

# Herald Times



## Rangely's Christmasfest a mixed bag as far as attendance concerned; children enjoyed events

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

**RANGELY** I Depending on the event, this year's Western Rio Blanco Metropolitan (WRBM) Christmasfest saw both high attendance and low turnouts.

Friday morning's gingerbread man decorating was a big hit as were Christmasfest's first "sleigh"/carriage rides, Breakfast with Santa and the WRBM dance recital on Saturday.

Parade of Light entries were down from previous years, however, and Saturday evening's benefit chili dinner drew just a few families to what has been a well-attended community meal in the past.

In contrast to last year's turnout of roughly a dozen kids, 84 children showed up at the recreation center Friday morning for gingerbread man decorating. The WRBM staff knew that with 50 or more children already planning to come, they'd better count on extras.

But even 72 of the custom-made gingerbread men didn't last the morning.

"We opened a box (of gingerbread) we already had, and it was just enough," WRBM recreation and aquatics director Camilla Kennedy said. "We didn't have to turn any kiddos away."

Another top pick this Christmasfest were the carriage rides offered by Absolute Prestige Limousine Service out of Loma. During the two-hour event, approximately 140 people waited at the White River Drive-In for their turn in the light-bedecked carriage with Percheron draft horses Minnie and Molly and drivers Jim Hutton and Shane Radcliff.

Organizers also crowned Christmasfest's 2014 royalty, Tommy and Dorothy Collins, on Friday evening.

Not many folks came to shop at the few businesses open late Friday night, which could prompt carriage rides to be moved farther downtown next year, Kennedy said.

Saturday morning's Breakfast With Santa drew approximately 90 children and their families for a hot breakfast, during which cooks Mike Cushman and Jeff Rector dished up more than 250 eggs. The visit was shorter than in past years, but kids still enjoyed a chat and photo with



It was a packed house for the roughly 90 kids who took part in the gingerbread man cookie decoration at Rangely's Christmasfest celebration during the weekend. Christmasfest encompassed a number of activities for all ages. Some were well-attended and some not so much.



Rangely firefighter Mike Cushman kept his Christmas decorations, which depict a firefighter putting out a house fire, on familiar territory following his occupation. The lights, which depict two firemen and a pumper truck, are located at 215 W. Rio Blanco.

Santa before heading home with treat bags.

Approximately 25 children aged birth through five and their families showed up for the Snowflake Baby contest on Saturday afternoon. Children's attire and costumes ran the gamut from 5-year-old Deacon Jones in his dad's suit accompanying little sister Bronlyn in her Sunday best to 5-year-old Brooke Davis dressed up as Snoopy's doghouse.

Snowflake winners included Jace Lambros (0 to 18 month boys); Victoria Miner (0 to 18 month girls);

Jeremiah Floyd (19 months to 3-year-old boys); Kenna Ahrens (19 months to 3-year-old girls); Titus Friedrich (4- to 5-year-old boys); and Ayva Medina (4- to 5-year-old girls).

As usual, Saturday's WRBM dance recital drew a full house to the Rangely Junior/Senior High School auditorium as families and supporters showed up to watch 37 children present a mix of ballet, modern dance and jazz. Dixie Rhea and TyLee Fielder performed this year's solos.

"Things went awesome this

year," WRBM dance director Natalie Kurrasch said. "Some of the girls have been with me so long that I don't need to dance with them anymore; I can just give them cues. I think people can see what's working, so the program keeps getting bigger every year."

Other weekend events didn't fare as well. Saturday evening's benefit chili dinner was the most poorly attended Kennedy has seen during her tenure organizing Christmasfest. She said she was

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## Early deadlines ...

Due to the Christmas and New Year's Day holidays, which fall on Thursdays this year, the *Rio Blanco Herald Times* will print one day early for the next two weeks. Deadlines for editorial/news stories have been moved to Sunday at 5 p.m. with Monday at 10 a.m. the extreme deadline for breaking news stories. The deadline for advertising in the next two editions will be 5 p.m. on the previous Friday. We wish you a most joyous Christmas and a happy, healthy and prosperous new year.



## No recall for 3 school board members; too few signatures

By **SEAN McMAHON**  
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**MEEKER** I There will be no recall election for three veteran members of the Meeker School Board of Trustees.

George Henderson, who ran unsuccessfully for election to the school board in November 2013, took out petitions on Oct. 14 to recall board President Bill deVergie, Vice President Mindy Burke and board Secretary Marnell Bradfield because, he stated, the three board members "have failed to represent the best interests of students, teachers and taxpayers in the Meeker RE-1 School District."

Please see letter from  
George Henderson on Page 5A

Henderson failed to turn in the petitions on Friday by 5 p.m., the deadline to collect the needed number of voter signatures to push the recalls forward.

Boots Campbell of the Rio Blanco County Clerk's office said at 4:45 p.m. on Friday that "Mr. Henderson called about 4 p.m. this afternoon and said he will not be turning in the recall petitions."

According to recall committee member Reed Kelly, there were roughly 12 members of the committee "officially" taking signatures and that roughly 200 signatures were obtained.

At the time he took out the petitions, Henderson issued a statement, "As Meeker School Board officers, the three have failed in their duties to uphold: 1. Proper and legal democrat-

ic procedures by ignoring the administration's blatant circumvention of board policies and the law; 2. district policies and procedures; and overseeing proper allocation of district funds; 3. fiduciary responsibility to provide critical oversight and accountability of the Superintendent and his administration, vital in keeping the district stable and solvent; 4. governing control of the board, which they have consistently given away to administrators that do not have accountability to taxpayers; 5. clear common sense directives to administrative staff;

Also, 6. transparency of the district to the public with a culture of honesty, integrity and high moral standards; 7. concerns and grievances of students and parents asking the board to address issues, while holding administrators accountable for their actions; 8. adequate vetting and evaluation of administration employees; 9. the retention of staff based on the evaluation process and not personal vendettas; and 10. a safe and productive learning environment for students, always maintaining a stance of "doing what's best for the student."

Rio Blanco County Clerk Nancy Amick said Henderson took out the petitions on Oct. 14, the day the 60-day clock started ticking to obtain valid signatures, meaning that Henderson had until Dec. 13 to turn the petitions in. That date was moved up one day because Dec. 13 was a Saturday.

The number of signatures needed on each petition varied due to the date the three candidates earned their most

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## NW Colorado gets on-the-job-training funds

Special to the Herald Times

**RBC** I Northwest Workforce Centers announced last week that plans are in place to ramp up outreach efforts to notify out-of-work job seekers and employers about on-the-job training, including in Rio Blanco County.

Grant dollars have been provided to the Workforce Centers by the U.S. Department of Labor, designed to help workers update their job skills and acquire new skills so they can return to the job market. Those grant dollars

also benefit employers in Routt, Moffat, Jackson, Rio Blanco and Grand county who have long complained of a disconnect between the skills they need in workers and the skills they are finding in the workforce.

"As long as those dollars are available to our community, we need to take advantage of them," says Rosemary Pettus, director of the Workforce Centers in the Northwest Region. "Our goal is to ensure that businesses benefit from these grant dollars while the funding remains

available."

On-the-job training grants are reimbursed directly to employers for up to one-half of a trainee's gross wages for the duration of the training period. The program can be customized for skilled and semi-skilled jobs and employers can use their own training to teach new employees.

Included in the program for the employer is free screening, assessment and referrals of applicants. The employer makes the final hiring decision, determines job performance standards, and has the right to termi-

nate a trainee if necessary.

"Our staff will assist employers through all phases of the program and we will provide prompt monthly payments with a minimum of paperwork," Pettus says.

She urges local employers with staffing needs to contact the local Workforce Center for more information about the program and how it can strengthen businesses and the region's skilled workforce.

For the office nearest you, go to [www.colorado.gov/cdle](http://www.colorado.gov/cdle) and click on "Find a Workforce Center."



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Members of Emmanuel Baptist Church of Meeker hosted the "Christmas Store" at Pioneer Hospital's Walbridge Wing and at Meeker Housing Authority's Pines Apartments this year. Residents at both locations were able to go shopping right at home for Christmas gifts for their special friends and loved ones. Everything was free thanks to the generosity of volunteers and the many Meeker merchants who donated items to stock the store, including Valley Hardware, Samuelson's, Meeker General Mercantile, Prescriptions Salon, Meeker Embroidery, Wendli's, Restored Grace, Vicky Johnson, the Michels family, Beth Wilson, Jan Carroll, Missy Harville, Napa Auto Parts, Parts City, Meeker Drug and others.

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# Still need health insurance?

By MARGUERITE SALAZAR  
Special to the Herald Times

**RBC I** The clock is ticking. For folks who do not get their health insurance through their employer, Dec. 15 was the deadline to enroll in a health plan to start Jan. 1.

Jan. 15 is the deadline for coverage starting Feb. 1, and open enrollment ends entirely on Feb. 15. That means for every individual who is currently uninsured or wants to change their health plan, it's time to act.

Sound simple? With more than 400 plans available on the individual market here in Colorado, it can be a challenge to know where to start.

Plans are available through Connect for Health Colorado, the state's health exchange and the only place to access federal subsidies that make insurance more affordable. Applying through Connect for Health Colorado can also help you determine if you qualify for Colorado Medicaid, the government health insurance for low income Coloradans. Plans are also available off of the exchange, either through insurance agents or from the health insurance companies directly.

To get you started, here are five questions to help narrow your search.

1. What are my health insurance options?

Find out if you have access to health insurance through your employer or a spouse's employer. Look into the plans for individuals and families available in your area on Connect for Health Colorado. If subsidies are not important to you, find out what plans are available that are not through Connect for Health Colorado—either through an insurance agent or directly with the

insurance companies.

2. What are my health needs and the health needs of my family?

Understanding your medical needs—and potential or upcoming medical issues—is key to knowing what to look for in the plans you are considering.

If you or a family member has a certain condition, needs specific treatments, or takes certain prescriptions, you'll want to ask how these are handled in the plans you will consider.

3. What are my financial limits and might I qualify for Medicaid or tax subsidies?

With so many plans available, monthly premiums vary greatly. To help narrow your choices, it's important to have a feel for what you can afford and what the coming year will look like financially.

Know that financial assistance is available to make health insurance more affordable. Individuals with household incomes of up to \$46,680 (\$95,400 for a family of four) could be eligible for federal subsidies that offset the cost of health insurance. Individuals or families earning less than these amounts could qualify for Colorado Medicaid.

You can find out if you qualify for Medicaid or subsidies for insurance by completing a single application at the website for Connect for Health Colorado—connectforhealthco.com.

4. What doctors and other providers are available?

If using a specific doctor, treatment center or hospital is important to you, you'll want to find out if the plans you are considering use networks of healthcare providers. Is your doctor in the network? Are there doctors in the network close to your home or work? Does the plan charge more for using doctors and

other healthcare providers out of the network?

5. What are the costs beyond the monthly premium?

Consider the other costs involved with health insurance. Does the plan have a deductible? What are the co-payment or co-insurance amounts you'll have to pay for health services? What are the costs for the prescriptions you take?

Usually a lower monthly premium means a higher deductible, so ask yourself what happens if you get sick. How much care you can afford to pay for out of pocket?

Where to get help? Because health insurance is complex, it pays to talk through your decisions with an expert.

Connect for Health Colorado offers online shopping, as well as free assistance through their health coverage guides, assistance sites, walk-in sites and licensed agents/brokers.

Go to connectforhealthco.com or call 1.855.752.6749 to find out more. Connect for Health Colorado is the only place to get the federal subsidies to make health insurance more affordable. You can also find out if you qualify for Colorado Medicaid.

If you have a relationship with an insurance agent, you can also turn to him or her for advice and answers. Should you have access to health insurance from your employer or your spouse's employer, contact their human resources office with questions about the coverage.

If you still have questions, contact the Colorado Division of Insurance, where you can find online resources and people who can answer your questions. Visit [dora.colorado.gov/healthinsurance](http://dora.colorado.gov/healthinsurance) or call 1-800-930-3745.

## ON PARADE ...



Several members of the Meeker Cub Scouts took part in the annual Meeker Parade Of Lights as well as the lighting of the Town of Meeker Christmas trees, Christmas carols by the Meeker Elementary School Choir and fireworks.

SEAN MCMAHON

## Meeker CPW officer aids investigation

Special to the Herald Times

**RBC I** Colorado Parks and Wildlife and the Moffat County District Attorney's Office have completed an investigation and prosecution of Craig resident Justin McCurdy, 28, for a variety of wildlife offenses.

In an agreement with the DA's office, McCurdy pleaded guilty to a count of illegal sale of wildlife, a Class 5 felony. On Dec. 9, he received a two-year prison sentence and more than \$1,000 in fines, fees and court costs.

McCurdy must also meet with a CPW hearings officer where he may receive up to a lifetime suspension of hunting and fishing privileges in Colorado and 43 Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact States.

Prior to his plea agreement, McCurdy had faced several charges,

including illegal possession of a weapon, illegal use of leghold traps and snares and illegal possession of big game and small game.

"This was an individual who clearly needed to be brought to justice, and we are satisfied with how the case was resolved," said District Wildlife Officer Mike Swaro of Meeker. "This case should send a strong message to those who steal the wildlife resource from the citizens of Colorado that they face stiff punishment, especially when trying to profit from their illegal activities."

Swaro noted the efforts of fellow district wildlife officer Evan Jones of Craig, who reportedly received a tip from a citizen that eventually led them to McCurdy and his activities.

Swaro stressed that tips like these are often the missing pieces of a puzzle that help an officer solve a case

and bring a violator to justice.

"Poachers are selfish criminals that negatively impact the wildlife populations that are so important to our local economy," Swaro said. "We have some of the best, high-quality hunting and wildlife in this area. In order to help protect it, we encourage the public to let us know right away if they learn about illegal activities involving wildlife." Swaro thanked Deputy District Attorney Kathryn Brown for her continued assistance in this and other wildlife cases, noting that as an avid angler and hunter, her dedication and perspective is welcome when prosecuting wildlife violators.

To anonymously provide information about a wildlife violation, the public can contact Operation Game Thief at 877-265-6648. Rewards are available if the information leads to a conviction.

## CNCC Craig campus names new vice president

**RBC I** Janell Oberlander from Rapid City, S.D., has officially accepted the position of CNCC Craig Campus vice president. She accepted the position when she spoke to CNCC President Russell George on Wednesday.

Oberlander and her family will be relocating to Craig from Rapid City. Her tentative start date is Jan. 21. More information will follow once the Oberlander family arrives in Craig in January.

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**Tuesday • December 30 from 10:00am-12:00pm**  
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MHS Main Gym & Auxillary Gym  
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**Day-of registration until 10:15am**

## Hoops for Charity 3-on-3

Teams of 3-4 players are invited to the 5th annual tournament. Participants will receive a t-shirt. A portion of the tournament proceeds will be donated to the winner of each division's charity of choice. Sign up to play or just come watch this exciting community event. Tournament brackets will be available on Sunday, January 4 at 4:00pm.

**Monday • January 5 at 8:30am**  
Boys & Girls • Grades 3-12  
MHS Main Gym  
**\$30 per team**

**Registration Deadline: January 3**

## Denver Nuggets Skills Challenge

Join us for the 6th annual challenge in Meeker. During this basketball competition, skills in dribbling, passing, and shooting will be tested. Give it your best shot and have a chance to advance to the Sectional Competition in February. A Denver Nuggets Skills Challenge registration form needs to be completed by a parent/guardian 18 years old or older before entering the competition. Forms are available at Guest Services at the Meeker Recreation Center and online at [www.MeekerRecDistrict.com](http://www.MeekerRecDistrict.com)

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OBITUARY

**John James Caulfield**

March 14, 1953 ~ Dec. 13, 2014

John James Caulfield was born March 14, 1953, on Portsmouth Naval Base in Kittery, Maine, to James John and Joyce Ann Caulfield. John was taken home to his Lord on Dec. 13, 2014, at the age of 61.



**John James Caulfield**

John was graduated from Lincoln Academy in Maine in 1972. The same year, John joined the United States Navy, serving on the USS Dalgrin, USS Fulton and the USS New Jersey.

In 1983, while stationed on the USS New Jersey, John was sent into Beirut for supplies and was present at the barracks bombing. In 1992, John retired with the rank of store clerk 1 (SK1) while serving on the USS Fulton in Groton, Conn.

In 1976, John met the love of his life, Kitty Rose Bailey Caulfield. On Jan. 28, 1977, Jon and Kitty were married in a civil service in Pensacola, Fla. On April 15, 1978, John and Kitty welcomed a baby boy and on July 27, 1980, welcomed a

baby girl to the family.

John was an avid fisherman, spending much time at the various lakes and on the White River. He enjoyed watching the Colorado Rockies games and the New England Patriots football games, often yelling at the television, giving coaching advice.

John spent time hunting, fishing, bowling, playing flag football and softball. He always welcomed a good joke. John also relished a good game of cribbage, card games and board games. If you visited John, the hunting and fishing channels were often on the television. And there wasn't a John Wayne movie he couldn't quote or hadn't seen.

John is preceded in death by: his parents; daughter Lisa Williams; and numerous other family members.

He is survived by: his wife, Kitty; a son, Jason (Rosie) Caulfield; a daughter, Jennifer (Vincent) Bouzek; his sisters, JoAnne (William) Perkins, Jane (William) Boisvert; a brother Joseph (Twyla) Caulfield; his grandchildren, Levi and Avarie Caulfield and Tyler and Ryan Williams; and multiple nieces and nephews.

John's ashes will join his family in Maine and be placed to rest with his parents.



SHELTER AID...

During the holidays, sometimes our pets are forgotten. But not this year, thanks to Tammy Dahle's fundraiser projects to benefit the Rangely Animal Shelter, D-O-G Jewelry and "Star of Hope" ornaments. Dahle's projects raised more than \$200 for the shelter animals. Those still wanting to buy the jewelry or ornaments can contact her on Facebook @Tammy Dahle or on Facebook at D-O-G Jewelry.

COURTESY PHOTO

**Retirement party for Nancy Amick and Jackie Brennan**

**RBC |** The Rio Blanco County Clerk and Recorder's Office will have a retirement party on Jan. 9 for County Clerk Nancy Amick and assistant Jackie Brennan, who are both retiring as of Jan. 1, 2015, after several years of service.

The party is open to the anyone who wishes to share in the fun and have some cake and punch. The celebration will run from 1 to 3 p.m. on Jan. 9.

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FROM MY WINDOW...

# Dad a good shot with gift; newspaper deadlines change

By SEAN McMAHON  
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Out my window as I write this, it really is beginning to look a lot like Christmas. The cool temperatures, the lights on people's homes and businesses and along the streets as well as people seeing their breath when exhaling in early morning are signs that Christmas is getting close.

Ads on television have had me warming up for Christmas since the first of November. I remember when the stores had Halloween, then there was Thanksgiving and, as soon as that holiday was over, we would be inundated with Christmas carols and holiday advertising. Now, as soon as Halloween is over, Thanksgiving has already begun and Christmas carols can be heard, the numbers increasing daily until that is all one hears for the last two weeks.

In mid-November this year, Black Friday, which is traditionally the day after Thanksgiving, started

the first week of November and the stores haven't looked back since.

But for me, the youngest of seven kids, the Christmas season is all about family. My youth years with my parents and my six siblings probably have produced more good memories of my childhood than all other holidays combined.

Christmas isn't a big holiday these days as there are no children and my wife and I usually use the day to relax and have a great dinner. I watch football and she just dinks around doing what she wants to do—some work and some play. We will probably buy one big present we will both enjoy and call it quits.

But those great days of yore, leading up to Christmas day and culminating with the mid-morning opening of gifts and then the gathering at the big dinner table for the big family feast bring back some pretty tremendous memories.

I was very fortunate about two weeks ago to see my four remaining siblings, so their absence on Christmas Day won't be quite as tough this year.

The kids are pretty well scattered in Arizona, England, Minnesota, Fort Collins and Meeker, so it had been years since we were all together. We each feel

lucky to have gathered in Fort Collins for my (much older) sister's 70th birthday. We had about 48 hours to recall some of the past holidays, and those stories brought laughter, tears and the appreciation for the other family members.

When talking about Christmas, there is one story that is always brought up first.

We fondly call it "The Shootout at 1700 Wood Ave.," which took place in roughly 1957 or 1958 in Colorado Springs.

I barely remember the incident because I was four or five at the time. That made my oldest brother, Brian, 15, an age that Dad thought was a good time for him to start learning about guns.

We kids asked Dad what he wanted for Christmas and he said, "A pistol."

This was a surprise answer but it wasn't that strange a request back in the 1960s. Dad explained that he thought it was time the older kids learned how to handle a handgun (Not a radical idea 60 years ago). So the kids all chipped in with Mom and we bought our patriarch a new .38 caliber pistol.

When we all got up and around on Christmas morning after morning Mass and a quick breakfast, we always gathered in the large living room. Eyes were aglow as we slid the sliding wood door to the living room and looked around as we all knew which chair our goodies were

piled on or near.

One by one, all seven kids opened one present, then we moved around the room until all presents had been opened, except Dad's.

Finally, when we were all done with our gift openings and got in about five minutes of taking a second look at everything, Mom got up, like usual, walked out of the room, returning after about 60 seconds. This time, she presented Dad with a double-box gift.

Dad, I think, figured it was a new way to wrap a tie so he tried to look excited, knowing he had enough ties from over the years of birthdays, anniversaries and Christmas gifts that he could probably wear two ties a day and never duplicate any single tie in a year.

So, when he unwrapped the new, dark blue, Colt .38 caliber pistol, he was pretty excited. He got even more so when he opened the second box that contained two 50-shell boxes of .38 ammunition.

He truly was the kid at this Christmas Day gathering.

We all listened as Dad explained why he wanted the handgun and then he launched into about a 15-minute diatribe on the safety of handling a handgun and how we were absolutely forbidden to touch it or even thinking about touching it without him being there.

Admittedly, he put the fear of God—or fear of Dad—into us, so it was a safe bet that none of us would go near the gun without him.

When this was done, all of us went about playing with our toys or other goodies we had received for Christmas.

Not really watching Dad, we

found out that he had loaded the gun, pointed it at the mantle over the blazing fireplace, brought the gun down again and unloaded the pistol. No problem.

After unloading the gun, Dad raised the pistol again and sighted in on the candelabra on top of the mantle. He proceeded to blow up the candelabra with the .38 bullet blasting out of the barrel, shattering a brick in the fireplace right behind where the candle sticks had been.

Following one of the few expletives I had ever heard Dad utter, he set down the gun and counted the five shells on the table where he was sitting. All five were there.

Unfortunately, the pistol held five shots, and he had only removed five of them.

After what was probably a minute but seemed like forever, Dad raised up and stated, "I just wanted to show you what can happen with a loaded gun. These are not toys; they are deadly. Don't ever point a gun and anyone or anything you don't want to shoot."

With that said, he got up, stormed up to his room and put that gun away. We never did see that gun for about two years.

Much to Dad's chagrin, that episode was brought up on each successive Christmas morning until the kids were all out of the nest.

It wasn't until years after the Shootout at 1700 Wood Ave. that we all found out that it cost Dad several hundred dollars to fix the hole in the chimney. It had to be fixed because smoke used to pour into the living room whenever a fire was lighted in the fireplace.

Then we learned that the beautiful candelabra that Dad blew up was valued at several hundred dollars because the actual candle holders were 18 karat gold and the candelabra was solid sterling silver, handed down from his grandparents.

We used to joke about the whole

incident every year. But Dad never said another word and would not look very happy when the subject was brought up.

Not a single word did he utter.



Cris and I spent two hours on Saturday night driving all around Meeker taking photos of decorated houses or businesses to put in the paper. Overall, there are really quite a few homes and businesses in town that are well decorated and an even larger number that have some decorations.

Getting a photo of Christmas lights that is high-enough quality to put into a newspaper is quite tough.

Newspapers have evolved to the point that color is pretty much an everyday event. Twenty years ago, it sometimes took three days to 1. take the photo; 2. get the mail to deliver the photo and for the printing plant to separate the color into red, yellow, cyan (a blue) and black film to produce a color separation. Now it's done instantly and electronically.

So, needless to say, in this day and age, lights just don't make for a good photograph. The more lights and more concentrated area of lights are best because if you use a flash for a lights photo, the flash is so bright, it washes out the color. And if you don't use a flash, the intensity of the colored bulbs makes a big difference or your hand-held photos take so long to expose, the print looks like you were trying to hold the camera steady on a roller coaster—particularly if it is snowing, like it was Saturday and Sunday nights.

Anyway, thanks from all of us to those who did go to the trouble of decorating their homes. There are a number of businesses and homes in Meeker and Rangely featured in today's edition of the *Herald Times*. There will most likely be more next week.

But folks in both towns spent a lot of time, money and energy into illuminating their homes and businesses, and that bit of Christmas spirit really makes a difference, I believe, in the mood and feeling of the holidays.



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GUEST EDITORIAL

# Teaching children to remember the needy during holiday season

By GINNY GRIMSELY  
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 commu-

nity, 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 religious 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. It was inspired by Brandt's childhood memory of opening her friend's refrigerator and finding only condiments and a lunch milk carton her friend had saved from school for her little brother. Ten percent of proceeds from sales of "Maddi's Fridge" go to hunger solutions. Brandt, who holds an MFA from Northwest Institute of Literary Arts, served as a Peace Corps volunteer in West Africa.*

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

## Observations from recall committee

Dear Editor:

With our apologies to all who have signed our Meeker School District recall petitions aimed at the school board leadership—the three longest serving members who are the board officers—we announce that we have not collected enough signatures for last week's deadline.

Through the process, however, we have identified a number of interesting sociological factors and community attitudes.

Most of the people contacted by petition circulators said they agreed with the intent of the recall (to better our Meeker schools and correct certain deficiencies), but were reluctant to sign. Rationale for not signing included one or more of the following: 1. Didn't want their names to appear on a public list, fearing adverse effect on their business or retaliation from an employer; 2. Personal ties or institutional ties to the designated board members; 3. Fear of retribution on one or more of their kids in the school system; 4. Just don't like recalls. Didn't want to be involved; 5. Didn't have kids in the schools, so they didn't know or really care what was going on; 6. The school board has already received a serious message from the community

through the defeat of the mill-levy increase in November's election; and 7. Why bother? It's a lost cause.

That's the politics of a small town, where everyone knows everyone and it's hard to disagree publicly with friends and neighbors.

It is clear, however, that there remains considerable frustration with the Meeker School District. People have lost confidence in district leadership.

We discovered too late in our efforts that the younger, 20 and 30 year-old demographics were much more eager to sign, being closer to the situation (it's their schools, their previous teachers and the future of their town being harmed) plus they just didn't have the "hang-ups" of so many older adults.

So far, the board shows little or no sign of changing its ways. We will continue to work for what we believe our schools need, including: Respect for the highly trained teachers we have along with the authority to manage their own classrooms; Recruiting of similarly well-trained, qualified teachers when necessary; Instruction directed toward the particular needs and goals of students; An administration that seeks the advice of its professional teaching staff and welcomes discussion; Education practice based on valid scientific learning and development research; Basic discipline in

the student population; and Good judgment in allocation of district funds and more thorough transparency in financial reports.

These needs are distinct from what we have now, including: An administration that micro-manages classroom instruction and applies a "test and punish" approach to education; Too many high stakes standardized tests that take away too much time from learning; A board and administration that deliberately and consistently suppress open debate; Education policy driven by inappropriate business [corporate testing] models of management; Allocation of funds to pet projects and to projects that are unnecessarily expensive or unneeded; and Retaliation toward teachers and employees who ask hard questions and challenge the administration.

We who prepared and circulated the recall petitions hope the community will continue to press for better leadership in the schools. We hope that parents, especially, will be more willing to speak out, contact board members and attend board meetings to voice concerns, propose remedies and offer praise when due.

George Henderson  
Chairman  
Concerned Citizens of the Meeker  
School Board Recall Committee  
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## WINDOW: Holiday deadlines for newspaper

Herald Times will be dated Dec. 25 and Jan. 1 although the paper will go to press 24 hours early. That means that all deadlines are moved up by 24 hours.

The deadlines for advertising in the Dec. 25 and the Jan. 1 editions will be 5 p.m. on the previous Friday and the deadline for all editorial is 5 p.m. on Sunday, with the

exceptions being breaking news events and obituaries, which will have a deadline of 10 a.m. Monday.

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## For Unto Us A Child Is Born (3)

By Dr. J. D. Watson  
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■ Dr. J.D. Watson

**T**hird, another characteristic of Messiah and His coming Kingdom is that He is **The Mighty God**. Because of this His kingdom is singularly free from chaos. The Hebrew behind mighty (*gibbôr*) is an adjective that means brave, strong, mighty. He is the One who in creation brought order out of chaos. Scripture declares, "God is not the author of confusion, but of peace" (1 Cor. 14:33). Chaos is the opposite of who He is. He is a God of order. Christ the King is orderly, and He brings order to the troubled lives of all who surrender to Him. In other words, He not only tells His subjects what to do as the True Counselor, but since He is **The Mighty God**, He can also energize them to do it.

Legislation can go only so far; it stops short of providing the power and the will to obey. Because of the sinful nature, people will always strain against law and order (Rom. 7:8). Add human fallibility to the inability to make people obey from the heart, and you can see the severe limitations of political and legislative solutions.

But when Jesus Christ comes to rule this earth, He'll display His divine power by bringing order to the chaos. Those who do not submit to His leadership from the heart, He'll subjugate with a rod of iron (cf. Psalm 2:9; Rev. 2:27; 12:5; 19:15). Those who humble themselves from the heart, bowing to Him as Lord and Savior, will find the power of the Mighty God unleashed in their lives to help them obey.

Because Christ is God, He can forgive sin, defeat Satan, liberate people from the power of evil, redeem them, answer their prayers, restore their broken souls, and reign as Lord—"Mighty God"—over their newly ordered lives. That's a politician this world has never seen.

**Fourth**, Messiah is also **The everlasting Father**. In comparison to human governments, the Messiah's kingdom is uncomplicated because He is the "Eternal Father." The phrase literally means, "Father of Eternity." That is a clear reference to the biblical truth that Christ is Creator of heaven and earth. In Hebrews 1:10-12 God the Father says to Christ the Son: "And, Thou, Lord, in the begin-

ning hast laid the foundation of the earth; and the heavens are the works of thine hands: They shall perish; but thou remainest; and they all shall wax old as doth a garment; And as a vesture shalt thou fold them up, and they shall be changed: but thou art the same, and thy years shall not fail."

Nothing is too complex for the Creator and Sustainer of everything. Infinity and all its intricacies are nothing to Him who is the Alpha and Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.

Human life is getting more and more complex. Technology has so improved communication and transportation that commerce, culture, and religion have become global in nature. And rather than organizing and making sense of it all, governments of the world seem to exist primarily to make things more complicated. We build bureaucracies to deal with the complexities of life—and consequently life only grows more perplexing.

Messiah's government, however, is simple and uncomplicated. He is the sole ruler—no bloated bureaucracy—and He knows the end from the beginning because He is the Father of Eternity.

Isaiah, prophesying about the kingdom, wrote of the highway of holiness: "The unclean shall not pass over it; but it shall be for those: the wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err therein" (Is. 35:8). His way is so free from the complexities of life that even fools cannot lose their way.

That kind of simplicity characterizes Messiah's entire government. As the Father of Eternity, He alone comprehends the complexities of time and eternity. He requires no bureaucracy; He shoulders His government by Himself.

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# Rio Blanco County Lights Up for the Holidays



The residence of Brian Conrado at 449 Park is one of the many homes in Meeker to sport an abundance of lights for the holidays. All parts of Meeker sport some well-decorated homes.



From this angle, the home of Tim and Cindy Nelson at 907 Park in Meeker looks well lit, but with the garage, right, the home, left, and the side back yards, not visible in this photo, this residence qualified as one of the very best lighted homes in the downtown area.



This miniature village and its residents are part of a window display at Matthew G. Scoggins' Colorado CPA Services, PC, business at 610 Main St. in Meeker. Several shop fronts in Meeker have been decorated for the Christmas season, mostly on Main and Market streets.

## M E E K E R



Only a small portion of the lights that cover the residence of Justin and Shannon Slauch are visible in this photo of the family home, located at the intersection of Mountain View Road and Mountain View Place in Sage Hills. The Slauch's house is one of the most decorated in the Meeker area.

PHOTOS BY SEAN MCMAHON



There are an abundance of homes and businesses well lighted for the Christmas season throughout Rangely. Above is the Lyle Peterson residence, located at 916 Tropic St., and below is the Leon Brown residence, located at 330 Stanolind Ave.



The Rangely businesses have even gotten into the Christmas spirit as seen by this seasonal display at JJ's Tire and Automotive, which is located at 820 E. Main St.



## R A N G E L Y

PHOTOS BY RENÉ HARDEN



Air-powered and blow-up creatures are gaining in popularity each year and more of this type of Christmas decorations can be seen all over Rangely. These figures adorn the yard belonging to Dean and Kendra Allen, located at 1142 La Mesa Circle in Rangely.

# CHRISTMASFEST: New activities

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unsure why the event didn't draw more people transitioning between the Parade of Lights and the dance recital.

Parade of Lights entries were also down from past years, with only a handful of floats traveling down Main Street on Saturday night (top honors went to FFA (first); Norm Hall's train (second); and Rangely High School cheerleaders (third). The route was packed with observers, however, and while some were disappointed with the length of the show, others pointed out the high quality of floats and need for locals to get more involved.

"We didn't have the Parade of Lights, but we had rodeo parades and homecoming parades," said Shirley Sinclair, who owned Rangely's Beauty Bar for close to three decades. "I participated in every parade they had until I got out of (owning a business) ...The rec center does what it can. But you can't get something for nothing. It's not going to be great if you don't have enough participation to make it great."

Kennedy said she and other organizers plan to advertise more next year to draw more float entries to the Parade of Lights, both locally and from surrounding towns.

Rangely Area Chamber of Commerce-sponsored shopping specials and a new punchcard program offered during the week drew some interest last week, chamber director Kristin Steele said. As of Monday afternoon, just before the program's end, eight people had turned in punch-

cards.

"For the first year, I think it went well," she said. "Eight people who had to visit the chamber office and the businesses is a win. I think it will continue to grow as years go on and people see there is a benefit to coming in."

Vendor numbers Saturday afternoon in the RJSHS upper commons were comparable to past years with seven booths; and the gingerbread man contest entries went up slightly, around a dozen.

Each contestant took an individual prize in this event, while residential winners of the Light Up Rangely contest were awarded in three categories: Over the Top (first place: Amy and Bob Ganser; second place: Dean and Kendra Allen; third place: Jeremy and Nicole Fielder); Themed (first: Mike and Alicia Cushman; second: Matt and Beth Scoggins; third: Bernie and Leslie Rice); and Simple but Clean (first: Ian and Kathy Kottenstette; second: Kurt and Vicki Douglas; third: Lyle and Diane Peterson). Business Light Up winners were the Rangely Post Office (first); Sweetbriar (second); and JJ's Tire and Automotive (third).

Finally, Peanuts Scavenger Hunt winners (first through fifth place) were Billie Williams, Linda Farny, Alyssa Rouse, the Hadley family and Patti Tipton. Contest winners throughout Christmasfest received toy and cash prizes or coupons discounting recreation center activity fees.

Kennedy said the change of venue to the junior-high school this year made sense in terms of flow from

event to event, as did moving Breakfast With Santa to the recreation center.

Next year, she said, organizers will look at changes to some events while sticking with things they've learned work.

The WRBM welcomes feedback on this year's events and what community members want to see in the future. To offer your comments or suggestions, contact Kennedy at 675-8211.

# Drama club presents 'Fruitcake' dessert theater tonight at MHS

Special to the Herald Times

**MEEKER 1** The Meeker High School Drama Club and International Thespian Society 1284 will present a fall "dessert theater" one-act play titled "Fruitcake" at the MHS auditorium tonight.

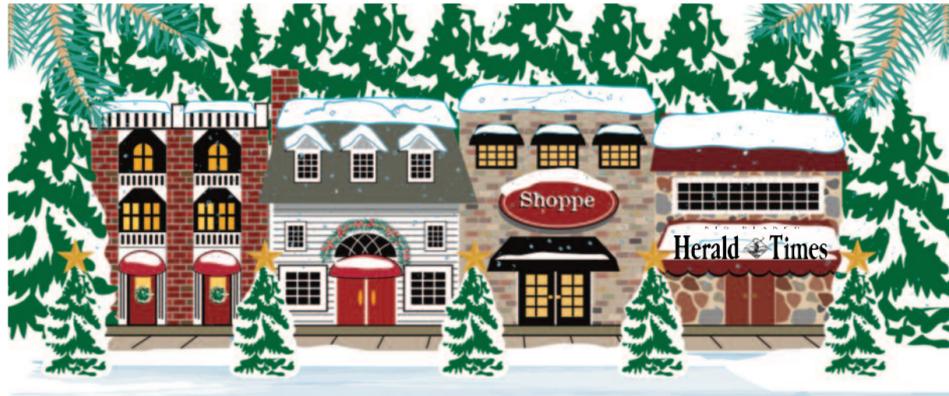
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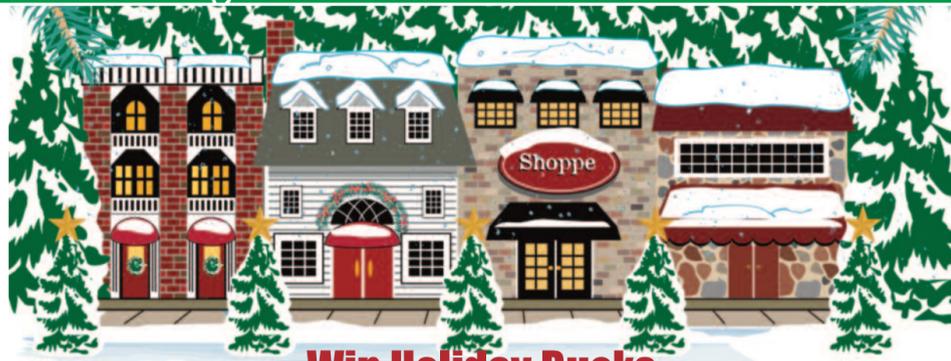
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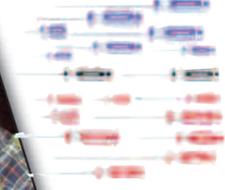
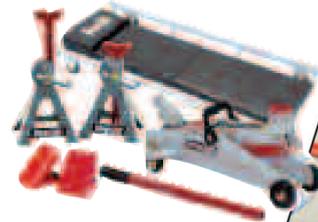
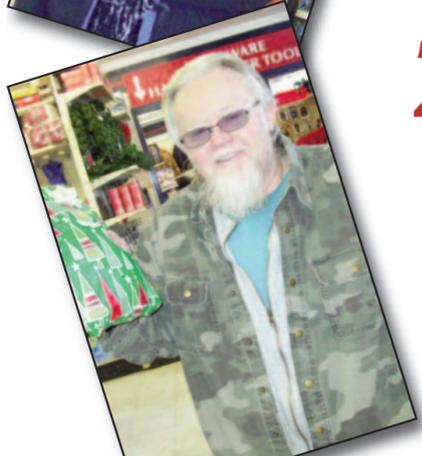
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The Meeker Cowboys defended their White River Electric Cowboy Shootout team title when they defeated the Mancos Blue Jays in the championship game Saturday on their home court. The championship team included Jake Phelan (15), Matt Frantz, Cade Rowlett, Jake Smith, assistant manager Madison Kindler, Kash Atwood, Ty Dunham, Raul Lopez, Joe Newman, Tony Collins, Levi Dinwiddie and Logan Hughes. Dunham and Lopez were named to the all-tournament team and Lopez was named the tournament's MVP.

## Meeker boys' basketball team wins WREA Cowboy Shootout

By HALLIE BLUNT  
Special to the Herald Times

**MEEKER I** The Meeker High School boys' basketball team kicked off its season off with a bang, winning the White River Electric Cowboy Shootout at home.

The Cowboys began their season against Hayden, and the game started like it could be close. But after the two minute mark, Meeker's offense started clicking and they took a 16-5 lead after one quarter.

Outstanding shooting by Raul Lopez and fast break buckets from Kash Atwood sparked a huge 22-point second quarter, making the score 38-10 at half.

Meeker didn't look back, winning the game 67-21 and giving them a spot in the semi-final game.

Friday night found the Cowboys matched against a very tall Fruita junior varsity team, and the game was close until intermission.

Meeker was once again led by the offense of Raul Lopez and outstanding passing from Jake Phelan

with strong finishes from Ty Dunham. The Meeker squad led 16-11 at the end of the premier quarter.

The team battled hard and went into the half with a 30-27 lead.

Meeker came out of the locker room and made the right adjustments as they outscored Fruita 20-9 in the third quarter.

The Cowboys played solid defense in the final eight minutes securing their 57-40 victory and putting them in the championship game.

The final game was well worth the price of admission as Mancos was an extremely good team, capable of playing an up-tempo game.

Meeker head coach Klark Kindler said, "We learned a lot in the championship game. A lot of our kids had not been in that type of situation before and got some valuable experience."

The team came out strong once again, taking a 14-8 lead after the first quarter.

The second quarter was a battle, and the Cowboys led by six at intermission.

The halftime talk was again effective, and Meeker came out with a big third quarter, outscoring Mancos 19-12. The offense had outstanding flow and the defense was smothering.

In the fourth quarter, Mancos showed they did not get to the championship game by letting up. They came storming back. They outscored Meeker 27-17 in the final eight minutes, but it was not enough to overcome the deficit and composure of the Cowboys late in the game.

Kindler said, "We need to get better at closing games."

The Cowboys did manage to close the game and capture yet another WREA Championship.

The team played well throughout and got quality minutes from several players.

Kindler added, "I liked the way our kids competed this week; I felt like we got better each day."

If the team continues to get better every day, the season looks very good for the Cowboys. They are coming off a state qualifying year and have several players with state experience back on the team this year.

## Rangely cagers open season with win

By BOBBY GUTIERREZ  
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**RANGELY I** The Rangely boys' basketball team opened the season in the annual White River Electric Cowboy Shootout in Meeker and won one of three games during the event.

"The Cowboy Shootout is a great atmosphere because there are a lot of good basketball players in one location," said head coach Jeremy Cantrell, who made his coaching debut in Meeker.

The Panthers easily defeated Moffat County's junior varsity team 56-32 in the first round but lost to Mancos 65-49 in the semifinals before losing a close game (62-56) to

Fruita Monument's junior varsity on Saturday.

"Thursday, we did a good job of executing offensively and defensively," coach Cantrell said. "Friday was a learning experience against a talented and experienced Mancos team. We needed that game to be prepared for league play. Saturday, we played really well in a lot of areas like rebounding and being efficient on offense, but we gave up too many threes."

Rangely senior Colt Allred scored 21 points against Moffat County and added 22 against Fruita, pulling down nine and 12 rebounds, respectively.

Patrick Scoggins made his high school debut in great fashion, being

named to the all-tournament team as a freshman. Scoggins scored 16 points against Moffat County, 22 against Mancos and 12 against Fruita.

Senior Mitchell Webber averaged more than eight points per game and led the team with 28 rebounds.

"Colt and Mitchell did an excellent job, bringing leadership and energy to all three games," coach Cantrell said. "I look forward to seeing those qualities and much more from them throughout the season."

The Panthers will host the Rams from South Routt County (Soroco) on Friday, with the JV game starting at 5 p.m.

## MHS wrestlers produce three champs, finish fourth at Delta

By BOBBY GUTIERREZ  
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**MEEKER I** "We improved from the previous week," Meeker wrestling coach J.C. Watt said of his team's fourth-place finish at the Delta Invitational on Saturday. Watt hopes his team continues to improve this week, because for the first time in several years, the Cowboys have been invited back to the Warrior Classic.

Meeker filled 12 of 14 varsity brackets and two junior varsity Cowboys also entered the Delta Invitational, where 10 placed in the top six, including three champions.

"We had some kids (Sheridan Harvey, Anthony Watt, Casey Turner and T.J. Shelton) move down a weight and it helped, but I think everybody looked better and wrestled better than the week before," he said.

Meeker advanced five into the

championship match, three into the consolation finals and two wrestled for fifth place.

Harvey, Turner and Shelton dominated their opponents and won gold medals. Harvey (113) pinned Colton Godwin of Paonia in the championship match, Turner (152) pinned three opponents, controlled the championship match to win 5-2, and Shelton (170) recorded two pins, a technical fall (15-0) and beat Kory Mills of Delta 9-1 in the finals.

Meeker senior Tristin Pelloni (126), a state runner-up last year, advanced to the finals but lost 1-3 to three-time defending state champion Jesse Reed of Paonia and classmate Anthony Watt (145) lost 7-4 to Gunner Chesnik of Paonia.

Meeker junior Dillon Frantz entered the tournament as a junior varsity wrestler at 160 behind teammate Jake Henderson, and although he did not score team points, Frantz

still brought home the bronze medal, as did Tyler Ilgen in the heavyweight bracket. Meeker sophomore Caleb Bradford also wrestled well and finished fourth at 182.

Meeker sophomores Josh Cochran (138) and Hunter Garcia, who was wrestling junior varsity at 145 each finished sixth in their respective brackets.

Freshmen Jacob Pelloni (106), Garrett Frantz (120) and Henderson, a junior, did not place.

Coach Watt said he has asked to be invited to the competitive Warrior Classic, the past two years and is excited about the opportunity to coach in his first "Warrior" this week.

"It's a tough tournament," Watt said of the pre-Christmas classic. "Our kids should win some matches and we have some who could place."

The Warrior Classic will be held at Colorado Mesa University.

**Meeker two-time defending state champion T.J. Shelton was one of five Cowboys to wrestle in the championship match and one of three to win the Delta Invitational. Shelton is pictured lifting Kory Mills of Delta off his feet before taking him down. Shelton won the championship match 9-1. Sheridan Harvey and Casey Turner also won titles and the Cowboys finished fourth as a team. For the first time in several years, Meeker was invited back to wrestle in the Warrior Classic, which starts Friday.**

BOBBY GUTIERREZ



## RHS grapplers visit Hotchkiss, Delta

By BOBBY GUTIERREZ  
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**RANGELY I** Four Rangely High School Panthers wrestled in a dual against Hotchkiss on Friday before competing in the Delta tournament on Saturday. The Panthers were shut out by the Hotchkiss Bulldogs but wrestled better in Delta.

Rangely will not wrestle again until January.

"We were a little over-confident at Hotchkiss and we didn't have a very good showing," head coach Jeff Heinle said. "Hotchkiss has a solid

team this year, and, if they keep wrestling like they did this weekend, they will be a team to worry about at regionals."

Rangely senior Heath Peters was the only Panther to place in Delta, finishing fifth in the 138-pound bracket.

"We showed some improvement in Delta," coach Heinle said.

Kiki Ruiz (152) won a match in Delta but lost two. Nych DeLeon (145) and Josh Bolding (170) each lost two matches and were eliminated.

"We wrestled better than our records show," coach Heinle said.

"We wrestled well on our feet and on top. We knew we would be having to defend the cradle, but the problem was we didn't do a very good job staying out of it and that was a big reason for our losses."

"The season is early and there is a lot of work to do before regionals come around in February," he said.

Because of a new point system, the Panthers had to drop a tournament to stay under the allowed points for the season, and will not wrestle again until the Tournament of Champions in Vernal, Utah, on Jan. 9-10.

## CNCC horse team wraps up first half of season with test at Utah State

Special to the Herald Times

**RBC I** Colorado Northwestern Community College equine studies instructor and horse show coach Stacey Bailey released the results of the team's last competition before the holiday break, describing the event as a bit "rocky."

The CNCC horse show team traveled to the competition at Utah State University in Logan and was able to post some good scores

despite a few equine problems.

"I will tell you that the team had a bit of a rocky show," Bailey said. "As you may know, the riders draw horses (they do not ride their own) and it is very rare for horses to act up and for riders to be given an alternate horse."

"However, we had two classes in a row in which alternate horses were permitted for our riders because of horse behavior," she said. "Overall, the team did extremely well and a lot

of them met personal goals over the weekend."

Results of the show were: Tasha Gibson (horsemanship): third, first and fourth; (reining): fourth, fourth and third; Amber Parmley: second; Catalina Laguera: fifth, fifth and third; Kathryn Costales: fifth, fifth and sixth; and Ripley Bellio: third, second and third.

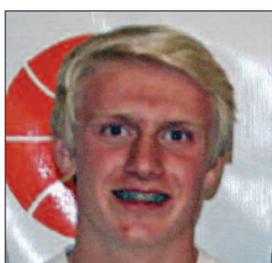
The team's next show is in February at Rocky Mountain College.



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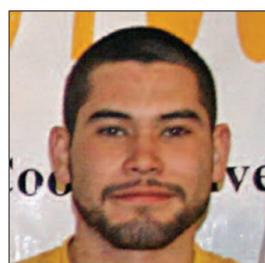
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**RAUL LOPEZ**  
Meeker High School Boys' Basketball

Raul Lopez led the MHS Cowboys boys' basketball team in defending its title at the annual White River Electric Association Cowboy Shootout. He and Ty Dunham were named to the all-tournament team at the Shootout and Lopez was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player.



Members of the successful Barone Middle School seventh grade boys' basketball team are Phil Arnold, Charles Curry, Elijah Deming, Josh Dinwiddie, Brennan Ibach, Alex Llamas-Lopez, Nick Massey, Juan Oliva, Todd Patterson, Tanner Ridgeway, Cole Rogers, Jake Shelton, Colton Wille and Ridge Williams.

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## Middle school cagers end good year

Special to the Herald Times

**RBC I** Rangely held on to win third place against Meeker in the eighth grade "A" portion of the Middle School boys' basketball District tournament held in Craig on Dec. 6.

The Meeker Cowboys lost their opening game to Craig and the Rangely Panthers were defeated by Steamboat Springs 38 to 18.

While Steamboat Springs' pressure defense stymied the Rangely squad, the Panthers channeled that frustration into an attacking offense that scored early and often in the first quarter against the Cowboys.

Up 15-8 at the end of the first quarter, the Panthers extended their lead by five for a 26-14 lead at half-time.

Devin Ramirez contributed 10 points in the first half, followed by Robert Osteen with six, Stetson Cudo, Drew Brannan and Grady Nielsen chipped in five, three and two points, respectively.

The Panthers continued to outpace the Cowboys in the second half, but the Meeker Cowboys led a furious scoring charge late in the third quarter and stifled the Panther offense until late in the fourth. Kale Burke, Eli Hanks and Gavyn Garr fueled the Cowboys' late comeback. Eli and Gavyn finished with 12 points each, while Kale contributed six. Andy Kracht pitched in four points, while Luis Villalpando made two.

The Cowboys climbed back within three, but the Panthers' continued attack provided the needed opportunity to seal the win, 42 to 36.

In the final minutes, Ramirez and Osteen pitched in a free throw apiece while Riley Boydston contributed a bucket for the Panthers' only points of the fourth quarter. The Panther's center, Robert Osteen, dominated the defensive boards while finishing the game with 12 points, while point guard Devin Ramirez led the team in assists and finished with 17 points. Cudo finished with five points, Boydston with four, Brannan contributed a three pointer and Nielsen and C.J. Lucero both chipped in two.

The Rangely Panthers also traveled to Hayden on Thursday, Dec. 4 to play their last regular season game, winning 45 to 10. Robert Osteen led all scorers with 12 points. Grady Nielsen and Riley Boydston pitched in 9 and 8 points apiece, while Devin Ramirez distributed the ball well and scored all seven of his points in the second half. Drew Brannan also finished with seven points and Stetson Cudo finished with two. Also contributing to the Panthers effort were Marshall Webber, Trenton Files, C.J. Lucero, Nate Freeman, and Tristan Moore.

The Rangely Panthers eighth grade boys were 7-7 before rounding out the season this past weekend at the East Grand Winter Round Robin Tournament in Granby, where they faced West Grand and East Grand.

On Tuesday, the coaches invited the boys and their families to celebrate the basketball season at the middle school boys' basketball banquet in the Rangely Jr./Sr. High School lower commons.

The Barone Middle School seventh-grade boys' basketball teams ended a successful season at the

annual district tournament Saturday in Craig. The BMS seventh-grade B-team won the tournament and the A-team finished second to Steamboat Springs.

The Barone Middle School seventh-grade boys' basketball team finished a very successful season on Saturday in Craig as the B-Team was tournament champions and the A-Team was second in the end-of-year finale.

The teams worked extremely hard all season, and Coach Jamie Rogers was most proud of the compliments received from opposing teams' parents on their sportsmanship.

The seventh grade B-team finished its season with a record of 12-1, only losing to the A-team from Grand Valley.

The A-team ended 8-5 with three of their losses coming to the same team, a very competitive Steamboat Springs squad.

The teams played hard, improved every week and certainly had fun throughout the season, the coaches said.

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The Colorado Northwestern Community College Spartans softball team hosted a pitching clinic for 18 young ladies from Meeker Dec. 5. Coach Briana Williams from Meeker High School's first year with junior varsity softball, and MHS received word recently that they will add varsity softball next fall. The young ladies in the clinic ranged in age from 7 to 17 years old. Coach Candra Robie said the basics were broken down for the girls and then they were given their chance to sling pitches to the Lady Spartans. The Spartan softball team hopes to see these girls again in the fall for another clinic, Robie said.

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**MHS GIRLS' BASKETBALL**  
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CHRISTMAS SPIRIT ...



RENÉ HARDEN

A reindeer and Frosty the Snowman stand guard over the Rangely residence of Mark and Sara Williams at 1501 La Mesa Circle. The Christmas spirit seems to be alive and thriving in Rangely.

# RECALL: Petitions came up short

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recent re-election. Amick said the signatures needed are equivalent to 40 percent of the number of voters who cast votes in that election.

DeVergie was elected most recently to office in 2013 with 1,367 electors voting, resulting in 547 valid signatures needed for recall, Amick said.

Burke and Bradfield were last elected to office in 2011 with 1,190 electors voting, meaning that 476 valid signatures must be gathered on their recall petitions. All three petitions are being handled separately, Amick said.

"We had good turnout at the last two elections, so the numbers for recall are going to be high," Amick said in October. "There are going to be a lot of names needed, and one signature on one petition is all that counts. The voters cannot sign just one and assume they have signed all three."

She said that in her 24 years, she has had inquiries regarding recall petitions but that she has never had recall petitions turned in.

In order to be recalled, a candidate must have been in office for at least six months and be more than six months away from the end of their term.

At the time the recall petitions

were taken out, all three board members issued statements regarding the effort.

Board Vice President Mindy Burke's statement follows: "Serving as an elected official on any board requires time, energy and sacrifice. If this recall petition comes to fruition, the public needs to know that the cost of a special recall election must be paid for by the Meeker School District. This would be money that should be spent on students of Meeker School District, not a recall vote."

Board President deVergie's statement follows: "There are three petitions circulating through the community requesting a special election to recall three current Meeker School Board members. My name is on one of these petitions."

"I have served on the Meeker School Board for almost five years. I am only one of seven board members and my vote only counts as one. All decisions made, are made by the board based on a majority vote of at least four members, not any one, two or three individual members."

"As the current school board president, I have no more authority than any other board member. My vote only counts as one. I have additional responsibilities and duties as the pres-

ident, but no extra authority.

"During my time on the school board, I have worked with all other board members to make the best decisions possible on difficult issues that affect all aspects of our school system."

"I have voted for what I believe is best for our kids and the school district as a whole. I have worked hard, been honest and diligent in my position. I have tried to be open and as transparent as possible on issues. However, as board members, we are not allowed to discuss some details relating to personnel matters, which causes a lot of frustration within the community."

"If you are approached to sign this petition, please read the 'General statement of grounds for recall' on the petition. The grounds listed are very general and are directed more at the board as a whole and not a specific individual on the board."

"If there are enough signatures gathered on these petitions, there will be at least one special election where the voters can decide if any or all of these individuals should remain on the school board. The unfortunate part of this process is that if enough signatures are garnered and a special election is warranted, the school district would have to pay the entire cost of the election."

"This could cost the school district tens of thousands of dollars. In these difficult financial times, this is not what is best for our schools."

Board Secretary/Treasurer Bradfield repeated the statement she issued at the MSD board meeting on Oct. 21:

"I ran for the Board of Education because I wanted change. I felt, as many voters did, that we had been

doing the same old thing with the same old board for decades. I wanted to serve the community making this district one of the best in Colorado and I wanted our students to have the best education they could possibly have. I have not wavered from this."

"I have diligently educated myself on what it means to be a school board member and have worked very hard to stay within that scope, even when it's unpopular or leaves me standing alone. I understand that many of the issues seem 'cut and dried' and 'black and white' from where you sit. But I assure you they are not. More often than not, the issues that have turned this board upside down and created the most controversy, haven't had a thing to do with 'what's best for students.' They are issues surrounding adults—issues created by adults—and issues perpetuated by adults. They are anything but 'cut and dried,' they couldn't be any less 'black and white,' and they generally do not lie within the scope of board work."

"Being a school board member is hard, time-consuming work—work that I have been completely committed to for the past three years. I am prepared every meeting and take every minute of my service seriously and personally. I have done nothing illegal, immoral or unethical, and no one holds me more accountable for my opinions, decisions and votes more than I do."

"If voters wish to recall me based on this service, I can't do a thing about that. It's one of the things that makes this country so great—government of the people, by the people and for the people—right?"

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@ 5 p.m.

**Editorial Deadline**  
SUNDAY  
Dec. 21 & 28  
@ 5 p.m.

**Herald Times**  
Meeker 878-4017  
Rangely 675-5033



Marshal Way helped the Rangely High School FBLA raise money for the March of Dimes as part of a campaign to raise awareness of the challenges faced by premature infants and their families. Way was shaved by Crandal Mergelman at the FBLA-sponsored Rec Night.

COURTESY PHOTO

## FBLA raises March of Dimes funding

Special to the Herald Times

**RANGELY** | The month of November was Prematurity Awareness Month. Rangely High School's FBLA chapter held a "No Shave November" competition to raise money for the March of Dimes.

The March of Dimes is an organization dedicated to raising money and awareness for families with premature

babies.

Each of the four RHS teams received donations and pledges from local businesses, students, and citizens.

Team Fortunato, which consisted of Paul Fortunato, Crandal Mergelman and McKenzie Webber, was announced victorious. The team members raised more than \$200 while the total amount raised between the

four teams and the community was \$642.13.

The following businesses helped support the competition: Giovanni's Italian Grill, WPX, Napa Auto, Country Cafe, White River Market, W.C. Striegel, Sweetbriar, The Salon, Jade Lion and the West End Drive-In. The students, staff and community members also supported the competition.

## Ken Coffin named 2014 'Lion of the Year'

Special to the Herald Times

**MEEKER** | The Meeker Lions Club presented awards at its annual Christmas party in early December.

Mark Rogers and Bill Jordan received awards for their outstanding service to the club and Ken Coffin

was recognized as "Lion of the Year" for 2014.

Earlier this month, Sixth West District Governor Lindel Silvertooth presented a number of length-of-service awards to several members. The awards included a 40-year award to Jim Joy, a 35-year award to Robert

"Bob" Bivens, a 20-year award to Dale Frisby, 15-year awards to Cindy Welle and Mark Rogers and 10-year service awards to Joy Allen, Kent Borchard and Tom Allen.

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	Regular Cost	Blitz Cost	Monthly Payment	
			Initial Debit (includes \$25 setup fee)	Subsequent Debit
<b>Children 4–12</b>	<b>\$150</b>	<b>\$75</b>	<b>\$31.25</b>	<b>\$6.25</b>
<b>Youth 13–17</b>	<b>\$225</b>	<b>\$112.50</b>	<b>\$34.38</b>	<b>\$9.38</b>
<b>Adults 18–54</b>	<b>\$375</b>	<b>\$187.50</b>	<b>\$40.63</b>	<b>\$15.63</b>
<b>Adults 55–74</b>	<b>\$225</b>	<b>\$112.50</b>	<b>\$34.38</b>	<b>\$9.38</b>
<b>Dual Adult</b>	<b>\$500</b>	<b>\$250</b>	<b>\$45.84</b>	<b>\$20.84</b>
<b>Family</b>	<b>\$600</b>	<b>\$300</b>	<b>\$50</b>	<b>\$25</b>

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**TOWN OF RANGELY**  
Check Register  
14-Nov

VENDOR	AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION
ACCUTEST MOUNTAIN STATES	\$1764.00	Chemicals
AFLAC	\$455.86	Payroll deduction
AHRENS, BRENDA	\$705.00	Benefit Reimbursement
AIR LIQUIDE	\$37.82	Cylinder Rental
AIRGAS INTERMOUNTAIN STATES	\$333.82	Expenses
ALL COPY PRODUCTS	\$684.71	Expenses
ARAMARK	\$1395.08	Uniforms
ASHLEY VALLEY ANIMAL HOSPITAL	\$818	Animal Shelter Expenses
BALBOA CAPITAL CORP.	\$306.00	Expenses
BAYER HEALTHCARE LLC	\$215.04	Expenses
BERG, HILL, GREENLEAF, RUSCITTI LLP	\$446.25	Services
BIGHORN CONSULTING ENGINEERS, CO	\$500.00	Expenses
BLACK, ERIC	\$210.00	Court Fines
BOBCAT OF THE ROCKIES	\$214.96	Expenses
BOY-KO SUPPLY CO	\$286.66	Expenses

### LEGAL NOTICES

BRADY, ANN	\$100.00	Council Stipend
BRICKYARD	\$94.22	Expenses
BUSINESS SOLUTIONS GROUP LLC	\$155.55	Expenses
CALIFORNIA CONTRACTORS SUPPLY	\$79.80	Expenses
CASELLE, INC.	\$799.33	Services
CASTO, BRAD	\$100.00	Council Stipend
CED	\$326.30	Expenses
CENTURY EQUIPMENT COMPANY	\$672.89	Expenses
CENTURYLINK	\$2671.51	Telephone/Services
CERTIFIED BUSINESS SVC, INC.	\$188.87	Expenses
CHEMATOX LABORATORY, INC	\$624.33	Services
CP-E-PARMER INSTRUMENT CO	\$209.87	Expenses
COLORADO CP SERVICES, PC	\$206.25	Services
CONSERVANCY OIL COMPANY	\$484	Expenses
COOK, MICHAEL	\$700	Expenses
COUNTRYSIDE VETERINARY CLINIC	\$84.76	Animal Shelter Expenses

### LEGAL NOTICES

DECOSHIELD SYSTEMS II, INC	\$484.05	Expenses
DIRECTV	\$274.75	WRV Television
DUCEY'S ELECTRIC	\$4161.92	Expenses
EATON SALES & SERVICES	\$8520.85	Expenses
EDDY, DAN	\$100.00	Council Stipend
EMC PLUMBING & HEATING, INC	\$10378.12	Expenses
FAMILY SUPPORT REGISTRY	\$761.80	Payroll deduction
FARNEY, LINDA	\$60.88	Expenses
FIDELITY ADVISOR FUNDS	\$20244.60	Payroll deduction
FIRST STATE BANK OF LIVINGSTON	\$455.00	WRV Television
FLEXMAGIC CONSULTING, INC.	\$160.00	Services
FOX, SONIA	\$60.60	Expenses
FPPA	\$335.25	PD Insurance
FRESH EXPRESS CLEANING	\$33.00	Expenses
GLACIER CONSTRUCTION	\$8759.000	Expenses
GRAND JUNCTION PIPE & SUPPLY	\$1345.87	Expenses
GREAT AMERICAN LEASING COMPANY	\$330.00	

### LEGAL NOTICES

Lease		
HACH	\$48.89	Chemicals
HATCH, LISA	\$100.00	Council Stipend
HERITAGE BUILDING & LUMBER	\$1935.87	Expenses
HOUSE OF MARBLE	\$189.00	Expense
HUITT, FRANK	\$150.00	Council Stipend
INTOXIMETERS, INC.	\$2472.75	Services
ITRON, INC	\$760.18	Services
J'S TIRE AND AUTOMOTIVE	\$75.30	Services
KANSAS CITY LIFE	\$1747.84	Life & STD Insurance
KINNEY, ROY	\$210.00	Benefit Reimbursement
LEGERE, NAOMI	\$6.17	Expenses
LINNEBUR, MARVIN	\$387.00	Benefit Reimbursement
LOWES	\$63.16	Expenses
MAIL SERVICES	\$986.46	Services
MASTER PETROLEUM	\$1494.00	Fuel
MASTERCARD	\$2412.89	Expenses
MEEKER SAND & GRAVEL	\$646.38	Expenses
MOON LAKE ELECTRIC	\$15725.80	Electricity
MOUNTAIN WEST SECURITY LLC	\$18628.00	

### LEGAL NOTICES

Expenses		
MWI VETERINARY SUPPLY	\$59.15	Animal Shelter Expenses
NEIBERGER, KELLI	\$68.00	Benefit Reimbursement
NETWORKS UNLIMITED	\$2687.83	Support
NEWMAN SIGNS	\$146.71	Expenses
NICHOLS STORE	\$36.00	Expenses
NIELSEN, JOSEPH	\$100.00	Council Stipend
PIERING, LISA	\$804.70	Benefit Reimbursement
PIPELINE TESTING CONSORTIUM	\$68.00	Services
PITNEY BOWES INC	\$104.83	Services
PRATERS PLUMBING & HEATING	\$427.06	Expenses
PROFESSIONAL TOUCH	\$191.81	Services
PROGRESSIVE INSURANCE	\$5.00	Expenses
QUALITY CARPET & FURNISHINGS	\$1706.15	Expenses
QUESTAR GAS COMPANY	\$1200.00	Expenses
QUILL	\$320.29	Expenses
RAC TRANSPORT CO, INC	\$89.70	Expenses
RANGELY AUTO PARTS	\$1642.86	Expenses
RANGELY CONOCO	\$872.04	Expenses

### LEGAL NOTICES

RANGELY HARDWARE	\$4447.87	Expenses
RANGELY SCHOOL FOUNDATION	\$13965.84	Sales Tax Funding
RANGELY TRASH SERVICE	\$866.00	Services
RANGELY, TOWN OF	\$5466.11	Utilities
RESPOND FIRST AID SYSTEMS	\$31.90	Expenses
RIO BLANCO HERALD TIMES	\$146.14	Services
ROCKY MOUNTAIN HEALTH PLANS	\$24333.63	Health Ins
ROCKY MOUNTAIN WEED MANAGEMENT	\$2735.00	Expenses
ROMNEY, SHERMAN	\$2303.00	Services
SCHMEUSHER GORDON MEYER, INC.	\$11,764.80	Expenses
SENERGY BUILDERS	\$5144.50	Housing Rental Fee
SHAFFER, ANDREW	\$100.00	Council Stipend
SMITH, DAVID	\$60.50	Expenses
STEWART WELDING & MACHINE, INC	\$679.64	Expenses
STRATA NETWORKS	\$500.00	Services
SUMMIT ENERGY	\$27601.53	

LEGAL NOTICES

Gas Transmission/Transport  
THATCHER CHEMICAL CO \$5002.29  
Expenses  
TIMBERLINE ELECTRIC & CONTROL  
\$1385.00 Services  
UNCC \$76.50 Services  
UNITED COMPANIES \$94707.66 Expenses  
VERIZON WIRELESS \$1011.47 Cell  
Service  
VERNAL PET CLINIC & WELLNESS CEN-  
TER \$187.00 Animal Shelter Expenses  
WALTER ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP, LLC  
\$1180.50 Services  
WESTERN IMPLEMENT CO \$2372.04 Expenses  
WESTERN NATIVE SEED \$425.35 Expenses  
WESTWATER ENGINEERING \$1989.38  
Expenses  
WEX BANK \$5871.13 Fuel  
WHITE RIVER MARKET \$68.91 Supplies  
WILCZEK, KAREN \$300.00 Judge Fee  
WILCZEK, VINCENT \$300.00 Benefit  
Reimbursement  
WISS, JANNEY, ELSTNER ASSOCIATES, INC  
\$5965.00 Expenses  
WRB REC & PARK DISTRICT \$36.00 Fee's  
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The Meeker Sanitation District is seeking applicants to fill an opening on the Board. Applicants must be a resident of, or own property in the Meeker Sanitation District to qualify. If you are interested in becoming a Board Member for the Meeker Sanitation District, please contact the Office at 265 8th Street, or call 878-5192. You may also write for information to PO Box 417, Meeker, CO 81641.  
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COMBINED NOTICE - MAILING  
CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 14-17

To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust:  
On October 7, 2014, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Rio Blanco records.  
Original Grantor(s) CARYL L MEITLER  
Original Beneficiary(ies) WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.  
Current Holder of Evidence of Debt WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.  
Date of Deed of Trust April 02, 2010  
County of Recording Rio Blanco  
Recording Date of Deed of Trust April 05, 2010  
Recording Information (Reception Number) 298282  
Original Principal Amount \$185,576.00  
Outstanding Principal Balance \$174,065.65  
Pursuant to CRS §38-38-101(4)(i), you are hereby notified that the covenants of the deed of trust have been violated as follows: failure to pay principal and interest when due together with all other payments provided for in the evidence of debt secured by the deed of trust and other violations thereof.

THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN.

The property to be foreclosed is:  
LOTS 71 AND 72 SANDERSON HILLS SUBDIVISION ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED DECEMBER 19, 1978 AS RECEPTION NO. 185454 TOWN OF MEEKER, COLORADO  
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THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED OF TRUST.

NOTICE OF SALE

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

THEREFORE, Notice Is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, 02/04/2015, at Office of the Public Trustee, Rio Blanco County Courthouse, 555 Main Street, Meeker CO 81641, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s)' heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.  
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A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE FILED PURSUANT TO SECTION 38-38-104 SHALL BE FILED WITH THE PUBLIC TRUSTEE AT LEAST FIFTEEN (15) CALENDAR DAYS PRIOR TO THE FIRST SCHEDULED SALE DATE OR ANY DATE TO WHICH THE SALE IS CONTINUED; IF THE SALE DATE IS CONTINUED TO A LATER DATE, THE DEADLINE TO FILE A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE BY THOSE PARTIES ENTITLED TO CURE MAY ALSO BE EXTENDED; A NOTICE OF INTENT TO REDEEM FILED PURSUANT TO SECTION 38-38-302 SHALL BE FILED WITH THE PUBLIC TRUSTEE NO MORE THAN EIGHT (8) BUSINESS DAYS AFTER THE SALE.

DATE: 10/07/2014  
Karen Arnold, Public Trustee in and for the County of Rio Blanco, State of Colorado

By: Karen Arnold, Public Trustee  
The name, address, business telephone number and bar registration number of the attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is:  
David R. Doughty #40042  
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Janeway Law Firm 9800 S. Meridian, Suite 400, Englewood, CO 80134 (303) 706-9990  
Attorney File # 14-003235  
The Attorney above is acting as a debt collector and is attempting to collect a debt. Any information provided may be used for that purpose.  
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LEGAL NOTICES

**Year 2015 Blasting Schedule**  
Colowyo Coal Company L.P. hereby publishes the following blasting schedule for the 2015 year.  
1. Identification of blasting areas: During the 2015 year, blasting will be conducted within the following areas:  
T3N, R93W, 6th P.M., Moffat and Rio Blanco Counties, Colorado  
W1/2 of Section 3,  
All of Section 4,  
All of Section 9,  
W1/2 of Section 10,  
SW1/4, N1/2 of Section 15,  
All of Section 16,  
All of Section 17,  
E1/2 of Section 19,  
All of Section 20,  
W1/2 of Section 21  
T4N, R93W, 6th P.M., Moffat County, Colorado  
E1/2SW1/4, W1/2E1/2, E1/2SE1/4 of Section 22,  
W1/2, N1/2NE1/4 of Section 27,  
E1/2SE1/4 of Section 28,  
E1/2SW1/4, E1/2 of Section 33,  
W1/2 of Section 34.  
2. Time of blast: Blasting operations will be conducted daily between sunrise and sunset.  
3. All mine roads to blast areas will be blocked at least ten minutes prior to the blast by manned vehicles having radio communication with the Blasting Foreman. The blast areas will be cleared by the Blasting Foreman. All mine areas are fenced for livestock.  
4. Audible Warning Signals:  
Before blast signal: Four series of three short sirens, then four series of three long sirens. After blast all clear signal: The Blasting Foreman will check the blast and report the all clear to barricade crews, followed by a single, long siren.  
5. Blasting may not be conducted at times different from those announced in this blasting schedule except in emer-

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gency situations where rain, lightning, other atmospheric conditions, or Operator or public safety requires unscheduled detonation.  
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Board of County Commissioners  
Monday, December 22, 2014  
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, 2014 Board Agenda
- Approval of the December 22, 2014 Agenda

CONSENT AGENDA FOR DECEMBER 22, 2014

- Consideration of the Board Minutes of December 15, 2014
  - Contract Modification Order #3 for G.A. Western CR 10 Bridge Replacement Project with an increase of \$0 and extension of the completion date to October 1, 2015
  - Compliance Certification Application for Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment for Pesticides
- GENERAL BUSINESS:**  
**BUSINESS AGENDA:**  
General:  
• Certification of Levies and Revenues for Y2015 according to CRS Section 39-1-111  
Bids: None  
Bid Awards/Contracts and Agreements:  
Resolutions:  
• Approval of a Resolution Appropriating Additional Sums of Money to Defray Expenses in Excess of Amounts Budgeted, in the Various Funds and Spending Agencies for the 2014 Budget year.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- Holly King and Irene Kilbane of Meeker Cat Coalition
- County Commissioners Updates
- Public Comment

ADJOURN

HEARINGS:

1:15  
Rezone 14-05 – Rick and Paula Martinson, applicants are requesting to change the current Agricultural zone of their property to Industrial. 14407 HWY 64, Rangely, T2N, R102W, S29.

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 are brought before it. Scheduled items may be continued if the Board is unable to complete the Agenda as scheduled.

The next regular Board meeting is tentatively scheduled for January 12, 2014 in Meeker at the County Administration Building. Please check the County's website for information at www.co.rio-blanco.co.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.  
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NOTICE OF SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET  
GENERAL FUND  
RIO BLANCO WATER CONSERVANCY  
DISTRICT

Notice is hereby given that a proposed supplemental budget to the General Fund has been submitted to the Rio Blanco Water Conservancy District Board of Directors for the year of 2014; a copy of such proposed budget has been filed in the office of the Rio Blanco Water Conservancy District located at 2252 East Main Street, Rangely, Colorado, where same is open for public inspection; such proposed supplemental budget will be considered at the Re-scheduled monthly meeting of the Board of Directors to be held at the District, office 2252 East Main Street, Rangely, Colorado, on Monday, December 29, 2014 at 4:00 P.M. This supplemental budget is to defray costs associated with the Districts ongoing feasibility study to provide additional water storage within the District. The supplemental budget will allocate \$126,565 in additional grants received by the District and \$45,000 from the Districts reserve fund to meet those expenses. Any interested elector of such Rio Blanco Water Conservancy District may inspect the proposed supplemental budget and file or register any objections thereto at any time prior to the final adoption of the budget.  
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NOTICE OF FINAL PAYMENT

Notice is hereby given that PNCI Contractors, Inc., the Contractor for the Western Rio Blanco Recreation Center Weight Room Addition project has completed the work specified in the Contract and that the work has been accepted by the Owner of record, Western Rio Blanco Metropolitan Recreation and Park District, Timothy Webber, Executive Director.  
Notice is further given that final payment for the work will be made to the Contractor on or after December 30, 2014 being at least ten (10) days after the first publication of this notice.  
All persons having claims for labor, materials, team hire, sustenance, provisions, provender, or other supplies used or consumed by the Contractor or a sub-contractor shall file a verified statement of the amount due and unpaid on account of such claim to the Western Rio Blanco Metropolitan Recreation and Park District at 611 South Stanolind Ave, Rangely, Colorado 81648 prior to the date specified.  
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Tim Webber, Executive Director  
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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 22, 2014, 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 2014 budget year in the following funds: General Fund, Capital Expenditure Fund, Road & Bridge Fund, Public Health Agency Fund, Capital Improvement Plan Fund, Impact Fee Trust Fund, Weed & Pest Control Fund, Central Services Fund and the Fleet Management 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.

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NOTICE

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

Jon & Erin Willis Has requested the licensing officials of Town of Rangely TO: Grant a transfer A license at this location to dispense 719 E Main Rangely, CO 81648.

Hearing on Application to be held at Time & Date: 7:15 p.m. December 23, 2014 Town Hall 209 E Main Date of Application: December 5, 2014 By order of Local liquor Licensing Authority Objection petitions may be submitted to the Town Clerk or Liquor Licensing Agent Town Hall 209 E Main, Rangely, CO 81648.  
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Town of Rangely  
December 23, 2014  
7:00pm  
Agenda

Rangely Board of Trustees (Town Council)  
FRANK HUITT, MAYOR  
BRAD CASTO, MAYOR PRO TEM  
LISA HATCH, TRUSTEE  
ANDREW SHAFFER, TRUSTEE  
DAN EDDY, TRUSTEE  
JOSEPH NIELSEN, TRUSTEE  
ANN BRADY, TRUSTEE  
•Call to Order  
•Roll Call  
•nvocation  
•Pledge of Allegiance  
Minutes of Meeting

•Approval of the minutes of the December 9, 2014 meeting.  
•Petitions and Public Input  
•Changes to the Agenda  
Public Hearings - 7:15pm  
•Public Hearing on the transfer of the Rangely Liquor Store liquor license to Jon and Erin Willis.  
•Committee/Board Meetings  
•Council Worksessions December 15th & December 16th.  
•Supervisor Reports - See Attached  
•Reports from Officers - Town Manager Update  
New Business

•Discussion and action to approve the transfer of the Rangely Liquor Store liquor license to Jon and Erin Willis.  
•Discussion and action to approve the White River Monitoring Program payment for 2015.  
Informational Items  
•EPA Letter on Deseret Power Electric Cooperative  
•Scheduled Announcements  
Rangely School District board meeting is scheduled for December 15, 2014 at 6:15pm.  
•Rangely District Library regular meeting December 8, 2014 at 5:00pm.  
•Rangely District Hospital board meeting is scheduled for December 18, 2014 at 7:00pm.  
•Rural Fire Protection District board meeting is scheduled for December 15, 2014 at 7:00pm.  
•Western Rio Blanco Park & Recreation District meeting December 15, 2014 at 7:00pm.  
•Rio Blanco Water Conservancy District board meeting is December 17, 2014 at 6:00pm.  
•Rangely Chamber of Commerce board meeting is scheduled for December 18, 2014 at 12:00pm.  
Adjournment  
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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, 2014.

2014CW15, RIO BLANCO COUNTY, Application for Simple change in surface point of diversion pursuant to 37-92-305(3.5) CRS; Applicant: Larry Cook, 36607 Hwy 64, Meeker, CO 81641, 970-675-8716; Structure: Stadman ditch; Original decree: 9/6/1904, Case No. CA 0470, CA0624; Legal Description of Structure: Right bank of the White River whence the witness to the southwest corner of S27, T3, R99W, of 6 PM, bears north nineteen degrees 40 ft, east 333 ft; Source: White River; Total Amt decreed to structure: Absolute-1 cfs; Decreed Use: irrigation; Amount of water applicant intends to change: 1 cfs; Description of detailed change: Original Stadman-Ditch was flumed across the river towards the current existing ditch on the south side of river. The flume hasn,been present for 60 years. The pump on the south side of the river has taken its place; UTM Coordinates: Northing: 4451284, Easting 710177; Zone 12; 36607 Hwy 64, Meeker, CO 81641; Legal Description: Rio Blanco County, NE4, SW4, S27, T3N, R99W, 6 PM; Distance from section lines: 2,534 ft South, and 1,848 ft West; PLSS Source: topographic map; Landowner: Applicant. Maps on file with court.

You are hereby notified that you will have until the last day of JANUARY, 2015 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, 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, P.O. Box 773117, Steamboat Springs, CO 80477.

MARY ANN NINGER  
CLERK OF COURT  
ROUTT COUNTY COMBINED COURT  
WATER DIVISION 6  
/s/ Sharon Martin  
Deputy Court Clerk  
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RIO BLANCO Masonic Lodge #80 meets 2nd and 4th Thursday, 7:00 p.m., at 7th and Park, Meeker.

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

**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

**Rangely Victim Services**  
An open door for the protection and care of abused and battered persons. **Non-emergency call 629-5729 or 629-0709. Emergencies call 911.** Providing assistance for victims of violent crimes.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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FOOD BANK of the Rockies mobile pantry truck will be in Rio Blanco County providing food assistance to community members. Scheduled Dates for 2014: December 18. The Food Bank will be at the Meeker Fairgrounds from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

**RADINO & CHUCKWAGON**  
Please call before 9:00 a.m. day of meal  
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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 19:** Fruit salad, beef stew, biscuit, vanilla pudding.  
**MONDAY, December 22:** Tuna noodle casserole, mixed vegetables, tropical fruit.  
**TUESDAY, December 23:** Tossed salad, roast turkey, mashed potatoes, green beans, cranberry sauce, pie.  
**WEDNESDAY December 24:** Cooks Choice.  
**FRIDAY, December 26:** CLOSED.

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**Rio Blanco County Commissioners are seeking applicants to serve on the following boards:**  
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• Columbine Park Advisory Board  
• Meeker Colorado Civic Improvement Corp. (MCCC Board)  
• Meeker Cemetery District Board  
• Rangely Cemetery District Board  
• Rangely Regional Library District Board  
• Rio Blanco County Fair Board, Meeker and Rangely  
• Rio Blanco County Fairgrounds Management Board, Meeker  
• Rio Blanco County Planning Commission, Meeker  
• Historic Preservation Board, Meeker  
• Weed Management Advisory Board, Meeker and Rangely  
If you are interested in serving on one of these boards please send a letter of interest no later than December 31, 2014 to: Board of County Commissioners, P.O. Box 1, Meeker, CO 81641 or email: [laura@rbc.us](mailto:laura@rbc.us). Please include your mailing address and phone number in your letter.

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Please submit resume to: **BOPCO, L.P., P.O. Box 237 Dinosaur, CO 81610**

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**MEEKER STREAKER MONTHLY SCHEDULE DECEMBER 2014**  
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.  
December 1, Bus in town  
December 2, Bus in town  
December 3, Bus in town  
December 4, Bus in town, GRN JCT  
December 5, Bus in town  
December 6, No Bus  
December 7, AM Bus  
December 8, Bus in town  
December 9, Bus in town  
December 10, Bus in town  
December 11, Bus in town, Rifle  
December 12, Bus in town  
December 13, No Bus  
December 14, AM Bus  
December 15, Bus in town  
December 16, Bus in town  
December 17, Bus in town  
December 18, Bus in town, GRN JCT, Med  
December 19, Bus in town  
December 20, No Bus  
December 21, AM Bus  
December 22, Bus in town  
December 23, Bus in town  
December 24, Bus in town, 1/2 Day (1:00)  
December 25, No Bus  
December 26, Bus in town  
December 27, No Bus  
December 28, AM Bus  
December 29, Bus in town  
December 30, Bus in town  
December 31, 1/2 Day (1:00)  
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**RENTALS: MEEKER**

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MOBILE HOME, 3 BDR, 1 BA, 4 miles west of town. \$400/mo. plus deposit. (970)756-0718.

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4 BDR 2 BA house for rent, \$1050.00/month, available January 1st. Fenced yard, approved pets welcome. Call Mike @ (970)878-9848 or (970) 629-8866.

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- VACANT building site - 7500 SF, 1280 Garfield Street, includes paid water tap .....\$25,000
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- NEW LISTING: 1111 Wall Street, 3bdrm, 2bath, manufactured home, great location .....\$132,900
- 450 Garfield Street - 2 bdrm ranch on large lot, close to downtown .....\$139,900
- 517 Park Ave - Commercial property, downtown Courthouse square .....SALE PENDING
- NEW LISTING: 210 W. Bell Street, immaculate 4bdrm, 2ba home in Rangely .....\$210,000
- 1032 Lance Circle - Beautiful ranch style home on corner lot, garage .....SALE PENDING
- 290 4th Street - 3100 SF +, 4 bdrms, 2.5 baths, residential or commercial .....\$259,900
- 73209 Hwy 64 - 11 acres with 2032 SF, 4 bdrms, 2 baths, outbuildings, .....\$265,000
- 811 County Rd. 43 - Beautiful log home on 40 acres, barn, close to town yet private .....\$485,000

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- NEW LISTING! 201 Coal Rd. - 2300 sq. ft. home. 4 BR, 2 BA on 2 acres. New forced air gas furnace & garbage disposal, wet bar, large open kitchen with lots of cabinet space. Pellet stove and 576 sq. ft. garage with additional 840 sq. ft. garage. Good access to BLM. \$269,900
- NEW LISTING! 216 Ridge Rd. - This is a nice 2856 sq ft two level house built in 1977. It's a well maintained house with new flooring upstairs and tile down stairs, custom kitchen cabinets, screened-in back porch with spectacular view, central air, FAG furnace and woodstove, attached garage. \$219,900
- NEW LISTING! 910 Bell St. - Nice one-level 2385 sq. ft. house with 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, built in 2003 on double lot with nice, covered back deck, new flooring in kitchen and dining and new carpets throughout. Ready to move into! \$200,000
- 300 4th St. East - 3 BR 2 BA on 3 lots in Dinosaur, 1744 Sq Ft built in 1981. Large garden space with water tap. Two large outbuildings. Lots of room to park toys. \$115,000
- 315 8317 N. Grand Ave. - Duplex: Attractively renovated. Each unit has 1,200 SF, 2 Bed, 2 Bath, W/D hook-up, carport for each side. Priced to Sell! \$139,500 Excellent income property.
- Great Building Site - 1350 La Mesa Circle, 19,631 Sq Ft. List price: \$39,500

443 Bugle Dr. - 14-Mile subdivision, 99.68 acres with 1,600+ sq. ft. 3BD, 2 BA modular. Lots of privacy and wildlife with great views. Plenty of room for everything. Also has water well. \$225,000 SOLD!

461 Garfield St. - Rental Property - 4 units, plenty of parking, 2 BR 1 BA with upgrades. All have range/oven, refrigerators. Fully rented! \$225,000

1090 Pinyon - 3 bedroom, 2 full baths, built in 1997, new wood burning stove, with large open kitchen. 16,449 sq. ft. lot. Huge fenced back yard. Priced to move \$102,000 Reduced!

1376 Juniper Rd. - Total remodel, beautiful kitchen, master bedroom has huge walk-in closet. Fresh paint and new flooring on main level. Total of 2,460 sq. ft. and 3-car-garage! Priced to move \$251,000

1886 RB County Rd. 8 - New windows throughout, 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 Bath Home, 6.8 acres with 2,000 feet White River frontage, large deck and spectacular views! \$350,000 Reduced!

**WESTERN EXPOSURES REALTY, LLC** 1033 W Market St. Meeker, Colo. 81641  
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70548 HWY 64. Gorgeous Horse Ranch with Indoor and outdoor Arena, Custom 3 Bdr. Home, Morton 4 bay garage with heated room, Morton Heated Shop with kitchen, Log Barn, numerous Pastures & Sheds on 42 acres. \$730,000

STRAWBERRY CREEK RANCH 2.387 acre ranch with about 420 acres of hay meadows, including a center pivot & gated pipe, brick home, hired hand home, bunk house, numerous garages and new pipe corrals, plus a BLM Permit, beautiful setting, trees & rock outcroppings, outstanding water rights, & good big game hunting. \$6,500,000

**RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY**

979 8th St. - Unobstructed views, 3BD, 2BA home, 4,800 sq. ft. shop/garage spaces. Worth coming to see! \$285,000

HOT DEAL! 1455 Mountain View Road - Carefully tucked amongst native landscape, this wonderful 3BD, 2BA log home is private, yet right in town! \$260,000

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

1045 Lance Cr. - SHOP SPACE GALORE! Well kept, 5BD, 2BA home with large rooms, smart floor plan and amazing shop. \$198,500 UNDER CONTRACT

973 Main St. - Inviting 2BD, 1.75BA home with expansive opportunities. The mature trees, manicured yard, garden, deck and cottage create a peaceful haven right in the middle of town! COME RELAX ON THE DECK! \$185,000

117 6th St. - Completely remodeled duplex, fully furnished, sleeps 12 people, within walking distance of downtown. \$179,000

1060 Park St. - Great income producing duplex. Can also be converted to single family residential. 4BD/2BA. \$175,000

780 11th St. - Tastefully remodeled 3BD, 2BA bi-level home with a fantastic fenced yard. REDUCED TO \$167,900

760 11th St. - Good 3BD/2BA starter home with large back yard, deck, storage shed, built in 1996. \$110,000.

767 12th Street - Completely remodeled townhome includes 2 bedrooms, 2 baths. "Like New". \$65,000

**RURAL RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES**

NEW 945 Rd. 14 - Sensational, beautiful 5bd, 3ba log cabin with pristine setting, Creek & Pond. The ultimate privacy in the White River National Forest. \$475,000

1751 Brightwater Ln. - Located 20 minutes west of Highway 64, this 39 acre property has income producing hay ground, river frontage and a new 5000+ SQFT metal shop. Electric, cistern and septic already installed. \$369,000

1161 RBC RD 8 - This 3BD remodeled home sets across from the White River, includes 5 acres with trees. Large deck & great location, just a few minutes from town. \$349,000

NEW 71855 Hwy 64 - MILES OF VIEWS, 3bd, 2ba home on 35 acres about 4 miles from Meeker. Stucco, covered porch, metal garage/barn. \$300,000

320 Bugle Dr. CONSIDERING THE COUNTRY? 99 acres with comfortable home and outbuildings, tucked away in a private location with great views and good pastures. \$295,000

281 RBC Rd. 57 - Marvelous 3BD, 2BA log home on 1.4 acres, located 10 miles up the Flat Tops Scenic Byway. Right from this home, you can jump on your ATV and enjoy the vast public land! \$287,500

264 Love Ln. - HORSE HAVEN - 5 stall horse barn, multiple fenced pastures and metal shop on 4.39 acres. Humans will equally enjoy the stucco 3BD, 2BA home and convenient location! \$275,000

NEW 519 Rim Rock Dr. - Hilltop home on 5 acres with 4 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, fabulous views and an attached garage. Good floor plan, large family room. \$245,000

NEW 2378 Rd. 49 - Log cabin on 3 acres with spring. Located about 20 minutes drive east of Meeker. \$150,000

NEW 200 Rim Rock Dr. - Freshly painted and priced to sell! Fantastic 2BD, 2BA home on 5 acres just 5 minutes from town. \$149,000

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

**COMMERCIAL PROPERTY**

NEW Two 5 Acre Parcels and one 8 acre parcel on the intersection of Hwy 64 & Hwy 13 about 2 miles west of Meeker, CO. Great Commercial Property. Call for details.

1036 Shuts Drive - Newly constructed 32 unit apartment complex located above Meeker Recreation Center. A nice investment at \$2,990,000

NEW 410 Market St. - Turnkey business, great location, quality inventory, experienced team, only thing missing is YOU! \$950,000!

RV PARK - 13 acres with White River Frontage, 20 spaces with water/sewer/electric, plus 20 acres with Colorado Highway 13 & 64 frontage. \$900,000 for both. NICE PROPERTY!

317 East Market - GREAT PROPERTY, GREAT LOCATION - 1.4 acres includes commercial building, newly built shop \$975,000. Also the adjoining 3 acre parcel is available for \$300,000 with highway access.

680 Water St. - Playa del Rio Apartments sits on 4 lots, feature 19 apartment units, 17 storage units, off street parking and park area. Buy before the market booms! \$650,000

624 Market St. - Large remodeled restaurant building with apartment space. Fantastic location! \$562,500

975 Market St. - Restaurant building on two lots with off street parking along Highway 13. \$220,000

**RANCHES**

1560 RBC RD. 15 - 390 acre ranch with cozy 3BD log home, lush pastures private setting, close to town, well, pond & spring. \$595,000

**VACANT LAND**

1107 Market St. - Commercial corner lot on Highway 13. Perfectly cleared and ready for a new business! \$250,000

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

48 Acres off County Road 13 - 5 miles south of Meeker, joins BLM, open to trades or offers \$235,000

99 Acres off of County Road 60 - Secluded acreage with power, nice building areas, borders BLM. \$139,000

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

4.5 Lots on 8th St. - Quiet location! \$100,000

182 Main St. - Commercial lot behind Family Dollar store. Busy location, cleared, ready to build! \$85,000

688 Meath Dr. - 35 acre lot in Little Beaver Estates, cleared building pad. Will consider all offers! \$85,000

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

4 Lots in Cross L Estates - OWNER FINANCING \$70,000 - \$75,000, \$250,000 for all

6.79 Acres in Cross L Estates - Irrigated water, domestic water, electricity and views. REDUCED \$65,000

23105 Highway 13 - 5.09 Acres with domestic well, electricity and views. REDUCED \$50,000

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

2 Lots in Sage Hills - Gentle grade, for fantastic views. Time to build! \$35,000 each

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

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Merry Christmas!

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