

# Herald Times



## Basketball ...

The Meeker High School girls basketball team opened the season by defending their title in the WREA Cowboy Shootout tournament held at MHS. This weekend, both the Meeker and Rangely boys' basketball teams open their seasons at Meeker as the Meeker Cowboys will play host to the boys' version of the WREA Cowboy Shootout, which starts tonight. For more, please see Page 14A.



## EPA issues operation permit for Bonanza plant production

By **HEATHER ZADRA**  
Special to the Herald Times

**RBC** Last week, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued a Title V permit allowing Deseret Power Electric Cooperative's (DPEC's) Bonanza power plant to continue operating under existing emissions control requirements.

The final permit will go into effect Jan. 7, 2015.

The decision comes after envi-

ronmental organization WildEarth Guardians filed a lawsuit in May to require the EPA to revise a draft Title V air quality permit for the Bonanza plant. The revisions would have mandated that DPEC install state-of-the-art pollution controls, or Best Available Control Technology (BACT), based partly on a separate Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) permit issued in 2001 that failed to apply PSD regulations correctly.

In the general introduction to a

"Response to Comments on Deseret Bonanza Draft Title V Permit" issued along with the decision, the EPA said that thousands of comments issued during a comment period and public hearings in May and June, along with other available information, led them to make substantial changes to the draft Title V permit.

The "EPA has determined that at this time that it is not appropriate or equitable to include compliance provisions regarding the PSD correction permit in the final title V permit," the

document stated.

Instead, the EPA has begun a separate PSD correction action to address the ruggedized rotor project that initiated the permit process in 2000.

What that means for the future of Bonanza and for the ongoing fight between coal-fired power plants and the environmental groups that oppose them, is still unclear.

The EPA states that the final Title V permit could still be changed based on future findings.

"Should EPA determine additional PSD permit terms are necessary for the facility to come into compliance with PSD during the PSD permitting process, the Title V permit would be reopened to include those permit terms," the document stated.

DPEC President and CEO Kimball Rasmussen declined to comment on the current Title V decision.

Supporters of continued power plant operations without mandated upgraded controls, however, were

optimistic about the decision.

"It looks positive for the Bonanza Power Plant and the issuance of the Title V permit," Rangely Town Manager Peter Brixius said in an email last week to citizens and groups who lobbied for the current outcome.

To view the EPA response online, go to [www2.epa.gov/region8/title-v-operating-permits-issued-region-8](http://www2.epa.gov/region8/title-v-operating-permits-issued-region-8) and select "Response to Comments and Permit" in the "Deseret Power Electric Cooperative" column.

## Many at work for OHV trails near Rangely

By **JENNIFER HILL**  
Special to the Herald Times

**RANGELY** Several years ago, Rio Blanco County developed an off road vehicle trails master plan. Meeker has had their trails for some time and now it's Rangely's turn to get in on the action.

The Rangely side of the project has multiple people and organizations actively working towards a new OHV trail system, including the Rangely Town Council, the Rangely Area Chamber of Commerce and numerous interested citizens. All have had input on the development of the trail plans, which include two loops located southwest of Rangely and another two loops northeast of town.

Rangely Town Manager Peter Brixius said the goal has been to plan the trails in areas that provide breathtaking views and scenery as well as working in the area's archaeological points of interest such as petroglyphs—where possible—all while staying on existing roads and trails.

The plan will include further mapping of the trails, developing and installing signs, improving trail areas that may need some work and developing rest stops, he said.

Brixius also envisions a system that could continue to grow and change with use. Eventually, the trails

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## MEEKER PARADE OF LIGHTS...



SEAN MCMAHON

At the annual Meeker Parade of Lights event, the official town Christmas trees were lighted (above) amid a large crowd that enjoyed the parade, the Meeker Elementary School Choir singing Christmas carols and fireworks. (Below) Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus got out of their wheeled sleigh and handed out candy along Main Street in front of the county courthouse.



## Update on new Rio Blanco County dam

By **JENNIFER HILL**  
Special to the Herald Times

**RBC** The Rio Blanco Water Conservancy District held a public meeting Dec. 2 to discuss the feasibility study for a new water storage facility within Rio Blanco County along the White River.

With approximately 25 people in attendance, Steve Jameson of WW Wheeler, the water engineering company contracted by the conservancy district, informed the audience about several key points in the study including potential dam locations, impacts and benefits, and costs.

Throughout the meeting, the key issue raised repeatedly by the public centered on the reported sedimentation of Kenney Reservoir and the likelihood of this issue repeating in a new reservoir.

Jameson began the presentation

with an explanation of why a new water storage facility is needed.

"The district is facing a water crisis," Jameson said.

The new dam was presented for multipurpose use, citing municipal and domestic water use, energy development, recreation, environmental (assisting endangered fish species), irrigation, Colorado River Compact Storage and potential trans-basin diversions as key benefits.

A large focus of the potential need is water storage. Jameson stated that "half of Kenney Reservoir is silted in, which will eliminate Rangely's water storage." He estimated that Kenney has another 15 years of useful life before it is entirely filled with sediment and, he said, the water district should be proactive to continue having water storage available.

Asked why Kenney Reservoir couldn't be dredged or expanded,

Jameson explained that the high cost makes that option impractical. In addition, there are currently what Jameson felt would be classified as jurisdictional wetlands surrounding portions of the reservoir, which would make getting the needed permits impossible.

Jameson was then asked if the Taylor Draw Dam at Kenney Reservoir should just be removed once the reservoir is gone, to which he responded in the negative. He said that the hydroelectric power could still function with a few slight modifications even after the reservoir is completely silted in.

He also said that the process of removing a dam is often more expensive than building a new one and may cause new environmental impacts. Another benefit of the dam, he pointed out, is its ability to prevent ice blocks and flooding from affecting Rangely during the winter months.

In order to ensure that long-term needs for water storage will be met, the feasibility study is planned out through the year 2065 for estimated water needs. This led to the decision that a reservoir of 90,000 acre feet in size would best.

After looking at several locations, the team decided on an off-channel location at Wolf Creek, which has an expected dam height of 268 feet and an approximate potential surface area of 18,549 acres with a potential volume of 1,496,812 acre feet and a minimum depth of 50 feet. The off-channel location would mean that water would need to be pumped out of the White River approximately 1/2-mile to reach the reservoir.

There would also be a channel to run water out from the dam into the

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## Final EIS sets rules for oil, gas exploration in White River Nat'l Forest

Special to the Herald Times

**RBC** White River National Forest Supervisor Scott Fitzwilliams announced on Tuesday the release of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) and Draft Record of Decision (ROD) for future oil and gas leasing on the Forest.

The Draft ROD identifies lands available for oil and gas leasing on the 2.2 million acre White River National Forest and includes stipulations to be attached to leases for protecting surface resources. This analysis revises the WRNF's 1993 Oil and Gas Leasing Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) and Record of Decision (ROD).

"Today's decision reflects extensive analysis and public input and represents a balance between providing opportunities for oil and gas development and protecting the natural resources of the White River National Forest," said Scott Fitzwilliams, White River National Forest Supervisor.

"This was not an easy decision," he said. "I received significant input from a wide variety of interested people who have a genuine stake in the management of the White River National Forest. The input I received from the public was an important part of my decision-making process."

"In this draft decision, I sincerely tried to be sensitive to the concerns expressed by those who participated in the process," he said. "In the end,

my responsibility as forest supervisor is to consider this input along with the results of the environmental analysis and the laws governing national forest management."

In the draft decision, Fitzwilliams placed an emphasis on conserving the roadless and existing natural character of the White River National Forest while providing oil and gas development opportunities on lands that have proven to be productive in the past 15-20 years.

"Over one million acres of the White River National Forest are not geologically conducive for natural gas production, and another 800,000 acres are legally withdrawn," Fitzwilliams said. "In addition, I have decided to close 213,000 acres of the White River National Forest to leasing in order to protect and maintain the natural character of these areas and protect important wildlife habitat."

"I believe this is the right decision at this point in time," he said.

Closing an area "through management direction" is not a permanent withdrawal of lands for oil and gas development. Laws and policy that govern national forest management allow for certain lands to be closed to leasing for a period of time, but not permanently. The authority to permanently withdraw an area from leasing or mining rests with Congress.

The draft decision identifies what

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SEAN MCMAHON

Santa, a huge lighted elk and Madison Kindler shared the float put together for Rocky Mountain Hair Benders, a nail and hair salon in Meeker. While the weather was cool for the Meeker Parade of Lights and other events, it was notably about 40 degrees warmer on the night of the events, held Dec. 3, than it was for last year's parade.

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# CPW seeks public help after 3 more elk poached

Special to the Herald Times

**RBC I** Colorado Parks and Wildlife is investigating three additional incidents of illegally killed bull elk in high-quality hunting units in Northwest Colorado, adding to three high-quality bulls illegally killed in Game Management Unit 10 in early November, near the town of Dinosaur.

Two bulls were found along Highway 318 the last week of November northwest of Maybell. Both were estimated to have been killed before Thanksgiving and were entirely field dressed.

The other was found several miles away on Highway 10N, south of Irish Canyon. Thought to have been killed at the end of the fourth rifle season, only the front shoulders and backstraps were removed from that bull.

With the known total of illegally taken elk in this area now at six this year, CPW officials are asking the public for help, reminding residents about a unique, CPW reward program available to anyone who can provide information about the person or persons responsible for killing the high-quality bulls.

"We have a Turn In Poachers, or 'TIP' program in addition to our Operation Game Thief tip line," said District Wildlife Manager Mike Swaro of Craig. "Through TIP, if a hunter provides information about poaching incidents involving big game they may be eligible to receive a quality bull elk license in the unit where the tip was turned in if it results in a conviction for the take of an illegal 6-point bull elk or willful destruction."

Officials say that instead of a license a person may instead opt for a preference point for any big game species of their choice, including bighorn sheep, for example.

Swaro adds that in the latest incident, the elk were taken in Game Management Units 2 and 201, known for producing some of the largest

bulls in the state. It may take a hunter up to 20 years to gather enough preference points to hunt in these units, he said.

"Someone knows who did this and we ask that they do the right thing and come forward," added Swaro. "Along with the evidence we were able to gather at the scenes and additional information from the public, we should be able to find who did this in due time."

To be eligible for points or a license through the TIP program, any person providing information must be willing to testify in court, in contrast to Operation Game Thief, a tip hotline that affords anonymity to any person providing information about a wildlife crime.

The CPW officials remind the public that poaching is a serious offense that can lead to felony charges, significant fines, a prison sentence and the permanent loss of hunting and fishing privileges in Colorado and 43 other Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact states.

"If you saw something or heard something, let us know right away," Swaro said. "Even if it does not seem like a significant detail, it may be the information we need to find the people responsible. Poachers commit crimes that affect everyone, and the public's help is critical to bring them to justice."

To provide information about these incidents, call Colorado Parks and Wildlife's Meeker office at 970-878-6090 or DWM Swaro at 970-942-8275. To remain anonymous, call Operation Game Thief at 877-265-6648. Rewards are available if the information leads to a citation. Please specify which type of reward you are interested in, OGT or TIP.

For more information about Turn In Poachers, go to [www.cpw.state.co.us/aboutus/Pages/TurnInPoachers.aspx](http://www.cpw.state.co.us/aboutus/Pages/TurnInPoachers.aspx). For more information about Operation Game Thief, go to [www.cpw.state.co.us/aboutus/Pages/OGT.aspx](http://www.cpw.state.co.us/aboutus/Pages/OGT.aspx)

## IN THE HOLIDAY SPIRIT ...



RENÉ HARDEN

**Matt and Beth Scoggins, who live at 532 Stanolind in Rangely, decorated their home for the season with a large, unique Nativity scene. Many homes in Rangely have set up Christmas displays.**

## TRAILS: Volunteers

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could include designated camp sites and special recreation areas that would provide a spot close to town for beginning OHV riders to practice and learn in.

Brixius also said he is hopeful that the development of the trails will have an economic impact on the town as tourists come to play on the trails.

According to Brixius, diversifying the Rangely economy has been a priority for decades but can be very difficult to achieve. He believes that projects like the OHV trails could help bring about some diversification, but it will take time.

"Moab didn't happen overnight," he said.

The project is currently in a hold-pattern, however.

Last week, the county applied for a \$93,000 Colorado Parks and

Wildlife grant that would fully fund the project. However the grant requires a commitment of volunteer work to complete the trails. So, as the project begins to move forward, the town will be looking for people to volunteer to take care of jobs such as helping to place signs and improve trails.

The town is also waiting to get formal permission from the BLM, which would have to put the project through the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process before giving it a green light.

However, by using existing roads and trails, it is hoped that the BLM process will proceed quickly and smoothly, Brixius said.

If the grant money and BLM process go well, the first stage of the trails could be open within the next year, allowing for OHV tourism to slowly grow in the community.

## Natural Soda seeks expansion

**RBC I** The Bureau of Land Management is now seeking public comments concerning a proposed sodium bicarbonate plant expansion 37 miles southwest of Meeker.

Rifle-based Natural Soda Inc. plans to expand its Piceance Creek Basin processing facility to accommodate doubling its current 250,000 tons per-year production. Expansion would involve additional surface disturbance and future wells to feed the production increase. The proposed expansion would involve 20 acres of surface disturbance and add 30 full-time employees to its payroll over the next four years.

The BLM will accept public comments for 14 days during the scoping period as it prepares an Environmental Assessment (EA) to evaluate the proposed expansion. Natural Soda's proposal and maps showing the location of the expansion are available on the BLM White River Field Office website at: [on.doi.gov/1u0oyV1](http://on.doi.gov/1u0oyV1). Public comments regarding this proposal will be most helpful to the BLM if received by Dec 21. Written comments can be mailed to the White River Field Office, 220 E. Market St., Meeker, Colo. 81641.

Comments can also be submitted via email to [pdaggett@blm.gov](mailto:pdaggett@blm.gov). General questions can be directed to Paul Daggett at 970-878-3819 in Meeker.

Before including your address, phone number, email address, or any other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment, including personal identifying information, may be made publicly available at any time. While individuals may request BLM to withhold personal identifying information from public view, the BLM cannot guarantee it will be able to do so.

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# Four cattle die as result of rollover on County Road 7

By **DOC WATSON**  
Special to the Herald Times

**MEEKER** I Just before noon on Dec. 2, a cattle truck carrying 76 head of cattle purchased from Buffalo Horn Ranch overturned on a curve at the 11-mile marker of County Road 7, killing one steer outright and injuring several others.

The shipment was one of three truckloads of cattle that had been purchased by Roundup Internet Livestock Marketing of California. While the other two trucks were headed for feedlots in Craig, this truck was reportedly en route to Exeter, California.

The truck left Buffalo Horn Ranch, located three miles north of the scene of the accident, and was headed toward Meeker when the accident occurred, according to Tim Claypoole,

a representative of Roundup Market who was on the scene. The truck came to rest on its right side.

The California driver, identified as Rogelio Castillo, was uninjured except for a minor cut on his arm.

"I felt the cattle shifting before the truck rolled over," he said.

After taking skid mark measurements, Colorado State Patrol officer M.A. Valasquez, stated that Castillo would likely be cited for excessive speed although no felony charges will be brought.

Firefighters, aided by a few ranch hands, had to use axes and a power saw to chop holes in the top and bottom of the trailer to free the cattle.

One animal was killed in the accident and three others were injured badly enough they had to be euthanized. The rest were safely freed with-

out further incident and were driven from the scene by cowboys on horseback.

Claypoole said, "We could lose a few more (cattle) from damage to the liver and kidneys," a common problem that is the result of force and trauma in an accident. "We will just have to wait and see over the next few days," he said. "Unfortunately, this is not the first time this kind of accident has occurred."

Rio Blanco County Sheriff Si Woodruff said at the scene that there was a positive side to the incident.

After Claypoole's assurance that the meat from the dead animals could still be salvaged as hamburger, Woodruff said, "I would be glad to pay for the processing so we could use the meat at the jail."

And he did.



Friends and neighbors help cut through the top of this cattle-filled truck after the rollover on Dec. 2 on County Road 7 west of Meeker. One cow was killed outright in the rollover accident and injuries resulted in the euthanization of three other animals.

## WREA has board vacancy

Special to the Herald Times

**MEEKER** I The White River Electric Association Board of Directors is accepting letters of interest from WREA members seeking appointment to fill a WREA board vacancy representing the Town of Meeker district.

Letters of interest will be accepted through Dec. 12 at 4:30 p.m.

The WREA board will appoint a

director by the end of December to fill the unexpired portion of Anthony Mazzola's term. Mazzola's resignation will become effective in January and follows his recently elected position as Rio Blanco County Sheriff beginning in January.

WREA bylaws prohibit a salaried elected official from sitting on the board. Please see [wrea.org](http://wrea.org) for more information. Please call WREA at 878-5041 with additional questions.

## Parade winners announced

Special to the Herald Times

**MEEKER** I The Meeker Chamber of Commerce has released the award winning names in the Parade of Lights held Dec. 3 in downtown Meeker.

There were 13 entries in the "Festival of Lights"-themed parade.

All of the entries were creative and bright in some way, and hundreds of Meeker residents and visitors lined

Main Street for the length of the parade.

The winners of the parade were: The "It's a Wonderful Life" Best of Show Award was presented to Pioneers Medical Center.

The "Clark Griswold" Brightest Float Award went to White River Electric Association.

The Santa's Elves Choice Award went to the Meeker Volunteer Fire and Rescue.



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FROM MY WINDOW...

# Weekend jaunt brought tears, laughter, importance of family

By SEAN McMAHON  
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It was bright, sparkly and fun-filled as I looked out my window over the weekend. Colored lights and reindeer and marching bands and teary-eyed adults were everywhere to be found.

I was lucky enough and speedy enough to get out of town for the weekend, leaving Rio Blanco County at roughly noon on Friday and returning soon enough to watch the second half of the Bronco victory on Sunday afternoon.

It was a crazy busy time, starting Friday with trying to get to downtown Denver at rush hour in time to get dinner and find a place to watch the Denver Parade of Lights.

I really enjoy parades, but I would have, in no way, driven all the way to Denver to stand in the windy cold air to watch any parade on earth.

I had a real reason for going to the Front Range, where I grew up and where I absolutely hate to drive. I

didn't mind driving as a teenager because most of my travels were in my home town of Boulder. But I hate to drive in Denver so much I can say I have never driven in the Denver Metropolitan Area with the exception of Interstate 25 going north or south to some other destination.

But the real reason for going was worth the effort—and I was fortunate enough to find my destination because I had been a passenger in downtown Denver many times—as it was my (much older) sister Sheila's 70th birthday.

Sheila lives in Fort Collins and had been playing host for two weeks to my oldest living sibling, Maureen, 71, who lives with her husband, Richard, in England. Sheila wanted to see the Parade of Lights in Denver, so Sheila, Richard, Maureen and Sheila's daughter, Jen, and her husband, Peter, were set to go to dinner at the Terrace Grille, a great restaurant across from the Brown Palace, which is one block from the parade route.

Sheila, who had begged my wife, Cris, and me to come down for Thanksgiving—to no avail—did not know Cris or I or my two other surviving brothers were going to make it.

Jim, the middle child of the seven us, had been in and out of the Mayo Clinic for about the last 18 months battling kidney failure, which required a transplant and gobs of checkups, including twice when they had to revive him. Anyway, with the doctors' blessing and a lot of God's help, he was there.

And Kevin, the brother closest to my age (I am the baby) had been long self-estranged from the family for the most part of 25 years. We'd hear from him on rare occasions, like my father's funeral about eight years ago. Sheila didn't know that either one of them was going to be there.



After about 30 minutes, we saw Sheila walk into the restaurant. She had to walk through the long, narrow bar area with the barstools on one side and one row of tables on the other side.

We decided to just sit at the table and see if she noticed us.

She walked into the bar right where we were sitting and stopped. She looked right at me, then at Jim, then at Cris and then at Kevin. Then she looked away and peered farther down the bar. Suddenly it hit her.

She whipped her head around and said, "Holy (expletive)." Then she melted, almost hysterically. After the eventual hugs and kisses, Sheila just kind of slinked off on her own and cried for about the next 20 minutes before she would join us at the dinner table. She was pretty much a blubbering mess for the first 30 minutes.

So, to make a very long story short, we ate dinner, walked the block to the parade route right at 8 p.m., when the parade was supposed to start. It came late, but we enjoyed it, despite the cold, light wind and that it

only lasted maybe 30 to 40 minutes.

After it was over, we all drove the 90 minutes back to Fort Collins. Once there, the talking continued until the wee hours of the morning before we were all tucked into our beds.

We knew, but Sheila didn't have a clue, that Saturday would be the cause of an equally long cry session and that the best was yet to come.

About two months ago, we received a postcard from Sheila's daughter, Jen. The postcard said she had sent out 70 postcards to 70 of Sheila's favorite friends and to the siblings in the family that there would be a surprise party—a secret one—for Sheila on her birthday of Dec. 5 even though her birthday is Dec. 8.

Trying to make the story short as possible, we all dragged Sheila to Estes Park for the day, drove all around the mountains and arrived back at Sheila's home just in time to get ready to go to dinner at Austen's, a nice place in Fort Collins, by 5:15, which is very early for any of the McMahon clan. But we had to be at

the reception hall by about 7, and all of the invited friends would be there before we got there.

After dinner, Maureen mentioned that she saw in the paper that there was a wine tasting going on across town, starting at 7 p.m.

Immediately Sheila said, "I'm exhausted after last night and driving up in the mountains today and then with a big dinner tonight. I want to go home and play poker." Poker is a huge McMahon pastime and it turns out this was probably the first sibling gathering in 30 years when poker wasn't played.

Maureen took issue with us going home so early and said that because they don't have these wine tastings in the small towns of England that she really would like to go, even for a short time.

Sheila finally gave in, saying repeatedly, "OK—as long as we don't stay very long." Maureen assured her that was fine, that we would only be there for a short period.

The event was held at a neighborhood clubhouse (where Jennifer lives), and when we got there, there was a large number of cars, so there was no suspicion.

As we got closer, the small reception room was well lit, but it was quite obvious that the meeting room was either very poorly decorated or that the lights were out.

Maureen made some kind of  
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# WINDOWS: Community spirit

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deflecting comment, then the bright lights came on and every one of folks there screamed "happy birthday."

Of the 70 invitations Jen had sent out, about 45 of those recipients were present, including Sheila's high school boyfriend, several of her life-long girlfriends, many of the people she had worked with over the years, etc.

Sheila almost collapsed again, for the second night in a row. She had been totally surprised on Friday and Saturday nights.

Sheila's daughter, Jen, did a truly remarkable job with all the plans, all the invitations, all our family's sleeping arrangements, made reservations for everyone else, did all the snacks and hors d'oeuvres, bought the wine and beer all between having a 3-year-old male child and her being a district manager for a large restaurant chain on the Front Range.

Needless to say, Sheila won't forget this birthday. She started crying hard on Friday night, cried even harder on Saturday night, and I know she was going to cry hard again as she and Maureen took Jim, probably her closest sibling, to DIA to fly back to Minneapolis.

So, in the past week I was fortunate to catch two well-lighted parades and a really very-well lighted city.

On Wednesday of last week, while there were only 13 entries in

the Meeker Parade of Lights, the several hundred spectators seemed to enjoy the effort put into the parade and its entries and floats.

Thanks go out to those who had the holiday spirit and interest and decided to put in the work to enter those floats and entries. Some of those in the Meeker parade were pretty intense and required a lot of volunteer hours.

Then there was the Denver Parade of Lights on Friday, which was impressive for what was in it but not very impressive for the number of people and businesses in the Denver Metro Area.

The marching bands were good, the lighted floats were really quite impressive and the large tethered floating animal balloons were most enjoyable. Lasting far less than an hour, the quality was good but the quantity was sadly lacking.

Lastly regarding my Front Range journey, I must applaud the residents of Fort Collins. Never have I seen one city so well decorated for the holidays.

There were many residences, in particular, that had hundreds and even thousands of lights adorning the home and surrounding yard, but almost as striking was the sheer

number of homes with at least some decorations.

A lot of neighborhoods joined together to create huge, mind-boggling displays of four or five or even more homes in a row. But what really stood out to me was that it seemed like every house—even those in obviously low-income areas—had some kind of lighting, ranging from a lighted wreath on the door, one lighted moving metal deer to one string of lights strung across the top of the outside house trim, to maybe one tree in the yard being lighted. Nearly without exception, there was something holiday-related in the yard or attached to the house.

But it really was impressive that you could drive for two or three blocks and maybe only one or two homes didn't sport some decoration of some kind.

The effort, no matter how large or small, was appreciated by all adults (nine) in the vehicle.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Pioneers thanks folks who made Parade of Lights, Homes tour such successes

Dear Editor:

Pioneers Healthcare Foundation would like to thank the many people and organizations that made the 2014 Festival of Lights and Parade of Homes a fun success. We couldn't do it without a great team.

Thank you to White River Electric Association for hanging the lights and Rio Blanco County for sharing their trees.

The trees are beautiful and Pioneers Healthcare Foundation is proud to be part of this Meeker Christmas tradition.

The Parade of Lights was great fun. It wouldn't be a parade without the floats. Thank you Meeker Chamber of Commerce for organizing; and thank you to the businesses and organizations that submitted floats.

Matt Holliday did a fantastic job as the emcee, and Mason Holliday and Brynlee Williams did a beautiful job singing the national anthem.

Meeker Volunteer Fire & Rescue gave us a great fireworks display. Thank you for the fireworks in December. Also, we would like to give FCI Construction a special thank you for allowing the fireworks team to use their construction site.

Horizon's Specialized Services sponsored a great Parade of Homes; so many beautifully decorated homes took part in the event. Thank you to Meeker ERBM Recreation Center and Wendell's for hosting the wreath display.

We ended the Wreath Silent Auction on Sunday evening after the Horizon's Event. Thank you to all of

the wreath artists and the generous bidders. Proceeds from the wreath sales benefit Meals on Wheels, Horizons and the Meeker Chamber.

We appreciate everyone and all our businesses for participating in the activities.

Margie Joy  
Pioneers Healthcare Foundation  
Meeker

### In support of law enforcement

Dear Editor:

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## For Unto Us A Child Is Born (2)

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



Dr. J.D. Watson

**F**irst, Isaiah 9:6 declares that **Wonderful** is a characteristic of Messiah and His coming Kingdom. The Hebrew here (*pele*) speaks of a wonder, miracle, or marvel and always appears in the context of an act of God (e.g., Ps. 78:12, "marvellous things"; Isa. 29:14, "wonder").

It is significant that while the noun *pele* appears about 13 times in the OT, the verb from which it is derived (*pala*) occurs about 70 times. This word presents a problem, however, caused by the limitations of language. As one authority puts it, while the word means "to be marvelous, be extraordinary, be beyond one's power to do, do wonderful acts," it is easy to see from those "suggested meanings [that] this verb is not easy to define."

How can human language possibly describe the marvel of Creation, as in "the heavens shall praise thy wonders" (Ps. 89:5)? Or how can words fully express the great "wonders" He did in delivering His people from Egypt (Exod. 3:20)? How, in fact, could we possibly count all the wonders He has done? As the psalmist again declares, "Many, O Lord my God, are thy wonderful works which thou hast done" (Ps. 40:5). Significantly, as the Psalms are permeated by praise of God, of the more than 80 OT instances of these words, 37 of them are in the Psalms.

In the final analysis, it is really God alone who can do anything truly **Wonderful**. As the psalmist once again declares, "Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel, who only doeth wondrous things" (72:18). The beloved Puritan Matthew Henry likewise comments, "Men's works are little, common, trifling things, and even these they could not do without him. But God does all by his own power, and they are wondrous things which he does, and such as will be the eternal admiration of saints and angels."

How tragic it is when God's people forget what He has done! "The children of Ephraim . . . kept not the covenant of God, and refused to walk in his law; And forgot his works, and his wonders that he had shewed them" (Ps. 78:9-11). That passage goes on to recount the wonders God did in delivering them from Egypt but how they sinned against Him unimaginably and how He had to judge them to bring them back to Him (vv. 12-34).

That background, therefore, underscores for us how **Wonderful** Messiah would be. His birth was a wonder of nature, as He was conceived by the Holy spirit. There was wonder in His very nature of being both God and man. There was wonder in how he amazed the teachers in the Temple when He was 12 years old. The great wonder of His transfiguration paralyzed those who witnessed it. There was then the wonder of His victory over Satan's temptation in the wilderness. The countless wonders and miracles he performed during His early ministry were

staggering. The work He accomplished on the Cross was the greatest wonder of all, as He redeemed all those who would believe. Crowning that was the wonder of His resurrection and ascension into glory. And the wonders continue as He transforms every true believer into a new creature.

**Second, Counsellor** (*ya'as*, "to advise") is another characteristic of coming Messiah and His coming Kingdom. Its first OT occurrence in Exodus 18:19 sets the tone of this word group as Jethro encourages his son-in-law Moses to listen to his counsel about his plan for the enormous task of leading God's people.

This theme is repeated frequently throughout the OT, whether the counsel is *good* or *bad*, or whether the counsel is *received* or *rejected*. In contrast to Jethro and Moses, we see Ahithophel's good counsel to Absalom, which he rejects, and then see Hushai's evil counsel that Absalom accepts (2 Sam. 17).

Every now and then, a politician comes on the scene who possesses, according to some, messiah-like qualities. Whether it's a reference to speaking ability, charisma, or wisdom, it's certainly a compliment. However, when you compare the greatest social or political leader with Jesus Christ, you'll find there's no comparison at all.

During His incarnation, Christ demonstrated His wisdom as a **Counselor**. It is extremely significant that when we study the encounters Jesus had with individuals who came to Him for counsel, we discover that He always knew exactly what to say, when to reach out to a seeking heart, and when to rebuke a rebellious will. Even his enemies testified, "Never man spake like this man" (John 7:46).

As God incarnate, Christ is the source of all truth. Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life" (Jn. 14:6). No politician can match that! It is He to whom we must ultimately turn and trust His loving rule of our lives. Many of our politicians turn everywhere else for counsel. They go to one another; they listen to special interests; they have their own psychologists, psychiatrists, analysts, philosophers, spiritual advisors, gurus, astrologers, and other human counselors. Who hath directed the Spirit of the LORD, or being his counsellor hath taught him?" (Isa. 40:13).

The Messiah is the True Counselor because He is God, the source of truth. When He rules the earth, there will be no uncertainty in his administration. He is the ultimate and only true answer to political confusion.

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police departments and all other government workers (fire departments, EMTs, etc.) for keeping our towns safe and healthy

I am tired of hearing on the news stations of all the demonstrations and lawlessness that is going on.

I believe that every law enforcement officer should take a couple of "sick" days and let the public see

what can happen.

There are a couple of other things I could say, but I want to keep this letter in good standing so it will be printed in the *Herald Times*.

Violet Brumback  
Meeker

**In support of legal marijuana sales**

Dear Editor:

I support the lawful sale of medical and recreational marijuana to adults in Rio Blanco County.

I have sympathy for the use of medical marijuana by our sick, handi-

capped and those who cannot access high-priced prescriptions. It would be shameful for us to deny one citizen who is in chronic pain a local source of relief.

The lawful marijuana industry is highly regulated by government like liquor, prescriptions and cigarettes.

It does not offend me if others smoke cigarettes. I respect the right of others to choose to smoke. I can accept that others choose to engage in high-risk behaviors. This happens in a free society.

I am encouraged that the hemp industry on many levels may present new agricultural applications in Colorado. I would call upon our county extension office to sponsor a seminar on such developments.

Will the opening of a single store bring a group of barbarians to our gates to wreak havoc? A better and safer course is to find a fair compromise. A new business can be given six-month temporary permit followed up with a fact-finding public hearing. Rio Blanco County is known to

attract "pioneers" who are willing take on new ventures. All business pioneers deserve, respect, a pat on the back and our well wishes. We need more doers than talkers.

Rio Blanco County needs a giant Business Door Mat on our steps that reads: "Welcome!"

Joe Fennessy  
Rio Blanco County Colorado

ty, but now I realize that it's the voters.

I can see John Boehner saying, "It's time to open the ninth investigation into Benghazi" and his Tea Party followers cheering him on. Come on!

I guess I shouldn't be surprised. Fifty-five times trying to overturn Obamacare should have given me a clue.

Robert Dunlap  
Grand Junction

**Apology to Steiner, Halandras**

Dear Editor:

This letter of apology is to Mr. Larry Steiner and Mr. Regus Halandras and to all who were offended by my letter in the *Rio Blanco Herald Times* on Nov. 27.

As a Christian, we're not supposed to be offended by the words or actions of others.

I allowed my Lord's teachings to be ignored by my own personal feelings.

I am truly sorry that my actions caused innocent people harm who had no part in the incident at all.

I ask for your forgiveness.

Louise Courtright  
Meeker

**Investigating Benghazi an expensive vote**

Dear Editor:

"GOP-led panel largely debunks Benghazi claims: Report backs U.S. response, finds no cover-up by White House."

This was front-page news in the *Grand Junction Daily Sentinel* two Sundays ago.

The two-year investigations was a political joke. This was the seventh congressional investigation on Benghazi. All seven debunked Benghazi claims.

So what do the Republicans do with such information? They have an eighth investigation at a cost of \$3.3 million.

Are you kidding me? I used to blame the politicians for such stupidity,

**'Dessert theater' presented Dec. 17-18 by MHS Drama Club**

Special to the *Herald Times*

**MEEKER** I The Meeker High School Drama Club and International Thespian Society 1284 will present a "dessert theater" one-act play titled "Fruitcake" at the MHS auditorium on Dec. 17 and 18.

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

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# State DUI enforcement begins during holiday season

Special to the Herald Times

**RBC |** The time of year is upon us when coworkers, friends and family gather to celebrate the joys of the holiday season. As these celebrations are under way, the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) is once again teaming with

the Colorado State Patrol (CSP) and nearly 100 law enforcement agencies across the state to encourage responsible celebrations.

The enforcement period—Friday, Dec. 5 through Monday, Dec. 15—surrounding these holiday parties is part of CDOT's ongoing The Heat Is On impaired driving prevention cam-

paign.

"It's the most wonderful time of the year because people are in good spirits and it's a time to celebrate all of our successes in 2014," said Amy Ford, CDOT Communications Director. "We encourage good times and celebration but want everyone to have a safe and enjoyable holiday sea-

son, so we urge partygoers to not drive impaired."

In 2013, there were 19 fatalities on Colorado roadways during the holiday season, 11 of which were alcohol-related, and more than 1,500 Coloradans arrested for a DUI from Thanksgiving to New Year's.

"No one should have to deal with

being arrested or losing a loved one around the holidays," said Col. Scott Hernandez, chief of the Colorado State Patrol. "CSP and all the local law enforcement agencies hope drivers make the right decision before heading to their holiday parties this year and find a sober driver or an alternate way home."

"Everyone deserves the chance for a safe, wonderful holiday," said Darrell Lingk, director of the Office of Transportation Safety at CDOT. "The second someone chooses to drive impaired, they not only put their own lives at risk but also the lives of every other driver on the roadway."

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# Flu may be serious; shots recommended

Special to the Herald Times

**RBC I** Most flu cases this year in Colorado have been caused by the influenza A (H3N2) virus, which can cause a more severe flu season with more hospitalizations. Reported influenza hospitalizations and outbreaks in long-term care facilities in Colorado have recently increased. Immunization is the best protection, so get your flu vaccine now.

"We tend to have more severe seasons when H3N2 viruses predominate," said Dr. Lisa Miller, state epi-

demiologist at the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment.

"Unfortunately, about half of the H3N2 virus circulating now are different from the H3N2 virus included in this season's flu vaccine," said Dr. Miller. "Because they are different, we are concerned protection from the flu vaccine may be reduced. However, vaccination still is the best way to protect against the flu."

During past seasons, there have been more hospitalizations and deaths when the H3N2 flu virus has

predominated, particularly among older people, very young children and people with certain chronic medical conditions.

As of Nov. 29, 95 people from 17 counties in Colorado have been hospitalized because of flu. If you get flu-like illness and are at high risk for influenza complications (younger than two years old or over age 65, or with chronic medical conditions), call your doctor to determine if treatment with antiviral medications is needed.

Early antiviral treatment can

shorten the duration of fever and illness, reduce the risk of complications and reduce the risk of death among hospitalized patients.

To reduce spread of the flu, the health department encourages everyday actions such as covering your cough and sneezes, staying away from sick people and washing your hands often. If you're sick, stay home from work or school so you don't spread the virus to others.

Colorado's weekly flu report is available at [www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdphe/influenza-data](http://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdphe/influenza-data)

## Meeker business leaders to meet

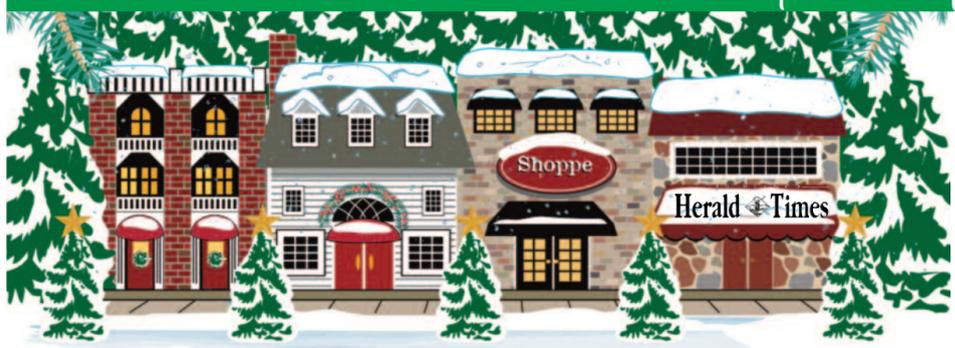
**MEEKER I** The Meeker Chamber of Commerce will host another Business Leaders Luncheon on Dec. 19. The subject of the gathering will be how to list your business on various websites and how to get your business out there now.

The luncheon will be held from 1 to 2 p.m. at Holliday's Bar and Grill, located at 374 7th St.

Some of the websites to be examined include Facebook, Trip Advisor, Colorado Tourism Office, [www.yourbusiness.com](http://www.yourbusiness.com) and ColoradoComeToLife.

The meeting is open to anyone interested in networking with other business leaders, owners and managers to discuss important issues that affect Meeker's business community. It is a good time to have lunch at a local restaurant, listen to a guest speaker and discuss timely topics. If you have a topic you would like to see discussed, please let the chamber know at 878-5510.

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• The Spartan Times staff wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



## College's 50-foot pillar of ice soon to be beckoning climbers



Photo courtesy of CNCC Facebook

A climber descends last year's ice tower.

By Zach Glasgow  
Business Manager/ Copy Editor

At CNCC's campus in Rangely, a massive, 50-foot tower made of steel and a menagerie of smaller towers and fencing, known as substrate, occupies the area behind the Weiss Center.

While it seems odd to have a large, metal tower constructed on campus, it actually serves as the foundation

for CNCC's annual ice tower, which will eventually freeze.

"Rangely gets cold in the winter, making it hard to have fun outside. For me, I now get excited when I see a high of 10 degrees (Fahrenheit) because I know we can make great ice," said Todd Ward, director of arts and sciences and a biology and ice climbing instructor at the Rangely campus.

Three guy lines are connected

to the main tower and driven into the ground to keep it upright. A sprinkler system is run inside the tower, spraying water to make ice from the bottom up. The tower will become top heavy if the water system runs from the top.

"A sprinkler system moves with the tower as the tower grows," said John Whipple, CNCC's outdoor leadership program coordinator. "Ice needs to have something to grow on. We can shape the tower however we want."

As water drips down the tower, it freezes into a glaze, or into icicles. Over time, a tower of ice eventually forms that can be climbed. "We can make good ice any time the temperature is below 20 degrees Fahrenheit. Generally it is safe to climb sometime in late December. However, our current warm spell may be pushing that back to early January," Ward said.

Ward and Whipple erected the tower at the end of October.

"It's a common myth that water freezes at 32 degrees Fahrenheit or zero degrees Celsius. Well, that's not true," Whipple said. "Water actually starts to freeze between 20 and 15 F and minus 6 and minus 9 C."

Lucky for Rangely, the winter temperatures can dip as low as minus

30 F. Once winter actually comes to Rangely and the temperatures drop, the tower can begin to be made.

The ice tower is open to everybody, not just CNCC students, as long as an ice climbing instructor (either Ward or Whipple) is there to supervise. CNCC provides all the necessary equipment needed to climb.

"We have hosted the volleyball team, women's basketball, boy scouts, local climbers, and drop-ins on the tower. Our goal is to allow as many people as possible to try out this exciting winter sport," Ward said.

Ward has been teaching the Ice Climbing I class for the past seven years. However, last year only two students were signed up and, as a result, the class was cancelled. But this year, there's more interest. Already seven students are signed up out of 12 slots, and several more have shown interest.

"This year Whipple will be assisting with the class which is great. He is very safety oriented, knows climbing, and this class is best taught one-on-one or in very small groups. Having this expert help will allow more one-on-one instruction to improve individual skill sets," Ward said.

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## Columbine Park has developed into an extension of CNCC campus



Photo by Zach Glasgow

Columbine Park's old race track encircles an arena that CNCC students use for classes and practice. Traces of the park's past still remain, like the track and the old grandstand (on the left). Students and boarders use the track to exercise horses.

By Cristy Brinkley  
Reporter

Driving west down Highway 64 you may notice Columbine Park's sign that often reads "Come ride with us" or "Join us for Rock N Bulls."

The boarding area and horse arena, that serves as practice grounds for CNCC's rodeo team and a learning center for its equine studies program, has a history different from its purpose today.

Back in the 1980's there were horse races and chariot races at the park. Surveying the park today, signs of the past are still there. The grandstand is still standing along with the jockey shack, and the racing track is intact.

In June of 2007 when former CNCC President John Boyd first started the equine studies program, he also created a partnership between the county and college. CNCC was granted permission to use Columbine Park for classes and rodeo team practice in exchange for the school to maintain the county's park. Rio Blanco County owns the park but the college maintains and manages it.

Today, Columbine Park is a total of 37 acres. There are 76 horse stalls between three barns, various storage and tack sheds, round pens, a small semi-indoor arena, rodeo grounds and a baseball field. Livestock also is kept near the rodeo arena that the rodeo team and some classes use to

improve their skills.

CNCC's equine studies students and rodeo team use the park daily for practice and classes, but any student or county resident can keep a horse out there. The monthly boarding fee at the park will increase from \$45 dollars to \$50 starting Jan. 1, 2015, said Jed Moore, CNCC's head rodeo coach. Boarding prices are the same for both students and residents.

The park's revenue goes toward its upgrades and maintenance, Moore said. Besides working as the rodeo coach, Moore also works for Rio Blanco County serving as the manager for Columbine Park, a position he has held since 2009.

Today there are 11 horses boarded at the park by area residents, and the rest of the revenue comes from CNCC students. Each horse owner is responsible for their animal's care along with its stall at the park. When there is an event at Columbine Park the host pays a usage fee to the county, Moore said.

Together Assistant Rodeo Coach Paige Yore, Moore and work study students maintain the park. They ensure that gates open and close smoothly, and they keep the grounds and grooming the arenas clean.

Taylor Duzik, a CNCC rodeo team member and second-year student, has boarded her horses at the park during the rodeo season for the last two years. "It is the cheapest and most convenient," Duzik said. The facility is close to CNCC and she can access the round pens and arena when she's not practicing.

In the future, there are plans to expand Columbine Park, Moore said. These plans would help CNCC's equine classes and rodeo team, allowing more flexibility in scheduling the park's arenas.

"There is a master plan for new buildings and an indoor arena," he said. No time frame is set since more funding is needed to pursue an expansion.

## SPARTAN Rock and Ice hosts first-ever rock climbing competition



Photos by Kayla Newbanks

Wes Benton, climbing gym work study, reads the rules to contestants before the competition begins.

By Kayla Newbanks  
Spartan Times Adviser

In the midst of the music and the chalk-filled air, nine rock climbers tested their strength and agility at SPARTAN Rock and Ice's first ever rock climbing competition on the evening of Dec. 6.

Contestants registered in advance as well as at the door for the free climbing match that took place at CNCC's newly renovated rock climbing wall. Students and residents alike were invited to watch or compete.

The challenge featured bouldering (rock climbing performed without

ropes and harnesses) and dynamic movement rock climbing, also known as "dyno climbing" in the climbing world. Dynamic movement rock climbing is when one or more body parts come off the wall as the climber ascends.

"Think Mission Impossible moves," said John Whipple, CNCC's outdoor

leadership coordinator. Climbers sort of jump to other points on the wall to keep climbing, he said.

The competition had two divisions, a beginner and an advanced, said Wes Benton, a second-year student who's a member of the club. Benton, a work-study climbing gym student, along with his counterparts, Jordan Delaporte and Justin Murphy (both first-year students) organized the event and designed the courses.

First-place winner for the beginners division, Blake Mueller said being number one felt "painful."

Contestants earned up to 200 points from different maneuvers in 10 different courses.

Each course was worth 20 points. Climbers earned the full 20 points by finishing the course on the first try; five points were deducted for each attempt after that.

Four of the courses were focused on bouldering and six were dyno-climbing courses. Winners took home prizes of gear from REI like head lamps, chalk bags and canteens. They also received a coupon to Summit Canyon Mountaineering in Grand Junction.

Adrian Martinez, a first-year student who took home third place in the advanced division, said the hardest part of the competition was

getting a good grip. Martinez has only rock climbed four times.

"If you get a good solid foot plant, you can boost yourself up," said Jonathan Poe, a contestant who took first place in the advanced division.

Poe is a local resident who used to rock climb in college. He's an engineer for Chevron.

According to Benton, the student group hopes this competition is just the first of more to come.

Many contestants at the competition had limited experience with rock climbing. Benton said the rock climbing scene is growing at CNCC.

"It's grown a lot. Just last year we were trying to get one person in here (the climbing gym)," he said.

Check out the listing of winners from the rock climbing competition:

**Advanced winners:**

First place: Jonathan Poe, 135 points.  
Second place: Nick Elieff, 115 points.  
Third place: Adrian Martinez, 110 points.

**Beginner winners:**

First place: Blake Mueller, 170 points.  
Second place: Michael El-Bitar, 160 points.  
Third place: Clay Hirakata, 145 points.

*"If you get a good solid foot plant, you can boost yourself up."*

*-Jonathan Poe, advanced first place winner*



(L): Rangely resident Jonathan Poe hangs on and aims for his next move. Poe won first place in the advanced division of the rock climbing competition. (R): Second-year student Nick Elieff scales the rock climbing wall. Elieff won second place in the advanced division of the challenge.



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## Spartan Alumni Tournament



Photos by Justin Tuttle

The CNCC men's basketball team was on fire last week, winning all three home games they played in the Spartan Alumni Tournament Dec. 2 to 6.

The team played against Adams State, Planet Athlete (a high-level basketball academy from Phoenix, Ariz.) and CNCC Alumni. The tournament was sponsored by Blue Mountain Inn & Suites and CNCC's Student Government.

## What's in your cup?



Photo by Tiffany Record

A customer fills up their 32-ounce Kum & Go cup with Pepsi.

By Cam Bogener  
Reporter

When you go around town in Rangely, Colo., everywhere you will see many people holding Kum & Go cups filled with colorful drinks. There are athletes with Powerade, people with Mr. Pibb, and many others sipping on the trendy and so-called "healthy" Vitamin Water.

Kum & Go is the gas station that fuels this town, and its soda fountain is what keeps Rangely's thirst quenched.

Kum & Go gives customers three different sizes of cups to drink from. The smallest size is a 32-fluid-ounce cup that costs \$1.39 (its refill costs \$0.99). The middle-sized cup is 48 fluid ounces that costs \$1.59 (its refill costs \$1.19). The largest cup available to consumers here is a 52-fluid-ounce cup costing \$1.79 (its refill costs \$1.39). In other Kum & Go stores drink sizes can get as big as 64 ounce,

or even 100 ounce!

At the soda machine in Rangely's store, customers have a mere selection of 20 different drinks to choose from. The company boasts on its website that many of its stores have up to 32 different fountain drinks. There also are eight different flavorings that can be added to a drink for a different twist.

Sandra Mercado, a cashier at Kum & Go, estimates that 200 drinks are sold from the soda machine alone in any given eight-hour shift.

Townfolk and travelers aren't the only patrons of the store's popular drinks; many CNCC students frequent the shop, too.

"I always get a drink after practice," said student Andrew Paz. "They're thirst quenching machines."

The Spartan Times went around and asked students and residents alike what fills their cup, and their answers are almost as diverse as Rangely itself.

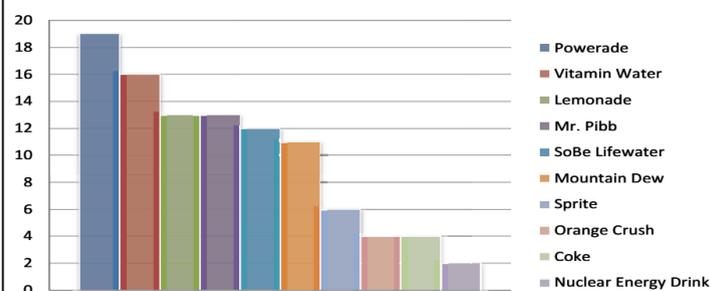
## Waiting on winter



Photo by Tiffany Record

Traces of fall still remain in much of Rio Blanco County as the region has experienced unseasonable warm weather for the last couple of weeks. This photo was taken at one of Rangely's camper parks.

### Rangely Kum & Go's Most Popular Drinks



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# The faces of Colorado Northwestern

## Student spotlight of the month



Photo by Zach Glasgow

Blade Canyon Rose

By Zach Glasgow  
Business Manager/Copy Editor

Blade Canyon Rose is a typical college student. Rose likes to see movies with his friends and hang out in his dorm room. Rose also has a passion for video games, collecting coins, and science.

Rose is the Spartan Times' December student of the month. He's a freshman pursuing a degree in general computer sciences. Learn more about Rose in his Q-and-A below:

Q: What degree are you trying to get?

A: Currently, I am pursuing a degree in general computer sciences. However, I originally wanted a degree in nursing.

Q: Why did you switch?

A: I decided that I didn't like people, so a degree in nursing wouldn't be ideal. I like computers though, so I figured a degree in computer sciences would be better.

Q: How would you rate your experience at CNCC so far? Are you excited for next semester?

A: My first semester at CNCC has been pretty fun so far. I've made tons of friends, so that helps. Next semester I'm taking four classes, so that should be good.

Q: Where were you born? When did you come to Rangely, Colo.?

A: I was born in Fort Bragg, N.C. I've been in Rangely since I was five years old. Currently I am 18.

Q: What do you like to do in your free time? Do you have any hobbies?

A: In my free time, I like to play video games. My favorites include Skyrim, Dark Souls, Dishonored, and Call of Duty. Recently I've been getting into League of Legends, though. For hobbies, I like to collect coins because they're pretty cool. I also enjoy doing science experiments at home.

Q: Do you live on campus or off-campus?

A: Both, actually. I lived in the dorms up until Thanksgiving break. After break I was too lazy to move back in, so I've been at my mom's house.

## Ice climbing, continued



Photo courtesy of CNCC Facebook

The ice climbing class is for beginners, so students should not feel intimidated if they don't have climbing experience. Ward's goal is to have as many students as possible able to climb comfortably at Ouray Ice Park, the nearest ice park to Rangely.

Students in the month-long ice class typically progress from WI 1 to WI3 difficulty - WI stands for the grading, or general difficulty, of the ice to climb. Though many progress to WI 4, few make it to WI 5, the highest difficulty level of ice climbing encountered at Ouray Ice Park. Students enrolled in the class will take a fieldtrip to Ouray Ice Park during the last few days of the class.

Ward and Whipple both find ice climbing to be easier than rock climbing. Because of the tools, like lobster claws, that allow people to choose where they want to put a foot or a hand, the climbing path is up to the climber. In rock climbing, climbers don't have much of a choice.

"Ice climbing is hazardous. Falling ice and falling on slick ice can really hurt or kill people. It is important

to stay far away from the ice tower unless you are geared up and under the supervision of our ice staff," Ward said.

If everything goes according to plan, Ward said the ice tower will officially open on Jan. 16, after the first ice climbing class.

The tower will last as long as solid ice lasts since it's not climbable once it starts melting. The tower usually lasts until mid-March, but it all depends on daytime highs, wind, and sun intensity. Its hours of operation are generally from 2 to 6 p.m.

There are more opportunities in Rangely for outdoor winter fun than one would think, and Whipple encourages everybody to make the most of the winter season.

"We offer much more than ice climbing in the winter time. The winter rental center located behind the Weiss building is where students, faculty and staff can check out snowshoes, cross-country skis and sleds," he said. "We will also have our big orange tent up on the lawn by the main sidewalk and we will have hot drinks throughout the winter time. It's going to be a great winter."

## Staff/Faculty spotlight of the month



Photo by Cam Bogener

Jessica Kruger, an instructor of psychology and sociology at CNCC, teaches her human sexuality class.

By Justin Tuttle  
Reporter

Next time you're at a Spartan home game, take a look at the seating area assigned for Spartan fans and you'll most likely see CNCC Instructor Jessica Kruger.

Kruger, an instructor of sociology and psychology at the college's Rangely campus, makes it a point to attend every Spartan home game, no matter the sport - something that not many other faculty members do. She is one of the biggest all-around supporters of Spartan athletics.

Most students have taken at least one of her classes, and those that haven't most likely soon will. Kruger is known for going out of her way to help students in the classroom with extra tutoring.

"I think Ms. Kruger is an avid supporter of CNCC athletics. Other faculty and staff don't even know that anyone is having games," said Adrian Hayes, the men's head basketball coach. "All I can say is your support

inside the classroom and outside the classroom is much appreciated. And last but certainly not least, Ms. Kruger is not only a great teacher but an even better person."

Joe Cates, CNCC's assistant baseball coach echoed Hayes' opinion. "Ms. Kruger is a blessing to the baseball program and to the school. She has the best interest for our student athletes academically and even on the field. She is a big supporter to baseball whether she is helping run our snack bar or cheering the team on in the stands, but most importantly she is just an overall great person to know."

Kruger is the Spartan Times' faculty member of the month. We sat down with Kruger to find out a bit more about her. Check out the Q-and-A below:

Q: Why do you like to support the students so much during your free time?

A: I enjoy supporting students in general because I want them all to

succeed. Whether that is meeting with them outside of class for some extra help I will be there as long as you ask. Now, student athletes are unique because they have two jobs, one being a full-time student, and second being the sport they play. I love sports whether it's playing, watching, or even talking about sports (especially if it's a team from Michigan), but I think it's really awesome to see a student athlete in their own element and doing something that has made them happy from a young age. It brings me joy to see them perform and helps me to get to know them further.

Q: Where were you born?

A: I was born in Ann Arbor, Mich.

Q: What are your hobbies?

A: My hobbies include playing with my dogs, watching movies, and most of all I love to travel.

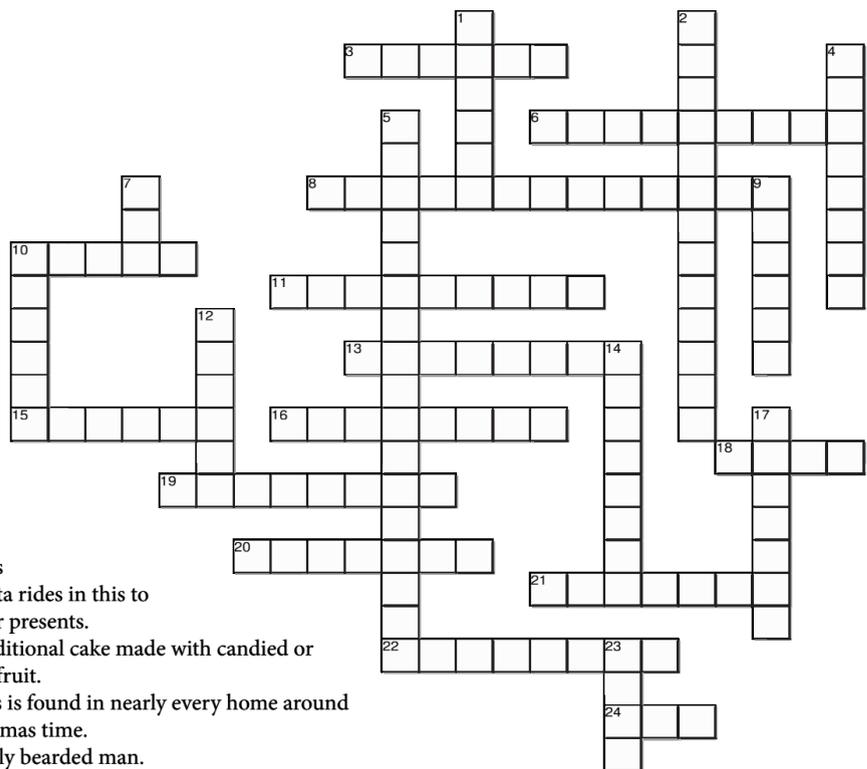
Q: What makes you unique?

A: Well I am pretty unique. I grew up in Rangely; I then left for a decade for school and work, and then came back. As far as an educator goes, I try my best to make my class interesting, and I genuinely enjoy my students both in the classroom and outside of it.

Q: How did you end up back in Rangely, Colo., and at CNCC?

A: When I got my master's I was quite a ways into my job search. I really wanted to be back in Colorado and, crazy enough, I came across a job listing for CNCC. During my grad school I taught criminal justice and doing that I thought teaching would be fun. And also another big role is that my family is here and I wanted to be closer to them.

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Across

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6. Traditional cake made with candied or dried fruit.
8. This is found in nearly every home around Christmas time.
10. Jolly bearded man.
11. Couples kiss under this during Christmas
13. Jewish holiday.
15. These keep your hands warm.
16. These hang over the fireplace to be filled with goodies.
18. Covers the ground like a blanket during the winter season.
19. A violent winter storm.
20. This reindeer leads Santa's sleigh.
21. African American cultural holiday.
22. An activity that can be done in the snow - popular with kids.
24. Santa's helper.

Down

1. Decorations that make a Christmas tree shine.
2. December 21st - the shortest day of the year.
4. Children become overjoyed about opening these.
5. Groups of people singing Christmas songs.
7. This warms your ears.
9. A creamy festive drink.
10. A winter sport.
12. Shiny tree decor.
14. Warm, chocolate drink.
17. This has a carrot nose.
23. Popular Christmas song; can also be a name.

Across: 3. Sleigh 6. Fruitcake 8. Christmas Tree 10. Santa 11. Mistletoe 13. Hanukkah 15. Gloves 16. Stocking 18. Snow 19. Blizzard 20. Rudolph 21. Kwanzaa 22. Sledding 24. Elf  
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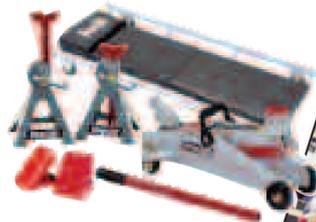
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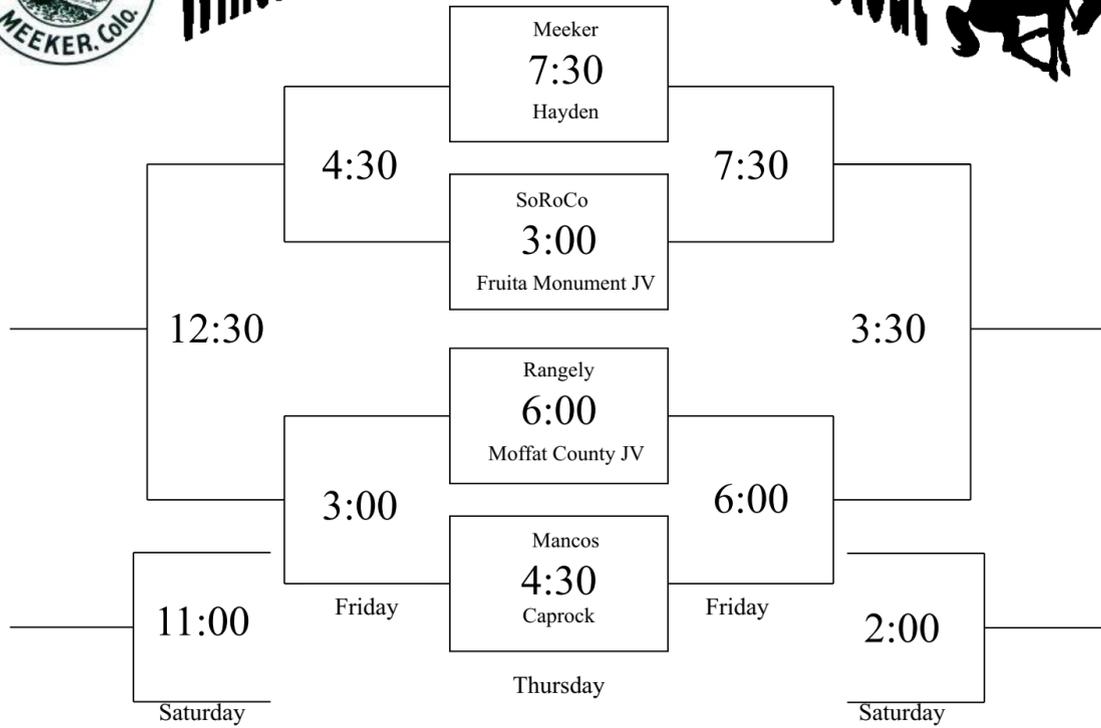
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## White River Electric Cowboy Shootout

Boys  
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## For the third straight year, Meeker girls win WREA Cowboy Shootout

By **BOBBY GUTIERREZ**  
bobby@theheraldtimes.com

**MEEKER I** For the third year in a row, the Meeker High School girls' basketball team has won the season-opening White River Electric Cowboy Shootout. The lady Cowboys will be idle this weekend and next play Olathe on Dec. 19.

Meeker opened the season with a 45-35 win over Hayden, then defeated Nucla, 57-49, in the semifinals before beating the Rams from South Routt County, 52-37, in the championship game.

"We played together as a team," head coach Greg Chintala said. "The first night we were nervous and didn't shoot well, but we played the other parts of the game well—ball control, rebounds and defensively."

Against Hayden, Meeker only led by two after the first quarter before opening up and scoring 15 in the second quarter to lead 23-12 at halftime. Hayden pulled within eight at the end of the third quarter, but Meeker put the game away in the fourth.

"The second night, the nerves subsided and we shot the ball better and took care of it," Chintala said.

The lady Cowboys again started slowly against Nucla, leading 10-8

after the first period. But, like the first game, Meeker broke away in the second quarter, scoring 18 points, including 12 from Sydney Hughes, half her game-high 24 points.

Sophomore Reese Pertile scored 13 points for Meeker against Nucla and senior Megan Parker also finished in double figures with 12. Senior Jamie McLaughlin, sophomores Jenna Walsh and Halle Ahrens, along with freshman Maggie Phelan all added two points each in the semi-final game.

Hughes won the three-point contest held Saturday for the the championship, when she was also named to the all-tournament team and it was Hughes who set the tone in the championship game, scoring eight points in the first quarter and finishing with 25. Parker scored 13 in the championship game.

Hughes finished the tournament with 67 points, Parker scored 31 and Pertile scored 26. McLaughlin totaled eight in the three games and Ahrens finished with six.

"Sydney had a good tournament and Megan shot the ball well Friday and Saturday," coach Chintala said. "Our team shared the ball well and stayed aggressive, all playing and moving together."

## As host of annual WREA Cowboy Shootout, Meeker's boys begin cage season tonight

By **HALLIE BLUNT**  
Special to the Herald Times

**MEEKER I** The Meeker and Rangely boys' basketball teams will open their cage seasons tonight as part of the boys' version of the annual WREA Cowboys Shootout.

Last weekend was the girls' turn,

and the Meeker girls won that tournament.

Meeker High School basketball coach Klark Kindler said, "I'm always excited for the Shootout; it is one of my favorite weekends of the year."

The Cowboys will be led by seniors Cade Rowlett, Raul Lopez, Joe

Newman, Jake Phelan, Tony Collins, Levi Dinwiddie and Matt Frantz.

The Cowboys are coming back this year with several players who played on the state qualifying team last year. The combination of experience, hard work and a successful tradition make this team an exciting one.

"We are excited to see how we do against other competition; we are tired of beating up on each other," coach Kindler said.

Rangely will open its play at 6 p.m. as the team faces off against the Moffat County Junior Varsity. Meeker will open up against Hayden at 7:30 p.m.

## Panther cagers open with Cowboy Shootout tonight

By **BOBBY GUTIERREZ**  
bobby@theheraldtimes.com

**RANGELY I** The Rangely Panther boys' basketball team will open the season tonight in Meeker under a new head coach, in the annual White River Electric Cowboy Shootout.

Jeremy Cantrell, the new physical education teacher, will take over the coaching duties, along with Jeremy Lohry, tonight, when the Panthers step on the court to play Moffat County's junior varsity team in the first round.

"The guys are working hard and the seniors are making good adjust-

ments to the new system," Coach Cantrell said.

The Panthers will be led by seven seniors; Layne Mecham, Mitchell Webber, Colt Allred, Freddie Ruiz, Kelton Elam, James Scoggins and Luis Contreras.

Webber, Allred and Elam contributed extensively to last year's

team, which finished with an 18-6 record and a regional playoff berth.

"We are focused on the Shootout and hope to get better each game," Coach Cantrell said. "We'll get the new system in and hope to be good by the end of the season."

Rangely will tip off against Moffat County at 6 p.m.

## RHS wrestlers win match

By **BOBBY GUTIERREZ**  
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**RANGELY I** With only five wrestlers, the Rangely High School Panthers opened the season at the Colorado Mesa University Duals in Grand Junction. Although the Panthers only won one dual, the Panthers won their fair share of matches.

"As a coaching staff, we were satisfied with the outcome of the day," head coach Jeff Heinle said. "We got to see what we need to work on this week."

Heath Peters, Josh Bolding, Nych Deleon, Chance Shepard and Kiki Ruiz all won at least one match, and three of the matmen—Peters, Bolding and Deleon—only lost once.

The Panthers defeated Grand Valley 24-15, winning four of five

matches wrestled and they also won four of five matches against Durango but lost the dual 42-24. The Panthers won two matches and lost the dual against Rifle and only won one match against Cedaredge, but won all five matches against Coal Ridge, yet still lost the dual 28-42.

"We looked very impressive for the first event of the year," Coach Heinle said. "We made a few mistakes, which cost us matches, but we can work on them."

Coach Heinle said Bolding looked the most impressive, winning four matches and he was pleased with Shepard winning three matches.

"This is Chance's first event since eighth-grade and he looked really good," coach Heinle said.

The Panthers will wrestle Hotchkiss on Friday then wrestle in the Delta tournament on Saturday.



BOBBY GUTIERREZ

The Rangely High School Panthers' boys basketball team will open its season tonight in Meeker against Moffat County at 6 p.m. Jeremy Cantrell is the new head coach at Rangely, and the Panthers will be led this season by seven seniors: Layne Mecham, Mitchell Webber, Colt Allred, Freddie Ruiz, James Scoggins and Luis Contreras (not pictured).



BECKY HUGHES

This year's White River Electric Cowboy Shootout all-tournament team consists of: Dakota Bruner from Soroco, Katelyn Brown from Rangely, Kara Cozzens from Hayden, Erin Staats from Nucla, Jessica Rossi from Soroco was named the tournament's MVP and Sydney Hughes from Meeker. Hughes won the three-point contest, held before the championship game, where Meeker defeated Soroco 52-37.



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### KATELYN BROWN Rangely High School

Katelyn Brown, a member of the Rangely High School girls' basketball team, was selected to be on the all-tournament team last weekend at the Meeker High School-hosted WREA Cowboy Shootout for her outstanding play for the Panthers.



### SYDNEY HUGHES Senior Meeker High School

Hughes was named to the all-tournament team, won the three-point contest, played on the Cowboy Shootout championship team for a third time and averaged more than 22 points per game, this year's tournament.

# FOREST: Almost 200,000 acres available for leasing

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lands are available for future oil and gas leasing and under what conditions leasing and/or development will be allowed. These "lease stipulations" are implemented to ensure surface resources are protected.

The essential elements of the Draft Record of Decision are as follows: 194,123 acres will be Administratively Available for Leasing; Of the 194,123 available acres, 118,613 acres are lands not already leased; and Of the 74,493 acres of Designated Roadless Areas made available for oil and gas leasing, all would have a No Surface

Occupancy Stipulation; and 800,555 acres are Legally Closed to Oil and Gas Leasing (including Congressionally designated Wilderness, permitted ski areas, campgrounds and administrative sites.)

Also, 1,243,865 million acres will be closed for Oil and Gas Leasing through Management Direction—Approximately 1,067,000 of these acres are closed because there is little or no potential for oil and gas production due to the geology of these lands. The remaining 213,000 acres were closed in order to protect other forest resources and maintain the natural character of the area. This includes

61,000 acres of the Four-Mile/Thompson Divide Area

Also: Amends the White River National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan as written in Appendix D of the FEIS, and replaces the adoption of the 1993 White River National Forest Oil and Gas Leasing with the 2015 White River National Forest Oil and Gas Leasing EIS and ROD.

Objections, including attachments, must be filed via mail, fax, email, hand-delivery, express delivery, or messenger service (Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., excluding holidays) to: Reviewing Officer c/o USDA Forest Service,

Region 2, Rocky Mountain Region, Attn. Objection Reviewing Officer-Planning Department, 740 Simms Street, Golden, Colo. 80401-4720, Fax: 303-275-5134, or e-mail to r02f15admin\_review@fs.fed.us

Objections must be submitted within 60 calendar days following the publication of this notice in the *Glenwood Springs Post Independent*. The legal notice is expected to be posted on Friday, Dec. 12, 2014. The publication date in the newspaper of record is the exclusive means for calculating the time to file an objection. The Final EIS and all associated documents can be found on the web at: www.fs.usda.gov/whiteriver

## Meeker wrestlers win 3 of 5 duals at Colorado Mesa U.

By **BOBBY GUTIERREZ**  
bobby@theheraldtimes.com

**MEEKER** I The Meeker High School wrestling team opened its season in Grand Junction, wrestling in the Colorado Mesa University Duals, where the squad won three of the five duals wrestled.

"It was a good competitive level for us," head coach J.C. Watt said. "All of the duals were close and all of our kids got some good competition."

Final results were not available,

but Meeker defeated Coal Ridge, Olathe and Montrose and lost to Grand Junction Central and Montezuma-Cortez.

"We are not where we need to be with our conditioning, but it is a long season and there is time to get into shape," Watt said.

According to Watt, only senior Tristin Pelloni won all of his matches.

"Not all of the wrestlers are down to the weights they are going to wrestle, and we looked a bit small com-

pared to some," coach Watt said. "We identified some of the things we need to work on though."

Meeker filled 12 of 14 weight classes in Grand Junction and sent seven wrestlers to Olathe for the junior tournament, where four of them wrestled in the finals.

Jacob Henderson wrestled Dillon Frantz in the championship match and Caleb Bradford and Brett McGruder also met each other in the finals of their bracket, wrestling what Watt described as "epic" matches.

The Cowboys will wrestle in the Delta Invitational tournament on Saturday.

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12/11 - 12/13 Boys' Meeker Shootout  
12/19 Soroco (non-league)  
1/9/2015 @Home 5, 6:30, 8  
Plateau Valley @ Home  
4, 5:30, 7  
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1/23/2015 Hotchkiss @ Home  
4, 5:30, 7  
1/24/2015 @ Caprock  
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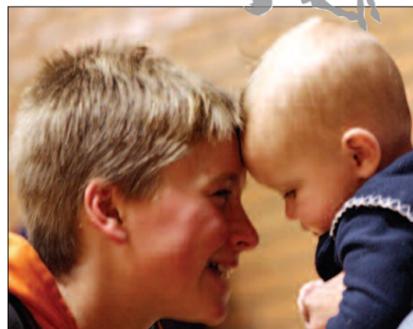
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**MHS WRESTLING**  
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Dec. 11-13 @HOME (Cowboy Shootout)  
Dec. 15 @Steamboat Springs  
Dec. 19 @HOME vs. Olathe

**MHS GIRLS' BASKETBALL**  
Dec. 15 @Steamboat Springs  
Dec. 19 @HOME vs. Olathe



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GOV. HICKENLOOPER'S OIL AND GAS TASK FORCE:  
**Please Listen to Our Members'  
Concerns about Colorado's Agricultural,  
Economic & Energy Future**

The following is an excerpt from a letter sent by several organizations representing agricultural, land-use and regional economic and business concerns. For more information about the Task Force, please visit <http://dnr.state.co.us/ogtaskforce>.

Dear Oil and Gas Task Force Members:

As you are aware, our organizations have been closely following your work as members of Governor Hickenlooper's Task Force on State and Local Regulation of Oil and Gas Operations. As the Task Force marks the halfway point, we felt it was necessary to submit comments about key aspects of the Task Force's work and process.

There is an increasing sense of frustration among our members that the Task Force has yet to

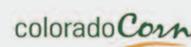
- 1) clarify or specify what gaps in state and local regulation may exist;
- 2) identify a process by which stakeholders whose organizations are not specifically represented on the Task Force will be allowed or invited to provide input above and beyond the generic public comment period; and
- 3) identify a timeframe that will allow for a reasonable amount of time to review and respond to any proposed recommendations, especially if said recommendations involve legislation.

In our September letter, we offered assistance from our organizations, all of which are willing and able to help provide any technical assistance or expertise to help you understand how any given initiative will impact our industries. ... We would respectfully request that the Task Force discuss and develop a process that will allow those who will be directly impacted by the proposed recommendations an opportunity to engage with the Task Force beyond the obligatory public comment period.

We also respectfully request that the Task Force ensure that there is adequate time and attention given to the meetings outside of the Front Range. ... "One-size-fits-all" solutions rarely work in Colorado. The Task Force process should honor the state's diversity and seek to learn more about areas of the state where oil and gas development is not a politically charged and divisive issue.

Last, but not least, we request that the Task Force develop a timeline and process by which parties will be allowed to provide comment on proposed recommendations. Our organizations all have members and boards, which will be able to provide substantive comments if we are allowed a reasonable amount of time to do so. We understand the time-sensitive nature of a process and will work diligently to meet the deadlines, if they are outlined in advance and we can plan accordingly.

This letter was submitted to the Task Force by the following organizations:



OBITUARY

**Brooke Benhart Anderson**

June 22, 1979 ~ Nov. 23, 2014

Our beloved daughter, sister and friend, Brooke, died Sunday Nov. 23, 2014, at Swedish Medical Center in Denver, Colo.



**Brooke Benhart Anderson**

She had so many good friends and was loved by all. But in the end it wasn't enough. Our hearts are broken by this double tragedy.

Brooke was an adventurous soul and enjoyed skiing, snowboarding, skydiving, zipline, horseback riding, motorcycle rid-

ing, camping and fishing. She loved music and played the piano and guitar, and wrote music.

At Rangely High School she participated in track, cross country, speech club and was state champion drum major in the marching band.

She earned a bachelor of science degree in biology from Mesa State University.

Brooke is survived by: her mother, Anne Benhart; her father, Ed Anderson; her sister, Julie Anderson; and aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

A memorial has already taken place in Denver and another will be held in Rangely sometime in the future.

**Plenty of performing arts events to enjoy in Meeker this month**

Special to the Herald Times

**MEEKER** I An abundance of holiday performing arts events will entertain Meeker audiences over the next two weeks.

The Meeker United Methodist Church will present its annual Children's musical play, "A Christmas Journey," on Sunday at the 10:00 a.m. worship service. All persons are welcome, regardless of denomination.

The Holiday Christmas Cantata, "On this Shining Night," will be presented by the renowned Meeker Community Choir, directed by Briana Williams, on Sunday at 3 p.m. at the Meeker High School auditorium. All persons are welcome to attend.

The Barone Middle School and Meeker High School holiday band

concerts, directed by Jeff Hemingson, will be presented jointly at the Meeker High School auditorium on Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. All are welcome.

"The Fruitcake," a hilarious one-act dessert theater presented by the MHS Drama Club, directed by Gary and Laurie Zellers, will be presented Dec. 18 and Dec. 19 at 7 p.m. in the Meeker High School auditorium. Tickets are \$10, and that includes delicious desserts and beverages. All proceeds will benefit the production of the Meeker High School Drama Club's spring musical.

"The Nutcracker," by Peter Tchaikovsky, will be presented by the Meeker Mainstreet Youth Ballet, directed by Jamie Cogswell, on Dec. 20 at 3 p.m. at the Meeker High School auditorium. Again, all are welcome to attend the performance.

**DAM: Impacts 'mitigatable'**

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river.

One of the benefits cited for this type of off-channel dam would be the prevention of the heavy sedimentation Kenney Reservoir has experienced. Because the water is being pumped instead of flowing directly into the reservoir, there will not be the high levels of sediment giving the reservoir a longer life span than Kenney.

Once in place, the reservoir would take between four and five years to fill to capacity, depending on water levels each year. The current plan does not include a hydroelectric dam, but one could be added.

Jameson said the Wolf Creek location has fewer environmental impacts than other potential sites, as there are no wetlands in the area.

However, Kent Walter, the BLM White River field office manager in Meeker, stated that he didn't feel that Jameson was fully disclosing all environmental impacts. According to Walter, the dam could also potentially impact salinity, black-footed ferrets, wave action on shorelines, grazing, big game hunting and sage grouse. He did say, however, that he thinks "everything is probably mitigatable."

The meeting was the first time that either the conservancy district or its contracted engineers have been will-

ing to publicly share potential cost.

Jameson said the total estimated cost for the Wolf Creek Reservoir is \$127.7 million with an average annual operation and maintenance cost of \$640,000. He said it is also estimated that Rio Blanco County could see an average annual tax revenue of \$144,832.

In order to fund this project, Jameson suggested that the Rio Blanco Water Conservancy District move forward with developing firm funding partners, which could potentially come from federal, state or oil and gas sources.

The project still has a long way to go before it is fully realized.

In addition to locating the funding, there will need to be a detailed survey and geological investigation performed as well as the numerous permits and applications.

Before the project will be able to move forward, a fish and wildlife biological survey will need to be completed, which is expected to take at least a couple more years.

WW Wheeler and associates is currently requesting feedback and comments from local residents regarding their thoughts, ideas and concerns regarding the project. Comments can be sent to Danielle.Hannes@www.wheeler.com or by calling 303-761-4130.

**Fossil removed from site after damage**

Special to the Herald Times

**DINOSAUR** I Dr. Brooks Britt from Brigham Young University (BYU) removed the remaining portion of a juvenile sauropod humerus that was vandalized in early September on Dec. 2. Monument staff assessed the condition of the bone after it was damaged to see if it would be possible to leave the fossil in place on the trail. Due to cracks that enlarged as a result of the damage, it was determined that the bone would be subject to faster weathering or further theft if left in place and a decision was made to remove it. After the bone is repaired and stabilized at BYU, it

will be returned to the monument for use in a new exhibit on the impacts of fossil theft and vandalism.

"It is a sad day for visitors," commented Monument paleontologist Dr. Dan Chure. "The Fossil Discovery Trail at Dinosaur National Monument is one of the few places where people have the opportunity to hike and see unexcavated dinosaur fossils eroding naturally out of the rock. This inconsiderate action by someone has impacted the ability of all future visitors to see this spectacular fossil in its original location."

The Fossil Discovery Trail is a 1.2 mile trail that runs between the Quarry Visitor Center and the Quarry

Exhibit Hall where the famous wall of dinosaur bones is located. The trail is unique as it is one of the few places where visitors can hike to see and touch unexcavated dinosaur fossils and fragments in situ, or still in place. It allows visitors to experience what it may have been like for paleontologist Earl Douglass when he discovered the first fossils in 1909. While the fossils on the trail have limited scientific significance, they have great value for the educational experience they provide to visitors and students who hike the trail.

A park ranger leading a guided walk on the trail Sept. 2 discovered the damage to the fossilized humerus

bone from a sauropod dinosaur. The damage was not evident to staff the previous day. A \$750 reward was originally offered for information leading to a conviction. Monument rangers did not receive any information regarding the vandalism and theft.

Visitors are reminded that all fossils, rocks, plants, animals and cultural artifacts located within Dinosaur National Monument are protected and may not be collected.

For more information on Dinosaur National Monument, call 435-781-7700 or follow DinosaurNPS on Facebook and Twitter.



RENÉ HARDEN

**It pays to be over-attentive when driving, as the driver of this Rangely truck learned recently. The vehicle sustained serious damage in a wildlife-related accident. The state has indicated that Highway 64 between Meeker and Rangely and state Highway 13 between Rifle and Craig are among the top five highways in the state for the number of accidents between vehicles and wildlife.**

**Slow speed zones fail to reduce wildlife collisions**

By HEATHER ZADRA  
Special to the Herald Times

**RBC** I Until the last couple of months, travelers on State Highway 13 between Meeker and Rifle were well-versed with the wildlife crossing zone mandating slower speeds at night during the fall and winter months. The zones, part of a 2010 traffic safety bill that attempted to slow drivers on 100 miles of Colorado roads, were intended to decrease the more than 3,000 wildlife collisions reported in the state each year.

The program didn't work. Many people didn't bother slowing down; they sped up instead. After three years of data-gathering, legislators determined results were "inconclusive," declared the program a wash and the signs were removed earlier this year.

No matter where you live in Rio Blanco County—and whether you obeyed the short-lived traffic laws or not—when you're behind the wheel and traveling cross-county, you're heading into wildlife zones. And though the signs no longer make you take driving precautions, now's the time of year for caution on the roads.

Though the number of wild animal crashes in Rio Blanco County has decreased substantially in the last

decade—2004 saw close to 200 animal-vehicle collisions, while in 2012 and 2013, drivers reported fewer than 50 each year—December is a prime migration month as animals breed and search out new feeding grounds.

That means drivers need to hone an awareness of their surroundings.

"Slow down and stay alert when you see a highway wildlife warning sign, especially between dusk and dawn," Colorado State Patrol Chief Colonel James Wolfenbarger says in a CSP "Wildlife on the Move" campaign article. "If you see one deer or elk, expect others. Remember to scan ahead on the sides of the road for signs of movement and to watch for the shining eyes of animals that reflect car headlights at night."

While harried drivers may not want to hear it, the most important thing they can do is also the rational thing: slow down. Give a driver too little reaction time, and the outcome will likely be a wildlife collision. The Living With Wildlife advisory board says.

Some driving know-how may seem common-sense, but it's often ignored. Keep in mind these tips if you're traveling the open road:

■ If you see an animal in the middle of the road, brake, but don't swerve.

■ Don't "overdrive" your lights; speeding just minimizes the time you have to react to an obstacle.

■ Don't assume that just because you're about to pass an animal on the roadside, it's safe to accelerate. Deer are notorious for bolting onto roads an instant before a vehicle passes.

■ If you see an animal, keep an eye out for more than one. Deer and elk rarely travel alone.

■ Anticipate animals shifting direction quickly, sometimes into oncoming traffic.

■ Keep distractions like cell phones well out of reach.

If you do hit an animal, keeping control of your vehicle during and after a collision is just as important as prevention measures, Wolfenbarger says. That means continuing to slow down while focusing on staying on the road and in your lane after impact.

Finally, while the safety of your family and yourself may be a primary motivation to drive smarter during the migratory season, it's not the only one. The Rocky Mountain Insurance Information Association says that wildlife-vehicle collisions cost Americans more than \$1 billion each year, with the average car owner paying more than \$3,000 to repair damages.

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## LEGAL NOTICES

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of VERN A. AMICK,  
Deceased  
Case Number 2014PR30026  
All persons having claims against the above-named estate are required to present them to the Personal Representative or to District Court, Rio Blanco County, Colorado on or before March 17, 2015, or the claims may be forever barred.  
Diana K. Watson, Personal Representative  
c/o Barbara L. Clifton, P.C.  
127 E. 5th Street  
Rifle, CO 81650  
972-625-2410  
Published: November 27, December 4, 11, 2014

### PUBLIC NOTICE TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a Motion has been filed in the above referenced action requesting the appointment of Director E to the Board of Directors of Rio Blanco Water Conservancy District to fill a Director position for a Director whose term will expire on December 31, 2014. Said Motion requests the appointment of a Director for an initial term to expire December 31, 2018.

The Court will hear said Motion on the 6th day of February, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. in the District Court, Rio Blanco County Courthouse, Meeker, Colorado. All persons desiring to attend may do so. Applications for appointment as Director will be accepted by the District Court until January 7, 2015. Applications and resumes may be sent to the District Court of Rio Blanco County, Colorado, at P.O. Box 1150, 555 Main Street, Suite 303, Meeker, CO 81641, with copies submitted to the Rio Blanco Water Conservancy District in care of Edward B. Olszewski, Esq., Olszewski, Massih & Maurer, P.C., P.O. Box 916, Glenwood Springs, CO 81602, on or before January 7, 2015.

Applicants must have resided within the Rio Blanco District for a period of one year, and shall be the owner of real property within the Rio Blanco Water Conservancy District, and shall be knowledgeable in water matters with a background

### COMBINED NOTICE - MAILING CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 14-15

To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust:

On September 5, 2014, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Rio Blanco records.

Original Grantor(s)	Thomas A. Rue
Original Beneficiary(ies)	Academy Bank, N.A.
Current Holder of Evidence of Debt	Spruce Pool I LLC
Date of Deed of Trust	November 02, 2007
County of Recording	Rio Blanco
Recording Date of Deed of Trust	November 08, 2007
Recording Information (Reception Number)	290500
Original Principal Amount	\$1,520,000.00
Outstanding Principal Balance	\$1,946,194.81 (amount secured by deed of trust limited to \$1,520,000.00)

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

### THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN.

The property to be foreclosed is:  
See Exhibit A

A Portion of Lot 1, Block 4, of Sagewood West Subdivision, Phase 1, Town of Rangely, Colorado, according to the Final Plat thereof filed July 12, 1982 as Document No.207248 and being more particularly described as follows:  
Beginning at a point which lies South 89 degrees 52'14" West, 17.00 feet from the Southeast Corner of Sagewood West Subdivision;  
thence South 89 degrees 52'14" West, 431.56 feet;  
thence North 10 degrees 22' 00" East, 416.50 feet;  
thence North 89 degrees 40'13" East, 357.58 feet;  
thence South 00 degrees 08' 04" West, 410.78 feet to the point of beginning.  
Also known by street and number as: 131 River Road, Rangely, CO 81648.

### THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED OF TRUST.

### NOTICE OF SALE

The current holder of the Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, described herein, has filed Notice of Election and Demand for sale as provided by law and in said Deed of Trust.

THEREFORE, Notice Is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, 01/07/2015, 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	11/13/2014
Last Publication	12/11/2014
Name of Publication	Rio Blanco Herald Times

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A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE FILED PURSUANT TO SECTION 38-38-104 SHALL BE FILED WITH THE PUBLIC TRUSTEE AT LEAST FIFTEEN (15) CALENDAR DAYS PRIOR TO THE FIRST SCHEDULED SALE DATE OR ANY DATE TO WHICH THE SALE IS CONTINUED; 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; A NOTICE OF INTENT TO REDEEM FILED PURSUANT TO SECTION 38-38-302 SHALL BE FILED WITH THE PUBLIC TRUSTEE NO MORE THAN EIGHT (8) BUSINESS DAYS AFTER THE SALE. DATE: 09/09/2014

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:

Sheri L. Kelly-Rabolt #27501  
Markus Williams Young & Zimmermann LLC 1700 Lincoln Street, Suite 4550, Denver, CO 80203 (303) 830-0800  
Attorney File # 11158.002

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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reflecting the agricultural, municipal, industrial, or other interests in the beneficial use of water within the Rio Blanco Water Conservancy District. Further information may be obtained from the District's counsel, Edward B. Olszewski, at (970) 928-9100.  
OLSZEWSKI, MASSIH & MAURER, P.C.  
By:/s/EdwardB.Olszewski  
Edward B. Olszewski, #24723  
P.O. Box 916  
Glenwood Springs, CO 81602  
E-FILED PURSUANT TO C.R.C.P. 121. Duly signed original on file at the law offices of Olszewski, Massih & Maurer, P.C. Published: December 11, 2014  
Rio Blanco Herald Times

### WREA Board of Directors Vacancy

Please be advised that there is a vacancy on the White River Electric Association Board of Directors. The vacancy represents a Town of Meeker District Board seat. The WREA Board of Directors will entertain letters of interest by Members seeking appointment for the Town of Meeker District vacancy beginning November 24, 2014 through December 12, 2014 at 4:30 PM. The WREA Board will appoint a Director for the unexpired portion of the vacated term which expires in September 2016.

Pursuant to the WREA Bylaws interested Members must meet the following qualifications:

- \* Reside within the Town of Meeker
- \* Maintain a WREA Membership
- \* Maintain an electric meter in his/her name, individually or jointly
- \* May not be a Close Relative of an existing WREA Director
- \* May not be employed by WREA
- \* May not be an incumbent of an elected public office with which a salary is paid.

If a Member is interested in being considered for appointment by the Board of Directors, please submit a letter stating your interest, experience or qualifications by December 12, 2014 at 4:30 PM. Please include your full name, physical and mailing address, email address, and mobile or home phone. The WREA Board of Directors will review all submitted letters and announce its appointment no later than December 17, 2014. The appointed Director will be expected to attend the January 21, 2015, and subsequent monthly WREA

## LEGAL NOTICES

Board meetings held on the third Wednesdays of each month. The Board will not conduct interviews in support of submitted letters of interest. Please mail or deliver letters of interest to the following:  
Mr. Bill Jordan  
Vice President of the Board of Directors  
c/o Trina K. Zagar-Brown, General Counsel  
White River Electric Associations, Inc.  
P.O. Box 958  
233 6th Street  
Meeker, CO 81641  
Please contact Trina K. Zagar-Brown, General Counsel, at WREA at 970-878-5041 with any additional questions.  
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Rio Blanco Herald Times

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING:

The Board of County Commissioners will hold a special board meeting on Monday, December 15, 2014, County Administration Building, 200 Main, Meeker, CO to adopt the 2015 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 2015 Budget by Chris Singleton, Budget & Finance Director; Presentation of the proposed 2015 HUTF spending by Dave Moran, R&B Director; Questions or Comments by the Public; Consideration of Resolution to adopt the Rio Blanco County Budget for 2015; Consideration of Resolution to appropriate sums of money for 2015; Consideration of three resolutions to levy General Property Taxes for 2014, to help defray the cost of County Government, Piceance Creek Pest Control District and Lower White River Pest Control District, all for budget year 2015. 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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### Board of County Commissioners Monday, December 15, 2014 Rangely, Colorado Tentative Board Agenda

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

Public Comment: Any member of the public may address the Board on matters which are within the jurisdiction of the Board. If you are addressing the Board regarding a matter listed on the Agenda, you are requested to make your comments when

### COMBINED NOTICE - MAILING CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 14-17

To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust:

On October 7, 2014, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Rio Blanco records.

Original Grantor(s)	CARYL L MEITLER
Original Beneficiary(ies)	WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.
Current Holder of Evidence of Debt	WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.
Date of Deed of Trust	April 02, 2010
County of Recording	Rio Blanco
Recording Date of Deed of Trust	April 05, 2010
Recording Information (Reception Number)	298282
Original Principal Amount	\$185,576.00
Outstanding Principal Balance	\$174,065.65

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

### THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN.

The property to be foreclosed is:  
LOTS 71 AND 72 SANDERSON HILLS SUBDIVISION ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED DECEMBER 19, 1978 AS RECEPTION NO. 185454 TOWN OF MEEKER, COLORADO  
Also known by street and number as: 569 LARRY LANE, MEEKER, CO 81641.

### THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED OF TRUST.

### NOTICE OF SALE

The current holder of the Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, described herein, has filed Notice of Election and Demand for sale as provided by law and in said Deed of Trust.

THEREFORE, Notice Is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, 02/04/2015, at Office of the Public Trustee, Rio Blanco County Courthouse, 555 Main Street, Meeker CO 81641, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s)' heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.

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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:

David R. Doughty #40042  
Lynn M. Janeway #15592  
Matthew B. Peters #41905  
Janeway Law Firm 9800 S. Meridian, Suite 400, Englewood, CO 80134 (303) 706-9990  
Attorney File # 14-003235

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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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
- Changes to the December 15, 2014 Tentative Agenda
- Approval of the December 15, 2014 Agenda
- CONSENT AGENDA FOR DECEMBER 15, 2014
- Consideration of the Board Minutes of December 8, 2014
- HDR Engineering, Task Order # 3, Addendum # 2 for CR-5/SH 64 Intersection with an increase of \$0 and completion date of March 1, 2015
- Grant of Permanent Non-Exclusive Easement from Paul D. Mayerle and Karen S. Mayerle to Rio Blanco County granting access to Lobo Tower Site
- Grant of Permanent Non-Exclusive Easement from Gladys E. Williams to Rio Blanco County granting access to Lobo Tower Site
- Grant of Permanent Non-Exclusive Easement from Jay L. Purkey and Jason P. Purkey to Rio Blanco County granting access to Lobo Tower Site
- Agreement for Services between the Rio Blanco County Department of Human Services and Melanie Hendershott in an amount not to exceed \$3,000.00

BUSINESS AGENDA  
General: None  
Resolutions: None  
Bids: None  
Awards, Contracts and Agreements:  
Tower/Backhaul Engineering Analysis, Recommendation and Award  
Other Business:

- County Commissioners Updates
- Adjourn
- 6:00 PM – Public Hearing in Meeker at the County Administration building, 200 Main Street, for Consideration of the Adoption of the Y2015 Proposed Budget.

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 December 22, 2014, in Meeker at the County Administration Building. Please check the County's website for information at [www.co.rioblancoco.us/departments/commissioners](http://www.co.rioblancoco.us/departments/commissioners). If you need special accommodations, please call 970-878-9683 in advance of the meeting so that reasonable accommodations may be made.  
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### NOTICE

Pursuant to the liquor laws of Colorado Rangely Liquor LLC will be Transferring a liquor license to

Jon & Erin Willis  
Has requested the licensing officials of Town of Rangely TO: Grant a transfer  
A license at this location to dispense  
719 E Main

Rangely, CO 81648  
Hearing on Application to be held at  
Time & Date: 7:15 p.m.  
December 23, 2014  
Town Hall 209 E Main

Date of Application: December 5, 2014  
By order of Local liquor Licensing Authority  
Objection petitions may be submitted to the Town Clerk or Liquor Licensing Agent  
Town Hall 209 E Main,  
Rangely, CO 81648  
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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Veterans Service Offices

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

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

### 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.

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

To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust:

On September 29, 2014, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Rio Blanco records.

Original Grantor(s)	RAYMOND M. CASTLE and JUANITA J. CASTLE
Original Beneficiary(ies)	MOUNTAIN PACIFIC MORTGAGE COMPANY
Current Holder of Evidence of Debt	ONEWEST BANK N.A.
Date of Deed of Trust	October 11, 2007
County of Recording	Rio Blanco
Recording Date of Deed of Trust	October 17, 2007
Recording Information (Reception Number)	290230
Original Principal Amount	\$202,500.00
Outstanding Principal Balance	\$86,251.19

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

### THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN.

The property to be foreclosed is:  
THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY LOCATED IN RIO BLANCO COUNTY, COLORADO: LOT 4 IN BLOCK 92 IN THE TOWN OF MEEKER, COLORADO  
Also known by street and number as: 1124 GARFIELD STREET, MEEKER, CO 81641.

### THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED OF TRUST.

### NOTICE OF SALE

The current holder of the Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, described herein, has filed Notice of Election and Demand for sale as provided by law and in said Deed of Trust.

THEREFORE, Notice Is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, 01/28/2015, at Office of the Public Trustee, Rio Blanco County Courthouse, 555 Main Street, Meeker CO 81641, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s)' heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.

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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:

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Lynn M. Janeway #15592  
Matthew B. Peters #41905  
Janeway Law Firm 9800 S. Meridian, Suite 400, Englewood, CO 80134 (303) 706-9990  
Attorney File # 14-003095

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Alcoholics Anonymous

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

MEEKER HOUSING Authority Board of Directors meets the 2nd Thursday of the month at 9:30 a.m. at The Pines, 875 Water St., Meeker.

### Rangely Victim Services

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

VFW POST 5843 and Ladies Auxiliary monthly meetings are now held at Kilowatt Korner in Meeker: VFW Post 5843 - 6:30 p.m. 2nd Monday, Ladies Auxiliary - 5:00 p.m., 2nd Monday.

**SAFEHOUSE**

If you are being abused physically or mentally, you can call SAFEHOUSE for confidential shelter and help.  
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FOOD BANK of the Rockies mobile pantry truck will be in Rio Blanco County providing Food assistance to community member. Scheduled Dates for 2014: December 18. The Food Bank will be at the Meeker Fairgrounds from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

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Heavy Construction (physical labor) or Farming/Ranching experience AND six (6) months Heavy Equipment Operation/Farming Equipment experience; OR 1-1/2 years Heavy Equipment Operation/Farming or Ranching Experience AND six (6) months labor experience in Heavy Construction (physical labor); A Commercial Driver's License (CDL) Type A or B with no restrictions on air brakes is also required.  
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**WHITE RIVER ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION, INC.**  
P.O. BOX 958 / 233 6<sup>TH</sup> STREET  
MEEKER, CO 81641  
**NOTICE OF 2015 ELECTRIC RATE SCHEDULE & NOTICE OF A DECREASE IN RATES FOR WHITE RIVER ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION, INC.**

Please accept this as notice of the White River Electric Association Inc. 2015 Rate Schedule. The successful resolution of the WREA wholesale rate complaint case will result in Kilowatt Hour RATE DECREASES for rate classes in 2015 as outlined below. In general, the average member consumer will receive a 3% rate decrease. Based on an average monthly residential use of 700 kilowatt hours, this equates to a **SAVINGS** of approximately \$32.00 per year. WREA was able to maintain rate stability in 2014 and is very pleased that it is financially able to provide a rate decrease in 2015 for its member consumers. Please review the following information for details about the price per kWh and associated service charges for each rate class.

**WREA 2015 RATE SCHEDULES**

General/Residential Service Existing	Schedule R DECREASE	General/Residential Service Effective 1/1/15
Service Charge \$5.00 Price per KWH \$.11891		Service Charge \$5.00 Price per KWH \$.11512
Small Commercial Existing	Schedule SC DECREASE	Small Commercial Effective 1/1/15
Service Charge \$5.00 Price per KWH \$.11344		Service Charge \$5.00 Price per KWH \$.10990
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Service Charge \$10.00 Price per KWH \$.12061		Service Charge \$10.00 Price per KWH \$.11669
Irrigation Service Existing	Schedule I-1 DECREASE	Irrigation Service Effective 1/1/15
Service Charge \$10.00 Price per KWH \$.12061		Service Charge \$10.00 Price per KWH \$.11669
Large Power - Secondary Existing	LP-S DECREASE	Large Power - Secondary Effective 1/1/15
Service Charge \$ 50.00 Price per KWH \$.10529		Service Charge \$ 50.00 Price per KWH \$.10046
Large Power - Primary Existing	LP-P DECREASE	Large Power - Primary Effective 1/1/15
Service Charge \$ 50.00 Price per KWH \$.05703 Price per KW \$28.58		Service Charge \$ 50.00 Price per KW \$.05215 Price per KW \$28.58
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Service Charge \$1,500.00 Price per KWH \$.05269 Price per KW \$20.00		Service Charge \$1,500.00 Price per KWH \$.03311 Price per KW \$26.50
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Service Charge \$2,500.00 Price per KWH \$.04697 Price per KW \$20.00		Service Charge \$2,500.00 Price per KWH \$.03083 Price per KW \$27.30
Large Power - Transmission Industrial Power Existing	LP-T - Ind. Power L-6 > 30 MW DECREASE	Large Power - Transmission Industrial Power Effective 12/1/14
Service Charge \$3,500.00 Price per KWH \$.04233 Price per KW \$22.57		Service Charge \$3,500.00 Price per KWH \$.03022 Price per KW \$27.30
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Service Charge Rates will remain unchanged

Schedules showing the present and approved 2015 rates for all consumers are available for examination and explanation at the office of White River Electric Association, Inc., located in Meeker, Colorado. Anyone having a complaint over electric service or rates may file a written complaint with the WREA General Manager. Pursuant to Colorado law and the WREA Bylaws, WREA has adopted a complaint procedure for its member consumers. Please contact WREA at 970-878-5041 or visit our headquarters with any comments or questions. White River Electric's Board and management continue to work to provide its member consumers with safe, reliable and responsible electric energy at the most reasonable cost possible while remaining committed to customer and community service. Thank you for your support and WREA wishes you a safe and happy holiday season.

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- \*Little Beaver Estates - 35 acre lot bordering Division of Wildlife public land, Lot 14. \$93,000 REDUCED!
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- ◆ NEW LISTING! 201 Coal Rd. — 2300 sq. ft. home. 4 BR, 2 BA on 2 acres. New forced air gas furnace & garbage disposal, wet bar, large open kitchen with lots of cabinet space. Pellet stove and 576 sq. ft. garage with additional 840 sq. ft. garage. Good access to BLM. \$269,900
- ◆ NEW LISTING! 216 Ridge Rd. — This is a nice 2856 sq ft two level house built in 1977. It's a well maintained house with new flooring upstairs and tile down stairs, custom kitchen cabinets, screened-in back porch with spectacular view, central air, FAG furnace and woodstove, attached garage. \$219,900
- ◆ NEW LISTING! 910 Bell St. — Nice one-level 2385 sq. ft. house with 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, built in 2003 on double lot with nice, covered back deck, new flooring in kitchen and dining and new carpets throughout. Ready to move into! \$200,000
- ◆ 300 4th St. East — 3 BR 2 BA on 3 lots in Dinosaur, 1744 Sq Ft built in 1981. Large garden space with water tap. Two large outbuildings. Lots of room to park toys. \$115,000
- ◆ 315 & 317 N. Grand Ave. — Duplex: Attractively renovated. Each unit has 1,200 SF, 2 Bed, 2 Bath, W/D hook-up, carport for each side. Priced to Sell! \$139,500 Excellent income property.
- ◆ Great Building Site — 1350 La Mesa Circle, 19,631 Sq Ft. List price: \$39,500
- ◆ 443 Bugle Dr. — 14-Mile subdivision, 99.68 acres with 1,600+ sq. ft. 3BD, 2 BA modular. Lots of privacy and wildlife with great views. Plenty of room for everything. Also has water well. \$225,000 SOLD!
- ◆ 461 Garfield St. — Rental Property — 4 units, plenty of parking, 2 BR 1 BA with upgrades. All have ranges/ovens, refrigerators. Fully Rental! \$225,000
- ◆ 1090 Pinyon — 3 Bedroom, 2 full baths, built in 1997, new wood burning stove, with large open kitchen. 16,449 sq. ft. lot. Huge fenced back yard. Priced to move \$102,000 Reduced!
- ◆ 1376 Juniper Rd. — Total remodel, beautiful kitchen, master bedroom has huge walk-in closet. Fresh paint and new flooring on main level. Total of 2,460 sq. ft. and 3-car garage! Priced to move \$251,000
- ◆ 1886 RB County Rd. 8 — New windows throughout, 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 Bath Home, 6.8 acres with 2,000 feet White River frontage, large deck and spectacular views! \$350,000 Reduced!

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Karen Reed Broker/Owner Susana Field Broker Associate

The Rangely Area Experts

9020 CR 2 \$250,000	1390 La Mesa \$249,900	173 Pinyon Cir. Reduced! \$224,900
927 W. Bell \$230,000	340 Darius Ave. Reduced! \$215,000	210 W. Bell \$210,000
207 Hillcrest Cir. \$187,000	208 Hillcrest Cir. \$185,000	226 S. Grand Ave. \$177,000
218 Dakota Ave. \$170,000	1236 La Mesa Cir. Reduced! \$169,900	1211 Tanglewood \$160,000
145 Taylor Ave. \$139,900	908 Tropic St. Reduced! \$134,900	601 E. Rangely \$130,000
208 Dakota \$125,000	909 E. Main St. \$99,500	317 W. Rangely \$86,000
17086 Hwy. 64 Reduced! \$67,900	618 School St. Reduced! \$29,000	We also have rentals!

More listings and pictures online at www.raven-realty.com

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**Featured Property of the Week**  
811 County Road 43 - 40 ACRES WITH Beautiful log home with 2462 SF of living space, 2 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, large open floor plan with 2 loft style rooms. Covered decks, large barn with tack room and adjoining corrals, new water well and unmatched views. Call today for a showing.  
PRICE: \$485,000

- ◆ VACANT building site - 7500 SF, 1280 Garfield Street, includes paid water tap .....\$25,000
- ◆ 1062 Main Street, 2 bdrm, 1 bath, full basement, LARGE SITE ..... Price Reduced \$106,000
- ◆ NEW LISTING: 1111 Wall Street, 3bdrm, 2bath, manufactured home, great location .....\$132,900
- ◆ 450 Garfield Street - 2 bdrm ranch on large lot, close to downtown .....\$139,900
- ◆ 1192 Hill Street - 3 bdrm Ranch with finished basement, 1 car garage. ....\$146,900
- ◆ 517 Park Ave - Commercial Property, downtown Courthouse square .....\$170,000
- ◆ NEW LISTING: 210 W. Bell Street, immaculate 4bdrm, 2ba home in Rangely .....\$210,000
- ◆ 1343 Sage Ridge Rd - Cute 3 bdrm, 2 ba home, full basement, lots of potential .....\$219,000
- ◆ NEW LISTING: 757 3rd Street - Beautifully remodeled 3bd, 2ba, lg garage, etc .....\$219,900
- ◆ 1032 Lance Circle - Beautiful ranch style home on corner lot, oversized garage, & more .....\$243,900
- ◆ 290 4th Street - 3100 SF +, 4 bdrms, 2.5 baths, residential or commercial .....\$259,900
- ◆ 73209 Hwy 64 - 11 acres with 2032 SF, 4 bdrms, 2 baths, outbuildings, .....\$265,000
- ◆ 73229 Hwy 64 - 38+ acres in Lions Canyon, 3 bdrm, 2 bath home, well & outbuildings .....\$294,500
- ◆ 2257 County Road 6 - 20 acres with 1716 SF custom home, livestock shelters, etc .....\$299,000

**WESTERN EXPOSURES REALTY, LLC** 1033 W Market St. Meeker, Colo. 81641 970-878-5877

**70548 HWY 64.**  
Gorgeous Horse Ranch with Indoor and Outdoor Arena, Custom 3 Bd. Home, Morton 4 bay garage with heated room, Morton Heated Shop with kitchen, Log Barn, numerous Pastures & Sheds on 42 acres.  
\$730,000

**STRAWBERRY CREEK RANCH**  
2,387 acre ranch with about 420 acres of hay meadows, including a center pivot & gated pipe, brick home, hired hand home, bunk house, numerous garages and new pipe corrals, plus a BLM Permit, beautiful setting, trees & rock outcroppings, outstanding water rights, & good big game hunting.  
\$6,500,000

- RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY**
- 979 8th St. - Unobstructed views, 3BD, 2BA home, 4,800 sq. ft. shop/garage spaces. Worth coming to see! \$285,000
  - HOT DEAL! 1455 Mountain View Road - Carefully tucked amongst native landscape, this wonderful 3BD, 2BA log home is private, yet right in town! \$260,000
  - 855 5th St. - Wonderful view over town from this 5BD, 2BA home. New roof, siding, windows and flooring. \$200,000
  - 1045 Lance Cr. - SHOP SPACE GALORE! Well kept, 5BD, 2BA home with large rooms, smart floor plan and amazing shop. \$198,500 UNDER CONTRACT
  - 973 Main St. - Inviting 2BD, 1.75BA home with expansive opportunities. The mature trees, manicured yard, garden, deck and cottage create a peaceful haven right in the middle of town! COME RELAX ON THE DECK! \$185,000
  - 117 6th St. - Completely remodeled duplex, fully furnished, sleeps 12 people, within walking distance of downtown. \$179,000
  - 1060 Park St. - Great income producing duplex. Can also be converted to single family residential. 4BD/2BA. \$175,000
  - 780 11th St. - Tastefully remodeled 3BD, 2BA bi-level home with a fantastic fenced yard. REDUCED to \$167,900
  - 760 11th St. - Good 3BD/2BA starter home with large back yard, deck, storage shed, built in 1996. \$110,000.
  - 767 12th Street - Completely remodeled town-house includes 2 bedrooms, 2 baths. "Like New". \$65,000
- COMMERCIAL PROPERTY**
- NEW Two 5 Acre Parcels - one 8 acre parcel on the intersection of Hwy 64 & Hwy 13 about 2 miles west of Meeker, CO. Great Commercial Property. Call for details.
  - 1036 Shults Drive - Newly constructed 32 unit apartment complex located above Meeker Recreation Center. A nice investment at \$2,990,000
  - NEW 410 Market St. - Turnkey business, great location, quality inventory, experienced team, only thing missing is YOU! \$950,000!
  - RV PARK - 13 acres with White River Frontage, 20 spaces with water/sewer/electric, plus 20 acres with Colorado Highway 13 & 64 frontage. \$900,000 for both. NICE PROPERTY!
  - 317 East Market - GREAT PROPERTY, GREAT LOCATION - 1.4 acres includes commercial building, newly built shop \$975,000. Also the adjoining 3 acre parcel is available for \$300,000 with highway access.
  - 680 Water St. - Playa del Rio Apartments sits on 4 lots, feature 19 apartment units, 17 storage units, off street parking and park area. Buy before the market booms! \$650,000
  - 624 Market St. - Large remodeled restaurant building with apartment space. Fantastic location! \$562,500
  - 975 Market St. - Restaurant building on two lots with off street parking along Highway 13. \$220,000

- RURAL RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES**
- NEW 945 Rd. 14 - Sensational, beautiful 5bd, 3ba log cabin with pristine setting, Creek & Pond. The ultimate privacy in the White River National Forest. \$475,000
  - 1751 Brightwater Ln. - Located 20 minutes west of Highway 64, this 39 acre property has a income producing hay ground, river frontage and a new 5000+ SQFT metal shop. Electric, cistern and septic already installed. \$369,000
  - 1161 RBC RD 8 - This 3BD remodeled home sets across from the White River, includes 5 acres with trees. Large deck & great location, just a few minutes from town. \$349,000
  - NEW 7185 Hwy 64 - MILES OF VIEWS, 3bd, 2ba home on 35 acres about 4 miles from Meeker. Stucco, covered porch, metal garage/barn. \$300,000
  - 320 Bugle Dr. CONSIDERING THE COUNTRY? 99 acres with comfortable home and outbuildings, tucked away in a private location with great views and good pastures. \$295,000
  - 281 RBC Rd. 57 - Marvelous 3BD, 2BA log home on 1.4 acres, located 10 miles up the Flat Tops Scenic Byway. Right from this home, you can jump on your ATV and enjoy the vast public land! \$287,500
  - 264 Love Ln. - HORSE HAVEN - 5 stall horse barn, multiple fenced pastures and metal shop on 4.39 acres. Humans will equally enjoy the stucco 3BD, 2BA home and convenient location! \$275,000
  - NEW 519 Rim Rock Dr. - Hilltop home on 5 acres with 4 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, fabulous views and an attached garage. Good floor plan, large family room. \$245,000
  - NEW 2378 Rd. 49 - Log cabin on 3 acres with spring. Located about 20 minutes drive east of Meeker. \$150,000
  - NEW 200 Rim Rock Dr. - Freshly painted and priced to sell! Fantastic 3BD, 2BA home on 5 acres just 5 minutes from town. \$149,000
  - 210 RBC Rd. 75 - Papoose Creek Cabin - Forest service leased land, your rustic cabin to enjoy! \$65,000
- 4 Lots in Cross L Estates - OWNER FINANCING \$70,000 - \$75,000. \$250,000 for all**
- 6.79 Acres in Cross L Estates - Irrigated meadow, domestic water, electricity and views. REDUCED \$65,000**
- 23105 Highway 13 - 5.09 Acres with domestic well, electricity and views. REDUCED \$50,000**
- 2.25 Acres off Highway 13, north of Meeker - Nice building location, close to town! \$45,000**
- 2 Lots in Sage Hills - Gentle grade, for fantastic views. Time to build! \$35,000 each**
- 41 Developed Lots in Sanderson Hills Re-subdivision - Streets, Curbs, Electricity and Gas installed. \$29,000 each or \$25,000 each in packages of 5 lots.**
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