

# Herald Times



## Senate-bound ...

Tessa Slagle, a senior at Rangely High School, is one of two Colorado high school students chosen for the 52nd Annual U.S. Senate Youth Program set for March 8-15 in Washington, D.C. She is currently student body president at RHS and aspires to enter politics. For more on her selection to the Senate Program, see page 3A.



# Undersheriff Joos seeks election as county sheriff

By SEAN McMAHON  
sean@theheraldtimes.com

**RBC** I Rio Blanco County Undersheriff Michael Joos has thrown his hat into the race for Rio Blanco County Sheriff after a 39 year career in law enforcement which began as a police cadet with the Federal Heights (Colo.) Police Department in 1975.

"I believe this is just the right time in my career; I have done basically everything else in law enforcement at the city and county level," Joos said. "Law enforcement is my career, and I love Rio Blanco County. I love Rangely and Meeker and I have enjoyed the blood, sweat and tears

involved in all these years.

"I have enjoyed the people at the Rio Blanco Sheriff's Office I have worked with these past 24 years," he said. "And I believe I have played a role in bringing much-needed major changes to the sheriff's office in the past 11 years that I have been undersheriff."

"Being the elected sheriff isn't just a title, it isn't just reaching a goal, it's being able to make a difference, to lead a great group of people who have dedicated themselves to helping others," Joos said. "I want to give back to those people and our communities, which make where we all live such a great place and a safe place to raise

our families and live our lives."

Joos, 53, was born in Norfolk, Va., and was graduated from Westminster (Colo.) High School in 1978. He then attended Metro State College in Denver for a year.

He became a police cadet with the Federal Heights Police Department as a high school student in 1975, continuing until 1979. In 1979, he became a dispatcher with the FHPD and in 1981 became a reserve officer.

From March 1982 to 1987, Joos served as a regular police officer with the FHPD and his assignments included patrol, K-9, crime prevention and DUI-traffic. He also became a Colorado Law Enforcement Training

Academy (CLETA) certified officer after 302 hours of police academy in 1982.

In 1987, Joos was promoted to detective with the FHPD, assigned to crimes against property. He was also the lead accident reconstructor for all serious bodily injury and fatal traffic crashes within the city limits.

In 1988, he was promoted to senior police officer as the top officer in the patrol division and he continued as lead accident reconstructor.

In August 1990, Joos left Federal Heights and joined the Meeker Police Department as a patrol officer. Again he was lead accident reconstructor and accident investigation instructor for

the two municipal law enforcement agencies in the county. He was also a defensive driving instructor.

In March 1995 through 2002, he was a lieutenant with the Meeker Police Department, second-in-command behind the chief of police. His job was management of all ongoing felony investigations and case filings.

Joos remained the lead accident reconstructor and accident instructor at the sheriff's office and the two municipal law enforcement agencies in the county. He also continued as a defensive driving instructor.



UNDERSHERIFF MIKE JOOS

► See **JOOS**, Page 12A

## Christmasfest opens Rangely holiday season

By HEATHER ZADRA  
Special to the Herald Times

**RANGELY** I The Western Rio Blanco Metropolitan (WRBM) Recreation District's chili dinner and dance recital drew more than 100 people to Colorado Northwestern Community College on Saturday night, netting more than \$500 to help a local family pay for their daughter's health care expenses.

Saturday night's event, the culmination of the weekend's Christmasfest activities, raised \$586 for Zach and Krissy Klein's 4-year-old daughter, Aveahna, who was diagnosed with hypocalcemia earlier this month.

Managing the disease, which has affected her bones, liver and kidneys, currently means \$300 per month in vitamin supplements and a \$1,900 bone scan every three months. The Kleins' insurance covers just under \$700 of the scan.

"We really do feel incredibly blessed with the outpouring of love and prayers," Krissy Klein said.

Twenty-seven girls aged 3 years and up also performed at the event.

WRBM dance instructor Natalie Kurrasch, who has been preparing students for the recital since August, said it takes courage and focus for children to dance in front of a crowd, even if that crowd is made up of friends and loved ones.



BETH WILEY

More than 100 people attended Saturday night's chili dinner and WRBM dance recital in the Colorado Room on the Colorado Northwestern Community College campus in Rangely. The dinner raised more than \$500 for Aveahna Klein, who was recently diagnosed with hypocalcemia and is undergoing further testing for other disorders.

"They did really well being on stage with that many people watching," she said. "Sometimes when they're practicing, you think, 'They aren't paying attention.' Then they get on stage and you realize, 'Hey, they really were listening!'"

The Christmasfest Parade of Lights kicked off Saturday evening's activities, with approximately 10 floats. More residents turned out to watch the parade than in past years, WRBM recreation coordinator Kirsten Cushman said. WRBM will announce float competition winners later this week.

Christmasfest's Senior King and Queen, Bill and Phyllis Zadra, rode in the parade with other royalty joining them at the crowning on Saturday afternoon: crown bearers Brielle Lucero, the Zadras' granddaughter, and Wyatt Wiley; first attendants Bill Dyer and Bettie Jo Hackford; and second attendant Norm Hall. Second attendant Peggy Rector could not attend.

A big draw over the weekend was the Blue Mountain Inn and Suites' Breakfast with Santa, which brought around 40 children and their families to the Park Street Grill

on Saturday morning.

Families ate a hot breakfast while children chatted with Santa, received a book as a gift and had photographs taken.

"The breakfast was absolutely delicious," said Cheri Smith, who attended with 7-year-old daughter Emma. "Emma's pretty shy, but Santa was wonderful. He really took time with her. They got people in and out pretty quickly, but it didn't feel rushed."

Slick roads caused sleigh rides

► See **SEASON**, Page 2A

# Cold, hard winters didn't stop Meeker area pioneers

By HALLIE BLUNT  
Special to the Herald Times

**MEEKER** I The last few weeks have seen the temperatures plummet and the cold could invoke some complaining. After all, the cars are cold, the roads are slick, and the kids have to walk from the car to the school in sub-zero temperatures.

Perhaps a quick trip back to the old "school days" will ease the chill, warm the heart and provide perspective.

Imagine the temperature is an average low of 4 degrees and a high of 36. It is December 1913, in Meeker. The students and teachers in the rural schools have grown accustomed to riding a horse-drawn sleigh, skis, sled or simply walking or riding a horse to school in the cold and snow.

Some children use heated rocks to keep their toes warm on the way to school and they will have the chance to reheat the rocks at school for their trek home.

The school house is warm as the teacher arrives an hour early to start the fire in the stove. The snowfall is usually heavier in February and March, but on Dec. 4 a record storm hit, dropping between 45 and 86 inches of snow in various cities across the state.

The amazing thing about the storm

is that it seemed to have much less effect on the actual carrying on of the communities. They simply dug out, they didn't wait for someone to come, and they helped their neighbors so everyone could get back to work.

The rural schools like Marvine, Wilson Creek, Powell Park, Coal Creek, the Mesa and throughout the county no doubt had to have "snow days," or, in the case of "Lime Kiln," snow months. But winter did not stop education.

The work the teachers did was incredible. They not only taught school, they were in charge of keeping the building warm, often making soup for the children and so many other chores. There was no indoor plumbing in many of the rural schools, but the teachers, then as now, did what they needed to do for the kids.

One rural teacher was Jennie Spence. The Coal Creek School is what got her family to stay in Meeker as her father taught there during the fall and winter of 1898.

C.F. and Rose Brown, Jennie's parents, came to Meeker by covered wagon and were on their way to California when they stopped in the area. C.F. Brown became friends with

► See **WINTER**, Page 12A



CHERI SMITH

Seven-year-old Emma Smith of Rangely spends a moment with Santa at the Breakfast with Santa event, sponsored by the Blue Mountain Inn and Suites on Saturday as part of the Christmasfest activities in Rangely over the weekend.



HEATHER ZADRA

Four-year-old Aveahna Klein of Rangely won the Miss Congeniality title at Saturday afternoon's Snowflake Baby Contest, which was held as part of the Rangely Christmasfest events over the weekend.



COURTESY PHOTO

This classic sleigh, used to battle the snowy elements in Rio Blanco County in the 1900s, is on display at the White River Museum in Meeker. The sleigh was donated to the museum by the Sprod family.

## WEATHER



Saturday: 30s/10s Seasonal



Sunday: 20s/5s Chilly



## ADVERTISE HERE!

675.5033 or 878.4017

Thousands of potential customers could be reading your ad today!



1-866-628-3532



STRATA NETWORKS

654 Main St. | Meeker, CO www.stratanetworks.com

SERVING RIO BLANCO COUNTY, COLORADO SINCE 1885

R · I · O · B · L · A · N · C · O

## Herald Times

878-4017 www.theheraldtimes.com 675-5033

## EARLY Holiday DEADLINES

All news items, photos, advertising and legal notices for publication during the holidays in the Rio Blanco Herald Times newspaper are due by 5 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 19 for Christmas issue [Dec. 26, 2013] and Thursday, Dec. 26 for the New Year's issue [Jan. 2, 2014].

# Pioneers Home Health turns 25

Special to the Herald Times

**MEEKER** I On Dec. 13, Pioneers Medical Center turned 25 years old.

"Twenty-five years is a great milestone," said Betty Lou Moyer, RN, BSN, and director of PMC's Home Health. "In those 25 years, Pioneers Hospital Home Health has been traveling to homes providing health care and compassion while also fostering independence to more than 750 Meeker residents."

In 1988, Pioneers Hospital opened Pioneers Hospital Home Health agency. Prior to that, Rio Blanco County Public Health Nursing provided the service — Diana Watson and Connie Hughes were two of the forerunner nurses providing this service via RBC Public Health Nursing.

As the need for home visits grew, the PMC Home Health Agency was

created with staff dedicated to the purpose of in-home care. Currently, nurse aides, nurses and therapists are making approximately 200 visits per month.

"Many think 'house calls' are a thing of the past," Moyer said. "But on occasion, physicians, nurse practitioners and/or physician assistants have also completed home visits."

This is a huge benefit in the Meeker area that is not always seen in most communities. The Home Health staff coordinates with each patient's doctor to offer a wide range of services, including medication and disease management, IV therapy, ostomy, wound and catheter care, personal care and hygiene, exercise therapy, assistance with activities of daily living, pain control and restorative and rehabilitative services after surgery.

Past and current home care staff members have shown many attributes

such as compassion, courage and dedication.

Current staff includes: certified nurse's aides Vicki Crawford and Tiffany Piper; registered nurses Jen Phelan, Lisa Piper and Betty Lou Moyer; physical therapist Christer Ljungqvist; speech-language pathologist Natosha Clatterbaugh; and occupational therapist Geri Camera.

"... if we can make it possible for someone to receive the care they need in the home, we allow them dignity and independence," Clatterbaugh said. "Providing care in the home allows me to tailor my services to better fit their needs."

The banner present on the Rio Blanco County Courthouse lawn announces this home care service celebration. Please join us in recognizing the many home-care providers in the past and present here in the Meeker community.



SEAN MCMAHON

There are a number of well-decorated homes in Meeker this Christmas season and one of the best is the residence of Gary and Patti Merriam, located at 803 Pine St. Plenty of work, lights and electricity combine to make this a highly visual display.

# Home buying tougher with '14 rules

Special to the Herald Times

**RBC** I With the implementation of new mortgage rules taking effect Jan. 10, home buyers may discover a few new challenges in securing a mortgage as lenders will have additional restrictions in place to ensure that borrowers will be able to repay their mortgage loans.

Gone are the days of creative financing that would help unqualified borrowers buy a home. Gone are mortgages extending beyond 30 years. No longer can home owners opt to pay less than the full monthly interest on their loans; no more balloon payments; and no more fees and points that add up to more than 3 percent of the loan.

These new mortgage restrictions were developed as a cautionary reac-

tion to the housing boom when it seemed as though anyone who could verify income qualified for a mortgage. Many economists believe the previous lending tactics helped lead to a record number of foreclosures not only in Colorado but across the United States (Colorado's foreclosure filings reached a high of 46,394 in 2009).

So what do the new rules mean for home buyers?

Lenders will have to verify and document numerous specific criteria, including income, assets, credit history, other debt obligations and employment status to determine whether a borrower has a reasonable chance of repaying the loan.

Another guideline for lenders is that a borrower can't spend more than 43 percent of monthly income

making payments on his debts, including the new mortgage and credit card balances.

In 2014, you will see banks working hard to assure that most, if not all, of the borrowers they lend to can qualify for a QRM (qualified residential mortgage). If the lender doesn't follow the new rules, they run a high risk of being held liable to the homeowner who has trouble repaying their loan.

Overall, the new mortgage rules are meant to protect all parties involved in the real estate transaction.

For more information about the new rules, contact your local REALTOR®. You may also find additional information and resources for buying and selling a home at [www.coloradorealtors.com](http://www.coloradorealtors.com).



HEATHER ZADRA

Christmasfest royalty was chosen over the weekend during holiday-related events in Rangely. Members of royalty, from left, are second attendant Norm Hall, first attendants Bettie Jo Hackford and Bill Dyer, crown bearer Brielle Lucero, Queen Phyllis Zadra, King Bill Zadra and crown bearer Wyatt Wiley.

## LION OF THE YEAR ...



SEAN MCMAHON

On Dec. 10, during the annual Meeker Lions Club meeting at the Freeman E. Fairfield Center, Tom Allen, left, presented the Lion of the Year Award to member Tom Rogers. The Fairfield Center had a full house of Lions, who gave Rogers a standing ovation for the coveted honor. Allen said the award was given to Rogers' for his selfless dedication and participation at club events and meetings.

## Christmas tree permits on sale in now in Meeker, Rangely

**RBC** I Permits for cutting Christmas trees on Bureau of Land Management lands within designated areas of the White River Field Office are now on sale.

Permits are \$10 per tree and may be purchased at the White River Field Office at 220 E. Market St. in Meeker, Monday through Friday between 7:45 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Permits are also available at the Rio Blanco County Clerk's Office in Rangely.

Pinyon pine and junipers are the only types of trees that may be cut.

## Correction

**RBC** I Due to incorrect information provided by the Rio Blanco County Sheriff's Office and a death notice from the Grand Junction Daily Sentinel, the man who died in a Dec. 4 tractor rollover off County Road 2 was incorrectly identified.

The victim was Vernon "Dale" Lane, 60, of Rangely.

## SEASON:

► Continued from Page 1A

to be canceled during Friday night's Shopping in Candyland while low vendor and attendee turnout at Saturday afternoon's craft fair and Christmasfest royalty crowning has Cushman and other organizers considering date or time changes for next year.

More than a dozen children, however, competed in Saturday afternoon's Snowflake Baby Contest with Logan Popham, Hailey Armstrong, and Brooke Davis winning their age categories. Aveahna Klein was voted Miss Congeniality.



### JOIN IN CELEBRATING:

Roy & Lee Light's 40th Wedding Anniversary  
Roy's 90th Birthday  
and  
Chrys Sackett's ? Birthday  
at  
Kilowatt Korner

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28TH FROM 2 P.M. - 4P.M.



## Death Notice

**MEEKER** I Gary Coulter of Meeker died Sunday, Dec. 15, 2013, at his home. Services will be held at a later date. Grant Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.

### Holiday Hoops Basketball Camp

**Grades K-8**  
**MHS Gym**  
**Mon • Dec 30**  
**10am-12pm**  
**FREE**

Register the day of the Camp

### Hoops for Charity 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament

**Grades 3 and up**  
**MHS Gym**  
**Fri • Jan 3, 2014**  
**9am**  
**\$30/team**

Registration Deadline Dec 30

### MYB Boys Basketball

**Grades 3-6**  
**MES Gym**  
**Jan 15-Mar 8**

Registration Deadline Dec 30

### Denver Nuggets Skills Challenge

**Boys and Girls Ages 7-14 to compete**  
**Ages 5-6 years old for fun**  
**MES Gym**  
**Jan 9 • 5:30pm**

Registration Deadline Jan 9

FREE



ERBM RECREATION & PARK DISTRICT • MEEKER RECREATION CENTER  
 101 Ute Road • Meeker, CO 81641 • 970-878-3403  
[www.MeekerRecDistrict.com](http://www.MeekerRecDistrict.com)  
**For more information call, click or come in**

# Slagle selected for U.S. Senate program

Special to the Herald Times

**RANGELY I** Rangely and Fossil Ridge high school students are the two Colorado students selected for the 52nd annual U.S. Senate Youth Program to be held March 8-15 in Washington, D.C.

Chinmay Pandit of Fort Collins and Tessa Slagle of Rangely were chosen from across the state to be part of a group of 104 student delegates who will attend the program's Washington Week. The chief educational officer in each state selects the delegates to the U.S. Senate Youth Program. Two delegates are chosen from each state, the District of Columbia and the Department of Defense Education Activity. Each student selected will receive a \$5,000 scholarship.

Pandit is a senior at Fossil Ridge High School in Fort Collins. He currently serves as student body president and treasurer for both National Honor Society and Key Club. After high school, he plans to pursue economics and public policy for his undergraduate work, followed by a master's of business administration. In the future, he hopes to pursue a career in public service.

Slagle is a senior at Rangely High School. She currently serves as student body president. Following graduation, she plans to pursue undergraduate work either as a cadet at the U.S. Air Force Academy or through a degree in political science. She aspires one day to run for an elected office.

Selection for the U.S. Senate Youth Program is based on the student's outstanding abilities and demonstrated qualities of leadership in an elected or appointed high school student office, in addition to outstanding leadership abilities and a strong commitment to volunteer work.

The student leaders will gather in Washington, D.C., from March 8-15 for a week of intensive study of the federal government and, in particular, the U.S. Senate. As in past years, arrangements are under way for the delegates to meet with leading Cabinet members, a Supreme Court justice and several key congressional policy makers.

The Hearst Foundation provides each student delegate with a \$5,000 undergraduate college scholarship with encouragement to continue coursework in government, history and public affairs.



## SAFETY FIRST ...

White River Electric Association welcomed area contractors and employees from Rio Blanco County, the Rio Blanco County Sheriff's Office, the Town of Meeker and the Eastern Rio Blanco Metropolitan Recreation District to attend a high-voltage safety demonstration on Dec. 10 at the WREA crew shop. Public and employee safety is a top priority at WREA, and residents are encouraged to call if they are interested in learning more about electric safety training. Also, please call WREA at 878-5041 to report electric-related safety hazards, including down power lines.

COURTESY PHOTO

# Colorado residents: Wise to double-check insurance

Special to the Herald Times

**RBC I** As the end of the year approaches, the Colorado Division of Insurance (DOI) reminds consumers to review their health insurance options and take action to make sure coverage is in place by Jan. 1.

"I am concerned that many Coloradans have not done what they need to do to have health insurance by Jan. 1," said Insurance Commissioner Marguerite Salazar. "While I understand that the changes and decisions are complex, now is the time to review options, ask questions and get enrolled."

Depending on an individual's particular situation, there can be many options for health insurance, she said.

■ People with access to health insurance from their employer, or a spouse or parent's employer, should make sure that coverage will start, or continue, as of Jan. 1. Specific questions about timing, changes to the insurance plan and insurance cards should be directed to the employer.

■ Most Coloradans who received cancellation notices regarding current plans were offered the option to renew that policy before the end of 2013. Individuals and small employers should contact their insurance company for specific procedures and deadlines if they want to renew these plans for one more year.

■ Those who do not have insurance or whose health insurance will terminate at the end of 2013 can still

shop for new coverage that will start Jan. 1 using the following methods:

**Connect for Health Colorado** — This is the state's new online marketplace, a site where individuals and small businesses can shop for health insurance among many plans offered by many insurance companies. This is also the only place to access tax credits to help make the insurance more affordable. To have insurance by Jan. 1, consumers must enroll by Dec. 23. [www.connectforhealthco.com](http://www.connectforhealthco.com) or 1-855-752-6749.

**Insurance Companies** — Health insurance is also available outside the online marketplace. Consumers can work directly with an insurance company to purchase health coverage.

**Brokers/Agents** — Consumers may already have an established relationship with an insurance agent/broker, and feel more comfortable using these professionals licensed by the Division of Insurance.

While the open enrollment period for any individual plan continues until March 31, the DOI encourages people to enroll for coverage sooner rather than later. Going without insurance creates uncertainty, the potential for high medical costs and less financial security should a serious illness or accident occur. Consumers with questions about health insurance can contact the DOI at 303-894-7490 or 1-800-930-3745 (outside the Denver metro area). The division has trained experts ready to answer consumers' health insurance questions.

## Merry Days

# SALES EVENT

<p>6 oz. Western Family Large or Medium <b>Pitted Olives</b> <b>4 for \$5</b></p>	<p>14 oz. Western Family <b>Cranberry Sauce</b> <b>89¢</b></p>	<p>8 oz. Western Family <b>Cream Cheese</b> <b>99¢</b></p>
---	--	--

**COME IN AND CHECK OUT OUR DELICIOUS**

## Breakfast & LUNCH SPECIALS

GROCERY	MEAT	PRODUCE
<p>25.4 oz. Martinelli <b>SPARKLING CIDER</b> ..... <b>2 for \$5</b></p> <p>6 oz. Stove Top <b>STUFFING MIX</b> ..... <b>2 for \$3</b></p> <p>6 oz. French's French Fried <b>ONIONS</b> ..... <b>\$3.49</b></p> <p>10.75 oz. Campbell Cream of Chicken or <b>CREAM OF MUSHROOM SOUP</b> ..... <b>\$1.19</b></p>	<p>Beef Rib Eye <b>HOLIDAY ROAST</b> ..... <b>\$5.99/lb.</b></p> <p>Boneless Beef Rump <b>OVEN ROAST</b> ..... <b>\$3.49/lb.</b></p> <p>Boneless <b>PORK CHOPS</b> ..... <b>\$2.99/lb.</b></p> <p>13-14 oz. Hillshire Farm <b>LIL SMOKIES</b> ..... <b>\$2.99</b></p> <p>12-16 oz. Jimmy Dean <b>SAUSAGE ROLLS</b> ..... <b>2 for \$7</b></p> <p>12 oz. Western Family Sliced <b>BACON</b> ..... <b>2 for \$5</b></p>	<p>3 lb. Bag Cutie <b>CLEMENTINES</b> ..... <b>\$4.99</b></p> <p>10 lbs. Box <b>ORANGES</b> ..... <b>\$6.99</b></p> <p>Navel <b>ORANGES</b> ..... <b>59¢/lb.</b></p> <p>Fresh <b>PINEAPPLE</b> ..... <b>99¢/lb.</b></p> <p>5 lbs. Bag Russet <b>POTATOES</b> ..... <b>2 for \$3</b></p> <p>Cauliflower or <b>BROCCOLI</b> ..... <b>99¢/lb.</b></p> <p>16 oz. Baby Cut <b>CARROTS</b> ..... <b>99¢</b></p>
DAIRY	FROZEN	<div style="text-align: center;"> <p style="color: white; font-weight: bold; font-size: 2em;">Pears \$5.99</p> </div>
<p>16 oz. Western Family <b>BUTTER</b> ..... <b>2 for \$5</b></p> <p>32 oz. Meadow Gold <b>EGG NOG</b> ..... <b>\$1.89</b></p> <p>8 oz. Western Family <b>CRESCENT ROLLS</b> ..... <b>3 for \$5</b></p> <p>1 Dozen Western Family <b>LARGE EGGS</b> ..... <b>2 for \$3</b></p> <p>16 oz. Western Family <b>SOUR CREAM</b> ..... <b>99¢</b></p> <p>8 oz. Meadow Gold <b>WHIPPING CREAM</b> ..... <b>89¢</b></p>	<p>16 oz. Western Family Petite Corn or <b>PETITE PEAS</b> ..... <b>99¢</b></p> <p>8 oz. Western Family Assorted Flavors <b>WHIPPED TOPPING</b> ..... <b>89¢</b></p> <p>28-42 oz. Marie Callender Fruit or <b>CREAM PIES</b> ..... <b>\$4.99</b></p> <p>8 oz. Assorted Flavors <b>COOL WHIP</b> ..... <b>4 for \$5</b></p> <p>11.6-12.3 oz. Eggo <b>WAFFLES</b> ..... <b>2 for \$5</b></p> <p>39-42 oz. Sugar House Cream or <b>FRUIT PIES</b> ..... <b>2 for \$10</b></p>	

We now have fresh flowers!

# WATT'S RANCH MARKET

970.878.5868 ■ 271 E. MARKET ■ MEEKER, COLORADO

Open seven days a week ■ 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday-Saturday ■ 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday

■ SINCE 1955 ■

Prices effective Dec. 19-25, 2013

HOLHEART  
Bodyworks

790.629.5411 • The Hagus Building  
592 Main Street, Suite 20 • Meeker, CO 81641

TAKING APPOINTMENTS NOW!!

♥

GIFT CERTIFICATES AVAILABLE!

Great Stocking Stuffers!

## Meeker Family Health Center

Meeker Family Health Center  
Christmas & New Year Holiday Hours

- ◆ Tuesday, December 24, 2013—8:00am-Noon
- ◆ Christmas Day—CLOSED
- ◆ Thursday, December 26, 2013—Regular Hours—8:00-5:00pm
- ◆ Friday, December 27, 2013—Regular hours—8:00am-Noon

Christmas Hours

Emergency and physician services will be available at Pioneers Medical Center & Emergency Department as

Pioneers Medical Center & Emergency Department  
Meeker Family Health Clinic  
345 Cleveland, Meeker  
[www.pioneershospital.org](http://www.pioneershospital.org)  
878-5047

# Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus

Special to the Herald Times

**RBC I EDITOR'S NOTE:** Eight-year-old Virginia O'Hanlon wrote a letter to the editor of The New York Sun, and the quick response was printed as an unsigned editorial Sept. 21, 1897. The work of veteran newsman Francis Pharcellus Church has since become history's most reprinted newspaper editorial, appearing in part or whole in dozens of languages in books, movies and other editorials, and on posters and stamps.

**Virginia's letter:**  
"Dear Editor: I am 8 years old. 'Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. Papa says, 'If you see it in The Sun it's so.' Please tell me the truth; is there a Santa Claus?'  
Virginia O'Hanlon. 115 West Ninety-Fifth St."

**Church's Response:**  
"Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except what they see.

They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds.

All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours, man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty

and joy.

Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus. It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove?

Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children

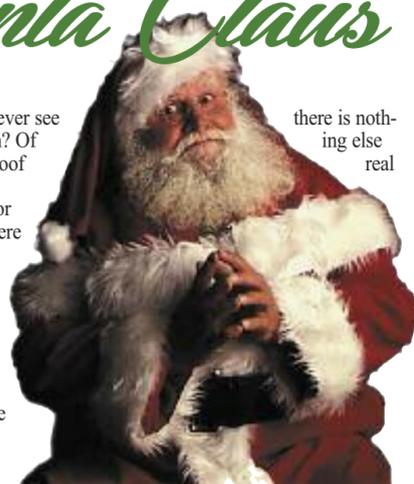
nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there.

Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world. You may tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart.

Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real?

Ah, Virginia, in all this world

there is nothing else real



and abiding. No Santa Claus! Thank God! he lives, and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay, ten times ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood."

**MEEKER  
READY MIX  
CONCRETE**  
878-3671  
Fresh • Local  
Competitive

**Meeker  
Christian  
Church**  
443 School St. • 878-5105  
  
ADULTS & CHILDREN  
Sunday School 10am Sun.  
Church Service 11am Sun.  
Bible Study 7pm Wed.  
  
OFFICE HOURS  
Mon. - Fri. 9am-12pm

## Do You Have Questions About the New Health Insurance Marketplace?



**We're here to help you.**

Individuals, families and small businesses who are interested in learning about their options for insurance through the new health insurance marketplace, Connect for Health Colorado, please contact us today!



In Rio Blanco County call 970-987-2679

**STRATA  
NETWORKS**  
www.stratanetworks.com

# SHARE THE JOY



Buy ONE 3G smartphone,  
get ONE free!

Offer good 12/22/2013 - 01/18/2014 BOGO offer applies to 2-year promotional pricing on the first handset. Additional phone must be of equal or lesser promotional value. A 2-year contract and data package are required on both handsets. An add-on phone does qualify, but is required to select its own data plan if it is a smartphone. Limited to in-stock inventory. Restrictions apply; see store for details.

654 Main Street, Meeker

## 'Twas the Night before Christmas

Special to the Herald Times

**RBC I EDITOR'S NOTE:** "Twas the night before Christmas" is generally accepted as having been written by Clement Clarke Moore, who lived from 1779 to 1863. The story has also been called "A Visit from St. Nicholas." It is believed to have been written in 1822:

By Clement Clarke Moore

'Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house  
Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse.  
The stockings were hung by the chimney with care,  
In hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there.  
The children were nestled all snug in their beds,  
While visions of sugar-plums danced in their heads.  
And mama in her 'kerchief, and I in my cap,  
Had just settled our brains for a long winter's nap.  
When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter,  
I sprang from the bed to see what was the matter.  
Away to the window I flew like a flash,  
Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash.  
The moon on the breast of the new-fallen snow  
Gave the luster of mid-day to objects below.  
When, what to my wondering eyes should appear,  
But a miniature sleigh, and eight tiny reindeer,  
With a little old driver, so lively and quick,  
I knew in a moment it must be St. Nick.  
More rapid than eagles his coursers they came,  
And he whistled, and shouted, and called them by name!  
"Now Dasher! now, Prancer and Vixen!  
On, Comet! On, Cupid! on, on Donner and Blitzen!"

To the top of the porch! to the top of the wall!  
Now dash away! Dash away! Dash away all!"  
As dry leaves that before the wild hurricane fly,  
When they meet with an obstacle, mount to the sky.  
So up to the house-top the coursers they flew,  
With the sleigh full of toys, and St. Nicholas too.  
And then, in a twinkling, I heard on the roof  
The prancing and pawing of each little hoof.  
As I drew in my head, and was turning around,  
Down the chimney St. Nicholas came with a bound.  
He was dressed all in fur, from his head to his foot,  
And his clothes were all tarnished with ashes and soot.  
A bundle of toys he had flung on his back,  
And he looked like a peddler, just opening his pack.  
His eyes-how they twinkled! his dimples how merry!  
His cheeks were like roses, his nose like a cherry!  
His droll little mouth was drawn up like a bow,  
And the beard of his chin was as white as the snow.  
The stump of a pipe he held tight in his teeth,  
And the smoke it encircled his head like a wreath.  
He had a broad face and a little round belly,  
That shook when he laughed, like a bowlful of jelly!  
He was chubby and plump, a right jolly old elf,  
And I laughed when I saw him, in spite of myself!  
A wink of his eye and a twist of his head,  
Soon gave me to know I had nothing to dread.  
He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work,  
And filled all the stockings, then turned with a jerk,  
And laying his finger aside of his nose,  
And giving a nod, up the chimney he rose!  
He sprang to his sleigh, to his team gave a whistle,  
And away they all flew like the down of a thistle.  
But I heard him exclaim, ere he drove out of sight,

"Happy Christmas to all, and to all a good-night!"

Season's Greetings from the Herald Times Staff

**Grand River  
Proudly  
Welcomes  
Dr. Robert  
Derkash to our  
Orthopaedic  
Services**

*I joined Grand River Health because it is a quality facility with a small town, caring environment.*

Robert Derkash MD, FAAOS

FOR APPOINTMENTS  
970.625.1100

**grand river Health**  
Orthopaedic Services

510 AIRPORT ROAD IN RIFLE | grandriverhealth.org

GUEST EDITORIAL

# Private water rights still at risk

By SCOTT TIPTON

U.S. House of Representatives  
Colorado Third District  
Special to the Herald Times

**RBC** I With great foresight, the founders of this nation endeavored to protect private property from the federal government. In the West, we know that this protection extends to privately-held water rights.

Unfortunately, recent history has shown that the federal government is more than willing to overreach its authority to try and acquire private water rights, through coercion if necessary.

I was somewhat encouraged that the U.S. Forest Service recently acknowledged their flawed and unnecessary policy, and indicated that its future water rights clause may no longer require the transfer of privately-owned water rights. However, it needs to be noted that this clause has yet to be seen and the agency's comments indicate that we will only see a temporary fix for one group of water users in a single region.

The Forest Service's latest policy shift doesn't provide the same level of protection as the bipartisan Water Rights Protection Act, which is supported by more than 30 state, local and national stakeholder groups, including the National Cattlemen's Association and numerous Colorado counties, river districts and conservation groups.

The policy shift also falls far short of giving private water users much certainty, and is the fourth change in Forest Service water policy for ski

areas in the last 10 years.

According to the National Ski Areas Association, "These changes are disruptive, create uncertainty and adversely impact our operations, planning and future growth. The ski industry can't afford to be subjected to a different water policy with each administration. Only federal legislation can give us the long-term protection we need of an outright statutory prohibition on the taking of our water rights by the federal government."

Federal attempts to seize private water rights aren't limited to ski areas. The same tactics have been used by both the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and Forest Service in attempts to take or interfere with private water rights associated with agricultural production in the heart of rural America where farmers and ranchers rely on their rights to secure loans and irrigate crops and livestock.

In an October Natural Resources Committee hearing, Tim Lowry, an Oregon rancher, testified that from almost the moment his family purchased their ranch, the BLM began attempts to inhibit their ability to utilize their water rights. After a decade-long legal battle that has racked up more than \$800,000 in legal fees for Lowry, the Idaho Supreme Court ruled in his favor and against federal attempts to hijack his privately-held livestock water rights.

We've heard similar stories out of Utah, where the Forest Service denied ranchers access to rangelands for grazing until they transferred their private water rights, and in Nevada, where Forest Service and BLM employees

attempted to violate state law by eliminating livestock watering rights.

It is unforgivable that the federal government would put people in a position of choosing between their lawfully acquired property and financial ruin.

I know for certain that many of the ranchers I represent can't afford drawn-out and costly legal battles with the Forest Service and BLM to protect what is rightfully theirs under state law.

Nor should they have to.

That is why I joined with my colleagues Reps. Mark Amodei (R-NV) and Jared Polis (D-CO) to introduce the Water Rights Protection Act. This commonsense bill would protect communities, businesses, recreation opportunities, farmers and ranchers as well as other individuals who rely on privately held water rights for their livelihood from federal takings.

It would do so by prohibiting federal agencies from confiscating water rights through the use of permits, leases and other land management arrangements.

## RIO BLANCO COUNTY DAYS GONE BY

The Meeker Herald — 125 years ago

■ The Midland directors held a meeting at Colorado Springs this week for the purpose, it is supposed, of considering the question of extending the road westward. The results of their deliberations have not yet leaked out.

■ Work on the Oak Ridge Park ditch has been resumed and will be pushed during the winter. It is expected the ditch will be completed to Keller's ranch by irrigating time next summer.

■ D. K. Ashley, who, in connection with his brother, has leased the Dreifuss ranch at the mouth of Miller Creek for a number of years, has just completed a neat residence on the place. The Ashley brothers have other and more extensive improvements in contemplation.

## The Meeker Herald — 75 years ago

■ Willis Johnson, president of the Vernal Bank, and W. H. Coltharp, also of Vernal, were here this week as witnesses in the case of Albert Kirby being tried in the district court.

■ On Tuesday, Dec. 13, Mrs. Mary Smith entertained at a lovely turkey dinner. The table and room were decorated in Christmas fashion. Guests at the dinner were Mrs. Bertha

Metzger, Mrs. Annie Wildhack, Mrs. Mattie Harker, Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Ella Rigby, Mrs. Buena Wharton, Mrs. Manwaring, Mrs. Lucy Crawford and Mrs. Shawkey. The remainder of the afternoon was spent in visiting.

■ Mrs. Robert White spent last Thursday in Grand Junction, where she visited Mrs. Reynolds, who has been seriously ill for several weeks. Mrs. White reports that Mrs. Reynolds is somewhat improved.

■ Judge John R. Clark, District Attorney Frank Delaney and Court Reporter John Shults were over from Glenwood Springs for the December term of Rio Blanco County District Court.

## The Meeker Herald — 25 years ago

■ Kimberly Parker, daughter of Melinda Parker, was selected to the Hastings, Neb., all tournament basketball team this past weekend. Coaches at the tournament, who selected six girls, were barred from voting for

their own players. Hastings took four of the spots with Kimberly, a junior student at Western State in Gunnison, one of the remaining two selections.

■ Bud and Helen Cox and Penny Brown spent the past weekend in Fruita. The three helped Joy, Margaret and Lester Cox move from Clifton

▶ See DAYS, Page 8A

**CULVERTS**  
6"-36" Diameter  
IN STOCK NOW  
**MEEKER**  
SAND & GRAVEL  
878-3671  
CONCRETE & GRAVEL AVAILABLE

**WE ARE LOOKING FOR A NEW HOME!**

**CINDER**  
Female Pit Bull Mix

**BIG RED**  
Male Husky/Shepherd Cross

**SWEETIE**  
Heinz 57

**TAGO**  
Chihuahua

**TANK**  
young male black lab mix

Call Meeker Animal Control at  
**878-4968**  
and leave a message  
or c@town.meeker.co.us

**WEST THEATRE**  
29 E. Victory Way • Craig • 824-2000  
Cinema 1: Starts Friday  
**WALKING WITH DINOSAURS**  
Mon.-Thurs. 7pm • Fri.-Sat. 7pm & 9:15 • Sun. 4 & 7pm  
Cinema 2: Now Showing  
**THE HOBBIT • PG-13**  
Mon.-Sat. 7pm • Sun. 4pm & 7pm

**VERNAL THEATER**  
Now Showing  
Fri. & Sat. 7:00 & 9:00 • Sun.-Thurs. 7:00 pm Only  
**ANCHOR MAN 2**  
PG-13

**CINEMA 5**  
Starts Friday  
**WALKING WITH THE DINOSAURS • PG**  
Mon.-Sun. 7:10 & 8:50 Only ~ 3D  
Mon.-Sun. 4:30 & Sat. 2:15pm ~ 2D

Now Showing  
**FROZEN • PG**  
Mon.-Sun. 4:20, 7, 9pm • Sat. 1:30pm ~ 2D  
Mon.-Sun. 4:10pm Only ~ 2D

Now Showing  
**THE HOBBIT • PG-13**  
Mon.-Sun. 7:30 Only ~ 3D  
Mon.-Sun. 3:50 & 7:20  
Sat. 12:45pm & 1pm ~ 2D

Starts Friday  
**SAVING MR. BANKS • PG**  
Mon.-Sun. 4:00, 6:50, 9:05pm • Sat. 1:45pm  
GIFT CERTIFICATES AVAILABLE FOR THAT HARD TO BUY FOR PERSON ON YOUR LIST!  
Note: ALL 3-D movies will have a \$1 surcharge  
More info.: www.vernalcinemas.com  
**435-789-6139**

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### Thanks for caring about Dad

Dear Editor:  
Happy holidays!  
This is an open letter to the Rangely community.  
The George Smitman Family is wishing you and yours a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.  
We are so blessed by your care (and involvement in events) regarding our Dad.  
Have a wonderful Merry

Christmas and a very safe and Happy New Year all through 2014.

The George Smitman Family  
Children  
Grandchildren  
Great-grandchildren  
Rangely

**Romney Law Office**

  
Sherman Romney

**FREE Bankruptcy Consultations**

Craig Office  
415 W. Victory Way  
**824-0257**

We are a debt relief agency. We help people file for bankruptcy relief under the Bankruptcy Code.

**Homemaker Furnishings**

275 6th Street • Meeker  
878-4340

Five Star MATTRESS Serta

**Mattresses Galore!**  
All in stock  
~ Also ~  
Sofas • Recliners  
Dining Room • Bed Room  
**Free Delivery**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Town of Meeker is seeking letters of interest from qualified individuals for a position on the Meeker Planning Commission. The position will be filled by an appointment made by the Board of Trustees at its regular Board Meeting to be held January 7, 2014. Letters of interest must be received at Town Hall, 345 Market Street, Meeker, Colorado 81641 no later than 5:00 P.M. on December 20th. Qualifications for the Planning Commission member position are 1) Registered voter within the Town of Meeker, 2) Eighteen years of age or older, and 3) must have resided in the Town of Meeker for at least twelve consecutive months immediately preceding the date of appointment. The length of appointment will be until May 2017 at which time the appointed individual may seek another 3-year reappointment from the Town Board.  
For further information, please call Town Hall 878-5344.

**WR 970-878-5630**

**AGGREGATES**

40 RB County Rd. 8 • Meeker, Colorado  
SERVING RIO BLANCO COUNTY



READY MIX CONCRETE • ROCK, SAND, GRAVEL  
YOU PICK UP OR WE CAN DELIVER  
CUSTOM CRUSHING • FREE QUOTE

**BUILDING THE FOUNDATION OF MEEKER**  
Steve Baker • 970-326-7356

## Our All-Powerful God (3)

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



Dr. J.D. Watson

**P**RESERVED in Jesus Christ . . . (Jude 1). Antigonus (c.382-301 BC) was a Macedonian nobleman and general who ultimately declared himself king over all Macedonian. At the beginning of one particular battle, the pilot of his ship cried that an enemy armada outnumbered their own in ships, to which Antigonus replied,

"But how many ships do you reckon my presence to be worth?" Infinitely greater, what worth is God's omnipotence to us?

First, God's power gives us *preservation*, that is, security in our salvation. Sadly, there are many Christians who doubt the security of the believer, never stopping to realize that they are actually denying God's power. To think one can "lose their salvation" is to say that God can't keep what belongs to Him. **Preserved**, in fact, is the Greek *tēreō*, derived from *tēros* (a warden or guard) and therefore means to keep an eye on, watch over, observe attentively, and guard protectively. A similar word appears in 1 Peter 1:5, where Peter assures us that we are "kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation." So God's power guards and cherishes us. Absolutely nothing can pluck us from His grasp (Jn. 10:28-30), and absolutely nothing can separate us from His love (Rom. 8:38-39).

Second, God's power gives us *provision*. Realizing God's omnipotence gives new meaning to Philippians 4:19: "My God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus" (cf. Matt. 6:25-34). What good would God's provision be if He were not omnipo-

tent, if He instead had certain limits? God could barely be even a provider, much less *The Provider* if He were not all-powerful. Indeed, we must work for a living (2 Thes. 3:10), but it is God who provides the work. Further, God's omnipotence is not limited to whether there is even work. He is not limited by an earthly vocation. Why worry about paying the light bill when He who said "let there be light" has promised to care for us?

Third, God's power gives us *protection*. As the Lord Jesus had victory over Satan's temptation (Matt. 4), we too can resist Satan and all temptation to sin. While Jesus, of course, could not sin because He was *God*, He faced temptation *in His humanity*. He was "in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin" (Heb. 4:15). He therefore had victory, not because He was God, but because as a man He claimed the *power of God* through His Word—He quoted Scripture with each of Satan's three temptations. As James tells us, "Resist the Devil and he will flee from you" (Jas. 4:7). That is power, and to ensure protection, we are to "put on the whole armor of God" (Eph. 6:10-20).

**Scriptures for Study:** Read Matthew 6:25-34. How does God exhort us concerning earthly needs? What comprises "the whole armor of God" (Eph. 6:10-20)?

You are invited to worship with us at Grace Bible Church (on the corner of 3<sup>rd</sup> and Garfield) at 10:30 A.M. each Lord's Day, where the ministry is the expository preaching of God's Word. Please visit our website ([www.TheScriptureAlone.com](http://www.TheScriptureAlone.com)), where you will find many resources for Christian growth, including messages in MP3 media files.

RIO BLANCO  
**Herald Times**

SERVING RIO BLANCO COUNTY, COLORADO SINCE 1885

592 Main Street, Upstairs ♦ Box 720  
Meeker, Colorado 81641  
970-878-4017 ♦ 970-878-4016 fax

Rangely, Colorado 81648 ♦ 970-675-5033

— PUBLISHER —  
Mitch Bettis ~ [mitch@theheraldtimes.com](mailto:mitch@theheraldtimes.com)

— EDITOR —  
Sean McMahon ~ [sean@theheraldtimes.com](mailto:sean@theheraldtimes.com)

— NEWS DEPARTMENT —  
Niki Turner ~ [niki@theheraldtimes.com](mailto:niki@theheraldtimes.com)

— ADVERTISING DEPARTMENT —  
Bobby Gutierrez ~ [RangelyAccountExecutive@theheraldtimes.com](mailto:RangelyAccountExecutive@theheraldtimes.com)  
bobby@theheraldtimes.com  
Janae Stanworth ~ [MeekerAccountExecutive@theheraldtimes.com](mailto:MeekerAccountExecutive@theheraldtimes.com)  
janae@theheraldtimes.com  
Debbie Watson ~ [Billing/ProductionAssistant@theheraldtimes.com](mailto:Billing/ProductionAssistant@theheraldtimes.com)  
debbiew@theheraldtimes.com

— PRODUCTION DEPARTMENT —  
Tonya Morris ~ [ads@theheraldtimes.com](mailto:ads@theheraldtimes.com)

U.S. Postal Service #338-020.  
Periodicals class postage is paid at Meeker, Colorado 81641.  
Postmaster: send change of addresses to  
P.O. Box 720, Meeker, CO 81641-0720  
© 2013 Freeman Publications, Inc.

Some of the 2012 12-Days Winners!

On the  
**12th Day** of  
Christmas,

my **True Value** gave to me...  
**START RIGHT. START HERE.®**

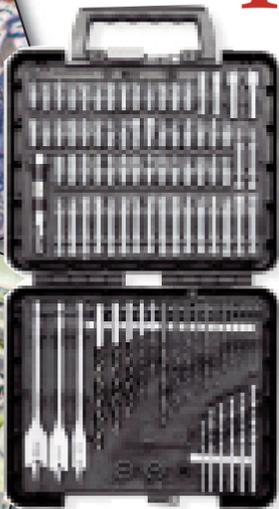
**12** Cans of Pedigree Dog Food with a Chew Toy (\$24 value)



**11** Packs of Batteries (\$75 value)



**10** 100 pc drill bit set (\$299 value)



**9** 2 gallon gas cans (\$144 value)



**8** 6 pack of fire place logs (\$209 value)

**7** 34pc Rubbermaid kitchen storage set (\$209 value)



**6** Carhartt T-shirts (\$100 value)

**5** Folding Tables (\$350 value)

**4** Electric Fire places (\$1,636 value)

**3** 5cuft Chest freezer (\$809 value)

**2** Ruger SASS Vaquero 357 pistols (\$799 value)



and a  
**Traiger Pellet Grill**  
(\$999 value)

Rangely True Value Hardware is giving away  
78 great gifts for Christmas.

Background check required for the firearm prizes. Pictures do not depict actual products.

Each day you shop at Rangely True Value, you have a chance to win one of these gifts!

**Rangely True Value Hardware**  
**START RIGHT. START HERE.®**

105 W. Main St. • Rangely • 970-675-2454

OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK!

M-F 7am-8pm • Sat & Sun 8am-6pm



win Holiday Bucks  
Each Week At These Meeker Merchants

Sign up at each of these Rio Blanco County locations every week for a chance to win. No purchase necessary, but we hope you take a look at the great selections at each store and do your holiday shopping at home this year.

Only 5 Shopping Days Until Christmas!

Shop Meeker Drugs' GIFT DEPARTMENT for the special people in your life!  
(FREE gift wrapping with gift purchase)

For your enjoyment, we now serve DazBog gourmet coffee, Italian sodas, hot chocolate, cider, milk shakes, ice cream & sundaes, too!



"A Good Store in a Good Town"  
Full Service Pharmacy & Gift Store  
M-F 9am-5:30 ♦ Saturday 9am-Noon  
**315 6th Street**  
970.878.9988 ♦ Meeker, CO ♦ 81641



Book Your Holiday Events  
with Ma Famiglia!

HOLIDAY FOOD TRAYS

\* Stuffed Mushrooms \*  
(12 Servings) \$30  
[Limit 2 Mushroom Trays per Order]

\* Lasagna \*  
Sm (6-8 Servings) \$30  
Lg (12-15 Servings) \$54

TAKING ORDERS NOW [ HEAT & SERVE ]

Winter is fast approaching and you don't want to leave the comfort of your cozy home...

We Deliver! MON-SAT 5-9pm



Gift Certificates make great Stocking Stuffers, too!

Check out our new Website [www.mafamiglia.com](http://www.mafamiglia.com) and Like us on Facebook for deals to come!

878.4141 Meeker, Colo. 410 Market St.

Union WIRELESS AUTHORIZED DEALER

Union's Unlimited<sup>3</sup> High-Speed Talk, Text & Data  
\$199 with 2 year contract

SAMSUNG ACTIVE Cell Phone Accessories for all phones

FONEZONE

685 MAIN ST. ■ MEEKER, CO ■ SUITE 5  
MAIN STREET BUILDING ■ 970.878.3364  
— MTW & F 10-6 ■ THURS 10-4 ■ SAT 10-2 —

Happy Holidays



Find all your Christmas Day dinner needs at

WATT'S RANCH MARKET

970.878.5868 • 271 E. Market St. • Meeker, CO 81641  
Open seven days a week 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday.  
• Since 1955 •



Holiday Specials!

\$25 off \$100 Facial  
[Limit one per person.]  
(Offer good through Dec. 23, 2013)

20% off Hair Products

We'll Help You Look Your Best This Holiday Season!

Prescriptions Salon & Spa formerly Salon on 6th  
530 Main St. | Meeker, Colorado  
970.878.4266

Hair Cuts • Perms  
Color • Waxing  
By Appointment or Walk-In  
We also have Special Holiday Tanning Packages!

Hair / Nails / Massage / Waxing / Tanning

Holiday Discounts!

Toys ... 10% off  
Coats ... 20% off  
Tack ... 20% off  
Jewelry ... 25% off  
Clothes ... 20-40% off

AND OTHER SALE ITEMS, TOO!



Clothing • Gloves • Jewelry  
Boots • Tack & More

MEEKER GENERAL MERCANTILE mGm

990 West Market • Meeker  
970-878-3333 (FEED)  
Hours: 8am-5:30pm Mon., Wed. & Fri.  
8am-7pm Tues. & Thurs. • 8am-2pm Saturday

All your holiday needs in one place.

Logo for Shepherd's Office Outfitters featuring a green Christmas tree with various brand logos around it: 3M, Canon, Kenwood, Pioneer, Sirius, Belkin, Nikon, Innovera, HP, SanDisk, Samsung, Sanyo, Sony, Monster, Verbatim, Epson, Garmin, Spot, Verbatim, Kodak.

600 MAIN ST. (970) 878-5587  
[WWW.SHEPSOFFICE.COM](http://WWW.SHEPSOFFICE.COM)

SHOP AT HOME for the Holidays!

- ★ Exercise Room
- ★ Wireless Internet
- ★ Continental Breakfast
- ★ Guest Laundry
- ★ Hot Tub
- ★ In-Room Refrigerator & Microwave



BLUE SPRUCE INN

Meeker's Newest Hotel Conveniently located near downtown district!  
488 Market Street Meeker, Colorado • 970.878.0777  
bluespruceinn@gmail.com

# DAYS: The Rodney Gerloff's moving to Meeker in '88

► Continued from Page 5A

into their home, which they've purchased in Fruita.

Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Gerloff of Grand Junction will be moving to Meeker on Thursday of next week. Rodney has employment here at the Upper Environmental Plant Center.

David and Linda Gertson were on the Eastern Slope this past weekend visiting with their son Merlin in Akron. On Saturday evening, they celebrated Merlin's 25th birthday and on Sunday visited with their friends, Bonnie and Jim Eck in Sterling.

Rangely Times — 50 years ago

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Pressler of New Castle announce the engagement of their daughter, Frances N., to David C. Parker, son of Mrs. Marguerite Parker of Baggs, Wyo. The young couple are both graduates of New Castle High School and Mrs. Parker is now attending Rangely College. No date has been set by couple for their wedding.

Ronald Skrabok was transferred to Vernal Hospital last Tuesday from Rangely District Hospital. He sustained a leg injury while working on an oil rig, drilling about nine miles west of Rangely.

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Beck and children made a trip to Big Piney, Wyo., last weekend. They visited

many friends, which included the Merrill Anderson family.

Rangely Times — 40 years ago  
Mike Vanderlinden from Dallas, Texas, has moved back to Rangely.

Jimmy is a former student of Rangely College and will be going with the Peace Corps on his arrival back in New York.

Don and Lois Chism spent this last weekend in Denver, coming back to Rangely on Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Murano attended a Christmas party at the Murill Millets in Roosevelt last Thursday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cose and

Clyde Thompson attended the wedding of Judy Richardson and John Thompson in Grand Junction last weekend.

Rangely Times — 30 years ago

The Rangely High School girls' basketball team split a pair of weekend games at the West Grand Tournament, beating North Park, 33-23, and losing to host West Grand in the championship game, 50-37.

Rangely's boys basketball team played two games last week, falling to Meeker 67-50, and Unith 72-61. High scorer for Rangely in both games was Darin Fogg with 19 and 22 points, respectively. Joe Lane took down 29 rebounds in the contest.

# County sheriff's office sets new policy on accidents

Special to the Herald Times

RBC | Rio Blanco County Sheriff Si Woodruff has set a new vehicle accident policy for the county as a proactive stance to protect motor vehicle accident victims and first responders from risk of death or injury during the cold winter season.

Woodruff said the following procedures will be in place for motor vehicle accidents that occur on the roadways in Rio Blanco County:

A dispatcher will send a wrecker to the scene of the accident as soon

as they have completed the dispatching of first responders.

This will allow swift removal of roadway hazards and any vehicles from the scene, resulting in movement of victims and first responders out of the cold and away from the dangerous roadside condition in a more efficient manner.

Victims will still be allowed to choose their own wrecker company, if that company can provide immediate response. If they will be delayed, then the next wrecker on rotation will be dispatched as needed.

## Northwest AUTO

SALES & SERVICE

WITH SNOW on the ground ... NOW is the time to get your SNOW TIRE before it's TOO late!

Come see Northwest Auto for the best TIRE PRICES in Meeker!

485 Market St. ★ Meeker ★ 878-5026  
OUR PARTS & SERVICE DEPT. SERVICES ALL MAKES & MODELS - www.nwautogmc.net

## RESTORED GRACE LLC

272 Market Street - Meeker

Antiques • Home Furnishings

Glass Art by Natasha Goedert  
Metal Art by Aaron Weston  
Water Color — Elinor Williams and Sondra Garcia  
Holiday Wreaths — Ann Franklin  
Lamb Soap Company — Soaps  
Claude & Peg Wood — Local Honey  
Cathie Dolan — Photography Cards  
Mickey Tucker & Beth Wilson — Crocheted Scarves, Hats & Baby Items  
Rita Elliott & Dorothy Chappell — Aprons, Rugs & Pillows

\*\*\* Gift Certificates Available \*\*\*

OPEN MONDAY - SATURDAY  
Store Hours: 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Credit Cards Accepted

## MAKE YOUR Home ELECTRICALLY SAFE

- Check for outlets that have loose fitting plugs which can overheat and lead to fire. Replace any broken or missing wall plates. Make sure there are safety covers on all unused outlets that are accessible to children.
- Make sure electrical cords, extension cords and plugs are in good condition. Replace any frayed or cracked cords. Make sure your plugs fit your outlets. Never force a plug into an outlet if it doesn't fit.
- Ground Fault Circuit Interrupters (GFCIs) can help prevent electrocution. They should be used in any area where water and electricity may come into contact.
- Check that wattage of all bulbs in light fixtures to make sure they are the correct wattage for the size of the fixture. Make sure bulbs are screwed in securely; loose bulbs may overheat.

Have a very **SAFE** and enjoyable holiday season!

**WHITE RIVER ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION, INC.**  
233 6th St. • Meeker • 878-5041

## DECK THE HALLS SALE

DECEMBER 13 thru DECEMBER 24

Spend \$1-\$50 save 10% storewide  
Spend \$51-\$100 save 15% storewide  
Spend \$101-\$150 save 20% storewide  
Spend Over \$151 SAVE 25% STOREWIDE

WENDEL'S Wondrous Things  
6th & Main St. Historic Downtown Meeker 970-878-3688

Do You Need A Last Minute Gift Idea?

Why Not Get That Special Someone A Gift Card from

ACE VALLEY HARDWARE  
401 E. Market St. ★ Meeker  
Open 7:30-6 ★ Mon.-Fri.  
Open 8-6 ★ Sat.

## White River Convenience

Open 7 Days A Week  
793 Market Street  
Meeker, Colorado  
970-878-5353

Shell Gasoline [use your rewards card]  
ATM • WiFi  
Pizza • Gift Cards  
Snacks • Groceries

Happy Holidays

Winter Hours begin Dec. 1st | Sun 6am-10:30pm | Mon-Sat 5am-10:30pm

Hurry! Get your home ready for the holiday season.

Available in Sparkling Spruce or Apple Cinnamon

Your choice SPECIAL PURCHASE **2.97**

A. 4-Oz. Holiday Candle W 171 015, 016 B6 While supplies last.

B. .67-Oz. Plug-In Scented Oil Refills W 171 011, 012 B6 While supplies last.

C. 3.1-Oz. Wax Melts W 171 014, 013 B8 While supplies last.

Plays music

SPECIAL PURCHASE **4.97**

Holiday Musical Soap Dispenser W 171 950 F9 While supplies last.

Your choice SPECIAL PURCHASE **2.99**

20-Pk. Decorating Clips B 154 964 B6 While supplies last.

3-Pk. ¾-in. x 300-in. Invisible Tape P 802 486 B6 While supplies last.

SPECIAL PURCHASE **2.97**

Roll 40-in. Holiday Wrapping Paper T 154 142 F36 While supplies last.

Samuelson True Value in Meeker Co.  
43900 hwy. 13 Meeker, Co.  
970-878-3528

**True Value.**  
START RIGHT. START HERE.  
Sale ends WHEN PRODUCT IS GONE

©2013 True Value® Company. All rights reserved.

Find the right products for your project and expert advice at True Value.

## Shop @ HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS

win Holiday Bucks Each Week At These Meeker Merchants

Week Four Winner: **CHERYL HOUSER**  
@ Watt's Ranch Market

## Jacey's Closet

Low Prices! The hip new second hand store in the heart of Meeker.

“What's In Your Klose?”

627 Main Street  
Meeker, CO ♦ 970-878-0909

♦ Mon-Fri 10:00 am to 5:00 pm ♦

credit cards accepted  
furniture • clothing • housewares  
holiday decorations • trinkets • gift items  
gift certificates available

**10% OFF THE ENTIRE STORE!**

## Parts City AUTO PARTS

We look forward to serving you in 2014. We'll be open until 2pm Christmas Eve and Closed Christmas Day.

We appreciate your patronage!

Mention this ad and you will receive a \$5 gift card for every \$50 you spend.

Best Wishes for a **Very Merry Christmas** and **A HAPPY 2014** from **MCGUIRE AUTO PARTS**  
314 Market • Meeker  
878-9855

# Shop @ HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS

## Win Holiday Bucks Each Week At These Rangely Merchants

Week Four Winner:  
**FERN ARNN @ Sweetbriar**

Sign up at each of these Rio Blanco County locations every week for a chance to win.  
No purchase necessary.

**OPEN HOUSE ~ DEC 13th ~ 5:00-7:00 pm**

*Your Christmas Gift Shop!*

A Wide Variety of Items Including  
Fresh Flowers  
Handbags  
Fashion Accessories  
Gift Baskets  
McCall's Candles  
Almond Toffee  
Gift Baskets  
Home Decor  
Bronco Items  
Hats and much more!

**SWEETBRIAR**  
713 E Main • 675-5353  
Rangely, CO  
www.sweetbriaronline.com

**10% OFF** any whirlpool appliance

Limited to stock on hand with coupon!

Watch for our **12 Days of Christmas** promotion for great money-saving gift ideas!  
**COMING SOON!**

**RANGELY True Value HARDWARE**  
105 W. Main St. • Rangely • 970-675-2454  
OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK! M-F 7am-8pm • Sat & Sun 8am-6pm

The gift that keeps on giving  
All year long

ASK YOUR SERVER FOR DETAILS ABOUT OUR GIFT CARDS  
IT'S EASY TO PARTICIPATE  
Gift Cards also available at the hotel front desk

Sign up for our e-newsletter to stay on top of all our special offers  
www.parkstreetgrill.com

Park Street Grill & Bar...now featuring our new seasonal menus & gift cards

**NICHOLS STORE**

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

825 E. Main • Rangely  
970-675-8852

**NAPA Know How**

**RANGELY AUTO PARTS**  
Mon.-Fri. 7am-6pm • Saturday 8am-4pm • Closed Sunday  
214 EAST MAIN • RANGELY • 970-675-5051

**Moon Lake Electric Association, Inc.**

**Winter Business Hours**

Beginning Monday, December 2, our office hours will be:

8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
Monday through Friday

Our Answering Service will be available after office hours to help you with an emergency

**WESTERN RIO BLANCO METROPOLITAN RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT**

611 S. Stanolind Ave. ★ Rangely  
970.675.8211 www.westernrioblanc.org  
WINTER HOURS: Mon-Thurs 6am-9pm • Fri 6am-7pm • Sat & Sun 12pm-7pm

**20 PUNCH PASS 6 month PUNCH PASS**

Make **GREAT Christmas Gifts!**  
Youth • Teen • Adult • Family

**Main Street CAFE**

Espresso • Lattes • Smoothies  
Fresh Baked Muffins & Pastries

Serving Full Breakfast & Lunch Menu

124 W. Main St. Rangely, CO 81648  
970.675.2799

OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK!  
Open 5am-2pm

**JJ's TIRE & AUTO**

FAST PROFESSIONAL FULL AUTOMOTIVE SERVICE

ASE CERTIFIED

OPENING SOON IN NEW BUILDING AT 820 MAIN STREET • RANGELY, CO

**JJ's TIRE & AUTO**  
807 E. Main St. • 675-2870  
Mon.-Fri. 8am-5pm

**COCONUT COVE**

DECEMBER DRAWING!  
FREE Purse & 4 FREE Tans!

BUY A \$50 Gift Certificate AND GET TWO TANS FREE (or more)

747 EAST MAIN STREET  
RANGELY, CO  
675-2807

**Holiday Specials**

Largest Inventory and Lowest Prices in Northwest Colorado  
Beer \* Wine \* Liquor \* Cigars

**Holiday Gift Packs**

**PINYON TREE LIQUORS**

321 E. Main St. • Units 3&4 • 970-675-2828  
9am-11pm Sun.-Thurs. • 9am-12pm Fri. & Sat.

**HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS...**  
from Your Hometown Liquor Store

Check Out Our **Holiday Gift Packs!**

**RANGELY LIQUOR STORE**  
719 East Main St. • Rangely • 675-8596  
COLDEST BEER IN TOWN!

Happy Holidays from White River Grocery Staff

**WHITE RIVER MARKET**

609 WEST MAIN ST ♦ RANGELY, CO ♦ 675-2554  
6:00am-9:00pm ♦ 7 Days A Week

**PROFESSIONAL TOUCH**

Auto Repair  
24-Hour Towing  
Parts and Accessories

112 East Main Street • Rangely  
675-2025

Serving Rangely for 22 Years

AAA BBB MEMBER Cooper TIRES



**WESTERN LIVING**  
"Home Furnishings For Your Lifestyle"

**SERVING ALL YOUR FURNITURE NEEDS FOR OVER 54 YEARS!**

WWW.WLIVINGHF.COM

BRAND SOURCE Expert, ASHLEY, SLEEPERZ, TEMPUR, Broyhill, LA BOY

1100 West Hwy 40 • Vernal, UT 84078  
(435) 789-0525

OBITUARIES

**James Darrel Howard**

Jan. 21, 1938 ~ Dec. 12, 2013



**James Howard**

James Darrel Howard, 75, of Fruita, Colo., passed away Thursday Dec. 12, 2013, at St. Mary's Hospital in Grand Junction, Colo.

Darrel was born Jan. 21, 1938, in Altha, Fla., a son of Robert Jackson Howard and Dovie Lee (Rooks) Howard. He moved to Rangely with his parents in the summer of 1948. He attended Rangely schools and was graduated from Rangely High School in 1956.

On June 13, 1959, he married Patricia Kilduff, and they had two children, David and Teresa.

He was employed with Chevron USA, Inc., for 33 years, having retired in 1992. He then sold real

estate with Gaumer Realty in Rangely for several years. He moved to Vernal, Utah, in 2005, and then, in 2012, he moved to Fruita.

Mr. Howard is survived by: his son, David (Karen) Howard of Fruita; a daughter, Teresa (Brad) Laney of Vernal; grandchildren Ashely and Brittany Howard of Evanston, Wyo., Jared (Gwen) Laney of Logan, Utah and Josh (Stevie) Laney and Jordyn

Laney of Vernal; great-grandsons, Trapper and Cooper Howard of Evanston; one sister, Frances (Fred) Green of Rangely and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Darrel was preceded in death by: both of his parents; his wife of 47 years, Patricia; a brother, Robert, Jr.; and three sisters, Celestia, Mildred and Glennis.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. on Tuesday Dec. 17, 2013, at the Rangely Ward LDS Chapel in Rangely, followed by interment at Highland Cemetery in Meeker, Colo.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

**Vernon Lane**

Dec. 4, 2013

Vernon "Dale" Lane, 60, of Rangely died Wednesday, Dec. 4, 2013, in Rangely, Colo.

Survivors include his wife, Vicki Lane of Rangely; two sons, Brent Lane of Roosevelt, Utah, and Brandon Lane of Fruita, Colo.; two brothers, Denny Lane of Cedaredge, Colo., and Mike Lane of Lyndon, Wash.; and 13 grandchildren.

A family memorial service will be held at a later date.

Memorials may be made to Make-A-Wish Foundation at www.wish.org.

Arrangements are under the direction of Callahan-Edfast Mortuary in Grand Junction, Colo.

*Season's Greetings from the Herald Times Staff*

**Unlimited<sup>3</sup>**  
Talk, Text & High-Speed Data  
**\$75 per month\***



Samsung GALAXY S4  
**\$99 with activation\***

**Union WIRELESS**

(888) 926-CARE (2273) • UnionWireless.com

**RETAIL STORE | 345 Mack Lane - CRAIG**  
Mon thru Fri, 8 am to 6 pm • Sat, 9 am to 5 pm

\*Some restrictions apply. See store for complete details.

**Healthy Kids**  
HAPPEN HERE



If you've got a little daredevil, having a pediatrician close to home brings peace of mind. Trust your kids to mothers-in-the-know: our pediatricians Dr. Kristie Yarmer and Dr. Kelly Follett offer skilled medical care with a mother's understanding.

Sliding scale payment options available.

**Our Pediatricians**

- Dr. Kristie Yarmer (left)
- Dr. Kelly Follett (right)




**Memorial Hospital at Craig**  
MEDICAL CLINIC

785 Russell Street • 970-826-2480

Improving the quality of life for the communities we serve through patient-centered healthcare and service excellence.

thememorialhospital.com

Rio Blanco County's  
**PREMIER NEWS SOURCE**  
Herald Times

**CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S DEADLINES**

**Ad Copy and Editorial Deadline**  
Friday, Dec. 20 & 27 @ 5 p.m.

**Classified Deadline**  
Monday, Dec. 23 & 30 @ 3 p.m.

**RANGELY READY MIX CONCRETE**

**675-8300**

Fresh • Local Competitive

**STRANAHAN'S**, THE FIRST COLORADO-BORN WHISKEY IS DEDICATED TO MAKING THE SMOOTHEST, MOST DISTINCTIVELY-FLAVORED WHISKEY ON THE MARKET USING HAND-CRAFTED DISTILLING TECHNIQUES AND COLORADO'S FINEST NATURAL INGREDIENTS.

**STRANAHAN'S - COLORADO WHISKEY**  
750ML **\$46**

ENTER TO WIN A BUD LIGHT MP3 TOWER DRAWING TO BE HELD DEC. 31



**BUD LIGHT**

**STRAIGHT ROCKY MOUNTAIN WHISKEY**

LARGE VARIETY OF HOLIDAY GIFT PACKS AVAILABLE  
**10% OFF**

**Great Low Prices!**

**RANGELY LIQUOR STORE**

Fast, Friendly Service. **YOUR ONE-STOP SHOP!**

Come in and visit us! Special orders welcome.

**Beer • Wine • Spirits • Mixers • Ice**

719 EAST MAIN ST. • RANGELY, COLORADO • 970.675.8596  
OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK

**CULDEST BEER IN TOWN**




# Panthers win WREA Cowboy Shootout tournament

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

**RANGELY I** Some have said, "It's not how you start, but how you finish." The Rangely boys' basketball team started slowly in the first round of the 2013 White River Electric Association Cowboy Shootout but came together as a team to beat the host in the championship game.

The Panthers defeated Moffat County's JV team 44-36 in the first round, then beat Little Snake River, 59-55, in the semifinals to advance to the championship game against the Meeker Cowboys, where they won, 41-39, after making a shot with 2.3 seconds left in the game.

"The first game was definitely us working some of the off-season rust off, especially in the first half, where we almost had as many turnovers as points," head coach Eric Hejl said of his team's first game and win of the season. "Thankfully, we were able to buckle down on defense and hit some shots when we needed them so we could get the win."

Coach Hejl said junior Mitchell Webber "had a great all-around game, filling the stat sheet with eight points, eight rebounds, five blocks, two steals and one assist."

Seniors Cameron Enterline and Connor Phelan each scored 12, Colt Allred and Andrew Morton each had four, Kaulan Brady and Kelton Elam

each score a basket.

Coach Hejl knew his team had to play better in the semifinals against Little Snake River, if they wanted to win.

"We talk in practice every single day about doing the little things that are often necessary to win against quality opponents, and this game may have been the best we've ever had when it came to doing those things right," Hejl said. "We made 83 percent of free throws (24 of 27) and only turned the ball over six times, adding 10 assists."

"We also won the rebounding battle, so when you combine those things, you are always going to be in the game down the stretch," he said.

The Panthers led the Rattlers by two after the first quarter, but they trailed by four at halftime. Rangely outscored the Rattlers 18-11 in the third period to take a three-point lead into the final period.

"Our seniors, Connor, Cameron and Andrew stepped up big and kept the ship steady all night, including Andrew's clutch baseline jumper in the last minute, and Colt came up big with two late-game steals and some clutch free throws as well," he said. "This was absolutely a team win, and I think the way we were able to win, got us even more mentally prepared for the game on Saturday against the host team."

The championship game was a

low-scoring, defensive battle, especially in the first half, where the Panthers led 10-6 after the first quarter and Meeker trailed 17-14 at halftime.

"On Saturday, we had a very specific game plan and, early on, the plan was working just as we had hoped," Hejl said. "We want to be a team that no matter what is happening on the offensive end, we can always rely on our defense to get us through and keep things close."

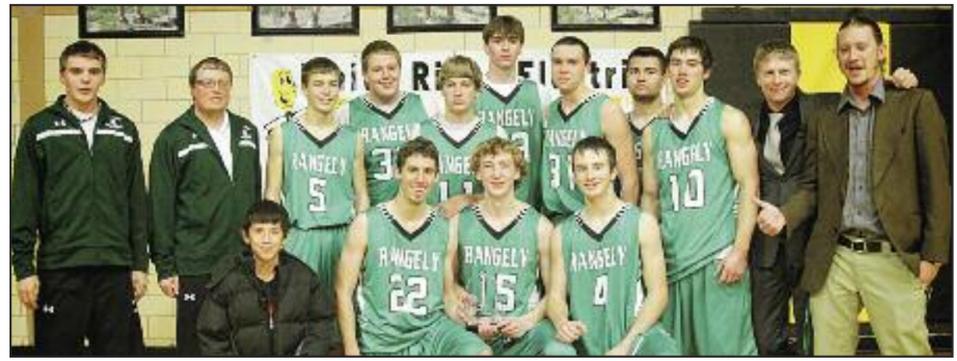
The Panthers scored 15 points in the third quarter and took a four-point lead into the final eight minutes.

"After about two quarters of stagnant offense, our defense was starting to wear down," Hejl said. "Thankfully, sophomore Kaulan Brady answered the call and hit three huge three-pointers, two at the end of the third quarter and one to start the fourth."

"This gave us the much-needed boost of energy we had to have to finish the game on top," he said. "Andrew also came up big with the go-ahead shot with 2.3 seconds left."

Enterline led the Panthers with 37 points in the tournament, won the slam dunk contest and was named to the 2013 WREA Cowboy Shootout All-Tournament Team.

"I'm just so proud of the effort, teamwork and heart these guys showed all weekend long," Coach Hejl said. "They finally proved to



TRACY ENTERLINE

The Rangely Panther boys basketball team (above) started slow but finished as champions in the 2013 WREA Cowboy Shootout. The championship team consisted in back Daniel Connor (manager), Chris Hejl (asst. coach), Troy Allred, Layne Mecham, Kelton Elam, Cameron Enterline, Fredy Ruiz, Connor Phelan, Eric Hejl (head coach) and Cody Brunton (asst. coach). In front, Kobe Broome (manager), Andrew Morton, Mitchell Webber and Kaulan Brady. (Right) Enterline, far right and Meeker's Raul Lopez (far left) and Jeremy Musgrave, along with Ryan Jeep (named MVP) of Soroco, Tanner Jensen of Little Snake River and Bear Carlson (not pictured) were named to the All-Tournament team.



themselves that if they are truly a team and play not just along with each other but for each other, the sky is the limit on how good they can be."

The Panthers will play Little Snake River again tonight in Baggs, Wyo.

"We still have a long, long way to go in the season and we still need to improve with each practice and each game, but the significance of getting wins in these three games can't be overlooked," Coach Hejl said. "Now it's on to the next one."

## Cowboys finish second at WREA Cowboy Shootout

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

**MEEKER I** The Meeker Cowboys finished their big week of basketball Saturday evening, having played four games in five days and winning three of them. They finished second in the WREA Cowboy Shootout and had Jeremy Musgrave and Raul Lopez named to the All-Tournament team.

Lopez also finished second in the three-point contest on Saturday morning.

Meeker began Tuesday night against the class 3A Olathe Pirates, starting a little slowly in the first quarter before finding their tempo and exploding in the second quarter, when they scored 20 and took a seven-point lead at halftime.

The Cowboys scored 17 in the third and finished the game with a near 20-point win, 53-34. The team was led by Lopez with 13 points, Musgrave with 12, Dylan Mobley and Joe Newman each had seven, Ty Dunham added six, Kash Atwood had five, Matt Frantz had a bucket and Tony Collins had a free throw.

Meeker took the momentum into their home opener Thursday night in the first round of the Cowboys Shootout. They came out and once again demonstrated a tempo of play that was well worth the price of admission. Meeker scored 26 points in the first quarter and had 36 by half.

Meeker didn't let up after admission, scoring 29 points in the third quarter, finishing the game with 81 points. The Cowboys were led by Lopez, who had 19 points, and Musgrave and Mobley each added 15 points. Frantz and

Chitwood added six each, Dunham and Jake Smith had four, Collins, Atwood, and Newman all added two to round out the impressive scoring distribution.

On Friday night, Meeker played Fruita JV and showed once again that they have several scoring threats, having three more quarters of at least 20 points. They went into the locker room 43-39 at half.

The game remained close until the end of the third quarter, when Meeker opened a 16-point lead, finishing with the 83-64 win.

Mobley led the way with 20 points followed by Dunham with 19, Lopez with 18, Musgrave with 13, Newman added 10 and Kash Atwood had three.

The win set up a championship game against Rangely, where the pace was about to slow drastically. The Cowboys shot very well Thursday and Friday, but were very cold Saturday.

Coach Klark Kindler said, "Shooting 15 percent from the field is not going to win games." Regardless of their shooting percentage, the Cowboys played great defense, keeping the game close, going into the intermission down by three at 17-14. The lead went to five by the end of three, but Meeker came charging back to lead by one until the final seconds of the game. They outscored Rangely 12-9 in the final quarter and 12-6 until the very end.

Kindler was very pleased with the experience his young team gained, and it was certainly a challenge playing so many games in a short period of time. The Cowboys are now off until after the break, when they will begin their regular season play.

## MHS Cowboys finish fourth in Delta

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

**MEEKER I** "We're improving," is what Meeker High School wrestling coach J.C. Watt wants his patented answer to be when asked how his team performed.

"Improvement" is Watt's weekly team goal and, according to the coach, it was accomplished again Saturday in Delta, where the Cowboys finished fourth as a team with 153 points, five behind Cedaredge. The Paonia Eagles, currently ranked No. 1 in 2A and arguably one of the best teams in the state in any class, continue to dominate the field, winning the tournament with 281.5 points, 50 ahead of runner-up and 4A host Delta. The Cowboys are currently ranked No. 2, behind the Eagles in 2A, by On The Mat Rankings.

The Cowboys filled 11 of 14 weights, wrestled 42 matches, won 26, of which 14 were by pin, and all of Meeker's varsity wrestlers contributed to the team score by winning at least one match.

"This is the second week in a row, where all of our kids won a match," Watt stated.

Meeker's defending state champion, T.J. Shelton, made his debut this season and was the only Cowboy to win an individual title at 170. Shelton's sophomore classmate, Devon Pontine, also wrestled in the championship match and finished as the runner-up at 160.

Meeker freshman Sheridan Harvey continues to wrestle well. Harvey was a consolation champ at 106, going 4-1 in the tournament, and he led the Cowboys with four pins. Harvey's classmate and cousin, Casey Turner, also placed third at 145. Meeker junior Tristin Pelloni (120) and sophomore

Dillon Frantz (152) finished as consolation champs in their respective weights.

Senior Calvin Shepherd went 2-2 in the tournament and finished fourth at 113. Freshmen Hunter Garcia (138) and Tyler Ilgen (285) both won two matches and placed fifth in their respective weights. Kylooe Goedert (125) and Sam Lange (132) each won a match and finished sixth in their brackets.

Coach Watt said Jake Henderson, Chase Rule, Josh Cochran, Cody Nielsen and Nick Burri all won matches in the JV tournament they wrestled in Rifle. Henderson finished second, Rule third and Cochran placed fourth.

Coach Watt hopes to get varsity wrestlers J.C. Henderson, Willis Begaye (both seniors) and junior Anthony Watt back in the lineup for Saturday's tournament in Kremmling. The three were taking ACT tests Saturday.

## RHS Panthers place six in Oak Creek

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

**RANGELY I** The Rangely Panthers wrestling team traveled to Oak Creek to compete in the South Routt County (Soroco) Invitational Tournament and six of the grapplers placed in the top four.

The competition featured eight other teams, including Hayden, Buena Vista,

Steamboat Springs, West Grand, Battle Mountain, Lake County, Soroco and the Panthers. Rangely finished in fifth place.

Four Panthers wrestled in the championship match, but none won a title while two others finished fourth.

Heath Peters (132), Caleb Lawson (145), Lucas Heinle (152) and Ethan allred (170) all advanced to the finals but all finished second. Nych DeLeon (JV-

145) and Ryan Wilczek (195) finished fourth in their respective weights. KiKi Ruiz won a match but did not place.

"We started the day off wrestling exceptionally well," head coach Jeff Heinle said. "Caleb, Nych and Lucas all wrestled in five- and six-man round robins and we had a tough final round, losing all six matches to quality wrestlers."

"Caleb lost in sudden death overtime, Lucas lost by one point, Nych and Ryan both lost by three," he said.

The Panthers will wrestle Alamont and Duchesne in Altamont, Utah, tonight before traveling across the state to Wray, where they will wrestle the Eagles in a dual on Friday, then compete in the Bob White Invitational on Saturday.

## Lady Panthers play in Wyoming today

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

**RANGELY I** The Rangely girls' basketball team will play Snake River tonight in Baggs, Wyo. The last time the two teams met resulted in a very close 32-35 loss by Rangely, so the Panthers are working toward a better outcome this time.

The lady Panthers will then travel to Walden to play the North Park Wildcats on Friday before taking a break for Christmas.

Last weekend, Rangely played Duchesne on Friday night. Coach Kent said, "We played well in the first

half; our defense was solid and we matched them offensively."

The Panthers were only down three at half with Desiree Coombs having scored six points, Tessa Slagle and Aimee Hogan each had four and Chelsea Ficken added two. Unfortunately, Rangely's offense went cold.

"We couldn't make a shot whether it was at the basket or 30 feet away; it didn't matter, the result was the same," Kent said.

Duchesne came out on top 44-16.

On Saturday, the girls played Manila, Utah, and their coach was pleased with the improved scoring.

"Manila was big in the post position and we had a hard time containing them inside," Kent said.

Rangely went into the locker room down by eight, but stayed right with Manila in the third quarter. But it was not enough to get a win.

The Panthers were led by Hogan with 10 points, followed by Carrie Goddard with eight, Coombs with six, Ficken with four and Slagle with two.

Slagle also led the team in rebounds with seven followed by Ficken with six and Goddard with five.

Rangely hopes to get a pair of wins to take into the break, then come back refreshed and ready to start their regular season.



Colorado  
Northwestern  
Community College  
www.cnc.edu • 800.562.1105

## Champions of the Week

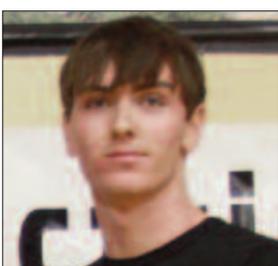
Set yourself apart.

### CAMERON ENTERLINE, SENIOR Rangely High School

Enterline led the Panthers with 37 points to a team championship in the 2013 WREA Cowboy Shootout. Enterline was also named to the all-tournament team and won the slam dunk contest.

### T.J. SHELTON, SOPHOMORE Meeker High School

Shelton, Meeker's defending state wrestling champion, recovering from an injury, wrestled in his first tournament of the season and picked up where he left off, winning the 170-pound bracket at the Panther Invitational in Delta.



# WINTER: Tough time

► Continued from Page 1A

Mr. Wilber, who had school-aged children, and C.F. was convinced to stay and teach as he had a certificate from Illinois. He later became the superintendent of schools for Meeker.

Jennie was a teacher at the Coal Creek School and some surnames of the kids she taught included: Wilber, Bloomfield, Howey, Smith, Amick, Lunney, Murray, Sorrenson, Sykes, Dunham, Kracht, Richardson, Raley, Pearce and more.

Instead of getting up, going outside, starting the car, putting on battery-operated hand-warming gloves and driving on recently plowed roads to drop their children off on the shoveled sidewalk 20 feet from the enormous, new well-heated school of today, the morning ritual may have included getting up early, adding wood

to the fire, milking the cows, gathering eggs and getting dressed for the trip to school.

Kids traveled up to five miles to school. After the five-mile return trip, they completed their chores and, only then, ventured inside to eat a home-cooked meal, do their homework and then return to bed.

Some weather facts for our community are: The coldest day recorded here was minus-48 in 1963. In 1990 the town endured the longest stretch of record cold with the days around Christmas dropping to minus-42 and staying for 11 days below minus-15. In 1972, we had the coldest December.

Nonetheless, it is the weather in Colorado that brings so many people in. It is the toughness of those before us and the genetic predisposition to survive that keeps families in Meeker for generations.

# JOOS: "It's not just another job, it's my career."

► Continued from Page 1A

From January 2003 to the present, Joos has served under retiring Rio Blanco Sheriff Si Woodruff as under-sheriff. As such, his responsibilities have included management of all daily operations for the RBCSO and detention center.

He has had direct supervision over the civil, detention, patrol, traffic and investigation divisions. He is still the lead accident reconstructor and accident investigation instructor for the sheriff's office as well as Meeker and Rangely, and he continues to be a defensive driving instructor.

Joos is the father of four daughters: Kristen Houser (husband Tyler and grandson Tiernan Houser) in San Antonio, Texas; Kimberly Joos of Minneapolis; Stacy Joos of Fayetteville, N.C.; and Stephany Joos,

a senior at Meeker High School.

As far as community service is concerned, he was a member of the Meeker Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors in the early 1990s, served on the Pioneers Hospital Board in 2004/2005 and was an emergency medical technician (EMT) with Meeker Ambulance Service from 1993 to 1999.

"I am not seeking the position of sheriff as just another job," Joos said. "It is my life and career," Joos said. "It is nice to find yourself in position to help people or resolve issues that may come up."

"Yes, you certainly see bad things, but there is a lot more good than bad in a county like ours," he said.

He said there really are no "good" calls to the sheriff's office, "in that no one really calls just to see if we want to go to coffee," he said. "But when

you can resolve problems or comfort someone in time of need, it's all worth it."

"The tough side of the job is that in such a small community as this county, you know everyone; you may have to offer comfort to a family you know and sometimes you have to arrest your friends," Joos said. "The calls you really hate, however, are when bad things happen to children. I have seen plenty of death scenes, SIDS (Sudden Infant Death Syndrome), auto accidents and drownings."

"We have to deal with death often and then move on with life," he said. "When that death involves a child, it certainly hits you a lot harder."

If Joos wins election, he said he does not anticipate any major policy or philosophy changes.

"There certainly will be personnel

changes with retirements, promotions, etc.," he said. "But I believe the sheriff's office is running very well — although suggestions are always welcome and I would certainly listen if someone has some good ideas for the department."

"I believe this sheriff's office has come a long way in the past 11 years," Joos said. "I've played, I believe, a large role in that progress over the years."

"I believe I'm the best candidate and I believe my track record speaks for itself," he said. "I have a very strong work ethic, I treat people honestly, fairly and all the same, and I will continue to keep a personal presence in Rangely and Meeker after I am elected."

"I believe the sheriff should be visible to all residents in the county, and that is what the sheriff and I have been doing for the past several years — being visible in Meeker and visiting Rangely at least once a week."

Joos is POST certified in administration of justice, basic law, patrol procedures, traffic/accident reconstruction and breath-testing instruments.

In addition, Joos has more than 2,500 hours of in-service training in firearms, traffic enforcements (radar, DUI, etc.), traffic crash investigation, hazardous materials, crime risk management, leadership training, sex crimes investigation, police media relations (as public information officer), search and seizure, instructing, crime scene investigation, homicide investigation, domestic violence, defensive driving, liquor codes, first aid and CPR, interview and interrogation and air crash-scene disaster safety and investigation.

"I want to continue doing the work I have been doing my entire adult life, and I want to continue to do it where I have been for the past 24 years — in Rio Blanco County," Joos said. "Being a cop isn't just a job, it's a career — one I started 37 years ago."

Joos has also instructed at law enforcement academies in Colorado and Wyoming and at law enforcement agencies in more than half of the counties in Colorado.

**SUBARU share the love EVENT**

'Tis the season for giving back.

Get a great deal. Support a great cause. With every new Subaru purchased or leased, we're donating \$250 to a choice of charities that benefit the community. Now through January 2.

**SUBARU**  
Confidence in Motion

<p><b>2013 SUBARU IMPREZA</b> 2.0i SMT</p> <p>All Wheel Drive, Air Conditioning, CD Player, Body Side Moldings, Power Everything and Great MPG. Built for the Yampa Valley!!</p> <p><b>\$183.28</b> PER MONTH FOR 72 MONTHS FINANCING AS LOW AS 2.9% APR OR \$17,874 (TOP \$13,196.16)</p> <p>Model: DJA Option: 01 Stock: 4-3628</p>	<p><b>2013 SUBARU LEGACY</b> 2.5i Premium CVT</p> <p>All Wheel Drive, Automatic Transmission, All Weather Package, Body Side Molding, Splash Guards, Air Conditioning, Rear Window Defroster, This is a Loaded CAR...and, of course, Great In The Snow!!</p> <p><b>\$241.16</b> PER MONTH FOR 63 MONTHS FINANCING AS LOW AS 0% APR!! OR \$22,790 (TOP \$15,193.08)</p> <p>Model: DAD Option: 02 Stock: 4-3092</p>	<p><b>2014 SUBARU OUTBACK</b> 2.5i CVT</p> <p>All Wheel Drive, Automatic Transmission, Air Conditioning, Body Side Moldings, CD Player, Power Everything!!! Great Traction and MPG!!</p> <p><b>LEASE FOR \$331.97</b> PER MONTH FOR 36 MONTHS 10,000 MILES PER YEAR</p> <p>TOTAL DUE AT SIGNING, SECURITY DEPOSIT INCLUDED: \$3,343.11 PLUS TAXES.</p> <p>Model: EDB Option: 01 Stock: 4-4288</p>
---	---	---

970-879-3900 W. US HWY 40 Steamboat Springs, CO

"Thanks for buying Locally" **COOK Subaru** With Approved Credit. If applicable, Cook retains rebates. On Purchase Examples shown, illustrations are based on one-third down. Offers good through December 31, 2013.

WE HAVE ALL TYPES OF SAND & GRAVEL FOR SALE

**MEEKER SAND & GRAVEL**

**878-3671**

Haul your own materials, or call us to schedule deliveries of Gravel & Concrete

# RANGELY PANTHERS

GO PANTHERS!

**RHS Mens' & Ladies' Basketball**  
12/19 @ Baggs, Wyo. - 3:30, 5, 6:30pm  
12/20 @ North Park - 1, 2:30pm  
1/4/14 @ HOME vs. Baggs - 12, 1:30, 3  
1/10 @ HOME vs. Paonia 4, 5:30, 7pm

**RHS Wrestling**  
12/19 @ Altamont/Duschesne Triangular  
12/20 @ Wray Duals  
12/21 @ Wray Invitational  
1/10-11/14 @ Tourney of Champions

**RMS Girls' Basketball**  
1/11 @ HOME vs. Steamboat - 9am  
1/17 @ Meeker - 4:30  
1/18 @ HOME vs. Craig - 9am

**HAVE A SAFE & FUN WINTER BREAK!**

**SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL BOOSTERS!**

With the support of the business community, we are able to provide this space for weekly schedules of athletic activities. The support is greatly appreciated. If we missed contacting you as a booster, please contact Bobby Gutierrez at the Herald Times at 675-5033. We can add your name next week.

**RIO BLANCO HERALD TIMES**  
SERVING RIO BLANCO COUNTY  
675-5033

**ALLIANCE ENERGY SERVICE, LLC**  
1400 CHEVRON RD. | P.O. Box 923  
675-3010

**COLORADO CPA SERVICES, PC**  
118 W. MAIN ST., RANGELY, CO  
675-2222

**FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF THE ROCKIES**  
222 W. MAIN, RANGELY, CO  
675-8481

**W.C. STRIEGEL**  
17030 HWY. 64 RANGELY, CO  
675-8444

**SILVER SAGE RV & MOBILE HOME PARK**  
259 CREST, RANGELY, CO  
675-2259

# MEEKER COWBOYS

**MHS LADY'S BASKETBALL**  
1/10/14 @ HOME vs. Hotchkiss - 4:30, 6  
1/11 @ Paonia - 1, 2:30, 4pm  
1/14 @ HOME vs. Rangely - 1, 2:30, 4  
1/17 @ West Grand - 4, 5:30

**MHS MEN'S BASKETBALL**  
1/10/14 @ HOME vs. Hotchkiss - 4, 7pm  
1/11 @ Paonia - 1, 2:30, 5:30  
1/14 @ HOME vs. Rangely - 4:30, 7:30  
1/18 @ HOME vs. North Park - 12pm, 3pm

**MHS WRESTLING**  
12/21 @ West Grand Tournament  
1/9/14 @ HOME vs. Grand Valley - 7pm  
1/10-11 @ Tourney of Champions - Vernal

**BMS GIRLS' BASKETBALL**  
1/11 @ HOME vs. Craig - 9am

**HAVE A SAFE & FUN WINTER BREAK!**

**SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL BOOSTERS!**

With the support of the business community, we are able to provide this space for weekly schedules of athletic activities. The support is greatly appreciated. If we missed contacting you as a booster, please contact Bobby Gutierrez at the Herald Times at 878-4017. We can add your name next week.

**Watt's Ranch Market**  
271 E. Market  
Meeker, CO  
878-5868

**First National Bank Of The Rockies**  
500 Main, Meeker, CO  
878-5073

**Ma Famiglia Restaurant**  
Henry & Kris Arcolesse  
410 Market, Meeker, CO  
878-4141

**White River Electric Association, Inc.**  
233 Sixth St., Meeker, CO  
878-5041

**Coulter Aviation**  
Meeker, CO  
878-5045

**Northwest Auto Sales & Service**  
485 Market St., Meeker, CO  
878-5026

**White River Convenience**  
793 East Market, Meeker, CO  
878-5353



**Five-year-old Kyla Hadley shows her gingerbread creation during the gingerbread man decorating contest at WRBM Recreation Center on Friday morning in Rangely. The activity was part of Christmasfest activities last weekend held around Rangely as their kickoff to the Christmas shopping season.**

HEATHER ZADRA

# Hints for keeping your Christmas tree fresh

By **BILL EKSTROM**  
CSU Extension Agent  
Rio Blanco County  
Special to the Herald Times

**RBC I** I'm going to start with one of the best-kept secrets.

1. Use an anti-transpirant compound such as "Wilt-Pruf" on your Christmas tree to seal moisture in the tree. I'm not sure why anti-transpirant sprays are not more commonly used in households to preserve Christmas tree freshness, but Wilt-Pruf has been around more than 60 years and is available at garden centers and home improvement stores throughout the nation.

The compound closes the pores of the leaf surface so moisture can't evaporate through it. A one-quart, ready-to-use bottle is sufficient for an average five- to six-foot Christmas tree and costs approxi-

mately \$10. Spray your tree with Wilt-Pruf outdoors and let it dry a few hours before bringing indoors.

2. There are several steps you can follow to keep your Christmas tree fresh for the longest possible time after purchase. First, make a new cut at the end of the trunk about an inch above the old one. Then make a cross cut one-half-inch deep (resembling an "X") that will increase the tree's water absorption. Keep the cut end standing in water, whether you decorate the tree immediately or store it to decorate later. If you store the tree, keep it in a cool, shaded area.

3. Place the tree in a stand that can hold at least one gallon of water. You should expect the tree to take up additional water. Water the new tree until water uptake stops. Then continue to check daily.

4. Always keep the base of a tree

in water. If the base dries out, resin will form over the cut end and the tree will not be able to absorb water and will dry out quickly. Drying out deters future water uptake and will need a new cut. You don't need anything other than regular tap water. Commercially prepared mixes or home remedies like aspirin, sugar and other additives introduced into the water are not necessary. Research has shown that plain water will keep a tree fresh.

Check the tree's water level frequently and refill as necessary. Fresh evergreen trees can take up an amazing amount of water - up to a gallon during their first 24 hours off the tree lot.

Because many tree stands have small reservoirs, you'll need to fill the reservoir twice daily. Cheap trick: For ease of watering, take a four-foot piece of one-inch PVC

pipe, add a funnel to the end with duct tape and use that to water with. Don't forget to decorate as an ornament.

Your tree will last longer indoors if it's located away from direct sun, radiators or heat vents, fireplaces, television sets and other sources of heat. Take care to place your tree in a location that won't block any room exits.

Check electric lights to make sure cords aren't frayed or worn, and keep metallic ornaments and tinsel away from bulb sockets. Avoid combustible decorations and make sure electrical circuits aren't overloaded.

A fresh tree that receives good care should remain in safe condition indoors for 10 days to two weeks.

For more information on tree care, call Bill Ekstrom at 970-878-9490 or your local Colorado State Cooperative Extension office.

# Red Cross in search of Colorado community heroes

Special to the Herald Times

**RBC I** The American Red Cross will celebrate 100 years of service in Colorado and Wyoming in 2014. As part of its Century Celebration, the Red Cross in Northern Colorado will honor community heroes at its Celebrating a Century of Community Heroes event on April 23, and the public is needed to help identify those

heroes.

The Red Cross is seeking nominations of those who have performed heroic acts, saved lives or performed outstanding service to their country or community. The Celebrating Community Heroes event seeks to highlight stories that exemplify the spirit of the mission of the American Red Cross: to prevent and alleviate human suffering in the face of emer-

gencies.

With the 100-year anniversary, the Red Cross is looking for individuals and organizations who have made a difference through their acts of courage. Nominations may be submitted online at [www.RedCross.org/Colorado-nominate](http://www.RedCross.org/Colorado-nominate). The deadline to submit nominations is Jan. 15. However, we are always looking for the stories of community heroes who

have saved a life or gone above and beyond to prevent or alleviate human suffering in the face of an emergency.

"Coloradans have risen up with courage and clear minds in the face of historic disasters, sudden crises and gut-wrenching emergencies. Out of these incidents, extraordinary stories have emerged, and this is our chance to celebrate those heroes," said Erin Mounsey, executive director of the

American Red Cross in Northern Colorado. "In the darkest of hours, everyday heroes from our communities have saved lives, served their country, alleviated human suffering and impacted lives. We hope you will help us honor some of these heroes by nominating them for recognition."

Make sure to also mark your calendars and save the date for the Celebrating a Century of Community

Heroes event on April 24. All proceeds will support the lifesaving work of your American Red Cross. It's an important event that will leave you, and your family and friends, inspired and filled with hope while supporting the work of your local Red Cross.

For more information about the event, visit [www.redcross.org/news/event/Celebrating-a-Century-of-Community-Heroes](http://www.redcross.org/news/event/Celebrating-a-Century-of-Community-Heroes).



# THE RIO BLANCO HERALD TIMES CLASSIFIED

878-4017

## LEGAL NOTICES

County Court, Rio Blanco County, Colorado, Court Address: 555 Main Street, Suite 303, Meeker, CO 81641  
IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF:  
Adult: Morgan Claire Tegeder  
FOR A CHANGE OF NAME TO:  
Morgan Claire Robb

Case Number 13C61

Public Notice is given on November 26, 2013, that a Petition for a Change of Name of an Adult has been filed with the Rio Blanco County Court. The Petition requests that the name of Morgan Claire Tegeder be changed to Morgan Claire Robb.  
Susan Mills, Clerk of Court  
By: JoAnn Jensen, Deputy Clerk  
Publish: December 12, 19 and 26, 2013  
Rio Blanco Herald Times

## Board of County Commissioners Friday, December 20, 2013 County Administration Building Meeker, CO

### Tentative Board Agenda

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

**Public Comment:** Any member of the public may address the Board on matters which are within the jurisdiction of the Board. If you are addressing the Board regarding a matter listed on the Agenda, you are requested to make your comments when the Board takes that matter. Please limit your comments to three minutes per member or five minutes per group. The public comment time is not for questions and answers. It is your time to express your views.

11:00 a.m. Call to order:

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Changes or Additions to the December 20, 2013 Board Agenda
- Approval of the December 20, 2013 Board Agenda

### CONSENT AGENDA:

### BUSINESS AGENDA:

- General:
- Certification of Levies and Revenues for Y2014 according to CRS Section 39-1-111

### OTHER BUSINESS:

### ADJOURN:

The agenda is provided for informational purposes only; all times are approximate. Agenda items will normally be considered in the order they appear on the agenda. However, the Board may alter the Agenda, take breaks during the meeting, work through the noon hour and even continue an item for a future meeting date. The Board, while in session, may consider other items that are brought before it. Scheduled items may be continued if the Board is unable to complete the Agenda as scheduled.

If you need special accommodations please call 970-878-9573 in advance of the meeting so that reasonable accommodations may be made.  
Published: December 19, 2013  
Rio Blanco Herald Times

## LEGAL NOTICES

### TOWN OF RANGELY Check Register November-13

VENDOR	AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION
ACCUTEST MOUNTAIN STATE,	\$80.00,	Chemicals
AFLAC,	\$379.16,	Payroll deduction
AIR LIQUIDE,	\$21.70,	Cylinder Rental
ARAMARK,	\$619.76,	Uniforms
ASHLEY VALLEY ANIMAL HOSPITAL,	\$474.10,	Animal Shelter Expenses
BALBOA CAPITAL CORP.,	\$306.00,	Expenses
BASIN SAW INC,	\$211.98,	Expenses
BRIXIUS, PETER,	\$225.00,	Benefit Reimbursement
BUSINESS SOLUTIONS GROUP LLC,	\$572.50,	Expenses
CARROT-TOP INDUSTRIES, INC.,	\$693.18,	Expenses
CARSTEN, KIMLA,	\$50.00,	Animal Surcharge
CASELLE, INC.,	\$799.33,	Services
CASTO, BRAD,	\$100.00,	Council Stipend
CENTURYLINK,	\$2,608.74,	Telephone/Services
CERTIFIED BUSINESS SVC. INC,	\$16.50,	Expenses
CHARTER COMMUNICATION,	\$200.07,	WRV Cable
CHEMATOX LABORATORY, ICN.,	\$40.00,	Services
CLARKE COMPANY,	\$1,871.07,	Services
CLAYTON, CHRIS,	\$482.00,	Benefit Reimbursement
CNCC,	\$75.00,	Expenses
CONNETT, TERESA,	\$14.54,	Expenses
CONSERVANCY OIL COMPANY,	\$518.65,	Expenses
COUNTRYSIDE VETERINARY CLINIC,	\$61.25,	Animal Shelter Expenses
DILLON, MICHAEL,	\$135.96,	Benefit Reimbursement
DRIDAK PUMPING,	\$12.42,	Utility Clearing
DUCEY'S ELECTRIC,	\$34.00,	Expenses
ECONOMY FLOOR COVERING,	\$490.00,	Expenses
EDDY, DAN,	\$100.00,	Council Stipend
ELIZABETH ROBINSON STUDIO,	\$240.00,	Services
EMC PLUMBING,	\$6,338.63,	Services
ENGLERT, MICHAEL,	\$205.00,	Benefit Reimbursement
EVERGREEN,	\$2,395.25,	Expenses
EYL, MELODY,	\$372.00,	Benefit Reimbursement
FAMILY SUPPORT REGISTRY,	\$703.22,	Payroll deduction
FIDELITY ADVISOR FUNDS,	\$21,594.85,	Retirement funds
FLEX MAGIC CONSULTING,	\$160.00,	Services
FOX, SONIA,	\$215.00,	Benefit Reimbursement
FPPA,	\$498.61,	PD Insurance
FRESH EXPRESS CLEANING,	\$23.00,	Expenses
GALLS, AN ARAMARK COMPANY,	\$191.59,	Uniforms
GOHR, CLAYTON,	\$100.00,	Council Stipend
GOULD CONSTRUCTION, INC,	\$74,484.75,	Expenses
GRAND JUNCTION PIPE & SUPPLY,	\$812.78,	Expenses
GRAND VALLEY IMAGING,	\$825.74,	Copier maint agree
GREAT AMERICAN LEASING COMPANY,	\$721.45,	Lease
HACH,	\$1,108.53,	Chemicals
HATCH, LISA,	\$100.00,	Council Stipend
HERITAGE BUILDING & LUMBER,	\$2,068.42,	Supplies
HOLIDAY DESIGNS, INC,	\$1,983.57,	Expenses
HUITT, FRANK,	\$150.00,	Council Stipend
ITELIHOICE, INC,	\$1,200.00,	Services
ITRON, INC.,	\$983.26,	Services
JJ'S TIRE AND AUTOMOTIVE,	\$834.18,	Expenses

## LEGAL NOTICES

KANSAS CITY LIFE,	\$1,819.22,	Life & STD Insurance
LACAL EQUIPMENT CO,	\$436.83,	Expenses
LEAVENWORTH CONSULTING, LLC,	\$830.00,	Services
MACK'S MECHANICAL,	\$382.00,	Expenses
MAIL SERVICES,	\$926.26,	Services
MANSFIELD PRINTING,	\$304.16,	Expenses
MASTER PETROLEUM,	\$2,088.00,	Fuel
MASTERCARD,	\$4,721.36,	Expenses
MAYS CONSTRUCTION SPECIALTIES, INC,	\$3,150.00,	Expenses
MEEKER SAND & GRAVEL,	\$1,020.26,	Expenses
MESA COUNTY HEALTH DEPT,	\$40.00,	Services
MOON LAKE ELECTRIC,	\$15,419.09,	Electricity
MWI VETERINARY SUPPLY,	\$318.85,	Expenses
NATIONAL METER & AUTOMATION,	\$979.10,	Expenses
NETWORKS UNLIMITED,	\$1,707.58,	Support
NICE SYSTEMS, INC,	\$260.00,	Expenses
NICHOLS STORE,	\$18.00,	Expenses
NIELSEN, JOSEPH,	\$100.00,	Council Stipend
PIERING, LISA,	\$30.00,	Expenses
PINNACOL ASSURANCE,	\$82.36,	Expenses
PIPELINE TESTING CONSORTIUM,	\$170.00,	Services
PITNEY BOWES INC,	\$104.83,	Services
PRESTIGE FINANCIAL SERVICES INC,	\$300.00,	Payroll deduction
PROFESSIONAL TOUCH,	\$391.00,	Expenses
PUBLIC SAFETY CENTER INC,	\$186.93,	Expenses
Q.C. TESTING,	\$820.00,	Expenses
QUILL,	\$2,742.51,	Supplies
RAIN FOR RENT,	\$412.50,	Expenses
RANGELY AUTO PARTS,	\$4,851.60,	Supplies
RANGELY HARDWARE,	\$2,844.40,	Supplies
RANGELY MUSEUM,	\$1,000.00,	Grant
RANGELY SCHOOL FOUNDATION,	\$22,848.11,	Sales Tax Funding
RANGELY TRASH SERVICE,	\$796.85,	Services
RANGELY, TOWN OF,	\$5,494.62,	Utilities
RELIABLE OFFICE SUPPLIES,	\$103.09,	Supplies
RIO BLANCO COUNTY,	\$186.22,	Fuel
RIO BLANCO HERALD TIMES,	\$277.92,	Expenses
RIVERBEND MACHINERY, INC.,	\$2,742.00,	Expenses
ROCKY MOUNTAIN HEALTH PLANS,	\$27,199.11,	Health Ins
ROCKY MOUNTAIN WEED MANAGEMENT,	\$569.00,	Expenses
ROMNEY, SHERMAN,	\$1,808.00,	Services
SCHMEUSER GORDON MEYER, INC,	\$25,035.00,	Services
SENERGY BUILDERS,	\$5,217.00,	Housing Rental Fee
SOUTHWEST CONTRACTING INC,	\$65,788.00,	Services
STAKER & PARSON COMPANIES,	\$1,430.77,	Expenses
STEWART & STEVENSON,	\$438.84,	Expenses
STRATA NETWORKS,	\$500.00,	Services
SUMMIT ENERGY,	\$34,838.90,	Gas Transmission/Transport
TARGET TRUCKING,	\$112.29,	Services
TATCHER CHEMICAL CO,	\$838.59,	Chemicals
TIMBERLINE ELECTRIC & CONTROL,	\$4,359.05,	Expenses
TLO LLC,	\$21.75,	Services
TURGEON, SUSAN,	\$439.00,	Benefit Reimbursement
UNCC,	\$66.83,	Services
URIE TRUCKING,	\$5,255.00,	Expenses
URIE, ELAINE,	\$100.00,	Council Stipend

# CLASSIFIED RATES

20 Words or Less .....\$5.00 per week  
Each Additional Word .....25c per week

4-WEEK SPECIAL!

4 WEEKS, 20 WORDS OR LESS \$20<sup>00</sup>  
5TH WEEK FREE IF NEEDED

Photo Classified  
Photo with 20 Word Description - 1 Columns Wide  
First Week .....\$18.00  
Subsequent Weeks .....\$16.00

**CLASSIFIED DEADLINE:  
TUESDAY, 3:00 PM!  
Call  
878-4017!**



The following advertisements have been submitted to the Rio Blanco Herald Times for publication. According to the Better Business Bureau, the primary responsibility for truthful and non-deceptive advertising rests with the advertiser. Before responding to unsolicited claims by sending money to unfamiliar companies, call the Better Business Bureau at 1-800-564-0371 for information.

All real estate advertised herein is subject to the Federal Fair Housing Act, which makes it illegal to advertise any preference, limitation, or discrimination because of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status, or national origin, or intention to make any such preference, limitation, or discrimination. This newspaper will not knowingly accept any advertising for real estate which is in violation of the law. All persons are hereby informed that all dwellings advertised are available on an equal opportunity basis.

## LEGAL NOTICES

USA BLUEBOOK, \$1,540.09, Expenses  
VERIZON WIRELESS, \$996.10, Cell Service  
VET CLINIC, THE, \$154.50, Animal Shelter Expenses  
W.C. STRIEGEL, INC, \$819.00, Expenses  
WEX BANK, \$5,946.68, Fuel  
WHITE RIVER MARKET, \$100.42, Supplies  
WILCZEK, KAREN, \$300.00, Judge Fee  
WINWATER COMPANY, \$199.91, Expenses  
WRB REC & PARK DISTRICT, \$20.00, Fees  
TOTAL \$394,502.22  
Published: December 19, 2013  
Rio Blanco Herald Times

## LEGAL NOTICES

**NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT**  
Notice is hereby given that on January 8, 2014 final settlement will be made to Belland Builders for the Office Restoration Project. Any person, co-partnership, company, association of persons, or corporation who has an unpaid claim with the Company listed above, as their sub-contractors, or for labor and materials, may file a verified statement, until Tuesday, January 7, 2014, before 4:00p.m., prior to final settlement, of the amount due with the Meeker Sanitation District, pursuant to Section 38-26-107, C.R.C., as amended.  
Failure on the part of the Claimant to file such verified statement with the Meeker

## LEGAL NOTICES

Sanitation District Board of Directors, prior to the final settlement on said Contract will relieve the Meeker Sanitation District from any liability for such Claimant's claim.  
Gail Frantz  
Office Manager  
Meeker Sanitation District  
265 8th Street  
PO Box 417  
Meeker, CO 81641  
Published: December 19 and 26, 2013 & January 2, 2014  
Rio Blanco Herald Times

**LEGAL NOTICES**

**Board of County Commissioners  
County Administration Building  
Meeker, Colorado  
December 23, 2013  
Tentative Agenda**

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

**Public Comment:** Any member of the public may address the Board on matters which are within the jurisdiction of the Board. If you are addressing the Board regarding a matter listed on the Agenda, you are requested to make your comments when the Board takes that matter. Please limit your comments to three minutes per member or five minutes per group. The public comment time is not for questions and answers. It is your time to express your views.

**LEGAL NOTICES**

**11:00 a.m. Call to order:**  
•Pledge of Allegiance  
•Changes to the December 23, 2013  
•Approval of the December 23, 2013  
**CONSENT AGENDA**  
•Board minutes of Budget Hearing December 12, 2013  
•Board minutes of December 16, 2013  
•Board minutes of December 20, 2013  
•Access Easement to Cooper property located off CR 14  
•2013 Federal Forest Payment Election  
**BUSINESS AGENDA**  
-Contracts/Agreements/Grants:  
•Agreement with Reilly Johnson on the Justice Center  
-Resolution  
•A resolution of the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado, appropriating additional sums of money to defray expenses in excess of amounts budgeted, in the various funds and spending agencies, in the amount and for the purpose, as set forth below for the 2013 budget year.

**LEGAL NOTICES**

**OTHER BUSINESS:**  
a. BLM General Update—Kent Walker  
b. County Commissioners Updates  
c. Public Comment  
e. Executive Session to discuss legal matters  
**ADJOURN:**  
The agenda is provided for informational purposes only; all times are approximate. Agenda items will normally be considered in the order they appear on the agenda. However, the Board may alter the Agenda, take breaks during the meeting, work through the noon hour and even continue an item for a future meeting date. The Board, while in session, may consider other items that are brought before it. Scheduled items may be continued if the Board is unable to complete the Agenda as scheduled.  
The next regular Board meeting is tentatively scheduled for January 13, 2013, in Meeker at the County Administration Building. Please check the County's website for information at [www.co.rioblanco.co.us/departments/commissioners](http://www.co.rioblanco.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.  
Published: December 19, 2013  
Rio Blanco Herald Times

**LEGAL NOTICES**

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
Estate of Stephen Edward Arthur also known as Stephen E. Arthur, Stephen Arthur, Steven Arthur and Steve Arthur, Deceased,  
Case Number 2013 PR 30019.  
All persons having claims against the above-named estate are required to present them to the Personal Representative or to District Court of Rio Blanco, County, Colorado at PO Box 1150, 555 Main St., Meeker, CO 81641, on or before April 14, 2014, or the claims may be forever barred.  
Nancy Jo Arthur  
Personal Representative  
PO Box 55  
Rangely, CO 81648  
(970) 675-2054  
FJ Fennessy  
Attorney  
PO Box 1518  
Meeker, CO 81641  
(970) 878-4783  
Publish: December 12, 19 and 26, 2013  
Rio Blanco Herald Times

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

✓✓✓✓✓  
The Rio Blanco Herald Times accepts all major credit cards. You can fax your classified ad or subscription to (970)878-4016 or email to: [janae@theheraldtimes.com](mailto:janae@theheraldtimes.com)

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

RANGELY ROCKCRAWLING & 4 Wheel Drive group in Rangely meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month at the Rio Blanco Water Users Building on Hwy. 64 at 7 p.m.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**For XC Skiing & Snowshoeing See:**  
White River Nordic Council at Facebook  
For Grooming Reports, Events & Info

**PUBLIC NOTICE  
TO THE TAXPAYERS OF EASTERN RIO BLANCO COUNTY**

The Board of Directors of the Eastern Rio Blanco County 911 Emergency Telephone Service is pleased to submit the Year 2014 Budget for the public's review.  
The year 2014 Eastern Rio Blanco County 911 Emergency Telephone Service Budget was prepared using the modified accrual basis of accounting. Following the budget is a schedule showing the adjustments that are necessary for the reconciliation of budgeted fund balance to the retained earnings, which were determined with the full accrual basis of accounting that was used in preparation of the actual 2013 financial statements.  
The primary services that will be provided during the 2014 calendar year are described in the attached Mission Statement.  
Some of the important features of the Year 2014 Eastern Rio Blanco County 911 Emergency Telephone Service Budget are:

- The budget was prepared as a financial plan that is in full compliance with all applicable statutes.
  - Colorado Revised Statutes 29-11-101 et. Seq. will be followed.
- The purpose of the budget is to provide a financial plan that will insure the public with all the services and programs that are included herein. The primary emphasis of the plan is to provide the essential 911 Emergency Telephone Services that are needed by the citizens of Eastern Rio Blanco County, Colorado.  
With every dollar spent, it is the sincere intent of the Board to provide the citizens of Eastern Rio Blanco County with the highest level of 911 emergency telephone services possible.  
Please feel free to submit any written comment, concern or opinion to the following address:

**Board of Eastern Rio Blanco County 911 Emergency Telephone Services  
PO Box 1460  
Meeker, CO 81641**

The proposed budget will be considered at a special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Eastern Rio Blanco County 911 Emergency Telephone Service to be held in the Rio Blanco county Sheriff's Office, Rio Blanco County Courthouse, 555 Main Street, Meeker, CO on Monday December 23, 2013 at noon. Any interested elector of such Eastern Rio Blanco County 911 Emergency Telephone Service may inspect the proposed budget and file or register any objections thereto at any time prior to the final adoption of the budget.  
Sincerely,  
/s/Drew Varland  
Drew Varland, Chairman  
Publish: December 12 and 19, 2013 in Rio Blanco Herald Times

**ORDINANCE No. 6, Series 2013  
AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A BUDGET, SUMMARIZING EXPENDITURES AND REVENUES AND MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR EACH FUND FOR THE TOWN OF MEEKER, COLORADO, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING THE FIRST DAY OF JANUARY, 2014 AND ENDING THE LAST DAY OF DECEMBER, 2014.**

Trustees, the "Town Board", has received from the Town budget office a proposed budget for the 2014 fiscal year; and,  
published in accordance with Local Government Budget Law of Colorado, the proposed budget was open for public inspection at the Meeker Town Hall, a public hearing was held on November 19, 2013, and interested Town electors were given the opportunity to file or register any objections to the proposed budget, up to the time of final adoption of the proposed budget; and,  
WHEREAS, whatever increase or decreases may have been made in expenditures, like increases or decreases were made to the revenues, so that the budget remains in balance, as required by law;

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

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

GENERAL FUND	
Operating Expenses	\$1,801,902.00
Systems Development Amount	887,150.00
Highway Users Tax Fund	84,400.00
Estimated Fund Reserve	7,034,896.00
Emergency Reserve	105,250.00
<b>Total General Fund</b>	<b>\$9,913,598.00</b>

WATER FUND	
Operating Expenses	\$523,945.00
Systems Development Amount	5,034,500.00
Encumbered Funds (water tap deposit)	50,000.00
Encumbered Curtis Creek Waterline Reserve	326,403.00
Estimated Fund Reserve	1,329,617.00
<b>Total Water Fund</b>	<b>\$7,264,465.00</b>

CONSERVATION TRUST FUND	
Park Expenses	\$12,312.00
Estimated Fund Reserve	\$25,016.00
<b>Total Conservation Trust Fund</b>	<b>\$37,328.00</b>

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

GENERAL FUND	
Sources other than General Property Tax and Highway Users Tax, including appropriated reserve	\$2,501,535.00
Emergency Reserve	105,250.00
General Property Tax	187,517.00
Highway Users Tax Fund	84,400.00
Reserve Funds and Unencumbered	
Estimated Opening Balance	7,034,896.00
<b>Total General Fund</b>	<b>\$9,913,598.00</b>

WATER FUND	
Non-water Service Income, including appropriated reserve	\$4,935,945.00
Water Service Fees	622,500.00
Encumbered Funds (water tap deposits)	50,000.00
Encumbered Curtis Creek Waterline Reserve	326,403.00
Reserve Funds and Unencumbered	
Estimated Opening Balance	1,329,617.00
<b>Total Water Fund</b>	<b>\$7,264,465.00</b>

CONSERVATION TRUST FUND	
State Lottery Share & Reserve for Parks Expenses	\$12,300.00
Interest	12.00
Estimated Opening Balance	25,016.00
<b>Total Conservation Trust Fund</b>	<b>\$37,328.00</b>

- 3) That the budget as submitted, amended, and hereinabove summarized by Fund, hereby is approved and adopted as the budget of the Town of Meeker for the 2014 fiscal year and funds are hereby authorized and allocated to be appropriated to each fund for the purpose of meeting expenditures therein.  
4) That the budget herewith approved and adopted by an affirmative vote of a majority of the Town Board shall be signed by the Mayor and made a part of the public records of the Town of Meeker.  
5) Pursuant to C.R.S. §29-1-108, this ordinance shall be effective upon adoption.  
INTRODUCED, READ, PASSED, ADOPTED, AND ORDERED PUBLISHED AS PROVIDED BY LAW BY A VOTE OF 5 TO 0 OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF MEEKER, COLORADO, AT ITS SPECIAL MEETING HELD IN THE TOWN OF MEEKER THIS 10TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2013.

TOWN OF MEEKER  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MANDI ETHERIDGE, Mayor

ATTEST:  
LISA COOK, Town Clerk  
Published: December 19, 2013  
Rio Blanco Herald Times

**ORDINANCE No. 7, Series 2013  
AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND CERTIFYING A TEMPORARY MILL LEVY REDUCTION AND LEVYING GENERAL PROPERTY TAXES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2013 TO DEFRAY THE COST OF GOVERNMENT SERVICES FOR THE TOWN OF MEEKER, COLORADO**

WHEREAS, the Town of Meeker Board of Trustees, the "Town Board", on December 10, 2013, adopted an annual budget for the 2014 fiscal year in accordance with the Local Government Budget Law of Colorado; and,  
WHEREAS, at the Town's regular municipal election on April 1, 2008, the Town's registered electors approved a ballot question authorizing and permitting the Town to collect, retain and spend or reserve all property tax revenue collected, in the amount of the Town's 1999 property tax mill levy (which was 9.781 mills), prior to the Town's approval of its temporary tax credit, which would be effective on January 1, 2009 and, further, authorized the Town to collect and spend or reserve the full revenues from such revenue increase, notwithstanding the restrictions on the collection or spending of revenues under Article X, Section 20 of the Constitution of the State of Colorado, C.R.S. §29-1-301, or any other state law; and,  
WHEREAS, the Town Board has determined that due to the current economic conditions plaguing the U.S. and the local economies it would be in the best interests of the Town's citizens and businesses to impose a temporary general fund property tax reduction from the current 9.781 mills and thereby certifying a temporary general fund property tax mill levy of 8.743 mills; and,  
WHEREAS, the amount of money necessary to balance the budget for general operating expenses is \$268,750.00; and,  
WHEREAS, the Town's 2013 valuation for assessment, as certified by the Rio Blanco County Assessor, is \$21,447,730.00; and,  
WHEREAS, on December 10, 2013, at a special meeting, the Town Board did officially adopt a general fund property tax mill levy of 8.743 mills.

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

- For the purpose of meeting all general operating expenses of the Town of Meeker, during the 2014 fiscal year, there is hereby levied a tax of 8.743 mills upon each dollar of the total valuation for assessment of all taxable property within the Town of Meeker for the year 2013, which represents a temporary mill levy rate reduction of 1.038 mills from a gross mill levy of 9.781, for the reasons stated above and foregoing.
- The Town Board forthwith formally certifies to the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado, the 8.743 mill levy and said mill levy will be certified by letter to the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado, on or before December 15, 2013.
- The mill levy herein approved and adopted by an affirmative vote of a majority of the Town Board shall be signed by the Mayor and made a part of the public records of the Town of Meeker.
- Pursuant to C.R.S. §29-1-108, this ordinance shall be effective upon adoption.

INTRODUCED, READ, PASSED, ADOPTED, AND ORDERED PUBLISHED AS PROVIDED BY LAW BY A VOTE OF 5 TO 0 OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF MEEKER, COLORADO, AT ITS SPECIAL MEETING HELD IN THE TOWN OF MEEKER THIS 10TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2013.

TOWN OF MEEKER  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MANDI ETHERIDGE, Mayor

ATTEST:  
LISA COOK, Town Clerk  
Published: December 19, 2013  
Rio Blanco Herald Times

**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, 2013**.  
**2013CW3030, RIO BLANCO COUNTY**, Corral Gulch, Yellow Creek, The White River Water Division 6. Shell Frontier Oil & Gas Inc., Attn: Mark S. Pippin, 4582 South Ulster St., Rm. 503, Denver, CO 80231, (303) 305-7801, mark.pippin@shell.com, Applicant's attorneys: Kirsten M. Kurath, Mark A. Hermundstad, Williams, Turner & Holmes, P.C., 200 N. 6th St. - P.O. Box 338, Grand Junction, CO 81502, (970) 242-6262. Application for Finding of Reasonable Diligence and to Make Absolute in Part. Structures: Corral Gulch Borrow Area Pond ("Pond"), Corral Gulch Lower Site Reservoir ("Reservoir"), Corral Gulch Borrow Area Ditch ("Ditch") and the Corral Gulch Borrow Area Infiltration Gallery ("Infiltration Gallery"). Description of Conditional Water Rights: Date of Original Decree: November 5, 2007, Case No. 03CW160, Water Div. 5. No Subsequent decrees. Locations (see Figure 1): Pond: The axis of the proposed embankment to increase the borrow area storage intersects the right abutment at a point 2,320 feet north of the S Sec. Line and 620 ft W of the E Sec. Line of Sec. 33, T1 S, R99 W of the 6th P.M. Reservoir: The axis of the proposed dam intersects the right abutment at a point 2,140 ft N of the S Sec. Line and 830 ft E of the W Sec. Line of Sec 34, T1 S, R99 W of the 6th P.M. Ditch and Infiltration Gallery: At a point approximately 2,100 ft N of the S Sec. Line and 1,100 ft W of the E Sec. Line of Sec. 33, T1 S, R99 W of the 6th P.M. Sources: Pond: Water diverted from Corral Gulch through the Ditch and Infiltration Gallery. Corral Gulch is tributary to Yellow Creek, tributary to the White River. Reservoir: Corral Gulch, tributary to Yellow Creek, tributary to the White River. Ditch: Corral Gulch, tributary to Yellow Creek, tributary to the White River. Infiltration Gallery: Alluvial deposits under and adjacent to Corral Gulch, tributary to Yellow Creek, tributary to the White River. The estimated depth of the Infiltration Gallery will be 30 ft. Since the Infiltration Gallery is in the alluvium of Corral Gulch and within 100 ft of Corral Gulch, depletions from diversions through the Infiltration Gallery are deemed to be instantaneous to Corral Gulch. Appropriation Date: May 21, 2002. Amounts: Pond: 21 acre ft, conditional, together with the right to fill and refill the Pond when water is available in priority in order to keep the Pond full. Reservoir: 23 acre ft, conditional, together with the right to fill and refill the Reservoir when water is available in priority in order to keep the Reservoir full. Ditch: 5.0 c.f.s., conditional. Infiltration Gallery: 5.0 c.f.s., conditional, with a maximum annual diversion amount of 50 acre ft. Uses: The use of water stored in the Pond and Reservoir and diverted at the Ditch and Infiltration Gallery is for industrial and mining purposes, including, but not limited to, re-injection to maintain ground water levels, dust control, product processing, remediation, drilling activities, and other activities in connection with the mining and production of oil and other products from oil shale, and for domestic and commercial purposes. The domestic and commercial purposes include the provision of water in housing facilities for Applicant's employees, contractors and support personnel and in shops, offices, and other support facilities. The uses described in this Paragraph shall be referred to in this Application as the "Decreed Uses." Water stored in the Pond or Reservoir may be used by Applicant on or in connection with the development of lands in which Applicant currently has a legally vested interest. The lands in which Applicant currently has a legally vested interest are described on Exhibit A. Water stored in the Pond and Reservoir may also be used by Applicant on or in connection with the development of lands in which Applicant has a reasonable expectation of procuring a legally vested interest in the future. Lands in which Applicant has a reasonable expectation of procuring a legally vested interest in the future are described on Exhibit B. Applicant shall not be entitled to use water stored in the Pond or Reservoir on or in connection with the development of lands described on Exhibit B unless and until Applicant obtains a legally vested interest in such lands. Water stored in the Pond and Reservoir may be used directly for the Decreed Uses, and it may also be used for augmentation of, or replacement of and/or by exchange for water diverted for Decreed Uses in connection with the development of the property described on Exhibits A and B and depletions from such diversions; provided, however, that such water can only be used by or for augmentation, replacement or exchange in connection with a plan approved in accordance with applicable law by the water court, the state engineer, and other appropriate administrative official. No appropriate rights of exchange have been adjudicated. The Application contains a detailed outline of the work performed during the diligence period. Claim to Make Absolute in Part: Pond: In 2011, while in priority, Shell filled the Pond to its current as built capacity of 9.26 acre feet. Therefore, pursuant to C.R.S. § 37-92-301(4)(e), this water storage right should be decreed absolute in the amount of 9.26 acre feet for all its decreed purposes described above at Paragraph 3.g. Ditch: In 2011, Shell diverted 0.15 c.f.s. of water in priority to fill the Pond. Landowners: The structures are or will be located on land owned by the Applicant. You are hereby notified that you will have until the last day of **JANUARY, 2014** to file with the Water Court a Verified Statement of Opposition, setting forth facts as to why a certain Application should not be granted or why it should be granted only in part or on certain conditions. A copy of such Statement of Opposition must be served on the Applicant or the Applicant's attorney, with an affidavit or certificate of such service being filed with the Water Court, as prescribed by Rule 5, C.R.C.P. The filing fee for the Statement of Opposition is \$158.00, and should be sent to the Clerk of the Water Court, Division 6, P.O. Box 773117, Steamboat Springs, CO 80477.

CLERK OF COURT  
ROUTT COUNTY COMBINED COURT  
WATER DIVISION 6  
/s/ Sharon Martin  
Deputy Court Clerk

Published: December 19, 2013 in Rio Blanco Herald Times



**CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S DEADLINES**  
**Ad Copy and Editorial Deadline  
Friday, Dec. 20 & 27 @ 5 p.m.**  
**Classified Deadline  
Monday, Dec. 23 & 30 @ 3 p.m.**

BRESNAN CABLE television customers - If you are not receiving a television channel station you normally get, 3 people must report it before it's considered an outage. Call the service number on your bill to report.

CEDAR RIDGES Golf Course - Carts up for bid. Starting bid is \$1400. Submit sealed, maximum bid to Rangely Recreation Center with name, date, and phone number. Bids will be opened on January 10th.

Rio Blanco County Commissioners are seeking applicants for the following boards. RBC Lodging Tax Board (Meeker and Rangely) RBC Columbine Park Advisory Board, RBC Fair Board, RBC Fairgrounds Advisory Board, MCCIC Board, Weed Management Advisory Board and the RBC Historic Preservation Board. All of the listed boards are 3 year terms. If you are interested in serving on one of these boards please send a letter of interest no later than December 31, 2013 to: Board of County Commissioners, Box 1, Meeker, CO or e-mail [landerson@co.rioblanco.co.us](mailto:landerson@co.rioblanco.co.us). Please include your mailing address and e-mail address.

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

MEEKER CAT Coalition accepting cat food or monetary donations for spay/neuter and health care. Donations may be left at The Vet Clinic in Meeker or call 878-3560 or 878-4429 for more information.

FOOD BANK of the Rockies mobile pantry truck will be in Rio Blanco County providing Food assistance to community member. Scheduled Dates for 2013: December 26. They Food Bank will be at the Meeker Fairgrounds from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

**Alcoholics Anonymous**  
Mon. 8 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.

MOMS GROUP meeting, open to anyone with a child 0-5 years, Grace Baptist Church, Rangely, first Thursday of every month, 8:45 a.m. to 11 a.m. Info. call Heather Zadra (970)629-9937

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.

FAIR BOARD meeting in Meeker, Thursday, December 19th, 6 p.m. in Extension kitchen.

**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.

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

**RADINO & CHUCKWAGON**  
Please call before 9:00 a.m. day of meal  
**878-5627 or 675-8112**  
Senior Citizen Nutrition Program  
Meals served at noon.  
Reservations appreciated.  
*Suggested Donation Over 60 - \$2.50. Under 60 - Guest Fee \$7.*  
*(Did you know? Homebound trays can be ordered for over 60, suggested donation \$2.50 - 12:10 p.m. pickup.)*  
**\*\*MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE\*\***  
**FRIDAY, December 20:** Fruit salad, beef stew, biscuit and vanilla pudding  
**MONDAY, December 23:** Tuna noodle casserole, mixed vegetables and tropical fruit.  
**TUESDAY, December 24:** Tossed salad, roast turkey, mashed potatoes, green beans, cranberry sauce and pecan pie.  
**WEDNESDAY, December 25:** CLOSED-Happy Holidays  
**FRIDAY, December 27:** Split pea soup, ham & cheese sandwich, and strawberry shortcake.

**Give The Gift of INFORMATION**

Keep your loved ones up to date on community information with a subscription to the Rio Blanco Herald Times

**6 MONTHS \$15.00**

**12 MONTHS \$25.00**  
*Save 12%!*

**24 MONTHS \$48.00**  
*Save 25%!*

**Call 878-4017 today to start your subscription!**

**DIVISION 5 WATER COURT- NOVEMBER 2013 RESUME**

**PURSUANT TO C.R.S., §37-92-302, AS AMENDED, YOU ARE NOTIFIED THAT THE FOLLOWING PAGES COMPRISE A RESUME OF THE APPLICATIONS AND AMENDED APPLICATIONS FILED WITH THE WATER CLERK FOR WATER DIVISION 5 DURING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2013. The water right claimed by this application may affect in priority any water right claimed or heretofore adjudicated within this division and owners of affected rights must appear to object and protest within the time provided by statute, or be forever barred.**

**13CW3077 IN SUMMIT, GRAND, GARFIELD, EAGLE, PITKIN, ROUTT, GUNNISON, RIO BLANCO, AND MESA COUNTIES** James J. DuBois U.S. Department of Justice, Environment and Natural Resources Division 999 18<sup>th</sup> Street South Terrace Suite 370 Denver CO 80202 Phone Number:(303) 844-1375 Fax Number:(303) 844-1350 **APPLICATION FOR A DETERMINATION OF WATER RIGHTS: CONFIRMATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE PROTOCOL FOR GREEN MOUNTAIN RESERVOIR AND OTHER WATER RIGHTS BACKGROUND 1.** THIS APPLICATION is filed pursuant to C.R.S. §37-92-302(1)(a) of the Water Right Determination and Administration Act to obtain in accordance with the holding of *Southern Ute Indian Tribe v. King Consolidated Ditch Company* 250 P.3d 1226 (Colo. 2011) a determination that Sections I, II, and III of the Green Mountain Reservoir Administrative Protocol ("GMR Protocol") attached hereto as Exhibit 1 and incorporated herein by this reference are consistent with the "Blue River Decree" being the Findings of Fact Conclusions of Law and Final Decree in Consolidated Civil Cases No. 5016 and 5017 and the Findings of Fact Conclusions of Law and Final Judgment in Consolidated Civil Cases No. 2782, 5016 and 5017, both entered on October 12, 1955 by the United States District Court District of Colorado ("Federal Court") and all amendments and supplemental orders judgments and decrees in said cases (collectively the "Consolidated Cases"). Those Applicants in this matter that are also parties to the Consolidated Cases concurrently seek a similar determination from the Federal Court pursuant to that court's retained jurisdiction in the Consolidated Cases. **2.** Names and addresses of Applicants: United States of America ("United States") Bureau of Reclamation 11056 West County Road 18E (EC-1310) Loveland, CO 80537-9711; City and County of Denver acting by and through its Board of Water Commissioners ("Denver Water") 1600 W. 12th Ave. Denver CO 80204; City of Colorado Springs acting through its enterprise Colorado Springs Utilities ("Colorado Springs Utilities") c/o M. Pat Wells PO Box 1103 Mail Code 930 Colorado Springs CO 80947-0930; Colorado River Water Conservation District Attention: General Manager 201 Centennial Street Suite 200 PO Box 1120 Glenwood Springs CO 81602 (970) 945-8522; Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District Attention: General Manager 220 Water Avenue Berthoud CO 80513 (970) 532-7700; Middle Park Water Conservancy District c/o Duane Scholl PO Box 145 Granby CO 80446 (970) 887-3377; Grand Valley Water Users Association Attn: Mark Harris Manager 1147 24 Road Grand Junction CO 81505 (970) 242-5065; Grand Valley Irrigation Company Attn: Phil Bertrand Superintendent 668 26 Road Grand Junction CO 81506 (970) 242-2762; Orchard Mesa Irrigation District Attn Max Schmidt, Manager 668 38 Road Palisade CO 81526 (970) 464-7885; Palisade Irrigation District 777 35 3/10 Road Palisade CO 81526 (970) 464-4700; Climax Molybdenum Company ("Climax") 1742 County Road 202 PO Box 68 Empire CO 80438 Attn Bryce Romig 303-569-3221 ext. 1204. The United States, Denver Water, Colorado Springs Utilities, Colorado River Water Conservation District, Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District, Middle Park Water Conservancy District, Grand Valley Water Users Association, Grand Valley Irrigation Company, Orchard Mesa Irrigation District, and Palisade Irrigation District are parties to the Blue River Decree ("Blue River Decree Parties"). Applicant Climax is the owner of water rights decreed in Civil Action No. 1710 of the Summit County District Court entered on October 26 1937 ("C.A.1710"). **3.** Description of Green Mountain Reservoir ("GMR") and the Green Mountain Reservoir Powerplant ("GMR Powerplant") Water Rights. **3.1.** Location GMR is located approximately sixteen miles southeast of the town of Kremmling in Summit County Colorado and more particularly in all or parts of Sections 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, and 24, Township 2 South, Range 80 West, and Sections 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 28, 29, 33, and 34, Township 2 South, Range 79 West of the 6<sup>th</sup> Principal Meridian. GMR is formed by the construction of Green Mountain Dam ("GMD") across the Blue River. The GMR Powerplant is located adjacent to the downstream toe of the GMD and is also adjacent to the Blue River channel, in Section 15, Township 2 South, Range 80 West of the 6<sup>th</sup> Principal Meridian. **3.2.** Source: Blue River and all tributaries upstream of the GMD and Elliott Creek by means of its diversion canal. **3.3.** Date of Original Decree: October 12, 1955, Consolidated Civil Cases Nos. 2782, 5016 and 5017, United States District Court, District of Colorado. **3.4.** Priority Date: August 1, 1935. **3.5.** Amounts: a direct flow right in the amount of 1,726 c.f.s. for generation of electrical power at the GMR Powerplant; a storage right in the amount of 154,645 acre-feet with the right to refill to the extent of an additional 6,316 acre-feet. **3.6.** Uses: As provided in "Manner of Operations of Project Facilities and Auxiliary Features" in Senate Document No. 80, 75<sup>th</sup> Congress, 1<sup>st</sup> Session, ("S.D. 80"). **4.** Description of Climax's C.A.1710 Water Rights taken from the Decree in Consolidated Case Nos. 92CW233 and 92CW336. **4.1.** The Supply Canal No. 1. The water rights for the Supply Canal No. 1 were decreed as follows on October 26, 1937 by the Summit County District Court in C.A.1710: **4.1.1.** Sources: Humburg Creek, Mayflower Creek, Clinton Gulch Creek, and run-off, surface flow, and underground flow from the area above the Supply Canal No. 1, all of which are tributary to Tenmile Creek. **4.1.2.** Points of diversion: **4.1.2.1** on the west bank of Humburg Creek at a point whence the Northwest corner of Section 2, Township 8 South, Range 79 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., bears south 35' 33" west 22,680 feet; **4.1.2.2** on the south bank of Mayflower Creek at a point whence the Northwest corner of Section 2, Township 8 South, Range 79 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., bears south 35' 17" west, 16,894 feet; **4.1.2.3** on the south bank of Clinton Gulch Creek at a point whence the Northwest corner of Section 2, Township 8 South, Range 79 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., bears south 40' 20" west 10,632 feet; and **4.1.2.4** runoff, surface flow, and underground flow of the area above the Supply Canal No. 1 as it runs between the above-described points of diversion and to the Climax Mine. **4.1.3.** Amounts: **4.1.3.1.** Humburg Creek: 20.0 c.f.s. **4.1.3.2.** Mayflower Creek: 30.0 c.f.s. **4.1.3.3.** Clinton Gulch Creek: 50.0 c.f.s. **4.1.3.4.** Run-off, surface flow, and underground flow of the area above the line of Supply Canal No. 1. **4.1.3.5.** Storage in Robinson Reservoir of 3,136 acre-feet, with right of refill, as finally decreed by the Eagle County District Court in Civil Action Nos. 970 and 1193. Robinson Reservoir is a 3,136 acre-feet reservoir located in the drainage of the East Fork of the Eagle River in the Southwest of Section 34 and the Southeast of Section 33, all in Township 7 South, Range 79 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. **4.1.3.6.** Storage in Chalk Mountain Reservoir of 204.1 acre-feet, with right of refill, as finally decreed by the Eagle County District Court in Civil Action No. 1193. Chalk Mountain Reservoir is a 205 acre-feet reservoir located in the drainage of the East Fork of the Eagle River in the Southwest corner of Section 34, Township 7 South, Range 79 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. **4.1.4.** Appropriation date: August 15, 1935. **4.1.5.** Historical use: mining, milling, manufacturing and domestic purposes at the Climax Mine. The amount and timing of the historical diversions and consumptive use of the water rights were determined by the Division 5 Water Court in Case Nos. 92CW233 and 92CW336. The water rights remain subject to said determinations and the terms and conditions of the 92CW233 and 92CW336 decree. **4.2.** The Supply Canal No. 2. The water rights for the Supply Canal No. 2 were decreed on October 26, 1937 by the Summit County District Court in C.A.1710. In addition, the decreed points of diversion for Supply Canal No. 2 were changed on June 14, 1962 by the Summit County District Court in Civil Action No. 2122. **4.2.1.** Sources: Searle Creek, Kokomo Creek, and run-off, surface flow, and underground flow of the area above the Supply Canal No. 2, all of which are tributary to Tenmile Creek. **4.2.2.** Points of diversion: **4.2.2.1** on the west bank of Searle Creek at a point whence U.S.L.M. Kokomo bears South 45' 58" east 3740 feet (located in the Southwest of Section 15, Township 7 South, Range 79 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.); **4.2.2.2** on the south bank of Kokomo Creek at a point whence U.S.L.M. Kokomo bears North 39' 36" East 2635 feet (located in the Southwest of Section 22, Township 7 South, Range 79 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.); and **4.2.2.3** run-off, surface flow, and underground flow of the area above the Supply Canal No. 2 as it runs between the above-described points of diversion and to the Climax Mine. **4.2.3.** Amounts: **4.2.3.1.** Searle Creek: 35.0 c.f.s. **4.2.3.2.** Kokomo Creek: 25.0 c.f.s. **4.2.3.3.** Run-off, surface flow, and underground flow of the area above the line of Supply Canal No. 2. **4.2.3.4.** Storage in Robinson Reservoir of 3,136 acre-feet, with right of refill, as finally decreed by the Eagle County District Court in Civil Action Nos. 970 and 1193. **4.2.3.5.** Storage in Chalk Mountain Reservoir of 204.1 acre-feet, with right of refill, as finally decreed by the Eagle County District Court in Civil Action No. 1193. **4.2.4.** Appropriation date: August 15, 1935. **4.2.5.** Historical use: mining, milling, manufacturing, and domestic purposes at the Climax Mine. The amount and timing of the historical diversions and consumptive use of the water rights were determined by the Division 5 Water Court in Case Nos. 92CW233 and 92CW336. The water rights remain subject to said determinations and the terms and conditions of the 92CW233 and 92CW336 decree. **4.3.** The Tenmile Diversion Ditch No. 1 and the Tenmile Diversion Ditch No. 2. The water rights for the Tenmile Diversion Ditch No. 1 and the Tenmile Diversion Ditch No. 2 were originally decreed on October 26, 1937 by the Summit County District Court in Civil Action 1710. On July 24, 1945, the Summit County District Court entered a decree in Civil Action 1830 changing the points of diversion of a portion of the water rights for the Tenmile Diversion Ditch No. 1 and all of the water rights for the Tenmile Diversion Ditch No. 2 to the Tailings Riser Line, described below: Headgate No. 1 Tailings Riser No. 20 NW Corner, Section 2, Township 8 South, Range 79 West Bearing South 31°27' East Distance 567.8 feet. Headgate No. 2 Tailings Riser No. 37 NW Corner, Section 2, Township 8 South, Range 79 West Bearing North 17°08' East Distance 804.5 feet. Headgate No. 3 Tailings Riser No. 38 NW Corner, Section 2, Township 8 South, Range 79 West Bearing North 17°21' West Distance 1275.2 feet. Headgate No. 4 Tailings Riser No. 39 West Corner, Section 2, Township 8 South, Range 79 West Bearing South 25°49' West Distance 1502.8 feet. Headgate No. 5 Tailings Riser No. 40 West Corner, Section 2, Township 8 South, Range 79 West Bearing South 71°10' West Distance 1066.1 feet. Headgate No. 6 Tailings Riser No. 41 West Corner, Section 2, Township 8 South, Range 79 West Bearing South 65°31' West Distance 1592.8 feet. **4.3.1.** The Tenmile Diversion Ditch No. 1: **4.3.1.1.** Sources: Tenmile Creek and the run-off, surface flow, and underground flow from the area above the line of the Tenmile Diversion Ditch No. 1. **4.3.1.2.** Amounts: **4.3.1.2.1.** 20.0 c.f.s. from Tenmile Creek. **4.3.1.2.2.** Run-off, surface flow, and underground flow from the area above the line of the Tenmile Diversion Ditch No. 1. **4.3.1.2.3.** Storage in Robinson Reservoir of 3,136 acre-feet, with right of refill, as finally decreed by the Eagle County District Court in Civil Action Nos. 970 and 1193. **4.3.1.2.4.** Storage in Chalk Mountain Reservoir of 204.1 acre-feet, with right of refill, as finally decreed by the Eagle County District Court in Civil Action No. 1193. **4.3.1.3.** Appropriation date: June 4, 1936. **4.3.1.4.** Historical use: mining, milling, manufacturing, and domestic purposes at the Climax Mine. The amount and timing of the historical diversions and consumptive use of the water rights were determined by the Division 5 Water Court in Case Numbers 92CW233 and 92CW336. The water rights remain subject to said determinations and the terms and conditions of the 92CW233 and 92CW336 decree. **4.3.2.** The Tenmile Diversion Ditch No. 2: **4.3.2.1.** Sources: Tenmile Creek and the run-off, surface flow, and underground flow from the area above the line of Tenmile Diversion Ditch No. 2. **4.3.2.2.** Amounts: **4.3.2.2.1.** 20.0 c.f.s. from Tenmile Creek. **4.3.2.2.2.** Run-off, surface flow, and underground flow from the area above the line of Tenmile Diversion Ditch No. 2. **4.3.2.2.3.** Storage in Robinson Reservoir of 3,136 acre-feet, with right of refill, as finally decreed by the Eagle County District Court in Civil Action Nos. 970 and 1193. **4.3.2.2.4.** Storage in Chalk Mountain Reservoir of 204.1 acre-feet, with right of refill, as finally decreed by the Eagle County District Court in Civil Action No. 1193. **4.3.2.3.** Appropriation date: June 4, 1936. **4.3.2.4.** Historical use: mining, milling, manufacturing, and domestic purposes at the Climax Mine. The amount and timing of the historical diversions and consumptive use of the water rights were determined by the Division Water Court in Case Nos. 92CW233 and 92CW336. The water rights remain subject to said determinations and the terms and conditions of the 92CW233 and 92CW336 decree. **4.4.** McNulty Ditch (a.k.a. Ten Mile Diversion Ditch No. 1). The decreed point of diversion for the McNulty Ditch is a point on the north bank of McNulty Gulch Creek whence the North Corner of Section 2, Township 8 South, Range 79 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. bears South 60' 50" West 729.4 feet. The water right for the McNulty Ditch consists of 15.0 c.f.s., plus run-off, surface flow and underground flow, and constitutes that portion of the water rights for the Ten Mile Diversion Ditch No. 1 that were adjudicated to McNulty Gulch Creek on October 26, 1937 by the Summit County District Court in C.A.1710. The applicable portion of the Ten Mile Diversion Ditch No. 1 water right was transferred to the McNulty Ditch from the Ten Mile Diversion Ditch No. 1 pursuant to a decree entered by the Summit County District Court on July 24, 1945 in Civil Action No. 1829. As transferred, the McNulty Ditch water right is as follows: **4.4.1.** Sources: McNulty Gulch Creek and run-off, surface flow, and underground flow from the area above the ditch. **4.4.2.** Amounts: **4.4.2.1.** 15.0 c.f.s. from McNulty Gulch Creek. **4.4.2.2.** Run-off, surface flow, and underground flow from the area above the McNulty Ditch. **4.4.2.3.** Storage in Robinson Reservoir of 3,136 acre-feet, with right of refill, as finally decreed by the Eagle County District Court in Civil Action Nos. 970 and 1193. **4.4.2.4.** Storage in Chalk Mountain Reservoir of 204.1 acre-feet, with right of refill, as finally decreed by the Eagle County District Court in Civil Action No. 1193. **4.4.3.** Appropriation date: June 4, 1936. **4.4.4.** Historical use: mining, milling, manufacturing, and domestic purposes at the Climax Mine. The amount and timing of the historical diversions and consumptive use of the water rights were determined by the Division 5 Water Court in Case Nos. 92CW233 and 92CW336. The water rights remain subject to said determinations and the terms and conditions of the 92CW233 and 92CW336 decree. **5.** Description of Colorado Springs Utilities' 1948 Blue River Water Rights: **5.1.** Blue River Ditch. **5.1.1.** Location: At a point from whence the East quarter corner of Section 2, Township 8 South, Range 78 West of the 6<sup>th</sup> Principal Meridian is South 19' 34" West a distance of 18,245 feet. **5.1.2.** Source: Crystal Creek. **5.1.3.** Date of Original Decree: March 10, 1952; October 12, 1955. **5.1.4.** Priority Date: May 13, 1948. **5.1.5.** Amount: 40 c.f.s. **5.1.6.** Uses: By and for the benefit of the inhabitants of the City of Colorado Springs and adjacent areas for domestic uses, fire protection, sewage disposal, manufacturing and industrial uses, street sprinkling and flushing, and the irrigation of lawns, trees, gardens, flowers, and parks, and other municipal purposes. **5.2.** Crystal Ditch. **5.2.1.** Location: At a point from whence the Northwest corner of Section 2, Township 8 South, Range 78 West of the 6<sup>th</sup> Principal Meridian is South 19' 34" West a distance of 18,245 feet. **5.2.2.** Source: Crystal Creek. **5.2.3.** Date of Original Decree: March 10, 1952; October 12, 1955. **5.2.4.** Priority Date: May 13, 1948. **5.2.5.** Amount: 40 c.f.s. **5.2.6.** Uses: By and for the benefit of the inhabitants of the City of Colorado Springs and adjacent areas for domestic uses, fire protection, sewage disposal, manufacturing and industrial uses, street sprinkling and flushing, and the irrigation of lawns, trees, gardens, flowers, and parks, and other municipal purposes. **5.3.** Spruce Ditch. **5.3.1.** Location: At a point from whence the Northwest corner of Section 2, Township 8 South, Range 78 West of the 6<sup>th</sup> Principal Meridian is South 23° 56' West a distance of 12,810 feet. **5.3.2.** Source: Spruce Creek. **5.3.3.** Date of Original Decree: March 10, 1952; October 12, 1955. **5.3.4.** Priority Date: May 13, 1948. **5.3.5.** Amount: 60 c.f.s. **5.3.6.** Uses: By and for the benefit of the inhabitants of the City of Colorado Springs and adjacent areas for domestic uses, fire protection, sewage disposal, manufacturing and industrial uses, street sprinkling and flushing, and the irrigation of lawns, trees, gardens, flowers, and parks, and other municipal purposes. **5.4.** McCullough Ditch. **5.4.1.** Location: At a point from whence the Northwest corner of Section 2, Township 8 South, Range 78 West of the 6<sup>th</sup> Principal Meridian is South 28° 23' West a distance of 6,085 feet. **5.4.2.** Source: McCullough Gulch Creek. **5.4.3.** Date of Original Decree: March 10, 1952; October 12, 1955. **5.4.4.** Priority Date: May 13, 1948. **5.4.5.** Amount: 60 c.f.s. **5.4.6.** Uses: By and for the benefit of the inhabitants of the City of Colorado Springs and adjacent areas for domestic uses, fire protection, sewage disposal, manufacturing and industrial uses, street sprinkling and flushing, and the irrigation of lawns, trees, gardens, flowers, and parks, and other municipal purposes. **5.5.** East Hoosier Ditch. **5.5.1.** Location: At a point from whence the Southwest corner of Section 6, Township 8 South, Range 77 West of the 6<sup>th</sup> Principal Meridian is South 57° 36' West a distance of 388.8 feet. **5.5.2.** Source: East Hoosier Creek. **5.5.3.** Date of Original Decree: March 10, 1952; October 12, 1955. **5.5.4.** Priority Date: May 13, 1948. **5.5.5.** Amount: 50 c.f.s. **5.5.6.** Uses: By and for the benefit of the inhabitants of the City of Colorado Springs and adjacent areas for domestic uses, fire protection, sewage disposal, manufacturing and industrial uses, street sprinkling and flushing, and the irrigation of lawns, trees, gardens, flowers, and parks, and other municipal purposes. **5.6.** Hoosier Ditch (Claim No. 1). **5.6.1.** Location: (Hoosier Creek headgate): On the west bank of Hoosier Creek at a point from whence the Northeast corner of Section 12, Township 8 South, Range 78 West of the 6<sup>th</sup> Principal Meridian is North 64° 35' East a distance of 877.8 feet. **5.6.2.** Source: Hoosier Creek. **5.6.3.** Date of Original Decree: March 10, 1952; October 12, 1955. **5.6.4.** Priority Date: May 13, 1948. **5.6.5.** Amount: 40 c.f.s. **5.6.6.** Uses: By and for the benefit of the inhabitants of the City of Colorado Springs and adjacent areas for domestic uses, fire protection, sewage disposal, manufacturing and industrial uses, street sprinkling and flushing, and the irrigation of lawns, trees, gardens, flowers, and parks, and other municipal purposes. **5.7.** Hoosier Ditch (Claim No. 2). **5.7.1.** Location: (Silver Creek headgate): On the west bank of Silver Creek where said ditch crosses Silver Creek at a point from whence the West Quarter corner of Section 1, T. 8 S., R. 78 W. of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. is N. 48° 33' W. a distance of 1,375.8 feet. **5.7.2.** Source: Silver Creek. **5.7.3.** Date of Original Decree: March 10, 1952; October 12, 1955. **5.7.4.** Priority Date: May 13, 1948. **5.7.5.** Amount: 20 c.f.s. **5.7.6.** Uses: By and for the benefit of the inhabitants of the City of Colorado Springs and adjacent areas for domestic uses, fire protection, sewage disposal, manufacturing and industrial uses, street sprinkling and flushing, and the irrigation of lawns, trees, gardens, flowers, and parks, and other municipal purposes. **5.8.** Ditch Inflow. **5.8.1.** Location: Along the ditches between the points of diversion (described in paragraphs 4.1.1; 4.2.1; 4.3.1; 4.4.1; 4.5.1; 4.6.1; and 4.7.1) and delivery to the Hoosier Tunnel (described in paragraph 4.9.1). **5.8.2.** Source: Water intercepted by the ditches. **5.8.3.** Date of Original Decree: March 10, 1952; October 12, 1955. **5.8.4.** Priority Date: May 13, 1948. **5.8.5.** Amount: 50 c.f.s. **5.8.6.** Uses: By and for the benefit of the inhabitants of the City of Colorado Springs and adjacent areas for domestic uses, fire protection, sewage disposal, manufacturing and industrial uses, street sprinkling and flushing, and the irrigation of lawns, trees, gardens, flowers, and parks, and other municipal purposes. **5.9.** Hoosier Tunnel. **5.9.1.** Location: The place of beginning of said tunnel is located at a point from whence the East Quarter corner of Sec. 2, T. 8 S., R. 78 W. of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. is N. 34° 33' E. a distance of 510.6 feet. **5.9.2.** Source: Water seeping into and being intercepted by the tunnel. **5.9.3.** Date of Original Decree: March 10, 1952; October 12, 1955. **5.9.4.** Priority Date: May 13, 1948. **5.9.5.** Amount: 20 c.f.s. **5.9.6.** Uses: By and for the benefit of the inhabitants of the City of Colorado Springs and adjacent areas for domestic uses, fire protection, sewage disposal, manufacturing and industrial uses, street sprinkling and flushing, and the irrigation of lawns, trees, gardens, flowers, and parks, and other municipal purposes. **5.10.** Upper Blue Lake. **5.10.1.** Location: Across the channel of the Blue River with the initial point of survey at a point whence the Northeast corner of Section 3, Township 8 South, Range 78 West of the 6<sup>th</sup> Principal Meridian bears North 66° 30' East 3,728 feet. **5.10.2.** Source: Blue River. **5.10.3.** Date of Original Decree: March 10,

1952; October 12, 1955. **5.10.4.** Priority Date: May 13, 1948. **5.10.5.** Amount: 2,140 acre-feet. **5.10.6.** Uses: Municipal, domestic, irrigation and other beneficial uses in the City of Colorado Springs. **5.11.** Lower Blue Lake. **5.11.1.** Location: The initial point of survey is at a point whence the Northeast corner of Section 3, Township 8 South, Range 78 West of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. bears North 54° East 503 feet. **5.11.2.** Source: Blue River. **5.11.3.** Date of Original Decree: March 10, 1952; October 12, 1955. **5.11.4.** Priority Date: May 13, 1948. **5.11.5.** Amount: 1,006 acre-feet. **5.11.6.** Uses: By and for the benefit of the inhabitants of the City of Colorado Springs and adjacent areas for domestic uses, fire protection, sewage disposal, manufacturing and industrial uses, street sprinkling and flushing, and the irrigation of lawns, trees, gardens, flowers, and parks, and other municipal purposes. **5.12.** Spruce Lake. **5.12.1.** Location: The initial point of survey is at a point whence the Northeast corner of Section 22, Township 7 South, Range 78 West of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. bears North 12° 44' East 5,780 feet. **5.12.2.** Source: Spruce Creek. **5.12.3.** Date of Original Decree: March 10, 1952; October 12, 1955. **5.12.4.** Priority Date: May 13, 1948. **5.12.5.** Amount: 1,542 acre-feet. **5.12.6.** Uses: By and for the benefit of the inhabitants of the City of Colorado Springs and adjacent areas for domestic uses, fire protection, sewage disposal, manufacturing and industrial uses, street sprinkling and flushing, and the irrigation of lawns, trees, gardens, flowers, and parks, and other municipal purposes. **5.13.** Mayflower Lake. **5.13.1.** Location: The initial point of survey is at a point whence the Northeast corner of Section 22, Township 7 South, Range 78 West of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. bears North 43° 44' East 4,770 feet. **5.13.2.** Source: Spruce Creek. **5.13.3.** Date of Original Decree: March 10, 1952; October 12, 1955. **5.13.4.** Priority Date: May 13, 1948. **5.13.5.** Amount: 618 acre-feet. **5.13.6.** Uses: By and for the benefit of the inhabitants of the City of Colorado Springs and adjacent areas for domestic uses, fire protection, sewage disposal, manufacturing and industrial uses, street sprinkling and flushing, and the irrigation of lawns, trees, gardens, flowers, and parks, and other municipal purposes. **6.** Description of Denver Water's 1946 Blue River Water Rights: **6.1.** Location. The Blue River Diversion Project stores water in Dillon Reservoir and diverts water from the Blue River, the Snake River, and Ten Mile Creek and their tributaries through the Harold D. Roberts Tunnel, the west portal of which is located at a point whence the East quarter corner of Section 18, Township 5 South, Range 77 West of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. bears South 81°07' East 941.6 feet. **6.2.** Source: The sources of water for the Blue River Diversion Project are the Blue River, the Snake River, and Ten Mile Creek, all of which are tributaries of the Colorado River; and the waters naturally tributary thereto. **6.3.** Date of Original Decree: March 10, 1952, Summit County District Court; October 12, 1955, Consolidated Civil Cases Nos. 2782, 5016 and 5017, United States District Court, District of Colorado. **6.4.** Appropriation date: June 24, 1946. **6.5.** Amounts: The Blue River Diversion Project was decreed conditional priorities 139(c) and 366(c) for 788 c.f.s. from the Blue River; conditional priorities 140(c) and 367(c) for 788 c.f.s. from the Ten Mile Creek; and conditional priorities 141(c) and 368(c) for 788 c.f.s. from the Snake River providing no more than 788 c.f.s. shall be taken through any combination of the above described sources. In addition, Dillon Reservoir was decreed conditional reservoir priorities 80(c) and 8(c) for 252,678 acre-feet. To date, the Dillon Reservoir storage right has been confirmed absolute in the amount of 252,678 acre-feet and the Roberts Tunnel direct flow right has been confirmed absolute in the rate of 520 c.f.s. A claim is pending to make 654 c.f.s. of the Roberts Tunnel direct flow right absolute in Case No. 2006CW255. **6.6.** Use: All municipal uses including domestic use, mechanical use, manufacturing use, fire protection, street sprinkling, watering of parks, lawns and grounds as more fully described in the Second Amended Application filed in Case No. 2006CW255. **6.7.** DETERMINATION OF WATER RIGHTS. **7.** Procedural History. **7.1.** Water Court Jurisdiction. This application seeks a determination of water right, in accordance with the holding of *Southern Ute Indian Tribe v. King Consolidated Ditch Co.* 250 P.3d 1226, 1233 (Colo. 2011), confirming that Sections I, II, and III of the GMR Protocol are consistent with the Blue River Decree, and an order directing that administration be carried out in accordance with the GMR Protocol. **7.2.** GMR Water Rights Adjudicated by the Blue River Decree. The United States has a priority date of August 1, 1935 for the Colorado-Big Thompson Project from the Blue River and its tributaries for a 1726 c.f.s. direct flow right for the generation of electrical power at the GMR Powerplant ("GMR Power Right"), and a storage right for 154,645 acre-feet in GMR ("1935 First Fill Storage Right") with the right to refill to the extent of an additional 6,316 acre-feet ("GMR Senior Refill Right"), as more fully described in Paragraph 3 above. The United States also operates exchanges involving Green Mountain Reservoir as of that priority, and the August 1, 1935 priority of the direct flow, storage, and exchange rights for the operation of the facilities at GMR is administered as though adjudicated in the first available adjudication following that date, i.e., "without postponement for any reason." Decree Consolidated Civil Nos. 2782, 5016 5017, 88CW382, ¶¶ 1 and 4, November 10, 1992. The GMR Senior Refill Right is exercised by subsequent storage after the release of water from the first fill. **7.3.** Except as provided in the Blue River Decree, use by the United States through the GMR Powerplant of water that would otherwise be available for storage is an exercise of the GMR Power Right and not a bypass or failure to exercise any storage right. Case No. 88CW22, ¶ 10 at 3. **7.4.** Denver Water's 1946 Blue River Water Rights. Denver Water has, *inter alia*, a priority date of June 24, 1946 from the Blue River and its tributaries for 788 c.f.s. of direct flow for the Roberts Tunnel and for 252,678 acre-feet of storage for Dillon Reservoir, both for municipal purposes, as more fully described in Paragraph 6 above. **7.5.** Colorado Springs' 1948 Blue River Water Rights. Colorado Springs Utilities has, *inter alia*, a priority date of May 13, 1948 for 400 c.f.s. direct flow and 5,306 acre-feet of storage from the Blue River and its tributaries for the Continental-Hoosier Diversion System, both for municipal purposes, as more fully described in Paragraph 5 above. **7.6.** Cities' Diversions. Notwithstanding their priority dates, and subject to the decision of the Secretary of the Interior that it will not adversely affect the ability of GMR to fulfill its function as set forth in the "Manner of Operations of Project Facilities and Auxiliary Features" contained in S.D. 80, except as to production of power, diversions by Denver Water and Colorado Springs Utilities (collectively, the "Cities") may be made as approved by the Secretary after the snow pack has been estimated by the United States and a determination has been made that it is reasonably probable that GMR will be filled during the season. Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, Consolidated Cases 2782, 5016, 5017 at p. 30 (Stipulation ¶ 4); Supplemental Decree Consolidated Cases 2782, 5016, 5017, February 9, 1978 ¶ 4(a). **8.** Administrative Controversies 8.1 GMR Fill Administration. Since the adjudication of the GMR water rights in 1955, the administration of its fill has varied; this has adversely affected the rights of the Applicants. GMR is currently administered pursuant to an Interim Policy of the State and Division Engineers that some of the Blue River Decree Parties contend adversely affects their rights under the Blue River Decree. The disagreement regarding the Interim Policy and its effect on the rights and obligations of the Blue River Decree Parties has resulted in controversy and anticipated litigation among the Applicants and others. **8.2.** Climax. In addition, since the Blue River Decree was entered in 1955, the administration of the priorities for Climax's C.A.1710 Water Rights vis- -vis those adjudicated in the Blue River Decree for the GMR Water Rights, has varied, has resulted in litigation, and is likely to lead to additional litigation. In addition, Climax's C.A.1710 Water Rights are currently tabulated by the Colorado State Engineer as junior in priority to the water rights for GMR adjudicated in the Blue River Decree. As more particularly set forth in the GMR Protocol, the Applicants believe that Section III of the Administrative Protocol describes the relative priority of Climax's C.A.1710 Water Rights in a manner consistent with the Blue River Decree. **8.3.** GMR Protocol. The Applicants have negotiated and agreed to the GMR Protocol, comprising Sections I, II, III and IV, in order to clarify and implement certain provisions of the Blue River Decree by (1) setting forth a protocol for, among other things, (a) preparation, review, and modification of a fill schedule for GMR; (b) definition and administration of a fill season for exercise of the 1935 First Fill Storage Right; (c) administration of water rights during the fill season; and (d) operation of the GMR water rights and the water rights of the Cities in response to downstream calls senior to the Cities' water rights; (2) making as much water as possible available for upstream use, including use by the Cities, without impairment of the fill of GMR and without impairment of legal calls of downstream water rights; (3) providing a clear definition of the Cities' replacement obligation operations pursuant to the Blue River Decree; (4) ensuring that the administration of the GMR water rights does not allow the water rights of the Cities to benefit improperly; (5) reducing as much as possible or potentially eliminating the extent to which the bypass of 60 c.f.s. by GMR is accounted toward the fill of the GMR storage rights, and assuring, to the extent possible, the refilling of GMR to the extent that such bypass is accounted toward the fill of the GMR storage rights; and (6) addressing the relative priority of the GMR water rights, the Cities' water rights, and Climax's C.A.1710 Water Rights in a manner agreed by the Blue River Decree Parties and Climax; all in a manner that is consistent with the Blue River Decree. Only Sections I, II and III of the GMR Protocol are the subject of this Application. **9.** Concurrent Federal Court Proceeding. **9.1.** Federal Court Petition. Concurrent with the filing of this Application, the Applicants that are Blue River Decree Parties are filing a Petition in the federal court invoking the jurisdiction retained by that court in the Consolidated Cases, to seek (1) a determination that Sections I, II, III of the GMR Protocol are consistent with the Blue River Decree; and (2) a determination that Section IV of the GMR Protocol is consistent with the Blue River Decree. **9.2.** Desired Procedure. It is the intention of the Applicants that all persons and entities filing statements of opposition to this Application be entitled to participate fully in the judicial proceedings, either in this Court or the Federal Court, to determine whether Sections I, II and III of the GMR Protocol are consistent with the Blue River Decree. Accordingly, after expiration of the statutory time for filing statements of opposition to this application, the Applicants will request: (1) entry by the Federal Court of a procedural order specifying that the procedures set forth in the Federal Court's Order of August 4, 1977 (Regarding Further Proceedings Consistent With the Colorado Water Right Determination and Administration Act of 1969) in the Consolidated Cases will apply to that part of the Federal Court proceeding seeking a determination that Sections I, II, and III of the GMR Protocol are consistent with the Blue River Decree, and to that part of the Federal Court proceeding only; and (2) a stay of proceedings in this Court pending the exercise of retained jurisdiction, and entry of a determination regarding Sections I, II, and III of the GMR Protocol, by the Federal Court. **10.** Notice **10.1.** Notice of this Application, including the full text of Sections I, II, and III of the GMR Protocol, shall be provided in the resume of this Application, and by newspaper publication in Summit, Grand, Garfield, Eagle, Pitkin, Routt, Gunnison, Rio Blanco, and Mesa Counties, as well as in any other county in which publication is ordered by this Court. **10.2.** This Application does not involve any new diversion or storage structure, or modification to any existing diversion or storage structure or existing storage pool. Therefore, no notice is required to the owner of the land pursuant to C.R.S. § 37-92-302(2)(b)(II). Moreover, the owner of the land upon which GMR is constructed and in which water is stored is the United States, an Applicant herein. **11.** Nothing in this Application or proceeding is intended to request or adjudicate a change to any of the water rights described herein. WHEREFORE, Applicants seek a determination confirming that Sections I, II, and III of the GMR Protocol are consistent with the Blue River Decree and directing that administration be carried out in accordance with Sections I, II, and III of the GMR Protocol. **GREEN MOUNTAIN RESERVOIR ADMINISTRATIVE PROTOCOL: I. BLUE RIVER DECREE BACKGROUND I.A. Definitions.** The following definitions apply for purposes of this Administrative Protocol ("Protocol"). In addition, terms defined elsewhere in this Protocol shall have the meanings there provided. **I.A.1. "Blue River Decree":** means the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Final Judgment entered on October 12, 1955, in Consolidated Cases No. 5016 and 5017 and the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and Final Decree entered on October 12, 1955, in Consolidated Cases Nos. 2782, 5016, and 5017 ("Consolidated Cases") by the United States District Court, District of Colorado ("1955 Decree"), and all supplemental or amendatory orders, judgments, and decrees in said cases, including, without limitation, the Decree entered on April 16, 1964, therein ("1964 Decree") and the Supplemental Judgment and Decree dated February 9, 1978 ("1978 Judgment"). **I.A.2. "Blue River Decree Parties":** means, for purposes of this Protocol, the following: the United States of America ("United States"), the Cities, the Northern Colorado Water Conserv

in Civil Action Nos. 1805 and 1806 by the Summit County District Court on March 10, 1952, and confirmed by the Blue River Decree. **I.A.13. "Discretionary Power Diversions"**: is defined in Paragraph I.V.A.1.f of this Protocol. **I.A.14. "End of Fill Season"**: means the date on which the Fill Season for the 1935 First Fill Storage Right is deemed ended, pursuant to Paragraph I.I.A.3 of this Protocol. **I.A.15. "Exchange and Deplete Upstream"**: means the method by which the Cities, in accordance with Paragraph II.C below, and subject to the approval of the Secretary, may, in the exercise of the Cities' water rights, release water from replacement storage (e.g., Williams Fork Reservoir) to satisfy, *(fint: As used in this Protocol, the term "satisfy" in relation to calls by senior water rights refers to the amount of water required to be bypassed or delivered to the calling right and not necessarily the amount needed to supply the full decreed rate of flow of the calling right.)* the requirements of a calling water right downstream on the Colorado River and, to the extent that such replacement water is made available to meet the requirement of such calling right, *(fint: Nothing in this Protocol shall limit the Division Engineer's authority to assess reasonable transit losses on the delivery of replacement water as provided by law.)* deplete an equivalent volume of water, at an equivalent rate of flow, at their facilities. In certain circumstances, the Cities may Exchange and Deplete Upstream to effectuate their obligations to the City Contract Beneficiaries under the City Replacement Contracts. **I.A.16. "Fill Level"**: means the water level elevation in Green Mountain Reservoir determined by the Secretary, in the exercise of the Secretary's reasonable discretion pursuant to applicable law, to be the fill of Green Mountain Reservoir for that water year. The Fill Level is determined by the Secretary, and is not necessarily determined by any restriction or limitation on the maximum operating water surface elevation that may be maintained in Green Mountain Reservoir in a given year because of maintenance, repairs, or dam safety. The Fill Level is not a storage volume. **I.A.17. "Fill Schedule"**: is defined in Paragraph I.I.A.1 of this Protocol. **I.A.18. "Fill Season"**: means the period between the Start of Fill Date and the End of Fill Season. **I.A.19. "Green Mountain Reservoir Storage Rights"**: means the 1935 First Fill Storage Right, the 1935 Senior Refill Storage Right, and the Junior Refill Storage Right. **I.A.20. "Green Mountain Reservoir Water Rights"**: means the following water rights: **I.A.20.a. "1935 First Fill Storage Right"**: means the Green Mountain Reservoir storage right with a priority date of August 1, 1935, from the Blue River and its tributaries *(fint: For purposes of the definitions in this Paragraph I.A.20, "the Blue River and its tributaries" means all tributaries of the Blue River upstream of Green Mountain Reservoir, as well as Elliott Creek by diversion through the Elliott Creek Feeder Canal, which has a decreed capacity of 90 c.f.s.)* in the amount of 154,645 acre-feet. **I.A.20.b. "1935 Senior Refill Storage Right"**: means the Green Mountain Reservoir storage refill right with a priority date of August 1, 1935, from the Blue River and its tributaries in the amount of 6,316 acre-feet. *(fint: The administration and accounting for the United States' exercise of the 1935 Senior Refill Storage Right is not addressed by this Protocol. Agreements among the Blue River Decree Parties regarding water stored pursuant to the 1935 Senior Refill Storage Right are addressed in Section IV.)* **I.A.20.c. "1935 Direct Flow Power Right"**: means the Green Mountain Reservoir Powerplant direct flow right with a priority date of August 1, 1935, from the Blue River and its tributaries in the amount of 1,726 cubic feet per second ("c.f.s.") for the generation of electrical power at the Green Mountain Reservoir Powerplant. **I.A.20.d. "Junior Refill Storage Right"**: means the Green Mountain Reservoir storage refill right with an appropriation date of January 1, 1985, from the Blue River and its tributaries in the amount of 154,645 acre-feet. *(fint: The administration and accounting for the United States' exercise of the Junior Refill Storage Right is not addressed by this Protocol.)* **I.A.21. "Power Interference Agreements"**: means the agreements entered into between the United States and the Cities as part of, or pursuant to, the Blue River Decree and Stipulations for replacement of, or compensation for, electrical energy at the Green Mountain Reservoir Powerplant. **I.A.22. "Probable Run-off"**: is defined in Paragraph I.I.A.1 of this Protocol. **I.A.23. "Secretary"**: means the Secretary of the Interior, or the Secretary's designee. **I.A.24. "Senate Document 80"**: means Senate Document No. 80, 75th Congress, 1st Session, January 15, 1937, entitled "Colorado-Big Thompson Project, Synopsis of Report on Colorado-Big Thompson Project, Plan of Development and Cost Estimate Prepared by the Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior." **I.A.25. "Start of Fill Date"**: means the date between April 1st and May 15th fixed by the Secretary as the start of fill of Green Mountain Reservoir under the 1935 First Fill Storage Right. **I.A.26. "Substitution Agreements"**: means the following agreements, as they may be renewed: **I.A.26.a.** Memorandum of Agreement No. 2-AG-60-01560 dated December 30, 1991, "Establishing Principles for the Substitution of Water between Green Mountain Reservoir and Williams Fork Reservoir"; **I.A.26.b.** Memorandum of Agreement No. 2-AG-60-01550 dated December 30, 1991, "Among the City and County of Denver, the U. S. Bureau of Reclamation, Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District, and the Colorado River Water Conservation District"; **I.A.26.c.** Memorandum of Agreement No. 09AG6C0027 dated February 22, 2010, "Between the United States of America and Colorado Springs Utilities Establishing Principles for the Substitution of Water to Green Mountain Reservoir", and ratifying and approving the Plan of Substitution set forth in: **I.A.26.d.** Memorandum of Agreement effective May 15, 2003, between CS-U, the Colorado River Water Conservation District, Denver Water, the Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District, the County of Summit, Vail Summit Resorts, Inc., and the Town of Breckenridge; and in: **I.A.26.e.** Memorandum of Agreement effective October 15, 2003, between CS-U, the County of Summit, Vail Summit Resorts, Inc., and the Town of Breckenridge. **I.A.27. "Upstream of Dillon Junior Beneficiary Rights"**: are defined in Paragraph I.B.3 of this Protocol and are identified in Exhibit 1 attached hereto. **I.A.28. "Ute"**: means the Ute Water Conservancy District, acting by and through the Ute Water Activity Enterprise ("Ute Water Conservancy District"). **I.B. Cities' Operations. I.B.1.** Pursuant to the Blue River Decree and Stipulations, in order to divert water of the Blue River during the Fill Season notwithstanding their respective priority dates, the Cities must hold water in storage to the extent of the Cities' Depletions and the Contract Depletions until such time as (a) Green Mountain Reservoir achieves a fill pursuant to paragraph 4 of the 1964 Decree; or (b) the Secretary advises the Cities that such water is not necessary to assure the fill. Further, if Green Mountain Reservoir does not achieve a fill, the Cities must provide replacement water to assure the fill. The obligations of the Cities to hold water in storage and to provide replacement water, if necessary, are express conditions on the exercise of the Cities' water rights under the Blue River Decree and this Protocol. The determination, accounting, and operation of the Cities' Replacement Obligation under the Blue River Decree and Stipulations and Substitution Agreements are governed by the terms of those documents and of decrees providing for such substitution operations. The methodology to calculate the volume of replacement water to be provided by the Cities to satisfy their replacement obligations is addressed in Section IV of this Protocol. **I.B.2.** The Cities have entered into the City Replacement Contracts, by which they undertake to replace Contract Depletions or store water for the benefit of the City Contract Beneficiaries upstream of Green Mountain Reservoir as a part of the Cities' Replacement Obligation. Accordingly, for the purposes of this Protocol, the Cities' Replacement Obligation includes the Contract Depletions, and, therefore, the Contract Depletions are excluded from the Senate Document 80 "beneficiary" depletions that are addressed in paragraphs I.I.A.3.a.iii, I.I.A.3.b.iii, I.I.B.1.d, I.I.B.2.b, I.I.B.6, I.I.D.1.c, I.I.E.1, I.I.E.2, I.V.A.3.a.ii, and I.V.A.3.b.i.(c) of this Protocol. **I.B.3.** To ensure the satisfaction of paragraph 2 of the 1964 Stipulation, the Cities have agreed to permit certain West Slope water rights that are (a) located upstream of Dillon Reservoir; (b) junior in priority to June 23, 1946; and (c) not City Contract Beneficiaries (the "Upstream of Dillon Junior Beneficiary Rights") to divert by exchange against the 1946 Dillon Reservoir storage right or the 1946 Blue River Diversion Project direct flow right under certain circumstances and to the extent of a maximum of 80 acre feet of depletions annually. Such diversions and depletions are addressed in Paragraph I.B.3 and Section IV of this Protocol. **I.B.4.** Operations by the Cities pursuant to Sections I, II, and III of this Protocol are consistent with the terms and conditions of the Blue River Decree. Section IV of this Protocol addresses the Cities' Replacement Obligation in order to meet certain requirements of the Stipulations and Blue River Decree. **I.C. Downstream Calls.** Pursuant to the Blue River Decree and Stipulations, in order to divert water of the Blue River notwithstanding their priority dates, the Cities must at all times bypass water in quantities sufficient to meet all legal calls of downstream water rights on the Blue River and within Colorado below the confluence of the Blue River and the Colorado River. To satisfy this obligation, the Cities are permitted under the Blue River Decree and Stipulations either: (1) to bypass the lesser of (a) inflow or (b) flow sufficient to satisfy the call, at the Cities' respective diversion structures subject to the call; or (2) with the approval of the Secretary, to provide replacement water to satisfy such legal calls by exchanges from replacement storage in the upper Colorado River basin. To effectuate these operations in satisfaction of the Cities' obligation, such legal calls by water rights with priorities senior to those of the Cities will be administered through Green Mountain Reservoir to curtail the Cities' diversions as provided for herein, regardless of whether the Green Mountain Reservoir Storage Rights are then being exercised. **I.C.1.** Paragraph 7(a) of the 1955 Stipulation provides for CS-U to exercise CS-U's Blue River Water Rights notwithstanding the exercise of Denver Water's 1946 Blue River Water Rights, subject to certain terms and conditions. To ensure satisfaction of this provision at times when Denver Water's 1946 Blue River Water Rights are subject to partial curtailment in response to a downstream call, Denver Water and CS-U will operate as provided in Paragraph II.C.3 below. **I.D. No Exchanges Adjudicated.** While this Protocol recognizes that certain exchanges may occur pursuant to the Blue River Decree, the Stipulations, and Substitution Agreements, judicial approval or adjudication of this Protocol shall not adjudicate any appropriative rights of exchange and shall not form the basis for appropriation or adjudication of any appropriative rights of exchange. **II. ADMINISTRATIVE PROTOCOL. I.A. The Fill Schedule and the End of Fill Season. I.I.A.1. Preparation of the Fill Schedule.** Pursuant to paragraphs 4.A and 4.B of the 1964 Decree, and paragraph 4(a) of the 1955 Stipulation, the Secretary shall prepare a fillschedule for Green Mountain Reservoir as follows: each year the Secretary shall determine the quantity of water required to fill Green Mountain Reservoir as of the Start of Fill Date and the probable run-off of the Blue River above Green Mountain Reservoir ("Probable Run-off"), and shall prepare a schedule for the filling of Green Mountain Reservoir in accordance with the United States' rights as provided for in the Blue River Decree. For purposes of this Protocol, the Secretary is not limited to any particular level of probability in determining the Probable Run-off. **I.I.A.1.a.** Satisfaction of the 1935 First Fill Storage Right requires that there be an amount of water (after provision for all prior rights) that, added to the water in storage in Green Mountain Reservoir on the Start of Fill Date (excluding water held in temporary storage pursuant to excess capacity or "if and when" contracts), would equal 154,645 acre-feet. The Secretary shall prepare the fill schedule and a plan of operation based upon such fill schedule (together, referred to as the "Fill Schedule"), with the goals of achieving the fill of Green Mountain Reservoir as provided in Paragraph I.I.A.3.a below, and also, pursuant to paragraph 4 of the 1964 Decree, permitting as much water as possible to be available for upstream rights without impairment of the United States' right to fill Green Mountain Reservoir and to use that reservoir as provided in the documents (as that term is defined in the 1964 Decree), and without impairment of legal calls of downstream water rights. **I.I.A.1.b.** To that end, the Fill Schedule will set forth: (i) the volume of Probable Run-off; (ii) the volume of water that, added to the water in storage in Green Mountain Reservoir on the Start of Fill Date (excluding water held in temporary storage pursuant to excess capacity or "if and when" contracts) would equal 154,645 acre-feet; (iii) the volume of Probable Run-off available and allocated for power generation during the Fill Season; and (iv) the projected date of fill of Green Mountain Reservoir. **I.I.A.2. Review and Modification of the Fill Schedule. I.I.A.2.a.** Prior to April 1st of each year, the Secretary will submit a preliminary operating plan for the ensuing Fill Season to the Blue River Decree Parties and the Division Engineer for their comments. At such time as the Secretary has determined a tentatively designated Start of Fill Date, the Secretary will provide notice to the Blue River Decree Parties and the Division Engineer of (1) the tentative Start of Fill Date and (2) whether the initial Fill Schedule is likely to include an allocation of some volume of water for power generation. Subsequently, the Secretary shall fix the Start of Fill Date and prepare the initial Fill Schedule, and shall provide such information to the Blue River Decree Parties and the Division Engineer. During any period between the tentative Start of Fill Date and the date the Secretary notifies the Division Engineer of the fixed Start of Fill Date and the initial Fill Schedule, the accounting and administration under Section II of this Protocol shall be based on the notice provided by the United States of the tentative Start of Fill Date and whether the Fill Schedule is likely to include an allocation of some volume of water for power generation. **I.I.A.2.b.** The Secretary shall thereafter modify the Fill Schedule, including, but not limited to, the projected date of fill of Green Mountain Reservoir, from time to time during the snowmelt season as, and as frequently as, actual run-off conditions and other pertinent considerations indicate that the waters available for filling Green Mountain Reservoir and/or the Probable Run-off available for power generation are materially more or less than originally estimated. The Secretary shall notify the Blue River Decree Parties and the Division Engineer when material modifications have been made to the Fill Schedule. **I.I.A.3. The End of Fill Season.** The End of Fill Season shall be the earlier of the dates established by Paragraphs I.I.A.3.a or I.I.A.3.b below. **I.I.A.3.a.** The date when either the water level elevation in Green Mountain Reservoir reaches the Fill Level or the following volumes total 154,645 acre-feet: **I.I.A.3.a.i.** the water in storage in Green Mountain Reservoir (excluding water held in temporary storage pursuant to excess capacity or "if and when" contracts) on the Start of Fill Date; plus **I.I.A.3.a.ii.** the water stored in Green Mountain Reservoir under the 1935 First Fill Storage Right after the Start of Fill Date (including water so stored pursuant to Paragraph II.D.2 below); plus **I.I.A.3.a.iii.** the water depleted by exchange upstream of Green Mountain Reservoir, and accounted toward the satisfaction of the 1935 First Fill Storage Right, by Senate Document 80 "beneficiary" water rights with priority dates junior to June 23, 1946, after the Start of Fill Date; plus **I.I.A.3.a.iv.** Bypassed Storage Water. **I.I.A.3.b.** The date when a legal call by a water right with a priority date senior to August 1, 1935, fully curtails the 1935 First Fill Storage Right, for seven (7) consecutive days, after the following volumes total 154,645 acre-feet: **I.I.A.3.b.i.** the water in storage in Green Mountain Reservoir (excluding water held in temporary storage pursuant to excess capacity or "if and when" contracts) on the Start of Fill Date; plus **I.I.A.3.b.ii.** the water stored in Green Mountain Reservoir under the 1935 First Fill Storage Right after the Start of Fill Date (including water so stored pursuant to Paragraph II.D.2 below); plus **I.I.A.3.b.iii.** the water depleted by exchange upstream of Green Mountain Reservoir, and accounted toward the satisfaction of the 1935 First Fill Storage Right, by Senate Document 80 "beneficiary" water rights with priority dates junior to June 23, 1946, after the Start of Fill Date; plus **I.I.A.3.b.iv.** Bypassed Storage Water; plus **I.I.A.3.b.v.** the Cities' Depletions and the Contract Depletions (either directly or by storage) after the Start of Fill Date. **I.I.A.3.c.** After the End of Fill Season, the United States may no longer exercise the 1935 First Fill Storage Right until the next Start of Fill Date. **I.I.B. General Administration During and After the Fill Season. I.I.B.1. Administration/Diversions During the Fill Season when the Fill Schedule Allocates Probable Run-off to Power Generation.** At any time during the Fill Season when the Fill Schedule, as initially prepared or as modified during the snowmelt season, allocates Probable Run-off to power generation, water rights shall be administered as follows: **I.I.B.1.a.** The 1935 First Fill Storage Right will be deemed satisfied, in the context of daily administration, in accordance with the contemplated satisfaction of the 1935 First Fill Storage Right pursuant to the Fill Schedule, as the same may be modified from time to time during the Fill Season; and **I.I.B.1.b.** Water diverted by the United States through the Green Mountain Reservoir Powerplant (other than water released from storage) shall be considered to be diverted in exercise of the 1935 Direct Flow Power Right, with the United States exercising the 1935 Direct Flow Power Right against all water rights with priority dates junior to June 23, 1946, and such power right shall be deemed to be satisfied by flows available as a result of curtailment of water rights with priority dates junior to June 23, 1946. *(fint: For the duration of the time when the 1935 First Fill Storage Right is being administered under an October 12, 1955 administrative priority pursuant to Paragraph II.D.2, the 1935 Direct Flow Power Right shall be administered under the same October 12, 1955 administrative priority.)* For the duration of the time when the 1935 First Fill Storage Right is being administered under an October 12, 1955 administrative priority pursuant to Paragraph I under the same October 12, 1955 administrative priority. This operation does not constitute, or result in, a subordination of the water right priority of the 1935 Direct Flow Power Right, the 1935 First Fill Storage Right, or the 1935 Senior Refill Storage Right, but allows "as much water as possible to be available for upstream rights without impairment of the United States' right to fill Green Mountain Reservoir and to use that reservoir as provided in" the 1955 Decree and Senate Document 80, as directed by paragraph 4 of the 1964 Decree; **I.I.B.1.b.i.** Such water diverted through the Green Mountain Reservoir Powerplant shall neither be accounted toward, nor deemed to satisfy, the 1935 First Fill Storage Right; and **I.I.B.1.c.** All water rights located upstream of Green Mountain Reservoir with priority dates between August 1, 1935, and June 23, 1946, shall be allowed to divert in priority unaffected by the exercise of the 1935 Direct Flow Power Right, and the depletions from such diversions shall neither be accounted toward, nor deemed to satisfy, the 1935 First Fill Storage Right; and **I.I.B.1.d.** All Senate Document 80 "beneficiary" water rights with priority dates junior to June 23, 1946, that are located upstream of Green Mountain Reservoir and that are not Upstream of Dillon Junior Beneficiary Rights may continue to divert by exchange, and depletions from such diversions (other than Contract Depletions) shall be accounted toward the 1935 First Fill Storage Right; and **I.I.B.1.e.** The Cities, with the authorization of the Secretary, may divert against the 1935 Direct Flow Power Right pursuant to the Blue River Decree and Stipulations and their Power Interference Agreements, and the City Contract Beneficiaries may continue to divert in accordance with their City Replacement Contracts. The Cities' Depletions and the Contract Depletions shall be considered to be made against the 1935 Direct Flow Power Right and shall neither be accounted toward, nor deemed to satisfy, the 1935 First Fill Storage Right; provided: **I.I.B.1.e.i.** that at any time when the cumulative daily average rate of flow of (a) the United States' diversions through the Green Mountain Reservoir Powerplant, (b) the Cities' Depletions, and (c) the Contract Depletions exceeds 1,726 c.f.s., then that portion of the combined Cities' Depletions and Contract Depletions that is diverted at a daily average rate of flow that, when added to the daily average rate of flow of the United States' diversions through the Green Mountain Reservoir Powerplant, exceeds 1,726 c.f.s. shall be considered to Deplete Against the 1935 First Fill Storage Right, and the provisions of Paragraph II.D below shall apply; and **I.I.B.1.e.ii.** that on any day after the Start of Fill Date when the cumulative volume of (a) the Cities' Depletions (that are not, pursuant to Paragraph I.I.B.1.e.i above, considered to Deplete Against the 1935 First Fill Storage Right) and (b) the Contract Depletions (that are not, pursuant to Paragraph I.I.B.1.e.i above, considered to Deplete Against the 1935 First Fill Storage Right), and (c) the United States' diversions through the Green Mountain Reservoir Powerplant exceeds the volume of Probable Run-off that is allocated to power generation by the Fill Schedule as it exists on that day, then that portion of the cumulative volume of Cities' Depletions (that are not, pursuant to Paragraph I.I.B.1.e.i above, considered to Deplete Against the 1935 First Fill Storage Right) and Contract Depletions (that are not, pursuant to Paragraph I.I.B.1.e.i above, considered to Deplete Against the 1935 First Fill Storage Right) that exceeds the volume allocated to power generation by the Fill Schedule shall be considered to Deplete Against the 1935

First Fill Storage Right, and the provisions of Paragraph II.D below shall apply. **I.I.B.2. Administration/Diversions During the Fill Season When the Fill Schedule Does Not Allocate Probable Run-off to Power Generation.** At any time during the Fill Season when the Fill Schedule, as initially prepared or as modified during the snowmelt season, does not allocate Probable Run-off to power generation, the United States shall be considered to be exercising the 1935 First Fill Storage Right; and **I.I.B.2.a.** The Cities' Depletions and Contract Depletions shall be considered to Deplete Against the 1935 First Fill Storage Right and the provisions of Paragraph II.D below shall apply; and **I.I.B.2.b.** All Senate Document 80 "beneficiary" water rights with priority dates junior to August 1, 1935, that are located upstream of Green Mountain Reservoir may continue to divert by exchange, and depletions from such diversions (other than Contract Depletions) shall be accounted toward the 1935 First Fill Storage Right. **I.I.B.3. Upstream of Dillon Junior Beneficiary Rights. I.I.B.3.a.** In satisfaction of paragraph 2 of the 1964 Stipulation, Upstream of Dillon Junior Beneficiary Rights may continue to divert, when a call is placed by the Cities that would otherwise curtail such diversions, by exchange against the 1946 Dillon Reservoir storage right, or the 1946 Blue River Diversion Project direct flow water right to the extent of a cumulative total of 80 acre-feet of depletions annually. The depletions from such diversions shall be accounted toward the annual fill of the 1946 Dillon Reservoir storage right. **I.I.B.3.b.** The Upstream of Dillon Junior Beneficiary Rights are identified in Exhibit 1 attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference (Exhibit 1 is not intended to determine, and shall not be interpreted to establish a definition of, or otherwise set criteria for, water rights that qualify as Senate Document 80 "beneficiaries"). Upon agreement of the United States, the Cities, the Colorado River Water Conservation District, and the Division Engineer for Water Division No. 5, qualifying water rights inadvertently not identified on Exhibit 1, or included but not qualifying, may be added to or removed from the Exhibit as Upstream of Dillon Junior Beneficiary Rights, subject, however, to the annual 80 acre feet limitation of depletions from such rights that are accounted toward the annual fill of the 1946 Dillon Reservoir storage right as set forth in Paragraph I.I.B.3.a above. **I.I.B.4. Decreed Plans for Augmentation.** The depletions of water rights located upstream of Green Mountain Reservoir that are fully replaced upstream of Green Mountain Dam pursuant to decreed plans for augmentation shall not be accounted toward the Green Mountain Reservoir Water Rights unless so provided in any such decreed plan for augmentation. **I.I.B.5. Cities' Replacement Obligation.** In satisfaction of the Blue River Decree and Stipulations, the Cities shall be obligated to make replacement water available to Green Mountain Reservoir as addressed in Section IV of this Protocol. The Cities will coordinate the accomplishment of any required replacement with the Secretary and the Division Engineer. **I.I.B.6. Administration/Power Operations After the End of Fill Season.** After the End of Fill Season, the United States may call for water to satisfy the 1935 Direct Flow Power Right. In such case, the Cities, with the authorization of the Secretary, may continue to divert against the 1935 Direct Flow Power Right pursuant to the Blue River Decree and Stipulations and their Power Interference Agreements, and the City Contract Beneficiaries may continue to divert in accordance with their City Replacement Contracts. When the Cities are so diverting, water diverted by the United States through the Green Mountain Reservoir Powerplant (other than water released from storage) shall be considered to be diverted in exercise of the 1935 Direct Flow Power Right, with the United States exercising the 1935 Direct Flow Power Right against all water rights with priority dates junior to June 23, 1946, and such power right shall be deemed to be satisfied by flows available as a result of curtailment of water rights with priority dates junior to June 23, 1946. Nothing in this paragraph shall alter or affect any rights of Senate Document 80 "beneficiary" water rights that are located upstream of Green Mountain Reservoir to divert against the 1935 Direct Flow Power Right in accordance with Senate Document 80, the Blue River Decree, Green Mountain Reservoir water service contracts, or Section I.B.3 of this Protocol. **I.I.B.6.a.** Use of the 1935 Direct Flow Power Right after the End of Fill Season shall not restrict or limit the United States' ability or right, in the discretion of the Secretary, to exercise the 1935 Senior Refill Storage Right, to place a call under the 1935 Senior Refill Storage Right, to exercise the 1935 Senior Refill Storage Right without placing a call, or to exercise the 1935 Senior Refill Storage Right under a priority co-equal to the administrative priority of the 1935 Direct Flow Power Right. **I.I.C. Operation of Green Mountain Reservoir and the Cities' Water Rights in Response to Downstream Calls Senior to the Cities' Water Rights.** If a call senior to the Cities' water rights is in effect during the Fill Season when the Fill Schedule (as initially prepared or as modified) has allocated water to power generation, then the administration of the United States' and the Cities' operations will vary, depending on whether 154,645 acre-feet has been accounted for in accordance with Paragraph I.I.A.3.b above, whether the call is senior to August 1, 1935, and whether the call fully or partially curtails the affected water rights. Accordingly, legal calls of water rights on the Blue River below Green Mountain Reservoir and on the Colorado River within Colorado below the confluence with the Blue River with priority dates senior to the priorities of the Cities' Blue River water rights will be administered as follows: **I.I.C.1. Call Before 154,645 Acre-Feet Has Been Accounted For in accordance with Paragraph I.I.A.3.b.** If the call is in effect when the volumes specified in Paragraph I.I.A.3.b.i-b.v above total less than 154,645 acre-feet, then the following applies: **I.I.C.1.a. Senior Call: Full Curtailment of the 1935 First Fill Storage Right.** During the time when the call by a water right with a priority senior to August 1, 1935, fully curtails the 1935 First Fill Storage Right, the United States cannot exercise the 1935 First Fill Storage Right, but may exercise the 1935 Direct Flow Power Right to divert the water that is passed to the calling right through the Green Mountain Reservoir Powerplant. In this circumstance, the Cities will: **I.I.C.1.a.i.** bypass the inflow at the Cities' respective diversion structures that are subject to the call (and the United States will pass the bypassed water and the water flowing into the Blue River between Dillon Reservoir and Green Mountain Reservoir ("Intervening Inflow") through Green Mountain Reservoir, while in its discretion exercising the 1935 Direct Flow Power Right to divert the water that is so passed to satisfy the calling right through the Green Mountain Reservoir Powerplant); and/or **I.I.C.1.a.ii** Exchange and Deplete Upstream (and the volume of water Exchanged and Depleted Upstream shall not be accounted toward the satisfaction of the 1935 First Fill Storage Right, but shall be accounted, for purposes of the Cities' Power Interference Agreements, as a depletion against the 1935 Direct Flow Power Right). **I.I.C.1.b. Senior Call: 1935 First Fill Storage Right Partially Curtailed.** During the time when the call by a water right with a priority senior to August 1, 1935, partially curtails the 1935 First Fill Storage Right, the United States will exercise the 1935 First Fill Storage Right to the extent not curtailed. *(fint: This operation will continue until such time as the volumes specified in Paragraph I.I.A.3.b.i-b.v total 154,645 acre feet, at which time Paragraph II.C.2 will apply.)* and will pass through Green Mountain Reservoir only such volume of water as is needed to satisfy the call. The United States may, in its discretion, exercise the 1935 Direct Flow Power Right to divert the water that is passed to the calling right through the Green Mountain Reservoir Powerplant. In this circumstance, the Cities will: **I.I.C.1.b.i** bypass the inflow at the Cities' respective diversion structures that are subject to the call; and/or **I.I.C.1.b.ii** Exchange and Deplete Upstream against the water the United States must pass through Green Mountain Reservoir to satisfy the call (and the volume of water Exchanged and Depleted Upstream shall not be accounted toward the 1935 First Fill Storage Right, but shall be accounted, for purposes of the Cities' Power Interference Agreements, as a depletion against the 1935 Direct Flow Power Right); and/or **I.I.C.1.b.iii** Deplete Against the 1935 First Fill Storage Right, and the provisions of Paragraph II.D below shall apply. **I.I.C.1.c. Senior Call: 1935 First Fill Storage Right Not Curtailed, Cities Partially or Fully Curtailed.** During the time when the call by a water right with a priority senior to August 1, 1935, partially or fully curtails the Cities' rights, but does not curtail the 1935 First Fill Storage Right, the United States will exercise an August 1, 1935 priority call under the 1935 First Fill Storage Right to store all flows legally available to that right. *(fint: This operation will continue until such time as the volumes specified in Paragraph I.I.A.3.b.i-b.v total 154,645 acre feet, at which time Paragraph II.C.2 will apply.)* In the event that the United States is unable to exercise the 1935 First Fill Storage Right due to physical operational limitations lawfully established by the Secretary or the State Engineer and instead passes water, then the Cities may Exchange and Deplete Upstream against the water that the United States otherwise would have stored in Green Mountain Reservoir (and the volume of water Exchanged and Depleted Upstream shall not be accounted toward the 1935 First Fill Storage Right, but shall be accounted, for purposes of the Cities' Power Interference Agreements, as a depletion against the 1935 Direct Flow Power Right). In this circumstance the Cities will: **I.I.C.1.c.i** bypass at the Cities' respective diversion structures that are subject to the call the lesser of (a) the inflow, or (b) the flow sufficient to satisfy the call; and/or **I.I.C.1.c.ii** Deplete Against the 1935 First Fill Storage Right, and the provisions of Paragraph II.D below shall apply. **I.I.C.1.d. Junior Call: Cities Partially or Fully Curtailed.** During the time when the call by a water right with a priority between August 1, 1935, and June 23, 1946, partially or fully curtails the Cities' rights, the United States will exercise an August 1, 1935 priority call under the 1935 First Fill Storage Right to store all flows legally available to that right. *(fint: This operation will continue until such time as the volumes specified in Paragraph I.I.A.3.b.i-b.v total 154,645 acre feet, at which time Paragraph II.C.2 will apply.)* In this circumstance, the Cities will: **I.I.C.1.d.i** bypass at the Cities' respective diversion structures that are subject to the call the lesser of (a) the inflow or (b) the flow sufficient to satisfy the call; and/or **I.I.C.1.d.ii** Deplete Against the 1935 First Fill Storage Right, and the provisions of Paragraph II.D below shall apply. **I.I.C.1.e. Consensus Operations When There is a High Probability of Fill.** In the circumstances described in Paragraphs I.I.C.1.b, I.I.C.1.c, and I.I.C.1.d above, if the Secretary determines in the exercise of the Secretary's reasonable discretion, that there is a high probability of filling Green Mountain Reservoir, then upon consultation with and the concurrence of the Blue River Decree Parties, Ute and the Division Engineer for Water Division No. 5, the United States may choose not to exercise the 1935 First Fill Storage Right to store all flows legally available to that right, and may instead exercise the 1935 Direct Flow Power Right. If the United States chooses to exercise the Green Mountain Reservoir Water Rights in this manner, such diversions shall be considered as Discretionary Power Diversions for purposes of determining the Cities' Replacement Obligation addressed in Section IV of this Protocol. In such circumstances, the Cities may Exchange and Deplete Upstream against the exercise of the 1935 Direct Flow Power Right. **I.I.C.2. Call After 154,645 Acre Feet Has Been Accounted For in Accordance With Paragraph I.I.A.3.b.** If the call is in effect after the volumes specified in Paragraph I.I.A.3.b.i-b.v above total 154,645 acre-feet or more, but before the End of Fill Season, then the following applies: *(fint: The provisions of Paragraphs II.C.2.a-d only apply when the 1935 First Fill Storage Right is operating pursuant to its August 1, 1935 priority. When the 1935 First Fill Storage Right is operating under an October 12, 1955 administrative priority pursuant to Paragraph II.D.2, the provisions of Paragraph II.C.2.e apply.)* **I.I.C.2.a. Senior Call: Full Curtailment of the 1935 First Fill Storage Right.** During the time when the call by a water right with a priority senior to August 1, 1935, fully curtails the 1935 First Fill Storage Right, the United States cannot exercise the Green Mountain Reservoir Storage Rights, but may exercise the 1935 Direct Flow Power Right to divert water that is passed through the Green Mountain Reservoir Powerplant. In this circumstance, the Cities will: **I.I.C.2.a.i** bypass the inflow at the Cities' respective diversion structures that are subject to the call (and the United States will pass the bypassed water and the Intervening Inflow through Green Mountain Reservoir, while in its discretion exercising the 1935 Direct Flow Power Right to divert water that is so passed to satisfy the calling right through the Green Mountain Reservoir Powerplant); and/or **I.I.C.2.a.ii** Exchange and Deplete Upstream (and the volume of water Exchanged and Depleted Upstream shall not be accounted toward the 1935 First Fill Storage Right, but shall be accounted, for purposes of the Cities' Power Interference Agreements, as a depletion against the 1935 Direct Flow Power Right). **I.I.C.2.b. Senior Call: 1935 First Fill Storage Right Partially Curtailed.** During the time when the call by a water right with a priority senior to August 1, 1935, partially curtails the 1935 First Fill Storage Right, the United States will pass through Green Mountain Reservoir such volume of water as is needed to satisfy the call, while in its discretion exercising the 1935 Direct Flow Power Right to divert the water that is so passed to satisfy the calling right through the Green Mountain Reservoir Powerplant. The United States may, in its discretion, exercise (a) the 1935 First Fill Storage Right to store water that is not passed to satisfy the call, and/or (b) the 1935 Direct Flow Power Right to divert water that is not required to satisfy the call through the Green Mountain Reservoir Powerplant. In this circumstance, the Cities will: **I.I.C.2.b.i** bypass the inflow at the Cities' respective diversion structures that are subject to the call; and/or **I.I.C.2.b.ii** Exchange and Deplete Upstream (and the volume of water Exchanged and Depleted Upstream shall not be accounted toward the 1935 First Fill Storage Right, but shall be accounted, for purposes of the Cities' Power Interference Agreements, as a depletion against the 1935 Direct Flow Power Right). **I.I.C.2.c. Senior Call: 1935 First Fill Storage Right Not Curtailed, Cities Partially or Fully Curtailed.** During the time when the call by a water right with a priority senior to August 1, 1935, partially or fully curtails the Cities' rights, but does not curtail the 1935 First Fill Storage Right, the United States will, to the extent that it can generate power through the exercise of the 1935 Direct Flow Power Right, pass through the Powerplant such volume of water as the Cities have bypassed to satisfy the call. With respect to any additional water at Green Mountain Reservoir that has not been bypassed and that is not required to be used to generate power in accordance with the preceding sentence, the United States may, in its discretion, exercise (a) the 1935 First Fill Storage Right to store such water, and/or (b) the 1935 Direct Flow Power Right to divert such water through the Green Mountain Reservoir Powerplant. In this circumstance, the Cities will: **I.I.C.2.c.i** bypass at the Cities' respective diversion structures that are subject to the call the lesser of (a) the inflow or (b) the flow sufficient to satisfy the call; and/or **I.I.C.2.c.ii** Exchange and Deplete Upstream (and the volume of water Exchanged and Depleted Upstream shall be accounted for in accordance with the provisions of Paragraph I.I.B.1.e above). **I.I.C.2.d. Junior Call: Cities Partially or Fully Curtailed.** During the time when the call by a water right with a priority between August 1, 1935, and June 23, 1946, partially or fully curtails the Cities' rights, the Cities will: **I.I.C.2.d.i** bypass at the Cities' respective diversion structures that are subject to the call the lesser of (a) the inflow or (b) the flow sufficient to satisfy the call, and the United States may, in its discretion, exercise (a) the 1935 First Fill Storage Right to store flows legally available at Green Mountain Reservoir, and/or (b) the 1935 Direct Flow Power Right to divert flows through the Green Mountain Reservoir Powerplant; and/or **I.I.C.2.d.ii** Exchange and Deplete Upstream (and the volume of water Exchanged and Depleted Upstream shall be accounted for in accordance with the provisions of Paragraph I.I.B.1.e above), and the United States may, in its discretion, exercise (a) the 1935 First Fill Storage Right to store Intervening Inflow at Green Mountain Reservoir, and/or (b) the 1935 Direct Flow Power Right to divert the Intervening Inflow through the Green Mountain Reservoir Powerplant. **I.I.C.2.e. Junior Call: 1935 First Fill Storage Right Operating Under an October 12, 1955 Administrative Priority is Fully or Partially Curtailed.** When the 1935 First Fill Storage Right is operating under an October 12, 1955 administrative priority pursuant to Paragraph II.D.2, the provisions of Paragraphs II.C.2.a-d will not apply. During the time when the call by a water right with a priority senior to October 12, 1955, fully or partially curtails the 1935 First Fill Storage Right operating under an October 12, 1955 administrative priority, the United States will pass through Green Mountain Reservoir such volume of water as is needed to satisfy the call, while in its discretion exercising the 1935 Direct Flow Power Right to divert the water that is so passed to satisfy the calling right through the Green Mountain Reservoir Powerplant. The United States may, in its discretion, exercise (a) the 1935 First Fill Storage Right to store water that is not passed to satisfy the call, and/or (b) the 1935 Direct Flow Power Right to divert water that is not required to satisfy the call through the Green Mountain Reservoir Powerplant. In this circumstance, to the extent that the Cities are subject to the call, the Cities will: **I.I.C.2.e.i** bypass the inflow at the Cities' respective diversion structures to the extent they are subject to the call; and/or **I.I.C.2.e.ii** Exchange and Deplete Upstream (and the volume of water Exchanged and Depleted Upstream shall not be accounted toward the 1935 First Fill Storage Right, but shall be accounted, for purposes of the Cities' Power Interference Agreements, as a depletion against the 1935 Direct Flow Power Right). **I.I.C.3. Swing Call on Cities.** In satisfaction of paragraph 7(a) of the 1955 Stipulation, at times when either Denver Water's 1946 Blue River Water Rights or CS-U's 1948 Blue River Water Rights would be partially curtailed (e.g. a so-called "swing call") in response to a downstream call from a water right other than the Green Mountain Reservoir Water Rights, Denver Water's 1946 Blue River Water Rights will be deemed satisfied for the purposes of daily administration under an administrative priority co-equal with the May 13, 1948 priority of CS-U's 1948 Blue River Water Rights. This operation does not constitute, or result in, a subordination of Denver Water's 1946 Blue River Water Rights, but administratively implements paragraph 7(a) of the 1955 Stipulation during a swing call on the Cities. Under such administration, both CS-U and Denver Water will be partially curtailed, but both may continue to divert, provided that they satisfy the call by effectuating the following bypass obligations: **I.I.C.3.a.** For purposes of this calculation, "Called Water" refers to the total flow of water required to be bypassed by the Cities for delivery to the calling right and "Potential Diversions" refers to the flow that could, absent the swing call, be depleted at Denver Water's and CS-U's respective Blue River facilities under their respective 1946 and 1948 Blue River Water Rights (but not including evaporation from Dillon Reservoir or from CS-U's Continental-Hoosier System, or flows that could not be diverted as a result of operational or system constraints). **I.I.C.3.b.** The Denver Water bypass obligation equals: (Called Water) x (Denver Water Potential Diversions/ (Denver Water Potential Diversions plus CS-U Potential Diversions)). **I.I.C.3.c.** The CS-U bypass obligation equals: (Called Water) x (CS-U Potential Diversions/ (Denver Water Potential Diversions plus CS-U Potential Diversions)). **I.I.C.3.d.** The Cities will respond to downstream calls and satisfy their respective bypass obligations as provided in Paragraphs I.I.C.1 and I.I.C.2 above. In appropriate circumstances as provided in Paragraphs I.I.C.2 above, the Cities may satisfy such bypass obligations by Exchanging and Depleting Upstream. **I.I.C.3.e.** By way of example, if the call is by the 1940 Shoshone power water right and the amount required to be delivered (Called Water) is 100 c.f.s. and the CS-U Potential Diversions and Denver Water Potential Diversions are 50 c.f.s. and 300 c.f.s. respectively, then Denver Water's bypass obligation is 100 x (300/350), or 85.7 c.f.s., and CS-U's bypass obligation is 100 x (50/350), or 14.3 c.f.s., and Denver Water may divert 214.3 c.f.s. and CS-U may divert 35.7 c.f.s., and the Cities may satisfy their respective bypass obligations (totaling 100 c.f.s.) in whole or in part, by Exchanging and Depleting Upstream in accordance with the terms of Paragraphs I.I.C.1 or I.I.C.2 above, as applicable. **I.I.D. Administration If Water is Depleted Against the 1935 First Fill Storage Right.** In any water year in which water is Depleted Against the 1935 First Fill Storage Right: **I.I.D.1.** The 1935 First Fill Storage Right will be administered pursuant to an August 1, 1935 priority in accordance with the foregoing provisions of this Protocol until the following volumes total 154,645 acre-feet: **I.I.D.1.a.** the water in storage in Green Mountain Reservoir (excluding water held in temporary storage pursuant to excess capacity or "if and when" contracts) on the Start of Fill Date; plus **I.I.D.1.b.** the water stored in Green Mountain Reservoir under the 1935 First Fill Storage Right after the Start of Fill Date; plus **I.I.D.1.c.** the water depleted by exchange upstream of Green Mountain Reservoir, and accounted toward the satisfaction of the 1935 First Fill Storage Right, by Senate Document 80 "beneficiary" water rights with priority dates junior to June 23, 1946, after the Start of Fill Date; plus **I.I.D.1.d.** Bypassed Storage Water; plus **I.I.D.1.e.** the water Depleted Against the

1935 First Fill Storage Right. **II.D.2.** From the date when the volumes of water specified in Paragraph II.D.1.a-e above total 154,645 acre-feet until the End of Fill Season, the 1935 First Fill Storage Right will be administered with an October 12, 1955 administrative priority and shall be deemed to be satisfied by flows available as a result of curtailment of water rights with priority dates junior to October 12, 1955. This operation does not constitute, or result in, a subordination of the water right priority of the 1935 First Fill Storage Right, but allows "as much water as possible to be available for upstream rights without impairment of the United States' right to fill Green Mountain Reservoir and to use that reservoir as provided in" the 1955 Decree and Senate Document 80, as directed by paragraph 4 of the 1964 Decree, and without impairment of legal calls of downstream water rights. **II.E. Operation of Senate Document 80 "Beneficiary" Water Rights During the Fill Season in Response to Calls Downstream of Green Mountain Reservoir Prior To, and After, 154,645 Acre-Feet Has Been Accounting For in accordance with Paragraph II.A.3.b.** **II.E.1.** If a call is placed by a water right downstream from Green Mountain Reservoir during the Fill Season but before the volumes specified in Paragraph II.A.3.b.i-b.v above total 154,645 acre-feet, then all Senate Document 80 "beneficiary" water rights with priority dates junior to August 1, 1935, that are located upstream from Green Mountain Reservoir, and that are otherwise subject to a call by the 1935 First Fill Storage Right or by the downstream calling water right, may continue to divert by exchange, and the depletions from such diversions (other than Contract Depletions) shall either (a) be accounted toward the 1935 First Fill Storage Right, or (b) be replaced to the downstream calling water right by release of water previously stored in Green Mountain Reservoir. **II.E.2.** If a call is placed by a water right downstream from Green Mountain Reservoir during the Fill Season but after the volumes specified in Paragraph II.A.3.b.i-b.v total 154,645 acre-feet, (a) all Senate Document 80 "beneficiary" water rights with priority dates senior to June 23, 1946, and senior to such call may continue to divert as against the 1935 Direct Flow Power Right, and the depletions from such diversions shall not be accounted toward the 1935 First Fill Storage Right, and (b) all Senate Document 80 "beneficiary" water rights with priority dates junior to the downstream calling right that are located upstream from Green Mountain Reservoir, and that are not City Contract Beneficiaries, may continue to divert by exchange, and the depletions from such diversions shall either (1) be accounted toward the 1935 First Fill Storage Right, or (2) be replaced to the downstream calling right by a release of water previously stored in Green Mountain Reservoir. **III. BLUE RIVER DECREE PRIORITY ADMINISTRATION IN WATER DISTRICT 36 AND WATER DIVISION NO. 5 (CLIMAX C.A. 1710 WATER RIGHTS) III.A.** The Final Judgment entered by the United States District Court on October 12, 1955, in Consolidated Cases No. 5016 and 5017 (removed Summit Court District Court Civil Action Nos. 1805 and 1806 ("C.A. 1805 and 1806"), which were supplemental general adjudication proceedings in former Water District No. 36) assigned priority numbers to the Elliott Creek Feeder Canal, Green Mountain Reservoir, and Green Mountain Reservoir Hydroelectric Plant water rights as if those water rights had been adjudicated in the removed Summit Court District Court cases and junior to priorities adjudicated in prior proceedings in Water District No. 36. At the same time, the Court also decreed all of the Colorado-Big Thompson Project ("C-BT") facilities, including the Elliott Creek Feeder Canal, Green Mountain Reservoir, and Green Mountain Reservoir Hydroelectric Plant water rights, as having an August 1, 1935 date of priority, and recognized these rights as senior in priority to Denver Water's facilities, including Williams Fork Reservoir in Water District No. 51, which has a date of appropriation of November 10, 1935. The Final Judgment of October 12, 1955, both confirms an August 1, 1935 priority without postponement for the C-BT facilities and postpones the priority for certain facilities within Water District No. 36. **III.B.** In Case No. 88CW382, filed concurrently in the Division 5 Water Court and the United States District Court, the United States court confirmed of appropriative water rights of exchange, using water provided from Green Mountain Reservoir's 52,000 acre-foot and 100,000 acre-foot pools to meet the needs of Senate Document 80 "beneficiaries," and requested that those exchanges be administered with an August 1, 1935 priority date, and without postponement. The decree entered on that application by the United States District Court specified both that the 1955 Decree "evidences the priority dates of the direct flow, storage and exchange water rights for the operation of the Colorado-Big Thompson Project as August 1, 1935, and those rights shall be administered with said priority date as though adjudicated in the first available adjudication following that date," and that the decree in Case No. 88CW382 "shall not modify or change the stipulations, judgments, orders and decrees" in the Consolidated Cases. . . . "Accordingly, to the extent that the Final Judgment of October 12, 1955, effected a postponement of the Green Mountain Reservoir Water Rights within Water District No. 36, such postponement was not affected by the decree in Case No. 88CW382. **III.C.** Climax holds water rights decreed on October 26, 1937, by the Summit County District Court in Civil Action No. 1710 ("C.A. 1710"), an adjudication proceeding in Water District No. 36 prior to the removed C.A. 1805/1806 Summit County District Court cases. In order to effectuate the foregoing provisions of the 1955 Final Judgment in the removed Summit County District Court adjudication, the Blue River Decree, and the decree in Case No. 88CW382, the following shall apply: within former Water District No. 36, the C.A. 1710 Water Rights, including the Climax C.A. 1710 Water Rights, will be administered as senior to the Green Mountain Reservoir Water Rights when a water right call originating within Water District 36 is being administered. Such administration of the C.A. 1710 Water Rights as senior to the Green Mountain Reservoir Water Rights shall not affect the administration of C-BT facilities as having a priority date of August 1, 1935, outside of Water District No. 36. The Blue River Decree recognizes and decrees that the priority date for the C-BT facilities is senior to the priority dates for Denver Water's 1946 Blue River Water Rights and Williams Fork Reservoir, as well as CS-U's 1948 Blue River Water Rights. The Blue River Decree, as well as the Decree in Case No. 88CW382, require that the C-BT facilities decreed with an appropriation date of August 1, 1935, be administered with an August 1, 1935 date of priority without postponement. Administration of C-BT facilities, including

Green Mountain Reservoir, with an August 1, 1935 date of priority without postponement, subject to the foregoing administration within Water District No. 36, is consistent with paragraph (g) of the Final Decree in the Consolidated Cases which provides, in part, that "the 100,000 acre-feet of storage in said reservoir shall be considered to have the same date of priority of appropriation as that for water diverted or stored for transmountain diversion." **III.D.** In consideration of the agreement by the Blue River Decree Parties of the foregoing Paragraphs III.A - III.C, Climax, in settlement of disputed issues of priority, agrees to the following regarding the Climax C.A. 1710 Water Rights: **III.D.1.** The water diverted pursuant to the Climax C.A. 1710 Water Rights during the Fill Season will be held in storage for non-consumptive purposes until there is a determination by the Secretary that the volumes of water set forth in Paragraph II.A.3.b.i through II.A.3.b.v plus Discretionary Power Diversions as defined in Paragraph IV.A.1.f of this Protocol will total 154,645 acre feet. The Secretary will provide timely notice to Climax of such determination. If the Secretary determines that the volumes of water set forth in Paragraph II.A.3.b.i through II.A.3.b.v plus Discretionary Power Diversions will total 154,645 acre feet, then Climax may consume water it has diverted under the Climax C.A. 1710 Water Rights during the Fill Season. If the Secretary determines that the volumes of water set forth in Paragraph II.A.3.b.i through II.A.3.b.v plus Discretionary Power Diversions will total less than 154,645 acre feet, then Climax shall provide substitution water to Green Mountain Reservoir as follows: **III.D.1.a.** Climax shall provide substitution water in an amount equivalent to the amount of water that would be depleted under the Climax C.A. 1710 Water Rights that Fill Season. The first source of substitution water will be provided from a six-hundred acre foot account in either Williams Fork Reservoir, pursuant to contract between Denver Water and Climax, or the Henderson Mine's East Branch Reservoir. The account will be filled with fully consumptive water owned or controlled by Climax from Henderson's "Skylark Rights," which were changed in Case No. 96CW3681 (Water Division No. 5), and which will be further changed to enable use for Green Mountain Reservoir substitution purposes, and for storage in Williams Fork Reservoir, including all municipal uses by Denver Water. The Parties to the Blue River Decree and Ute consent to such changes by Climax, provided that such parties may file statements of opposition in any proceeding to adjudicate such changes to ensure consistency with the terms and conditions of the decree in Case No. 96CW3681, and compliance with Colo. Rev. Stat. §§ 37-80-120(3) and 37-92-305(5). If any portion of the Climax C.A. 1710 Water Rights is transferred to an unaffiliated third party by Climax, Climax and/or the transferee (or its successors in interest) shall continue to provide substitution water using the Skylark Rights as provided herein, or shall provide substitution water from another source, provided that the substitution water is fully consumable and the water rights that will provide such substitution water are decreed for Green Mountain Reservoir substitution purposes. Any transferee shall secure any new source of substitution water in the order of preference set forth in Paragraph III.D.1.b below. **III.D.1.b.** If Climax does not have sufficient water stored in the above-referenced storage account to offset the amount of the Climax C.A. 1710 Water Rights that otherwise would be depleted that year, then Climax will reduce its consumption of water diverted under the Climax C.A. 1710 Water Rights by the amount of the shortfall until such time as (a) the Secretary determines that volumes of water set forth in Paragraph II.A.3.b.i through II.A.3.b.v plus Discretionary Power Diversions will total 154,645 acre feet, or (b) an acceptable and lawfully available replacement source is secured and notice of such source is provided to the United States and the Colorado River Water Conservation District ("River District"). The following sources of water shall be deemed acceptable replacement sources, in order of preference, and subject to the timely and good faith action of Climax, the River District, and the United States: **III.D.1.b.i.** A replacement source acceptable to Climax, the United States, and the River District located upstream from Shoshone; **III.D.1.b.ii.** A short-term contract for release of the shortfall from the River District's Ruedi Reservoir marketing supply; **III.D.1.b.iii.** A short-term contract for release of the shortfall from other sources located downstream from Shoshone. **III.D.1.c.** If Climax does not obtain the substitution water from the above sources, it shall release the amount of the shortfall to Tenmile Creek from storage at the Climax Mine. Such releases shall be bypassed downstream (e.g., past Denver Water's Blue River System) to Green Mountain Reservoir or, subject to the Secretary's approval, substituted by Denver Water. **III.D.2.** Climax's right of diversion and substitution of water pursuant to this Paragraph III.D shall be administered as senior in priority to the Cities' rights of diversion and substitution under the Blue River Decree, the Stipulations, and this Protocol. **III.D.3.** The foregoing provisions of Paragraph III.D shall burden and benefit successors and assigns of the Climax C.A. 1710 Water Rights in perpetuity, and shall be a title covenant on the Climax C.A. 1710 Water Rights. (58 pgs.)

**YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT YOU HAVE until the last day of JANUARY 2014 to file with the Water Clerk a verified Statement of Opposition setting forth facts as to why this application should not be granted or why it should be granted in part or on certain conditions. A copy of such statement of opposition must also be served upon the applicant or the applicant's attorney and an affidavit or certificate of such service shall be filed with the Water Clerk, as prescribed by Rule 5, CRCP. (Filing Fee: \$158.00) KATHY HALL, Water Clerk, Water Division 5; 109 8th Street, Suite 104 Glenwood Springs, CO 81601.**

Publish: December 19, 2013, in Rio Blanco Herald Times

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**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: newedenpc@gmail.com or (970) 878-5117. All services are confidential.

**PISTOL RIVER LEATHER**

I wish for everyone a Merry Christmas and hope we all remember the TRUE reason for this season!  
*When you're tryin' somethin' new, the fewer people who know about it, the better.*

785 Park Avenue • 878-4346  
[www.pistolriverleather.com](http://www.pistolriverleather.com)

**CLEANING**

**NEW LIFE CARPET CARE**

Carpet cleaning, air duct cleaning and cleaning services provided by certified carpet technicians. A great job at a great price. (970)824-1017.

**COMPUTER SERVICES**

NEED HELP setting up your new holiday electronics? For help with computers, laptops, wifi, TV's and more call (970)-878-3777 or (720)-280-4913.

**FOR SALE**

**WESTERN SNOW PLOW**, 7 1/2 foot, hydraulic, with control & motor. \$500.00 Call 878-3424 or (970) 274-1662.

**GUNS**

**KELLEY'S GUNSMITHING**  
Would like to buy quality guns and optics  
878-4582

**HUNTING**

**PETSKA FUR**  
Paying top prices for Fur, Antler, Deer & Elk Hides.  
In Rangely and Dinosaur  
December - March.  
(308) 870-4887. [www.petskafor.net](http://www.petskafor.net)

**MISCELLANEOUS**

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

**HELP WANTED: GENERAL**

**Emergency Clinician - Meeker/Rangely, Colorado**  
Provides mental health on-call services to individuals in crisis or to community agencies with individuals in crisis. This includes performing mental health evaluations. Must be available by phone or beeper while on call and be able to respond in a timely fashion. Bachelor's degree in human services or related field required; Previous experience in crisis intervention preferred. Email resumes to: [jobs@mindspringshealth.org](mailto:jobs@mindspringshealth.org) or fax to (970)255-3963. Visit our website at [www.mindspringshealth.org/careers](http://www.mindspringshealth.org/careers) for a complete list of open positions. Mind Springs Health, is an Equal Opportunity Employer with an Affirmative Action Plan and has a tobacco-free work environment policy.

**HELP WANTED: GENERAL**



**Production Operator**  
Natural Soda, Inc.

We are looking for an individual who will be responsible for the production of the company's products within prescribed specifications and efficient machine operation. Natural Soda is a solution mining operation for Baking Soda located in the heart of the Rio Blanco County. To apply, please see Careers [www.naturalsoda.com](http://www.naturalsoda.com)

**SPORTS OFFICIALS** The ERBM Recreation & Park District is seeking Sports Officials with immediate openings for Youth Basketball. The season runs from January through March. There are ongoing openings for Youth Baseball, Youth Softball, Adult Softball, Youth Flag Football, and Youth Soccer. Part time without benefits; hiring range is \$11.81-\$14.43/hr. Requirements include, but are not limited to: knowledge of sport and rules, ability to multitask and communicate effectively with adults and children. Applicants must be 15 years of age or older. All interested individuals are encouraged to apply. A completed ERBM Recreation & Park District job application is required for consideration and should be returned to ERBM Recreation & Park District, Attn: Human Resources, 101 Ute Rd, Meeker, CO 81641. Applications are available at the Meeker Recreation Center and on the website, [www.MeekerRecDistrict.com](http://www.MeekerRecDistrict.com). Complete job description is available upon request and online. Applications will be accepted until positions are filled. The ERBM Recreation & Park District is an equal opportunity employer.

**Program Instructors:** The ERBM Recreation & Park District is seeking Program Instructors; part time (24-35 hours) without benefits; hiring range \$9.81-\$14.67/hr. Duties include, but are not limited to: responsibilities and tasks as the Cultural Arts Coordinator and Recreation Manager assign; coordination, implementation, and supervision of District dance and tumbling programs; assist with instruction of District programs; serve as a substitute instructor; multi-task and prioritize multiple projects; organize and prepare lesson plans/agendas for each class being taught. Requirements include, but are not limited to: applicant must be 15 years of age or older, be available to work early morning, evening, split and/or weekend shifts. A completed ERBM Re-

**HELP WANTED: GENERAL**

creation & Park District job application is required for consideration and should be returned to ERBM Recreation & Park District, Attn: Human Resources, 101 Ute Rd, Meeker, CO 81641. 970-878-3403. Applications are available at the Meeker Recreation Center and on the website, [www.MeekerRecDistrict.com](http://www.MeekerRecDistrict.com). Complete job description is available upon request and online. Applications will be accepted through Friday, December 27, 2013. ERBM Recreation & Park District is an equal opportunity employer.

**HELP WANTED: GENERAL**

**HELP WANTED: R&T Oilfield Services** is looking for a few people to help transfer water in PA for W.P.X Frac's. Will work 21 days on & 7-14 days off. Also need people to work in Stanley, ND. 14-21 days on & 14-21 days off. Must have valid drivers license and pass a U.A. Be able to repair or replace pumps and make outside deliveries to drilling rigs. Call (970) 878-4077.

[theheraldtimes.com](http://theheraldtimes.com)

**HELP WANTED: GENERAL**

THE *RIO Blanco Herald Times* is looking for a part-time freelance reporter with newspaper experience to cover Rangely's school board and town board meetings as well as occasional county commissioners' meetings. If interested, call the editor, Sean McMahon at 878-4017 or 675-5033, or contact him at [sean@theheraldtimes.com](mailto:sean@theheraldtimes.com)

**CARS DOMESTIC**

2004 PONTIAC Vibe. 200,000 miles, runs great, 40 mpg, new tires. \$3,000. Call (970) 629-2485.

**RIOBLANCOHERALDTIMES**  
**BUSINESS DIRECTORY**  
**MEEKER**

**STATE FARM INSURANCE**  
STATE FARM INSURANCE COMPANIES  
HOME OFFICES: BLOOMINGTON, ILLINOIS  
**KEVIN AMACK**  
**INSURANCE AGENCY, INC.**  
KEVIN AMACK Agent  
628 Main P.O. Box 347 Meeker, CO 81641 (970) 878-4036  
402 W. Main St., Suite 139 Rangely, CO 81648 (970) 675-5455 (800) 440-3418

**Bring in this AD & RECEIVE**  
a 5 Quart LUBE AND OIL CHANGE SPECIAL for  
**\$29.95**  
Complete Automotive Repairs • Fabricating Computer Diagnostics • CNC Machining • Welding  
**FAMILY AUTOMOTIVE**  
262 6th & Market Streets  
Meeker, CO 81641  
970.878.5606  
Phil Mass Mike Mohr

**MEEKER COLLISION CENTER**  
BODY & FRAME  
43904 highway 13 (located behind Sam Johnson Hardware)  
970-878-0000  
Auto Glass Auto Body  
Chip Repair Spray-In Bedliners

**Farm Bureau Insurance**  
**James A. Amick**  
Agent  
[James.Amick@cfbmic.com](mailto:James.Amick@cfbmic.com)  
**FARM BUREAU INSURANCE**  
Auto • Home • Life  
733 Main St. • PO Box 659 • Meeker  
Office: 970-878-3664 Fax: 970-878-3415 Cell: 970-942-8524

**Schindler Plumbing**  
Residential | Commercial | Remodel | Service Calls  
Boiler Systems/Hot Water Heat  
Specializing in Custom Homes  
**Randy Schindler** Cell (970) 274-8050  
**Master Builder** Office (970) 878-5153

**Casey Tech Services, LLC**  
• Computer Diagnostics & Repair For ALL your local computer support needs!  
• Virus & Spyware Clean-up & Removal  
• Audio/Visual Cabling & Consulting  
• Residential & Business Networking Solutions  
MARTY CASEY  
970.878.4650  
[support@caseytechservices.com](mailto:support@caseytechservices.com)

**PIONEERS MEDICAL CENTER**  
a community oriented medical center with high patient standards, is hiring for the following positions:  
**PRN:**  
■ Certified Nursing Assistant - Walbridge Wing  
■ Patient Care Tech  
■ RN - Acute/E.D.  
■ RN - Walbridge Wing  
■ LPN - Walbridge Wing  
**FULL-TIME (eligible for benefits):**  
■ Physical Therapist  
■ Home Health RN/Assistant Director  
■ RN - Acute / E.D.  
Submit Resume and/or Application to:  
Pioneers Medical Center, HR,  
345 Cleveland St., Meeker, Colo., 81641  
Visit our Web site at:  
[www.pioneershospital.org](http://www.pioneershospital.org)  
**Pioneers Medical Center**  
Pioneers Hospital  
345 Cleveland, Meeker, CO 81641  
Eastern Rio Blanco County Health Service District

**SYNC2**

Colorado Statewide Classified Advertising Network

To place a 25-word COSCAN Network ad in 74 Colorado newspapers for only \$250, contact your local newspaper or call SYNC2 Media at 303-571-5117.

**HELP WANTED**

Indian Creek Express is HIRING!!!  
\*Local Driver  
\*OTR Drivers, Singles/Teams  
\*Fleet Mechanic (Entry-level/Advanced)  
\*Dispatchers  
Benefits, Weekly pay, Drivers: home weekly, Mechanics & Dispatchers: FULL TIME 40+/wk.  
877-273-3582

**HELP WANTED**

ATTN: 29 Serious People to Work from Anywhere using a computer. Up to \$1,500-\$5,000 P/T/F/T  
[www.ValleyIncomeOnline.com](http://www.ValleyIncomeOnline.com)

**HELP WANTED**

25 DRIVER TRAINEES NEEDED!  
Learn to drive for Swift Transportation at US Truck. Earn \$750 per week! CDL & Job Ready in 3 weeks! 1-800-809-2141

**SYNC2 MEDIA**

Buy a statewide classified line ad in newspapers across Colorado for just \$250 per week.  
Maximize results with our Frequency Deals!  
Contact this newspaper or call SYNC2 Media at 303-571-5117

**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**



**Meeker**  
• Relief Cook  
• Deputy Sheriff  
• Registered Nurse  
**Rangely**  
• Relief Bus Driver  
• Relief Cook  
For details and a Rio Blanco County application, please go to  
[www.rio-blanco.co.us/departments/personnel.html](http://www.rio-blanco.co.us/departments/personnel.html)  
**Rio Blanco County HR**  
at 200 Main St., Meeker, CO  
970-878-9570  
ADA/EOE

**LDNK High Country PORTABLES**  
Port-A-John • Septic • Rolloff Services  
Locally Owned & Operated  
Your "Business" is Our Business  
**Levi & Darcy Roach**  
970-878-6361

**HOLHEART Bodyworks**  
THERAPEUTIC & MEDICAL MASSAGE  
Deep Tissue • Aromatherapy • Reflexology • Healing Touch • Cranial Sacral  
• Myofascial Release • Oncology • Swedish  
**GINA M. SPENCER, RMT** 970.629.5411  
592 Main Street, Suite 20 Now Taking Appointments  
The Hugus Building Meeker, Colorado 81641 "Massage With Heart"

Call 675-5033 or 878-4017 to place your ad in the Business Directory TODAY!

**RANGELY**

**Stewart Welding**  
98 County Road 46  
• Trailer Axles & Accessories •  
24 - Hour Service  
on Welding and Machine Work  
Certified Oilfield Welders  
Ed Stewart: 675-2063  
SHOP PHONE: 675-8720

**ELECTRICAL WORK OF ALL KINDS**  
RESIDENTIAL • COMMERCIAL • INDUSTRIAL  
**DUCEY'S ELECTRIC**  
739 East Main Street, Rangely • 563 Market Street, Meeker  
675-8368 • Alan Ducey • 878-4144  
24-HOUR SERVICE

**MOTORCADE: MISCELLANEOUS**

TRAILERS, HITCHES, flatbeds, toolboxes, trailer service and truck accessories. We are a "one stop shop" truck and trailer outfitter. B&W gooseneck hitches \$597 installed. Pine Country Trailer Sales, Grand Junction. 1-800-287-6532.

**SNOWMOBILES**

FOR SALE: 2001 Arctic Cat Mountain Cat, 600cc fuel injected. Call (970) 878-4215.

**UTILITY TRAILERS**

FOR SALE: 2 place ATV trailer, drive on-drive off. Good tires, good lights. \$700.00, call (970) 878-3640.

**HOMES: MEEKER**

FSBO: 1452 Mountain View Rd., Sage Hills. 3,600 sq. ft. 4BDR, 3BA, great room, lower level entertainment room, shop/bonus room. 3 car garage. \$370,000. (970) 243-7083.

**HOMES: MEEKER**

1350 SAGE Ridge Road 4BDR 3BA home on double lot in Sage Hills. Large deck with beautiful, unobstructed views. Many extras. \$240,000. See photos at Western-slopesbo.com. Call (970)878-3228.

**LAND/LOTS**

FSBO HORSE property, 22 acres, new 5 wire barbless fence, 200 amp service, cistern, heated utility bldg, horse barn, corrals, shed, RV service, house ready. \$89,500. Possible lease purchase. 4751 County Road 7. (580) 571-5967

**RENTALS: MEEKER**

VERY NICE 1BDR, 2BA house on 2 lots. With workshop, shed and extra parking. Rent Negotiable. Call (970) 987-4560.

SMALL HOUSE, 1 BR, 1 Bath. Detached 2 car garage. On 5 acres. 6 Miles up Strawberry Road. Available now. 970-878-4138

3 BDR, 1.5 BA, nicely furnished townhouse. Washer & dryer included, NS, water, trash & sewer included. \$775/mo. plus security deposit. 878-5858.

**RENTALS: MEEKER**

2BDR, 1BA remodeled manufactured home. All new appliances and flooring. \$600/month, water, sewer and trash included. Deposit and references required. Call (970) 220-2150.

3BDR 1BA home, fenced yard, decent storage room, large kitchen, new furnace. \$600 per month, references and security deposit required. Call (970) 220-2150.

FOR RENT: Newly renovated- 4BDR, 1BA house. All appliances included. Water and sewer paid. NS, NP. \$850.00 a month. Call (970) 878-3257.

**AVAILABLE IMMEDIATELY**

1 BDR furnished apartment utilities included, quiet setting, no smoking, no pets. 878-4141 or 878-4198 leave message.

2 BDR townhouse, all appliances including washer and dryer, covered patio. Landlord pays water and sewer. \$550/month plus \$650 damage deposit. (916) 873-3659 or (970) 878-5486.

**RENTALS: MEEKER**

3BDR, 2BA, fenced yard, private location. References and security deposit required. \$850/month. Call (970) 878-5828.

CLEAN-REMODELED 2BD apartments, utilities included, in-house laundry, storage units available, close to shopping and the downtown area & more. \$575 per month. Western Exposures Realty LLC (970) 878-5877.

FURNISHED, 2BDR, 1 BA townhouse. \$600 a month plus deposit, includes cable and internet. Call (970)878-5367 or (970)878-3736.

LARGE HOUSE with river frontage for rent. Close to town. Available January 2014. \$1,900/month. References, deposit and minimum 1 year contract required. Call (970) 878-4138.

STORAGE DEPOT 10x25 unit. 878-4808.

Furnished bachelor's apartment. \$395/month plus deposit. Call 878-5367 or 878-3736

**RENTALS: MEEKER**

CLEAN, QUIET, 2 BDR, 1 BA townhouse, \$475 a month plus deposit. Call (970)878-5367 or (970)878-3736.

Clean 2BD/2BA Apartments. Furnished/Unfurnished-in unit WD, utilities included. Year lease \$650, \$1,500 damage deposit. Shorter term options available. Western Exposures Realty (970) 878-5877.

EXCEPTIONALLY CLEAN, SPACIOUS, 2 BDR apt. Hot water heat, water, sewer, trash paid. Lease/Deposit required. NS, NP. (970)878-4592.

**12TH STREET APARTMENTS**

2 BDR, 1 BA, heat, hot water, cable included. Call (970)261-1441 or (970)878-3739.

HALANDRAS BUILDING, 300 sq. ft. interior office, includes utilities. Off street parking, easy access. (970)629-9714.

**Rocky Mountain Storage & Rentals**

5x10, 10x10 storage units available in town. 878-0085 or 878-3700.

**RENTALS: MEEKER**

THE FORMER BLM Building west of Meeker is for rent. The building consists of approximately 10,000 square feet of office space. Interested parties may contact the Meeker Re-1 School District Superintendent at 878-9040 for more information.

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

**RENTALS: RANGELY**

RV SPACES in Rangely available. Rent \$350/month, utilities included. Now also leasing mobile home spaces! Contact Christy (970)589-9249.

**SILVER SAGE RV PARK**

(970)675-2259  
RV Spaces for rent.  
Manager: Heath GeBauer  
(970)675-2259  
(970)846-4293  
Fax: (970)675-5509

**REAL ESTATE CORNER**

**Meeker Realty LLC** (970) 878-5165  
www.meekerrealty.com  
Cindy Welle, Broker - Owner  
Wendy Garrett, Broker Assoc.  
Abby Welle, Broker Assoc.  
643 Main Street • P.O. Box 1384  
Meeker, CO 81641

**Featured Property of the Week**

NEW LISTING: 1036 Lance Circle - large custom built home, 6 bedrooms, 3 baths, large corner lot in quiet Cul de Sac. List Price: \$295,000.

- ◆ NEW! 642 12th Street Cute and Clean Bi-level, VERY motivated seller ..\$165,000
- ◆ 1394 Ridge Road, move in ready, 3 bdrm, 2ba .....PRICE REDUCED! \$265,000
- ◆ 1343 Sage Ridge Rd - New 3bdrm home, full basement .....\$219,000
- ◆ 1246 Cleveland Street - Tri-level home, clean, move in ready .....\$160,000
- ◆ 517 Park Avenue - COMMERCIAL PROPERTY, PRIME location .....\$170,000
- ◆ 1217 Main Street - Great starter home, 15000 SF corner lot .....\$149,500
- ◆ 242 Park Ave. - large site, 2+ bdrm home, large shop .....\$145,000
- ◆ Garfield St. Townhouses - 5 units .....SALE PENDING! \$29,900-\$49,900
- ◆ Vacant Lot - 1280 Garfield, includes water tap. Make Offer .....\$25,000

**WESTERN EXPOSURES REALTY, LLC**  
1033 W Market St.  
Meeker, Colo., 81641  
970-878-5577  
2638 County Rd. 6 - 4 BD, 3BA, home on 38.2 acres with garage, irrigation water, improved grasses and panoramic views, good location. \$275,000.

**RIVER RANCH ON THE YAMPA** This attractive ranch borders public lands and has over a mile of Yampa River Frontage, includes 126 +/- acres, a 5 BD, 4 BA, 4,348 sq. ft., 3 story home, outdoor riding arena, barn and hay meadows. Located west of Craig, CO \$1,900,000 Open to Offers!

- RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY**
- 789 8th Street - Unique and immaculate 5 BD home with income potential. Large property with separate apartment, garage and storage areas. \$475,000
  - 1407 Silver Sage Road - 4 BD, 3BA, custom-built home with 3 car garage and panoramic views, one of the highest quality homes in Meeker. \$439,000
  - 1411 Silver Sage Road - Beautiful ranch style home, 4 BD, 2.5 BA, large garage. \$380,000
  - 1365 Robert St., 4BD, 2BA, sensational and beautifully crafted home in Sage Hills. Offering a luxuriously designed kitchen and living room with a gorgeous outlook over the White River Valley. NEW CONSTRUCTION. \$340,000
  - 1145 Michael Cr. 3BD, 2BA home located in a quiet neighborhood with garage and rec room. \$204,000. SHORT SALE, MAKE OFFER
  - NEW 855 5th St. 5 BD, 2BA home with good location, new roof, windows, carpet, wood flooring, siding etc. .... large lot. \$200,000
  - 1045 Lance Cr. - 5 BD, 2 BA home with custom garage and large yard on a quiet cul-de-sac. \$198,500
  - 973 Main Street - Nicely remodeled 1BD/1.75 BA home, garage and cottage on 2+ lots. Deck, privacy fence, shade trees, garden space and more! \$188,000
  - 769.5 Pine Street - Private 3BD/2BA remodeled home with stainless steel appliances, wonderful shaded porch, chain link fence, garage and storage shed. \$179,000
  - 780 11th Street - Remodeled 3 BD, 2 BA bi-level home with fenced yard. \$167,900
  - 1170 Cleveland Street, large home with full basement, family room, rec room, carport, nice trees. \$158,900
  - NEW 1007 Wall St. 3BD, 2BA home with large back yard, deck and garage. \$158,000
  - 1160 Main Street - 3BD/1 BA home with new siding and roof. Walk out basement, wood burning stove and fenced backyard. Lots of space for the price! \$119,000

- RURAL RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES**
- 439 Agency Drive - Magnificent 4 BD, 3 BA log home on 6+ acres. New barn, high end appliances and amazing views, just minutes from Meeker. \$525,000
  - 945 RBC Rd. 14 - 5 BD, 3 BA, custom log home on 5 acres, located approximately 25 miles up the White River. Reduced to \$475,000
  - 3778 RBC Rd. 13 - 35 acres with water rights, hay field, pastures and beautifully remodeled 4BD, 2BA home. \$369,000
  - 281 RBC Rd. 57 - Beautiful log home with 3 BD, 2 BA on 1.4 acres. 10 miles east of Meeker on the Flat Tops Scenic By-way. \$349,000
  - NEW 264 Love Lane, 3BD, 2BA stucco home with metal shop and 5 stall horse barn on 4.39 acres. Great Location. \$275,000
  - 20285 RBC Rd. 8 Spacious home on 1.7 acres, located 20 miles up the White River. \$249,900
  - Papoose Creek Cabin - Fantastic get away cabin up the White River. \$65,000
- COMMERCIAL PROPERTY**
- 317 East Market St. - 4.25 acres including a Commercial Building, large workshop and 3 acre vacant lot with highway frontage. \$975,000. Open to Offers!

Call TODAY for a showing!

Onea J. Miller Broker  
oneamiller@gmail.com  
Suzan Pelloni Associate Broker  
westernexposures@gmail.com  
www.westernexposures.com

WE MAKE DREAMS COME TRUE  
**AMERICAN DREAM Mortgage**  
Serving the entire state of Colorado  
Conventional Loans  
FHA/VA/USDA Loans  
Jumbo Loans  
Manufactured Homes  
Fast Approvals & Closings  
We Will Work With All Types of Credit  
**970-242-2400**  
417 North Ave., Grand Junction, Colorado 81501  
myamdream77@yahoo.com  
www.myamericandreamus.com

**Backcountry Realty**  
1130 Market St. • PO Box 2107  
Meeker, CO 81641  
970-878-4715 • Fax 878-4780  
Cell 970-390-2182  
backcountry@nctelecom.net  
athiesse123@gmail.com  
Member of Craig Board of Realtors Aspen, Glenwood Springs, Rifle and Craig MLS. Visit www.Realtor.com

**HOMES IN MEEKER ...**

- \*NEW 146 Garfield- Unique commercial property or ? Loading dock, workshop, small apartment, storage. \$100,000
- \*NEW 560 5th St- Great Rental Property -Lg family home or can be a 2, 3, or 4 plex, big shop. \$175,000
- \*NEW 910 Water St. Space 6- Very nice doublewide in trailer park, 3 BR, 2 BA, new carpet, appliances. \$59,000
- \*1369 Juniper Rd.-Beautiful home on 2 large lots, 3 BR, 2 1/2 BA, attached garage, landscaped w/ sprinkler system, covered patio. \$275,000 REDUCED! Also a 3rd adjacent lot available with a storage shed @ \$35,000
- \*917 4th St- Beautiful 5 BR, 3 BA home on 2 quiet, private lots. Basement, garage, trees. Reduced to \$260,000.
- \*830 Water St.-3 BR, 2BA one level home, fenced corner lot. Garage. Move in ready. \$175,500
- \*585 Cleveland St.-3BR 3BA home like no other in the heart of Meeker, attention to detail in every area! Private fenced back yard, shop, big carport, trees. SCHEDULE A SHOWING. \$448,000
- \*970 9th St.- 4 BR 3-1/2BA two story log home, large lot, carport. \$169,000 REDUCED!
- \*939 Park Ave.-4BR, 4BA home. Updated kitchen, granite countertops, new S.S. appliances, new flooring, new jetted bathtub, new deck, attached garage and a huge heated shop. \$234,900 SALE PENDING!
- \*11 East Main St- 3 to 4 bedroom log home, 1.75 baths, living & family rooms, oak floors. REDUCED \$193,500
- \*562 Larry Lane-Corner lot, 1 level, 3 BR 2BA, fenced yard, garage, deck. \$149,000 MAKE AN OFFER!
- \*643 12th St- 4 BR, 2 BA bi-level home. Garage, carport, fenced back yard. \$129,000. PRICED REDUCED!
- \*NEW 864 Hill St- 4 BR, 2 BA home. New windows, stucco siding, detached garage \$170,000 SOLD!
- \*145 5th St-Log home, 4 BR, 1BA, large deck, heated garage with shop area \$145,000 SOLD!

**RANCHES - RURAL RESIDENTIAL - HUNTING PROPERTIES...**

- \*NEW 1190 CR 63 - 376 Acre Hunting & Grazing Property-12 mi. E. of Meeker, 3 BR, 2 BA home, borders Oak Ridge state hunting land. Cattle grazing land. Creeks, ponds. \$1,100,000.
- \*12916 CR 8-Great vacation home or year around living, river views, 35 acres, garage, outbuildings, private setting. This is a must see one of a kind property! \$400,000 SALE PENDING
- \*1161 CR 8- 5 acres, river view, remodeled 2+BR 2 BA, carport, deck, A/C, new heating system. \$349,000
- \*950 CR 14- Mountain cabin 26 miles up river. 2 BR, 1 BA with great views, in the woods. \$289,000
- \*13245 CR 8- 5 acres 14 miles up-river, well, trees, nice 3 BR 2 BA home, decks, garage, shop. \$360,000
- \*444 Agency Dr.-4 BR 3-1/2 BA log home, over 3,500 sq. ft. on 5 acres, barn, irrigated pasture, attached garage, near golf course. What a deal! \$369,000
- \*4637 CR 8- 77 irrigated acres, 2 story home, barns, shop, sheds, hay pastures, good water. \$690,000.
- \*River Property- CR 12- 5+ acres 28 miles up river, with 2 BR, 1 BA cabin, good well, fish pond. \$295,000
- \*2000 County Rd. 119 Forest Service cabin on Ute Creek, 1BR, 1BA, Beautiful setting! \$65,000 REDUCED
- \*710 Shaman Tr.- 3+ BR, 4BA, Custom built 4,534 sq ft home on 5 acres, great views, garage. \$448,000
- \*24530 County Rd. 8- A-frame cabin on small acreage, up-river, vacation home, views! \$169,000
- \*40 Acres up South Fork- Lots of trees, water, 4 BR, 2 BA lodge, Nat. Forest access, HUNTING. \$585,000.
- \*13051 CR 8- 52 Acres, 14 miles up river, 2 living quarters buildings, garage, hunting. \$435,000.
- \*850 County Rd. 10-32 acres with 2 log homes, 2 wells, 2 septic systems, 2 electric meters, shop, garage, fenced, pond. Near the river, Lake Avery, and great hunting. . \$695,000 SOLD!

**BUSINESS & INVESTMENT ...**

- \*NEW 145 Garfield- commercial building w/ apartment, loading dock, over 3,000 sq. ft. \$100,000
- \*109 Market St.-3+ lots on the corner of 1st & Market. Great location Next to new Family Dollar Store \$299,000
- \*Rifle, CO-9 vacant lots near City Hall & new theater, excellent investment opportunity. \$1,800,000
- \*Rio Blanco Store- Great potential, 1/4 acre on Hwy 13, 3,000 sq ft store, café, living quarters. Reduced \$130,000.
- \*Silt, CO- 15 Acre River Front Commercial- 1-70 frontage road, just off of Silt exit, next to Holiday Inn Express. Excellent visibility & access. Utilities to boundary. Water rights. \$950,000.
- \*304 4th St. Commercial building on corner lot downtown, great office space, 4,437 sq. ft. \$220,000
- \*265 6th St.- Commercial building, high traffic location 3,232 sq. ft. \$65,000 SOLD!

**RAW LAND AND HOMESITES ...**

- \*County Rd. 8- mile marker 29 1/2, amazing 29 acre parcel with a driveway, building site, water rights & more, borders BLM & National Forest \$349,000
- \*Juniper Rd.- large lot in Sage Hills with a storage shed on site. \$35,000
- \*860 Shaman Trail- 5.5 acre lot just east of Meeker, Ute Terrace Sub., town water, awesome views. \$80,000
- \*Ridge Estates- 2 to 9 acre lots. Community well, irrigation water to each site. Prices reduced, additional discount available. Prices starting from \$75,000, 1 mile south of town.
- \*359 Love Lane-5 acres, Cross L Estates, Lot 13, great horse property, well. \$100,000
- \*River Property-19.6 Acres 12 miles west. Irrigated hay, good home sites, river. \$150,000.
- \*Several nice building lots on Mimmi Circle and Michael Circle priced between \$22,500 and \$25,000.
- \*20 Acres, Strawberry Creek Minor Subdivision, Lot 3, \$63,000
- \*Little Beaver Estates- Lot 4: 35 acres, fenced, good pond, leafing shed, great site. REDUCED TO \$79,000.
- \*Little Beaver Estates- Lot 5: 35 acres, pond, pasture. Partially fenced. \$83,000.
- \*Little Beaver Estates- Two 35 acre lots bordering DOW hunting land. Lot 11- \$95,000, Lot 12 SOLD!
- \*Little Beaver Estates 35 acre lot bordering Division of Wildlife public land. Lot 14. \$100,000
- \*1187 Park Ave- 2 corner lots, zoned for multi-family, lots of trees. Town Ditch. \$65,000.
- \*879 Pine St.-11,250 Sq. ft. lot, great neighborhood, nice building site. \$28,000.
- \*100 acres 29 miles east of Meeker, surrounded by Nat Forest, covered with Aspens. \$1,395,000.00.

For a color brochure on these properties, and information on others, stop by our office at 1130 Market Street  
Call Steve Wix, Andrea Thiessen, Barbara Clifton or Rachel Gates.  
See property pictures and descriptions at: www.backcountryrealty.com



**BROOKS REALTY**  
889 Main St., Meeker, Colorado  
(970) 878-5858 • (970) 675-2525  
www.BROOKSREALTYMEEKER.COM

**757 3rd Street MEEKER, CO**  
Awesome 3 BD, 1 3/4 Bath home meticulously remodeled. Italian marble floor in bathrooms w/ Jacuzzi tub in master bath, nice open kitchen & dining area, beautiful hardwood floors on the main level and a fully finished basement with built-in entertainment center. Covered patio and to complete this property a wonderful 780 SF detached garage wired for sound system.  
**\$245,000**

**1376 Juniper Rd. MEEKER, CO**  
Extensive remodeling on the 1st level, beautiful chef's kitchen w/ pantry and lots of working room, granite countertops, all new appliances new flooring throughout entire main level. Large walk-in master bedroom closet, new paint & bannisters. Total 4 bedrooms, 2 full baths, 3 car garage with asphalt driveway, 20,000+ sq ft.  
**\$280,000**

- ◆ NEW: Nice 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.
  - ◆ NEW: Rangely - 33553 HWY 64, 214 acre ranch with good White River frontage, irrigated pasture & hay production, 4 bedroom, 2 bath ranch style home with large kitchen & dining area, big family room. Pole barn for hay, outbuildings and corrals. \$750,000
  - ◆ 3103 Moffat County Rd 104, Skull Creek Flats, Dinosaur, 1,792 sf single family home w/ 360 sf addition, all on a total of 30 acres, numerous out buildings, include 1200 SF pole barn and finished 1008 SF frame built garage. \$219,000
  - ◆ 315 8317N. 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.
  - ◆ 5 acres vacant land on CR 104, Dinosaur. Skull Creek Flats, Area 10 w/ Great views \$7,500
  - ◆ RIMROCK CAMPGROUND- 73179 HWY 64/Meeker- Great income property, 14.5 acres offering 1,435 SF home w/ 238 SF att. front office, numerous cabins & outbuildings, single wide mobile home rental. Good producing water well. 30 full RV hook-ups w/2 primitive sites, tent sites and fully laundry area w/ coin-op machines. Large established shade trees. Have to see this one - Priced to move \$438,000
- 1153 & 1163 Market Street ~ SOLD | 208 E. Rio Blanco ~ SOLD | 1025 Jill Drive ~ SOLD  
6320 County Rd. 7 ~ SOLD

**KAREN REED** BROKER/OWNER  
CELL: (970) 629-2357  
**Raven Realty, LLC**  
**SUSANA FIELD** ASSOCIATE BROKER  
CELL: (970) 629-8242  
Yo hablo Espanol

117 W. MAIN ST. • RANGELY, CO 81648 • (970) 675-2299

**RESIDENTIAL**

- 307 & 311 S. Sunset Ave. Duplex on large lot 2 bed 1 bath each \$44,900
- 924 Tropic Sweet 3 BD/2 Bath Manufactured Home on large lot w/garage \$80,000
- 511 E. Rio Blanco Ave. Comfortable 3 Bd/1 Bath home on large lot 1,362 sq.ft. \$120,000
- 207 E. Raven 3BR/1 Bath; 2 Car Garage; Built in 1982 \$150,000
- 606 E. Rio Blanco Ave. Spacious 2 story 3 bed 2 bath 2040 sq.ft. \$148,000
- 121 Foothill Dr. Updated home 3Bd/1 Bath 2 car garage Built in 1946 1,797 sq ft \$168,400
- 1101 Tanglewood Ln. Well kept 3Bd/2 Bath Built in 1982 1,512 sq ft \$169,900
- 226 Morrison Ave. Bi-level next to park 3Bd/2 Bath 1,686 sq ft 960 sq ft garage \$183,000
- 208 Hillcrest Cir Spectacular views 3Bd/1.75 Bath w/sauna Built in 1983 1,960 sq ft \$185,000
- 1524 La Mesa Beautifully updated home. 3 BD/2 Bath. 1544 sq. ft. 2-car garage. \$219,000
- 236 Ridge Rd. Beautiful 3 Bd/2. Bath home. 2,803 sq. ft. \$240,000
- 1380 La Mesa Cir. Gorgeous home 3Bd/2 Bath built in 2006. 1932 sq. ft. \$249,000

**COMMERCIAL**

- 111 Foothill Dr. 6 plex Great Investment Property \$350,000
- 313 W. Main St. 1,920 sq. ft. Commercial Building \$129,900

**DINOSAUR**

- 100 Dakota 3 Bd/2 bath Two-story home w/great finishes in town. \$169,000

**LOTS/LAND**

- 3 lots in Ridgeview Sub. Various Prices
- Skull Creek Estates Approx 5 1/2 acres \$25,000
- Redwood Estates Approx 1/2 acre building lot \$28,000
- 2 Fantastic Lots La Mesa Sub \$50,000 each
- 2 Lots in the Chase Subdivision REDUCED!
- HWY 64/River Rd Exceptional Hwy frontage & Development potential, 18.97 acres \$289,000/ 3.47 acres \$261,000
- 2842 Shale Dr. Lot size 2,479 acres \$38,000
- 1265 La Mesa Close to BLM \$40,000
- Lake St. 2 Lots, 10,000 sq. ft. total \$28,000
- Mesa Dr. 2 lots each 5,000 sq ft \$29,900 total
- College View 10 lots, +/- 4 acres near CNCC \$150,000

We SELL your listing!

CR 102 Land Sale Pending | 414 Mesa Dr. SOLD | 281 Crest SOLD | 6836 CR 104 SOLD  
606 S. Stanolin Ave. SOLD | 501 Vista Circle SOLD | 202 W. Main SOLD | 137 S. White SOLD

View listings at www.raven-realty.com  
ASK ABOUT OUR PROPERTY MANAGEMENT