clues to fill in these two crosswords:
1. traditional Mexican Christmas dish, popular in southwest U.S. – corn dough with spicy pork or beef filling, wrapped in corn husks before cooking – served with sauce, cream or crumbly fresh cheese
 2. treat of sugar, fruits and nuts: rolled into a ball or shaped to look like a fruit or a star
 3. meat glazed with honey, brown sugar, mustard and pineapple juice
 4. this pie is mostly dried fruit such as raisins – used to be made of chopped meats
 5. cake made with candied fruit, nuts, spices
 6. treat shaped into a cookie or a house
 7. bird roasted, stuffed with apples, prunes, onions and sweet chestnuts (Germany, the United Kingdom and China)
 8. pudding; been around for 600 years! – made with meat, pastry and fruits
 9. spongy cake rolled like a log and, when cooled, filled with cream – decorated with powdered sugar, candy mushrooms and fresh berries; Bûche de Noël
 10. yolks, milk, sugar and cream drink – often spiced with cinnamon or nutmeg

Holiday Foods and Treats

Hanukkah

Hanukkah is a Jewish holiday that honors the victory the Maccabees (a Jewish group) had over their enemy. It celebrates the rededication of their Temple in Jerusalem after it had been ruined. There was only enough oil in the lamps to keep the eternal flame in the Temple burning for one day. But, the oil kept burning for eight days while fresh oil was prepared! Hanukkah is a joyful celebration of the miracle that lasted for eight days.

1. jelly doughnut served fresh; sugared
2. deep fried puffs dipped in honey
3. part of a cow used in traditional Jewish dishes – holiday pot roast
4. _____ Dreidels – treat made using different candies
5. made with egg noodles – can be served with vegetables or fruit
6. potato pancake fried with onions – cheeses or vegetables added

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Kwanzaa

Kwanzaa is a seven-day holiday celebrated by African-Americans and people in other countries whose families are from Africa. It is a time to think about their lives, family, history and community. It is a time of lighting candles, feasting and gift-giving.

Fill in this puzzle with these foods that may be made for Kwanzaa:

1. used in casserole, fritters and pies
2. dish with tomato paste, peppers, onions
3. rich soup (onions, red peppers, chicken, rice)
4. fried _____ – vegetable is coated with flour, cornmeal, eggs, salt and pepper
5. main dish, flavored with citrus and cooked until crispy
6. traditional appetizer made from black-eyed peas

Sweet Holiday Treats!

Oh, sweet holiday treats! One favorite cookie is called 'pfeffernusse' – a spicy, round cookie covered with powdered sugar. Silver and gold-wrapped chocolate coins are another favorite treat.

Read the clues below to fill in the puzzle with some more favorite holiday treats:

1. hard candy stick usually colored red and white – peppermint, cinnamon or fruity flavors
2. pecans, pistachios, cashews, almonds – spiced with cinnamon, nutmeg, cloves, sugars
3. sweet cake made with ginger and honey – name comes from Germany
4. colorful, sugary treat stretched flat, and then folded back and forth
5. made of sugar and almond meal – origin of this treat is believed to be the Middle East – formed into all sorts of shapes, such as fruits or cartoon characters
6. dough cut into fun shapes and frosted to look like a Christmas Tree or a snowman – can be decorated with all sorts of candy toppings

DAYS GONE BY

The Meeker Herald 100 years ago

On account of the mayor having the "Flu" the town board failed to meet in regular session. The board met on Nov. 25 being called together by the mayor for the purpose of taking action in the matter of the influenza epidemic, which has broken out again. Dr. Charles H. Farthing resigned as city health officer. The resignation was accepted. H.H. Joy was duly elected to fill the vacancy, and salary for first month placed at \$75.

Undertaker Gourley ran out of coffins this week and resort to the old time method of making them at home was had.

The "Flu" order which went into effect Thursday, should have been put into effect a month ago.

Since last report the scourge has taken four more victims: Arthur Wells, 22; William Wells, 35; Mrs. Bessie Valentine, 29; George Head, 29.

All men may be born free and equal. But most of them forget it when they happen to make a little money.

The Meeker Herald 50 years ago

Colorado's buffalo herd is on the increase with the addition of 10 animals from the Wichita Refuge, Cache, Okla. Ten of the shaggy

beasts, seven cows and three bulls, arrived at the Little Hills Experiment Station on Piceance Creek last Saturday.

A registration period for destructive devices and gangster-type weapons as required by the new Federal gun law will continue thru Dec. 1. The Gun Control Act of 1969 does not place any unnecessary restrictions on the purchase or ownership of firearms used for hunting, target shooting or other lawful purposes.

The Meeker Herald 25 years ago

For the owners of the Two Rivers Guest Ranch, it was a dream

turned into a nightmare when an early morning blaze leveled their lodge, which hosed the dining area and kitchen. The guest ranch, located at the confluence of Marvine Creek and the White River, was totally destroyed by the fire.

Ten youths ranging in ages 16 to 24 escaped serious injury when the pickup truck they were riding in rolled on Market Street last Saturday, ejecting eight of its passengers. The vehicle rolled over and off the right side of the highway into the barrow pit near the Meeker Airport.

Rangely Times 50 years ago

Six local business places on Main Street were broken into sometimes Thursday night. Robbed were Bestway Store, Continental Emsco, Don Rooks Frontier, OK Rubber Welders and Strain Drug. The big window at the Anchor Club was broken but the building was not entered.

Owner B.F. Yaeger said today that the Yaeger Lumber and Hardware Co. would open its doors for business Monday, Dec. 16, with a formal grand opening set for sometime in January.

This is the damndest depression we've ever seen. Everybody's working and everybody's broke. At least we didn't have to work in the last one.

Rangely Times 25 years ago

Moon Lake Electric Association Board President Ronald Peatross announced today that Moon Lake Electric consumers will soon receive a credit on their December bill for electricity used during the first 11 months of 1993.

Beginning Feb. 27, 1994, northern and western Colorado customers will need to add 303 before the seven-digit telephone number for all long-distance calls to locations with the 303 area code.

All-state choir members: Rayna Rhodes, Kenny Timbrel and Janel Winterholter.

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- Pop-ups
- Violin's Renaissance predecessor
- Relating to axis
- *Like Cinderella Castle at night
- Lowest part of a ship
- Easily irritated
- North American country
- Ticked off
- *Mighty Ducks home base
- *Disney vacation
- Philosophical system
- Epidermis plus dermis
- School group
- Consideration
- Vandalize
- Performing ____
- Air of allure, slang
- Tiptoe around it?
- Pro ____
- Revealed
- Cleopatra's necklace
- Tibetan ass
- Dog nemesis
- Any number multiplied by ____ is zero
- Brett Favre's 297 consecutive starts, e.g.
- Shipbuilding wood
- Spot command
- *Hannah Montana to Miley Cyrus
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- Actress Kudrow
- Policeman's club in India
- Trickiest
- Reunion attendee
- *NYSE acronym
- Library storage
- One of English Henries
- Misfortunes
- Curved molding
- Was ahead
- Black or brown haired guy
- Idealized image
- Free
- ____ of limitations
- *Disneyland and Disney World, e.g.
- Characteristic
- Perfume obtained from flowers
- *Mickey Mouse organization
- Fiddle with
- Medicinal plants
- Wispy clouds
- *a.k.a. Permanent World's Fair
- Of sound mind
- *Mom, to Gaston or LumiÈre
- **"The Fox and the Hound," e.g.
- Stinking rose?
- Ornamental carp
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NOTICE OF BUDGET

Notice is hereby given that: a proposed budget has been submitted to the Board of Directors for the ensuing year 2019; a copy of such proposed budget has been filed in the office of the Western Rio Blanco and Metropolitan Recreation and Park District, where same is open for public inspection; such proposed budget will be considered at the regular meeting of the Board of Directors to be held at the Recreation Center Multi-Purpose Room, 611 S. Stanolin Avenue, Rangely CO, on December 10, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. Any interested elector of such Western Rio Blanco Metropolitan Recreation & Park District may inspect the proposed budget and file or register any objections thereto at any time prior to the final adoption of the budget.
Linda C. Gordon
Administrative Assistant
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NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that on or about 7:10 P.M., December 11th, 2018 during the regular Board of Trustees meeting at the Meeker Town Hall, 345 Market Street, Meeker, Colorado, final settlement will be made to Belland Builders, Inc. and all project subcontractors, including project partners for the 2018 Meeker Town Hall Window Replacement Project any person, co-partnership, company, association of persons, or corporation who has an unpaid claim with the Company listed above, as a project subcontractor or project partner, or for labor and materials, or reimbursement for related expenses, may file a verified statement, of the amount due and unpaid, at any time, up to final settlement approval, pursuant to Section 38-26-107, C.R.S., as amended.
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COMBINED NOTICE - MAILING

CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 18-08

To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust: On August 28, 2018, 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.
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NOTICE OF SALE

The current holder of the Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, described herein, has filed 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, 12/26/2018, 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: 11/1/2018
Last Publication: 11/29/2018
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

DATE: 08/28/2018
Karen Arnold, Public Trustee in and for the County of Rio Blanco, State of Colorado
By: Karen Arnold, Public Trustee
The name, address, business telephone number and bar registration number of the attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is:
Lauren Tew #45041
Randall M. Chin #31149
Barrett Frappier & Weisserman, LLP 1199 Bannock Street, Denver, CO 80204 (303) 350-3711
Attorney File # 7568801
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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Monica Kadmas #34904
Weldon P. Phillips, Jr #31827
Nichole Williams #49611

PUBLIC NOTICES

TOWN OF MEEKER NOTICE OF FINAL CONTRACTOR SETTLEMENT

WATER SUPPLY IMPROVEMENTS PHASE 1
Notice is hereby given that on December 11, 2018 at or about 7:10 P.M., during the regular Board of Trustees meeting at the Meeker Town Hall, 345 Market Street, Meeker, Colorado, final settlement will be made to Ridge Electric, LLC, and R&A Enterprises, Inc., and all project subcontractors, including project partners for the 2018 Meeker Water Supply Improvements Project (DOLA EIAF #8409) any person, co-partnership, company, association of persons, or corporation who has an unpaid claim with the companies listed above, as a project subcontractor or project partner, or for labor and materials, or reimbursement for related expenses, may file a verified statement, at any time, up to final settlement, of the amount due with the Town, pursuant to Section 38-26-107, C.R.S., as amended.
Failure on the part of any Claimant to file such verified statement with the Town Board, prior to the final settlement on said contract, will relieve the Town of Meeker from any liability for such Claimant's claim. More information is available at (970)878-5344 or at Town Hall, 345 Market Street, Meeker, CO 81641.
Lisa Cook, Interim Town Manager
Published: November 22, & 29, 2018
Rio Blanco Herald Times

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT

In accord with the Colorado revised statute Section 38-26-107(1), public notice is hereby given of final payment & settlement:
Contractor:
Renninger Log Homes, LLC
PO Box 2593
Meeker, CO 81641
For Project:
Rio Blanco Fire Protection District – Administration and Storage Facility
240 7th Street
PO BOX 737
Meeker, CO 81641
Final payment associated with the above referenced Project will be issued by Rio Blanco Fire Protection District, 240 7th Street, Meeker, CO 81641

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Rio Blanco County, Colorado, on or after the 13th day of December, 2018.
Any person, co-partnership, association of persons, company, or corporation that has furnished labor, materials, team hire, sustenance, provision, provender or other supplies used or consumed by the above named contractor or any subcontractor thereof in or about the performance of the work contracted to be done or that has supplied rental machinery, tools, or equipment to the extent used in the prosecution of the work whose claim therefore, has not been paid by the contractor or subcontractor, may in accordance with C.R.S. Section 38-26-107 (1), file with Rio Blanco Fire Protection District (District), attention Patti Merriam, a verified statement of the amount due and unpaid on account of such claim, which statement must be filed on or before December 7. Failure to file such claim shall relieve the District, District board members, and representatives of the District from any liability for making payment to such person.
Rio Blanco Fire Protection District
/s/Patti Merriam
Patti Merriam, District Administrator
Rio Blanco Fire Protection District
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IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR SPECTRUM TV LINEUP

Community Served: Town of Meeker CO.
Effective on or after January 4, 2019, Star India will cease providing programming to Spectrum for the following channels: Star Plus on South Asian View channel 291 and Star Plus HD on South Asian View channel 760.
For a current channel lineup, visit www.Spectrum.com/channels. To view this notice online, visit www.Spectrum.net/programmingnotices.
Published: November 29, 2018
Rio Blanco Herald Times

PUBLIC NOTICE:

NOTICE OF PROPOSED BUDGET

Notice is hereby given that a proposed budget has been submitted to the Board of Supervisors of the Douglas Creek Conservation District for the ensuing year of 2019. That a copy of such proposed budget has been filed in the conservation office at 351 7th Street, Meeker, Colorado where same is open for public inspection. That such proposed budget will be considered for adoption at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of said district at the Water Conservancy Building, Rangely, Colorado on Wednesday, December 11, 2018 at 6:00 PM.
Any interested elector within said Douglas Creek Conservation District may inspect the proposed budget at the conservation office or contact the District Manager at 970-878-9838 in Meeker, Colorado, and file or register any objection thereto at any time prior to the final adoption of the budget.
DOUGLAS CREEK CONSERVATION DISTRICT
By: Tristan Nielsen, District Manager
Published: November 29, 2018
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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 29, 2018

Public Comment: Any member of the public may address the Board on matters which are within the jurisdiction of the Board. If you are addressing the Board regarding a matter listed on the Agenda, you are requested to make your comments when the Board takes that matter. Please limit your comments to three minutes per member or five minutes per group. The public comment time is not for questions and answers. It is your time to express your views.
11:00 a.m. Call to order:
Pledge of Allegiance
Agenda to November 29, 2018 Tentative Agenda
1) Move to Approve the November 29, 2018 Agenda including any changes.
CONSENT AGENDA FOR NOVEMBER 29, 2018
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.
Move to Approve the Below Listed Items of the Consent Agenda.
Consent 1a. Consideration of the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado Meeting Minutes of October 31, 2018.
Consent 1b. Consideration of the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado Meeting Minutes of November 13, 2018.
Consent 2. Consideration of a County Retail Hotel & Restaurant Liquor License for Elk Creek Ranch Restaurant, LLC.
BUSINESS:
Business 1. Move to Approve/Deny a Single Audit Engagement Letter between the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado and Paul D. Miller, LLC, Certified Accountant, to provide audit and review services of fiscal year 2018 accountant reports.
Business 2. Move to Approve/Deny a Department of Local Affairs Grant Application for the Rio Blanco County Road 5 Stock Pass 5 Project.
BID OPENINGS:
Bid Opening 1. None.
BID AWARDS:
Bid Award 1. None.
MOU's, CONTRACTS AND AGREEMENTS:
MCA 1. Move to Approve/Deny a Temporary Construction Easement Agreement between the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco

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County, Colorado and Nona Powell, for the County Road 27 Replacement of Culvert Project.
MCA 2. Move to Approve/Deny Contract Modification No. 2 between the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado and Moody Construction, LLC, for the 2018 Wray Gulch Landfill Cell, increasing the not to exceed amount by \$3,933.30 to \$421,644.60.
MCA 3. Move to Approve/Deny an Amendment to the 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 Human Services, and Resa Hayes, Therapist, d/b/a/ Therapy Institute, dated June 11, 2018, amending Exhibit B to include a "No Show/Cancellation Fee" for \$75.00.
MCA 4. Move to Approve/Deny a Joint Funding Agreement between the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado and the U.S. Department of the Interior U.S. Geological Survey, for the operation and maintenance of streamflow gaging stations and the water-quality monitoring program beginning January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019, in an amount not to exceed \$ 12,318.00.
MCA 5. Move to Approve/Deny a Joint Funding Agreement between the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado and the U.S. Department of Interior U.S. Geological Survey, for the operation and maintenance of streamflow gaging stations and water-quality sampling sites on Piceance Creek, Corral Gulch, and Yellow Creek beginning January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019, in an amount not to exceed \$89,638.00.
MCA 6. Move to Approve/Deny a State of Colorado Grant Agreement, 19-HAV-ZL-00154, between the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado and the Colorado Department of Transportation, Aeronautical Board, Division of Aeronautics for aviation purposes, in a grant amount not to exceed \$8,333.00.
MCA 7. Move to Approve/Deny Contract Modification No. 1 between the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado and Ducey's Electric, for the Rio Blanco County Fairfield Remodel Project, increasing the not to exceed amount by \$10,685.14 to \$44,635.14.
RESOLUTIONS:
Resolution 1. None.
OTHER BUSINESS:
Public Comment
11:30 a.m. – Move to go into Executive Session with the County Attorney and Human Resources for Legal Matters and pending HR issues.
County Commissioners Updates
1:15 p.m. PUBLIC HEARINGS:
Public Hearing 1. 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 Monday, December 10, 2018, in the Rio Blanco County Historic Courthouse, 555 Main Street, 3rd. Floor, Meeker, Colorado. Please check the County's website for information at http://www.rbc.us/departments/commissioners. If you need special accommodations please call 970-878-9431 in advance of the meeting so that reasonable accommodations may be made.
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NOTICE AS TO BUDGET SUPPLEMENTAL

The Rio Blanco County Board of Commissioners will be considering a budget supplemental resolution on December 10, 2018, 11:00 p.m. Rio Blanco County Historic Courthouse, 555 Main Street, BOCC Meeting Room, Meeker, Colorado. The proposed resolution is for the purpose of appropriating sums of money to defray expenses in excess of amounts budgeted for the 2018 budget year in the following funds: General Fund, Road & Bridge, Public Health Agency Fund, Capital Expense and the Department of Health & Human Services. The resolution may be viewed at the offices of the County Clerk and Recorder, 555 Main Street, Colorado, and the County Clerk and Recorder Office in the Western Annex Building, 17497 State Highway 64, Rangely, Colorado, and are open for public inspection 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. on normal work days.
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Rio Blanco Herald Times

PUBLIC NOTICE: NOTICE OF PROPOSED BUDGET

Notice is hereby given that a proposed budget has been submitted to the Board of Supervisors of the White River Conservation District for the ensuing year of 2019. That a copy of such proposed budget has been filed in the conservation office at 351 7th Street, Meeker, Colorado where same is open for public inspection. That such proposed budget will be considered for adoption at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of said district at the Halandras Building, Meeker, Colorado on Wednesday, December 10, 2018 at 3:00 PM.
Any interested elector within said White River Conservation District may inspect the proposed budget at the conservation office or contact the District Manager at 970-878-9838 in Meeker, Colorado, and file or register any objection thereto at any time prior to the final adoption of the budget.
WHITE RIVER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
By: Tristan Nielsen, District Manager
Published: November 29, 2018
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING:

The Board of County Commissioners will hold a special board meeting on Wednesday, December 11, 2018 at 6:00pm, Historic Courthouse, 555 Main St., 3rd Floor BOCC Meeting Room, Meeker, CO to adopt the 2019 Rio Blanco County Budget. All interested citizens and groups are invited to attend. The Agenda for the Budget Meeting will be: Pledge of Allegiance; Changes or Additions to the Agenda; Hearing; Procedure of Hearing; Presentation of the proposed 2019 Budget by Janae Stanworth, Budget & Finance Director; Presentation of the proposed 2019 HUTF spending by Dave Morlan, R&B Director; Questions or Comments by the Public; Consideration of Resolution to adopt the Rio Blanco County Budget for 2019; Consideration of Resolution to appropriate sums of money for 2019; Consideration of three resolutions to levy General Property Taxes for 2018, to help defray the cost of County Government, Piceance Creek Pest Control District and Lower White River Pest Control District, all for budget year 2019. Meeting to be recessed. If you need special accommodations please call 970-878-9440 in advance of the meeting so that reasonable accommodations may be made. Please check the County's website for updates.
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Rio Blanco Herald Times.

MEEKER HIGHLAND CEMETERY BOARD MEETING 12/6/18 8:30 AM 265 COUNTY ROAD 4, MEEKER

CALL TO ORDER
APPROVE AGENDA
APPROVE NOVEMBER 1st MINUTES
PUBLIC INPUT
OLD BUSINESS
A. Let Freedom Ring memorial – Coast Guard NEW BUSINESS
A. Memorial Wall addition
B. Circle Park Pond Meeting
C. Cemetery Trail Project – HCC/ERMB
D. Manager Report
E. Office Manager report
F. Certify District Mill levy to RBC Commissioners
1. Discussion and vote on temporary mill levy reduction for 2019
G. Adopt 2019 Budget and associated resolutions
Present & Approve Bills & Deeds
OPEN BOARD DISCUSSION
ADJOURN
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Retirement is boring so I'm reopening my shop for all your sewing needs. For an appointment call 970-878-3193
Lee Light (The Seamstress)
11/15-12/13

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

SAFEHOUSE

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

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

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Shopping locally for Christmas? Check out THE UPSTAIRS GALLERY for jewelry, ceramics & fine handcrafted items. Wed-Sat, 11:00-5:30
592 Main, Meeker. Upstairs
11/21-12/6

Meeker Housing Authority Board of Directors meets the 3rd Thursday of the month at 6:00.PM at The Pines, 875 Water St., Meeker.

AA & Al-Anon Meetings - Rangely Alcoholics Anonymous - Open meetings Tues & Thurs, 7 p.m., 115 Kennedy Dr., St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, Rangely.
Al-Anon meets Monday, 8:15 p.m., 207 S. Sunset, 1st Baptist Church, Rangely. Al-Anon info call 970-629-5064 or 970-629-2970.
Women's NA/AA meetings, Monday 1:30 p.m., St. Timothy's.

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

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

The Rangely Food Bank is open on Saturdays from 12:00-2:00 p.m. at 204 E. Rio Blanco. To donate, please call 970-620-2407.

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

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

New Eden Pregnancy Care Services - pregnancy tests, emergency supplies, guidance by trained volunteers, classes on pregnancy and child care, post-abortion support, referrals.
Meeker: Thursdays, Noon to 5 p.m. . 345 Main Street, Meeker. Email: newedenpcs@gmail.com or (970)878-5117
Rangely: Mondays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Thursdays, 1 p.m. to 7 p.m., 219 Sunset Avenue Rangely. Email: newedenrangely@gmail.com or (970) 675-2300. All services are confidential.

The Rangely Moms Group gives pregnant women and mothers of newborns through elementary school-aged children time to take a break, join in discussions and crafts, and build relationships with other moms. We meet the first Thursday of each month from September through May, from 9-11 a.m. at First Baptist Church (207 S Sunset). Join us! For more information, call Britt Campos at 801-589-4803.

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

Ladies Christmas Tea
The Church at Meeker
Saturday, December 1st, 6 p.m.
1032 Jennifer Drive
Call Beth Ford
970-942-3257
RSVP appreciated but not necessary
11/29

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WHAT IS A PUBLIC NOTICE?

These pages include a variety of notices required by Town, County and State statutes and regulations. Here you will find meeting agendas for local entities, proposed ordinances, tax and budget information, liquor licenses, foreclosures, summonses and bid invitations. Public Notices serve to inform the public of government actions, provide a third-party information check and provide a permanent record.

ELDER CARE SERVICES

★★★★★
Western Slope In-Home Care, serving all of Rio Blanco County. We are a small local home care company with large care giver teams, providing personal care and home making services. We help with small jobs, such as once a week or periodic jobs, to big 24 hr jobs in the clients home. Free consultations, no contract. #970-878-7008

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Volunteer Opportunities
The Board of County Commissioners will be making appointments to the following Boards on 01/28/2019. If you are interested in serving on one or more of the following Boards, please complete an Application for Board or Commission and return to: HR, PO Box i, Meeker, CO 81641 or hr@rbc.us. The Application can be found at the rbc.us website under Government, Boards & Commissions. Application deadline: 01/23/2019. 970-878-9570

- Building Board of Appeals
- Citizens Review Panel
- Columbine Park Board
- Council on Aging Board
- Fair Board
- Fairgrounds Board
- Historical Preservation Board
- Planning Commission
- Rangely Cemetery District
- Weed Management Board

GUNS

Smith & Wesson Bodyguard 380 pistol. Mint condition in original box and zipper case. Less than 100 rounds fired. \$325. 970-404-1238

HOMES: MEEKER

For Sale: 14x70 mobile home on 2 acres, 4 miles west of Meeker, 3 BDR/1BA, cistern, \$70,000. 970-756-0718 or 970-878-4629 11/15-12/13

HELP WANTED: GENERAL

The White River & Douglas Creek Conservation Districts are hiring a District Conservation Technician located in Meeker, CO. See www.whitevercd.com for more information. Applications must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. December 28, 2018. 11/29-12/13

PIONEERS MEDICAL CENTER

A community oriented medical center with high patient standards, is hiring for the following positions:

- PRN:**
- RN - Acute/ED
 - RN or LPN - LTC
 - Certified Nursing Assistant - LTC
 - Food Service Tech
 - PCT - Acute/ED

FULL-TIME: [eligible for benefits & sign-on bonus]:

- Occupational Therapist
- LPN or RN - LTC
- MLT or MLS - Laboratory
- LPN or RN - LTC - Nights

FULL-TIME: [eligible for benefits]:

- Physical Therapy Assistant
- Registered Nurse - Acute/ED
- Certified Nursing Assistant - Nights - LTC
- Registered Nurse - Surgery
- Cook

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) 878-2547 Fax: (970) 878-2548
100 Pioneers Medical Center Dr., Meeker, CO 81641
Eastern Rio Blanco County Health Service District

HELP WANTED: GENERAL

Certified Welders Needed. Steel company in Silt is hiring welder/fabricators. Drivers License required. Company will certify you. Send resume to rocky@soprissteel.com. Call 970-370-0780 for more info. 11/1-11/29

Steel company in Silt hiring metal fabricator/welder. Experience with architectural metals, railings and stairs preferred. Drivers license required. Excellent wages for the right person. Please email resume to rocky@soprissteel.com. Call 970-379-0780 for more info. 11/1-11/29

Part-time hours currently available in Meeker! Join a progressive, innovative organization. Horizons is seeking a Direct Support Professional to help adults with developmental disabilities live empowered lives as integrated members of our community. Requirements: 21 or older, CO driver's license. EOE. Application available at www.horizonsnwc.org. Please contact Madeline at 970-879-1808 or mlndgren@horizonsnwc.org. 11/8-12/6

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- Caseworker
- District Supervisor, Rangely R&B
- Patrol Deputy
- Recording Clerk, Meeker
- Relief 911 Dispatcher
- Relief Control Room Specialist

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. ADAEOE

HUNTING

Browning compound bow with sights, 12 arrows, 2 quivers, 2 stabilizers, 2 mechanical releases and hard case. \$350. 970-404-1238

MISCELLANEOUS

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

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PIANO LESSONS
Openings available. \$15/weekly for ½ hour lessons. Ages 6 and above. Call or text Laura at 970-930-5621.

RENTALS: MEEKER

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.

RENTALS: MEEKER

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

STORAGE DEPOT 10x25 unit. 878-4808.

2 BDR/1.5 BA townhouse. Call 970-260-3302

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

Clean, quiet, 2 BDR/1BA apartment, NP. \$425 per month + deposit. Call 970-260-8844 or 970-878-5265

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

RENTALS: MEEKER

One bedroom furnished apartment, all utilities included. \$550 per month, \$550 deposit. No lease. 970-878-4754 11/29-12/27

1 BDR, fully furnished, all utilities paid. \$600 per month. 223 Main Street, Apt. 3. Available December 1st. 970-220-2150

For Rent: 2 BDR/1 BA house in Meeker. Call 878-4397 or 942-8477 11/29-12/27

RENTALS: RANGELY

2 BDR/2BA Apt/Duplex, covered parking, No Smoking/No Pets. Call 970-778-5040

2 BDR house upstairs, 3 rooms downstairs, fenced in yard, 1 car garage, central heating and a/c. 970-629-3605

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

SILVER SAGE RV PARK RV

Spaces for rent. Manager: Katie Willis (970)675-2259 or call: (970)629-0437

3 BDR, 1 BA house for rent, 309 Lake St. NS/ NP, fenced grass yard, washer/dryer included, utilities not included. \$800 plus damage deposit. 970-261-5634 11/22-11/29

WANTED

Finicky little white dogs need old venison or beef for dog food. Freezer burned ok. No sausage, pork or chicken. Call or text 970-948-9547.

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Real-Tea Roundtable

Wednesday, Dec. 5th
7:30 a.m., Wendli's
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Wyatt's Sports Center & Residence
\$790,000

- NEW 2604 Rd. 53 - 1.951 Acre Hunting Paradise. \$3,850,000
- 2204 Rd. 7 - 618 Acres, 2 Homes, Shop, Grazing Permit. \$2,390,000
- Ridge Estates Subdivision - Full 26 Lot Package. \$999,000
- Elk Mountain Inn - 21 Room Motel, Bar & Restaurant, Courtyard. \$975,000
- Wyatt's Sports Center & Residence - Fully Remodeled, Privacy. \$790,000
- 1020 S. Little Rancho Dr. - Log Home, 80 Acres, Horse Property. \$595,000
- 8432 Rd. 15 - SALE PENDING
- 5086 Rd. 7 - 55 Acres, 5BD/3BA, 40x64 Shop. \$479,000
- 1287 Market St. - Multi-Use Commercial Building w/ 4 Lots. \$455,000
- Clarks Restaurant - Fantastic income producing business & building. \$399,000.
- 6321 Rd. 7 - Spacious 3+BD/3BA home on 10+ Acres. \$365,000
- 8617 Rd. 8 - 4BD/2BA Log Home on 2.85 acres. \$295,000
- 793 Cedar Street - SALE PENDING
- 175 5th St. - Log Home or Office, Large Corner Lot. \$266,500
- TBD E. Market St. - 7.46 Acres, Multi-Use Opportunity. \$249,000
- NEW 830 Main St. - Remodeled 4BD/1.75BA, Garage. \$244,000.
- 345 Cleveland St. - 2.28 Acres, Potential for 12 Building Lots. \$216,000
- 760 5th St. - SALE PENDING
- 112 Main St. - Historic Brick Home, Cottage, Corner Lot. \$207,000
- 560 5th St. - Conveniently located 5+BD/3BA Home & Shop. \$199,000
- 109 Market St. - 0.5 Acre HWY Commercial Lot. \$199,000
- NEW 764 Pine St. - 4BD/2BA Nicely Updated Home w/ Garage. \$167,000
- 217 Rd. 75 - SALE PENDING
- 646 Main St. - Downtown Commercial Building. \$150,000
- 1259 Garfield St. - SALE PENDING
- 1105 & 1107 Market St. - Large Commercial Lot. \$149,000
- 461 12th St. - SALE PENDING
- 1049 Hill St. - 2+BD/2BA, Garage & Storage. \$129,000
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Owner Financing
PRICE: \$56,500 each

- RESIDENTIAL**
1254 Sunridge Ave., Rangely - Nice 3BD/2BA home in La Mesa. Large lot & hot tub. \$175,000!
752 2nd St. - 4BD/2.75BA Close to schools, Rec. Center and Fairgrounds. PRICE REDUCED TO \$248,000!
825 3rd St. - 4BD/2BA, excellent starter or family home. PRICE REDUCED TO \$160,000!
482 12th St. - 2BD/1.5BA, townhouse. \$47,500.
760 2nd St. - SALE PENDING!
855 5th St. - 5BD/2BA, new roof, siding, windows & flooring. \$200,000.
767 12th St. - 2BD/1.5BA, townhouse, well kept. \$68,000. REDUCED!
RURAL RESIDENTIAL
1083 Boulder Dr., Craig - Wilderness Ranches cabin, turkey. PRICE REDUCED TO \$162,000!
NEW! 4007 CR 7 - 3BD/2BA with well on 5.18 acres. \$260,000.
RANCH PROPERTY
River Ranch on the Yampa, Maybell - 5 BD/4BA, Lg. Barn/Shop on 128.68±ac., senior water rights w/ Yampa River frontage. \$998,000 REDUCED!
Baker's Peak Vista Ranch, Craig - 506±ac., outbuildings, water rights & domestic well, adjoins BLM & Nat. Forest. \$1,300,000.
Four Springs Ranch, Maybell - Great Ranch setup on 343.98±ac. w/ water rights & Yampa River frontage. \$1,250,000.
VACANT LAND
NEW!
- 11 AC with well, electricity & storage shed. \$60,000
- 11 AC Vacant Land. \$31,000
- Two - 8 AC Parcels at \$27,000 each.
All above properties are approx. 7 miles from Craig, CO.
NEW! 568 Falcon Drive, Craig, CO - Beautiful 5 acres in Wilderness Ranches. Build your dream cabin and excellent hunting for elk, deer and antelope. \$17,000.
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Two 5ac. lots, Strawberry Patch Rd. - Ponds, fence & electricity. \$56,500 ea.
33 lots, Sanderson Hills - Great big sites. \$29,000/ea. or \$25,000/ea. in pkgs of five.
2 lots, Silver Sage Rd. - Two building sites. \$45,000 for both.
COMMERCIAL
975 Market St. - Commercial Property located with prime corner location on Highway 13 \$250,000.
Brontosaurus (Hwy. 40), Dinosaur - Lg. Building. \$155,000.
60240 Hwy. 40, Maybell - Wildgame meat processor, business & real estate. \$280,000.
101 E. Market St. - Brothers Property, Lg. Building on 0.43±ac. w/ paved parking. \$375,000.
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HOMES IN MEEKER ...
*NEW 1123 Park Ave.- Nice 2007 singlewide manufactured home on 1 full lot. 2 BR, 2 BA. Furnished. \$125,000.
*780 11th St.- 3 BR, 2 BA freshly upgraded bi-level home. Fenced back yard, storage shed. REDUCED! \$169,900.
*564 7th St.- Large 2 story home, big lot, fenced yard, shop. \$215,000. SOLD!
*871 10th St.- 4 BR, 2 BA home. Family room, living room, fireplace, garage. \$199,900. SOLD!
*1007 Wall St.- Nicely updated 3 BR, 2 BA one level home. 2 car garage, fenced yard. \$175,000. SOLD!
*223 Main St.- One-quarter block. 3 BR, 2 BA home, Tree 1 BR, 1 BA cabins, garage, sheds. \$349,000. SOLD!

RANCHES — RURAL RESIDENTIAL — HUNTING PROPERTIES...
*92 CR 59- 5 acres 10 miles up Buford/New Castle Road. Home sites. Borders forest. \$175,000.
*2101 Meath Dr.- .35 acres in Little Beaver Estates 8 miles east of Meeker. Good pasture. Great views. \$69,900.
*TBD CR 13- 35 Acres, 4.5 miles south of town. Fenced, borders BLM on 2 sides. Great home site. \$189,000.
*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 & view. \$75,000.
*CR 8- 88 Acres just east of Meeker. Hunting, dry land pasture, development potential. \$400,000. REDUCED!
*100 acres- 29 miles east of Meeker, surrounded by Nat'l Forest, covered with Aspens. \$1,395,000.00.
*5 Acres 16 miles up CR 8. Great views overlooking the river. \$169,000. SOLD!
*12924 CR 8- 5 Acres with River, great fishing. Vacant land, 13 miles upriver, awesome views. \$149,000. SOLD!

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