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## DAYS GONE BY ...



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Montey Franklin and his fellow sixth grade classmates at Barone Middle School visited the residents of the Walbridge Wing—including centenarian Ethel Starbuck—just before Christmas and read aloud from the Days Gone By section of the Herald Times. To see more photos, download the free Zappar app and scan the Zap code with your phone.

NIKI TURNER/WILLY THEOS PHOTOS

## Details emerge about fatal Rangely shooting

By DENNIS WEBB  
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**RANGELY** The man who died in an officer-involved shooting Dec. 10 was a 58-year-old man reportedly driving a stolen vehicle that struck a Rangely police officer's car during the incident, 9th Judicial District Attorney Jeff Cheney said Friday. Daniel Pierce died during a police pursuit that ended at Colorado highways 139 and 64 in Rangely on Monday, Dec. 10.

Cheney described Pierce as being "from kind of all over," with his mother living in California and his wife in Missouri. Pierce wasn't a Colorado native, Cheney said.

Authorities had withheld Pierce's name until Friday. Dr. Albert Krueger, the Rio Blanco County coroner, said earlier that he wasn't releasing it at the request of investigators so as not to undermine the investigation.

Cheney said protecting the investigation was a factor, but he wasn't able to release the name until Friday because of difficulty notifying Pierce's family members, who also include a daughter and stepdaughter.

"We were able to find his mom fairly quickly, but we weren't as quick to be able to get his wife and his daughter and stepdaughter" notified, Cheney said.

Cheney and other authorities are still not releasing the names of the law enforcement personnel involved or saying which of them shot Pierce. Immediately after the incident, authorities said it occurred after Rangely police and Rio Blanco sheriff's deputies responded to a report of a stolen vehicle.

Cheney said a report had quickly

gone out to authorities about a vehicle being stolen from the Kum & Go in Rangely, and officers spotted the vehicle traveling south on Highway 139 toward Douglas Pass.

"They made attempts to stop the vehicle and the vehicle did not stop," he said.

Cheney said the vehicle being driven by Pierce turned around and headed back to Rangely, to the intersection of highways 139 and 64.

"There is evidence that the car struck the driver's side of a police car, causing damage while a police officer was inside the car," Cheney said.

He said he didn't know if the officer was injured.

Cheney said no one else was in the stolen car besides Pierce.

He declined to elaborate further about how Pierce ended up being shot, pending the completion of an investigation by a multicounty investigative team being led by the Colorado Bureau of Investigation, and working with Cheney's office. The team investigates officer-involved shootings in the 9th Judicial District to determine whether the officers acted appropriately.

"I want to make sure that I get all the information and review it and have a comprehensive understanding of everything and then evaluate that for a decision," Cheney said.

He said he thinks the investigation might wrap up and be made public in a couple of weeks.

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~ 9th Judicial District Attorney Jeff Cheney

## Koley Borchard Q and A: "I wanted to serve."

By TECH. SGT. NICHOLAS CARZIS  
Special to the Herald Times

**MEEKER** **Q:** What were you doing the specific moment you decided to join the military? (Whose house, where were you sitting? Who was with you?)

**A:** I actually considered joining the military on two separate occasions. The first time, I had just returned home from living in South America for three months after college, and was really trying to figure out what I wanted to do next. I knew I wanted to go to law school, but didn't think it was the best time. My brother was in the Air Force at the time and encouraged me to

look into joining. I thought long and hard about it, but didn't think it was the right time. But I continued to consider it. Once I was in law school, I thought about it again, and while I was interning at a nearby base, I decided I wanted to apply. The actual moment I realized I was going to join happened when I was at my brother's house studying for my bar exam and I got a call from the Lieutenant Colonel I worked for at the base, telling me congratulations and I was accepted into the JAG Corps.

**Q:** What was the deciding factor that drove your decision to military service? (An event, person, place?)

**A:** My brother encouraged me

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### ABOUT:

**WHO:** U.S Air Force Captain Koley Borchard, a Deputy Staff Judge Advocate for the 380th Air Expeditionary Wing  
**HOMETOWN:** Meeker, Colo.  
**STATIONED AT:** Al Dhafra Air Base, United Arab Emirates

PHOTO COURTESY TECH. SGT. NIEKO CARZIS



## RBCSO presents Life Saving Award and commendation to Shaffer, Whinston

Special to the Herald Times

**RBC** The Rio Blanco County Sheriff's Office believes in the recognition of deputies, and those who work closely with the Rio Blanco County Sheriff's Office, for their actions and outstanding efforts in service to the community. In keeping with this belief, during the annual Christmas celebration and awards ceremony, the Rio Blanco County Sheriff's Office recognized Fire Chief Andy Shaffer and Assistant Fire Chief Jasper Whinston for their outstanding efforts that occurred on June 14, 2018.

On June 14, 2018, around 1720 hours, a multi-agency alert went out as the result of a 911 call. The caller advised RPD dispatch that her 3-1/2 old child had stopped breathing.

Rangely Fire was the first agency on scene. They immediately assessed the child, continued CPR and made an immediate decision

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~ RBC Sheriff

to transport the child. While continuing resuscitation, they "hand carried" the child to the fire truck, and transported the child to RDH. Their entire on-scene time was under one minute. Transportation to the hospital was accomplished in about three minutes.

It's likely that their immediate patient assessment and prompt decision to "load and go" in under one minute, saved the life of this 3-1/2 year old child.

Today, the child has fully recovered and does not have any

residual complications. Andy Shaffer and Jasper Whinston's quick response, recognition of the severity of the medical emergency, immediate actions and effective CPR resulted directly in saving the life of the child. A failure to act or action after delay could have led to a tragic outcome.

Shaffer's and Whinston's actions qualify them for this Life Saving Award and the appreciation and commendation of the Rio Blanco County Sheriff's Office and Rio Blanco County.



COURTESY PHOTO

At the annual Christmas celebration and awards ceremony held at the Rio Blanco County Sheriff's Office this year, two special awards were presented to Rangely Fire Chief Andy Shaffer and Assistant Fire Chief Jasper Whinston for outstanding efforts on June 14, 2018. Pictured are Assistant Fire Chief Jasper Whinston, Fire Chief Andy Shaffer, Undersheriff Brice Glasscock and Sheriff Anthony Mazzola.

### WEATHER



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Rangely: Olivia McFarland  
Entered at Sweetbriar

# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

■ **Meeker Public Library** is hosting a Friday craft class for middle school through high school teens. Each Friday in December will feature a macrame class beginning at 1 p.m. Space is limited to 10 participants. Call or come in to sign up now. 970-878-5911

■ **RBC Fair Board meeting** Dec. 27, 6 p.m. at the Meeker Extension Office kitchen.

■ **Modified Hours at Meeker Recreation Center:** MRC will close at 1 p.m. Monday, Dec. 31 and remain closed through Jan. 1 for New Year's Day. Normal hours will resume Wednesday, Jan. 2. ERBM Recreation & Park District 970-878-3403

■ **Hoops for Charity** Dec. 28, 9 a.m., MHS Gym. Boys and girls grades third through eighth are invited to participate in this 3-on-3 basketball tournament. \$30 per team; must sign up at the Meeker Recreation Center or by calling 970-878-3403 by noon Dec. 27. ERBM Recreation & Park District 970-878-3403

■ **ERBM Membership Blitz** Jan. 2-Jan. 15. Stop by or call the Meeker Recreation Center to purchase your annual membership at 50 percent off normal rates! Ends Jan. 15, 2019 at 8:30 p.m., no exceptions. ERBM Recreation & Park District 970-878-3403

■ **Holiday Hoops MHS Clinic** Jan. 3, 10 a.m. to noon at MHS gym. Free basketball clinic for boys and girls K-eighth grade sponsored by ERBM and taught by high school coaches and players. ERBM Recreation & Park District 970-878-3403.

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

■ **Meeker Lions Club** meets every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at 290

Fourth St. New members are always welcome. It's a great way to give back to the community and spend time with a fun group of people.

■ **Tiny Open Gym** Tuesdays, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the admin gym. Bring your 1 to 4 year olds to this free open gym to burn off some energy. Runs through Feb. 26 (no session Jan. 1.) A gym supervisor will be present, but will not lead organized activities. Max three children per parent/caregiver. ERBM Recreation & Park District 970-878-3403.

■ **Rangely Community Resource Pantry** open Mondays from 4 to 6:30 p.m., Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and the first and third Saturday of the month from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

■ **The Rangely Moms Group** meets the first Thursday of each month from 9-11 a.m. at First Baptist Church (207 S. Sunset Ave.) to help connect moms in our community. Any moms who have newborn through elementary aged children are welcome to join us for food, fellowship and fun. Childcare is provided. The first meeting is free. Subsequent meetings are \$5. Scholarships are available if needed.

■ **Gentleman's Group** meeting every Tuesday at 9 a.m. at the Meeker Recreation Center lounge. Adults 50+, stop by for refreshments and conversation. No session Jan. 1. ERBM Recreation & Park District 970-878-3403.

■ **Celebrate Recovery** meetings every Friday from 6 to 8 p.m. at Meeker Assembly, Fourth and Market Street. Meeker Council of Churches.

■ **The Meeker Library Book Club** meets at 1 p.m. the second Monday of each month (excluding holidays). All interested readers are welcome to join in the fun. Stop by the Meeker Library for details.

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

■ **Game Day** for adults 50-plus on Wednesdays at 9 a.m. in the Meeker Recreation Center lounge. Stop by for refreshment, conversation and a game of cards.

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

■ **Adult Open Gym Volleyball** (18+): Tuesdays at MES gym. 7:30-9 p.m. through Feb. 26 (except Jan 1.) ERBM Recreation and Park District. Call 878-3403 for details.

■ **Adult Open Gym Basketball** (18+): Wednesdays at MES gym. 7:30-9 p.m. through Feb. 27. ERBM Recreation and Park District. Call 878-3403 for details.

■ **Quilting Group.** Tuesdays from 1-9 p.m. at the Meeker Public Library. All are welcome. Come during hours that fit your schedule. Bring your sewing machine and project. Making quilts for the Walbridge Wing and hospice care.

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

■ **Tootsie Care Day** has joined with Pioneers Hospital Home Health Foot Clinic. To help reduce confusion, Vicki will be at MVCC on the 2nd Wednesday of each month, to trim toenails of anyone who has trouble with the task. Please call PMC Home Health 970-878-9265 to schedule an appointment. Thank you.

Email events by 5 p.m Monday to [calendar@ht1885.com](http://calendar@ht1885.com)

## RBC Abstract changes ownership

By EMMA VAUGHN  
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**MEEKER** | Warm light poured out of the building in downtown Meeker as friends, family, work acquaintances and colleagues filtered into the Rio Blanco Abstract Office last Wednesday. Festive Christmas cheer was in the air and laughter echoed down the street celebrating a lifetime of honest hard work. Many have been acquainted with the Rio Blanco Abstract Office at some point in its 21-year existence under Dean and Jan Hubbell's ownership. It's a bittersweet closing and exciting new beginning for the new owners and retirement of Dean, Peggy Shults and Viney Bowman.

Hubbell began his career trying his hand as a real estate salesman and soon realized that wasn't for him. Then he worked for a man who took him under his wing and taught him the title business for three years in Denver. He was no stranger to this line of work as his whole family has been in the same industry, although not working together, and he decided to start Commonwealth Title in Rifle, Colo., in 1980. After the bust of 1982, being a young married couple and barely scraping by, things started to look up in Rifle and the surrounding area and the opportunity to purchase the Rio Blanco Abstract office in Meeker from Ron Kent came up in 1997. Unsure if it was a good move, Hubbell fondly spoke about how his wife Jan gave him the gentle nudge to take the leap and it turned out to be a really good thing for the Hubbells and for the Meeker community.

The clock that stands in front of the Rifle Post Office came from a group Hubbell is involved with there. That sparked the idea to have our very own clock residing at the center of Meeker in the town square. Primarily funded by the Hubbells, it's a beautiful tribute to Meeker's past, present and future and a statement about what the Rio Blanco Abstract office has meant to the community.

A gatekeeper of sorts for the many property records in the county, when the clerk and recorder's office couldn't find certain things customers requested, the Abstract office would step up to help find the answers.

The business was and has always been about people, whether that meant buying cinnamon rolls for the county treasurer's annual tax lien sale or buying supper every election for the clerk and recorder's office and election judges. The Hubbells have humbly supported those with whom they interacted in ways that meant the most.

The Hubbells have also helped build the future through their support of many sports programs and scholarships offered to the high school seniors in our county. There was one year, Dean explained, when Peggy Shults—who normally selected two recipients each year—was having a hard time picking. They ultimately decided to award 14 scholarships that year.

The Hubbells hope to do something about the cold Colorado winters by having the ability to travel somewhere warmer if they so desire and are excited about the opportunity to spend more time with their children and grandchildren, though Dean says with some hesitation he's not sure how he's going to feel about retirement as



EMMA VAUGHN PHOTO

**Peggy Shults (left) is retiring after more than 38 years in the title business, 21 of which were with Dean Hubbell (right), who, with his wife Jan, has sold the Rio Blanco Abstract office and is also retiring. Erik Brown of Meeker and Patrick Burwell of Rifle will be the new owners.**

"you identify with your work so much over the years." The other familiar face that will no longer be at the office with the change of ownership is Viney Bowman, a 28-year employee who started at the abstract office when Ron Kent asked if she would want to work for him. Her love of working with figures seemed like a good fit.

"We were kind of like a family, which I loved. Of course after 28 years you're going to be," Bowman said. When further discussing her relationship with her co-workers she said she and Shults are so much like family she was there when her first grandchild was born and there when her first great-grandchild was born. Their decades-long friendship will continue into retirement with their volunteering at HopeWest and participation together in the local quilters club and other various activities.

Peggy Shults, last but certainly not least, will also be retiring from the title business after 38-plus years, 21 of those with the Hubbells, who she described as "one in a million when it comes to bosses, very generous always and compensated you always." Shults explained that she's truly loved her career and she can't imagine herself not working. Shults gives generously of her time and will find plenty of ways to stay busy.

The new owners, Erik Brown of Meeker and Patrick Burwell of Rifle, were in attendance at the party as well. They will be starting the next chapter with the Rio Blanco Abstract Office with the help of Betty Kracht to fill Shults's and Bowman's shoes. Dean will also be on hand to help with the transition.

"It's been a wonderful experience to be a part of the Meeker community and have met some of the most wonderful people. It's been a wonderful ride," Hubbell said.

## Horizons Little Points of Light Campaign

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Adults 18–54	\$375	\$187.50	\$40.63	\$15.63
Adults 55–74	\$225	\$112.50	\$34.38	\$9.38
Dual Adult	\$500	\$250	\$45.84	\$20.84
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# NEWS BRIEFS

## History Colorado grant workshop Jan. 8

**RBC** | The History Colorado State Historical Fund wants to help you earn grant money for historic preservation and archaeology projects that matter to you and your community. Attend a free grant workshop at the Museum of Northwest Colorado in Craig on Jan. 8 from 3-5 pm to learn about the State Historical Fund program. Go to [www.eventleaf.com/shfoutreach20-01](http://www.eventleaf.com/shfoutreach20-01) to register or contact Preservation Outreach Coordinator Megan Eflin at [hc\\_shf@state.co.us](mailto:hc_shf@state.co.us) or 303-866-2887.

## Dinosaur National Monument accessible to public during government shutdown

**DINOSAUR** | Dinosaur National Monument will remain accessible to visitors, unless safety concerns warrant their closure. Emergency and rescue services will be limited.

There will be no NPS-provided visitor services at Dinosaur National Monument, including public information, restrooms, trash collection, and facilities and roads maintenance (including plowing if applicable).

Because of the federal government shutdown, NPS social media and websites are not being monitored or updated and may not reflect current conditions. All park programs have been canceled. The Quarry Exhibit Hall and Quarry Visitor Center are closed.

The NPS will not be providing services for NPS-operated campgrounds, including maintenance, janitorial, and check-in/check-out. However, visitors in NPS-operated campgrounds will not be asked to leave unless safety concerns require such action.

For updates on the shutdown, please visit [www.doi.gov/shutdown](http://www.doi.gov/shutdown).



## PAYING IT FORWARD ...

Seventh grade teacher Jennifer Turner has a holiday tradition for her classes. "Every year I show the movie, 'Pay It Forward.' My goal is to have the kids do for others instead of focusing on their 'wants' the month of Christmas and all year. Some years the kids really buy into it. This year a student had the idea to place \$1 bills on random windshields with a note," Turner said via email. Last Thursday most of the seventh grade class headed downtown to place positive messages, \$1 bills and candy canes on car windshields and doors "in hopes of making someone smile. Then hopefully that person will pay it forward to someone else," Turner added. The class is also collecting old cell phones to be donated to a company that provides phone time for soldiers and their families when they are deployed.

NIKI TURNER PHOTOS



VONNI MERCER PHOTO  
ERBM Recreation and Park District and Colorado Parks and Wildlife are hosting a free ice fishing day Jan. 5 at Lake Avery.

## Family Ice Fishing Day Saturday, Jan. 5

Special to the Herald Times

### Directions to Lake Avery:

Take County Road 8 upriver 22 miles. Take a left at the Lake Avery sign and follow the road up to the parking lot.

**MEEKER** | Bundle up, grab your fishing rod, and join ERBM Recreation and Park District and Colorado Parks and Wildlife staff (CPW) for a day of ice fishing at Lake Avery on Saturday, Jan. 5 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. CPW will be on hand to provide all of the necessary equipment along with knowledge on how to ice fish, types of fish, and the environment in which the fish live. ERBM will provide a free lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., cooked and served by the Meeker Lions Club. Shortly after lunch there will be a drawing for a variety of prizes.

A valid Colorado fishing license is required for all

participants 16 and older. For more information contact a local licensing agent or visit Colorado Parks and Wildlife online.

This event is weather dependent. If the ice is deemed unsafe the event will be cancelled. The decision to cancel will be made on Dec. 29 and will be advertised in the Jan. 3 *Herald Times* and on the ERBM Facebook page.



Yampa-White-Green Basin Roundtable

## Yampa-White-Green Rivers Basin Roundtable Meeting

Wednesday, January 9, 2018

Moffat County Fairgrounds Pavilion  
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16 oz. Stephens	<b>COCOA MIX</b>	<b>\$3.99</b>
12 oz. Starbucks	<b>COFFEE</b>	<b>\$7.99</b>
14-14.5 oz. Swanson's	<b>BROTH</b>	<b>59¢</b>
14 oz. Food Club	<b>CRANBERRY SAUCE</b>	<b>99¢</b>
21 oz. Wilderness	<b>PIE FILLING</b>	<b>2 for \$6</b>
6.5 oz. Snows Minced or	<b>CHOPPED CLAMS</b>	<b>4 for \$5</b>
7-16 oz. Food Club	<b>MARSHMALLOWS</b>	<b>4 for \$5</b>
30 oz. Best Foods	<b>MAYONNAISE</b>	<b>\$3.79</b>
10.5-11 oz. Western Family	<b>MANDARIN ORANGES</b>	<b>65¢</b>
10.5 oz. Cream of Mushroom or Cream of	<b>CHICKEN SOUP</b>	<b>99¢</b>

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56 oz. Red Button	<b>ICE CREAM</b>	<b>\$3.99</b>
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24.5-42 oz. Marie Callender's	<b>FROZEN PIES</b>	<b>\$5.99</b>
8 oz. Kraft	<b>COOL WHIP TOPPING</b>	<b>\$1.29</b>

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52 oz. Simply	<b>ORANGE JUICE</b>	<b>\$3.49</b>
1/2 pint Dairy Pure	<b>WHIPPING CREAM</b>	<b>\$1.19</b>
8 oz. Food Club	<b>CREAM CHEESE</b>	<b>\$1.19</b>
32 oz. Food Club	<b>SHREDDED CHEESE</b>	<b>\$5.99</b>
32 oz. Western Family Medium	<b>CHEDDAR LOAF</b>	<b>\$5.99</b>

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Cook's	<b>SPIRAL CUT HAMS</b>	<b>\$2.19</b>
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16 oz. Daily's Big Buy	<b>BACON</b>	<b>\$1.99</b>
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Fresh	<b>LIMES</b>	<b>5 for \$1</b>
5 oz. Earthspring	<b>ORGANIC SALADS</b>	<b>2 for \$5</b>
5 oz. Organic Girl	<b>ORGANIC SALADS</b>	<b>2 for \$7</b>
Jonagold	<b>APPLES</b>	<b>99¢/lb.</b>
26 oz. Baby Cut	<b>CARROTS</b>	<b>99¢</b>
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EDITOR'S COLUMN...

# What will you do with the new year?

By **NIKI TURNER**  
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It's time to start the annual debate about New Year's resolutions, whether we're for or against them.

I think some folks are so discouraged by past failures they swing all the way to the other side of the spectrum, denying and defying the notion that making resolutions is a good idea.

Others (myself included) stubbornly cling to that idea that a new page on the calendar carries with it some special kind of magic that will trigger our willpower and generate enough momentum to change habits that are holding us back or causing us harm.

Neither of these extremes are right (as is almost always the case with extremes of any kind, a lesson we seem reluctant to learn).

Here's an idea that might create some middle ground from author and poet Salil Jha:

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"For a change, don't add new things in your life as a new year's resolution. Instead, do more of what's already working for you and stop doing things that are time-waste." (sic)

That, of course, is going to require us to figure out what is and isn't working for us, which brings

me to the following admonition from author and blogger Richie Norton:

"Most people will passively do exactly what they did last year. Whatever you do, don't let that person be you."

Remember the battle last year about the Colorado counties who wanted to remove requirements for publishing public notices in newspapers and just "put everything online?"

While doing some research on a state website last weekend, I came across yet another example why we can't entrust all our information to government entities and the wonderful world of the "web." While attempting to locate budget

records and audits for local special districts and I kept getting this message:

"Local Government E-Filing Portal—System Down. The system is currently down. We apologize for the issue, and the appropriate person has been notified of the issue. Please try again at a later time. Sorry for the inconvenience!"

That was on Sunday. The "portal" has since been repaired, but two of the local special districts I was looking for haven't had their records updated on the state site since 2007. I'm sure those districts have been audited since then, and I'm sure they've filed the requisite reports to the state, but the state hasn't managed to update its own website. It's yet another example why it's important to continue to keep public notices printed in the newspaper for public review.

Wishing you all a safe, healthy, happy and productive New Year.

MILLENNIAL MUSINGS

# Getting 'real' for 2019

By **CAITLIN WALKER**  
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**RBC I** I did it, folks. Three whole weeks without Facebook. I ventured back on for the first time Christmas morning and while it was nice to see and hear from people, I realized I haven't missed anything worthwhile.

I seem to be craving a deeper connection these days, so much so that when anyone seems vaguely friendly, I tend to overshare. We're almost to the three month mark of my little brother's fatal car accident, and it seems like he keeps coming in in conversations all the time. Maybe I'm just more sensitive to it, but here I am writing a piece on the subject (again,) so maybe there's some meat to this particular theory.

Being away from the sham reality of social media for a bit has made me realize how deeply I appreciate the people in life who are "real," whether I know them well or not. They're the ones who

don't flinch when I burst into tears or blurt out a memory of my brother. They acknowledge the pain and honor the loss—and yet they don't treat me like I'm impossibly broken, even though that's exactly how I feel.

People who are "real" are rare treasures, and there's no better way to say it than with this favorite quote of mine from the children's classic *The Velveteen Rabbit* by Margery Williams:

*"[Real] doesn't happen all at once. You become. It takes a long time. That's why it doesn't happen often to people who break easily, or have sharp edges, or who have to be carefully kept. Generally, by the time you are Real, most of your hair has been loved off, and your eyes drop out and you get loose in the joints and very shabby. But these things don't matter at all, because once you are Real you can't be ugly, except to the people who don't understand."*

Wonderful real ones: thank you.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Goodbye and thank you from Karen Arnold

Dear Editor:

My term has rolled by and as they say, a new chapter awaits.

Maybe I'll start a plant hospital. I received my resident's training in the treasurer's office and have plenty of experience, although I did have some patients (patience) not fare well.

Road trips will be the new norm, if I can figure out how to accommodate our two cats. Adjustments will need to be made, probably by trial-and-error. You will still see the red truck with the water tank. And I'll still be at the

county fair.

Geocaching and clogging sound interesting as well as air dropping. I've been to Denver to see the Broncos play (thank you all so much!). And I've been to Craig to see the miniature Broncos play. I've been in Grand Junction for cheerleading, and look forward to witnessing skills my grandkids have yet to develop.

My wardrobe may change somewhat as I love sweatshirts, but I will always be naked without earrings and my wedding band. I will totally become a2coolmoose@hotmail and will no longer be Karen.Arnold@rbc.us. I still have a land line and a country route mailbox. David is thinking "goats," I'm thinking "raptors." We may have to compromise. And the

gardening challenge keeps calling me.

With 13 years as county treasurer and 26 years in that office, there's no way I would say I didn't like my job. All the co-employees, customers, vendors, agents and various business professionals I've worked with or served have been the real treasures, giving me rewards, lessons, bravery and guts along with gray hair and even some bruises. It was all good.

I'm leaving all taxpayers in steady, capable hands. Rhonna Waldref and her staff are set to give their best. Thank you for allowing me to represent Rio Blanco County and to serve you.

Karen Arnold  
Meeker



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# COUNTY BEAT

By REED KELLEY  
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**RBC** Hours before non-essential federal employees were due to be sent home without pay Friday, the RBC Board of County Commissioners (BOCC), in a work session prior to a special meeting, heard and reacted to proposed White River Field Office (WRFO) amendments to the local Resource Management Plan (public land travel restrictions). WRFO employees Heather Sauls, resource specialist, and Deputy Field Office Manager Kyle Arnold presented for the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). The discussion with the BOCC was a continuation of a work session agenda item from the commissioners' meeting in Rangely on Dec. 17. BLM's proposals follow three years of public input and travel inventory work.

The PowerPoint presentation by Sauls and Arnold was not available online at press time due to the government shutdown. In short, the WRFO is moving to formalize further travel management restrictions on certain areas and uses in our resource area. Their proposed plan amendments will go through further review processes in the coming year. Sauls and Arnold stressed that the route changes they are looking at affect only some 19 miles of road access out of some 4,500 in the field office area and are limited to about six wilderness-like, relatively small areas, three of which are actually in Moffat County.

The BOCC has drafted a letter—still under review—expressing concern with any additional restrictions which have “the potential to seriously impact... economic viability.” The board is also encouraging BLM to create parking areas on public land for certain areas where the public is now inappropriately using private land.

In addition, commissioners also expressed concern about requiring 18 inches of snow cover before snowmobiles would be allowed to travel off designated routes, i.e., travel cross-country, pointing out that there hasn't been that much snow cover on BLM lands in western RBC for many years. BLM is acting to protect cultural resources as well as sensitive plant species, Sauls said.

Sauls and Arnold reminded the commissioners that BLM has to be responsive to national interests, as well as local, citing comments from the Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership, a sportsmen's public lands advocacy group, and Backcountry Hunters and

Anglers, who claim, similarly, to be a “voice for our wild public lands, waters and wildlife.” Both argue for some roadless hunting opportunities as well as wise management in general.

Commissioner-elect Gary Moyer was present for the Friday session as a member of the public, and asserted to BLM that they are required, by law, to be consistent with RBC's land use plan—drafted by the conservation districts and approved by the BOCC—and that any inconsistency with that plan has to be legally defended. Sauls told Moyer she is well aware of that, that she had just re-read the county plan, and that BLM does not believe their proposals are in contradiction to that plan.

Moyer suggested that it's all a matter of interpretation. He expressed growing frustration in getting one answer from Washington, D.C., and another locally. Moyer stated that if national groups are looking for wilderness characteristics, BLM should send them upriver to Forest Service locales.

Specifically, BLM is looking to make improvements in parking at the terminus of County Roads 60, 84A, at Oak Ridge State Wildlife Area access points, and Pike Ridge. Slight travel management changes are also proposed in Indian Valley, Whiskey Creek, Coal Ridge, Big Ridge, Upper Coal Oil Rim, and Pinto Gulch. A public protest period on the changes is due to be open in April.

Among other business in Rangely Dec. 17, the BOCC held a public hearing on a proposal from Bob Regulski for a minor, two-lot subdivision of his Sleepy Cat property on the White River at the mouth of Elk Creek. This proposal had been presented and approved at the RBC Planning Commission meeting in Meeker on Dec. 11. At that meeting, Planning Commission member Adair Norman of Rangely asked Regulski if he was the one “who had stolen our [wonderful Sleepy Cat] restaurant from us?” Regulski responded that the restaurant was closed when he purchased the property about 10 years ago, but that he'd love to bring it back someday. The commissioners approved the minor subdivision with the conditions recommended by the planning commission on a unanimous vote.

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## The Meeker Herald 125 years ago

■ Buford had a Christmas tree for little ones and a dance for the big ones Monday evening and both elements had a thoroughly good time.

■ On Wednesday last the Rifle stage came in on runners, the road being in the condition for sleighing from here to the divide on the other side of Morgan's. Better time is one of the results of the change.

## The Meeker Herald 100 years ago

■ Almost every man wonders why it is that a lot of boobs who are not half as smart as he is manage to make more money than he does.

■ “The populations of England, France and Italy and 200,000,000 people additional are on America's Christmas list this year.” “This year we spread our Christmas feast in France,” said Arthur Gulterman in LIFE. But we not only spread our Christmas feast over there but must put a gift into the hands of each of the 320,000,000 new relatives of America-related by the ties of war and mutual future interests.

## The Meeker Herald 50 years ago

■ Several Junior Odd Fellow members under the direction of Meeker Jaycees Bob Ary, Pat Sullivan and Ralph Wing were busy last weekend getting Meeker's new ice skating rink ready for all the boys and girls. The new rink is at the parking lot area by the swimming pool which was partially fixed last summer to retain the water fill. The new lighted area is now ready and being used daily as a skaters delight for young and old.

■ Deputy Sheriff Bob Daniels of Rangely, reported last Thursday that an apparent attempt had been

# DAYS GONE BY

made to blow up a bridge on Colo. 64 east of Rangely across Gillam Draw, near the airport. Dynamite Draw, near the airport. Dynamite stolen a few months ago from the county was used in the attempt

■ The annual father and son basketball games will again be held this year at the Meeker junior high gymnasium, Friday, December 27. Starting time for the 7th graders is at 7:00 p.m. Immediately following will be the game by the 8th graders and their dads. Admission is free and all are invited to come and see the fathers get beat!

## The Meeker Herald 25 years ago

■ For some in Meeker the Christmas holiday weekend proved to be a little disconcerting after discovering they were one of 15 victims who had items stolen from their vehicle. Meeker Chief of Police Si Woodruff says it has been one of the worst crime waves of sorts that has hit the area in a long time. Woodruff reported that between Dec. 23 to Dec. 29 there have been 15 first degree criminal trespass cases involving thefts from vehicles his department is investigating.

■ Rachel and Quinn Wix are happy to have a new baby sister, Adrienne, born at Valley View Hospital in Glenwood Springs, Colorado on Tuesday, December 28, 1993.

## Rangely Times 50 years ago

■ Kuhlman's Trailer Court, formerly owned by J.R. “Rusty” Kuhlman, of Grand Junction, has been purchased by Mr. and Mrs. Dale L. Hoops of West Alexandria, Ohio. The new owners will move to Rangely as soon as their property

can be disposed of in Ohio, probably in the spring. Kuhlman's Court is by far the largest trailer court in Rangely with a frontage of 300 feet on Main Street and capacity of more than 100 trailers.

■ Let us pray that strength and courage abundant be given to all who work for a world of reason and understanding. That the good that lies in every man's heart may day by day be magnified. That men will come to see more clearly not that which unites them. That each hour may bring us closer to a final victory, not of nation over nation, but of man over his own evils and weaknesses. That the true spirit of this Christmas Season its joy, its beauty, its hope, and above all its abiding faith—may live among us.

■ Mrs. Little Stockman at the Rangely Public Library wishes everyone a Happy Holiday and wishes to thank all for making this past year another successful one. Thanks go especially to Mrs. Carol Hazelwood who has painted the delightful pictures on the window at various times during the year.

## Rangely Times 25 years ago

■ The Colorado Welcome Center at Dinosaur closed for the year and perhaps forever, according to Rick Hildebrand, Colorado Tourism Board staff member and Welcome Center manager. 38,470 visitors came into the Center during the 1993 season, which ran from May 1 through November 15. This was the highest visitation ever for a single season. Since the Welcome Center opened in 1990, over 110,000 people from all around the world have stopped for Colorado travel information.



**Engagement**  
Stanley Crawford & Vicki Williams  
Stanley Crawford and Vicki (Lone) Williams are pleased to announce their engagement. Both Vicki and Stanley graduated from Meeker High School, Stanley in 1982 and Vicki in 1984. The long-time friends will wed at Sleepy Cat Guest Ranch on February 5, 1994.

■ For over two years, the Rio Blanco Water Conservancy District, in conjunction with the Fish and Wildlife Service, have had an education/information program regarding the endangered squawfish. Originally there were six young squawfish in the aquarium. Two died from causes unknown. The other four grew and prospered under the care of the local librarians and Jim Geyler and Ann Brady of the Water District. The Rangely squawfish record has been excellent.

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## Timothy (1) By Dr. J. D. Watson Pastor-Teacher, Grace Bible Church

But I trust in the Lord Jesus to send Timotheus shortly unto you . . . (Phil. 2:19–24)



■ Dr. J.D. Watson

**A**MONG the most outstanding examples in Scripture of a servant was Timothy, Paul's “dearly beloved son” in the faith (2 Tim. 1:2). The son of a Jewish mother (2 Tim. 1:5) and a pagan Gentile father (Acts 16:1, 3), Timothy was from Lystra in southern Galatia (modern Turkey) and was probably converted there during Paul's first church-planting journey (cf. Acts 14:6–23; 2 Tim. 3:10, 11). Because of the OT instruction he had received from his mother Eunice and grandmother Lois, both of whom were believers, Timothy already had a firm foundation in the truth, on which was built the superstructure during his many years of teaching from and labor with Paul. We learn much from Timothy through Paul's high recommendation of him to the Philippian believers.

First, we see that he was a *companion*. The Greek behind **likeminded** in verse 20 (*isopsuchos*) appears only here in the NT, but this single instance is striking. It is a compound comprised of *isos* (equal) and *psuchē* (soul) so literally means “equal-souled.” Just how equal-souled Timothy was with Paul is underscored by the full phrase, **I have no man likeminded**, that is, there is no other man who is my equal, no other man who is not only on the “same page” with me, as the adage goes, but also on the exact same words on the page.

Think of it! Here was a man of God, a preacher, a theologian, who was perfectly in-sync with the Apostle Paul. He was in complete agreement on the nature of God, the character and work of Christ, the ministry of the Holy Spirit, the Doctrines of Grace, the correct philosophy of ministry, the work of discernment, and all else. Oh, that

we, too, would be in-sync with the Apostle Paul!

Second, we note that Timothy was *caring*. Paul assured the Philippians that his trusted protégé and co-worker would **naturally care for [their] state** (v. 20). **Care** is another dramatic word in the original language. It is *merimnaō*, which actually means anxious care, to be troubled. This word is used elsewhere in the negative sense of useless worry (e.g., Matt. 6:25–28; 10:19; Lk. 10:41), but Paul uses it here in the positive sense to demonstrate the deep concern the shepherd has for the sheep. He deeply cares about their **state**. This is *peri*, meaning around or about (Eng. “perimeter”), so Timothy would care about everything in and around their lives. He would, in fact, do this **naturally** (*gnēsios*), that is, genuinely and sincerely. He was not in ministry for personal gain or professional recognition. He was there to serve God by serving God's people.

What a challenge this presents to us! As a shepherd does not drive the sheep but rather leads them, so pastors are to lead and care for God's people. So are parents to care for their children and each of us to care for one another.

**Scriptures for Study:** How do the following verses complement our study today: Philippians 2:2; John 10:13; 1 Corinthians 1:10?

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# Polis names Meeker native and Durango woman to new cabinet

By REED KELLEY  
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**RBC I** In his first round of picks, Governor-Elect Jared Polis named some 12 members to his cabinet this past week. Among these are Meeker native Stan Hilkey and Durango resident Kate Greenberg—so far his only two selections from western Colorado. At least seven additional major cabinet choices have yet to be named.

A 1982 graduate of Meeker High School, Hilkey has been chosen by Polis to continue in his role as the executive director of the Colorado Department of Public Safety. He was first named to the job by Governor John Hickenlooper in 2014 after being elected three times as the Mesa County sheriff. He is the son of former Rio Blanco County sheriff Ron Hilkey. The post includes supervising the work of more than 1,600 employees of the Colorado State Patrol, Bureau of Investigation, Divisions of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, Criminal Justice, and Fire Prevention and Control, as well as the Colorado School Safety Resources Center. The overall department is one of the largest in the state. Hilkey is one of only three carry-overs from the Hickenlooper administration.

Kathryn "Kate" Greenberg, 31, of Durango, was named by Polis to be the incoming Commissioner of Agriculture. She lives in Durango and is the Western Program Director for the National Young Farmers Coalition, organizing young farmers and ranchers in the Colorado River Basin, advocating for supportive policy while promoting land, water and climate stewardship. The organization, which supports independent family farms, sustainable farming practices, affordable land and positive circumstances for beginning farmers and ranchers, has four chapters in

Colorado.

Greenberg grew up in Minnesota and graduated from Whitman College in Walla Walla, Wash., with a degree in environmental studies and humanities. She is the board president of the Santa Fe-based Quivira Coalition, a conservation-ranching organization fostering resilience on western working landscapes.

Hilkey graduated from the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Va., in 2004, and from the Northwestern University School of Police Staff and Command in 2001. He served in the Mesa County Sheriff's Office for 28 years. He was the keynote at the April 2017 Meeker High School National Honor Society induction ceremonies, speaking on "Living with Honor." Hilkey tweeted this week, "I am so thankful and grateful to the [Polis Transition Team] that I get to continue doing what I love to do, working for the administration!"

Meeker native Kathleen Sullivan Kelley, a former wheat, barley and cattle producer in Rio Blanco County, State House legislator, and current high school language arts teacher, was interviewed by the Polis team earlier this month as a finalist for the ag commissioner slot. She tells the HT that while it was an honor to be considered, "The Governor-Elect's pick of Greenberg is an exciting and regenerative choice for Colorado agriculture, reflecting youth and positive forward thinking. I wish her, and him, the very best."

Polis himself, it's reported, has said, "I am looking forward to rolling up my sleeves and getting to work with outstanding and inspiring Cabinet appointees. I know together we will lead our state in a positive direction for all Coloradans." His transition team, made up of seven subcommittees, each with two co-chairs, has been reviewing and assessing more than 700 possible candidates.



**WHO:**  
Meeker native Stan Hilkey  
**WHAT:** Continuing role as Executive Director of the Colorado Department of Public Safety



**WHO:**  
Durango resident Kate Greenberg  
**WHAT:** Incoming role as Commissioner of Agriculture

## RURAL PATHWAYS ...



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Meeker High School alumni Meg Nieslanik, Sam Love and Jake Nieslanik took to the microphone at The Mexican House last Saturday during the second annual fundraiser for the Rural Pathways scholarship program.

## BORCHARD: Meeker local serving in JAG

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the most to join while he was serving in the Air Force, and seeing how greatly he benefited from his service, and how much he enjoyed it, really opened me to the possibility. That, and a strong desire to serve my country drove the actual decision to join.

**Q:** What did it feel like when you finished BMT and learned what your career path would be? What was your first assignment? (What important lessons did you learn from your first assignment?)

**A:** I knew what my career path was before training, but accomplishing training was something else. Up at 430, PT until dawn, march to mealtime, death by PowerPoint, lights out at 2330—wash, rinse, repeat. First assignment was to Edwards AFB. When I first learned I was going there, I didn't know where it was. When I told my brother, the first thing he said was, "Edwards?! Oh man! That's in the middle of nowhere!" This is true. When I first arrived there, it really was in the middle of nowhere. But, that's also what made it so memorable. I lived with my colleagues

**Q:** Can you summarize what Air Force life has been like for you up till you found out you were deploying to ADAB?

Desert, desert and more desert. My first assignment was to Edwards AFB in southern California, in the Mojave Desert. My second assignment was Nellis AFB in Las Vegas, still in the Mojave Desert. Now I'm here in another desert, which at times is much, much hotter than the prior ones. But within those assignments I experienced the two extremes of typical base legal offices—a slow paced, moderately busy one, followed by perhaps one of the busiest offices a young JAG attorney or paralegal could experience. So really, as far

as work goes, it's been learning and expanding my expertise on a near constant basis. As for life outside work, it's been incredible. On top of living in new areas far different than home in the Colorado mountains, I had the amazing luck to meet the love of my life and marry her just this past year. Now we get to experience the deserts together!

**Q:** What are you doing here at ADAB? What is your day like, and how do you feel connected to the mission? What about your job makes you feel like you have intended purpose at ADAB. (Example: What are you doing to help contribute to the overall fight, what are you feeling when you do your specific job or when you help someone?)

**A:** I'm the Deputy Staff Judge Advocate at the ADAB legal office. In this job, I cover a lot of the areas a typical legal office does, but perhaps the most important role I have is simply a legal counselor. We, in the legal office, are here to advise commanders, first sergeants, supervisors, and all Airmen on pretty much anything that involves a legal issue, be it discipline, contracts, publications, legal interpretations, or legal assistance, to name a few. Here at ADAB, by advising key personnel and leadership on these issues and helping others with their more personal legal issues, we help them keep their focus on the task at hand and encourage mission success.

**Q:** How are you making the best of your deployment?

**A:** With the long work days and all of the daily extra chores and what not back home, it's difficult to enjoy some down time. Here, I've been able to make the most out of it with longer workouts, reading, and some general leisure. In work I enjoy a little more responsibility than back home, and I've been able to expand my interests and experience some new areas of the job. I've been taking on as much as I can to really make the most of it.

Additionally, I take full advantage of the morale services here, especially to keep in near constant contact with home. While I was certainly looking forward to the deployment, it came at a time that caused me to miss some birthdays, and most significantly my first wedding anniversary with my wife. We have made the most of our time apart, but we're both looking forward to the end of the tour.

**Q:** If you could have one thing said about your time in service here at Al Dhafra, what would you want your fellow Airman to say about you?

**A:** I was a relief. Many times, people will come to me with some legal problem they're dealing with, be it work related or personal, and we talk out the issues and how best to navigate toward a working solution. Sometimes, at the end of our discussion, I can hear the relief in their voice. That's what I strive for and enjoy the most in my job. If I can help someone get to that working solution, and it takes the weight of their shoulders, I feel I've done something good for them. Sometimes, it may not be the answer or solution they were looking for, but even just helping them understand the problems they face is better than them navigating in the dark, and that can be a relief too.

**Q:** If you could give your younger self a piece of advice of what your life would be like after you joined the Air Force, what would you say to re-assure your younger self that everything was going to be okay?

**A:** Don't sweat the small stuff. You're going to work harder than you ever have before, but accept the critiques, learn from mistakes, and keep your eye on the prize. The Air Force rocks!

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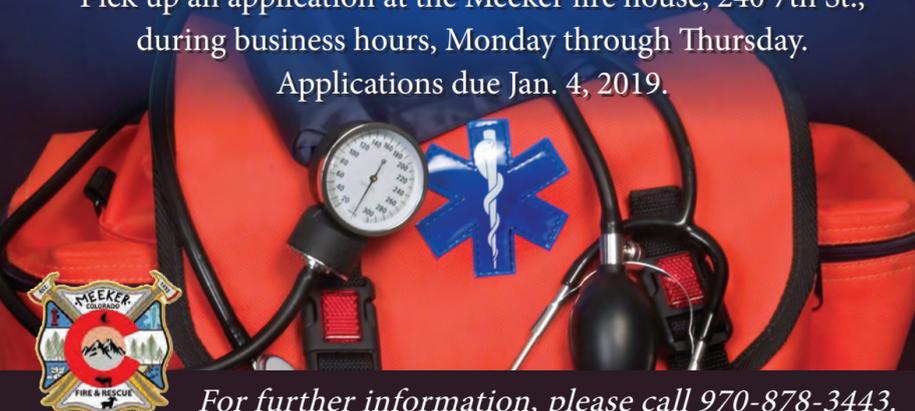
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# Student winners of radon poster contest announced

Special to the Herald Times

**RBC I** Students from Boulder and Colorado Springs took top honors in this year's radon awareness poster contest.

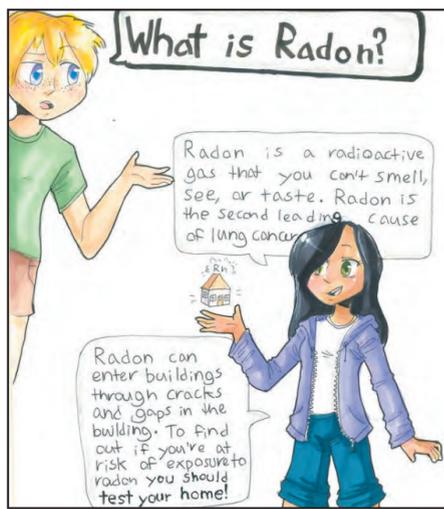
Alianna Gaffney from Manhattan Middle School in Boulder won first place out of more than 300 entries. She earns \$300 for her submission, entitled "Share Knowledge, Share Awareness." Her poster will be entered in the National Radon Poster Contest sponsored by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Kate Purvis from Skyview Middle School in Colorado Springs earned second-place honors and \$200. Ruby Lortie, also from Manhattan Middle School, received third place and \$100.

"This contest is a fun way to educate children and encourage residents to test their homes for radon," said Chrystine Kelley, radon program manager for the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment. "Radon testing is easy to do, and it's the only sure way to tell whether or not your home is affected by radon, which occurs naturally in the soil."

The teachers of the top three students received \$100 gift cards as well.

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**Winner Alianna Gaffney of Boulder won \$300 for her submission.**

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# State awards for WRCD board members

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**RBC I** The Colorado Association of Conservation Districts (CACD) hosted its annual meeting in November. During the awards luncheon, three past White River Conservation District board members—Jim Amick, Gary Moyer and Leonard Thompson—were recognized for their hard work and dedication to the districts.

Jim D. Amick was recognized as a 2018 CACD Hall of Fame recipient. JD became a White River Conservation District Board Member in 1990. He served for 28 years and retired in the spring of 2018. To reinforce the districts' motto, "promoting the wise use of all natural resources," he strongly supported education and the efforts of the Rio Blanco County Weed Advisory Board.

Amick became a board member of the Upper Colorado Environmental Plant Center at the same time as his WRCD board appointment. The Plant Center is his passion and reason he served much of his time on the Conservation District Board.

In addition, he served as the Rio Blanco County Weed Advisory Board Director, Rio Blanco County Farm Bureau Board President, CSCB Director, Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Board member, and the local Resource Conservation and Development Board member.

Realizing the amount of time that Amick has spent in these positions, it was obvious that he has a true passion for conservation and is a well sought-after member of our community. His deep and ongoing

initiative to do what is best for the stakeholders in our area and for our natural resources will live long in his legacy.

Gary Moyer was recognized as the 2018 Supervisor of the Year. He became a White River Conservation District Board Member in July 2006. He has served as the district president and other offices including the districts' representative to CACD where he served four years as president. Moyer served as Colorado's representative to the National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD) board, and finally served on the NACD Executive Board. He has dedicated countless hours to ensure the districts' constituent's concerns are heard by carrying policy and resolutions through the district, state and national levels in support of the wise use of all natural resources.

Moyer has made a measurable impact over the past 12 years as a passionate advocate for our natural resources and has devoted himself to sustained and selfless voluntary service to the associations on all levels and has developed his leadership skills throughout his services within the conservation districts. The White River and Douglas Creek Conservation Districts view Moyer as a superior role model to conservation districts on all levels and are appreciative of CACD's recognition of his service.

Past White River board member Leonard Thompson was recognized in the memorial of conservation board members who died in 2018. Thompson served on the White River Conservation District board

**RECIPIENTS**

**Jim D. Amick**  
2018 CACD Hall of Fame

**Gary Moyer**  
2018 Supervisor of the Year

**Leonard Thompson**  
2018 Memorial Recognition

and the Upper Environmental Plant Material Center from 2011–2014. He was a welcome addition to the Board with his get-it-done attitude. Thompson worked closely with staff of both entities to help improve the activities and management.

He helped the White River CD reach a greater audience to make an impact regarding forest health. He was the brainchild behind the district's development of 30-second videos promoting active management of Colorado forests. With the help of the CSCB matching grant program, the videos were developed and aired on Denver TV stations and continue to reside on the district's website today helping viewers understand the need for active forest management in order to have healthy forests. The success of this project led to the districts' development of more videos on other natural resource issues. Leonard was an invaluable member of the board.

The White River and Douglas Creek Conservation Districts appreciate the dedication and efforts these men provided to the local, state and national conservation efforts.

# OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD ...



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Local Samaritan's Purse coordinators Karen LaBonte and Stella McGruder are sending out a big, "Thank you Meeker!" for the town's generosity in sending 212 shoebox gifts to the 2018 Operation Christmas Child campaign. These gifts are sent to children in more than 100 countries around the world affected by war, poverty, natural disaster, famine and disease. You may go to: [www.samaritanaspurse.org](http://www.samaritanaspurse.org) and click on the "Amazing Journey of a Simple Shoebox Gift" to learn more about this worthy international effort.

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## Cowboy volleyball awards for 2018

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

**MEEKER I** The 2018 Cowboy Volleyball season was highly successful and only had four losses. "There are not very many coaches that get the chance to be part of season like that," said head coach Greg Cravens. Awards handed out at the 2018 banquet included:

- Sydnie Main - Western Slope All-Conference Honorable Mention
- Lila Klinglesmith - Western Slope All-Conference
- Julia Dinwiddie - Western Slope All-Conference
- Krissie Luce - Western Slope

All-Conference, CHSAA All State First Team, CCGS All-State, CHSCA All-State

■ Kassie Luce - Western Slope All-Conference, CHSAA All State First Team, CCGS All-State, CHSCA All-State

The winning season also extended in JV and C teams, who did not lose a game since the first weekend of September. Cravens said, "The winning is a tribute to my assistant coaches. Coach Roxie Chintala and coach Kaleyne Turner did an incredible job this year. I have the right coaching staff when they teach the girls all the skills and I get to reap the benefits."



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## CPW big game meeting Jan. 7

*Special to the Herald Times*

**MEEKER I** Colorado Parks and Wildlife's current five-year Big Game Season Structure expires at the end of 2019 and the agency is now gathering input to develop the succeeding five-year plan. Once approved in July 2019, the new season structure will go into effect from 2020 through 2024.

In Northwest Colorado, CPW Commissioner and Meeker resident Marie Haskett invites the public to join her and CPW personnel for a discussion, beginning at 6 p.m., Jan. 7, in the Mountain Valley Bank, 400 Main St., in Meeker.

"Every five years, CPW reexamines the variety of parameters that determine how the hunting seasons will function for the next half-decade," said Area Wildlife Manager Bill de Vergie of Meeker. "That includes the number of seasons for each species, season overlaps, breaks between seasons and the dates seasons begin and end. These timeframes impact sportsmen, local businesses, local economies

and wildlife management decisions so public participation is strongly encouraged."

CPW will host telephone town halls in 2019 in addition to offering an online comment form.

"Keep in mind that the Big Game Season Structure won't affect just sportsmen and women," said Haskett. "If you live in the Meeker area, you know how critical hunting is to our local economy. Everyone has a stake in this and we hope to have a good turnout."

Haskett says it's important for CPW to get comments about what works and what can be improved. She encourages a comprehensive discussion to ensure a thorough process.

"The more folks we hear from the better," she said. "It helps ensure we are making decisions that have public support."

Haskett adds other great opportunities to offer input is through telephone town halls and the comment form. She says the CPW Commission will also consider information provided by wildlife managers and biologists

### FAST FACTS

**WHO:** Colorado Parks and Wildlife, CPW Commissioner Marie Haskett  
**WHAT:** Five year big game season structure meeting  
**WHEN:** Jan. 7, 6 p.m.  
**WHERE:** Mountain Valley Bank, 400 Main St., Meeker

before approval.

"There will be numerous opportunities to weigh in," said Northwest Regional Manager JT Romatzke. "If you have constructive comments and ideas, this is a great opportunity to let us know. We look forward to a robust process."

To see the current Big Game Season Structure, visit the CPW website.

## Seventh grade girls basketball team wins in DeBeque 38-11

*Special to the Herald Times*

**RANGELY I** The seventh grade A Rangely girls' basketball team traveled to DeBeque last Saturday, Dec. 15 for their first game of the season. The girls played extremely aggressive defense that got them the lead at the end of the half. Shots started falling for the Panthers who were able to easily hold the lead. Rangely won the game 38-11. They will play again after the holiday break.

## Eighth grade girls' basketball team wins 42-17 against DeBeque

By **CARLENE CANTRELL**  
**PARKVIEW ELEMENTARY FIFTH GRADER**

*Special to the Herald Times*

**RANGELY I** The Rangely Junior High eighth grade girls' basketball team started off its season at DeBeque Dec. 15. The Panthers came out strong scoring 17 points in the first quarter, to DeBeque's two points. The team continued to play well and ended the game with a win. The final score was 42-17. While the offense was impressive, Head Coach Mark Skelton praised the team's defense.

"The kids are starting to understand the concept of team defense. When they clicked it led to some easy offense," he said. Seven Panthers scored in the contest. Kadance Wagner led the team in scoring with 16 points. Also scoring were: Kyrrah Phelps, 7; Kastyn Dembowski, 6; KristianaTerry, 6; Emma Smith, 4; Annika Cantrell, 2; Rylee Allred, 1.



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## Celebrate 2019 with CPW's First Day Hikes

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**RBC I** Colorado Parks and Wildlife is pleased to welcome a new year by once again participating in First Day Hikes. More than 30 events are scheduled in state parks across Colorado on New Year's Day as part of America's State Parks First Day Hikes initiative. CPW invites you to ring in 2019 by spending your day outside at a Colorado state park.

"Since 2012, state parks across Colorado and the nation have offered hikes on January 1st to encourage individuals and families to begin the New Year with a rejuvenating and healthy hike at their local state park," says Crystal Dreiling, Trinidad Lake State Park Manager. "Led by park staff or volunteers, First Day Hikes encourage outdoor

exploration and enjoyment as a healthy lifestyle choice, while at the same time remind the public that outdoor recreation can be enjoyed year-round!"

Coloradans can find a nearby First Day Hike by visiting the Colorado Parks and Wildlife First Day Hikes web page, or by locating an event on the stateparks.org website. First Day Hikes was created to offer everyone an opportunity to begin the new year rejuvenating and connecting with the outdoors at a state park close to home.

After joining the national program in 2012, each new year has seen growth in the number of Colorado state parks participating in the program. This year, visitors can look forward to enjoying hikes and walks at more than 25 participating state parks. Visitors participating in First Day Hikes will be

able to start the year off on the right foot by spending the day in some of Colorado's most spectacular nature.

Hikers can expect to enjoy winter landscapes with striking views, and in some parks, benefit from the company of a knowledgeable state park guide. Hikes will range from fun walks to more challenging 6-mile hikes throughout the park, and even an 11-mile hike if you are feeling up to the challenge. Many parks will also be providing light refreshments to warm up after your winter adventure. All hikes are free of charge, but visitors must possess a valid annual or daily parks pass to participate.

In 2018, nearly 55,000 people rang in the New Year with First Day Hikes, collectively hiking over 133,000 miles throughout the country on the guided hikes. Many others

hiked state park trails throughout the day, taking advantage of the resources America's state parks have to offer.

This year, begin your New Year by creating a connection to nature in a Colorado state park. Spending time outdoors is good for the body and mind, and has the ability to lift moods and leave us feeling more creative. With a variety of hikes in ability level and length, First Day Hikes are the perfect activity to begin your year on the right note. Remember to dress for the winter weather with lots of layers, and to bring water and snacks for the journey!

Whether planning to participate in a First Day Hike, reserving a spring campsite or scheduling hunter education courses, you can start your 2019 outdoor adventures by visiting [cpw.state.co.us](http://cpw.state.co.us).



# Feeding wildlife during winter does more harm than good

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**RBC I** As Colorado enters the depths of the winter season, Colorado Parks and Wildlife reminds citizens that feeding big game in Colorado is not only illegal but can also harm them.

"Native species are well adapted to survive the winter months on natural food sources," said J Wenum, area wildlife manager for Colorado Parks and Wildlife in Gunnison. "Feeding big game, especially deer, whether it's hay, corn, dog food or other livestock-type food, can kill them. Their digestive systems aren't designed to handle these types of rich foods."

Unfortunately, every year, people see deer in their yards or near their property and some people decide to feed them; and every year deer die as a consequence.

"People want to help. But the reality of it is that feeding generally doesn't help wildlife, it harms them," Wenum said. "Winter is a tough

time of year, and it has always been how nature eliminates the sick, the weak and less-fit animals from the population. It's ironic, but the toughest time of the year is what makes wildlife populations healthy."

In some areas of Colorado bighorn sheep get close to residential areas during the winter. Bighorns, also, should not be fed.

Feeding animals can cause other problems. Deer crowding around a food source can transfer diseases or parasites from animal to animal. When animals bunch up they also become easy targets for predators, including mountain lions. While deer and mountain lions have evolved naturally together, having large predators in residential areas is not natural and is never a good idea.

Feeding big game can draw them away from their natural habitats and disturb migration patterns. In some areas, deer that have been fed during the winter haven't moved on as they should when spring arrives.

Feeding is not just a concern with

big game. CPW also advises people to refrain from feeding small animals such as coyotes, foxes, squirrels, rabbits, chipmunks or turkeys. These animals also aren't equipped to eat human-provided food. And just like deer, animals can bunch up, draw in predators and create unnecessary conflicts.

Wild animals are unpredictable and can be dangerous to people who decide to get close to them. They can be particularly aggressive or defensive around food sources, during breeding seasons and when they have dependent young nearby.

"Winter in Colorado is often a great time to watch big game animals. They are more visible when they congregate on low-elevation, more open winter ranges," explained Wenum. "Please, observe them from a distance, keep your dog on a leash and don't be tempted to offer any food."

For more information about wildlife in Colorado, see cpw.state.co.us.



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**CPW encourages people not to feed big game during the winter months. It's both illegal and dangerous to the animals.**

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- \_\_\_\_-been
- Urban apartment
- Peter, South of the border
- In the manner of, French
- Photo-editing color option
- Chieftain
- Not well
- Lively
- Late McCain
- \*American Duchess
- "Some Kind of Wonderful" actress Thompson
- Your majesty
- Floor cleaner
- Greek portico
- \*Super Bowl champs
- Swear, not curse
- Place for an ace?
- Type of newspaper
- Bar order neither red nor white
- \*Halfpipe winner
- Toothy wheel
- Be needy
- Hindu dress
- Unfavorable prefix
- Ballpark grub
- Lion's share
- It can be red or black
- Burden
- Break bread
- \*First North Korean to cross Demilitarized Zone
- \*October disaster
- Acoustic output
- In the past
- Tanzania's neighbor
- Coral reef island
- First off sinking ship?
- Type of closet
- Not there
- Dashboard unit

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- R&R destinations
- Part of hemoglobin
- "I Dream of Jeannie" star
- "He's \_\_\_\_\_ nowhere man," Beatles
- Strong suit, pl.
- Age of Aquarius flick
- Nothing alternative
- Game ragout
- Onion's kin
- October stone
- \*CA's Camp \_\_\_\_\_
- "Tit for \_\_\_\_\_"
- Schmear
- Often taken with a bible, pl.
- Aretha's first three
- Arabic greetings
- "\_\_\_\_ For Our Lives"
- Convex molding
- Suggest
- Sounds of amazement
- \*Cooper's leading lady
- Property claims
- Fill with spirits
- \*April missile strikes target
- Make one's way
- EU unit
- One born to Japanese immigrants
- 10 to the power of 100
- Bearded antelope
- Take on, as in a project
- Take gun away
- Not our
- Burlap fiber
- Airy emanation
- Cairo's waterway
- "Like a \_\_\_\_\_ to a flame"
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# Half of Coloradans now live in wildfire risk areas

Special to the Herald Times

**RBC I** The number of people living in areas at risk to the effects of wildland fire increased by nearly 50 percent from 2012 to 2017, based on new Colorado Wildfire Risk Assessment data released this week by the Colorado State Forest Service.

As of 2017, approximately 2.9 million people live in Colorado's wildland-urban interface (WUI)—the area where human improvements are built close to, or within, natural terrain and flammable vegetation—compared to 2 million people just five years earlier. The new figure represents approximately half of the state's total population.

The source data are included in updates to the Colorado Wildfire Risk Assessment Portal, or CO-WRAP, which is an online mapping tool that helps Colorado community leaders, professional planners and interested citizens determine wildfire risk and where forest management actions can achieve the greatest impact to reduce risk. The CSFS just completed a thorough update to the Colorado Wildfire Risk Assessment—and the data utilized for CO-WRAP—based on new housing, population, vegetative fuels, weather and other ancillary data. This is the first major update to the overarching site data since 2013.

"With the continued increase in Colorado's wildland-urban interface population, it's critical for landowners and communities to take actions to reduce their risk and address forest health concerns," said

Mike Lester, state forester and CSFS director. "The Colorado State Forest Service provides necessary resources to assist forest landowners and WUI communities to make their forests healthier and safer."

CO-WRAP first launched in 2013 and provides access to statewide wildfire risk assessment information.

Through the web-based mapping tool, fire mitigation professionals, prevention planners, natural resource professionals and others can generate maps and download data and reports that describe defined project areas, such as communities or watersheds. The information in the portal is based on geographic information system (GIS) data layers that allow users to view such themes as potential fire intensity, historic fire occurrence and values at risk from wildfire.

Amanda West, CSFS science information manager, says that the increased population in the wildland-urban

interface is due not only to more people moving into these areas, but also to better, more refined data and ongoing changes in land use and vegetation patterns. She points out that the largest increases in population growth within the interface are in areas where agricultural lands are being converted to grasslands and subdivisions.

Although these areas are considered in a low-risk category by the assessment, they are still at a higher risk for wildfire than more urban areas.

West says that with the update CO-WRAP still offers the same overall look and functions as before, and still features two levels of access—one for community leaders, planning professionals and forestry professionals, and one for interested citizens. The professional viewer provides access to data and tools for use in creating fire protection or forest stewardship plans, supporting Community Wildfire Protection Plans or identifying

priority fuels treatment areas. It also allows users to generate detailed risk summary reports for customized land areas—such as neighborhoods, fire protection districts or counties.

"CO-WRAP offers a consistent dataset across Colorado to use for hazard mitigation planning," said Kristin Garrison, CSFS fire, fuels and watersheds manager. "Whether you are focusing on the community level or watershed level, it provides baseline data for planning efforts."

She says that new for 2018 is a statewide "burn probability" layer produced using an advanced GIS tool for modeling wildfire behavior and spread, based on millions of wildfire simulations. She also notes that the revised web portal focuses not only on the probability and potential intensity of wildfire, but also the values at risk from the negative effects of wildfire—such as homes, drinking water supplies and forest assets.

West cautions that CO-WRAP should not be used to determine parcel-level risk to individual homes, as it is instead scaled to address risk at the community or watershed level, and also should not be used to predict current fire danger.

"This is not a source for real-time fire risks or restrictions," she said.

To access the updated CO-WRAP, go to [www.coloradowildfirerisk.com](http://www.coloradowildfirerisk.com). For more information about protecting homes and communities from wildfire, visit [csfs.colostate.edu/wildfire-mitigation](http://csfs.colostate.edu/wildfire-mitigation).

**"With the continued increase in Colorado's wildland-urban interface population, it's critical for landowners and communities to take action to reduce their risk and address forest health concerns."**

~ Mike Lester, state forester and CSFS director

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Notice is hereby given that pursuant to C.R.S. 31-32-101 et seq., at the regularly scheduled Town of Meeker Board meeting on January 2, 2019, the Town will consider a Franchise Agreement for the construction and operation of a cable system within the Town of Meeker. The proposed Franchise Agreement is an update to the existing Franchise Agreement with the Town. Published: Dec. 13th, 20th & 27th, 2018  
Rio Blanco Herald Times

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
Estate of Shirley Z. Taylor, who is also known as Shirley Taylor and Shirley Zina Taylor, Deceased  
Case Number 2018 PR 30021  
All persons having claims against the above named estate are required to present them to the personal representative or to District Court of Rio Blanco, County, Colorado on or before April 22, 2019, or the claims may be forever barred.  
John Etchart and Sheryl Etchart  
Co-Personal Representatives  
c/o James D. Osborne, #5642  
Attorney at Law  
P.O. Box 381  
Craig, Colorado 81626  
Published: December 20, 27, 2018 & January 3, 2019  
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**MEEKER SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1**  
Board of Education Work Sessions  
Meeker High School  
550 School St  
Meeker, CO 81641  
Design Advisory Group (DAG) Meetings  
DAG Meeting #4 - January 7, 2019 - 5:30 p.m.  
The discussion topic will be design input on the new Meeker High School and Meeker School District Transportation Center.  
Published: December 27, 2018 & January 3, 2019  
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**TOWN OF MEEKER BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
Wednesday, January 2, 2019  
7:00 P.M. Special Board Meeting  
Town Hall  
345 Market Street, Meeker, CO

- I. Call to Order
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Approval of the Agenda
- V. Approval of the Previous Minutes
- VI. Approval of Monthly Disbursements
- VII. Public Participation  
This is an opportunity for Citizens to bring comments and questions to the Board of Trustees not being addressed in the Regular Meeting Agenda. In consideration of other regularly scheduled agenda items, comments will be limited to 3 minutes or less. Citizens are asked to approach the podium state their name and address for the record.
- VIII. New Business:
  - a. Request from White River Snowmobile Club for use of Ute Park.
  - b. Request from Dick and Beverly Presence for reimbursement of damages.
  - c. Approval of Amendment to Intergovernmental Agreement with Rio Blanco County regarding Dispatch fees.
- IX. Public Hearings:
  - a. Consideration of adoption of Ordinance 01-2019 approving a Franchise Agreement with Charter Communications.
  - b. Consideration of adoption of Resolution 01-2019 approving an amendment to the Definition of Compensation of the Colorado County Officials & Employees Retirement Association's 401(a) Participation Agreement for the Town of Meeker and the Meeker Police Department.
- X. Mayor's remarks
- XI. Town Manager's Report
- XII. Other Board Business
- XIII. Adjournment  
Workshop to follow for discussion regarding the hiring process of a new Town Manager.  
Published: December 27, 2018  
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*While the Internet is a great resource for information, Public Notices have been and remain the most effective in newspapers. Newspaper are the watchdogs of their local communities and can most effectively monitor the actions of their respective local governments. This not only allows local residents to be informed, but it also forces local public officials to be held accountable. Additionally, Public Notices in newspapers are permanent records that cannot be altered or deleted, and the printed version provides a permanent archive and third-party verification of authenticity.*

Source: Colorado Press Association

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**SAFEHOUSE**

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Attention Rio Blanco County Veterans: Veterans may be eligible for mileage reimbursement for travel costs to receive VA medical care. If you do not currently receive VA travel compensation please contact the Rio Blanco County Veterans Service Offices. Rangely: John 'Hoot' Gibson, 970-878-9695. Meeker: Joe Bob Dungan, 970-878-9690. Travel compensation is made possible through the Veterans Trust Fund Grant and VFW Post 5843.

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

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

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Rangely Victim Services**- An open door for the protection and care of abused and battered persons. **Non-emergency call 629-9691 . Emer-gencies call 911.** Providing assistance for victims of violent crimes.

Colorado Parks and Wildlife is now accepting Management Proposals for hay production on Piceance Creek State Wildlife Area. Hay production and limited grazing will take place on the Dry Fork Unit located along Rio Blanco County Road 22. Information is available to all interested parties at the Meeker CPW Service Center located at 73485 Hwy 13. You can also contact Assistant Area Wildlife Manager Mike Swaro at (970) 942-8275. 12/20-1/3

New Eden Pregnancy Care Services - pregnancy tests, emergency supplies, guidance by trained volunteers, classes on pregnancy and child care, post-abortion support, referrals. Meeker: Thursdays, Noon to 5 p.m., 345 Main Street, Meeker. Email: newedenpcs@gmail.com or (970)878-5117 Rangely: Mondays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Thursdays, 1 p.m. to 7 p.m., 219 Sunset Avenue Rangely. Email: newedenrangely@gmail.com or (970) 675-2300. All services are confidential.

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

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**



**The Church at Meeker**  
Non-denominational  
Sunday Mornings 10:30  
1032 Jennifer Drive  
Pastor Rich Ford  
970-943-3243

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28' camper. Asking \$800 obo. Parked at the Thornburg turn off. Please call 970-314-5923. 12/6-1/3

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Smith & Wesson Bodyguard 380 pistol. Mint condition in original box and zipper case. Less than 100 rounds fired. \$325. 970-404-1238

**HUNTING**

Browning compound bow with sights, 12 arrows, 2 quivers, 2 stabilizers, 2 mechanical releases and hard case. \$350. 970-404-1238

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**FULL-TIME:** (eligible for benefits & sign-on bonus):

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- LPN or RN - LTC
- MLT or MLS - Laboratory
- LPN or RN - LTC - Nights
- Registered Nurse - Acute/ED
- Certified Nursing Assistant - Nights - LTC
- Registered Nurse - Surgery
- Physical Therapy Assistant

**FULL-TIME:** (eligible for benefits):

- Dishwasher
- Phlebotomy Technician
- Physician Biller/Claims Analyst
- Infection Control Manager
- Case Manager/Discharge Planner

Submit Resume and/or Application to:

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Visit our Website at: [www.pioneershospital.org](http://www.pioneershospital.org)



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**RENTALS: MEEKER**

For Rent: 2 BDR/1 BA house in Meeker. Call 878-4397 or 942-8477 11/29-12/27

Clean and updated 2BR apartment in quiet neighborhood in Meeker. Near 4th and Garfield. All utilities included. Hot water heat, off street parking, great front porch on an upstairs unit. A/C available. \$650/month + deposit. 12/27-1/24

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1 BDR, fully furnished, all utilities paid. \$600 per month. 223 Main Street, Apt. 3. Available December 1st. 970-220-2150

2 BDR/1.5 BA townhouse. Call 970-260-3302

One bedroom furnished apartment, all utilities included. \$550 per month, \$550 deposit. No lease. 970-878-4754 11/29-12/27

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



**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

- Building Inspector
- Eligibility Specialist
- Information Tech. Help Desk
- R&B Operator, Meeker
- Relief 911 Dispatcher
- Relief Control Room Specialist
- Relief Radino Driver, Rangely
- Transfer Clerk/Office Assistant
- Treasury Clerk, Meeker

For details and a Rio Blanco County application, please go to [www.rbc.us](http://www.rbc.us) or Rio Blanco County HR at 555 Main St., Meeker, CO. 970-878-9570.

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**RENTALS: MEEKER**

Older 2 BDR/1BA apartment, no stairs, newly painted, utilities paid, unfurnished, across from NAPA on Market Street. \$450 per month + \$250 damage deposit. 970-220-2150

AVAILABLE NOW: retail space in the center of Meeker at 6th and Main in the historic Hugus Building. Includes over 5000 square feet and loading dock in the alley. This former general store has Main Street display, windows, antique ceiling, freight elevator, built-in cupboards and 1910 era show cases. Call 970-878-4138 for details.

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2 BDR/2BA Apt/Duplex, covered parking, No Smoking/No Pets. Call 970-778-5040

204 South White, recently updated 3 BDR/1BA house, washer/dryer, wood stove, fenced yard, off-street parking, fiber optic hook-up. Owner pays water/sewer. \$700/month. Call Rodney 970-462-6538 12/20-1/17

3 BDR, 1 BA house for rent, 309 Lake St, NS/NP, fenced grass yard, washer/dryer included, utilities not included. \$750 per month 970-261-5634

Rangely Duplex for Rent 1 or 2 bedroom duplex -Newly remodeled & landscaped. Please contact Rodney 970-462-6538 or Dan 970-462-6858.

**SILVER SAGE RV PARK RV**  
Spaces for rent.  
Manager: Katie Willis  
(970)675-2259 or cell: (970)629-0437

**WANTED**

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**MEEKER SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1**  
Employment Opportunities  
Barone Middle School • Wrestling Coach  
ADA/EOE  
Subject to change at any time!  
For details and an application, please visit our website at [Meeker.k12.co.us](http://Meeker.k12.co.us) or Meeker School District Administration at 555 Garfield St., Meeker, CO  
**970-878-9040**

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**BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS Volunteer Opportunities**  
The Board of County Commissioners will be making appointments to the following Boards on 01/28/2019. If you are interested in serving on one or more of the following Boards, please complete an Application for Board or Commission and return to: HR, PO Box i, Meeker, CO 81641 or [hr@rbc.us](mailto:hr@rbc.us). The Application can be found at the [rbc.us](http://rbc.us) website under Government, Boards & Commissions. Application deadline: 01/23/2019. 970-878-9570

- Building Board of Appeals
- Citizens Review Panel
- Columbine Park Board
- Council on Aging Board
- Fair Board
- Fairgrounds Board
- Historical Preservation Board
- Planning Commission
- Rangely Cemetery District
- Weed Management Board

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◆ SALE PENDING! 231 Ridge Road, Rangely - Spotless 4 BD/2 3/4 bath home, roomy kitchen, 1970 SF w/ 2 car att. garage, plenty of parking. \$239,500.  
◆ SALE PENDING! NEW! 32999 Hwy 13 - 5.8 miles south of HWY 64 & 13 intersection. \$139,000.  
◆ White River Rancho - Awesome Acreage! 35 acres with peaceful river frontage, includes both sides of the White River. 9 miles west on HWY 64, turn Left on CR 66. \$200,000.

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**  
May God be with you through the new year, and fill your life with comfort, love and cheer. May this day and the days ahead hold many blessings for you and yours.  
Happy New Year!

**RESIDENTIAL**  
1254 Sunridge Ave., Rangely - Nice 3BD/2BA home in La Mesa. Large lot & hot tub. \$175,000!  
752 2nd St. - 4BD/2.75BA Close to schools, Rec. Center and Fairgrounds. PRICE REDUCED to \$248,000!  
825 3rd St. - 4BD/2BA, excellent starter or family home. \$195,000  
482 12th St. - 2BD/1.5BA, townhouse. \$47,500.  
760 2nd St. - SOLD!  
855 5th St. - 5BD/2BA, new roof, siding, windows & flooring. \$200,000.  
767 12th St. - 2BD/1.5BA, townhouse, well kept. \$68,000. REDUCED!  
**RURAL RESIDENTIAL**  
1083 Boulder Dr., Craig - Wilderness Ranches cabin, turkey. PRICE REDUCED to \$162,000!  
NEW! 4007 CR 7 - 3BD/2BA with well on 5.18 acres. \$260,000.  
**RANCH PROPERTY**  
River Ranch on the Yampa, Maybell - 5 BD/4BA, Lg. Barn/Shop on 128.68±ac., senior water rights w/ Yampa River frontage. \$998,000 REDUCED!  
Baker's Peak Vista Ranch, Craig - 50±ac., outbuildings, water rights & domestic well, adjoins BLM & Nat. Forest. \$1,300,000.  
Four Springs Ranch, Maybell - Great Ranch setup on 343.98±ac. w/ water rights & Yampa River frontage. \$1,250,000.  
**VACANT LAND**  
NEW!  
- 11 AC with well, electricity & storage shed. \$60,000  
- 11 AC Vacant Land. \$31,000

**VACANT LAND (CONT.)**  
- Two - 8 AC Parcels at \$27,000 each. ONE UNDER CONTRACT!  
All above properties are approx. 7 miles from Craig, CO. NEW! 568 Falcon Drive, Craig, CO - Beautiful 5 acres in Wilderness Ranches. Build your dream cabin and excellent hunting for elk, deer and antelope. \$17,000.  
NEW! Picturesque Property on Harvey Gap Rd., Silt, CO - 26.69± acres w/ water rights, well, electricity, wild life, meadow view & trees. On a paved road. Secluded yet accessible. Harvey Gap Park is minutes away. Borders BLM. \$415,800.  
Two 5ac. lots, Strawberry Patch Rd. - Ponds, fence & electricity. \$56,500 ea.  
33 lots, Sanderson Hills - Great bldg sites. \$29,000/ea. or \$25,000/ea. in pkgs of five.  
2 lots, Silver Sage Rd. - Two building sites. \$45,000 for both.  
**COMMERCIAL**  
975 Market St. - Commercial Property located with prime corner location on Highway 13 \$250,000.  
Brontosaurus (Hwy. 40), Dinosaur - Lg. Building. \$155,000.  
60240 Hwy. 40, Maybell - Wildgame meat processor, business & real estate. \$280,000.  
101 E. Market St. - Brothers Property, Lg. Building on 0.43±ac. w/ paved parking. \$375,000.  
Gravel Pit, WRC Wet Pit - 20 miles W. of Meeker, 110±ac., water rights & ~150,000 tons of gravel to extract. \$1,500,000.  
Ma Famiglia Italian Restaurant, 410 Market St. - Business & Real Estate offered together or separate. Turnkey & Profitable. PRICE REDUCED to \$695,000!

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**HOMES IN MEEKER ...**  
\*NEW 1123 Park Ave.- Nice 2007 singlewide manufactured home on 1 full lot. 2 BR, 2 BA. Furnished. \$125,000.  
\*564 7th St.- Large 2 story home, big lot, fenced yard, shop. \$215,000. SOLD!  
\*871 10th St.- 4 BR, 2 BA home. Family room, living room, fireplace, garage. \$199,900. SOLD!  
\*1007 Wall St.- Nicely updated 3 BR, 2 BA one level home. 2 car garage, fenced yard. \$175,000. SOLD!  
\*223 Main St.- One-quarter block. 3 BR, 2 BA home, Tree 1 BR, 1 BA cabins, garage, sheds. \$349,000. SOLD!

**RANCHES - RURAL RESIDENTIAL - HUNTING PROPERTIES...**  
\*92 CR 59- 5 acres 10 miles up Buford/New Castle Road. Home sites. Borders forest. \$175,000.  
\*2101 Meath Dr.- .35 acres in Little Beaver Estates 8 miles east of Meeker. Good pasture. \$89,900.  
\*CR 8- 88 Acres just east of Meeker. Hunting, dry land pasture, development potential. REDUCED! \$400,000.  
\*439 Agency Dr.- 6 Acres, beautiful 2 story log home, 2 car garage. Horse barn/shop. \$483,999. SOLD!  
\*517 Agency Dr.- 4.77 irrigated acres, 4 BR, 2.5 BA, 2 car garage, 36'x72' horse barn. \$515,000. SOLD!

**RAW LAND AND HOMESITES ...**  
\*92 CR 59- 5 acres 10 miles up Buford/New Castle Road. Home sites. Borders forest. \$175,000.  
\*2101 Meath Dr.- .35 acres in Little Beaver Estates 8 miles east of Meeker. Good pasture. \$89,900.  
\*TBD CR 13- 35 Acres, 4.5 miles south of town. Fenced, borders BLM on 2 sides. Great home site. \$169,000.  
\*1751 Bright Water Lane- 39 Acres with White River, irrigated hay meadow, and great home sites. 5,000 sq ft barn with power, septic & cistern. Borders BLM. 14 miles west off of Hwy 64. Great hunting area. \$375,000.  
\*2 Large Multi-Family Lots in Sanderson Hills, near Rec Center. Zoned MFA. \$140,000 for both, or sold separately.  
\*5807 CR 7- Vacant 20 acre parcel, 9 mi. North, on Strawberry Creek. Good home site & view. \$75,000.  
\*CR 8- 88 Acres just east of Meeker. Hunting, dry land pasture, development potential. \$400,000. REDUCED!  
\*100 acres- 29 miles east of Meeker, surrounded by Nat'l Forest, covered with Aspens. \$1,395,000.00.  
\*5 Acres 16 miles up CR 8. Great views overlooking the river. \$169,000. SOLD!  
\*12924 CR 8- 5 Acres with River, great fishing. Vacant land, 13 miles upriver, awesome views. \$149,000. SOLD!

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**Real-Tea Roundtable**  
Wednesday, Jan. 2nd  
7:30 a.m., Wendell's  
Guest: Betty Kracht  
White River Consulting, LLC

2604 Rd. 53 - 1.951 Acre Hunting Paradise. \$3,850,000  
2204 Rd. 7 - 618 Acres, 2 Homes, Shop, Grazing Permit. \$2,390,000  
Ridge Estates Subdivision - Full 26 Lot Package. \$999,000  
Elk Mountain Inn - 21 Room Motel, Bar & Restaurant, Courtyard. \$975,000  
Wyatt's Sports Center & Residence - Fully Remodeled, Privacy. \$790,000  
5086 Rd. 7 - 55 Acres, 5BD/3BA, 40'x64' Shop. \$479,000  
1287 Market St. - Multi-Use Commercial Building w/ 4 Lots. \$455,000  
6321 Rd. 7 - Spacious 3+BD/3BA home on 10+ Acres. \$365,000  
8617 Rd. 8 - SALE PENDING  
793 Cedar Street - SOLD  
175 5th St. - Log Home or Office, Large Corner Lot. \$266,500  
TBD E. Market St. - 7.46 Acres, Multi-Use Opportunity. \$249,000  
830 Main St. - Remodeled 4BD/1.75BA. Garage. \$244,000.  
345 Cleveland St. - 2.28 Acres. Potential for 12 Building Lots. \$216,000  
760 5th St. - 2+BD/2BA, attached garage, shed, views! \$209,000  
112 Main St. - Historic Brick Home, Cottage, Corner Lot. \$207,000  
560 5th St. - Conveniently located 5+BD/3BA Home & Shop. \$199,000  
109 Market St. - 0.5 Acre HWY Commercial Lot. \$199,000  
764 Pine St. - SALE PENDING  
646 Main St. - Downtown Commercial Building. \$150,000  
1259 Garfield St. - Nicely remodeled 2BD/1BA. \$146,000  
1105 & 1107 Market St. - Large Commercial Lot. \$149,000  
461 12th St. - SALE PENDING  
1049 Hill St. - 2+BD/2BA, Garage & Storage. \$129,000  
Ridge Estates - Rural Residential Lots Starting at \$45,000

618 Acres & 2 Homes  
2204 Road 7  
\$2,390,000

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!