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THE MAGIC OF CHRISTMAS ...



Paulette Quezada admires the ornaments on the tree at The Gathering after Rangely's first annual Christmas COMMUNITY celebration. Scan the Zapcode on PAGE 3B for a video of Saturday's tree lighting. For WRBM's Christmasfest activities, see ad on PAGE 2A.

ROXIE FROMANG PHOTO



Breakfast with Santa brought smiles and anticipation of good things to come for little ones last weekend at the Fairfield Center. The annual event is sponsored by the Eastern Rio Blanco Metropolitan Recreation and Parks District. See more photos from last week's holiday activities by scanning the Zapcode on PAGE 3B.

ERBM COURTESY PHOTO

Tips on True Value break-in could be worth up to \$10K

Special to the Herald Times

RANGELY I Information that leads to the arrest and conviction of the individuals who burglarized Rangely True Value on Sept. 30 — walking away with 28 firearms — and who broke in again, it's believed, on Nov. 4, could be worth up to \$10,000 in rewards.

The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) Denver Field Division is offering up to a \$5,000 reward with a matching amount offered by the National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF) for a potential total of up to \$10,000.

The Sept. 30 burglary, characterized by Rangely Police Chief Ti Hamblin as a "smash-and-grab," occurred around 11 p.m., with the suspects returning to the store two additional times during the early morning hours of Oct. 1. It is believed that the same suspects broke into the store again during the early morning hours of Nov. 4. No firearms were stolen during that break-in.

The NSSF and ATF have a national cooperative initiative in which NSSF matches ATF rewards in cases involving firearm thefts from

TO REPORT INFO:

ATF ANONYMOUS TIP LINE: 1-800-ATF-GUNS (283-4867) or "reportit" app, www.reportit.com or on Google Play or the App Store
RANGELY POLICE DEPARTMENT: 970-675-8466

federally licensed retailers.

ATF is investigating this case jointly with both the Rangely Police Department and the Colorado Bureau of Investigation (CBI).

Anyone with information should call ATF's Tip Line at 1-800-ATF-GUNS (283-4867) or the Rangely Police Department at 970-675-8466. Callers to the ATF tip lines can remain anonymous. Individuals can also submit a tip through ATF's new "reportit" app www.reportit.com which can be accessed at Google Play and the Apple App Store as well. All tips to the app are confidential and can be anonymous.



COURTESY PHOTO

These are the best available images of the Rangely True Value burglary suspect(s). Tips leading to the arrest and conviction of the suspects could be worth up to \$10,000.

COUNTY BEAT

By **NIKI TURNER**
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RBC I The county has contracted with an additional attorney to handle Department of Human Services (DHS) cases. Attorney Donald Steerman's contract with the county is "not to exceed \$10,000 a month," was approved Tuesday during the Rio Blanco County Board of Commissioners meeting. According to the county's disbursement reports, Steerman was paid \$17,125 in October and \$12,119 in November for services rendered. According to RBC Finance Director Janae Stanworth, about 80% of DHS-related legal expenses are "back-funded" by the state.

The county has experienced a surge in DHS cases (<https://www.theheraldtimes.com/families-deserve-better/rio-blanco-county/>). When the board canceled former county attorney Kent Borchard's contract last January, Commissioner Si Woodruff and Borchard both expressed concern about the DHS caseload, which primarily includes child welfare cases. Attorney Todd Starr, whose contract with the county for an amount "not to exceed \$11,500 a month," was confident

in his ability to handle both county business and DHS cases at the time.

According to county records, Starr's legal firm, Cunningham Swain, has received \$101,413 from for his services through October 2019. If that amount includes February 2019, that's an average of \$11,268 per month.

It is unclear how, or if, the addition of Steerman's contract will affect Starr's contract.

According to the county's salary report, Borchard was paid \$139,325 in 2018 for his services as the county attorney, which does not include benefits, for an average of \$11,610 per month.

The commissioners also approved a resolution for a supplemental budget of \$4.2 million "appropriating additional sums of money to defray expenses in excess of amounts budgeted, in the various funds and spending agencies." The supplemental budget accounts for grants, severance tax funds and Anvil Points funds received during the year as well as additional expenses incurred in 2019.

The commissioners were scheduled to approve the 2020 budget at a public meeting Wednesday after press time.

The board also approved resolutions canceling taxes and interest on three personal property accounts from 2015 deemed "unpaid and uncollectible" for Razz Tavern and Grill, Ace West Trucking and Nation's Fund I, LLC. Nation's Fund, which reportedly owed \$12,445 in taxes to the county, was named in an article (<https://patch.com/>

[connecticut/norwalk/214-million-secured-norwalk-ct-nations-equipment-finance](https://connecticut.norwalk/214-million-secured-norwalk-ct-nations-equipment-finance)) last month as the recipient of a \$214 million revolving line of credit from Citizens Bank to be "used to support future growth." The other two accounts were less than \$500.

All three commissioners attended the Colorado Counties, Inc. conference in Colorado Springs in November, which they described as "excellent" and "informative."

Commissioner Jeff Rector is still working with the Western States Tribal Nation group to attempt to connect pipelines in Piceance Basin to a coastal outlet for exporting natural gas, but said the group "flip-flopped on me a little bit," and has been talking about the Permian Basin gas fields.

He's hopeful that a trip next week to Alberta, Canada will be fruitful, saying the Canadian government reached out to the Tribal Nation group.

"Hopefully we can get [natural] gas driven out of this area," he said. "That one little project would fix a lot of things."

The board went into executive session "for the purpose of receiving legal advice on specific legal questions and relating to existing contracts and agreements that may be subject to negotiation or to develop a strategy for negotiations."

The next meeting for the commissioners is Tuesday, Dec. 17 at 11 a.m. in Rangely.



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Wolf supporters say they have enough signatures for 2020 ballot

By **JASON BLEVINS**
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Courtesy of the Colorado Sun

RBC I The fight to return wolves to Colorado's West Slope begins now.

With wolf pack supporters planning on Tuesday to submit more than 208,000 signatures supporting a November 2020 ballot measure calling for the reintroduction of wolves to Colorado, voters could soon hear a pitched howling over wolves for most of next year.

"This is our last opportunity to do it right and to restore the balance," said Rob Edward, whose [Rocky Mountain Wolf Action Fund](#) has been collecting signatures since June for a 2020 ballot measure — now called [Initiative](#)

107 — that directs the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Commission to craft a plan to restore and manage gray wolves in Colorado by the end of 2023.

The group needs about 124,000 valid signatures to qualify for the 2020 ballot. Their deadline to collect them is Friday. As the group transitions from harvesting signatures to swaying voters, opponents of wolf reintroduction are girding for battle. And it's a new type of fight for opponents of wolf reintroduction, who in other states across the West and Great Lakes region have lobbied wildlife commissioners — not voters — to oppose reintroduction. The [Colorado Stop the Wolf Coalition](#) is strategizing a first-ever public campaign, seeking to educate voters on potential negative impacts

of introducing the wolf to the state.

"There are a lot of people who don't want wolves brought into Colorado. We just can't sustain another predator in this state," said Denny Behrens, co-chair of the Stop the Wolf Coalition.

The coalition has gathered [resolutions from 10 counties](#) opposing reintroduction of wolves in the state. It has found high-profile supporters like Greg Walcher, the former head of the Colorado Department of Natural Resources.

In a [statement announcing his support](#) for the coalition and its fight against Initiative 107, Walcher said seeded wolves in Colorado could "decimate other important wildlife, and their impact on rural areas could be devastating."

Colorado is the last battleground for restoring wolf populations after more than 40 years of federal and state efforts to introduce wolves in the Southwest, Northern Rockies and Great Lakes regions.

In Montana, Wyoming, Idaho, New Mexico, Arizona and around the Great Lakes, wolf reintroduction was directed by wildlife officials following the federal Endangered Species Act that has protected gray wolves since 1983. A ballot measure in Colorado — the missing link connecting wolf populations between Mexico and Canada — would mark the first time that voters, not federal laws, directed state wildlife officials to restore wolves.

"Conservationists and biologists have been working with the

Fish and Wildlife Service and different agencies for years, trying to convince them to do this in Colorado, and we keep running up against a brick wall," said Edward of the direct-to-voters appeal for wolves.

There are about 5,500 wolves spread across nine U.S. states right now, according to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The Department of the Interior in March [proposed removing the gray wolf from protection](#), citing its growing population.

The proposal has drawn the ire of wolf advocates who fear delisting could lead to more wolf hunting and trapping in some areas. Advocates submitted [more than a million comments](#) opposing the suggested removal of endangered species protection for wolves.

Wolves last roamed Colorado in the 1940s, but they have wandered into Colorado from neighboring states, [even as recently as last July](#).

Opponents don't care about wandering wolves. They do not like the wolf advocates' plan to introduce at least 20 to 30 predators to Colorado, which could grow to a population of 250 or more wolves over the course of a decade. Behrens said the idea that wolves would remain on the West Slope "is pretty absurd."

"They will travel great distances. You will have wolves in Woodland Park and Estes Park. You are going to have wolves all over the place in a matter of years," he said. "Why would you

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

■ **ERBM Holiday Appreciation Drawings begin** Dec. 2 at Meeker Recreation Center. Enter the drawing once a day until Dec. 22 for your chance to win ERBM prizes! ERBM Recreation and Park District, 970-878-3403.

■ **Card-making workshop.** Join Mountain Valley Bank in spreading Christmas cheer! All children who visit the bank on Friday Dec. 13 from 2-4 p.m. will be able to create a personalized Christmas card for Meeker's Walbridge Wing residents. All supplies provided—you bring the imagination and creativity!

■ **Tumbling and Dance Expo** Dec. 13, 5:30 to 8 p.m. at the Admin Gym. Support the tumblers and dancers as they show off their skills. Free to the public. ERBM Recreation and Park District 970-878-3403.

■ **Fair Board Meeting** Dec. 19 at 6 p.m., Meeker Extension Office kitchen

■ **The Rangely Moms Group** meets the first Thursday of each month from 9-11 a.m. at First Baptist Church (207 S. Sunset Ave.) to help

connect moms in our community. Any moms who have newborn through elementary aged children are welcome to join us for food, fellowship and fun. Childcare is provided. The first meeting is free. Subsequent meetings are \$5. Scholarships are available if needed.

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

■ **Meeker Recreation Center Holiday Hours:** closed from noon Dec. 24 (open swim begins at 8:30 a.m.) through Dec. 26 for the Christmas holiday. Normal hours resume Dec. 27. ERBM Recreation & Park District 970-878-3403

■ **Tiny Open Gym** Tuesdays, 10-11 a.m. at the Admin Gym. Bring your one to four-year-olds to burn off some energy! Tuesdays through Feb. 25 (no session Dec. 24 or Dec. 31.) Maximum of three children per parent/caregiver. ERBM Recreation and Park District 970-878-3403.

■ **"Geezer Gather"** every Thursday at 9 a.m. at the Meeker Veteran's

Community Center. 290 4th Street. Adults 55+, stop by for refreshments and conversation. 970-878-3758.

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

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

■ **Drop-in adult volleyball** Tuesdays 7:30 to 9 p.m., MES Gym. Adult (18+) drop-in volleyball will run through Feb. 25 (no session Dec. 24 or Dec. 31.) A minimum of four participants must arrive by 7:45 p.m. or the program will be cancelled for the night. ERBM Recreation and Park District 970-878-3403.

■ **Meeker Public Library Book Club** will meet Monday, Jan. 13 at 1 p.m. to discuss "Last Bus to Wisdom" by Ivan Doig. All are welcome to join in the fun.

■ **Drop-in adult basketball** Wednesdays from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at the MES Gym. Adult (18+) drop-in basketball will run through Feb. 26 (no session Dec. 25 or Jan 1.). A minimum of four participants must arrive by 7:45 p.m. or the program will be cancelled for the night. ERBM Recreation and Park District 970-878-3403.

■ **Youth Open Gym Basketball** Fridays from 1 to 2:30 p.m. at the MES Gym for K-8th grade boys and girls through Dec. 13. Youth under 8 must have a parent/caregiver 13 or older present. At least four participants need to arrive by 1:15pm or open gym will be cancelled for the day. ERBM Recreation and Park District 970-878-3403

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

■ **Foot Clinic.** Pioneers Hospital Home Health Foot Clinic will be at MVCC on the second Wednesday of each month, to trim toenails of anyone who has trouble with the task. 290 4th St. Please call PMC Home Health 970-878-9265 to

schedule an appointment. Thank you.

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

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

■ **Game Day** for adults 55+ on Wednesdays at 9 a.m. in the Meeker Recreation Center lounge. No game day Dec. 25 or Jan. 1. Stop by for refreshment, conversation and a game of cards.

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

Email calendar events by 5 p.m. Mondays. Listing dependent on available space.

calendar@ht1885.com

Tumbling & Dance EXPO

Support your local tumblers and dancers as they showcase their skills. Community members are encouraged to come and watch!

Friday, December 13
Admin Gym
Free Admission

Performance Schedule

5:30pm

Creative Movement & ERBM Dance Company

6:30pm

Tumbling Level 1

6:00pm

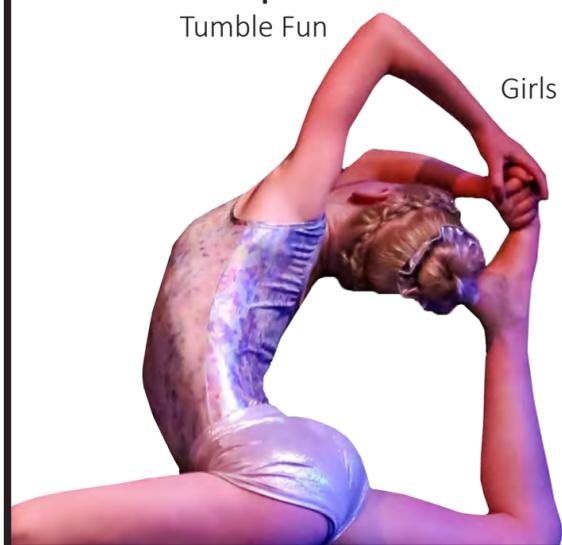
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7:30pm

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WRBM Recreation & Park District's Christmasfest

Elf on the Shelf Scavenger Hunt

November 29-December 13

Snickerdoodle McCheer will be located throughout the town at different businesses every day. Take a picture with the elf and post it on the Rangely's Elf on the Shelf Facebook group page for a chance to win. Make a purchase and be entered for a second chance to win. Contact Konnie at the Rangely Chamber with any questions 675-5290.

■ **Light Up Rangely Contest**
Thursday, Dec. 12
Light up your house or business for all to see!
Enter our contest for the BEST CHRISTMAS LIGHT DISPLAY in Rangely. Judging will be done on December 12 between 6 and 10 p.m.

■ **Carriage Rides & Chili Dinner**
Friday, Dec. 13, 5-8 p.m.
1485 La Mesa Circle
We are excited to offer FREE carriage rides again this year! Absolute Prestige will be bringing over two beautiful carriages and horses for a Christmas experience to remember. One carriage is sponsored by WRBM, one is sponsored by the Town of Rangely. Wildlife Expressions Taxidermy will be offering FREE chili, hot dogs, hot chocolate and a warm fire for roasting s'mores.

Saturday, December 14

■ **Breakfast with Santa**
8-10 a.m. at Rangely Rec Center
Get your picture taken with Santa and tell him your Christmas Wishes! Gifts for the first 100 kids.

■ **Snowflake Baby Contest**
11 a.m. at Rangely Jr./Sr. High School Auditorium
Now is your chance to show off those kids in their Christmas best. **Age groups:** 0-9 months, 10-17 months, 18-24 months and 3-5 years

■ **Santa's Cookie Decorating**
12:30 p.m. at the Rangely Jr./Sr. High School
We will have a FREE Christmas Gingerbread Cookie table set up during the Rangely Middle School Basketball games. Cookies are limited to the first 100 kids.

■ **Parade of Lights**
Parade begins at 6 p.m. (line up at 5 p.m.) on Stan-olind Ave. and ends at the Rangely Fire Hall. This year's theme is *The Nightmare Before Christmas*. Parade waivers need to be signed before start of parade.

■ **Christmas Concert**
7 p.m. at Rangely Jr./Sr. High School Auditorium
A great way to end the Christmasfest weekend! Enjoy a FREE Christmas concert by the a capella group Vocalocity.

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take a wolf from Canada where it roams free and bring it down to Colorado and turn it loose with almost 6 million people and think there's not going to be any conflict? There will be conflict from day one, and it's not fair to the wolf to do that."

Edward, with the wolf fund, points to growing wolf populations in places like Yellowstone National Park, where millions of annual visitors have not had conflicts with wolves since reintroduction there in the 1990s.

"This is just not an issue. Western Colorado is 70% public land, so it's not going to be developed and full of people," Edward said.

Opponents of the wolf reintroduction plan say the flow of out-of-state money into the wolf reintroduction effort shows "this is not a Colorado campaign," Behrens said.

California's Tides Center — which supports progressive causes — has given the wolf campaign about \$264,000. The Colorado Sierra Club gave more than \$10,000, according to reports the campaign filed with the Colorado Secretary of State. Between July and October this year the Rocky Mountain Wolf Action Fund reported \$625,000 in contributions and about \$653,000 in expenses, most of that going toward Landslide Political, a Utah-based signature gathering firm.

"Less than 1% of the money they've raised has come from Coloradans. That's pretty telling," Behrens said.

Edward said since most of western Colorado is federal land, it's not surprising that people from all over the country support efforts to restore wolf populations on public lands.

"It is perfectly appropriate for people from across the country to donate to this campaign," said Edward, who served on a wolf advisory group in 2005 that

"...this is not a Colorado campaign."

~ Denny Behrens
Stop The Wolf Co-Chair

ultimately recommended that the state's wildlife commission oppose reintroducing wolves.

Colorado Parks and Wildlife has not voiced support or opposition to the ballot proposal, but in 2016 the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Commission adopted a resolution affirming the wolf advisory group's recommendation opposing the intentional release of any wolves in Colorado.

A legislative analysis of Initiative 107 shows the state would spend about \$811,000 in the first two years of the reintroduction effort.

A fiscal note from Colorado Parks and Wildlife — obtained via an open records request by the Stop the Wolf Coalition — shows that after planning costs, implementation of the wolf reintroduction plan would cost \$4.1 million, including new wildlife biologists and payments to ranchers who lose livestock to wolves. The cost for the first eight years of the reintroduction effort, which CPW estimated would involve 45 released wolves over a five-year span, would be \$5.7 million.

With what could be the country's final battle over wolves now shifting toward Colorado voters, both sides say they have the support to win.

"As far back as 1993 and 1994, we have polling showing that people on the Western Slope support recovery by a majority margin," Edward said.

Once "a full-blown education campaign" reaches voters, Behrens said, "we will see a huge input of funding from Coloradans who don't want this."

COUNTRY MUSTARD ...



Meeker's Calvin Shepherd will be in town this Friday and Saturday at the Meeker Public Library for the showing of his film, "Country Mustard." Last spring, Calvin Shepherd and his production team, filled with diverse, talented actors and actresses, filmed Country Mustard around Meeker. His idea was to capture a modern-day film with western camera angles and themes set in today's day and time set specifically in Meeker. You will recognize a lot of local businesses set behind the characters Shepherd has created. This film will keep you on your toes with shootouts and other western themed violence. Shepherd and his team would like to thank local businesses for allowing them to use their locations as filming destinations: Chippers Downtown, Kirkland's Ranch, Outfitter's Diner, McGuire Auto Parts and the Blue Spruce Inn. Come out and support a local Meeker filmmaker this Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m. at the Meeker Public Library.

COURTESY PHOTO

NEWS BRIEFS

Gather and donate your used shoes

MEEKER | Meeker International Ecology Program is hoping you gather SHOES when you gather with family and friends this month. If you are gathering with out of town friends and family please ask them to gather their shoes too. Collections continue at Meeker Library, St. James Church and the Rio Blanco Herald Times.

Elks Lodge hoop shoot Dec. 18

RANGELY | The Rangely Elks Lodge local hoop shoot is scheduled for Dec. 18 at Parkview Elementary School. Registration will begin at 6 p.m. and the shoot begins at 7 p.m. There are three age groups, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13 for both boys and girls. Age groups are determined by the child's age as of April 1. The winners of each age group will continue to the district hoop shoot in January.

A Film by Calvin T. Shepherd



COUNTRY MUSTARD

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EDITOR'S COLUMN

Which side is the wrong side of the bed?

By **NIKI TURNER**
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Have you ever been told you "got up on the wrong side of the bed" when you were cranky or irritable and wondered which side is the wrong side? Various online sources trace the phrase to ancient Rome, where getting out of bed on the left side was superstitiously thought to cause one to have a bad day, similar to "getting off on the wrong foot."

While I don't think there's a wrong side of the bed (unless you wake up under the bed, that might count), there is a right and wrong side of history.

In researching family history (which is about to get ridiculously expensive thanks to proposed fee increases to access records, so if you want documentation of when your ancestors crossed the pond, do it now), I discovered that one branch of my family tree were British loyalists during the American Revolution. They were well-to-do Brits who wanted to

protect their comfortable, familiar way of life in the Americas, and strongly believed that loyalty to the British crown was the way to accomplish that. The other branch — there's a romance novel plot in there somewhere — were Patriots who fought for American independence. Looking back, I'd say the loyalists were on the wrong side of history, and not just because they lost.

The other side of the family has branches that ended up in the South. Some were slave owners and some were abolitionist preachers. I think most would agree that the abolitionists were on the right side of history.

Scurry along the ladder of time to World War II. Up until the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, Americans were sharply divided



about Hitler and the Nazis and the war in Europe.

In the late 1930s the German American Bund organization, "an organization of patriotic Americans of German stock," grew to include tens of thousands of members who worked to "extol German virtues" and promote causes helpful to the Nazi Party. Wrong side of history? Do we even have to ask?

Did those British loyalists, pre-Civil War slave owners and "patriotic" Germans know they were on the wrong side of history? Does anyone ever know that when they're in the thick of it?

One day in the future (unless some wackadoodle blows us all to Kingdom Come), our progeny will look back on the days in which we lived, at the beliefs we professed, and what we acted upon (and what we ignored), and make a determination as to which side of history we chose, as individuals and as a collective group. That's a sobering thought, and one we should all consider no matter which side of the aisle (or the bed) we're on.

Meeker Lions Club seeking donations for park

By **PAIGE JONES**
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MEEKER The Meeker Lions Club is requesting funds through a fundraiser for new playground equipment for the administration building. Recently the old equipment, originally funded by the Lions Club, was removed and destroyed.

The Lions Club is attempting to raise \$25,000 to replace the playground equipment. They have

opened an account at the Bank of the San Juans and are looking for donations to help assist them in this venture. The Lions Club is taking this venture for the children of Meeker who have used this playground equipment in the past and want to provide a place for future memories.

With a very hopeful purchase date of Sep. 1, 2020, the Lions Club hopes to have a complete install date shortly after. The donations received will be used to purchase equipment for this project.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Coat drive organizers grateful for help

Dear Editor:

I would like to thank everyone involved in this year's coat drive.

Thank you to CNCC, New Creation Church, Town Hall and the Chamber of Commerce for allowing me to place donation boxes in their locations.

Thank you to Archie and crew at Rangely Hospital for laundering the coats, Eagle Crest for storage of the coats while being laundered, and Town Hall for the space to distribute the coats.

With special thanks to those who donated coats and winter gear: CNCC employees, Brenda Hopson, Leana Cox, Phi Theta Kappa, CJ Robie, Joan and Roger Padilla, Vicky Claybaugh, Linda Gordon and other giving community members.

René Harden and Leana Cox
Coat Drive Organizers
Rangely

thank Mary K and Albert Krueger for humoring me and graciously making the new gallery room possible, and Marianne Wilber — valued friend and designer extraordinaire for helping me to hang the new space. Kudos are also due to Katie Conrado, Tim Knouff and Maggie Granzella for contributing beautiful creations to the show, helping to set up and hold down the "fort," and just generally keeping me sane... well-sort of. Most of all thank you to everyone for stopping in to say hello over what was a very busy weekend. You continue to help art in all its forms flourish in this community. Thank you from my heart to all of you who graced The Upstairs Gallery with their presence this past weekend.

Pat Sheeran/Daggett
Meeker

Support the Colorado Wilderness Act

Dear Editor:

The U.S. House of Representatives is considering the Colorado Wilderness Act. Please contact Congressman Scott Tipton to urge his support for that bill, H.R. 2546. Among other additions to the Wilderness system in Colorado, H.R. 2546 will extend the southeast boundary of the Flat Tops Wilderness and add other wilderness islands in the Flat Tops region. It will also designate a portion of the Grand Hog Back as Wilderness. Our Flat Tops was an

inspiration for the original wilderness system. The preamble to the 1964 Wilderness Act establishes its purpose.

"In order to assure that an increasing population, accompanied by expanding settlement and growing mechanization, does not occupy and modify all areas within the United States and its possessions, leaving no lands designated for preservation and protection in their natural condition, it is hereby declared to be the policy of the Congress to secure for the American people of present and future generations the benefits of an enduring resource of wilderness." (U.S.C. Title 16:23 1131)

President Johnson, at the signing ceremony, stated the rationale.

"If future generations are to remember us with gratitude rather than contempt, we must leave them something more than the miracles of technology. We must leave them a glimpse of the world as it was in the beginning not just after we got through with it." ~ Lyndon B. Johnson, former President of the United States.

Many others have eloquently spoken the inspiration.

"Climb the mountains and get their good tidings. Nature's peace will flow into you as sunshine flows into trees. The winds will blow their own freshness into you, and the storms their energy, while cares will drop away from you like the leaves of Autumn." ~ John Muir, "The Mountains of California."

I worked on the original wilderness studies, RARE I and II. In the intervening years, the Western Slope of Colorado has been overrun. We are losing our natural heritage. Please help to preserve what remains of our wild lands.

Bob Dorsett, MD
Meeker, CO

Thanks from Staleys

Dear Editor:

Thank you to all the first responders — dispatch, EMT, fire department and police department — for your fast response to our distress call.

Thank you to Rangely District Hospital — physicians, nursing and hospital staff — for your effective, caring treatment for Gary. He is healing well now, and without you here, and your prompt and effective treatment, it's scary to think what the outcome could have been.

Last, but not least... thank you, family, for your love and help you have given us and to all those that kept us in your

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Thanks from Upstairs Gallery

Dear Editor:

I would like to extend a sincere thank you to all who attended the open house at The Upstairs Gallery over the Dec. 7 weekend. I truly appreciate the support and encouragement you have shown for me and the fine artisans from this area over the years. As you might suspect, art is not always the easiest way to make a living. I would like to



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thoughts and prayers. Thank you all so much, we appreciate every kind gesture that was given to us!

Gary and Kathy Staley
Rangely

We are witnesses to history

Dear Editor:

We are witnesses to history. We have the privilege of being a witness to history watching the impeachment proceedings. We can draw our own conclusions with respect to whether President Trump should be impeached. But the more important outcome of these proceedings is what we learn.

Watching the professionals who set and implement our foreign policy discuss their role in the performance of their duty gives us insight, beyond sound bites, into our country's place in the world. There is no doubt that these men and women are dedicated to doing their best for us all. They live and work in a very complex world just as we do. Learning from them is our first amendment right. For one of the few times in history the testimony of these individuals gave us real time insight into the struggles facing Ukraine and our part in their defense. We are invited to imagine the impact of having Russia take land the size of Texas from Ukraine, with armed force, in a war that continues today. Who among us had that perspective? What would our reaction be if Mexico annexed Texas?

We also learn about our allies and their support of our international policy and why it matters. We become acutely aware that we are not on this earth alone. Our relationships with our allies matter. What we do matters in terms of how our system of government, our democracy, is a model for others. We are drawn to the conclusion that we must live, by example, to a higher standard because the reality of digging in the dirt is not what we aspire to and not what we challenge others to gain as well. We can not live lies because that is creating a world for selfish purpose. The harm in selfishness is the disadvantage that falls on everyone else. One wins and everyone else loses. Our democracy matters because the more we are effective in demonstrating the true meaning of democracy the more we will have others stand with us. That is the privilege and the challenge of leadership.

Who among us is not disgusted by partisanship? Yet there is great value in being exposed to differences. We do not have to have resolution of differences to gain value. First, stark differences lay out pros and cons. This gives us the opportunity to evaluate the evidence as it unfolds. This also, is a benefit of our first amendment rights. One principle of human behavior is that we tend to look for evidence that supports our established beliefs. But, at the same time, exposure to alternate points of view makes us think. One of the thoughts that I have had watching the hearings is that I am proud of my country. Regardless of how divisive we sound; we have a process that gets the differences out on the table. As a country we debate the pros and cons. We can also create a mental spread sheet of each argument and determine if an argument is countered by an opposing view. Many arguments are won when there

is no opposing view or when the opposing view is not connected. For example, name calling is not a defense.

Another of the lessons of the impeachment proceedings are the insights we gain into what really matters. As a direct result of the partisan wrangling, we are confronted with an interesting choice. It is not whether President Trump should be convicted. It is, strangely, what we really believe. Do we support a man or is it our principles of democracy that matter most? Time after time witnesses point out how things are designed to work under our constitution and how those principles have been subverted. The counter argument seems to be that the office of president is free to perform without limits like involving foreign governments in our election processes. It comes down to who should decide our elections? U.S. citizens or foreign governments? If you are a true patriot do you vote for the future of democracy or for loyalty to the man?

J.B. Sullivan
Meeker

Proud to be a Boomer

Dear Editor:

I find it fascinating that Generation Z think they are so knowledgeable to come up with the idea that Boomers are "Wrecking their futures" with some of the policies and ignorance that goes on in today's world." Going by the definition of Generation Z, the oldest this generation can be is 24 – they haven't begun to live and I'd venture a guess that most of them are still living with their parents or their parents are paying their living expenses in colleges and universities across the country.

I remember being that age and thinking how "worldly" and "smart" I was. After all, I had been paying my own way for at least four years, I had traveled to 20 U.S. states and seven countries in Europe. I had lived in another state while attending school and working. I owned a vehicle my parents had not bought for me, in fact, they never bought me a vehicle. I knew my parents and their generation were doing the best they could to make our world a better place for me and my generation. I knew I owed them respect for all they had done. I would have never thought of insulting any of them by calling them a derogatory name.

I know my husband and myself have done the best we could to provide for our son and his generation – the Millennials. And I believe their generation are doing the best for the next generation, but it seems that we have reached a generation – Generation Z – that feel so entitled that they appreciate almost nothing. "Gen Zs are putting their foot down and demanding that they get listened to." You know how you get listened to? You get out and vote, you quit throwing tantrums and rioting, you get a real education that will pay your way in this world, you don't expect free handouts (nothing is free, someone has to pay for it). You move out of your parents house and contribute to society. If you are still in high school, your time will come, but it isn't now unless you are making a living and

providing your own way.

It is time to quit supporting those liberal politicians who want to take your rights away from you until turn 21 or for life. Boomers are fighting for you to keep those rights. We didn't have school shootings and almost every pickup in the parking lot had a rifle in it. "If guns are outlawed, only outlaws will have guns," that's the truth. Socialism doesn't work, look at all the countries that have tried and failed. Health care for all doesn't work, look at all the Canadians that seek health care in the U.S. Socialism creates taxes so high no one wants to work. Parents should have read "The Little Red Hen" more often to the Gen Z crowd and not so much of the Harry Potter tales.

Gen Z wants to ban plastic and support renewable energy in the US, but it is not the US that is creating the world problems with plastics, carbon, fossil fuels, etc. 100% renewable energy will bankrupt any city, state or country that tries to go that route. But Gen Z doesn't want to educate themselves about this whole process, instead they want to spew what has been indoctrinated into their naive brains by liberal teachers.

Now I want to clarify, I know not all Gen Z believe the indoctrination but I think any of them that would use "OK, Boomer" would fit the mold. I know a few high school and college/university students who have shown they can actually think for themselves and show it on a daily basis – I admire and applaud them.

Finally, it doesn't matter if Gen Z thinks it is derogatory when saying the words, it is how it is perceived by the receiver ... there are words that have been dropped from use because of the receiver's (Italians, Hispanics, Blacks, Native Americans, Whites, etc.) perception.

Cathie Dolan
Meeker

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OBITUARY

Kenneth Ross 'Pops' Sheley

Dec. 10, 1957 ~ Dec. 2, 2019

With heavy hearts, we must announce that our jovial and loving dad, everyone's Pops, has passed away at the age of 61. He died suddenly on Dec. 2, 2019, and ever since, we have all felt lost.

He was born on Dec. 10, 1957, in Grand Junction, Colorado, to Edward Lyn and Mildred Marcella Ramsey Sheley. He was the youngest of six children. He grew up in the Eagle and Grand Junction areas of Colorado. He often regaled us with tales of growing up in the idyllic mountain towns of Colorado and watching his dad, a master carpenter, build homes and buildings in the Vail area. He attended Central High School in Grand Junction, Colorado. At the age of 19, he met the love of his life and best friend, Sheryl Kay Kenyon. They married in 1983.

He worked many odd jobs in Grand Junction, but fell in love with the oilfield and rig work in 1986. In 1987, he moved his family to Rangely, Colorado, and spent the next 30 years working as a service rig operator and coal miner in Northwestern Colorado and Northeastern Utah. He loved his profession and took great pride in being a "roughneck."

He was known as a solid friend and teacher by all who had the pleasure of working with him. He had a natural affinity for being a father figure to all and he was well-loved by all. He enjoyed camping and fishing. He felt the most at peace and free when in nature. He also loved the sciences, especially astronomy and geology. He prided himself on being a humanist and freethinker. Logic and reason were his



Ken Sheley

guides in life, along with his huge, kind heart. He loved woodworking and DIY projects. We never had to call in a professional to remodel the house or work on our cars. Pops had those things "under control." He was a talented partaker of the "handyman arts." He was a rock and roll guy who played guitar, even though he couldn't play well any longer due to a finger injury. He had great affection for all creatures great and small. He had pets all of his life and especially loved dogs. He also loved working with leather and made unique, beautiful and interesting walking sticks. He had many hobbies. Too many to list!

He and Sheryl raised a daughter and a son in Rangely. He retired in 2014, and enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren, of which he had many. Both by nature and by nurture. Kids were automatically drawn to his silly and fun personality. He adored and was adored by babies and was well known as a "baby whisperer."

He is survived by his wife Sheryl of Rangely; his daughter Kyeta Taylor of Rangely; son Ian Sheley of Rifle; grandkids Auron Sheley and NovaLynn Sheley of Rifle; sister Nancy Sheley of Grand Junction; nephews Wes Dollahite of Aurora, Justin Fightmaster, Shane Fightmaster and Nathan Mullenax all of Grand Junction; niece Gail Dollahite Casey of Broomfield; and numerous "adopted" kids and grandkids who loved him so.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brothers Larry Sheley, Ronnie Sheley, Arnold Sheley and Rex Sheley.

A memorial service for Pops will take place on Thursday, Dec. 12, 2019, at the Elks Club in Rangely, Colorado, at 1 p.m. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the family directly.

OBITUARY POLICY

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

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Other Champions: The Proclamation of Faith

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

Who through faith . . . (Heb. 11:33-40)



Dr. J.D. Watson

WHILE the author has neither time nor space to list as many champions as he would like, he alludes to many others by his descriptive language. Every statement the author made, in fact, would have "rang a bell" in the minds of his readers.

Verse 33 mostly looks back on those in verse 32. "Subdued kingdoms" refers to David; Josephus, in fact, used this term to refer to David. "Wrought righteousness" is also reminiscent of David (2 Sam. 7:15) as well as Samuel (1 Sam. 12:3-4). And it is David once again who "obtained promises" (2 Samuel 7:12-16). "Stopped the mouths of lions" obviously refers to Daniel, as we find a similar expression in Daniel 6:22. "Quenched the violence of fire" without doubt refers to that vivid miracle of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego in the fiery furnace (Dan. 3:19-28). "Escaped the edge of the sword" points us back to Elijah's escape from Ahab's wrath (1 Kings 19:1-18), as well as Elisha, who thwarted assassination (2 Kings 6). "Out of weakness were made strong" speaks of Hezekiah's miraculous healing and added longevity (2 Kings 20:1-7). "Waxed valiant in fight" and "turned to flight the armies of the aliens" both bring to mind several pictures, such as Gideon (Judg. 7:21) and Barak (4:15), and David once again (1 Sam. 7:51). "Women received their dead raised to life again" refers to two specific cases: the widow of Zarephath, whose child Elijah brought back to life (1 Kings 17), and the Shunamite woman, for whom Elisha did the same (2 Kings 4).

The writer then turns to the extra-biblical record of the Maccabean Age, the 400 years between the testaments. Many were "tortured," which is the Greek *tumpanizō* (English "tympani"), a large drum-like device upon which the victim was stretched and

beaten with clubs; such did "not [accept] deliverance" by recanting their faith. "Others had trial of cruel mockings and scourgings, yea, moreover of bonds and imprisonment": Hanani was imprisoned by Asa (2 Chron. 16:7-10), Micaiah was imprisoned by Ahab (1 Kings 22:13-28), Jeremiah was imprisoned and put in stocks by Pashur (Jer. 20:1-3) and was beaten and imprisoned again by Zedekiah (37:1-16). Still others were "stoned," such as Zechariah (2 Chron. 24:20-22) and Jeremiah according to Jewish tradition, as well as "sawn asunder," as tradition also says about Isaiah by the order of Manasseh.

The writer then seems quickly to add others who "were tempted, were slain with the sword: they wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins; being destitute, afflicted, tormented; (Of whom the world was not worthy:) they wandered in deserts, and in mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth."

What did they all have in common? They all "obtained a good report through faith" even though they "received not the promise" in this life (v. 39). "Good report" is *martureō*, which speaks of a witness giving solemn testimony of what he knows and offering evidence. All these proclaimed the Truth by unwavering faith, and we must do the same.

Scriptures for Study: Who is your favorite Champion of Faith? Why? What biblical reason(s) can you cite?

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

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Horizons helps families

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

RBC I Two-year-old Grayson Campos called out the names of letters in the coworking space window as people signed in for a wreath-making fundraiser to benefit Horizons Specialized Services. His mother, Brittny, was there to share her family's experience with Horizons during the last year and a half.

Grayson is the youngest of the three Campos children. Sister Harper is 5 and brother Finnegan is 6. Dad Mario works for Rangely Community Wellness and Medical Center in IT. Brittny is a freelancer for the *Herald Times*. The family was first introduced to Horizons at a children's health fair.

Horizons, a nonprofit organization based in Steamboat Springs, offers services in a multi-county area for infants through adults. In Rio Blanco County, they provide developmental screenings and early intervention for infants and children, supported living services for adults, as well as family support services that help qualifying families with copays and mileage for medical expenses.

According to Sarah Grimes, who is the service coordinator for the early intervention program and the family support program, the organization serves 17-20 children in early intervention, 8-12 families in family support, and two adults in RBC every year.

Grimes came to Horizons first as a parent. Her son experienced a birth injury that required early intervention services.

"I am so grateful that my son was able to receive early intervention services," Grimes said via email. "The occupational services that he was receiving, provided the necessary strength and rehabilitation that he needed to surpass what the doctors thought possible."



NIKI TURNER PHOTO

The Campos family from Rangely has benefited from services provided by Horizons Specialized Services for their youngest son, Grayson.

When Dr. Abigail Urish at the Rangely hospital noticed some delays in Grayson's infant development and recommended Horizons, Brittny "was a little concerned" but chalked up some of the delays to Grayson being a little stubborn. "I didn't totally realize how much help he could use."

They began meeting with Horizons staff regularly for treatment. "Sarah and the crew came over to Rangely and everyone was great. They talked to me like I was a person, and they talked to all my kids. They treated all of us very sweetly and came together and told us what we could do to help Grayson," Brittny said. They opted, at the time, for occupational therapy.

It took more than a year of tests, referrals, and persistent advocacy for Grayson by his parents for the Campos' to get a diagnosis for their son. In June 2019, tests identified a rare chromosomal anomaly in Grayson's blood.

Since March, the Campos

family has made multiple trips to Denver for four different types of medical appointments, and now has regular appointments with a specialist in Fruita. That much travel put a dent in the family finances, and Horizons helped again with their family support program.

Last year Horizons was able to reimburse eight families for \$6,858 in medical-related expenses for their children, Grimes said.

"These wonderful people have never made us feel like a number," Brittny said of the Horizons team. "They always made us feel loved."

Brittny encourages other parents to, "take time to talk with your pediatrician or general doctor if you have any concerns. They care about you and your kiddos."

If you have any questions of concerns about your child's development, please contact Sarah Grimes at sgrimes@horizonsnwc.org or 541-670-8415.

What is Meeker Moving Forward?

Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER I For many of us, Meeker is home and we care deeply about our town and the future of our community. Colorado is becoming an increasingly desirable place to live. As Colorado continues to grow, communities across the state are facing increasing demands, shifting demographics and are feeling the influence of new economic trends. In order to maintain what we love about living here, we, as a community, need to come together and work proactively to respond to the change and growth that Meeker may face over the next 10-15 years. That is what Meeker Moving Forward is all about.

Meeker Moving Forward (www.meekermovingforward.com) is an initiative of the town that began this past July (2019) and is anticipated to wrap up in early 2021. Meeker Moving Forward is focused on bringing all facets of the community together in order to develop a shared vision and goals for Meeker, as well as to identify specific steps to be taken to achieve that future. The success of Meeker Moving Forward is contingent upon all members of the community getting involved and helping shape the future of the town.

Ultimately, Meeker Moving Forward will result in an updated Community Master Plan (i.e. a Comprehensive Plan) for Meeker that:

- Sets forth the community's shared vision and goals for Meeker.
 - Provides recommendations for achieving that vision and those goals.
 - Includes an action plan for getting things done.
- Once the update to the Community Master Plan

has been completed, the town's zoning and development regulations will be updated to ensure that those are aligned with the community's vision and goals for Meeker. To learn more about the project please visit: www.meekermovingforward.com

For those that want to get involved with Meeker Moving Forward and share their input, there are a number of opportunities to do so:

■ Meeker Community Survey. By filling out and submitting a copy of the Meeker Community Survey, you can share your input on key topics and issues related to Meeker's future. Paper copies of the survey have been delivered in the mail. If for some reason you did not receive a survey in the mail, you can pick one up at Meeker Town Hall (345 Market Street) OR at the Meeker Recreation Center (101 Ute Road). If you'd prefer to fill out the survey online, you can do so by going to: www.meekersurvey.org/open

■ Meeker Moving Forward Website. The Meeker Moving Forward website (www.meekermovingforward.com) offers a number of ways for you to share your input including an interactive input map, an idea wall and short questionnaires/polls.

■ #Meekertime. You can post images of your ideas for Meeker to Instagram using the tags #meekertime and @townofmeekerc

For more information about Meeker Moving Forward please visit: www.meekermovingforward.com; follow the Town of Meeker on Instagram (@townofmeekerc) and on Facebook; look for handouts, posters, signs, etc. around town; or, contact Lisa Cook (Meeker Town Administrator) at 970-878-4962 or lisa@town.meeker.co.us



ELKS DONATION ...



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Rangely Elks Lodge No. 1907 Exalted Ruler Jeff LeBleu accepted a Christmas donation from Chevron representative Michael Gillard. Lodge members expressed their sincere gratitude toward Chevron for the donation. (Left to right) Lodge secretary Don Reed, treasurer Gretchen Conner, Michael Gillard, Jeff LeBleu and Leading Knight Chris Hall.



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New school board members for Re-4

By **ROXIE FROMANG**
Special to the Herald Times

RANGELY I The Rangely School District Board of Education meeting was called to order by Sam Tolley on Monday, Dec. 9. Present were Tolley, Jason Cox, Todd Low, and Sarah Nielsen. Sarah Nielsen and Todd Low were sworn in. Superintendent Matt Scoggins explained that the district had just received certified election results which caused a delay with the swearing-in of the newly elected school board members.

Rangely Jr./Sr. High School Principal Crandall Mergelman presented the October/November students of the month: Zoey Peck and Del Garner are the October Students of the Month sponsored by Goddard Construction. November Students of the Month are Susan Gillard and Dalton Dembowski. Business sponsor Sylvia Dembowski was on hand to help present the awards.

Sam Tolley was voted in as board president, Cox as vice president, and Nielsen as secretary/treasurer of the board. Shari Plummer was appointed as the secretary to the board. Scoggins was appointed as the treasurer to the board.

During principal updates, Parkview Elementary School Principal Carlene Cantrell reported the elementary school is finishing DIBELS testing.

Rangely Jr./Sr. High School Principal Crandall Mergelman said finals will take place on Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 18-19.

Scoggins reported that \$2,400 was donated by the Rangely Area Chamber of Commerce from their Santa's Gift Shop Bazaar and all the proceeds went to pay down the school lunch account debt. He recognized Michelle Wilkie for her direction of the production of "Annie the Musical" at the Rangely Jr./Sr. High School and Principal Mergelman's acting debut in the production. Student absences have become an issue within the school district, Scoggins said, and they will be using the court system in hopes of improving school attendance. A letter will be sent in January to parents on the specifics.

The district received unexpected revenue with the increased assessed valuation, prompting Scoggins to ask the board to use \$25,000 out of the budget for a small Christmas bonus. Cox moved to approve the requested amount for bonuses and Low seconded the motion. The bonus will be a set amount given to all full and part-time permanent school district employees before Christmas break.

Scoggins spoke about the proposed mill levy stabilization bill which would raise the district's mill levy 16 or 17 mills if it passes. Scoggins

described it as "robbing Peter to pay Paul." The bill will be a \$3.7 million increase in taxes to be redistributed throughout the state. Scoggins is concerned about the impact to taxpayers such as Chevron, who absorb much of the tax burden, saying, "It could drive businesses away from Rangely."

During new business, Scoggins addressed buying new camera security systems for the schools. The systems are far more affordable now than they were the last time the district reviewed prices. Scoggins showed photos of recent vandalism of district property and said high-resolution security cameras could have helped if they were in place at the time the vandalism occurred. Currently, 73% of all elementary schools and 94% of high schools are employing security cameras. Cox moved to approve up to \$100,000 for a new camera security system and Low seconded it. The motion passed unanimously. That amount will cover less than half of the amount of the two complete bids that Scoggins presented to the board. The district will apply for grant funding to offset the cost. The flashing school zone sign that is no longer functional on River Road will be replaced in the next couple of months with two electronic radar speed-reading signs on the same road leading to Parkview Elementary School.

After some discussion about the promised burden to the taxpayers decreasing Nielsen moved to certify the following mill levies for the property tax year 2019 based on 7.958 total mills, the motion was seconded by Cox and passed unanimously.

A resolution to declare a vacancy was passed. In accordance with state law, Rangely School District Board of Education declares a vacancy in this school director office that will be filled by appointment by the board within 60 days in accordance with the following procedure: interested persons are invited to send a letter to the board with a statement of interest and qualifications by Dec. 17. The board will interview prospective candidates and appoint a candidate on Tuesday, Jan. 7, 2020, at a special board meeting. To be eligible for appointment, a candidate must be a registered elector of the school district and a resident of the director district in which a vacancy exists. The appointee will serve until the next regular school biennial election in November 2021 (at which time an election will be held for a successor to fill the remainder of the unexpired term.)

The next BOCES meeting is Monday, Dec. 16 and the next regularly scheduled Board of Education meeting will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 21 at 6:15 p.m.

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH(S) ...



ROXIE FROMANG PHOTO

Zoey Peck and Del Garner are the October Students of the Month sponsored by Goddard Construction. (Left to right) Principal Crandall Mergelman, Wes Goddard, Del Garner and Zoey Peck.



ROXIE FROMANG PHOTO

November Students of the Month for Rangely High School are Susan Gillard and Dalton Dembowski. (Left to right) Principal Crandall Mergelman, business sponsor representative Sylvia Dembowski, Dalton Dembowski and Susan Gillard.



ROXIE FROMANG PHOTOS

New Rangely Board of Education members Sarah Nielsen (top) and Todd Low (bottom) were sworn in to their new positions on the Rangely Board of Education Dec. 9. A third seat is open for appointment.



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Lady Cowboys 3rd at WREA Shootout

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

MEEKER I The White River Electric Association (WREA) sponsored the 20th annual Cowboy Shootout last weekend. This annual tournament is two weekends long, last weekend the girls played and in this upcoming weekend, the boys will take to the court.

The eight-team tournament championship game ended with the Moffat County Bulldogs taking home the top trophy after a win over the Longmont Christian Warriors. The Meeker Cowboys placed third behind the Warriors, after a dominating win, 63-33, Saturday in their final game against Soroco.

In the Cowboys' game on Thursday they took down the Aspen Skiers 50-23, Julia Dinwiddie was the top goal maker followed by Kirsten Brown who also hit two three-pointers. In game two on Friday the Cowboys took to the court against Longmont Christian. With a slow start they found themselves down 0-8 almost immediately. Meeker caught back up for a halftime score of 20-24 the Warriors, then late in the fourth quarter Longmont Christian pulled 10 points ahead and time ran out for Meeker. The final score was 44-35. Sarah



Meeker High School senior Karlee Nielsen (14) with teammates Hailey Knowles (24) and Kirsten Brown (21) on defense against Longmont Christian during the Cowboys' second game in the 20th annual Cowboy Shootout last weekend. The girls are off this week and the boys will take their turn at the WREA-sponsored Shootout. For more pictures, scan the ZAP code.

Kracht led the team in scoring and Dinwiddie in rebounds.

The all-tournament team selections for 2019 is Ellie Echols and Taylor VanDenberg of Longmont Christian, Kayedence Brunner of Soroco, Halle Hamilton of Moffat County, and Dinwiddie of Meeker. The tournament MVP was Moffat County's Cayenne King.

In the skills contests, Dinwiddie won the three-point contest and coach Deon Jackson from the Lotus School for Excellence won the coaches' challenge.

It was a busy week for the Cowboys as Tuesday they hosted Coal Ridge. The final score was 55-31, the team is now 3-1 for the season. Wednesday they

traveled to Rifle to take on the Bears, final scores to be updated next week.

The boys' Cowboy Shootout hosted by WREA is this weekend and the girls will be taking a break. Their next games are at Grand Valley on Dec. 20, they will then be off for Christmas break and traveling to North Park on Jan. 11.



2019 Boys White River Electric Cowboy shootout Schedule

Thursday December 12th:
3:00 p.m- Soroco vs. Rifle
4:30 p.m- Aspen vs. Mancos
6:00 p.m- Lotus vs. Fruita JV
7:30 p.m- Meeker vs. Dolores

Bracket will further be determined by wins and losses.

Friday Dec. 13th games will be at 3:00 p.m, 4:30 p.m, 6:00 p.m, and 7:30 p.m.

Saturday Dec. 14th will be at 11:00 a.m, 12:30 p.m, 2:00 p.m and the final game will be at 3:30 p.m.

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Rangely's lady Panthers had a good showing at the Manila tournament last weekend. (Left to right) seniors Hannah Wilkie (4) and Susan Gillard (12), junior Dixie Rhea (20), senior Zoey Peck (13), sophomores Mary Scoggins (11), Adelynn Halcomb (23) and Shauna Lapp (14), and junior Kacie Lapp (3).

Lady Panthers off to a hot start

Special to the Herald Times

RANGELY I Rangely's lady Panthers took to the road to tipoff their 2019-2020 season in Manila, Utah. The lady Panthers opened up their first game against Green River, Utah.

"We started well and just went to work. Our goal for the season is to be a defensive force that complicates any team's offense," said head coach Jimmie Mergelman.

The lady Panthers forced five half-court violations, two before halftime and three in the third quarter, during the game. Last season the Panthers only forced two all season. At the halftime buzzer, the Panthers were up by a score of 23-16. In the second half, the Panthers continued their stifling style of defense as they only allowed nine points to the lady Pirates. The Panthers closed out the game with a victory of 44-34 over the Pirates for their first win of the season. Senior Hannah Wilkie led the Panthers in scoring with 16 points followed by fellow senior Zoey Peck and junior Kacie Lapp, who both scored eight points.

On Saturday, the lady Panthers found themselves playing the host team, the Manila Mustangs. The Panthers were looking for redemption from the 2018-2019 season when the Mustangs handed the Panthers their only loss of the tournament.

Mergelman was delighted with the ladies' effort in this game. "I thought this was our best game of the weekend. Things just fell into place well, and everything clicked."

The Panthers continued their streak of backcourt violations as they forced four more in their game against the Mustangs. Sophomore Mary Scoggins led the second-quarter charge where the Panthers outscored the Mustangs 16-3. The Mustangs were only allowed one made shot coming on a three-point attempt. The lady Panthers defeated the Mustangs with a score of 54-24. Mary Scoggins led all scoring with 21, followed by Wilkie 16, Shauna Lapp with five, K. Lapp and Halcomb each chipping in four, followed by Gillard and Peck with two apiece.

The last game of the day was against the Intermountain Christian School (ICS) Lions, finishing with a win with a score of 46-15. Once again, the Panthers tried to better themselves with their defensive effort and continue to improve on the offensive end. The Panthers did not surrender a double-digit scoring quarter to the lady Lions. The second quarter proved to be the best again for the Panthers as they outscored the Lions 20-7. The Panthers followed their second-quarter performance in the third quarter by not allowing a single point in the quarter.

Overall, Mergelman was pleased with her squad's performance. "Many great basketball moments happened this weekend. I was very impressed with our rebounding lead by junior Kacie Lapp. Our defensive hustle was nice to see, making it hard for teams to score." A congratulation is in place for Shauna Lapp, who placed fourth in the three-point contest. The lady Panthers lost to the Cedaredge Bruins at home Tuesday 40-37 and will travel to Telluride on Friday for a non-conference match against the Miners.

Rangely boys split games at Manila

Special to the Herald Times

RANGELY I Rangely's boys' basketball squad split their two contests at the Manila Shootout on Dec. 6-7. On Friday, the Panthers fell 28-103 to a vastly improved Intermountain Christian team out of Salt Lake City. According to the Deseret News, ICS is the favorite in 1A region 22 and one of the top small-school teams in the state. The ICS Lions pressed effectively through all four quarters and Panther

turnovers kept Rangely from keeping pace. Sydney Cole led the Panthers in scoring with eight points followed by Austin Davis and Gabe Polley with six points apiece.

Rangely's defense proved to be the deciding factor against the Dugway Mustangs on Saturday. The Panthers captured a 45-33 victory over the Mustangs by limiting their inside game. Down 21-15 at half-time, Dugway utilized a full-court press to rally, but the Panthers regained their composure to extend their lead. Cole led all scorers with 18 points, followed by Austin Davis with 10 points.

"We played with great effort all weekend, even against ICS's press into the fourth quarter, and the boys responded well to adversity against Dugway. I'm very pleased with the growth the boys have shown this weekend," said coach Kyle Boydston about the Manila games.

The Panthers lost to Cedaredge Tuesday at home 50-45 and travel to Telluride on Friday (game times 3, 4:30 and 6 p.m.). Rangely will also host Plateau Valley on Dec. 20 to round out the December schedule.

(Left) Rangely junior Austin Davis takes a shot at a basket during the game against the Dugway Mustangs at the Manila Shootout. Davis was the second leading scorer in the game for the Panthers with 10 points. The team travels to Telluride Friday.

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GIRLS BASKETBALL
Dec. 20 @ Grand Valley, 4:30, 6, 7:30
Jan. 4 @ HOME v. Snake River, 12, 1:30, 3

BOYS BASKETBALL
Dec. 12-14 Cowboy Shootout (see schedule on this page)

WRESTLING
J/JV Dec. 13 @ Cedaredge v. Buena Vista, 6
V Dec. 14 @ Delta, 8:30
JV Dec. 14 @ Rifle, 9

GIRLS SWIMMING
Dec. 13 @ Grand Junction Meet

RANGELY PANTHERS SCHEDULE

GIRLS BASKETBALL
Dec. 13 @ Telluride, 3, 5
Dec. 20 @ HOME v. Plateau Valley, 4, 5:30, 7

BOYS BASKETBALL
Dec. 13 @ Telluride, 3, 5
Dec. 20 @ HOME v. Plateau Valley, 4, 5:30, 7

WRESTLING
Dec. 13-14 @ Soroco Duals, Oak Creek
Dec. 20 @ West Grand Duals, Kremmling

Sports stories are posted in the HT as space allows in the following order: varsity stories, junior varsity stories, junior high stories, miscellaneous stories. Contact us at editor@ht1885.com with questions.

FOOTBALL AWARDS ...



Meeker Cowboy football 2019's seven seniors — Tevin Pelloni, Jake Shelton, Colby Shelton, Ridge Williams, Cole Rogers, Colton Wille and Kesston Hobbs — had their last high school football banquet Sunday. Head coach Shane Phelan pointed out that these boys made playoffs each and every year of their high school career, and that doesn't happen often. This year's award winners for all-conference honorable mention were: Cooper Main (not pictured), Pelloni and Jake Shelton. All-conference went to: Williams, Hobbs, Kelton Turner, Colby Shelton, Rogers, Colby Clatterbaugh, Jeremy Woodward and Ryan Phelan.

STATE COMPETITION ...



After taking first place in the 2A Game Day Division at the regional cheerleading championships in November, Meeker High School's varsity cheerleading squad headed to state competition in Denver last weekend. They competed with 2A and 3A schools (all-girl and coed) in the Game Day Division on Friday and placed 13th out of 20 teams. "It was amazing and we learned a ton for next year," said Head Coach Antina DiBenedetto. The 2019-20 MHS varsity cheerleaders and their coaches are (back) Alexa Hale, Coach Beth Bennett, Mariah Hood, Annelise Amack, Cori Mohr, Josalyn Lawrence and Anna Goodwin; (front) Tacy Crawford, Gracie Blagg, coach Antina DiBenedetto, Jaydyn Gallegos, Alexis Linder and Haylie Rose.



Rangely High School sophomore Zane Varner came away with only win for his team last week against the Hayden Tigers. Varner moved up a weight class and beat his opponent by pin in the second period. At the CMU Maverick Duals, sophomore Byron Mackay joined Varner with wins for the Panthers. The Panthers will continue their season this weekend in Soroco. For more photos, scan the ZAP code with the free ZAPPAR app available on your smartphone's app store.

Varner, Mackay get wins at CMU

Special to the Herald Times

RANGELY I The Rangely Panther wrestling team started their opening weekend of competition Friday against region foes the Hayden Tigers. The Panthers had 11 matches including exhibition matches.

Sophomore Zane Varner came away with the only win, bumping up a weight class and beating his opponent by pin in the second period.

"I could see the team was very excited to start the season, we were just simply outmatched by older and more experienced wrestlers," said head coach Jeff Heinle.

The Panthers competed Saturday in Grand Junction at the Colorado Mesa University Maverick Duals.

"This was the first time I have brought a team to this tournament since I started coaching. We had five duals in total against Rifle, Ignacio, Paonia, Battle Mountain and Palisade."

Varner and sophomore Byron Mackay got wins for the Panthers.

"At the mid-point of the tournament, the team

started to seem sluggish and down until Mackay came out in a very explosive manner against his Paonia opponent," Heinle said. "Byron performed a beautiful suplex that seemed to have not only brought the team, but also the whole arena, to life. Byron came away with his first win of the season after that match."

Varner has started his season out strong, only losing one match against his cousin from Palisade. He will go into next weekend with a 3-1 record.

A young team consisting mostly of freshmen and sophomores, the Panthers current roster is freshman Colton Stevens (113); sophomore Braxton Moore (126), sophomore Alex Black (138), freshman Sage Rhea (145), sophomore Zane Varner (145), freshman Kasen LeBleu (not listed); sophomore Brent Cantrell (160), senior Dalton Dembowski (220) and sophomore Byron Mackay, (HWT). Football season injuries have taken out seniors Tytus Coombs, Justin Rusher and Del Garner and junior Anthony Garner.

"We are all hoping to see these athletes return after the Christmas break," Heinle said.

The Panthers will continue their season this weekend in Soroco.



The Meeker Cowboys wrestling team competed for the first time this season at the Maverick Duals in Grand Junction last Saturday. Not having all the varsity weight classes filled cost the team some points. Meeker High School junior Colby Clatterbaugh ended the tournament undefeated. The varsity Cowboys travel to Cedaredge Friday and Delta on Saturday.

Cowboys take to the mats

By TIFFANY JEHOREK
Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER I After three full weeks of practice the Cowboy wrestlers finally took to the mats. Saturday found the team split, the varsity competed at the Maverick Duals in Grand Junction and JV at the Olathe JV Tournament.

"The varsity did not have all the weights filled yet," commented head coach JC Watt. "Next week we will be pulling a couple more from JV to varsity to begin filling the team."

Dualing without a full team created numerous forfeits that cost the team points. The Cowboys ended up 1-4, beating Montezuma-Cortez.

In round one against Bayfield Trae Kennedy (106), Charles Curry (132), Dax Sheridan (170), Colby Clatterbaugh (195), and Reese Harvey (285) all pinned their opponents; Kennedy got it

done in 39 seconds and Harvey in 55.

The Cowboys then had a bye until round four where they took on Palisade. Four of the seven team members wrestled. Kennedy won 15-0 for a technical fall, Sheridan by decision, and Clatterbaugh by pin in round two.

The third of the five opponents was Olathe. Some movement of the weights to give each team an opportunity to wrestle a bit more found Kennedy and Blunt moving up a weight class and each losing by decision. Four of seven Cowboys wrestled, and the final score was 33-18 to the Pirates.

In the seventh round of the tournament, the Cowboys dualled Montezuma Cortez. Five of seven Cowboys took to the mats and all were victorious by pins. Curry pulled it off in 42 seconds.

For the final round, the last two teams wrestling in the arena were Meeker and Grand

Junction, battling a 5A team is not easy for a 2A school. All seven Cowboys had a match. Kennedy, Clatterbaugh and Ridge Williams were the Cowboys who came out on top. When it was all said and done, Clatterbaugh ended the tournament undefeated.

"It was exciting to be back on the mats," Watt said. "We saw some good things out there and now we know what we need to work on. The JV was also successful," Watt said. "There are a lot of young guys on the team and Meeker placed fifth out of 16 teams with only six guys." Placing in the top three were Dalton Portwood (126), Elijah LeBlanc (145), Dagon Dade (152) and Tanner Musser (220).

This week the varsity wrestlers travel to Cedaredge for a dual against Buena Vista on Friday. Saturday the JV will be in action in Rifle and varsity will be at the Delta tournament.

Swim team takes on Demons

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

MEEKER I The Moffat County Bulldogs traveled to Glenwood for their first — and much anticipated — meet of the year. The Glenwood Springs Demon Meet featured some big accomplishments for a team filled with new swimmers.

“I was excited for the A relay to swim together,” commented Head Coach Melany Neton, “there are two new swimmers, Ellina Jones and Jeni Kincher on the team this year, and it is rounded out by veterans Kelsey McDiffet and Alexa Neton.”

The A relay team is just shy of qualifying for state in the freestyle relay. The time to beat is 2 minutes and about 8 seconds and the team swam the 200-yard freestyle with a time of 2 minutes 22 seconds, taking fourth place. They also swam the 200 medley with a time of 2 minutes 20.74 seconds for fifth place and are within 10 seconds of qualifying for state.

The Bulldog to place highest was Neton, who took bronze in the



TIFFANY JEHOEK PHOTO

The Moffat County Bulldogs swim team competed in Glenwood Springs for the first meet of the season. Meeker's Jeni Kincher placed 10th and 13th.

200-freestyle race. Kincher placed 10th in the 100 breaststroke with a time of 1 minute 9.48 seconds and 13th in the 100 freestyle with a time of 1 minute 34.23 seconds. Katie Lockwood, the other Meekerite on the team, is currently out with a shoulder injury.

McDiffet and Neton are nearing qualifying times for state and coach Neton is looking to work on “turns and starts this week to improve speed and we also need

to keep focusing on endurance for all-around improvement.”

“At the JV level there were some big accomplishments for Sarah Johnson, Christian Reyes, Alexei Reyes and Eliana Mack for swimming in their first-ever high school meet,” commented Neton. Mack won the 50 backstroke at the JV level and the others gained some excellent experience.

The team will compete next Dec. 13-14 in Grand Junction.

Meeker Elementary School recognized for 2019 success

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MEEKER I Meeker Elementary is one of up to 100 schools to be nationally recognized for exceptional student achievement in 2019. The National Association of ESEA (Elementary and Secondary Education Act) State Program Administrators has named the Meeker school a National ESEA Distinguished School.

The program publicly recognizes qualifying federally funded schools for the outstanding academic achievements of their students. In place since 1996, the program showcases school success in one of three categories: 1. Exceptional student performance and academic growth for two consecutive years. 2. Closing the achievement gap between student groups for two or more consecutive years. 3. Excellent in serving special populations of students (e.g. homeless, migrant, English learners, etc.)

Meeker Elementary School received the Distinguished School award for the second category: closing the achievement gap between student groups for two or more consecutive years.

The Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) provides additional resources for vulnerable students and federal grants to state educational agencies to improve the quality of public elementary and secondary education.

The Association is a membership organization made up of State ESEA Program Administrators, and their staff from each of the states and territories, charged with managing their state federal education program. They ensure compliance with federal regulations, but more importantly, work to see that all children — especially those living in economically disadvantaged conditions — have the opportunity to receive a high-quality education.

NAESPA implements the National ESEA Distinguished Schools Program to highlight selected schools that have successfully used their ESEA federal funds to improve the education for all students—including economically disadvantaged students. More information about all National ESEA Distinguished Schools is available on the ESEA Network website: www.ESEAnetwork.org.

Trooper Tips: Are you driving impaired?

By **MASTER TROOPER GARY CUTLER**
Special to the Herald Times

RBC I How often do you ask yourself if you are driving impaired? I know you're asking why you would ask yourself that if you are not drinking. But are you actually impaired and don't realize it? Think of it this way, have you ever driven when you were tired or just drove while daydreaming? Let's take a look at this idea.

The official definition of Driving While Ability Impaired is driving a motor vehicle when a person has consumed alcohol or one or more drugs, or a combination of both alcohol and one or more drugs, that affects the person to the slightest degree so that the person is less able than the person ordinarily would have been, either mentally or physically, or both mentally and physically, to exercise clear judgment, sufficient physical control, or due care in the safe operation of a vehicle.

So when you drive when you're tired and having trou-

ble keeping your eyes open just because you are trying to make it to your destination, isn't that impairment? Have you ever been driving and found yourself daydreaming? Ever wondered how you drove so far when you came out of your daydream? See. It's becoming a little clearer.

Let's go back to part of the above definition: affects the person to the slightest degree so that the person is less able than the person ordinarily would have been, either mentally or physically, or both mentally and physically, to exercise clear judgment, sufficient physical control, or due care in the safe operation of a vehicle.

I know that when I am tired, I qualify under the definition of impairment. I am not in a position to be doing actions in which greater concentration is needed. That's especially true when driving. I know that my motor skills are going to be lacking. I may not see things in front of me. It will take me longer to react to situations and I may not make the right choice due to having what I like to call a brain fog from being

too tired.

When patrolling the roads, I have come across people weaving, driving slowly, and going through stop signs all because they were too tired to drive. When I talked with the drivers, all of them had the same attributes of someone that has been drinking. So I ask you, how many of you would never think about drinking and driving, but have gotten behind the wheel and drove while tired? The outcome can be the same; you won't get a DUI or go to jail, but you may get a ticket or be involved in a crash.

So make sure you are awake and aware enough to drive prior to getting behind the wheel. If you are on a trip and start feeling tired, take the time to give yourself a break. Get something to eat, exercise, get some fresh air, or if it's bad enough get some sleep.

The next time you're about to get into your car, stop first and ask yourself if you are too tired to be driving. You owe it to your passengers as well as the other drivers on the road not to have a brain fog.

As always, safe travels!

COAT DRIVE ...



ROXIE FROMANG PHOTO

Leana Cox with Phi Theta Kappa sorority poses with coats collected during the annual Rangely Coat Drive. The final distribution dates are Saturday, Dec. 14 and Sunday, Dec. 15 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. inside Rangely Town Hall.

RANGELY TREE LIGHTING ...



ROXIE FROMANG PHOTO

Rangely celebrated the first annual Old Fashioned CommUNITY Christmas on Saturday, Dec. 7. The festivities included a short Pearl Harbor Remembrance Ceremony on the 78th year anniversary of Japan's attack on the United States naval base at Pearl Harbor in Honolulu, Hawaii, in 1941. Rio Blanco Veteran Services Representative John "Hoot" Gibson spoke about the events that fateful day and led a prayer prior to the lighting of the pine tree in front of Town Hall. Attendees sang "O' Christmas Tree" along Main Street and in front of the Town Hall and afterward were invited to The Gathering (the renovated Ace-Hi building) to enjoy Christmas carols, refreshments and a visit from Santa Claus. Download the Zappar app and scan the code for our live Facebook video.

MEEKER PARADE OF LIGHTS ...



CAITLIN WALKER PHOTOS

Unusually balmy winter weather contributed to a successful Parade of Lights, despite a few glitches. The parade was followed by a fireworks display courtesy of Meeker Volunteer Fire and Rescue as well as sweet treats and caroling in the Meeker Hotel and Cafe. Download the free Zappar app and scan the Zapcode on the photo above for more photos. Live video of the event is available on our Facebook page @heraldtimes1885

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RBC WEEKLY CALL REVIEW

WEEKLY CALL REVIEW AT THE RIO BLANCO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DISPATCH CENTER

Dec. 2-8, 2019
Meeker Dispatch Center administered 442 phone calls last week including 20 911 calls, 76 calls for Meeker Police Department and dispatchers placed 112 outgoing calls. A total of 161 calls for service were created.

Note the department breakdown of calls may differ from the total number reported due to individual incidents with multiple agencies responding.

Law enforcement conducted 16 traffic stops

* Sheriff's Deputies issued one citation on nine stops

* Meeker PD issued one citation on six stops

* There was one traffic arrest

Six traffic crashes occurred in RBC, five involving wildlife and vehicles. RBSO and MPD assisted

Colorado State Patrol on five calls. Sheriff's Deputies responded to 63 requests for service

* 17 agency assists, one 911

hang up, nine animal calls, four civil papers served, three citizen assists, two civil issues, nine motorist assists, two K-9 deployments, four motorist assists, three suspicious incidents, two thefts, two traffic complaints, two traffic hazards, four warrant arrests

* One each: alarm, business check, criminal mischief, disturbance, unattended death, VIN inspection.

Meeker Police Department responded to 80 requests for service

* Three agency assists, one 911

hangup, five animal calls, 23 business checks, three citizen assists, seven civil issues, 14 code enforcement, two parking violations, seven suspicious incidents, four thefts, six VIN inspections

* One each: disturbance, sexual assault, traffic hazard, unattended death

Meeker Fire and Rescue responded to three calls

* Two ambulance requests, one medical transfer to another facility, one unattended death

Rio Blanco Detentions

* Current inmate population is 21, 17 males and four females

* Eight arrests

* Released six

* Booked in eight: one from Meeker, two from Rangely Police Department and five from RBCSO.

* Five transports to or from other facilities.

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

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THEME: HAPPY HOLIDAYS ACROSS

- Taken where?
- Vegas bandit's body part
- Titan's Venus or Collier's Godiva
- Indian metropolis
- Flapper's neckwear
- E-cigarette output
- Galsworthy's "The Forsyte _____," pl.
- Bovine hangout
- UV light absorber
- "Scrooge's late partner
- "December 26th, a.k.a. _____ Day
- Ideas worth spreading, acr.
- Great deal
- "Like Santa's suit
- "_____ Las Vegas," Presley song
- 1/100th of a ruble
- Pupil's place
- "Sleigh bell sound
- Fairy tale dust-sprinkler
- German Mrs.
- Chose between competitors
- Type of ballistic missile, acr.
- Not a gregarious one
- Castaway's home
- Fungal spore sacs
- Pencil end, often
- _____ a-Sketch
- Summer color
- Cuckoo
- "_____ the ramparts..."
- "Santa's call
- "Welcoming holiday decor
- Bird of prey's hunting tool
- 16th birthday gift?
- Engages the services
- Skirt shape
- Beehive State native
- Bikini, e.g.
- Bibliophile's concern, sing.
- D.C. bigwig
- Australian Aboriginal's war club
DOWN
- *Do holiday ones start earlier every year?
- Show pleasure
- Aquarium organism
- Navigational aid
- "Hanukkah month
- Competently
- Wade's 1973 opponent
- Not yet, nor no
- Like Hitler's Germany
- Second word in fairytale
- "Ding follower in "Wonderful
Christmastime"
- **"But I heard him exclaim, _____ he
drove out of sight..."
- Public opinion, in Great Britain
- Changes to a manuscript
- Sturdy tree
- Telephone part
- "Ralphie's wish
- Trial's partner
- Late Princess of Wales
- IV+IV
- Type of cotton fiber
- Exit plus s
- Around
- "Macaulay's famous character
- Takes to court
- "Hanukkah gift
- "Magnolia" ware
- Not in its original form
- Pep rally syllable
- TV variety show classic
- Concentrate
- Yogurt-based dip
- "Manger's glow
- Dish of stewed meat
- "_____ if you...." on a bumper sticker
- Small songbird
- Trampled
- In custody
- Coca Cola's first diet drink
- "What Whos did to roast beast?"
- Silvester Stallone's nickname

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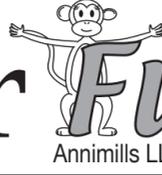
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...homes for the holidays this year!



Kids: color stuff in!



I have *such* a busy schedule for the holidays. This week I made little doughnuts and honey-covered puffs to take to my classmate's Hanukkah celebration. Next week, one of our teachers is going to tell us about the holiday season of Kwanzaa and some of his traditions. Then, I'm going to help Forest and Glade decorate their home with greens for Christmas. Chatter will bake cookies, breads and a Bûche de Noël – a delicious Christmas log cake – and I'll help! What are *you* and your family doing to celebrate the holidays?

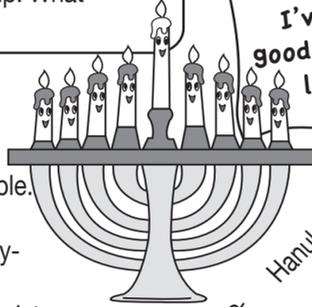
Read the clues to fill in the crossword with holiday fun:

1. Festival of Lights, an 8-day Jewish holiday, honoring the Maccabees' victory over their enemies and the miracle of a small amount of oil that kept burning for 8 days in their temple.
2. Jewish families use this to arrange candles.
3. Families find their recipes for sugared jelly doughnuts, honey-covered puffs and these delicious potato pancakes.
4. Las _____ is a celebration in Mexico for 9 days before Christmas. People act out the journey of Joseph and Mary trying to find shelter.
5. Families make these special treats from a corn dough and a spicy pork or beef filling, all wrapped in corn husks for cooking.
6. Families set up these scenes in their homes: a stable for shelter, the figure of the Christ child in the center with Joseph and Mary looking on, three kings (the Magi), angels, shepherds and townspeople, and some animals.
7. Christian holiday celebrating the birth of Jesus.
8. On Christmas Eve, delivers gifts to good children; fills their stockings too!
9. Families _____ their houses, mantels and halls with lights, greens and a tree.
10. A 7-day festival celebrated by African-Americans; a time to think about their lives and families; how they can help to create strong communities.
11. People decorate, set a nice table for a dinner, light _____ and give gifts.
12. Peanut soup, sweet potatoes, rice or chicken dishes are made for a _____.

Holiday Fun & Feasts

I've been very good this year.

Dear Santa, I've been good all year long!



Hanukkah

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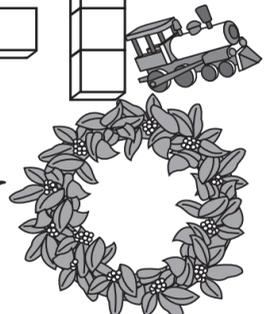
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I'm so tired!

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Santa Claus

Christmas

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Favorite Family Films and Fun!

It's that time of year when there are many choices for family holiday fun and entertainment: movies, plays, television shows, cartoons, books, poetry, stories, and music. Here is a list of some family favorites.

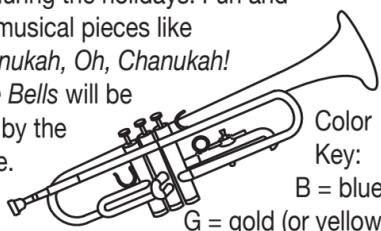
Match each title to its description:

1. Lights: The Miracle of Chanukah
2. Just Enough is Plenty
3. The Legend of the Poinsettia
4. Miracle on 34th Street
5. The Nutcracker Ballet
6. A Charlie Brown Christmas
7. A Christmas Story
8. Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer
9. 'Twas the Night Before Christmas
10. It's Kwanzaa Time!

- A. folktale by Tomie dePaola about a girl in Mexico whose gift to Baby Jesus turns into beautiful poinsettias
- B. dance and musical performance based on storybook; music was written by a famous composer-Tchaikovsky; first shown in Russia
- C. money is tight for the family in this Hanukkah tale; but when a stranger visits they share what little they have
- D. movie that makes everyone want to write to Santa Claus
- E. cartoon that shows the story of Hanukkah (Chanukah) and the family traditions of this holiday
- F. story, song, TV show about reindeer whose bright red nose helps Santa find his way through bad weather to deliver gifts
- G. TV special based on the comic strip *Peanuts*; Charlie Brown, Lucy, Linus and other characters talk about the meaning of Christmas
- H. poem by Clement Clarke Moore describing Santa Claus' trip to deliver gifts; "Happy Christmas to all, and to all a good-night!"
- I. movie about 9-year-old Ralphie who can only think about the Red Ryder air rifle he wants for Christmas
- J. book by Linda and Clay Goss full of stories, songs, recipes, games and crafts for celebrating Kwanzaa

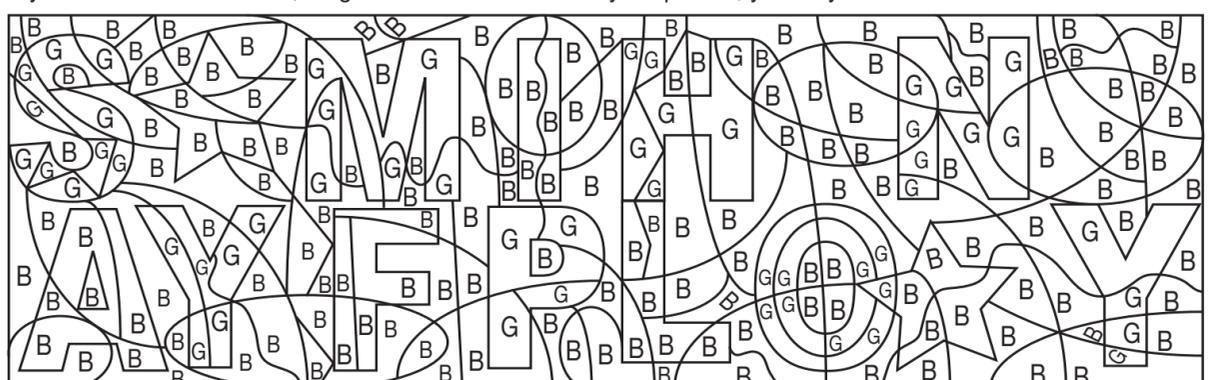
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Color Key:
B = blue
G = gold (or yellow)

If you can hear the musical, magical sounds of the holidays in person, you may be at the...



DAYS GONE BY

The Meeker Herald 125 years ago

■ Sheep men in the northwestern part of Routt County are considerably stirred up over the recent theft of 3,000 head of sheep belonging to Griff Edwards. It seems that Jack McCarthy, Edwards' foreman, is the guilty party. As foreman, he ordered one J.W. McLean, a herder, to drive the sheep to Rifle for shipment, from which point McCarthy shipped the sheep to Kansas City, sod them and pocketed the proceeds, amounting to between \$5,000 and \$6,000. Mr. Edwards is now east trying to recover his sheep or the money.

The Meeker Herald 100 years ago

■ All arrangements for building the proposed railroad into Uintah Basin are completed and everything is ready to start construction work in the coming spring.
■ Good progress was made, past week, on the Neal-Pauls block, despite bad weather. Most of the plate glass windows are now in.
■ The public school is wrongly organized when its main object is to fit for college. It should benefit the many rather than the few.
■ Wright Ball and Miss Estelle Calvin

slipped out to Grand Junction last Friday and were quietly married at that place the following day.

■ Times have changed. In the good old days when a boy became 18 or 19 years old he hit out for himself and the girls got married and looked after their own homes. All the old man had to do was to accumulate enough to retire on and loaf around the stores and livery barns. But nowadays dad has to keep going on high. There are the boys to set up in business and the girls are apt to lug in a husband and a few kids for the old man to provide automobiles for. And the old cuss can't even go on a strike.

The Meeker Herald 50 years ago

■ For some time now, Rio Blanco County Commissioners Hugh Caldwell, Charley Bloomfield and Jay Rector have had Bill Robinson, electronic engineering technician, and present maintenance engineer of the county TV system, working on plans for improvement of the present system with the idea of exchanging one or more of the three present network channels originating in Salt Lake with the corresponding Denver channel or channels.

■ MHS varsity basketball: George Kritas, Terry Ivie, Steve Nieslanik, DeNile Atwood, Coach Bob Tucker, Joe Conrado, Mike

McGruder, Rick Nieslanik, Gary Merriam, Gary McClain, Darrell Arnold, Dave Allen, Keith Watson and Coach Don Zeigler.

The Meeker Herald 25 years ago

■ After 18 months of ownership under Mike and Lisa Cook, *The Meeker Herald* will once again take on new management. This time it will be Glenn R. and Donna L. Troester who hail from the Front Range town of Berthoud.

■ Cowboys, Cowgirls earn 3rd's in Meeker Shootout.

Rangely Times 50 years ago

■ Alvy L. Tucker was installed as Worshipful Master of Rangely Lodge No. 175 of AF&AM.

■ Each month the forces favoring legalization of marijuana talk louder and louder. Newspapers and magazines are full of quotations from this and that "expert" who claims that marijuana is less harmful than alcohol and that all our problems would be solved if "Prohibition" (existing laws) was abolished. How does marijuana harm society? Since a person using it has a strong desire

not to stand alone against the express rules of society, he constantly attempts to influence others to share his position. There is great exhilaration in joining a band of "missionary outlaws" who are convinced that their psychic revolution will bring about the betterment of man. In their own view, they may feel they are "getting out of the rat race" and closer to reality. They believe that they belong to a superior order of human beings. Kids who get high repeatedly don't want to come down. They find a world where seemingly they have no problems and they become social bums. They turn the whole pot scene into a protest tool which they use to mock them middle-class culture they disdain.

■ Everything in the modern home is controlled by switches except the children.

Rangely Times 25 years ago

■ An annual problem around the holidays is vandals taking decorations from people's yards. Chief of Police Jerry Reese said this isn't the only time of the year that such acts occur, as many people find their yards targeted at Halloween as well.

■ Along with the new year, January 1995 will see the arrival of a new physician in our community as Dr. Henry Kiang joins the staff of Rangely District Hospital.



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Original Grantor(s): Ronald D. Tripp
Original Beneficiary(ies): WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.
Current Holder of Evidence of Debt: WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.
Date of Deed of Trust: November 09, 2015
County of Recording: Rio Blanco
Recording Date of Deed of Trust: November 23, 2015
Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/Page No.): 311384
Re-Recording Date of Deed of Trust: December 01, 2015
Re-Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/Page No.): 311410
Original Principal Amount: \$144,400.00
Outstanding Principal Balance: \$134,962.25

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NOTICE OF SALE

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DATE: 09/25/2019
Rhonna Waldref, Public Trustee in and for the County of Rio Blanco, State of Colorado
By: Rhonna Waldref, Public Trustee
The name, address, business telephone number and bar registration number of the attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is:
Alison L. Berry #34531 David R. Doughty #40042 Elizabeth S. Marcus #16092
Lynn M. Janeway #15592 Nicholas H. Santarelli #46592 Sheila J. Finn #36637
Janeway Law Firm 9800 S. Meridian, Suite 400, Englewood, CO 80134 (303) 706-9990
Attorney File # 19-022632
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COMBINED NOTICE - MAILING

CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 19-20

To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust. On September 30, 2019, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Rio Blanco records.

Original Grantor(s): Shelby J. Eichman AND Dawn M. Eichman
Original Beneficiary(ies): MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR NEW DAY FINANCIAL, LLC, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS
Current Holder of Evidence of Debt: WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.
Date of Deed of Trust: February 20, 2009
County of Recording: Rio Blanco
Recording Date of Deed of Trust: March 10, 2009
Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/Page No.): 295200
Original Principal Amount: \$171,245.00
Outstanding Principal Balance: \$142,241.02

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.
ALL THAT PARCEL OF LAND IN CITY OF MEEKER, RIO BLANCO COUNTY, STATE OF COLORADO, AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN DEED DOC # 284191, ID# R000300, BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS LOT 8, BLOCK 28, CITY OF MEEKER.
Also known by street and number as: 681 Water Street, Meeker, CO 81641-3442.
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DATE: 10/01/2019
Rhonna Waldref, Public Trustee in and for the County of Rio Blanco, State of Colorado
By: Rhonna Waldref, Public Trustee
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Original Grantor(s): IAN M. FOWLER
Original Beneficiary(ies): Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Universal Lending Corporation, Its Successors and Assigns
Current Holder of Evidence of Debt: JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association
Date of Deed of Trust: September 30, 2010
County of Recording: Rio Blanco
Recording Date of Deed of Trust: October 01, 2010
Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/Page No.): 299519
Original Principal Amount: \$170,984.00
Outstanding Principal Balance: \$142,391.81

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LOT 63 SANDERSON HILLS SUBDIVISION ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED DECEMBER 19, 1978 AS RECEPTION NO. 185454 TOWN OF MEEKER, COLORADO.
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By: Rhonna Waldref, Public Trustee
The name, address, business telephone number and bar registration number of the attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is:
Courtney Wright #45482 Eve Grina #43658 Holly Shilliday #24423
Jennifer Cruseturner #44452 Jennifer Rogers #34682
McCarthy & Holthus, LLP 7700 E Arapahoe Road, Suite 230, Centennial, CO 80112 (877) 369-6122
Attorney File # 19-868638
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Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado
Rio Blanco County Courthouse Annex
17497 Hwy 64
Rangely, Colorado 81648
Tentative Agenda December 17, 2019

Public Comment: Any member of the public may address the Board on matters which are within the jurisdiction of the Board. If you are addressing the Board regarding a matter listed on the Agenda, you are requested to make your comments when the Board takes that matter. Please limit your comments to three minutes per member or five minutes per group. The public comment time is not for questions and answers. It is your time to express your views.
1. 11:00 a.m. Call to order:
A. Pledge of Allegiance
B. Changes to December 17, 2019 Agenda
1)
2)
C. Move to approve the December 17, 2019 Agenda including any changes.
2. CONSENT AGENDA FOR December 17, 2019
Items of routine and non-controversial nature are placed on the consent agenda. Any Commissioner or member of the audience may request an item be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered separately on the regular agenda prior to action being taken by the Board on the Consent Agenda.
A. Move to approve the below listed items of the Consent Agenda.
B. Consideration of the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado, Meeting Minutes of December 10, 2019.
3. BUSINESS
4. BID OPENINGS
5. BID AWARDS
6. MOU's, CONTRACTS, AND AGREEMENTS
A. Move to approve/deny Contract Modification Order No. 01 to an Agreement for Services between the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado and Hurst Roofing, LLC for the RBC 2019 Rangely Airport Hayes Building Project, extending the completion date from August 30, 2019 to December 30, 2019.
B. Move to approve/deny an Agreement for Services between the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado and Melanie Hendershott, MS, RD, CSO in an amount not to exceed \$3,500.00.
7. RESOLUTIONS
8. OTHER BUSINESS
9. PUBLIC HEARINGS

Adjourn
The agenda is provided for informational purposes only; all times are approximate. Agenda items will normally be presented 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 January 7, 2020 in the Rio Blanco County Historic Courthouse, 555 Main St., 3rd Floor Hearing Room, Meeker, Colorado 81641. Please check the County's website for information at <http://rbc.us/186/Board-of-County-Commissioners>. If you need special accommodations please call 970-878-9431 in advance of the meeting so that reasonable accommodations may be made.
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TOWN OF RANGELY Check Register
November-19
AFIAC, 297.15
ALL COPY PRODUCTS INC, 897.67
ALL WATER SUPPLY LLC, 223.94
AQUIONICS INC, 260.80
BADGER METER INC, 2932.19
BILLGREN, MATTHEW, 100.00
BLOCK, LAVON, 40.00
BOY-KO SUPPLY CO, 183.26
CANYON PINTADO VETERINARY CLINIC, 294.20
CARROT-TOP INDUSTRIES INC, 308.99
CASELLE, INC, 1418.00
CEBT, 31600.52
CENTURY EQUIPMENT COMPANY, 135.97
CENTURYLINK, 1464.51
CERTIFIED BUSINESS SVC INC, 186.14
CHAMBERIN ARCHITECTS, 1260.00
CHUMACERO, JUAN A, 24.09
CIMARRON TELECOMMUNICATIONS LLC, 55.00
CIRSA, 200.00
COLORADO BACKFLOW PREVENTION LLC, 130.00
COLORADO CPA SERVICES PC, 125.00

COLORADO DOORWAYS INC, 720.91
CONSERVANCY OIL COMPANY, 118.72
COX, MARYBEL, 40.00
CURRENT SOLUTIONS, 9924.00
DAN E. WILSON, ATTORNEY AT LAW LLC, 995.20
DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR/BLM, 1585.01
DIRECTV, 439.75
DOMINIQUEZ ARCHAEOLOGICAL RES INC, 6000.00
DUCEY'S ELECTRIC, 8370.76
EMC PLUMBING & HEATING INC, 908.29
FASST SIGNS, 100.38
FIDELITY ADVISOR FUNDS, 20229.56
FILES, RYAN & RACHEAL, 127.50
FIRST BANKCARD, 3896.20
FPPA, 551.92
FRESH EXPRESS, 60.75
GALLS LLC, 159.74
GEER, LUKE D., 100.00
GRANGER, ALISA, 100.00
HACH, 3386.38
HACKING, TYSON, 100.00
HAMLIN, TIRYNN, 40.00
HIRERIGHT INC, 68.26
HUDDLESTON-BERRY ENG & TESTING INC, 570.00
INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY, 389.83
ITRON INC, 1339.19
KEY, ANDREW J, 100.00
KUMMER, JEFF, 264.00
LEECH, JESSE, 40.00
MAIL SERVICES, 712.10
MASTER PETROLEUM CO INC, 1554.39
MEEKER SAND & GRAVEL, 1425.90
MOON LAKE ELECTRIC, 16879.98
MOUNTAIN STATES PIPE & SUPPLY, 285.56
MULLER'S BUILDING SERVICE, 1500.00
NETWORKS UNLIMITED INC, 3216.48
NICHOLS STORE, 99.90
NORCO, 25.26
OLSEN, DAREN, 2000.00
PAULLEY CONSTRUCTION LLC, 5000.00
PIERING, LISA, 40.00
PINNACOL ASSURANCE, 2842.01
PROFESSIONAL TOUCH, 1860.51
PUBLIC SAFETY CENTER INC, 520.00
QC TESTING, 495.20
QUALITY CARPET & FURNISHINGS, 2891.55
QUILL CORPORATION, 312.67
RANGELY AUTO PARTS, 554.13
RANGELY COLLISION CENTER LLC, 2774.20
RANGELY DISTRICT HOSPITAL, 100.00
RANGELY HARDWARE, 3348.22
RANGELY SCHOOL FOUNDATION, 13566.58
RANGELY TRASH SERVICE, 778.00
RANGELY, TOWN OF, 4448.01
RESPOND FIRST AID SYSTEMS, 50.80
RIO BLANCO COUNTY, 31090.84
ROBIE, TREY, 100.00
ROCKY MOUNTAIN WEED MANAGEMENT, 97.00
SCHMEUSER GORDON MEYER INC, 3767.50
SENERGY BUILDERS LLC, 3914.00
SERVICE MASTER CLEAN, 1007.00
SGS ACCUTEST INC, 573.22
SHAFFER, ANDREW, 150.00
SODEXHO INC, 47.23
STANDARD INSURANCE COMPANY RC, 645.47

SUMMIT ENERGY, 27948.96
TDA CONSTRUCTION INC, 81191.75
TIMBERLINE ELECTRIC & CONTROL, 1710.00
TRANSUNION RISK & ALTERNATIVE, 50.00
UNCC, 51.12
URIE ROCK COMPANY, 420.06
USA BLUEBOOK, 108.17
VERIZON WIRELESS, 763.04
WAGNER EQUIPMENT COMPANY, 34.92
WESTECH, 17000.00
WESTERN SLOPE CTR FOR CHILDREN, 622.50
WEX BANK, 5675.58
WHITE RIVER MARKET, 20.97
WILCZEK, KAREN S, 300.00
WINWATER COMPANY, 9139.39
WRB REC & PARK DISTRICT, 1541.25
TOTAL, 358,115.20
Published: December 12, 2019
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NOTICE OF HEARING BY PUBLICATION TO INTERESTED PERSONS AND OWNERS BY DESCENT OR SUCCESSION PURSUANT TO § 15-12-1303 C.R.S
In the Matter of the Determination of Heirs or Devisees or Both and of Interests in Property of:
FRANK M. MILATZO, SR., Deceased
Rio Blanco County District Court
Case No. 2019PR30018

To all interested persons and owners by descent or succession: James Ditzel, as President of Westland Holdings, Inc., a Wyoming corporation, John A. Milatzo, deceased 10/10/11, James Milatzo and Diana Milatzo
A petition has been filed alleging that the above decedent died leaving the following property:
Property 1: The Windy Point Lode Mining Claim and the Windy Point Lode Mining claim No. 2., Township 2 North, Range 92 Wet, 6th P.m. Section 22

The hearing on the petition will be held at the following time and location or at a later date to which the hearing may be continued:
Date: January 17, 2020 Time: 9:00 a.m.
Address: 455 Main St., Meeker, CO 81641
The hearing will take approximately 0 minutes.
Note:
You must answer the petition on or before the hearing date and time specified above.
Within the time required for answering the petition, all objections to the petition must be in writing, filed with the court and served on the petitioner and any require filing fee must be paid.
The hearing shall be limited to the petition, the objections timely filed and the parties answering the petition in a timely manner. If the petition is not answered and no objections are filed the court may enter a decree without a hearing.
Kris Koski, Atty. Reg. #: 40531
Long Reimer Winegar LLP
PO Box 87, Cheyenne, WY 82003
Phone Number: 307-635-0710
Fax Number: 307-635-0413
E-mail: kkoski@lrw-law.com
Published: November 28, December 5 & 12, 2019
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DISTRICT COURT, RIO BLANCO COUNTY, COLORADO
455 Main Street, Meeker, Colorado 81641, Telephone: (970) 878-5622
Plaintiff: Cap Energy, LLC v. Defendant: B. P. Allaire
Attorneys for Cap Energy, LLC
Karen L. Spaulding, #16547
Beatty & Wozniak, P.C.
216 Sixteenth Street, Suite 1100, Denver, CO 80202
303-407-4499 (Phone) 800-886-6566 (Fax) kspaulding@bwenerylaw.com
Case No.: 2019CV30024 Div.: B

FIRST AMENDED COMPLAINT
Plaintiff Cap Energy, LLC ("CAP"), through its attorneys, Beatty & Wozniak, P.C., states for its First Amended Complaint against the Defendant as follows:
PARTIES
1. CAP Energy, LLC, is a Colorado limited liability company in good standing, and is located at 5200 W. 20th Street, Greeley, Colorado 80634.
2. B. P. Allaire, upon information and belief, is a resident of the State of California. Allaire's mailing address is 10940 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 2300, Los Angeles, CA 90024.
3. Jurisdiction in this Court is reasonable and proper under Article VI of the Colorado Constitution and C.R.S. § 13-1-124(a), (b), and (c), 2018, because this action arises out of CAP and Allaire's transaction of business within the state and the transfer of real-property assets from CAP to Allaire in accordance with the terms of the parties' contract. This action also arises from Allaire's fraudulent conduct directed at and impacting CAP in Colorado.
4. Further, Colorado law governs the claims in this case. The contract at issue was to be performed in Colorado and pertains to the transfer of real-property interests from CAP to Allaire. In the course of consummating that transaction, Allaire fraudulently misrepresented that he was acting on behalf of a dissolved entity, Foothills Exploration, LLC. That fraudulent conduct was directed at CAP, which is a Colorado company with its principal place of business in the state. By contrast, California's, or any other state's, interest in this matter arises from Allaire's apparent residency in California. Neither the contract at issue nor Allaire's fraud was intended to produce effects in California or was directed towards California.
5. Venue is proper in this Court in accordance with Colorado Rule of Civil Procedure 98(a) and (c)(1) & 5 because: (a) Allaire is a non-resident of Colorado; (b) the case involves a breach-of-contract claim; (c) the real property at issue is located in Rio Blanco County, Colorado; and (d) the breach of contract and fraud at issue occurred in Colorado. Therefore, CAP properly designated Rio Blanco County as the venue for this suit.

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS
The Assignment
6. Allaire and CAP are both sophisticated parties involved in the oil and gas industry.
7. On March 21, 2018, Foothills Exploration, LLC ("Foothills") executed and returned to CAP an Assignment, Conveyance and Bill of Sale ("Assignment").
8. The Assignment is effective as of January 1, 2018, although CAP did not countersign the Assignment until March 23, 2018.
9. Allaire executed the Assignment as the Manager of Foothills.
10. At the time of that Foothills and CAP purportedly entered into the Assignment, Foothills, a Nevada limited liability company, was dissolved.
11. CAP was not aware that Foothills was dissolved at the time it executed the Assignment.
12. Allaire also did not reveal that Foothills was not a viable entity prior to executing the Assignment.
13. As of the filing of this First Amended Complaint, Foothills has not been revived or reorganized as an entity in Nevada or any other state.
14. CAP relied on the existence of Foothills as a viable and duly organized limited liability company in deciding to execute the Assignment.
15. If CAP had known that Foothills was dissolved, it would not have entered into the Assignment.
16. The Assignment provides for the sale of all of CAP's right, title and interest in certain oil and gas leases, wells, and other interests located in Rio Blanco County, Colorado (the "Interests"). The leases assigned to Foothills cover the following lands:
Township 2 South, Range 103 West, 6th P.M.
Section 17: SW/4
Section 18: SE/4
Section 19: Lots 1-2, NE/4, E/2NW/4, SE/4
Section 20: NW/4
Referenced as the "Lands."
17. There is at least one producing oil and gas well located on the Lands.
18. Because Foothills did not exist at the time of the Assignment's execution Allaire is personally liable under the Assignment. Thus, Allaire is the owner of the Interests.
The Three-Way Negotiations
19. The Assignment is a product of a three-way negotiation between Allaire, CAP, and an entity called Xtreme Energy Company ("Xtreme").
20. Xtreme originally owned the Interests among a variety of other oil and gas assets outside the State of Colorado.
21. CAP was not interested in acquiring the Interests from Xtreme. It learned, however, that Foothills was interested in acquiring those assets, which prompted both parties to contact Xtreme about selling the Interests and its other non-Colorado oil and gas assets.
22. In light of CAP and Foothills' differing interests in the assets of Xtreme, the parties settled on an arrangement in which CAP would acquire the Interests and Xtreme's non-Colorado assets and then sell the Interest to Foothills. This deal structure reduced the complexity of the individual assignments.
23. As a further result of that transaction structure, CAP never obtained the Bureau of Land Management's ("BLM") approval to assume operatorship of the well and federal oil and gas leases sold to Foothills subject to the Assignment. CAP owned the Interests for only a brief moment.
Allaire's Breach of the Assignment
24. Nevertheless, under the Assignment, Foothills expressly agreed to execute all instruments or conveyances necessary to effectuate the transfer of the Interests to Foothills.
25. In particular, the Assignment between CAP and Foothills explicitly acknowledged that the approval of certain governmental agencies may be required, including the BLM, in order to finalize the transfer of the Interests to Foothills.
26. Consequently, CAP agreed to obtain, prepare, and execute any documents necessary for the approval of any governmental agencies to effectuate the transfer of the Interests to Foothills.
27. Foothills likewise agreed to countersign any such documents provided by CAP, including the documents transferring Xtreme's and CAP's rights in any federal oil and gas leases, and to file the same with the appropriate governmental agency.
28. Foothills or rather Allaire failed to comply with its obligations under the Assignment.
29. CAP repeatedly provided Foothills with the executed documentation necessary to secure the transfer of the Interests to Foothills.
30. CAP also provided Foothills a Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission ("COGCC") Form 10 - Change of Operator form, which is necessary to designate Foothills as the operator of the well it acquired through the Assignment.
31. Foothills never executed nor submitted those forms to the BLM or the COGCC despite receiving multiple letters from CAP transmitting those documents to Foothills.
32. CAP now faces the prospect of legal action by Xtreme for any regulatory violations pertaining to the well sold to Foothills because Foothills has not transferred operatorship of that well from Xtreme to itself. CAP faces a similar threat of legal action arising from Xtreme's continued status as the operator of record with BLM for the federal oil and gas leases at issue.
33. All conditions precedent to the filing of this First Amended Complaint have occurred or have been waived or excused.

FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF (Declaratory Judgment)
34. CAP incorporates paragraphs 1 through 33 of this First Amended Complaint by reference as though fully set forth herein.
35. At the time CAP executed the Assignment Foothills was a dissolved Nevada entity.
36. Foothills is and remains a dissolved entity.
37. Because Foothills did not exist at the time of the Assignment's execution Allaire is personally liable under the Assignment. Thus, Allaire is the owner of the Interests and obligated to perform all of the obligations of Foothills under the Assignment.
38. A present controversy exists between Allaire and CAP regarding Allaire's personal liability under the Assignment.
39. CAP, therefore, requests that the Court declare that Allaire is liable under the Assignment, the owner of the Interests, and obligated to perform under the Assignment. CAP also requests such other relief as this Court deems just and proper.
SECOND CLAIM FOR RELIEF (Specific Performance)
40. CAP incorporates paragraphs 1 through 39 of this First Amended Complaint by reference as though fully set forth herein.
41. The Assignment is a valid and enforceable contract between CAP and Allaire.
42. Because Foothills did not exist at the time of the Assignment's execution Allaire is personally liable under the Assignment. Thus, Allaire is the owner of the Interests and obligated to perform all of the obligations of Foothills under the Assignment.
43. CAP fully performed under the Assignment by transferring the Interests to Foothills and providing the necessary documentation for Foothills to designate itself as the lessee and operator of record with the BLM and the operator of record with the COGCC.
44. Allaire, as the owner of the Interests, breached the Assignment by failing to designate himself as the lessee and operator of record with the BLM and as the operator of record with the COGCC.
45. Under the terms of the Assignment, Allaire is obligated to designate himself as the lessee and operator of record with the BLM and as the operator of record with the COGCC.
46. CAP does not have an adequate alternative legal remedy to specific performance that is capable of curing the harm resulting and likely to result from Allaire's breach of the Assignment.
THIRD CLAIM FOR RELIEF (Breach of Contract)
47. CAP incorporates paragraphs 1 through 46 of this First Amended Complaint by reference as though fully set forth herein.
48. The Assignment is a valid and enforceable contract between CAP and Allaire.
49. CAP fully performed under the Assignment by transferring the Interests to Foothills and providing the necessary documentation for Foothills to designate itself as the lessee and operator of record with the BLM and as the operator of record with the COGCC.
50. Allaire, as the owner of the Interests, breached the Assignment by failing to designate himself as the lessee and operator of record with the BLM and as the operator of record with the COGCC.
51. As a direct and proximate result of Allaire's breach of the Assignment, CAP has suffered damages in an amount to be proven at trial.
FOURTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF (Rescission for Fraud and Restitution)
52. CAP incorporates paragraphs 1 through 51 of this First Amended Complaint by reference as though fully set forth herein.
53. Allaire consciously and substantially misled CAP to believe that Foothills was a viable entity at all times before and after he executed the Assignment as the agent for Foothills.
54. As set forth above, Foothills was dissolved at the time Allaire executed the Assignment on its behalf, and remains so to the present.
55. CAP requests this Court judicially decree the Assignment rescinded and void ab initio on account of Allaire's fraud.
56. As a direct and proximate result of this fraud in inducing CAP to execute the Assignment, CAP requests the Court enter a judicially decreed rescission of the Assignment.
57. CAP is entitled to rescission for fraud and restitution in the amount of disgorgement of Allaire's net profits to prevent Allaire's unjust enrichment in an amount to be proven at trial, or as otherwise permitted by law or equity.
FIFTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF (Equitable Rescission and Restitution)
58. CAP incorporates paragraphs 1 through 57 of this First Amended Complaint by reference as though fully set forth herein.
59. Allaire has made conscious and substantial breaches of the Assignment.
60. Allaire's conscious and substantial breaches of the Assignment have resulted in irreparable injury to CAP.
61. CAP's damages are inadequate, difficult, or impossible to assess.
62. As a result, CAP seeks equitable rescission of the Assignment.
63. CAP is entitled to equitable rescission and restitution in the amount of disgorgement of Allaire's net profits to prevent Allaire's unjust enrichment in an amount to be proven at trial, or as otherwise permitted by law or equity.
REQUEST FOR RELIEF
WHEREFORE, CAP respectfully requests that this Court enter judgment as follows:
(a) For CAP and against Allaire on its claim for declaratory judgment; and
(b) For CAP and against Allaire on its claim for specific performance of the Assignment; and
(c) For CAP and against Allaire on its claim for breach of the Assignment;
(d) For CAP and against Allaire on its rescission claims (fraud and equitable rescission);
(e) For CAP on its claim for restitution and/or damages; and
(f) For further relief to which CAP is legally or equitably entitled as this Court deems just and equitable, including the award of attorneys' fees and costs under C.R.S. § 13-17-102.
Respectfully submitted this 5th day of November, 2019.
Original signature on file in the offices of Beatty & Wozniak, P.C.
s/ Karen L. Spaulding
Karen L. Spaulding, #16547
BEATTY & WOZNIAK, P.C.
Attorneys for Cap Energy, LLC
Address of Plaintiff:
5200 W. 20th Street
Greeley, Colorado 80634
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The hearing on the petition will be held at the following time and location or at a later date to which the hearing may be continued:
Date: January 17, 2020 Time: 9:00 a.m.
Address: 455 Main St., Meeker, CO 81641
The hearing will take approximately 0 minutes.
Note:
You must answer the petition on or before the hearing date and time specified above.
Within the time required for answering the petition, all objections to the petition must be in writing, filed with the court and served on the petitioner and any require filing fee must be paid.
The hearing shall be limited to the petition, the objections timely filed and the parties answering the petition in a timely manner. If the petition is not answered and no objections are filed the court may enter a decree without a hearing.
Kris Koski, Atty. Reg. #: 40531
Long Reimer Winegar LLP
PO Box 87, Cheyenne, WY 82003

Phone Number: 307-635-0710
Fax Number: 307-635-0413
E-mail: kkoski@lrw-law.com
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Estate of Deborah Rams, Deceased
Rio Blanco County District Court
Case No. 19PR11
All persons having claims against the above named estate are required to present them to the personal representative or to the District Court of Rio Blanco County, Colorado, on or before May 25, 2020 or the claims may be forever barred.
Courtney Rams, Personal Representative
4622 Kensington Dr.
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Fair Board Meeting
December 19, 2019 @ 6:00 p.m.
Meeker Extension Office Kitchen
12/12-12/19

FOOD BANK OF THE ROCKIES
Monthly Food Distribution
Rio Blanco County Fairgrounds
@ 10:00 AM
Thursday, January 23, 2020
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Haselden Construction is soliciting bids for the Meeker School District Transportation Facility.
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Pricing is due: **Monday, December 23rd @ 2pm**
For questions or to request an Invitation to Bid with access to the documents contact Ashley Vesely - Senior Estimator, Haselden Construction ashleyvesely@haselden.com
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455 Main Street, Meeker, Colorado 81641, Telephone: (970) 878-5622
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Case No.: 2019CV30024 Div.: B

DISTRICT COURT CIVIL SUMMONS
TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT: B.P. Allaire
YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to file with the Clerk of this Court an answer or other response to the attached First Amended Complaint. If service of the Summons and Complaint was made upon you within the State of Colorado, you are required to file your answer or other response within 21 days after such service upon you. If service of the Summons and First Amended Complaint was made upon you outside of the State of Colorado, you are required to file your answer or other response within 35 days after such service upon you. Your answer or counterclaim must be accompanied with the applicable filing fee. If you fail to file your answer or other response to the First Amended Complaint in writing within the applicable time period, the Court may enter judgment by default against you for the relief demanded in the First Amended Complaint without further notice.
Dated: December 5, 2019
s/ Karen L. Spaulding
Karen L. Spaulding, #16547
BEATTY & WOZNIAK, P.C.
Attorneys for Cap Energy, LLC
This Summons is issued pursuant to Rule 4, C.R.C.P., as amended. A copy of the Complaint must be served with this Summons. This form should not be used where service by publication is desired.
WARNING: A valid summons may be issued by a lawyer and it need not contain a court case number, the signature of a court officer, or a court seal. The plaintiff has 14 days from the date this summons was served on you to file the case with the court. You are responsible for contacting the court to find out whether the case has been filed and obtain the case number. If the plaintiff files the case within this time, then you must respond as explained in this summons. If the plaintiff files more than 14 days after the date the summons was served on you, the case may be dismissed upon motion and you may be entitled to seek attorney's fees from the plaintiff.
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Veterans Service Offices Rio Blanco County: Veterans Service Officer - Joe Dungan, Wednesday, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., County Administration Building, 200 Main Street Suite 300, Meeker. 878-9690 office, 878-3219 home. Fax 878-9581. Rangely: Veterans Service Officer - Hoot Gibson, Tuesday and Thursday, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., County Annex, 17497 State Hwy 64, Rangely. 878-9695 office, 675-2669 home.

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



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

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

- Occupational Therapist

- FULL-TIME: [eligible for benefits]:**
- RN - Acute/ED (Days)
 - RN - Acute/ED (Nights)
 - RN/LPN-Wing (LTC) Shift: 2-10 p.m.
 - CNA-Wing (LTC) Days
 - CT/US Tech - Radiology
 - CRT or RRT - Cardiopulmonary
 - Scrub Technician

Submit Resume and/or Application to: Pioneers Medical Center, HR, 100 Pioneers Medical Center Dr., Meeker, Colo., 81641 Visit our Website at: www.pioneershospital.org

Pioneers Medical Center Phone: (970) 878-5047 Fax: (970) 878-3285 100 Pioneers Medical Center Dr., Meeker, CO 81641 Eastern Rio Blanco County Health Service District

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

RANCHES — RURAL RESIDENTIAL — HUNTING PROPERTIES...

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

RAW LAND AND HOMESITES ...

- *MUST SELL - MAKE AN OFFER- 81 Acre Lot East off of School St., fenced, great home site, currently a hay field, not annexed, utilities nearby. \$45,000
- *2101 Meath Dr. - 35 acres in Little Beaver Estates 8 miles east of Meeker. Good pasture. Great views. \$89,900.
- *1751 Bright Water Lane - 39 Acres with White River, irrigated hay meadow, and great home sites. 5,000 sq ft barn with power, septic & cistern. Borders BLM. 14 miles west off of Hwy 64. Great hunting area. \$375,000.
- *2 Large Multi-Family Lots in Sanderson Hills, near Rec Center. Zoned MR-A. \$140,000 for both, or sold separately.
- *5807 CR 7 - Vacant 20 acre parcel, 9 mi. North, on Strawberry Creek. Good home site & views. \$75,000.
- *100 acres - 29 miles east of Meeker, surrounded by Nat'l Forest, covered with aspens. \$1,395,000.00.
- *TBD CR 13 - 35 Acres, 4.5 miles south of town. Fenced, borders BLM on 2 sides. \$189,000. SOLD!
- *92 CR 59 - 5 acres 10 miles up Buford/New Castle Road. Home sites. Borders forest. \$115,000. SOLD!

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2604 Rd. 53-1.951 Acre Hunting Paradise	\$3,850,000	1001 Flag Creek Dr.-Lot 21, New Construction	Under \$425,000	212 Garfield St.-3BD/3BA, Central, Spacious	\$230,000
40± Unencumbered Acres-1,449' Riverfront	\$2,500,000	915 Market St. - Carwash, Residence, Income Opportunity	\$405,000	3915 Rd. 10 - 3.1 acres, Stunning Views, Well Water	\$219,000
2204 Rd. 7-618 Acres, 2 Homes, Shop, Grazing Permit	\$1,980,000	6± Acres, Buford/New Castle Rd.-Meadow, Well & Power	\$389,000	643 4th St. - 2BD/2BA, Beautiful Lot, Convenient Location. REDUCED	\$199,000
4267 Rd. 10-90± Acres, Home, Guest House, Stable	\$1,375,000	43523 Hwy. 13-4.18 Acres, Commercial Opportunity	\$387,000	970 9th St.	SALE PENDING
Elk Creek Ranch Lot-World Class Fishing & Amenities	\$1,300,000	751 Rd. 60	SALE PENDING	1060 Park St. - 4BD/2BA, Fully Remodeled.	\$185,000
1168 Rd. 63-506± Acres, Custom Log Home & Shop	\$1,170,000	363 N Cross L Dr.-3BD/2BA, Valley Views, opt. adjoining lot	\$373,000	824 2nd St.	SALE PENDING
Elk Mountain Inn-21 rooms, Bar, Restaurant, Courtyard	\$975,000	29± Acres up Rd. 8-Valley Views, Building Area, Fishing	\$349,000	109 Market St. - 1/2 Acre, Corner Lot, Highly Visible	\$175,000
223 8th St.-2+BD/2BA, Yard, Adjoining Retail Space	\$790,000	NEW 45304 Hwy. 13-No HOA Pets Welcome! 3+BD/2.5BA, Shop	\$345,000	1299 Rd. 10 - 4.52 Acres, Ideal Basecamp for Units 23/24	\$175,000
658± Acres, Rd. 143-North of RB Lake, Hunt Unit 11	\$660,000	TBD N. 6th St.-8.45± Acres, Livestock Welcome	\$299,000	1105 & 1107 Market St. - Corner Lot, Commercial Opportunity	\$149,000
319± Acres, Rd. 77-Colorow Cabin, Well, Grazing Permit	\$640,000	NEW 946 9th St.-Private & Move-In Ready, 3+BD/2BA	\$299,000	338 Love Ln. - 4± Acres, Residence, Livestock Welcome	\$93,000
431 E. Market St.-22± Acres, Shop, Office, Living Quarters	\$549,000	950 Cleveland St.-3BD/3BA, large workshop	\$285,000	Yoleta Ln. east of CRAIG	SALE PENDING
1100 Flag Creek Dr.-Lot 24, New Construction	Under \$534,000	841 3rd St.-4BD/2BA, Large Lot, Attached Garage	\$279,000	2 Sage Hills Lots - Panoramas, Build Your Dream Home	\$59,000
687 Garfield St.-Historic Brick 4BD/3BA, Corner Lot	\$449,000	7.46 Acres, E. Market St.-Highway Frontage, Great Traffic	\$249,000	Ridge Estates - 22 rural residential lots	From \$45,000 to \$160,000

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