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Shootout ...

The Meeker High School boys' basketball team opened its season with a three-game sweep of the White River Electric Association's annual Cowboy Shootout in Meeker over the weekend. Meeker beat the Fruita Monument Junior Varsity in the championship game. Rangely's Panther cagers finished their three-game play in the Cowboy Shootout, winning their last game. Now, the teams move into their regular-season schedules. For more on the Cowboy Shootout, please see Page 12A.



MSD certifies property tax levy, receives mixed test results

By REED KELLEY
Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER I Certifying the 2015 county property tax mill levy to fund the school district for the next year was the primary task of the Meeker Board of Education (BOE) on Dec 8. The district operates on a general fund mill levy of 6.542, resulting in \$5,057,335 of local property tax.

Also, the district has had an additional 2.869 mills to fund its bond redemption for the new elementary school bond.

Since the 2.869 mills has raised slightly more than the required annu-

al bond payment, the BOE flirted with reducing the bond mills by .368 mill, thus reducing their total county property tax request.

However, board discussion ensued about the uncertainties of the county's total valuation and the board's desire to pay off the bond more quickly than required using funds accumulated in the bond redemption fund.

The reserve in the bond redemption fund now is about \$1.2 million. The total current bond debt is \$16.5 million, which is due for total payoff by 2028. On a motion by Tom Allen, the BOE voted unanimously to keep

the bond mills at 2.869.

In personnel actions, the board accepted the resignations of Julie Bowman as the high school volleyball coach and Jason Browning as the high school baseball coach. Both cited multiple obligations and family as reasons for their resignations.

Also, regarding personnel, the board approved Holly Knowles as a volunteer assistant to the Barone Middle School (BMS) girls basketball team and student Alex Murray as a part-time information technology assistant to Steve Tobin, the district's IT director.

The board had also received sum-

mary charts of the district's results on the state PARCC (Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Career) tests taken by students early last spring. These results had been embargoed until Friday.

Superintendent Chris Selle stated that the test results provided the district with a first PARCC baseline on which to build student performance improvement. Generally, the PARCC test results across the state were low as these tests were more vigorous and of a form with which the students were not familiar.

Selle said that overall Meeker's students were above the statewide

averages for math and below for language arts. This is directly opposite of the results Selle reported last month in his overview of Meeker student achievement.

Selle reminded the board that the high number of "opt-outs" and students not giving the PARCC tests their best efforts tend to skew the total test results.

BMS Principal Jim Hanks reported to the board that the middle school's Biggest Buck and Biggest Bull Elk contest had been won by Dax Sheridan, who had the best of six bucks, and Jeremy Woodward, having had the best of three bulls. This annu-

al contest is sponsored by Strawberry Creek Outfitters.

Hanks and Meeker High School Principal Amy Chinn both reported having more than a dozen students with perfect attendance records so far this fall. At the same time, each school, they said, has about an equal number of kids with poor attendance records.

Chinn has initiated "attendance contracts" with some of the latter students, and that seems to be working well, she said. Attendance records at the district's three schools continue to

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There are a lot of lighted and decorated homes and businesses in Rangely, but one of the top displays is at the Rusty and Amber Barnes residence on South Sunset. The house is spectacularly lighted, but there is more to the display than can be shown in one photograph.



JENNIFER HILL

Rangely child care in danger of closing its doors over funds

By JENNIFER HILL
Special to the Herald Times

RANGELY I In a small town, licensed daycare options for working parents can often be limited. Unfortunately for Rangely, if the financial situation at the non-profit Giant Step Preschool and Child Care Center doesn't change, those

resources could become even more challenging for parents.

"Our current financial position is dire," said Giant Step director Ingrid Reed. "We operate on a shoestring. Tuition covers basic needs such as electricity, phone and most food costs, but we are having problems coming up with larger amounts needed for insurances, playground

bark, carpet cleanings, taxes and such.

"In years past, we were able to request donations from local businesses and apply for grants," Reed said. "Local businesses are struggling themselves and only small donations are coming in. The

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Meeker and Rangely gather 400 boxes for Operation Christmas Child

By JENNIFER HILL
Special to the Herald Times

RANGELY I Over the last six years, a group of churches in Rangely along with a few caring individuals have worked to provide needed hygiene and school supplies and a toy or two to children in impoverished nations around the world by participation in Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child.

Stephanie Hogan, coordinator for the program at Rangely Christian Church, believes in the importance of Operation Christmas Child.

"People, children especially, in poverty-stricken countries do without so much and seeing the videos of the joy on those children's faces makes me realize I can do something even from my small town to show them the love of Jesus," she said. "I'm all about planting seeds, especially in children because they are our future; you never know what an act of kindness will reap and I just trust God to do the rest."

A few years into the program, Hogan realized that another local church, Grace Baptist, was also partic-

ipating. "I figured why not combine our efforts so only one person would need to deliver the boxes to the nearest drop-off site (Vernal or Grand Junction) and we have been collaborating ever since," she said.

Participants can choose the age range and gender of the child that they'd like to prepare a box for and then bring the box to either Rangely Christian Church or Grace Baptist. The program has expanded to include those who want to help, but don't necessarily have the time to put together a

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GERRY LABONTE PHOTO

On Monday, volunteers showcased the many gift boxes donated by Meeker folks to the Operation Christmas Child box campaign. The individuals and families of Meeker did a great job putting together a total of 364 shoe box gifts in December. This year's efforts were significantly greater than previous years and that was consistent with reports from other locations in Western Colorado. These boxes of gifts went to the regional drop-off center in Grand Junction, one of more than 4,000 such locations across the country. Last year alone, more than 10 million shoeboxes went as gifts to needy boys and girls around the world. Operation Christmas Child is a project of Samaritan's Purse® and a number of Meeker's local churches participate, including Emmanuel Baptist Church, which was the gathering spot for the donations/boxes.



SEAN MCMAHON

The streets are slushy and the Market Street sidewalks are unshoveled as seen during the snowstorm last week in Meeker. Meeker Town Hall is reminding all Meeker residents it is their duty to keep residential and business sidewalks clear of snow or to possibly face a fine up to \$1,000—even the businesses along Market Street that didn't have a sidewalk last winter. Town Administrator Scott Meszaros said the town guidelines are that Meeker residents and businesses have 24 hours after a snow incident to shovel the walks during business days, and no later than 48 hours after a snow event on the weekends. "Like all Municipal Code issues, a citation can be issued and up to a \$1,000 fine imposed by the town judge," Meszaros said, stressing that the town is serious about having the walks cleared in order to avoid accidents and lawsuits.



Bethanie, the 2-year-old daughter of Rangely Christian Church's Pastor Shannon and Krystal Brumfield, proudly carries in one of the Operation Christmas Child boxes.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

■ **Food Bank Mobile Pantry** will be in Meeker on Thursday, Dec. 17 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Meeker Fairgrounds.

■ **Science Friday with Doc Bob.** Fridays from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Meeker Public Library.

■ **Holiday Hoops Basketball Clinic** Dec. 21 from 10 a.m.-Noon in the MHS gym. Coaches and high school team members will teach boys and girls K-8th grade fundamental skills for basketball at this free clinic. 970-878-3403; www.meekerrecdistrict.com

■ **Hoops for Charity 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament** Dec. 22 at 9 a.m. in the MHS gym. Teams of three-four players are invited to the sixth annual tournament for 3rd-12th grades. 970-878-3403; www.meekerrecdistrict.com

■ **Customer Appreciation Drawing** Dec. 1-22 at the Meeker Recreation Center. Thank you! The ERBM Recreation and Park District would like to show its gratitude during the holiday season with some free prizes! Visit the Meeker Recreation Center to learn more and enter the prize drawing! 970-878-3403; www.meekerrecdistrict.com

■ **Tot Spot Drop-in Childcare.** Monday-Thursday from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Meeker Recreation Center. (Evening times on Monday and Wednesday as well.) Ready to provide fun and affordable child-

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■ **The Meeker Library Book Club** meets at 1 p.m. the second Monday of each month (excluding holidays). The next meeting will be Jan. 11. We will be discussing "On the Origin of Tepees: the Evolution of Ideas" by Jonnie Hughes. All interested readers are welcome. Stop by the Meeker Library for details.

■ **Adult Pickleball.** From 1-2 p.m. Wednesdays in the Admin Gym at the Meeker Rec Center. Adults, come and give it your best shot at Pickleball—a racquet sport that combines elements of tennis, badminton and table tennis!

■ **Game Day.** Wednesdays at 9 a.m. at the Meeker Recreation Center Lounge for adults 50+. Stop by for refreshments, conversation and a game of cards.

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

■ **Quilting Group.** Tuesday evenings 6-9 p.m. at the Parker Mall. Bring your sewing machine and project.

■ **Gentlemen's Group.** Tuesdays at 9 a.m. at the Meeker Recreation Center Lounge for adults 50+. Stop by for refreshments and conversation.



Rocky Mountain Bowstrings, owned by Jeff and Kristen Eskelson of Meeker, is nearing completion on a new building located at 178 Main Street in Meeker. The 6,000-square-foot building will be used primarily to expand the Eskelsons' growing bowstring business.

Eskelsons expanding Bowstrings business

By SEAN McMAHON
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MEEKER I Jeff and Kristen Eskelson purchased Rocky Mountain Bowstrings, Inc., from Bill and Erma Rucker in 2010, and since then the business has continued to thrive and grow.

Rocky Mountain Bowstrings, Inc., produces archery bowstrings for the OEM (original equipment manufacturer) archery production business.

Since 2010, the Eskelsons have more than quadrupled their customer base and string production volume, Jeff said. Eskelson, an engineer in heavy industrial manufacturing for 20 years, explained that he is able to design and build automation equipment his competitors either cannot afford or cannot design.

"These machines allow higher volume production while being able to hold to the toughest bowstrings standards in the industry," he said.

Eskelson said that with the strong increase in customer base and sales, Rocky Mountain Bowstrings needed more production space, so, in the spring of this year, the Eskelsons started working toward purchasing the adjacent property to their current operation at 178 Main St.

The building is 6,000 square feet and, Eskelson said, will be used primarily to expand the growing bowstring business.

Rio Blanco County jobless rate up slightly

By SEAN McMAHON
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RBC I The same number of Rio Blanco County residents were receiving unemployment in October as there were in September of this year, but because the available workforce was down slightly, the Rio Blanco County

jobless rate rose from 4.5 percent in September to 4.6 percent in October.

In both months, there were 128 persons listed on unemployment but the available workforce in Rio Blanco County was 2,805 persons in October and 2,832 in September, meaning more were working in September.

In October, there were 2,805 per-

sons in the workforce, there were 2,677 employed workers and 128 jobless for a jobless rate of 4.6 percent. In September, there were 2,832 in the workforce, 2,704 who were working and 128 jobless for a jobless rate of 4.5 percent.

Both rates are up from a year ago, as the October 2014 jobless rate was 4.3 percent. At that time, there were 2,945 in the workforce, 2,819 were working and there were only 126 on jobless benefits for an unemployment rate of 4.3 percent.

Overall in Colorado, the jobless rate held steady from September to October with both months at 3.3 percent in the non-seasonally adjusted labor force statistics.

In October of this year, there were 2,814,657 in the state workforce with 2,721,656 holding jobs and 93,001 on unemployment. In September, there

were 2,810,511 persons in the available state workforce while 2,717,052 were working. There were 93,459 on unemployment for an equal 3.3 percent jobless rate. In October 2014, the state jobless rate was 4.0 percent compared with 2,836,380 in the state labor force, 2,723,226 were working and 113,154 were unemployed.

In October, of Colorado's 64 counties, Rio Blanco County was ranked behind 52 counties that have lower jobless rates, three other counties also had a 4.6 percent unemployment rate, the same as Rio Blanco County, and nine counties had higher unemployment rates.

The county with the lowest jobless rate (and county seat) in October of this year was Dolores County (Dove Creek) with 1.6 percent followed by

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be at 94 percent for the elementary and middle schools while the high school is at 93 percent. Selle reported attendance is not as good for seniors.

Meeker Elementary School (MES) Principal Kathy Collins reported that the MES accountability committee is looking for a non-parent to serve on the committee. State law requires a non-parent community member to be on building accountability committees.

In other business, the board accepted the preliminary audit, which must be completed by the end of the month and submitted to the state. District administration and representative BOE members will be meeting with the auditor in the coming weeks.

The board also certified that the district website

www.meeker.k12.co.us would be the official public notice location, but confirmed that they would also continue to post notices in the *Herald Times* and at the post office.

The BOE was at full strength Tuesday as newly elected member Bob Dorsett has returned from his science leadership courses on the Sea of Cortez with the National Outdoor Leadership School. The educational trip had kept Dorsett from attending the November board meeting.

The board concluded business by signing a condolence card to be sent to the Big Sandy School District in solidarity for their loss of seventh grade Simla Junior High student Wesley Maranville, who collapsed during a basketball game last week and died.

They also wished board president Bud Ridings the best for his birthday.

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box.

"Several years ago I realized that some people don't have the time or inclination to pack boxes but still want to help, so I offered that our youth group would do the shopping and packing with any donations people wanted to make, and that has been a huge success," Hogan said.

The first year of the program, 20 boxes were produced for poverty stricken children.

However, this year's totals evidence how much the program has grown with Rangely Christian Church putting together 51 boxes, Grace Baptist providing 44 and another dozen produced from other individuals for a total of 107 boxes.

For an additional \$7 donation box makers can print off a shipping label

from the Samaritan's Purse website to track their box and learn what country it was delivered to.

Those who are interested in learning more about the program or contributing for next Christmas can contact either Rangely Christian Church or Grace Baptist.

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process of receiving grants has become very competitive, and an organization struggling to stay open is sometimes considered a 'sinking ship.'

"If Giant Step does not receive a sizable grant or donation, we will not be able to afford to pay upcoming mandated bills," Reed said. "We must carry insurance, the playground must have a predetermined depth of bark, workman's comp must be paid and a consultant nurse must be on hand (yearly fee), pest control, and the list goes on."

"Without income that can go towards the required expenses, G.S. will not be able to stay open as a business," she said.

Self-employed parent Beth Wiley has used Giant Step for five years and is hopeful that the financial situation will turn around.

"It would be really sad for the community if they were to close," Wiley said. "Having that kind of facility available to our community is great."

Financial concerns are not new to Giant Step.

According to Reed, full time tuition rates were raised from \$35 to \$40 in 2012, but Reed doesn't believe another increase is likely.

"People still complain about that increase," she said. "The board of directors and myself have discussed a rate raise, but we do not think that we can at this time."

Despite the concerns over cost, Reed believes that their current rates are fair.

"Compared to Grand Junction, however, we are very compatible in our rates," she said. "Some centers run a little higher, some a little lower, most charge regardless if your child attends or not, taking the prearranged days in consideration."

"We don't charge for missed days as long as the parents contact us and let us know what is going on," Reed said. "We have a registration fee, and a 'No show, No call' fee if nobody contacts us in a courteous time frame. One reason for this fee is that we order the children's lunches from Giovanni's and

must know how many. The lunches cost us \$3.25 a child. The tuition includes breakfast, lunch and afternoon snack."

Wiley said she feels the cost is well worth it.

"The environment is geared towards children and enrichment," she said. "The kids have a great time learning, and not just their letters but so much more. My kids still ask to go after school." Wiley said she believes that participation in the preschool program also helped prepare her two boys to attend the preschool program at the public school.

"They were introduced to routines different from what they experience at home daily," she said. "It really helped them become more flexible."

The preschool portion of Giant Step's services utilizes Creative Curriculum, which is designed for children ages 3-5 and is aligned to Colorado State Standards. It aims to teach children how to learn, not just in preschool, but throughout their lives.

According to Giant Step's website, the focus of the curriculum is how to get along well with others and to become independent, self-confident learners. The environment is designed to enhance the four areas of development: emotional, social, academic and physical skills.

Giant Step has a long history in Rangely, first opening in 1980 at St. Ignatius Church. In 1997, they purchased the old Masons building and updated it into today's Giant Step. They are now classified as a "small center" and can care for up to 15 children ages 2-12 at one time.

Reed says that most days Giant Step sees between 7 and 15 kids with many attending before or after school. However, Fridays are much slower, when the center averages four kids.

Fortunately, there is a plan to try and increase Friday attendance.

Giant Step recently debuted "Friday Fun Days," when they charge a discounted daily rate of \$30 per child. The next Fun Day is Dec. 18.

The staff has planned special activities such as crafts, baking and

treasure hunts for the kids. The hope is that parents will use the child care service while accomplishing their holiday errands and then reuse the service later.

Reed and Wiley believe that the services provided by Giant Step are vital to Rangely.

"As a community, Rangely needs to be attractive to potential citizens," Reed said. "Any young couple with children planning to move to Rangely will definitely check out schools and child care facilities."

For those interested in trying to keep Giant Step around, they are always accepting donations. For those enthusiastic, committed individuals who want to have an even larger impact there are currently openings on their center's board of directors.

"The staff at Giant Step truly cares for and is committed to the kids," Wiley said. "My kids have developed relationships with the amazing staff and love when they get to attend Giant Step."



With the cold, snow and wind early this week, good ole Santa Claus appears to be in slightly warmer surroundings near a beach somewhere, trying to help remind Rangely parade watchers on Saturday night that winter won't go on forever and that warmer temperatures are coming—eventually.

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FROM MY WINDOW...

Christmas lights create holiday mood; prep basketball a joy

By SEAN McMAHON
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I must admit to being a bit of a Scrooge. It has been more than just a couple of decades since I became excited about Christmas. As an adult on my own until I got married at the age of 29, there wasn't much to look forward to.

I never did have a hankering for really expensive things, so I was in a position that if I wanted something, I would go out and buy it.

Sometimes I had to save for a couple of months, but most of the time I didn't have to save. I mean how much does a fishing rod and a couple of lures cost—\$25 back then for a good Shakespeare rod and a few Panther Martin lures?

When I was single, I went out for a prime rib dinner on Christmas or went to someone's house for either turkey or ham. I was grateful for a good meal no matter what form it came in and no matter the time of year.

Getting married didn't really change things much because I still didn't want anything extravagant, and while my wife now of 33 years, Cris, would in no way let me go by without buying anything, her Christmas gift lists, while extravagant next to mine, still aren't unreasonable.

Because we had ourselves and because we usually lived hundreds of miles from relatives, we got in the habit on Christmas Eve of driving around wherever it was we were living, stopping for a hot chocolate, and going driving around town for a couple of hours looking at the lights strung from the houses and trees and businesses in town.

Then the Christmas mood would return. It lasted the Christmas Eve eve and on into Christmas Day. Even though I still don't get terribly excited about Christmas Day to this day, it really is my favorite time of year with the lights, the good moods that most people appear to be in and

I even like the colder weather as long as it doesn't get down to 25- and 30-below zero like it has done the past two winters.

I am also grateful that the wind doesn't blow a whole lot here during the winter. And if you think the wind blows a lot here, I can give you the names of a lot of towns in a lot of different states that really do blow cold and hard during the winter.

Anyway, while Cris and I have done a lot of driving around at night looking for homes that are decorated to feature in the newspaper, I am still looking forward to going out on Christmas Eve. My wife and I will head out with our hot chocolate and drive up and down darned near every street in Meeker and we will thoroughly enjoy the lights on the homes and businesses and think of the children's smiling faces all over Rio Blanco County and elsewhere as there certainly is something magical about the day—and uplifting to children and adults.

Including me!
Merry Christmas a week from today ... here's hoping that the spirit of the holiday is with you and that you are with or in touch with your loved ones.



It has been many years since I covered university/college, community college and/or high school basketball as part of my career in the newspaper business, a time I thoroughly enjoyed.

I love basketball and it is second only to professional/college football and golf as far as my television watching is concerned.

But when I stopped covering basketball for professional reasons, I found it wise to stay away from the local games—particularly high school—because I was no longer in



that department, and it became quite unpleasant to hear only the negative comments from the fans, who turn into immediate critics as soon as you are not the sports writer covering their team.

I wasn't responsible for anything having to do with sports as I moved over to the news side of the business, and those two departments rarely intermingle because of different interests, different bosses, different hours of work and the unspoken angst at a large paper was that news didn't like sports because they took up too much of the paper and sports didn't like news because they took up too much of the paper.

So it went for many years. I was on one side of the business—news—and sports was in its own little world.

I've had enough of it.
Meeker and Rangely have had some good football teams, outstanding basketball teams (boys and girls), some great wrestling teams, volleyball teams and track, field and cross country teams. Over the years, both of these schools have had a lot to be proud of.

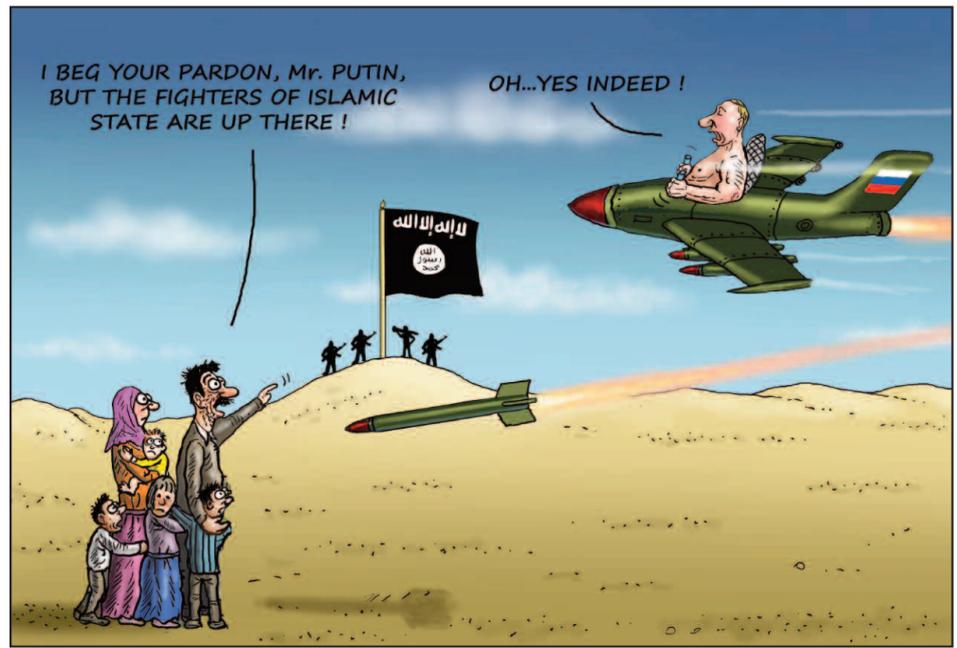
When I was on the sports desk at the *Casper Star-Tribune* (Wyo.), I even used to travel with the Casper College men's and women's basketball teams to Rangely to face an often-tough foe from CNCC, known then to us as just "Northwestern."

I went home this past Friday night and told my wife I wanted to go to the championship basketball game in the White River Electric Association's Cowboy Shootout, which was being held at MHS on Saturday afternoon.

I have no clue as to what year it was I attended my last high school basketball game, but I would be close if I said 1983. Yep, that is 32 years ago.

Well, Cris and I made it to championship game of the Cowboy Shootout on Saturday.

That was a blast.
First of all, it was great to get



out of the house. Secondly, it was great to see a lot of friends at the game. Third, I found it as exciting as I ever had.

Meeker was facing the Fruita Junior Varsity (Fruita is a 4A school and the junior varsities as that level are good teams).

There were more turnovers at that level, the shooting isn't quite as good as at the college level and the players aren't dunking their shots, but that is about the only difference.

It is a time when the kids are good shooters, they obviously love the game and they aren't all caught up in what "the media" are saying about the team and the players. It was just good old fun basketball—back to the basics.

Meeker's boys started slowly, then pulled out to a big lead. Then they let Fruita creep back into the game before holding off the opponent and moving on to victory—capturing all three tournament games, going 3-0 on the season as the tour-

namment was the opening of the season. And they displayed great sportsmanship.

It won't be the only game I go to nor will basketball be the only sport I will attend in Rio Blanco County.

I came out of the MHS gym feeling about 20 years younger, and, by golly, that is a good thing. I'd recommend it to those folks in Meeker or Rangely who are used to sitting at home in front of the TV set on Fridays and Saturday nights, to find out when the local high schools' various sports teams are playing and get out once in a while to catch the Rangely or Meeker high school athletes.

I'm glad I did.



The snow is continuing to fall on a somewhat regular schedule, and it is beginning to look like another really good winter as far as snow-pack is concerned around here and in the Flat Tops Wilderness.

Day by day the snow is continuing to mount, even in the valleys, and only one of the few true statements that can be made is, "you really never have too much snow." Unless you live in avalanche country, which most of Rio Blanco County is not, the more snow we can use.

(I would point out there can be and have been fatal avalanches high up in the mountains, but that percentage of land is small compared to the rest of the county. However, use extreme caution in the high mountains and on the steep hillsides.)

It's still too early to tell if we will be enjoying a White Christmas, but the weather forecast—as of Monday—does call for snow on Dec. 22 and 23. Either way, it looks likely we will see a white Christmas, it's just too early to know if we will have that white falling on Christmas

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Venting frustrations

Dear Editor:
I had to remove my signs along Highway 64 west of Meeker. I was afraid that people stopping to take pictures and to look might cause an accident.
I thought maybe I could vent my frustrations through the paper.
Jeramee Brumback
Meeker

Obama has no common sense

Dear Editor:
There is a total lack of common sense.
Mr. President Obama, if I could remove what little common sense you have from your brain and place it on the sharp edge of a razor blade, it would look like a tennis ball rolling down a four-lane highway.
My own personal opinion.
Jeramee Brumback
Meeker

An old-fashioned Christmas

Dear Editor:
This is an open letter to your readers on having an old-fashioned

Christmas season.
In such a modern and technology-driven world, nothing can beat celebrating the Christmas season the old-fashioned way. These old-fashioned ideas are simple and economical, but they are also fun and memorable.
Of course, including family and friends is the most important part. After that, traditional customs and your own imagination can make the season of giving a special one.
Making your own Christmas presents is always a nice sentiment. You can almost guarantee that your gifts will be unique, and nobody will duplicate them. Whatever you make won't be available at the local Walmart.
There is also something special about the time and effort that goes into making your gifts. Your homemade items will have extra meaning, and people will sincerely appreciate it. You may even learn some new skills while making your presents, and the new skills will help you in gift-giving for many years.
Another old-fashioned idea is to create a traditional feel in your home. Pick a night and turn off the computer, television and lights. Sit with your loved ones by candle light and the glow of the Christmas tree and enjoy hot cider, cookies and other holiday treats.
All of you could take turns telling

about your favorite Christmas memory, or someone could read from the Book of Luke. To further enjoy the Christmas spirit, go outside and sing Christmas carols under the light of the moon and the stars.
Everyone could sing while looking inside at the Christmas tree and the glow of the candles. Afterwards, go back inside and warm up with some hot chocolate. This will bring a smile to even the biggest scrooge.
You can also spread the Christmas spirit to your neighbors. Walk around your neighborhood and personally deliver Christmas cards. Give your

neighbors a smile and a personal holiday greeting. You can even include a small treat bag with your Christmas cards. The treat bags would be even nicer if you included your very own homemade goodies. Your neighbors would appreciate your effort, and you might even make their day. The smiles on their faces would be thanks enough.
Even a little bit of technology has made its way into an old-fashioned Christmas. Gather around with your loved ones and watch holiday classics such as It's a Wonderful Life, Miracle on 34th Street, or A Christmas Story. These great films have aged nicely, and they are still fun to watch year after year. Many youngsters would actually be seeing these classics for the very first time.
An old-fashioned Christmas game can add to your fun even more. Make a circle with your family and friends. Get a small ball, beanbag or other small object. Toss the object randomly to people in the circle. When someone catches the object, they have a split second to say a word that relates to Christmas. If they can't think of one, then they sit out. The last person

standing is the winner. Both adults and children can enjoy this simple game.
Naturally, nothing is more traditional during the Christmas season than thinking of others. You can meet with family and friends and combine as much food as you can. Then, load up the food and take it to a food bank. The food bank would be excited to see such a big donation, and you can make a big difference in people's lives and spread more Christmas cheer.
Christmas is such a beautiful time of the year, but it can come and go quickly. Don't forget to stop and spend time with the people you love. And with some creativity and a few traditional ideas, you can enjoy the pleasures of an old-fashioned Christmas.
Blair Bryant
Granite Falls, N.C.

A LOOK AT THE WEST

Does optimism have a place in the West's water politics?

By SARAH TORY
HIGH COUNTRY NEWS
Special to the Herald Times

RBC | When John Fleck began covering water (among other things) in 1995 for New Mexico's Albuquerque Journal, he assumed he'd be writing stories about dried out wells and cracked mud. After all, as a Los Angeles native who grew up in a suburb that had replaced an irrigated citrus orchard, he'd grown up reading books like A River No More, by Philip Fradkin, and Cadillac Desert, by Marc Reisner, essential reading for water nerds.

As a journalist, he went looking for the kinds of stories these authors promised: stories of "conflict, crisis, and doom." But he found a very different narrative. And after nearly 30 years spent covering some of the most pressing water issues in the West, Fleck is now writing a book, which is due to be published by Island Press next year. He recently spoke to the High Country News about the dilemma water journalists face these days—and why the West's water problems aren't as bad as we think.

HCN: What led you to the water beat?
John Fleck: My first daily newspaper job was with the Pasadena Star News in the mid-'80s, and I covered

water there, in addition to other things. But water seemed more interesting than anything else because water is where human communities spring from and evolve around. Not only that, I grew up in a place that, like many places in the West, didn't have much water. In Los Angeles, for instance, there was this audacious experiment to bring water in. They built these massive artificial rivers. So L.A. is organized around water but in that really weird and interesting way.
HCN: Where did the idea for your book come from?
JF: The thesis is that when it comes to our perception of water in the West, we've inherited this narrative of crisis, conflict and doom, from literature of the '60s, '70s, and '80s, and especially from Cadillac Desert.

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Day.
Ugly was the nicest word I could think of to describe the Denver Broncos' efforts against the lowly Oakland Raiders on Sunday.
One critical punt and several critical passes were dropped by the top players on the Bronco roster, and, after a relatively good first half, the Broncos decided to take off the second half.
But if there is any question as to whether or not Brock Osweiler did enough to convince that he should remain the starter for the Broncos, I

would say yes.
Osweiler did his job for the Broncos, starting out by completing the first 10 passes of the game.
Then the top Bronco receivers just quit playing in the second half. The running game never did work during the game and the passing game was spoiled by the receivers—not Osweiler most of the time—and three or four outright blatant screw-ups kept the Broncos away from the end zone.
Let's hope this was another one of those games that serves as a learning experience and that the Broncos can sail to victories in the last three games of the season.

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Exalting Christ
By Dr. J. D. Watson
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In light of this time of year, consider for a moment this wondrous passage: "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father" (Philippians 2:5-11).
This passage has been called "The Great Parable of Scripture." A parable is an arc, where you start at a low point, go up to the highest point, and then come back down. When you shoot an arrow, for example, or hit a golf ball, it arcs up into the air, reaches its highest point, and comes back down, thus following the path of a parable. In our Lord's case, however, it is reversed: He started at the highest point (heaven, vv. 5-6), descended to the lowest point (earth, vv. 7-8) to die on the Cross for our sins, and returned to the highest point where He is exalted in glory (vv. 9-11).
This passage is, indeed, among the most glorious in the New Testament. For Paul himself, it is the most comprehensive and moving statement he ever wrote about Jesus. It sweeps us along from Christ's inherent glory in eternity past, to His incarnate purpose on earth, to His infinite exaltation in eternity future.
The idea of exaltation is, in fact, at the core of the passage. The word "highly exalted" translates a Greek word that has the full meaning of "to elevate above others, raise to the highest position." This is the only place in the New Testament, in fact, the Greek word appears.
I passionately believe this to be of particular importance at this time of the year—the so-called "Christmas Season." Sadly, there are masses of people (even Christians) who say that Jesus is the "reason for the season" and claim to make Him the center of this time of year while their actions (and even attitudes) say something quite different. Of all the times of the year, this should be one when Christ is "highly exalted," but instead many other things are in the forefront, and He is but a footnote.
The importance of this passage, therefore, cannot be overstated. It is a mini-course in Christology (the doctrine of Christ). It teaches us His divinity, His eternal pre-existence, His equality with God the Father, His incarnation, His full humanity, His voluntary death on the cross, the certainty of His victory over evil, and the eternalness of His reign.
This article is part of the introduction to the full message I will be sharing at 10:30 A.M. this coming Lord's Day at Grace Bible Church (on the corner of 3rd and Garfield). We will meditate on this passage by exalting Christ in three areas: Exalting His Person; Exalting His Purpose; and Exalting His Position. You are warmly invited to worship with us and exalt Christ alone.

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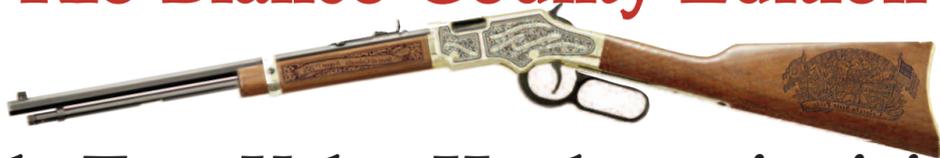
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WATER: Drought will continue

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Growing up reading those books, I really embraced that narrative. I thought that was our story—that we were headed for this great crash because we'd made the mistakes that Reisner wrote about.

HCN: But that's not what you found?

JF: When I came to New Mexico, which is a mostly desert state living on the edge of its water supply, I kept looking for those stories that showed people running out of water. But over and over I found communities instead showing a lot more adaptive capacity than I think the traditional narrative gave them credit for. Albuquerque's water use, for instance, is close to half what it was per capita in the mid '90s. We've grown a bunch and are using less water than we were 30 years ago. And I saw these farm communities—which are really strong cultural underpinnings of the West—that have adapted to use less water.

It took me a long time to come around to the idea that people have actually succeeded in using less water. And how do communities do that? That's really what my book is about—how do these places use less water and still succeed in being the kind of communities they want to be, in the midst of this pretty remarkable change?

HCN: What are some of those success stories?

JF: Las Vegas is a great example of success. A decade ago it was using 325,000 acre-feet of Colorado River water, and now it's using 225,000 acre-feet, while its population has increased by 35 percent. They've recognized that the water supply is finite and that if they want to grow they have to do it with less. Of course, one of the fair criticisms could be that one of the options for Las Vegas is the city should stop growing, but we allow communities to define their own goals. And Las Vegas wanted to grow.

HCN: And yet, there are people in California whose water supply has run out. Does that undermine your thesis at all?

JF: No. So here's the interesting thing: If you look at the places in California where the water has run

out, it's poor rural communities like East Porterville and Monson in the Central Valley—where for decades they've over-pumped groundwater for agriculture. Now they're getting slammed because many people rely on shallow wells, and they don't have the money to drill deeper wells. It's really a poverty problem, exposed by drought.

We've seen this in New Mexico too. I did a piece in the Albuquerque Journal that looked at the drought of 2002 and 2003. There were lots of small rural towns where wells were running dry. The state of New Mexico and the federal government looked at the underlying causes and invested a lot of money into things like better well protection, drilling more wells, and interconnecting neighboring water systems.

So 2014-2015 comes along, and you had far fewer places running out of water. To me that shows there is potential to help these communities in California that don't have the resources to deal with this problem on their own.

HCN: So, the pictures of cracked mud and dry wells don't really tell the full story, but they tell the story people want to read. Do they also galvanize people in a way that less apocalyptic pictures wouldn't?

JF: It's such a problem. We are so incentivized by the apocalyptic and the apocalyptic helps galvanize action. I don't know the solution to this. But I do know that one of the things that's really missing from California drought journalism right now is that in story after story, reporters go to East Porterville and places like it and talk about how they're running out of water. There are almost no stories where reporters go to communities that haven't run out of water and look at how they succeeded at coping with these problems.

HCN: So where does that leave journalists who thrive on that doomsday narrative?

JF: I think there is value to the cracked mud pictures, but you have to offer hope to people for how these problems can be overcome. That doesn't mean just writing happy, feel-good stories. It means finding a little

more balance in the narratives that we share. Because there's evidence in social science literature that the crisis narrative alone just makes people feel hopeless—that they can't do anything about it. And this is one of the problems in the whole dialogue with climate change right now.

HCN: Are we now entering a post-Cadillac Desert era? Or will the problems identified by Reisner keep dogging us?

JF: I'll answer two ways, and they're contradictory. The problems will keep dogging us because they're not problems that ever get solved. We've built big cities and big farming communities that were all dependent on a water supply that was larger than we actually had—and climate change will shrink it even further. It would be a lot easier if we'd not done the things that Cadillac Desert describes, like building Los Angeles and Las Vegas and Phoenix and Denver and the Imperial Valley and all that farming in central Arizona. But we've done that—we have those communities now.

And I don't think people were villains in the way that Reisner portrayed them. They made mistakes, of course, but they were just doing what you did back then, which was build farms and cities in the desert. That's what society directed them to do.

The thing that I think Cadillac Desert missed is this transition toward adaptation. Certainly Reisner's later writings acknowledge this and I would argue even as he was finishing the book in the mid-'80s is people were already beginning to recognize and adapt to the scarcity.

HCN: Or perhaps the book itself helped spur those very changes?

JF: That's definitely one possibility. One of my friends who writes about water in California says: "Cadillac Desert is out of date, but that's because it rendered itself obsolete." Reisner pointed out what we'd done wrong, and we all smacked our foreheads and said, "We can't do that anymore."

HCN: Are there places that are still struggling with that transition?

JF: I think in every community there's tension between that old way



of thinking about water, which just wants to use it all, and the new way of thinking that recognizes conservation. At the regional level, I think the continued talk in Colorado among a lot of people in the populated east side of the state, about the desire to divert more water out of the Colorado River Basin—to meet growing cities on the Front Range—is one place that hasn't received the message yet, that there isn't more water to take out, that there's in fact going to be less.

HCN: Looming underneath that attitude is the future presented in The Water Knife, Paolo Bacigalupi's drought dystopic, which is essentially about water rights in the near-future West.

JF: I love The Water Knife, but it's a made-up story. It's one possible pathway. But I don't think it's going to happen. I think the things we're doing show we have the capacity to avoid that future. But it's a great way of startling us—spoiler alert—with this

extreme enforcing of water rights with the helicopters coming out of Las Vegas and blowing up another water user's treatment plant. I mean I guess that's one way of enforcing the Doctrine of Prior Appropriation (laughs). I kind of liked that.

HCN: So, in a way, your book is the anti-Water Knife?

JF: Exactly. My book is saying,

"Let's look at how we might take advantage of the steps we've already taken in addressing our water problems and create a future for ourselves that we'd really like." Because if we take the narrative of crisis and conflict to its extreme, we're going to be sending out squadrons of armed helicopters against our neighbors, and that's not a West that any of us wants.

JOBLESS: Rates are up

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Baca County (Springfield) with 1.8 percent as the only two Colorado counties with a jobless rate below 2 percent. The next three counties with the lowest jobless rates (and county seats) were Phillips (Holyoke) and Kiowa (Eads) with 2.1 percent jobless rates and tied for fifth were Cheyenne (Cheyenne Wells), Hinsdale (Lake City), Kit Carson (Burlington) and

Washington (Akron). The county with the highest jobless rate is Huerfano (Walsenberg) with 6.1 percent, followed by Fremont (Canon City) with 5.2 percent, Costilla (San Luis) with 5.0 percent and Saguache (Saguache) is fourth with 4.9 percent unemployment. Four counties are tied for fifth place with unemployment rates of 4.8 percent: Rio Grande (Del Norte), Otero (LaJunta), Delta (Delta).

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Teach kids to care for others over the holidays

By **GINNY GRIMSLEY**
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Special to the Herald Times

RBC I Knowing when to talk to your children about serious problems they may face sooner rather than later can be difficult for parents.

While burdening a child with a complex issue at too early of an age may frighten or confuse them, it's important to ensure they're prepared for what they most certainly will be exposed to, says former Peace Corps volunteer and children's author Lois Brandt.

"When I was a young girl, I

opened my best friend's refrigerator and discovered that her family had no food," Brandt says. "I didn't know what to do as a child facing this horrible issue. I didn't know how to help my friend."

Twenty percent of American children—one of every five—live in households that struggle to afford food, according to a 2012 report from the United States Department of Agriculture.

Chances are that your child has classmates whose families are struggling to put food on the table.

"Children follow where parents lead. Talking to your children about

hunger shows them your empathy for others; it prepares them for the moment they may encounter hunger among their friends or classmates, and it assures them that they can talk to their parents about this problem," says Brandt, author of "Maddi's Fridge," (www.MaddisFridge.com), a colorfully illustrated children's picture book inspired by Brandt's experience with her childhood friend.

She offers tips on how to talk to children about the widespread problem of child hunger.

■ Young children may not understand complex issues; keep the discussion age-appropriate. While it's

important to be honest with children about issues they may encounter, adults do not have to scare or confuse them.

"When I read 'Maddi's Fridge' in classrooms," Brandt says. "I'll ask what the book is about. The very first hand in the air always says 'friendship.' I was very careful to ensure that the story gently entertains. First-through fourth-grade students laugh at eggs in backpacks and Vin Vogel's great illustrations."

■ Have a brainstorming session on what makes a good friend. This puts the discussion in terms that children are comfortable with. Talk about

times when you were a child and helped your friends. Ask your child to tell you about a time he or she helped a friend on the playground or in the classroom. Emphasizing the web of relationships we all live in will empower your child with a sense of community, even when facing large problems.

■ Discuss with your child ways they can help. Children want to know where they fit and what their role is. Let your child know that he or she can be part of the fight against childhood hunger. Bring food to a food bank, take meals to a needy family, support food drives by your school and reli-

gious organization. Suggestions for ways to help can be found on websites for organizations like Feeding America (www.FeedingAmerica.org), a national network of food banks, or on Maddisfridge.com

Lois Brandt is a children's fiction writer whose work has appeared in Highlights and other fine children's magazines. Her new book, "Maddi's Fridge," (www.MaddisFridge.com), illustrated by Vin Vogel, is the first picture book to address child hunger in the United States. Ten percent of proceeds from sales of "Maddi's Fridge" go to hunger solutions.

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Special to the Herald Times

RBC The open lottery season for noncommercial high-use season river permits runs from Dec. 1, 2015 to Jan. 31.

All lottery applications must be submitted by 10 p.m. Mountain Standard Time on Jan. 31. The lottery allows boaters to compete for the 300 permits that are available for the high use season.

In recent years, the monument has

received more than 6,700 applications for the available permits. Boaters can either apply at www.recreation.gov or they can download the application form from the monument website and then mail the completed application to the monument with a postmark before the deadline. Late applications will not be accepted. This will be the final year the monument will accept paper applications.

Like last year, boaters can file only one application, but they may

choose up to four possible launch date/river choices on the application. The Yampa and Green rivers are combined in one drawing system. Applicants will be notified by email on Feb. 16 if their lottery submission was successful. Winners have until 10 p.m. on Feb. 28 to accept to accept their launch date and pay for it or it will be revoked.

On March 1 at 8 a.m., all unclaimed high use multi-day, split mountain day use, and low-use sea-

son multi-day permits will become available on recreation.gov. Preference will no longer be given to those who applied but failed to secure a river permit through the lottery system.

Boaters who are able to acquire a permit online will have to immediately pay the \$185 multi-day permit fee or \$20 daily fee and an application fee of \$15 to secure their permit. The application fee is required regardless of whether or not the boater applied

for the lottery.

For more information on the river permit lottery or permit process, visit www.recreation.gov or www.nps.gov/dino. For river flows and available permits, please call the automated river phone line at 866-825-2995. Remaining available permits are issued first-come, first-served through recreation.gov. If you have additional questions, you can also call the river office at 970-374-2468 from 8 a.m. to noon Monday through

Friday.

For visitors without the equipment or ability to boat Dinosaur's rivers, but who still want to enjoy a river trip, several companies are authorized to provide commercial guided trips. You can find more information about our boating concessionaires on the monument's website www.nps.gov/dino.

You can also call our main information line at 435-781-7700 for more information.

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Meeker boys open cage season with sweep of Cowboy Shootout

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

MEEKER I The Meeker High School boys' basketball team began its season play by winning the White River Electric Association Cowboy Shootout at home on Saturday.

The Cowboys began their successful weekend on Thursday against the Moffat County junior varsity (Moffat County is a 4A school). Moffat County had no answer for Eli Newman, who scored 23 points in the victory.

Zack Dinwiddie added 13 points while Kash Atwood had eight, Logan Hughes had five and Doak Mantle rounded out the scor-

ing with two.

Meeker had a big second half, outscoring the bulldogs 29-13, resulting in a 51-37 victory.

On Friday night the Cowboys were matched against Soroco (South Routt County) and the young Meeker team showed incredible composure.

Led by the lone senior on the squad, Kash Atwood, who had four three pointers and 20 total points, the Cowboys fought off a big third quarter by the Rams.

Logan Hughes did an outstanding job driving to the basket and finding open players, and he finished with 14 points.

Doak Mantle sparked the team with constant defensive pressure and several steals,

resulting in layups. He had 11 points in the game and eight of those were in the fourth quarter.

Eli Newman scored in double figures again with 10, Zach Dinwiddie added five and Jerrick Garza added two. The team played team basketball from start to finish.

They had an outstanding second quarter to go into the locker room, up 34-22.

The team also relied on its defense in the second half to create opportunities that led to easy layups as they won 62-52.

Saturday's game was against a very competitive Fruita junior varsity, and Fruita is also a 4A team.

The Cowboys came out strong in the first quarter, jumping to a 16-12 lead.

The Meeker team cooled off a little in the second quarter but they were still able to hold on to a 27-22 lead at the half.

Kash Atwood once again had four three-pointers in the game and finished with 18 points to lead the Cowboys. Zach Dinwiddie had a good game, adding eight points, Logan Hughes had seven and as many assists. Doak Mantle rounded out an outstanding weekend with seven points and a handful of steals. Trapper Merrifield had four points, and Eli Newman finished with three.

Meeker came out on top 47-38 and the squad captured another Cowboy Shootout championship.

The Cowboys' performance left Meeker fans excited about the season.

The varsity team consists of all freshmen and sophomores except for Atwood, and the team looks to be on track to be extremely competitive again this year.

Their season opener was an excellent preview of the success that has become a tradition under the helm of coach Klark Kindler.

"I am really proud of the way the guys played as a team and did what they needed to do when they needed to do it," Kindler said. "We played some good teams and the boys responded well, particularly against the Soroco team."

"It was a good start to the season and I am hopeful of a good season ahead," he said.

ERBM VOLLEYBALL...



The ERBM Recreation and Park District offered a youth volleyball program in Meeker for the first time this fall. A combined third- and fourth-grade team played in-house games with the combined fifth- and sixth-grade team, split into two teams, traveled and played in New Castle and Rifle. The fifth- and sixth-grade teams played each other in the championship game in the end-of-year-tournament. The third/fourth grade was coached by Christy Knight and fifth/sixth grade was co-coached by Kathy Thorsby and Roxy Chintala. Left photo is the third/fourth-grade team: Members were, front row, from left: Carys Walton, Callie Stout, Taylor Garcia, and Natalie Knight; back row, from left: Abbi Schwartz, Ainsely Sella, Isabella Blazon, and Jayda

May. No pictured are Rayna VonRoenn and coach Christy Knight. The photo below is the fifth/sixth-grade team: Front row, from left: Coach Kathy Thorsby, Nevaeh LeBlanc, Hailey Knowles, Sarah Kracht, Rylee Butler, Emma Luce, Hadley Franklin, Lyndsie Palmer and coach Roxy Chintala; second row, from left: Melayni Wangnild, Tatumn Kennedy, Brealyn Garcia, Autumn Hobbs, Damek Chintala, Grace Roberts, Jayden Overton-Linsacum and Kristalyn Pelloni.

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BECKY HUGHES

Meeker Cowboy Kash Atwood lets fly with the ball for a basket on Friday night against Soroco (South Routt County) during the second round of the White River Electric Association's annual Cowboy Shootout. Meeker went on to defeat the Rams and then win the tournament in the finals on Saturday afternoon. Atwood, the only senior on the Cowboy varsity, led all scorers in the tournament with a total of 46 points.

Rangely Panthers wrap up play in Cowboy Shootout with victory

By **BOBBY GUTIERREZ**
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RANGELY I "The effort was there the whole tournament, and I was pleased with how we came along night to night," Rangely boys' new head basketball coach Kyle Boydston said of his team's first performances in the annual White River Electric Association's Cowboy Shootout, where the Panthers won the final game of three.

The Panthers opened the season against the Rams from South Routt County (Soroco) and, although they led by two at halftime, Rangely lost 42-51. The Panthers then lost by five to 5A Fruita Monument's JV team, 69-64, in a high scoring game in the semifinals.

"We kept it close both nights; now we just need to figure out how to close out those kinds of ball games," coach Boydston said.

The Panthers did close out the Moffat County Junior Varsity team in the final game of the tournament, pounding the Bulldogs 58-27. Rangely jumped out to a 15-4 lead after the first quarter, added 20 more in the second quarter to lead 35-12 at halftime.

"I'm real pleased with where our young guys are at," coach Boydston said.

Boydston was also impressed with a few of his players including Brennan Noyes and Patrick Scoggins, both were named to the all-tournament team.

Noyes scored a team-high 26

points against Fruita, 19 against Soroco and 13 against the Bulldogs, and he also won the Slam Dunk contest held Saturday morning before the games.

"Brennan is starting to figure out he can be a dominant force when he wants to be," coach Boydston said.

Panther sophomore Kobe Broome, who made three three-pointers in the final game, also won the three-point shooting contest for the Panthers.

"The talent is there; we just need to put it all together now," coach Boydston said. "They are all good, coachable kids and that is all I can ask for."

The Panthers will play in West Grand Tournament this weekend in Kremmling.

Stocking stuffers for outdoorsmen and DIY-ers

Special to the Herald Times

RBC I While checking those big ticket items off your holiday shopping list can be stressful, don't let stocking stuffers bog you down. Simple gifts that show you care about your recipient and their hobbies work great.

For those who love the garage and the great outdoors, here are a few cool stocking stuffer ideas that serve a useful purpose and are easy to find.

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Stocking stuffers are an easy way to be extra thoughtful. You don't need to spend a fortune to include items that will be invaluable to your gift recipients during their next projects or outdoor adventures.

Tough competition for Panther wrestlers in Delta tournament

By **Bobby Gutierrez**
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RANGELY I The Rangely High School wrestling team went on the road and found some big-school competition in Delta during the past weekend, and this weekend the Panthers will ride the bus again to Kremmling, where they will wrestle in the West Grand Invitational.

The Panthers wrestled and lost duals to Moffat County and Hotchkiss on Friday before entering the Panther Invitational tournament in Delta the following day, where no Panther was able to win or place.

"We looked better than last week and that's all I really ask, is for us to get better each week," new head coach Travis Witherell said. "We'll keep practicing, sooner or later it will all come together and we will have some wins."



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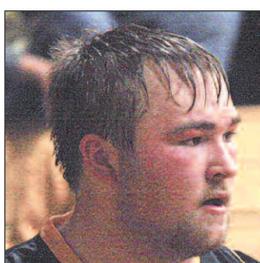
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With the Rangely High School boys' basketball season just getting underway last weekend, Panther sophomore Kobe Broome already distinguished himself. Rangely was one of the teams taking part in the annual White River Electric Association-sponsored Cowboy Shootout tournament in Meeker and Broome won the three-point shooting contest.



Kash Atwood Meeker High School Basketball

The Meeker High School boys' basketball team opened its season last weekend, hosting the White River Electric Association's annual Cowboy Shootout, and winning all three games to claim the championship trophy. The MHS Cowboys were led in scoring by the only senior on the team, Kash Atwood, who scored 46 points on his own during the tournament.



There are a lot of lighted businesses and residences in Rangely, but this home, belonging to Nicole and Jerry Fielder on Pinyon Circle in Rangely, is tastefully adorned with a variety of inflatable decorations for the Christmas season.

RENÉ HARDEN



COURTESY PHOTO

Board members of the White River Conservation District attended the Colorado Association of Conservation Districts annual meeting in Beaver Creek on Nov. 16-19. The district was presented with the "District of the Year" award by the Colorado State Board of Conservation for the members' hard work and dedication to the landowners they represent. From left to right are district officials Chris Colflesh, William Lake, Gary Moyer, JD Amick and Callie Hendrickson.

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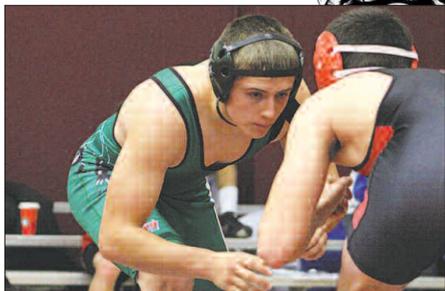
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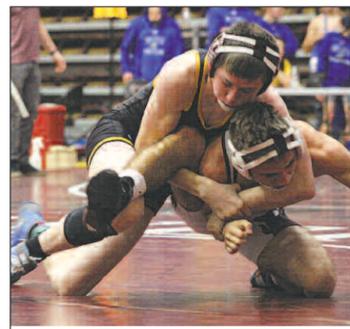
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OBITUARIES

Patricia Marilyn McFarland

Aug. 14, 1933~Dec. 7, 2015

Meeker resident Pat M. McFarland passed away peacefully surrounded by family on Monday, Dec. 7, 2015, at Pioneers Medical Center in Meeker. She was 82.

A graveside memorial service was held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 12, 2015, at Highland Cemetery in Meeker. Pat was laid to rest with her husband, Jim.

Patricia Marilyn Carroll was born to James and Vera Alice (Saxton) Carroll on Aug. 14, 1933, in Manhattan, Kan. She spent her childhood and attended schools in Topeka.

Pat was a devoted wife and loving mother, grandmother and great great-grandmother. She loved to plan football parties and always cheered for the Denver Broncos. When she was younger, Pat loved to travel and go on camping and fishing trips. One of Pat's greatest pas-

simes was listening to her husband, Jim, play guitar.

Pat will be deeply missed by her family, close friends and will be remembered for her loving and caring spirit.

Pat is survived by: one son, Rusty Maddox of Rangely, Colo.; four daughters: Linda Howell of Delta, Colo., Sherry Scott of Ruidoso, N.M., Cynthia Gupta of Pahrump, Nev., and Susan Gallegos of Montrose, Colo.; three stepdaughters: Tara Wille, Teresa Ridgeway and Trula Simmons; and one brother, Larry Steinbrink.

Pat was preceded in death by: her son, John Brown Jr.; one daughter, Vickie Thompson; and one sister, Connie Knight. Pat was welcomed into Heaven by her beloved husband of 29 years, Jim McFarland, who passed away two days prior.



Jim and Pat McFarland

Jimmy D. McFarland was born on Nov. 23, 1938, at Breckenridge Hospital in Austin, Texas, to Hubert V. McFarland and Leona Pearl Simpson McFarland. He died on Saturday, Dec. 5, 2015.

Jimmy spent his childhood in Austin, Leander, New Deal and Lubbock, Texas. Jimmy's family moved to Mack, Colo., at the age of 14 in early 1953. He attended and was graduated from Fruita High School in 1958. After receiving his high school diploma, he went to Costa Mesa, Calif., where he briefly worked in some L.A. yacht yards. After his time there, he hitchhiked back to Cisco, Utah. There, Jimmy worked in the underground uranium mines in Utah and Colorado from 1958-1961.

On Nov. 23, 1961, Jimmy married Sharon Faye Murphy in

Fruita, Colo., and to this union came Teresa, Trula and Tara. His family moved to Meeker in the winter of 1961.

During this time he was able to attend college with aid from Colorado State Rehabilitation after a relapse of rheumatic fever. Jimmy was able to graduate magna cum laude from Rangely Junior College in 1964 with an associate's degree in applied science/electronic technology, and went on to graduate from Colorado State University in 1968 with a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering.

Following graduation, he worked for Schlumberger Well Services as a logging engineer from June 1968 to December 1969. He continued on to work for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department as a project engineer from January 1969 to September 1975. During that time, he became a registered professional engineer in Texas.

After returning to Meeker in September 1975, he worked for Chuck Whiteman and Associates until June of 1978. On March 29, 1986, Jimmy married Patricia M. Maddox and, at this time, the two families combined to include 10 children.

Jimmy worked for Colowyo Coal Co. as a mining engineer

until retiring in December 1996. After retirement, he continued to work for Chuck Whiteman and Associates until health matters forced him to retire again in 2012.

Jimmy loved to play bluegrass and county music on his guitar, hunting, fishing, camping, rock hunting and ATV/UTV riding. Also in his spare time, Jimmy was an EMT/volunteer firefighter for Meeker and then Colowyo for nine years.

Jimmy is preceded in death by: his parents, Hubert and Leona McFarland; brothers Hubert Jr. and Raymond McFarland; stepdaughter Vicki Thompson; stepson John Brown; and he was most recently united in heaven with his wife, Patricia, who passed two days later, on Dec. 7, 2015.

He is survived by: his sisters, Wanda Harris and Jesse North; daughters Teresa (Randy), Trula (Doug), and Tara (Mike); stepchildren Linda, Sherry (Jim), Cynthia, Susan (Anthony) and Charles (Amber); 29 grandchildren; and 38 great grandchildren.

Memorial services were held Saturday, Dec. 12, 2015, at Faith Baptist Church in Meeker, Colo. A joint interment service with Jimmy's deceased wife, Patricia M. McFarland, took place on Dec. 12, 2015, at Highland Cemetery in Meeker.

Jimmy D. McFarland

Nov. 23, 1938~Dec. 5, 2015

RIO BLANCO COUNTY
Community Update

THE COUNTY'S NEW WEBSITE

By: Blake Mobley - IT Director

Rio Blanco County revealed its new website on Monday, November 30th. The County partnered with CivicPlus, a well know leader in governmental website design across the nation.

The County's new website targets several key focus points:

- Modern and Simple Design
- More Graphical (More Pictures)
- Ease of Public Navigation
- Economic Development
- Modern Connectivity and Alerts (Pinterest, Youtube, Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, etc.)
- Better Adaptability to Smartphones and Tablets

The County listened to the public and is adapting the website for better mobile device viewing. The County knows that globally, more end users connect via mobile devices than desktops and this user gap continues to widen.

One new feature to better serve Rio Blanco County residents is the "Notify Me" button. Residents can choose information that want to receive by email or text. For example you can receive updates on road conditions, weather alerts, bid postings, job opportunities, news updates and Board of County Commissioners agendas.



Visit www.rbc.us to view new features!

SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTERS

By: Katelyn Cook - Economic Development Coordinator

Did you know...there are Small Business Development Centers in Meeker and Rangely? The Meeker and Rangely Chambers of Commerce serve as satellite offices for the Colorado Small Business Development Center.



If you are considering a business start-up, are already underway, or you operate a business in Rio Blanco County, get the assistance and expertise you need to solve those tough business problems through the Colorado Small Business Development Center (SBDC). Low-cost workshops and free, one-on-one consulting are available by appointment.

Through this program you can...

- Gain access to management, technical and other professionals who can apply their expertise to assist you.
- Focus on your business' progress with the aid of your own "Business Coach."
- Learn how to avoid common pitfalls in starting or growing, buying or selling your business.
- Discover new ways to improve your marketing, accounting, manufacturing, customer service or administrative business functions.
- Establish your own realistic business goals, and get assistance in achieving your objectives through SBDC one-on-one consulting and low-cost training.
- Go through a "Business Health Checkup" which includes a detailed industry report and financial performance review, comparing your company to others within the industry.
- Download business plan and cashflow worksheet templates to get your business idea headed in the right direction.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Rio Blanco County Economic Development Department
(970) 878-9474

Rangely Area Chamber of Commerce
(970) 675-5290

Meeker Chamber of Commerce
(970) 878-5510

Grand Junction Small Business Development Center
(970) 243-5242

www.gjincubator.org/business-development/



COUNTY RELOCATION PLAN

By: Eric Jaquez - Project Coordinator

Construction at the Rio Blanco County Justice Center will be completed in January 2016. Following the Justice Center project, renovation of the Courthouse will commence. The County will be relocating all County services out of the Courthouse so that renovations can occur without impacting the various departments or public access.



Temporary Relocation Facility
1032 Jennifer Drive

TEMPORARY OFFICE LOCATIONS BEGINNING MARCH 2016

200 Main Street - County Administration Building

• Budget and Finance • Sales & Use Tax

455 Main Street - Justice Center

• County Commissioners • Emergency Manager

1032 Jennifer Drive - (previously known as Angels & Outlaws Daycare Center)

• Assessor • Treasurer
• Clerk & Recorder • Department of Motor Vehicles

**JUSTICE CENTER
OPEN HOUSE**

February 19 from 2:00 to 6:00pm
February 20 from 9:00am to 2:00pm

May Florence Maude Caldwell Mobley

July 2, 1920~Dec. 11, 2015

May Mobley (Florence Maude Caldwell) was born July 2, 1920, on the Keystone Ranch to Ernest Truman Caldwell and Florence Matilda Bailey.

In 1938, she was graduated from Rio Blanco High School in Meeker and married Zandy Mobley. The following year, the couple purchased a cattle ranch at Angora between Meeker and Rangely at the west end of Steadman Mesa.

There, the young couple raised their five children: Terry, Zandra, Alan, Bart and Tracy. During those years, May was most known for her thriving garden and delicious meals.

From the mid 50s to the late 1980s, May and Zandy could be found twirling away the evenings with the local square dance clubs.

After selling the cattle ranch in 1967, they designed and moved into the house that she lived in until her death on Friday, Dec. 11, 2015.

In those 47 years, May could be found tending to her bountiful garden and blue-ribbon winning flowers.

For 20 years, May worked full



May Mobley

time at Pioneers Hospital in various positions, her favorite being as a nurse's aide.

When Zandy passed away in 1993, May retired from working at the hospital to tend her garden and take care of the

house full time. She found solace and close friends in the church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Zandy, and beloved son, Alan.

May is survived and dearly loved by: one sister, June; sons Terry, Bart and Tracy; daughter Zandra; grandchildren Blake, Becca, Travis, Tanya; great-grandchildren, Delenn, Denece, Kaysyn, Dylan, Alicia, Reagan, Jace, Brody, Jaxson, Dalton and Alana.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to a local charity/cause in May Mobley's name.

Chamber Bucks available

MEEKER The Meeker Chamber of Commerce is now selling Chamber Bucks for use with most Meeker merchants in an effort to keep local shopping dollars in town.

If you or your business would like to give Chamber Bucks as holiday gifts, please stop by the Meeker chamber office at 710 Market St. Rules of the Chamber Bucks are:

- Chamber Bucks work just like a check.
- The business you use the Chamber Bucks at will endorse the bucks.
- The Chamber Bucks are accepted at most Meeker businesses; just ask first.
- Chamber Bucks are not accepted at Pizza Hut, California Wok, White River Liquor and Kum & Go.
- Ask the business if you will receive change back if your total bill is less than the Chamber Buck amount.

For more information regarding the holiday local shopping promotion, call the Meeker Chamber at 878-5510.

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LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of Julius Poole, Deceased
Rio Blanco County District Court
Case Number 15PR30025
All persons having claims against the above-named estate are required to present them to the Personal Representative or to District Court of Rio Blanco County, Colorado on or before April 4, 2016, or the claims may be forever barred.
Keith Poole, Personal Representative
c/o Turner & Perry, PC
300 Main St., Ste 202
Grand Junction, Co 81501
Published: December 3, 10 & 17, 2015
Rio Blanco Herald Times

Notice to Creditors

Estate of Randy Scott Miller, Deceased
Rio Blanco County District Court
Case Number 15PR30001
All persons having claims against the above-named estate are required to present them to the Personal Representative or to District Court of Rio Blanco County, Colorado on or before April 4, 2016, or the claims may be forever barred.
Sherman Romney, Esq.
Romney Law Office
415 W. Victory Way
Craig, CO 81625
Published: December 10, 17 & 24, 2015
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NOTICE AS TO BUDGET SUPPLEMENTAL

The Rio Blanco County Board of Commissioners will be considering a budget supplemental resolution on December 28, 2015, 11:00 a.m. County Administration Building, 200 Main Street, Meeker, Colorado.

The proposed resolution is for the purpose of appropriating sums of money to defray expenses in excess of amounts budgeted for the 2015 budget year in the following funds: General Fund, Capital Expenditure Fund, Road & Bridge Fund, Department of Human Services Fund, Capital Improvement Plan Fund, Weed & Pest Control Fund, and the Fairfield Complex Fund. The resolution may be viewed at the offices of the County Clerk and Recorder, 555 Main Street, Meeker, Colorado, and the County Clerk and Recorder Office in the Western Annex Building, 17497 State Highway 64, Rangely, Colorado, and are open for public inspection 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. on normal work days.
Publication date: December 3, 2015 and December 17, 2015
Rio Blanco Herald Times

COMBINED NOTICE - MAILING

CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 15-21

To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust: On October 8, 2015, 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) Louis C. Vasquez
Original Beneficiary(ies) Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., acting solely as nominee for Homecomings Financial Network Inc.
Current Holder of Evidence of Debt Capital Income and Growth Fund, LLC
Date of Deed of Trust May 11, 2006
County of Recording Rio Blanco
Recording Date of Deed of Trust May 16, 2006
Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/Page No.) 284866
Original Principal Amount \$58,900.00
Outstanding Principal Balance \$53,929.29
Pursuant to CRS §38-38-101(4)(i), you are hereby notified that the covenants of the deed of trust have been violated as follows: failure to pay principal and interest when due together with all other payments provided for in the evidence of debt secured by the deed of trust and other violations thereof.
THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN.

THE NORTH 50 FEET OF LOT 5 BLOCK C LEECH ADDITION NO. 1 ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED MARCH 22, 1950 AS RECEPTION NO. 79778 TOWN OF RANGELY, COLORADO

Also known by street and number as: 314 S. Sunset, Rangely, CO 81648.
THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED OF TRUST.

NOTICE OF SALE

The current holder of the Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, described herein, has filed Notice of Election and Demand for sale as provided by law and in said Deed of Trust.
THEREFORE, Notice is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, 02/10/2016, at Office of the Public Trustee, Rio Blanco County Courthouse, 555 Main Street, Meeker CO 81641, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s) heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.
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NOTICE OF RIGHTS

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

• A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE FILED PURSUANT TO SECTION 38-38-104 SHALL BE FILED WITH THE PUBLIC TRUSTEE AT LEAST FIFTEEN (15) CALENDAR DAYS PRIOR TO THE FIRST SCHEDULED SALE DATE OR ANY DATE TO WHICH THE SALE IS CONTINUED;

• A NOTICE OF INTENT TO REDEEM FILED PURSUANT TO SECTION 38-38-302 SHALL BE FILED WITH THE PUBLIC TRUSTEE NO LATER THAN EIGHT (8) BUSINESS DAYS AFTER THE SALE;

• IF THE SALE DATE IS CONTINUED TO A LATER DATE, THE DEADLINE TO FILE A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE BY THOSE PARTIES ENTITLED TO CURE MAY ALSO BE EXTENDED;

• IF THE BORROWER BELIEVES THAT A LENDER OR SERVICER HAS VIOLATED THE REQUIREMENTS FOR A SINGLE POINT OF CONTACT IN SECTION 38-38-103.1 OR THE PROHIBITION ON DUAL TRACKING IN SECTION 38-38-103.2, THE BORROWER MAY FILE A COMPLAINT WITH THE COLORADO ATTORNEY GENERAL, THE FEDERAL CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION BUREAU (CFPB), OR BOTH. THE FILING OF A COMPLAINT WILL NOT STOP THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS.

Colorado Attorney General
1300 Broadway, 10th Floor
Denver, Colorado 80203
(800) 222-4444
www.coloradoattorneygeneral.gov

Federal Consumer Financial Protection Bureau
P.O. Box 4503
Iowa City, Iowa 52244
(855) 411-2372
www.consumerfinance.gov

DATE: 10/09/2015

Karen Arnold, Public Trustee in and for the County of Rio Blanco, State of Colorado
By: Karen Arnold, Public Trustee
The name, address, business telephone number and bar registration number of the attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is:
Lisa Cancanon #42043 Monica Kadmas #34904
Barrett Frappier & Weissman, LLP 1199 Bannock Street, Denver, CO 80204 (303) 350-3711
Attorney File # 3750.100099
The Attorney above is acting as a debt collector and is attempting to collect a debt. Any information provided may be used for that purpose.

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF FILING AND HEARING

A Petition for Determination of Heirs of Junior Neil Merkley and Lanae Workman Merkley, deceased, has been filed with the Rio Blanco County Court by Junae Cook. The property set forth in the petition is as follows:
Rio Blanco County:
Township 2 North, Range 102 West, 6th P.M.
Section 30: West half of the Southeast quarter.
Section 31: West half of the Northeast quarter.
160.00 gross acres
Township 2 North, Range 102 West, 6th P.M.
Section 30: West half of the Northeast quarter.
80.00 gross acres
The interested person and heir is as follows:
JuNae Cook
6906 West Indian Trail Rd
Vernal UT 84078
All interested persons and owners by inheritance are directed to appear and answer the petition within 35 days after service by publication.
All objections to the Petition for Determination of Heirs must be filed in writing with the Court and the filing fee paid within thirty-five days of service and that the hearing shall be limited to the objections timely filed and the parties answering the petition in a timely manner.
A hearing for this matter has been set for February 5, 2016, at 2:00 pm, at the Rio Blanco County Court located at 555 Main Street, Suite 303, PO BOX 1150, Meeker, CO 81641.
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Town of Meeker is accepting bid proposals for a new patrol vehicle for the Police Department. The vehicle should be a new, 2016 4 door Ford SUV Police Interceptor. Bid specifications and/or general information may be obtained at Town Hall, 345 Market St., Meeker, CO 81641 or at Townofmeeker.org, or by calling 970-878-4100.
Bids will be accepted at the Meeker Town Hall until Thursday, December 31, 2015 at 4:00 p.m. The bid will be awarded at the regular Town of Meeker Board of Trustees meeting on January 5, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. The Town reserves the right to reject any and all bids and waive any and all informalities, and the right to disregard all non-conforming or conditional bids or counter proposals. Contract award and preferences will be based upon the Town of Meeker Personnel Policy & Procedures Manual.
Published: December 17 & 24, 2015
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LEGAL NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE RANGELY BOARD OF TRUSTEES (TOWN COUNCIL)

Meeting on Tuesday, December 22, 2015 is cancelled.
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NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that on January 6, 2016 final settlement will be made to Belland Builder, Inc. for the Office Building Repair Project. Any person, co-partnership, company, association of persons, or corporation who has an unpaid claim with the Company listed above, as their January 5, 2016, before 4:00 p.m., prior to final settlement, of the amount due with the Meeker Sanitation District, pursuant to Section 38-26-107, C.R.C., as amended.
Failure on the part of the Claimant to file such verified statement with the Meeker Sanitation District Board of Directors, prior to the final settlement on said Contract will relieve the Meeker Sanitation District from any liability for such Claimant's claim.
Gail Frantz, Office Manager, Meeker Sanitation District, 265 8th Street, PO Box 417, Meeker, CO 81641
Published: December 17, 24 & 31, 2015
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PUBLIC NOTICE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS SPORTS OFFICIALS FOR MEEKER YOUTH BASKETBALL (MYB)

The EASTERN RIO BLANCO METROPOLITAN RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT, a political subdivision of the State of Colorado, is soliciting proposals from qualified Sports Officials to officiate scheduled MYB basketball games (grades 3-6) from mid-January through mid-March.
Interested parties are required to submit an organized letter which contains:
A history of experience and qualifications.
A per game rate defined; include full compensation for labor, equipment use, liability, and other associated costs incurred per game.

COMBINED NOTICE - MAILING

CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 15-20

To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust: On September 29, 2015, 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) LeRoy Lontine and Joann Marie Lontine
Original Beneficiary(ies) Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Caliber Funding LLC
Current Holder of Evidence of Debt Caliber Home Loans, Inc.
Date of Deed of Trust July 16, 2012
County of Recording Rio Blanco
Recording Date of Deed of Trust July 20, 2012
Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/Page No.) 304285
Original Principal Amount \$215,000.00
Outstanding Principal Balance \$205,168.75
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.

EXHIBIT A

Township 2 North, Range 94 West of the 6th P.M.

A parcel of land lying in the NE1/4 of Section 30, Township 2 North, Range 94 West of the 6th P.M., County of Rio Blanco, State of Colorado, being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at the Northwest Corner of said NE1/4NE1/4 of Section 30; thence North 89°52'50" East along the North line of said NE1/4, 1059.44 feet to a point on curve of a nontangent curve to the right having a radius of 5431.02 feet and a central angle of 3°12'41", said point on curve being a point on the centerline of County Road No. 7; thence along the arc of said curve and said centerline, 304.41 feet to a point of tangency, the chord of said arc bears South 21°29'39" West, 304.37 feet; thence South 23°05'59" West along said centerline 582.27 feet; thence North 72°30'02" West, 754.40 feet to a point on the West line of said NE1/4NE1/4; thence North 0°00'04" East, 589.74 feet to the true point of beginning.

Also known by street and number as: 6255 County Road 7, Meeker, CO 81641.
THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED OF TRUST.

NOTICE OF SALE

The current holder of the Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, described herein, has filed Notice of Election and Demand for sale as provided by law and in said Deed of Trust.
THEREFORE, Notice is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, 12/30/2015, at Office of the Public Trustee, Rio Blanco County Courthouse, 555 Main Street, Meeker CO 81641, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s) heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.
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YOU MAY HAVE AN INTEREST IN THE REAL PROPERTY BEING FORECLOSED, OR HAVE CERTAIN RIGHTS OR SUFFER CERTAIN LIABILITIES PURSUANT TO COLORADO STATUTES AS A RESULT OF SAID FORECLOSURE. YOU MAY HAVE THE RIGHT TO REDEEM SAID REAL PROPERTY OR YOU MAY HAVE THE RIGHT TO CURE A DEFAULT UNDER THE DEED OF TRUST BEING FORECLOSED. A COPY OF SAID STATUTES, AS SUCH STATUTES ARE PRESENTLY CONSTITUTED, WHICH MAY AFFECT YOUR RIGHTS SHALL BE SENT WITH ALL MAILED COPIES OF THIS NOTICE. HOWEVER, YOUR RIGHTS MAY BE DETERMINED BY PREVIOUS STATUTES.

• A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE FILED PURSUANT TO SECTION 38-38-104 SHALL BE FILED WITH THE PUBLIC TRUSTEE AT LEAST FIFTEEN (15) CALENDAR DAYS PRIOR TO THE FIRST SCHEDULED SALE DATE OR ANY DATE TO WHICH THE SALE IS CONTINUED;

• A NOTICE OF INTENT TO REDEEM FILED PURSUANT TO SECTION 38-38-302 SHALL BE FILED WITH THE PUBLIC TRUSTEE NO LATER THAN EIGHT (8) BUSINESS DAYS AFTER THE SALE;

• IF THE SALE DATE IS CONTINUED TO A LATER DATE, THE DEADLINE TO FILE A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE BY THOSE PARTIES ENTITLED TO CURE MAY ALSO BE EXTENDED;

• IF THE BORROWER BELIEVES THAT A LENDER OR SERVICER HAS VIOLATED THE REQUIREMENTS FOR A SINGLE POINT OF CONTACT IN SECTION 38-38-103.1 OR THE PROHIBITION ON DUAL TRACKING IN SECTION 38-38-103.2, THE BORROWER MAY FILE A COMPLAINT WITH THE COLORADO ATTORNEY GENERAL, THE FEDERAL CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION BUREAU (CFPB), OR BOTH. THE FILING OF A COMPLAINT WILL NOT STOP THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS.

Colorado Attorney General
1300 Broadway, 10th Floor
Denver, Colorado 80203
(800) 222-4444
www.coloradoattorneygeneral.gov

Federal Consumer Financial Protection Bureau
P.O. Box 4503
Iowa City, Iowa 52244
(855) 411-2372
www.consumerfinance.gov

DATE: 09/30/2015

Karen Arnold, Public Trustee in and for the County of Rio Blanco, State of Colorado
By: Karen Arnold, Public Trustee
The name, address, business telephone number and bar registration number of the attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is:
Frascona, Joiner, Goodman and Greenstein, P.C. 4750 TABLE MESA DRIVE, BOULDER, CO 80305-5500 (303) 494-3000
Attorney File # 7225.770
The Attorney above is acting as a debt collector and is attempting to collect a debt. Any information provided may be used for that purpose.

LEGAL NOTICES

Selected candidates will be required to sign an Independent Contractors Contract and provide proof of liability insurance.

For more information contact Shelly Rogers, Recreation Manager, at shellyr@meekerrecdistrict.com or 970-878-3403 ext. 409. Proposals must be received by the District before 5 p.m. on December 18, 2015 at the District's administrative office, Meeker Recreation Center, 101 Ute Road, Meeker, CO 81641. Proposals received after the submission deadline will not be considered.
EASTERN RIO BLANCO METROPOLITAN RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT
By: Sean VonRoenn, Executive Director
Published: December 10, and 17, 2015
Rio Blanco Herald Times

Board of County Commissioners SPECIAL MEETING Tuesday, December 22, 2015 County Administration Building 200 Main, Meeker, Colorado

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

Public Comment: Any member of the public may address the Board on matters which are within the jurisdiction of the Board. If you are addressing the Board regarding a matter listed on the Agenda, you are requested to make your comments when the Board takes that matter. Please limit your comments to three minutes per member or five minutes per group. The public comment time is not for questions and answers. It is your time to express your views.
11:00 A.M. CALL TO ORDER:
•Pledge of Allegiance
•Changes to the December 22, 2015 Special Meeting Board Agenda
•Approval of the December 22, 2015 Special Meeting Agenda
GENERAL BUSINESS:
•Gen Business 1. Certification Of Levies And Revenues

LEGAL NOTICES

For The Various Taxing Entities In Rio Blanco County For The Tax Year 2016 According To CRS Section 39-1-111

OTHER BUSINESS:
Public Comment
ADJOURN
The agenda is provided for informational purposes only; all times are approximate. Agenda items will normally be considered in the order they appear on the agenda. However, the Board may alter the Agenda, take breaks during the meeting, work through the noon hour and even continue an item for a future meeting date. The Board, while in session, may consider other items that are brought before it. Scheduled items may be continued if the Board is unable to complete the Agenda as scheduled. The next regular Board meeting is tentatively scheduled for December 28, 2015 in Meeker at the County Administration Building. Please check the County website for information at

www.rbc.us/departments/commissioners.
If you need special accommodations please call 970-878-9573 in advance of the meeting so that reasonable accommodations may be made.
Published: December 17, 2015
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RIO BLANCO COUNTY NOTICE OF FINAL CONTRACTOR SETTLEMENT

2015 RIO BLANCO COUNTY ROAD 5/CR 20 WITH LIVESTOCK UNDERPASS PROJECT
NOTICE is hereby given that on the 11th day of January, 2016 at Meeker, Colorado, final settlement will be authorized by the Rio Blanco County Board of County Commissioners with Oldcastle SW Group, Inc., dba United Companies of Mesa County of 2273 River Road, Grand Junction, CO 81505 for all work done by said CONTRACTOR on the project known

ORDINANCE No. 11, Series 2015

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND CERTIFYING A TEMPORARY MILL LEVY REDUCTION AND LEVYING GENERAL PROPERTY TAXES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2016 TO DEFRAY THE COST OF GOVERNMENT SERVICES FOR THE TOWN OF MEEKER, COLORADO

WHEREAS, the Town of Meeker Board of Trustees, the "Town Board", on December 8, 2015, adopted an annual budget for the 2016 fiscal year in accordance with the Local Government Budget Law of Colorado; and,

WHEREAS, at the Town's regular municipal election on April 1, 2008, the Town's registered electors approved a ballot question authorizing and permitting the Town to collect, retain and spend or reserve all property tax revenue collected, in the amount of the Town's 1999 property tax mill levy (which was 9.781 mills), prior to the Town's approval of its temporary tax credit, which would be effective on January 1, 2009 and, further, authorized the Town to collect and spend or reserve the full revenues from such revenue increase, notwithstanding the restrictions on the collection or spending of revenues under Article X, Section 20 of the Constitution of the State of Colorado, C.R.S. §29-1-301, or any other state law; and,

WHEREAS, the Town Board has determined that due to the current economic conditions it would be in the best interests of the Town's citizens and businesses to impose a temporary general fund property tax reduction from the current 9.781 mills and thereby certifying a temporary general fund property tax mill levy of 8.554 mills; and,

WHEREAS, the amount of money necessary to balance the budget for general operating expenses is \$1,416,591.00; and,

WHEREAS, the Town's 2015 valuation for assessment, as certified by the Rio Blanco County Assessor, is \$21,913,990.00; and,

WHEREAS, on December 8, 2015, at a special meeting, the Town Board did officially adopt a general fund property tax mill levy of 8.554 mills.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN OF MEEKER BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

1) For the purpose of meeting all general operating expenses of the Town of Meeker, during the 2016 fiscal year, there is hereby levied a tax of 8.554 mills upon each dollar of the total valuation for assessment of all taxable property within the Town of Meeker for the year 2015, which represents a temporary mill levy rate reduction of 1.227 mills from a gross mill levy of 9.781, for the reasons stated above and foregoing.

2) The Town Board forthwith formally certifies to the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado, the 8.554 mill levy and said mill levy will be certified by letter to the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado, on or before December 15, 2015.

3) The mill levy herein approved and adopted by an affirmative vote of a majority of the Town Board shall be signed by the Mayor and made a part of the public records of the Town of Meeker.

4) Pursuant to C.R.S. §29-1-108, this ordinance shall be effective upon adoption.

INTRODUCED, READ, PASSED, ADOPTED, AND ORDERED PUBLISHED AS PROVIDED BY LAW BY A VOTE OF 5 TO 0 OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF MEEKER, COLORADO, AT ITS SPECIAL MEETING HELD IN THE TOWN OF MEEKER THIS 8TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2015.

TOWN OF MEEKER, BOARD OF TRUSTEES

REGAS K. HALANDRAS, Mayor

ATTEST: LISA COOK, Town Clerk

Published: December 17, 2015

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ORDINANCE No. 10, Series 2015

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A BUDGET, SUMMARIZING EXPENDITURES AND REVENUES AND MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR EACH FUND FOR THE TOWN OF MEEKER, COLORADO, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING THE FIRST DAY OF JANUARY, 2016 AND ENDING THE LAST DAY OF DECEMBER, 2016.

WHEREAS, the Town of Meeker Board of Trustees, the "Town Board", has received from the Town budget office a proposed budget for the 2016 fiscal year; and,

WHEREAS, upon due and proper notice, published in accordance with Local Government Budget Law of Colorado, the proposed budget was open for public inspection at the Meeker Town Hall, a public hearing was held on November 17, 2015, and interested Town electors were given the opportunity to file or register any objections to the proposed budget, up to the time of final adoption of the proposed budget; and,

WHEREAS, whatever increase or decreases may have been made in expenditures, like increases or decreases were made to the revenues, so that the budget remains in balance, as required by law;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF MEEKER, COLORADO:

1) The estimated expenditures and reserves in each fund are as follows:

GENERAL FUND	
Operating Expenses	\$1,807,346.00
Systems Development Amount	1,493,900.00
Highway Users Tax Fund	80,700.00
Estimated Fund Reserve	7,467,812.00
Emergency Reserve	105,250.00
Total General Fund	\$10,955,008.00

WATER FUND	
Operating Expenses	\$ 555,885.00
Systems Development Amount	937,000.00
Estimated Fund Reserve	696,900.00
Total Water Fund	\$2,189,785.00

CONSERVATION TRUST FUND

Park Expenses	\$12,016.00
Estimated Fund Reserve	\$37,776.00
Total Conservation Trust Fund	\$49,792.00

2) The estimated revenues and reserves for each fund including transfers are as follows:

GENERAL FUND	
Sources other than General Property Tax and Highway Users Tax, including appropriated reserve	\$3,113,794.00
Emergency Reserve	105,250.00
General Property Tax	187,452.00
Highway Users Tax Fund	80,700.00
Reserve Funds and Unencumbered	
Estimated Opening Balance	\$7,467,812.00
Total General Fund	\$10,955,008.00

WATER FUND	
Non-water Service Income, including appropriated reserve	\$892,885.00
Water Service Fees	600,000.00
Reserve Funds and Unencumbered	
Estimated Opening Balance	696,900.00
Total Water Fund	\$2,189,785.00

CONSERVATION TRUST FUND

State Lottery Share & Reserve for Parks Expenses	\$12,000.00
Interest	16.00
Estimated Opening Balance	37,776.00
Total Conservation Trust Fund	\$49,792.00

3) That the budget as submitted, amended, and hereinabove summarized by Fund, hereby is approved and adopted as the budget of the Town of Meeker for the 2016 fiscal year and funds are hereby authorized and allocated to be appropriated to each fund for the purpose of meeting expenditures therein.

4) That the budget herewith approved and adopted by an affirmative vote of a majority of the Town Board shall be signed by the Mayor and made a part of the public records of the Town of Meeker.

5) Pursuant to C.R.S. §29-1-108, this ordinance shall be effective upon adoption.
INTRODUCED, READ, PASSED, ADOPTED, AND ORDERED PUBLISHED AS PROVIDED BY LAW BY A VOTE OF 5 TO 0 OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF MEEKER, COLORADO, AT ITS SPECIAL MEETING HELD IN THE TOWN OF MEEKER THIS 8TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2015.

TOWN OF MEEKER, BOARD OF TRUSTEES

REGAS K. HALANDRAS, Mayor

ATTEST: LISA COOK, Town Clerk

Published: December 17, 2015

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ORDINANCE NO. 687 (2015)
AN ORDINANCE REPLACING RANGELY MUNICIPAL CODE 13.04.055 IN ITS ENTIRETY, ENTITLED "CROSS CONNECTION AND BACKFLOW PREVENTION", OF THE TOWN OF RANGELY, COLORADO

WHEREAS, the Town Board at its meeting on November 24, 2015 and on December 8, 2015 scheduled a public hearing to provide for public input concerning the repeal and reenactment of §13.04.055 of the Rangely Municipal Code concerning Cross Connection and Backflow Prevention regarding the Town's domestic water system; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on November 24, 2015 and December 8, 2015, before the Town Board at its regular meetings at the Rangely Town Hall, 209 E. Main Street, of which hearing public notice was given in the Rio Blanco Herald Times newspaper, published on November 12, 2015 & November 19, 2015 and December 17th, 2015 & December 24th, 2015.

WHEREAS, the public, at such hearing, was given the opportunity to voice its opinion regarding these proposed Cross Connection and Backflow prevention provisions; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this Ordinance is to protect the Town's public water system from contaminants or pollutants that could enter the Town's potable water distribution system by backflow from a customer's plumbing through the service connection; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board on the basis of the evidence produced at the public hearing has determined that the provisions of this Ordinance are in the best interest of the public health, safety, and welfare and necessary for the protection thereof; and

WHEREAS, related existing provisions of the Municipal Code are revised to be consistent with the changes set forth below.

PART ONE

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED THAT SECTION 13.04.055 of the Town's Municipal Code shall read as follows:

13.04.055 Cross Connection and Backflow Prevention

A. Authority and Directives.

1. The authority to implement this program is contained in the following statutes, regulations, and ordinances:
 - a. Sections 1-114 and 1-114.1 of Title 25 of the Colorado Revised Statutes (C.R.S.);
 - b. Section 39 of 5 CCR 1002-11, Colorado Primary Drinking Water Regulations;
 - c. The Town's adopted Uniform Plumbing Code; and
 - d. The State of Colorado Cross Connection Control Manual, copies of which are on file with the Town Clerk.
2. The Town Manager shall have the authority to inspect and survey all Service Connections to the Town's Water System to determine if any connection to the Town's Public Water System is a Cross Connection, and to require Backflow Prevention.
3. The Town Manager is hereby granted the authority to control all plumbing connections of every type and location to the Town's Water System.
4. The Town Manager may cause a survey to be made of all Service Connections to the Town's Water System, or may forego a survey if he determines that each Service Connection is controlled with a Town approved air gap or reduced pressure zone backflow prevention assembly.
5. The Town Manager shall collect fees for the administration of this program, as outlined in section J of this Section 13.04.055.
6. The Town Manager shall maintain records of cross connection surveys and the installation, testing and repair of all backflow prevention assemblies installed for containment and containment by isolation purposes.
7. The Town Manager shall administer, implement and enforce the provisions of this Section 13.04.055.

B. Applicability.

This Ordinance applies to:

1. All (e.g., commercial, industrial and multi-family) Service Connections to the Town's Water System including every person whose property or structure is, by contract or agreement with the Town of Rangely or otherwise, connected to the Town's Water System; and
2. Each single family residence receiving potable water from the Town with upgrades to water systems;
3. Each property and structure with an irrigation system or a boiler system which is connected to the Town's Water System;
4. Each other physical connection to the Town Water System as the Town Manager deems necessary;
5. Any facility the State of Colorado and/or the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency deems required by law;
6. Each Customer as defined below; and
7. Each Technician, as defined below.

C. Definitions.

1. "Air Gap" is a physical separation between the free flowing discharge end of a Town Water System pipeline and an open or non-pressure receiving vessel installed in accordance with standard AMSE A112.1.2. [Where is AMSE A 112.2 found?]
2. "Backflow" means the undesirable (as determined by the Town Manager) reversal of flow of water or mixtures of water and other liquids, gases or other substances into the Town of Rangely's Water System from any source.
3. "Backflow Contamination Event" means backflow into the Town's Water system from any uncontrolled Cross Connection such that the water quality could no longer meet the Colorado Primary Drinking Water Regulations or presents an immediate health and/or safety risk to the public, as determined by either the Town Manager or the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment.
4. "Backflow Prevention Assembly" means any mechanical assembly installed at a Customer's water service line or at a Customer's Plumbing system to prevent a backflow contamination event, provided that the mechanical assembly is appropriate for the identified contaminant at the cross connection and is an in-line field-testable assembly as determined by the Town Manager.
5. "Backflow Prevention Method" means any method and/or non-testable device approved by the Town Manager that is installed at a Customer's water service line or at a Customer's Plumbing fixture to prevent a backflow contamination event, provided that the method or non-testable device is appropriate for the identified contaminant at the cross connection as determined by the Town Manager.
6. "Backflow Prevention Event" means any flow of water from a Customer's facilities, land or Plumbing into the Town's Water System.
7. "Certified Cross Connection Control Technician" or "Technician" means a person who possesses a valid Backflow Prevention Assembly Tester certification from one of the following approved organizations: American Society of Sanitary Engineering (ASSE) or the American Backflow Prevention Association (ABPA). If a certification has expired, the certification is invalid.
8. "Containment" means the installation of a backflow prevention assembly or backflow prevention method approved by the Town Manager at any connection to the Town's Water System that supplies an auxiliary water system, location, facility, or area such that backflow from a cross connection into the Town's Water System is prevented.
9. "Containment by Isolation" means the installation of Town approved backflow prevention assemblies or backflow prevention methods at all cross connections within a Customer's plumbing such that backflow from a cross connection into the Town Water System is prevented.
10. "Controlled" means having a properly installed, maintained, and tested or inspected, as determined backflow prevention assembly or backflow prevention method that prevents backflow through a cross connection, as determined by the Town Manager.
11. "Cross Connection" means any connection that could allow any water, fluid, or gas to enter the Town Water System such that the water quality of potable water could present an unacceptable health and/or safety risk to the public or to any Customer.
12. "Customer" means any person owning or in control of plumbing or a service or other connection to the Town's Water System.
13. "Manager" means the Town Manager or his delegee, such as an employee of the Town's Public Works Department.
14. "Multi-family" means a single residential connection to the Town's public water distribution system from which two or more separate dwelling units are supplied water.
15. "Plumbing" means a Customer's water distribution system, including all piping, connection fittings, valves and appurtenances within a facility, building, structure, or on premises or on a Customer's property whereby potable water can flow from the Town's Water System. A Customer's Plumbing begins at the Town owned and controlled curb stop, and includes all piping, meters and other fittings on the Customer's property or on any facility or structure not owned by the Town.
16. "Service Connection" means the physical connection of a Customer's Plumbing to the Town's Water System.
17. "Survey" means the process by which a Technician reviews plumbing connection(s) to the Town's Water System in order to verify whether or not a cross connection to the Town's Water System exists or is possible in any circumstance.
18. "Water System" means the potable water distribution system owned and operated by the Town whereby Customers receive potable water via the Customer's Plumbing connected to the Town's curb stop for the particular Customer's water supply. "Water System" includes the terms "Public Water System and the terms "Domestic Water System."
19. "Uncontrolled" means not having a properly installed, maintained and tested Town inspected backflow prevention assembly or backflow prevention method; or where the backflow prevention assembly or backflow prevention method does not prevent backflow to the Town's Water System through a cross connection.

D. Requirements.

1. All (including commercial, industrial, multi-family, and single family) service connections shall be subject to a Town survey for Cross connections at any time. If the Town identifies a cross connection, the Customer shall, within 45 days of written notice from the Town, install an appropriate backflow prevention assembly at the Customer's water service connection to the Town's Water System. The assembly shall be installed above the Town curb stop and Customer's meter in a location as deemed practical by the Town Manager. If the assembly or method is not installed within said 45 days, the Town Manager shall take action to control or remove the Cross Connection, suspend service to the Cross Connection
2. In no case shall any person allow, knowingly or not, connections or tees between the meter and the containment backflow prevention assembly or between the meter and the Town's curb stop.
3. In instances where a reduced pressure principle backflow preventer cannot be installed, the Customer shall install a Town approved backflow prevention device(s) or method(s) at all Cross Connections.
4. Backflow prevention assemblies and methods shall be installed in a location approved by the Town Manager which provides access for maintenance, testing and repair.
5. Reduced pressure principle backflow preventers shall not be installed in a location subject to episodic flooding, as determined by the Town Manager.
6. Each Customer shall provide for adequate, as determined by the Town Manager, drainage of water from reduced pressure principle backflow prevention assemblies. Such discharge shall not impact waters of the State, nor be discharged in violation of any applicable regulation, law or Town Ordinance.
7. Each Customer shall protect all assemblies and devices from freezing. Those assemblies and methods used for seasonal services may be removed in lieu of being protected from freezing. The devices shall be reinstalled and then tested by a Technician prior to the service being activated.
8. Where a backflow prevention assembly or method is installed on the Town's Water System using storage water heating equipment such that thermal expansion causes an increase in pressure, the Customer shall install a device for controlling pressure.
9. All backflow prevention assemblies shall be tested at the time of installation, and on an annual schedule thereafter, by a Technician.
10. The Town Manager shall require inspection testing, maintenance and as-needed repairs and replacement of all backflow prevention assemblies and methods, and of all required installations within the Customer's Plumbing in the cases where containment assemblies and or methods cannot be installed.
11. All responsibility and costs for design, installation, maintenance, testing and as needed repair and replacement shall be borne by the Customer.
12. No grandfather clauses exist for any facilities or Customer Plumbing for exemption from this Ordinance; that is, every connection to the Town's Water System is subject to each provision of this Ordinance.
13. For new structures and connections to the Town's Water System, all building plans must be submitted to, and approved by, Town Manager prior to the commencement of construction and provision of water supply by the Town.
14. Building plans must show:
 - a. Water service type, size and location;
 - b. Meter size and location;
 - c. Backflow prevention assembly size, type and location;
 - d. Fire sprinkler system(s) service line, size and type of backflow prevention assembly;
 - e. All fire sprinkling lines shall have a minimum protection of an approved double check valve assembly for containment of the system;
 - f. All glycol (ethylene or propylene) or other antifreeze systems shall have an approved reduced pressure principle backflow preventer for containment;
 - g. Dry fire systems shall have an approved double check valve assembly installed upstream of the air pressure valve; and
 - h. For any new installation, fire sprinkling systems shall be on their own separate tap to the Town's Water System if the Town Manager deems it necessary.

E. Inspection, Testing and Repair.

1. Each Customer shall have a Technician or inspect and test the Customer's Backflow prevention devices and methods at the time of installation and at least annually thereafter. The tests shall be made at the expense of the Customer.
 - a. Each Customer shall have each Customer's backflow prevention device or method that is non-testable inspected at least once annually by a Technician, at the expense of the Customer.
2. As necessary, backflow prevention devices shall be repaired and retested or replaced and tested at the expense of the Customer whenever the Town Manager or a Technician determines such devices to be defective.
3. Each Technician shall cause all testing gauges used in reference to the Town's Water System to be tested and calibrated for accuracy at least once annually.

F. Reporting and Recordkeeping.

1. Copies of all records of test reports, repairs, retests, and replacements shall be kept by the Customer for a minimum of three (3) years.
2. Copies of records of test reports, repairs and retests shall be delivered to the Town Manager by mail, fax, or e-mail by the respective Technician or by the applicable testing company approved by the Town Manager.
3. Information on test reports shall include, but may not be limited to, as required by the Town Manager:
 - a. Assembly or method type;
 - b. Assembly or method location;
 - c. Assembly make, model and serial number;
 - d. Assembly size;
 - e. Test date;
 - f. Test results including all results that would justify a pass or fail outcome;
 - g. Name and contact information of each person or entity from whom the Technician receives a certification;
 - h. The Technician's certification number;
 - i. The Technician's certification expiration date;
 - j. Test kit manufacturer, model and serial number; and
 - k. Date the test kit was calibrated.

G. Right of entry.

1. A properly credentialed or identified representative of the Town of Rangely shall have the right of entry to survey and inspect any and all properties, structures, buildings and premises for the presence, type and condition of all Cross Connections. This right of entry shall be a condition of water service by the Town in order to protect the health, safety and welfare of Customers and other users of Town's Water System.

H. Compliance.

1. Each Customer shall cooperate with the installation, inspection, testing, maintenance, and as needed repair and replacement of backflow prevention assemblies and with the survey process. For any uncontrolled Cross Connections identified by the Technician or the Town Manager, the Town Manager shall require or complete one of the following actions within 45 days of its discovery:
 - a. Control the cross connection; or
 - b. Remove the cross connection; or
 - c. Suspend service to the cross connection.
2. Each Technician shall notify the Town Manager of each suspected or known violation of this Section 13.04.055 within two business days of discovery.
3. The Town Manager shall give written notice to each property owner or Customer whose Plumbing has been found to present a risk to the Town's Water System through an uncontrolled or improper Cross Connection. The notice and order shall state that the owner or Customer shall install a backflow prevention assembly or method at each service connection to the owner's or Customer's property, structure or premises from or through which water service is obtained. The notice and order will give a date by which the owner or Customer shall comply with the order.
 - a. In instances where a backflow prevention assembly or method cannot be installed, the owner or Customer shall install Town approved backflow prevention devices or methods at all Cross Connections identified by the Technician, within the owner's or Customer Plumbing. The notice and order will give a date by which the owner or Customer must comply with the order.

I. Violations and Penalties.

1. Each violation of a provision of this Section 13.04.055 shall, upon conviction, be punishable as provided in all applicable statutes, laws, and regulations; the fine(s) and imprisonment penalties of Municipal Code Section 1.04.050 shall be the minimum penalties.
2. The Town Manager may impose fees and/or discontinue water service in the event a Customer:
 - a. Does not allow access of the Customer's Plumbing by the Town or a Technician for a survey or inspection;
 - b. Does not install a backflow preventer when it was required by the Technician after a survey;
 - c. Does not have their backflow assembly(s) tested or their backflow device(s) or method(s) inspected in the 45 day allotted time after the inspection and at least annually.
3. In case of any violation or in case a Customer does not comply with any provision of this Section 13.04.055, the Town Manager may impose the following or may take the following actions:
 - a. Each Customer shall pay \$50.00 per day for each day, or portion, the Customer does not provide such access.
 - b. The Customer shall pay all cost the Town incurs in disconnecting or obtaining access.
 - c. Water service will not resume until fees, if any, are paid in full and Customer is in full compliance with all provisions of this Section.
 - d. If the Town Manager deems it necessary, in order to maintain compliance with this Section and other applicable laws and regulations, a plumber may be hired to install a backflow preventer or remove a Customer's Cross Connection with all costs to be borne by the Customer.
 - e. If the Town deems it necessary, in order to maintain compliance with State or Federal regulations, the Town may engage a Technician at the Customer's cost to test and inspect backflow preventers.
 - f. All costs accrued by the Town in enforcing the requirements of this Section 13.04.055 during this event shall be added to the customer's utility bill and, the Town may pursue other legal remedies.

J. Conflict with other codes.

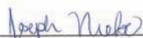
If a dispute or conflict arises between provisions of the Town adopted Uniform Plumbing Code or any plumbing, mechanical, building, electrical, fire or other code adopted by the Town, or any federal or State of Colorado regulation, then the most stringent provisions of each respective code or regulation shall prevail.

PART TWO

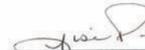
BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED AS FOLLOWS:

- A. Section M of 13.04, containing the definition of "Backflow prevention device," is hereby deleted.
- B. To the extent that any existing provision in the Town's Municipal Code is inconsistent with the provisions of Part One, above, the provisions of Part One, above shall control.

READ, APPROVED AND ORDERED PUBLISHED ON FIRST READING THIS 24th DAY OF November, 2015 BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF RANGELY, COLORADO


 Joe Nielsen, Mayor Pro Tem

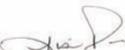
ATTEST:


 Lisa Piering, Town Clerk

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED ON THE SECOND READING THIS 8th DAY OF December, 2015 BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF RANGELY, COLORADO.


 Joe Nielsen, Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:


 Lisa Piering, Town Clerk

LEGAL NOTICES

as 2015 Rio Blanco County Road 5/CR 20 Project.
1) Any person, co-partnership, association, or corporation who has an unpaid claim against the said project may at any time, up to and including the date specified in item 2 below, file a VERIFIED STATEMENT of the amount due and unpaid on account of such claims.
2) All such claims shall be filed with Van Pilaud, County Engineer, Rio Blanco County Road & Bridge Department, 570 2nd Street, Meeker, Colorado 81641 on or before December 30, 2015.
3) Failure on the part of a creditor to file such a statement will relieve Rio Blanco County from any and all liability for such claim. Dated at Meeker, Colorado this the 14th day of December, 2015.
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF RIO BLANCO COUNTY
BY JEFFREY D. ESKELSON, CHAIRMAN
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LEGAL NOTICES

Board of County Commissioners
Monday, December 21, 2015
Rangely, Colorado
Tentative Board Agenda
Items of routine and non-controversial nature are placed on the consent agenda. Any Commissioner or member of the audience may request an item be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered separately on the regular agenda prior to action being taken by the Board on the Consent Agenda.
Public Comment: Any member of the public may address the Board on matters which are within the jurisdiction of the Board. If you are addressing the Board regarding a matter listed on the Agenda, you are requested to make your comments when the Board takes that matter. Please limit your comments to three minutes per member or five minutes per group. The public comment time is not for questions and answers. It is your time to express your views.
11:00 a.m. Call to order:
•Pledge of Allegiance
•Changes to the December 21, 2015 Tentative Agenda
•Approval of the December 21, 2015 Agenda
CONSENT AGENDA FOR DECEMBER 21, 2015
•Consent 1. Approval of the Board Minutes of December 14, 2015
•Consent 2. Approval of the 2016 Budget Hearing Minutes of December 14, 2015
•Consent 3. Grant of Permanent Non-Exclusive Easement between the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado and William R. Hume, granting to the County unimpaired ingress and egress across land owned by Grantor for the Rio Blanco County Broadband Project. (All Sign)
•Consent 4. Contract Change Order No. 3 for the 2015 East Douglas Crushing Project to provide 3-B Enterprises, LLC with additional equipment due to rock hardness, in an amount not to exceed \$17,000.00, and no change in the term. (Chairman Signs)
BUSINESS AGENDA
General:
Resolutions:
Bid Opening:
Bid Awards:
•Bid Award 1. Fleet Management Department Motor Grader Roller Compactor Attachment.
MOU, Contracts and Agreements:
•MCA 1. Contract with Calix, Inc. for construction of FTTxElectronics for the Rio Blanco County Broadband Project in an amount not to exceed \$716,225.00. (All Sign)
•MCA 2. Intergovernmental Agreement between the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County and The Board of Trustees of the Town of Meeker, Colorado Concerning Joint Cooperation for the Implementation of the Rio Blanco County Economic Development Strategy.
Other Business:
•Public Comments
•County Commissioners Updates
Adjourn
The agenda is provided for informational purposes only; all times are approximate. Agenda items will normally be considered in the order they appear on the agenda. However, the Board may alter the Agenda, take breaks during the meeting, work through the noon hour and even continue an item for a future meeting date. The Board, while in session, may consider other items that are brought before it. Scheduled items may be continued if the Board is unable to complete the Agenda as scheduled. The next regular Board meeting is tentatively scheduled for December 28, 2015, in Meeker at the County Administration Building. Please check the County website for information at www.rbc.us/departments/commissioners. If you need special accommodations, please call 970-878-9683 in advance of the meeting so that reasonable accommodations may be made.
Published: December 17, 2015
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

RADINO & CHUCKWAGON
Please call before 9:00 a.m. day of meal 878-5627 or 675-8112 Senior Citizen Nutrition Program Meals served at noon. Reservations appreciated. Suggested Donation Over 60 - \$2.50. Under 60 - Guest Fee \$7. (Did you know? Homebound trays can be ordered for over 60, suggested donation \$2.50 - 12:10 p.m. pickup.)
MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE
Friday, December 18: Fruit salad, beef stew, biscuit, vanilla pudding
Monday, December 21: Tuna noodle casserole, Mixed vegetables, Tropical fruit, Christmas cookies
Tuesday, December 22: Roast beef w/gravy, mashed potatoes, Green beans, Waldorf salad, pie
Wednesday, December 23: Split pea soup, Ham & cheese sandwich, Strawberry shortcake
MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE
Milk, Tea and Coffee are offered with all meals. Menu subject to change.
Food Bank of the Rockies Mobile Food Pantry, Meeker Fairgrounds, Dec. 17, Thursday, 11:00-12:30.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ATTENTION HORSE OWNERS
If you ride on any public land in Rio Blanco or Moffat or Routte counties please call me. I would like your opinions on a few questions. -Diane Mobley (970)878-4463.
FREE LEGAL CLINIC @ your Meeker Public Library in Meeker Tuesday, 1/5/16 from 2pm-3:30pm. A free legal clinic for parties who have no attorney, will be featured from 2pm-3:30pm on the FIRST TUESDAY of each month @ the Meeker Public Library at 490 Main St in Meeker, CO. By computer link, volunteer attorneys will answer questions, help fill out forms, and explain the process and procedure for all areas of civil litigation, including family law, property law, probate law, collections, appeals, landlord-tenant law, small claims, veterans issues, and civil protection orders. Please contact the Meeker Public Library at (970) 878-5911 to be added to the sign-up sheet. Upcoming dates in 2016 are: 1/5; 2/2; 3/1; 4/5; 5/3; 6/7; 7/5; 6/2; 9/6; 10/4; 11/1; & 12/6. **FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED; ALL FREE**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Alcoholics Anonymous
Mon. 7 p.m., Weds. 7 p.m., Fri. 7 p.m.
St. James Church - enter from back parking lot, meetings are downstairs in Richards Hall, 4th & Park, Meeker
878-4158 • 878-5919
• 878-5636
Alanon Thurs. 7 p.m. 878-5655
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.
Rangely Victim Services
An open door for the protection and care of abused and battered persons. **Non-emergency call 629-9691 . Emergencies call 911.** Providing assistance for victims of violent crimes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Veterans Service Offices
Rio Blanco County: Veterans Service Officer - Joe Dungan, Wednesday, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., County Administration Building, 200 Main Street Suite 300, Meeker. 878-9690 office, 878-3219 home. Fax 878-9581.
Rangely: Veterans Service Officer - Hoot Gibson, Tuesday and Thursday, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., County Annex, 17497 State Hwy 64, Rangely. 878-9695 office, 675-2669 home.
SAFEHOUSE
If you are being abused physically or mentally, you can call SAFEHOUSE for confidential shelter and help.
878-3131

NOTICE AS TO BUDGET SUPPLEMENTAL

The Rio Blanco County Board of Commissioners will be considering a budget supplemental resolution on December 28, 2015, 11:00 a.m. County Administration Building, 200 Main Street, Meeker, Colorado.
The proposed resolution is for the purpose of appropriating sums of money to defray expenses in excess of amounts budgeted for the 2015 budget year in the following funds: General Fund, Capital Expenditure Fund, Road & Bridge Fund, Department of Human Services Fund, Capital Improvement Plan Fund, Weed & Pest Control Fund, and the Fairfield Complex Fund. The resolution may be viewed at the offices of the County Clerk and Recorder, 555 Main Street, Meeker, Colorado, and the County Clerk and Recorder Office in the Western Annex Building, 17497 State Highway 64, Rangely, Colorado, and are open for public inspection 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. on normal work days.
Publication date: December 3, 2015 and December 17, 2015
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PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWN OF MEEKER MUNICIPAL ELECTION
April 5, 2016
TO: Any person, who is eligible by law, to be a candidate for the Offices of Mayor or Trustee for the Town of Meeker to be elected at the Municipal Election to be held on Tuesday, April 5, 2016 please take notice: A candidate's qualifications for eligibility to hold public office are:
1) Be a registered elector;
2) Attain the age of eighteen years or older on the date of the election and;
3) Reside in the town of Meeker for a period of at least twelve (12) consecutive months immediately preceding the date of the election.
Nomination petitions may be circulated and signed beginning on Tuesday, January 5, 2016. Nomination petitions and an information sheet for prospective candidates will be available at Town Hall, 345 Market Street, Meeker, on or after 8:00 a.m., Monday, January 4, 2016. Regular office hours at Town Hall are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. The last day for the circulation and signing of nomination petitions shall be Monday, January 25, 2016, on or before 5:00 p.m. All nomination petitions shall be filed with the Town Clerk at Town Hall by this date and time.
The following Town Officers will be elected at the election:
1) Mayor - two year term;
2) Three members of the Town Board of Trustees - all four year terms.
Dated this 8th day of December, 2015.
TOWN OF MEEKER
By: Lisa Cook, Town Clerk
Published: December 17, 24, & 31, 2015, January 7, 14 & 21, 2016.
Rio Blanco Herald Times

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MEEKER STREAKER MONTHLY SCHEDULE

November 2015
NOTE: Please call 878-9368 in advance to set up all medical appointment rides. Activities are subject to change. Bus available on dates noted below.
12/17 Grand Jct-Medical/Bus in town
12/18 Bus in town
12/19 No bus
12/20 AM bus
12/21 Bus in town
12/22 Bus in town/First day of Winter
12/23 Bus in town
12/24 Bus in town-1/2 day (1:00)
Due to Daylight Savings Time, please schedule out-of-town medical appointments before 2:00 PM. Call Streaker for a ride 878-9368. Reservations for Rec. Center Trips should be made at 878-3403. Chuckwagon 878-5627. Please call in advance for a ride to medical appointments- (970)878-9368. For Rangely dental appointments, please call (970)675-3250.

Volunteer Opportunities

Rio Blanco Commissioners are seeking applicants for the following boards:
*Columbine Park Board, Rangely
*Fair Board, Meeker & Rangely
*Fairgrounds Management Board, Meeker
*Historic Preservation Board, Meeker
*Lodging Tax Board, Rangely
*Meeker Cemetery Board
*Meeker Library District Board
*Planning Commission, Meeker & Rangely
*Rangely Cemetery Board
*Rangely Library District Board
*Weed Advisory Board, Meeker & Rangely
Board appointments are for 3 year terms. If you are interested in serving on one or more of these boards please send a letter of interest by December 31, 2015 to: Board of County Commissioners, Box 1, Meeker, CO 81641 or by e-mail to laura@rbc.us. Please include your contact information with your letter.

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Looking for a nice last minute gift? Check out The Upstairs Gallery for jewelry, ceramics and fine handcrafted items from around the area. Tues-Sat, 11-5:30. 592 Main St. #11. Upstairs.

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Snow Flake Open House 12/23, 2pm-6pm, 335 6th St. Ste. 1.

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

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

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

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

Pursuant to C.R.S. 37-92-302, you are hereby notified that the following pages comprise a resume of Applications and Amended Applications filed in the office of Water Division 6, during the month of **NOVEMBER, 2015**.

15CW3045 GARFIELD AND RIO BLANCO COUNTIES, Colorado Water Conservation Board ("CWCB"), 1313 Sherman Street, Suite 718, Denver, CO 80203. Telephone: (303) 866-3441. Please direct all future correspondence and pleadings regarding this Application to: Philip E. Lopez, Assistant Attorney General, Natural Resources and Environment Section, Colorado Department of Law, 1300 Broadway, 7th Floor, Denver, CO 80203. Telephone: (720) 508-6312. E-mail: philip.lopez@state.co.us. Application For Instream Flow Water Rights To Preserve The Natural Environment To A Reasonable Degree In 2. Name of water right: East Douglas Creek (Upper) Instream Flow Water Right. 3. Legal Description: The East Douglas Creek (Upper) Instream Flow Water Right is located in the natural stream channel of East Douglas Creek from the confluence of Bear Park Creek to the confluence with Brush Creek, a distance of approximately 1.56 miles. This segment of East Douglas Creek can be located on the Brushy Point U.S.G.S. quadrangle. A map of the East Douglas Creek (Upper) Instream Flow Water Right reach is attached as Exhibit 1. A. Upstream Terminus: Confluence Bear Park Creek. 1. UTM: Northing: 4393993.88 Easting: 182860.70 (NAD 1983 Zone 13 North). 2. Lat/Long: latitude 39° 38' 13.06"N and longitude 108° 41' 43.26"W. B. Downstream Terminus: Confluence Brush Creek. 1. UTM: Northing: 4395976.77 Easting: 181933.58 (NAD 1983 Zone 13 North). 2. Lat/Long: latitude 39° 39' 16.01"N and longitude 108° 42' 25.5"W. C. The Universal Transverse Mercator (UTM) and geographical descriptions (e.g., confluences) of the upstream and downstream termini will be used as the legal description for the decree in this matter. The Lat/Long coordinates are provided as cross-reference locations only. The UTM and Lat/Long locations for the upstream and downstream termini were derived from CWCB GIS using the National Hydrography Dataset (NHD). 4. Source: East Douglas Creek, tributary to Douglas Creek, tributary to the White River. 5. A. Date of initiation of appropriation: January 26, 2015. B. How appropriation was initiated: Appropriation and beneficial use occurred on January 26, 2015, by the action of the CWCB pursuant to sections 37-92-102(3) and (4) and 37-92-103(3), (4) and (10), C.R.S. (2015). C. Date applied to beneficial use: January 26, 2015. 6. Amount of water claimed: Instream flow of 2.1 cfs (5/1-7/15), and 0.5 cfs (7/16-10/15), absolute. 7. Proposed Uses: Instream flow uses to preserve the natural environment to a reasonable degree. 8. Names and addresses of owners or reputed owners of the land upon which any new or existing diversion structure will be located: The notice required by section 37-92-302(2)(b), C.R.S. (2015), to the owners or reputed owners of the land upon which any new or existing diversion or storage structure is or will be constructed is not applicable in this case. This Application is for instream flow water rights, exclusive to the CWCB under the provisions of section 37-92-102(3), C.R.S. (2015). As instream flow water rights, the CWCB's appropriations do not require diversion structures or storage. See City of Thornton ex rel. Utilities Bd. v. City of Fort Collins, 830 P.2d 915, 931 (Colo. 1992) ("A minimum stream flow does not require removal or control of water by some structure or device. A minimum stream flow between two points on a stream or river usually signifies the complete absence of a structure or device."). The CWCB's appropriation of an instream flow water right also does not affect ground water. The CWCB has an existing instream flow water right on East Douglas Creek from its headwaters to the confluence with Brush Creek, in the amount of 1.0 cfs (1/1 - 12/31), decreed in Case No. 5-85CW259 with an appropriation date of 5/3/1985. The flow rates sought herein are in addition to the amount of the existing instream flow water right. 9. Remarks: These appropriations by the CWCB, on behalf of the people of the State of Colorado, are made pursuant to sections 37-92-102(3) and (4) and 37-92-103(3), (4) and (10), C.R.S. (2015). The purpose of the CWCB's appropriations is to preserve the natural environment to a reasonable degree. At its regular meeting on May 21, 2015, the CWCB determined, pursuant to section 37-92-102(3)(c), C.R.S. (2015), that the natural environment will be preserved to a reasonable degree by the water available for the appropriations to be made; that there is a natural environment that can be preserved to a reasonable degree with the CWCB's water rights herein, if granted; and that such environment can exist without material injury to water rights.

You are hereby notified that you will have until the last day of JANUARY, 2016 to file with the Water Court a Verified Statement of Opposition, setting forth facts as to why a certain Application should not be granted or why it should be granted only in part or on certain conditions. A copy of such Statement of Opposition must be served on the Applicant or the Applicant's Attorney, with an affidavit or certificate of such service being filed with the Water Court, as prescribed by Rule 5, C.R.C.P. The filing fee for the Statement of Opposition is \$158.00, and should be sent to the Clerk of the Water Court, Division 6, 1955 Shield Dr. Unit 200, Steamboat Springs, CO 80477.

MARY ANN NINGER
CLERK OF COURT
ROUTT COUNTY COMBINED COURT
WATER DIVISION 6

/s/ Sharon Martin
Deputy Court Clerk

Publish: December 17, 2015, in Rio Blanco Herald Times

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Food Bank of the Rockies mobile pantry truck will be in Rio Blanco County providing Food assistance to community members. Scheduled Dates for 2015: December 17. The Food Bank will be at the Meeker Fairgrounds from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

ATTN: RIO BLANCO COUNTY VETERANS: If you do not receive VA travel allowance for visits to the Grand Jct VAMC or to the Craig VA Clinic please contact the RBC Veterans Service Office, Meeker: Joe Dungan, 878-9690 Rangely: John "Hood" Gibson, 878-9695

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

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PERSONALS

The bumpy GOLD RING was my only memento of my grandmother. Please return it. No questions asked.

MISCELLANEOUS

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YARD SALES

WHATNOT SALE, Monday-Friday, starting Thursday, December 10th, 4-6 p.m., 1108 Pinyon Ave. at the top of 12th St. on right. Lots of items for Christmas.

APPLIANCES

Maytag, white side by side with water/ice. 4 yrs old; never any troubles. Asking \$575 OBO. 970-987-9051

RE: LAND/LOTS

35 Acres, Little Beaver Estates, Lot 18. \$3,000 per acre. 970-260-5454.

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BUSINESS FOR SALE

SUCCESSFUL RESTAURANT owners wishing to retire. Be your own boss at the profitable Ma Famiglia Restaurant! Contact Suzan Pelloni, Western Exposures Realty. 970-623-2900.

RE:HOMES/MEEKER



FOR SALE BY OWNER - 878 Hill St. 5 BDR/3 BA home, woodstove, lg rec room, fenced back yard. Many extras. 970-812-2959. jrynd@yahoo.com

RENTALS:MEEKER

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RENTALS: MEEKER

2BR/1BA, Nice location, fenced yard. \$550 per month plus utilities. 970-328-6850.

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FOR RENT - 2BDR 2 BA apartments, includes utilities, WD. Furnished or unfurnished, close to schools, long term or short term lease options plus damage deposit. Call 970-629-9714.

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RENTALS: MEEKER

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RENTALS: RANGELY

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- ◆ 1083 Laurie Cir. - Cute 3 BD, 1-3/4 BA, two-car garage, clean & open kitchen with newer appliances & fresh paint. Small yard & borders new soccer field. Price reduced! \$109,000.
- ◆ 1376 Juniper - 4 BD, 2 BA, with unfinished 5th BD or hobby room. \$246,000 SOLD!

◆ Mexican Restaurant & Apartment: 302 W. Main St. - 3912 SF, fully functional, built in 1946 and has a banquet room in addition to the 2 BD, 1 BA apartment with 880 SF, built in 1950. \$250,000

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◆ Dinosaur: 616 Antrodemus Alley - Three lots with a 2 BD, 1 BA mobile home on one lot. \$39,900

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- ◆ 757 3rd Street - Remodeled 3bdrm,2bath, garage.\$224,900
- ◆ 760 3rd Street - Lg lot, 2 bdrm, 2.5 baths, 1 car garage.\$210,000
- ◆ NEW! 1160 Mini Circle - 2 story home, large lot, views & quiet location.\$199,500
- ◆ 450 Garfield Street - Cute 2 bedroom home close to downtown\$125,000
- ◆ Price Reduced: 1023 Julie Circle - Immaculate ranch style home w/garage\$109,000
- ◆ 1036 Park Ave - Cute 1+bdm, 1 bath, garage, great starter home.\$90,000
- ◆ 1149 Main St. - Mobile home on 7500 SF lot, storage shed, fenced yard.\$90,000
- ◆ 1140 Cleveland - Duplex, income property - 2 RENTAL UNITS IN ONE\$99,900

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HOMES IN MEEKER ...

- ◆ NEW 1280 Cleveland- Updated 3 BR, 2 BA. Garage, fenced yard, shed. Short Sale price REDUCED to \$155,000.
- ◆ 1331 Sage Ridge Rd- Immaculate 2 story, 3 BR, 2.5 BA, garage, RV carport, fenced, landscaped. \$255,000.
- ◆ 1178 Garfield- 1 lot with a 1980 singlewide trailer, 1,000 sq ft. 3 BR, 1 BA, big shop. \$55,000 SALE PENDING!
- ◆ 657 Garfield- Historic brick 2 story home. Updated 4 BR, 2 BA, big lot, trees, in a great location. \$249,000.
- ◆ 1111 Wall St- 3 BR, 2 BA one level home. Laminate floors, lg master suite, storage shed. \$128,000 REDUCED!
- ◆ 460 7th St- 3+ lots, beautiful 2 story lg home, 2 shops, garage, privacy fenced, landscaped. \$595,000 REDUCED!
- ◆ 1134 Park - Log home, 4 BR, 2 BA Newly remodeled. Basement, fenced yard, shed. \$169,000.
- ◆ 112 Main St- 3 BR, 2 BA historic home with a 426 sq. ft. cottage. Updated, large corner lot. \$219,000.
- ◆ 780 2nd St- 2 lots, 4 BR, 2 BA, walk-out basement, family room, fireplace, garage. \$200,000 SOLD!
- ◆ 835 Sulphur Creek Rd- 3 BR, 2 BA home by fairgrounds. Fenced backyard, landscaped. \$155,000 SOLD!

RANCHES — RURAL RESIDENTIAL — HUNTING PROPERTIES...

- ◆ 366 N. Cross L Dr- 4 BR, 2 BA home on 3 irrigated acres. Great location. SALE PENDING! \$244,900.
- ◆ 1601 White River Rd.- New home on 3.2 irrigated acres. 3 BR, 2 BA, garage, good water, views. \$329,500.
- ◆ 3315 CR 6- 42 Acres, great views, 2,304 sq ft, 3 BR, 2 BA log home, decks, privacy, new well. \$400,000.
- ◆ 1020 S. Little Rancho Dr.- 80 Acres bordering BLM land. Very private, end of the road. Newer log home, 3 BR, 2 BA, decks. Barn, pond, water well, fenced for livestock, good hunting, views. \$595,000.
- ◆ 868 Rimrock Dr.- 5.5 acres, captivating location, 3BR, 2 BA 1 story log home. Amazing pond, irrigation water, beautifully landscaped, RV hookup, great views, garage, and shed. Zip line! \$409,000.
- ◆ 1260 CR 119- Ute Creek Cabin - Forest Service lease land, 2 room log cabin, 3/4 bath. \$75,000.
- ◆ 293 Agency Dr. - 5 acres, 1 mile S. of town, near golf course. Updated 4 BR, 2 BA home with basement, garage. Awesome views. Irrigated hay & pasture. Lg shop with horse stalls. \$419,000.
- ◆ CR 8 - 88 Acres just east of Meeker. Hunting, dry land pasture, development potential. \$425,000 REDUCED!
- ◆ 8505 CR 8- 9 miles east. Nice 3 BR home, basement, garage, fenced yard, great views. \$325,000.
- ◆ 29100 CR 8- 12 Acres with River & fishing. Nice 1,252 sq ft 3 BR, 2 BA cabin, borders BLM. \$795,000.
- ◆ 487 Agency Dr.- 5 Acres, beautiful 2 story home, garage, heated shop, landscaped. \$429,000 SOLD!
- ◆ 970 Shaman Trail- 5 acres, beautiful newer 2 story home. Big heated shop. \$545,000 SOLD!

BUSINESS & INVESTMENT ...

- ◆ 109 Market St.- 3+ lots on the corner of 1st & Market. Great location next to the Dollar Store \$275,000 REDUCED!
- ◆ 304 4th St. Commercial building on corner lot downtown, great office space, 4,437 sq. ft. \$220,000.

RAW LAND AND HOMESITES ...

- ◆ 5807 CR 7 - Vacant 20 acre parcel, 9 mi. North, on Strawberry Creek. Good home site & views! \$75,000.
- ◆ 2-35 Acres Lots in Bull Mountain Ranch between Carbondale and Paonia. Beautiful country, high mountain views. Priced at \$85,000 and \$100,000.
- ◆ CR 8 - 88 Acres just east of Meeker. Hunting, dry land pasture, development potential. \$425,000 REDUCED!
- ◆ Ridge Estates- 2 to 9 acre lots. Community well, irrigation water to each site. Prices reduced, additional discount available. Prices starting from \$75,600. 1 mile south of town, off of CR 13, near golf course.
- ◆ 359 Love Lane- 5 acres, Cross L Estates, Lot 13, great horse property, well. \$100,000.
- ◆ River Property- 19.6 Acres 12 miles west. Irrigated hay, good home sites, river. \$145,000.
- ◆ Little Beaver Estates- Lot 4, 35 acres, fenced, good pond, loafing shed, great home site. \$64,900 REDUCED!
- ◆ Little Beaver Estates- 35 acre lot bordering DOW hunting land. Lot 11- \$95,000.
- ◆ Little Beaver Estates 35 acre lot bordering Division of Wildlife public land, Lot 14. \$93,000 REDUCED!
- ◆ Little Beaver Estates Lot 13 - 35 acre lot bordering Division of Wildlife public land. \$89,000 REDUCED!
- ◆ 100 acres 29 miles east of Meeker, surrounded by Nat Forest, covered with Aspens. \$1,395,000.00.
- ◆ Several nice building lots on Mini Circle and Michael Circle. Reduced to \$19,900 each.
- ◆ 71 Acres on CR 15, 11 miles NE. Private homesites, water, good hunting, borders public land. \$205,000. SOLD!
- ◆ 1107 Pinyon St- 2 lots in NW corner of town. Great views, garage, utilities in, yard, trees. \$45,000 SOLD!

RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY

1322 Sage Ridge Rd. - 3,822 SQFT of luxury! 3BD, 2BA, game room, theatre, hot tub, views and more. Stress free, move right in! \$410,900

585 Cleveland St. - Picturesque 3,806 SQFT home in downtown Meeker. Beautifully landscaped private yard. \$389,000

756 Hill St. - Perfectly maintained 3BD/2BA log home with DREAM 4+ car garage! \$310,000

1341 Sage Ridge Rd. - BRAND NEW 3,464 SQFT, 3BD/2BA with stunning finishes! \$309,000

1350 Sage Ridge Rd. - Immaculate 4BD, 3BA home overlooking the Sulphur Creek Valley. A must see! \$249,000 UNDER CONTRACT

763 2nd St. - 4BD home in an extremely sought after location, with a fireplace, large lot, full basement and attached garage. \$234,900 UNDER CONTRACT

1055 Lance Cr. - Cute and tidy, ranch style 3BD/2BA home on a large lot. REDUCED TO \$229,000

1154 Mini Cr. - Ideal 3BD/2BA two story home in a quiet cul-de-sac with custom finishes. REDUCED TO \$229,000

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

1326 Sage Ridge Rd. - Large family home comprising of 4BD/3BA, office, full basement and excellent backyard with fabulous mountain views. \$199,000

681 Water St. - Freshly updated 4BD/2BA two-story home, fenced yard, great deck with hot tub! \$185,000

1033 Main St. - Two-story, 3BD/2BA home, with a cottage in the back yard. \$172,000

545 3rd St. - Ideal location, smart use of space, tastefully remodeled 3BD/2BA. PRICE REDUCED! \$159,000

117 6th St. - Completely remodeled duplex, fully furnished, sleeps 12 people, within walking distance of downtown. REDUCED TO \$135,000

NEW 1112 Park Ave. - Fresh paint, new carpet, super cute 2BD, 1BA, plus den. Fenced yard, off street parking. \$129,000

1013 Hill St. - 2BD/2BA home with huge yard, family room, and extra room in the basement. Some remodeling, including floors. REDUCED TO \$122,900

NEW 760 11th St. - Good 3BD/2BA starter home with large back yard, deck, storage shed, built in 1996. \$95,000.

767 12th Street - Completely remodeled townhouse includes 2BD/2BA. Like new. \$65,000

RURAL RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES

NEW 1533 RBC Rd. 7- 977 acre ranch on Strawberry Creek with trees, rock outcroppings, outstanding water rights, hay meadows, brick home, multiple barns & corrals, numerous recreation amenities, including prime elk & deer hunting. \$3,750,000.

3900 RBC RD. 10 - 42.35 Acres in the South Fork of the White River. Log home, workshop, garage, corrals, spring water, Forest Service access. Privacy and views that can't be matched! \$800,000

70548 Hwy. 64 - Gorgeous horse ranch with indoor and outdoor arena, custom 3BD home, Morton 4 bay garage with heated room, Morton heated shop with kitchen, log barn, pastures & sheds on 42 acres. \$730,000

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

4637 RBC Rd. 8 - 6.32 acres, 4BD/2BA 2-story home, 2,880 SQFT shop, barn, corrals, well water. PRICE CUT! \$329,000

402 Sandstone Dr. - 10 country acres with a custom stick-built 3BD/2BA home with pond & riding arena, tack shed, carport, pasture, pool & views. Located about 4 miles from Meeker. \$299,000

NEW 369 Love Lane - Custom built 3BD/2BA home with cozy family room, 3 car garage, 5 acres of hay meadows. You will really enjoy looking at this one. \$297,000

519 Rimrock Dr. - Fabulous views from this hilltop home on 5 acres. 4BD/2BA, very open floorplan, attached garage. \$219,000

71855 Hwy. 64 - MILES OF VIEWS, 3BD/2BA home on 10 acres about 4 miles from Meeker. Stucco, covered porch, metal garage/barn. \$215,000

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

210 RBC Rd. 75 - Pappoose Creek Cabin - Forest service leased land, your rustic cabin to enjoy! \$65,000

VACANT LAND

41 Vacant Lots - Sanderson Hills Subdivision. Located on the northwest side of the subdivision. \$250,000 for all OWNER FINANCING

15,000 SQFT Lot at 6th & Water St. - Mixed zoning, cleared, READY FOR YOUR NEW BUILDING! \$120,000

5 Acres BUCKSKIN VALLEY SUBDIVISION - This is one of the best 5 acre parcels in the Meeker area with exceptional views, trees, rock outcroppings, central water system and the country lifestyle. Time to build! \$84,995

459 Cross L Dr. - 3 acres in Cross L Estates, good building location on corner lot. \$80,000

50 Acres FOURTEEN MILE SUBDIVISION - Enjoy open space and wonderful views! \$67,500

688 Meath Dr. - 35 acre lot in Little Beaver Estates, cleared building pad. Will consider all offers! REDUCED TO \$65,000.

6.79 Acres in Cross L Estates - Irrigated meadow with great hay production, nice lot, domestic water, electricity and views. REDUCED TO \$59,000.

2.25 Acres off Hwy. 13, north of Meeker - Nice building location, close to town! \$45,000

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

2 Beautiful Lots in Sage Hills - Gentle sloping and panoramic views of the surrounding mountains. \$30,000 each.

41 Developed Lots in Sanderson Hills Resubdivision - Streets, Curbs, Electricity and Gas installed. \$29,000 each or \$25,000 each in packages of 5 lots.

NEW 5 Lots on 8th St. - Quiet location, buy them all. \$14,000 per lot.

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