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Year in review ...

The year 2014 was interesting for all of Rio Blanco County. There was Meeker's controversy over Dr. Robert Dorsett (right), a visit from Temple Grandin, the conflict over the county's new justice center, Rangely winding up a number of projects and turning an old water storage tank into a sound studio. For the Year in Review, which starts this week, see Page 1 below, and pages 7A, 8A and 9A. To be continued next week as well.



Katelin Cook resigns from Meeker board to spend more time with family

By SEAN McMAHON
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MEEKER Katelin Cook, a member of the Meeker Town Board since August 2007, has resigned her position on the town's governing board, and the town has already started the process to find a new board member.

Cook wants to spend a little more time at home with her baby daughter, Carson, who was born in August.

"I worked with a great board and it was really interesting to see how the process works," said Cook, who left as the executive director of the Meeker Chamber of Commerce in the first half of 2014 to become the Rio Blanco

County economic development director, a job she will continue to hold.

"My years on the council offered me a great perspective on how a small town works and I learned how things are really run," she said.

Regarding her leaving the council, Cook said, "There were really too many conflicts between my job with the county and being on the town board, I now have a baby to take care of, and she's already four months old and there was just too much time I was away from home.

"The town has night meetings, I often work late in my office at the county and when I'm home, after dinner I have to decide whether to pay the bills, do the dishes or do research on

something city-related like marijuana. I just didn't have time to enjoy my life," Cook said. "It was a great honor to be elected to the town board twice, but I've done my part. It was a great experience, I am glad I did it, but it is time to do something else," she said.

Asked what council action was taken that she is most proud of, she said immediately, "The hiring of Scott Meszaros as town manager. There is just great synergy with Scott and all of the employees. It was a great move."

Another action she was a part of and is proud of, she said, is "the city sidewalk project—we have been working on that for years and it looks like it will actually happen during spring and summer of 2015."

Looking forward, Cook said, "I am looking forward to a couple of good things in 2015, including the town's business grant programs. There will be two of them, and these are funded by the town, not the state or the feds."

One, she said, is a site-advance program, where funds are available for local businesses to improve their properties such as cleanup, physical improvements to a property or even landscaping.

The second is an economic development program in which the town is investing some of its money in the local businesses, helping them to help themselves grow and improve their businesses.

She said the town is also taking a look at duplicating or something similar to Rangely's "Shop and Dine," program. In that program, Rangely sets a couple of weeks during late November in which businesses in that town print receipts in their stores and town/area residents can turn in those receipts to the town to get a rebate on their sales taxes.

"It seems to be a success in Rangely, and a lot of residents turn in their receipts to claim the rebates, and that has increased sales and the number of people doing more of their shopping in the Rangely area for the past two years," she said.



Katelin Cook

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Piper hearing over stabbing incident set for Feb. 6

By DOC WATSON
Special to the Herald Times

RBC There was a hearing at the Rio Blanco Courthouse Dec. 19 concerning the case of Meeker resident Logan Piper, 19, who reportedly stabbed Rio Blanco Sheriff Si Woodruff during an incident at Pioneers Medical Center in Meeker on Aug. 21.

The preliminary hearing for Piper, who is charged with felony assault with extreme indifference, assault in the first degree for threatening a police officer and two counts of felony menacing in relation to the incident in which Woodruff was stabbed once in the lower left stomach area, was scheduled at the Dec. 19 meeting to take place Feb. 6.

Piper had initially been charged with attempted first-degree murder and first-degree assault.

Piper is still being held in the Rio Blanco County Jail in lieu of \$100,000 bond.

It was the opinion of prosecutor Matthew Barrett that "whatever the defenses might be—such as insanity, which I think is the most likely one—are not relevant to the purposes of the preliminary hearing.

"This is a very straightforward hearing," he said. "I don't think the facts of the actual stabbing of Sheriff Si Woodruff are in dispute, (so) it shouldn't take more than honestly 25 minutes to present my case."

Assuming it would take her about that long to present her case, Rio Blanco County Public Defender Elise Myer argued that one hour "is cutting it close, (so I) would ask for at least a two-hour setting."

District Court Judge John Neily agreed with Myer, the defense attorney, setting the preliminary hearing for 2 p.m. on Feb. 6.

FROSTY WEATHER...



HEATHER ZADRA

A hard frost Friday night left its trademark crystals on trees, grasses and even spider-webs Saturday morning. In the first few days of the new year, temperatures will climb into the high 20s but are not projected to get much, if any, above freezing.



HEATHER ZADRA

Thin clouds overhead coupled with a film of hoarfrost on surrounding trees and bushes Saturday morning made for an unusual vista just west of Rangely. Hoarfrost forms on grasses and plants when the humidity is very high and the temperatures are extremely cold, building up on the bushes as more and more of the humidity is crystalized on the plants.

Unemployment rate in Rio Blanco County up to 3 percent in Nov.

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RBC The unseasonably adjusted unemployment rate inched up half a percent during November in Rio Blanco County. The increase was the first in the past 12 months, following a low of 2.5 percent in October.

According to the Colorado Department of Labor and Unemployment, Rio Blanco suffered a loss of 118 jobs between October and November, which may be due to the seasonal jobs in the area that are discontinued with the advent of winter conditions.

The department reported that in November, the county had an available workforce of 4,526 and that there were 4,392 employed and 134 on the unemployment list, setting up the 3 percent jobless rate. Those figures compare to 4,626 available workers in October while 4,510 were working and 116 were unemployed, for a rate of 2.5 percent.

The November 2014 rate was still much lower than the jobless rate reported by the DLU in November 2013, when there were 4,476 available workers in Rio Blanco County and 4,286 were working and 190 were on the unemployment list, for a percentage of 4.2 percent.

Meanwhile, November's overall Colorado unemployment rate

jumped a slight amount over October but remained 2.1 percent lower than in November of 2013.

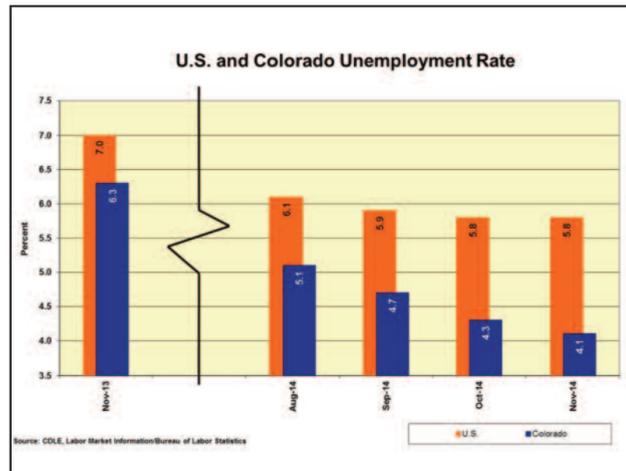
In November, state figures indicate there were 2,808,470 persons in the available state workforce with 2,695,812 working and 112,658 unemployed for an overall rate of 4 percent. Statewide in October, the available workforce numbered 2,817,863 with 2,712,893 working and 104,970 unemployed for a 3.7 percent unemployment rate.

One year ago in November, the unemployment rate throughout Colorado was 6.1 percent with 2,752,847 in the available workforce. Of that number, 2,584,610 held jobs and 168,237 listed as unemployed.

Looking at all of Colorado's counties, 12 had unemployment rates lower than Rio Blanco.

The 12 counties (county seats in parenthesis) with unemployment rates lower than Rio Blanco were: Cheyenne (Cheyenne Wells) and Jackson (Walden) 1.5 percent; Baca (Springfield) 1.7 percent; Yuma (Wray) 1.8 percent; Kiowa (Eads) 1.9 percent; Phillips (Holyoke) 2.0 percent; Sedgwick (Julesburg) 2.1 percent; Washington (Akron) 2.2 percent; Kit Carson (Burlington) 2.3 percent; Hinsdale (Lake City) 2.4 percent; Dolores (Dove Creek)

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The year in review: Top happenings of 2014

Herald Times Staff

RBC This is Part 1 of our annual review of news stories and local events from the previous year. This week covers January through June, 2014.

■ Rio Blanco County has hired Katelin Cook to be the new county economic development director, working closely with the county, Meeker and Rangely town governments and the chambers of commerce in the area to increase economic

development throughout the county.

■ A house fire broke out early Monday morning south of Rangely, severely damaging the home and resulting in a female living at the residence being taken to Rangely District Hospital with minor injuries,

the Rio Blanco County Sheriff's Office reported.

■ Stephanie Kobald has been named the new executive director of

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BRIEFS

Memorial for Brooke Anderson Jan. 3

RANGELY | A memorial service for Brooke Anderson will be held Saturday, Jan. 3, at the Elks Lodge in Rangely. The service will begin at 4 p.m.

Rangely VFW special meeting Jan. 8

RANGELY | Rangely Post No. 5261 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars will hold its next meeting at Rangely Library at 7 p.m. on Jan. 8 under the direction of Cmdr. John "Hoot" Gibson. District and state officers have been invited, and also present will be a service officer to answer questions. Also present will be Edward T. Aitken Sr., surgeon, with the VFW Department of Colorado. All veterans are invited.

RBC retirement party on Jan. 9 expanded

RBC | The Rio Blanco County Clerk and Recorder's Office will host a retirement party on Jan. 9 for County Clerk Nancy Amick and assistant Jackie Brennan, who are both retiring after several years of service. Amick is retiring Jan. 13 and Brennan is retiring Jan. 16. As of Monday, the party has been expanded to include Sheriff's Office retirees. The party is open to the public to share cake and punch. The celebration will run from 1 to 3 p.m. on Jan. 9.

4-H Cloverbuds start Jan. 14

MEEKER | The Meeker 4-H Cloverbud program invites children ages 5-7 to come experience scrapbooking, art and crafts, photography, cake decorating, baking, leathercraft, gardening, nature, camping, animals and much, much more! For more information contact the CSU Extension Office at 970-878-9490.

SNOWY STEGOSAURUS ...



Looking a bit cold and lonely, this stegosaurus stands sentinel at the visitor center at Dinosaur National Monument. There hasn't been a lot of snow at the lower elevations of Rio Blanco County, but measurable snow has been reported in the high country.

COURTESY PHOTO

JOBLESS: Slight increase in Rio Blanco County numbers in November

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2.5 percent; and Lincoln (Hugo) 2.7 percent.

The nine counties (county seats in parenthesis) with the highest unemployment rates in Colorado in November were: Costilla (San Luis) 7.4 percent; San Miguel (Telluride) 7.1 percent; Pitkin (Aspen) 6.3 percent; Huerfano (Walsenburg) 6.1 percent; San Juan (Silverton) and Pueblo, (Pueblo) 5.6 percent; Fremont (Canon City) 5.5 percent; Otero (LaJunta) 5.3 percent; and Rio Grande (Del Norte) 5.2 percent.

OBITUARY

Edwin Neal Freeman

April 12, 1941 ~ December 2014

Edwin Neal Freeman was born April 12, 1941, to Melvin James Freeman and Bernelda Lorene Thornberry Freeman in Hotchkiss, Colo. Ed grew up in Hotchkiss and was graduated from Hotchkiss High School in 1959. Upon graduation, Ed enlisted in the U. S. Navy and served with the Pacific Fleet the next four years.

After his honorable discharge from the Navy, Ed returned to his home in Hotchkiss. There, he married Glenna Fae Watson. To this marriage one son was born, Ronald Neal Freeman (Hammond). The family moved to Craig and they were later divorced.

Ed made Craig his home, working as a truck driver with local companies, then for Moffat County. In 1977, he went to work for Colowyo Coal Co. as an over-the-road truck driver hauling crushed coal from the mine to the train loadout in Craig.

In the summer of 1978, there were four new voices on the over-the-road dispatch radio. The A-Crew voice was his future wife, Anna. In 1980, they finally met and the

voices now had faces. Ed relocated from Craig to Meeker, and they were married in 1981. They bought a small ranch south of Meeker and it has been home to this day.

Ed and Anna both retired from Colowyo Coal Co. in 1999, he after 22 years of service, she after 21 years, and they devoted full time to their ranch, where they have Arabian horses and grow hay.

Ed's favorite job of all was his last as the ditch rider for the White River Highland Ditch Co. since 2010.

Ed was preceded in death by: both parents; sister Sylvia; son Ron; and stepson Carl.

He is survived by: his wife Anna; sister Agnes (Rusty) Crick of Grand Junction; stepson Earl (Tammy) Stout of Meeker; two granddaughters; four grandsons; two great-granddaughters; and one great-grandson.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, a contribution be made to the Calaway-Young Cancer Center at Valley View Hospital, 1906 Blake Ave., Glenwood Springs, Colo. 81601.

COOK: Leaves vacancy on board

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Regarding the vacancy on the Meeker Town Board that she is leaving behind, Cook said, "I would truly encourage folks to throw their hats into the ring to be appointed to fill the board position. The appointment is good until the next election, which would be in early 2016, when the appointee would then have to run for election in order to retain their seat.

"It was a rewarding position because you really do feel like you are accomplishing something," she said. "It is also a very interesting position because you will learn a lot about the town and how a small town operates. I learned a lot during my time on the board, and you can never

take that knowledge and experience away.

"I also learned to appreciate my fellow board members," she said. "I found out firsthand that these people are well educated and that they will think out their reasons for doing what they do on the board. Their reasoning is well thought out and even balanced, and I have a lot of respect for each and every one of them."

The Town of Meeker is currently accepting letters of interest from persons interested in filling Cook's vacancy. That decision will be made by the town Board of Trustees at its regular board meeting on Feb. 17.

The letters of interest must be received at Meeker Town Hall, 345 Market St. no later than 4 p.m. on

Feb. 12.

Qualifications for the position of trustee or board members are: person must be a registered voter within the Town of Meeker, they must be 18 years of age or older, and they must have resided in the Town of Meeker for at least 12 consecutive months immediately preceding the date of appointment.

All candidates will be required to be in attendance at the 7 p.m. meeting on Feb. 17, when there may be interviews by the board for the selection.

The person appointed to fill the vacancy will hold office until the April election in 2016, when they would have to run for election.

For more information, interested persons may call 878-5344.

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◆ Jim Pokrandt, Colorado River Water Conservation District: *West Slope Water Obligations*
◆ Jay Gallagher, NW Representative, Colorado Water Conservation Board: *State Water Plan, Yampa, White, Green Rivers Basin Plan*

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Yampa-White-Green Rivers Basin Round Table

Family Ice Fishing Day

NEW LOCATION

Don't know how to ice fish or have any supplies? Not to worry, the Colorado Parks and Wildlife will be partnering with ERBM Recreation & Park District to help teach people how to ice fish, provide equipment for the day, and give an educational presentation on fish and their environment. Licenses are required for those 16 years and older who plan to fish. The Meeker Lions Club will be cooking a free lunch! Come visit us at the tent to enter drawings for a chance to win some really cool items! Drawings will be at 3:00pm, must be present to win. ERBM Recreation & Park District will not provide transportation. The event is weather dependent. If the ice is deemed unsafe, the event will be cancelled. The decision to cancel will be made on January 5th and will be advertised in the January 8th Herald Times newspaper.

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Congressional bill fully funds PILT program

Special to the Herald Times

WASHINGTON, D.C. | The Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) program, which last year provided Colorado counties with \$34.5 million to carry out vital services like fire and police protection, school construction, and road maintenance, received \$372 million in the government funding bill, which passed Congress last week.

The bill, which provides funding for a majority of the federal government for the remainder of the fiscal year, also contains funding for Golden's National Renewable Energy Lab, the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF), the Forest Legacy Program, and the Emergency Watershed Protection (EWP) program.

"While the Senate's work to barely avert a government shutdown over the weekend is certainly nothing to be proud of, this bill contains some crucial funding for Colorado priorities," U.S. Sen. Michael Bennet said. "Resources for PILT will give Colorado communities a bit more certainty through the rest of the fiscal year to provide essential services like schools, fire protection, and road maintenance. Funding for the LWCF and the Forest Legacy program will help ensure crucial conservation projects can move forward. And EWP resources will be critical to watershed restoration projects to help minimize future flooding in areas that have been devastated by wildfires and previous floods."

"We're disappointed the bill included several policy riders on matters unrelated to appropriations, particularly those affecting the Greater and Gunnison sage-grouse. Colorado communities continue to make a strong, science-based case that local conservation efforts are working, can continue to get better and these birds don't need protection under the Endangered Species Act," he said. "However, thanks to this rider, Colorado communities will now be plagued with uncertainty through at least next September. Despite this ill-advised Congressional involvement, Colorado communities and the agencies will continue to work on their collaborative and locally-based conservation approaches to protect the birds and avoid future listings."

The bill includes \$372 million for PILT, in addition to the \$70 million included in the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA). Bennet has been a strong advocate for fully funding the PILT program as this bill will achieve for this year. He actively pushed essential Senate committees to prioritize PILT funding, and in 2012 he led the fight with Sen. Mark Udall in support of PILT and Secure Rural Schools funding. He also cosponsored a Udall bill to permanently fund and authorize the PILT program.

It also contains \$306 million for the Land and Water Conservation Fund and \$53 million for the Forest Legacy Program. The Emergency Watershed Protection program was funded at \$78.6 million.



HILL FOG ...

Strong wind blows the air up a slope near Chase Draw west of Rangely, cooling the air and condensing the moisture. The effect is of steam rising from the hillsides, although the actual result is called a "hill fog." It is not a common occurrence, but the weather in the past week has created this phenomenon.

HEATHER ZADRA

Meszaros on Dean's List

MEEKER | Lexie Meszaros, the daughter of Scott and Stacey Meszaros of Meeker, has been named to the Dean's List in her first semester at the University of Louisiana—Monroe.

Meszaros transferred 48 credits from her Meeker High School dual enrollment program earned through Colorado Northwestern Community College. Those credits allowed her to enter the university enrolled as a junior.

Meszaros, who was graduated from Meeker High School this past summer, now has 60 credits counting toward her major, which is risk management, specializing in oil and gas industry rating.



What: Meeker 4-H Enrollment Party
When: January 6, 2015, 4-7:30 p.m.
Where: Paintbrush Park & 4-H Community Building

Please join the Meeker 4-H Council at their 2015 Enrollment Party for current and new 4-H'ers! This fun-filled event will start at Paintbrush Park for a sledding/tubing party (please bring your own sled!) and then move to the 4-H Community Building at the Meeker Fairgrounds for chili and hot chocolate at around 5:30pm!

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FROM MY WINDOW...

Overall, 2014 was a good year; white new year likely; go Broncos!

By SEAN McMAHON
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As I write this on Sunday evening, the snow is coming down quite heavily, the Denver Broncos have just locked up a first-round bye in the National Football League playoffs by thumping the Oakland Raiders (always a good thing) for the second time this year, and there isn't a soul to be seen on the streets of Meeker amid the heavy snow.

It could be considered an idyllic winter night in a small Colorado mountain town. Not one single vehicle did I see moving about on the streets and it is almost like a Christmas carol where everyone, despite it being about 6 p.m. is already home snuggled in front of a fire.

It lends one to be somewhat reflective, and I was feeling a bit reflective of the past year as I remember those days and nights that were not so calm and quiet.

Looking past the extreme cold that cost me one car and sent my other one to intensive care, we had a good winter last year with lots of precipitation that saw the melt-off reach but not go over the banks to any major extent on the White River.

We saw a late-arriving spring as snow continued to cover our nearby mountains until very late spring, then we saw a mostly cool summer without intense humidity or heat, up

until after the Meeker Classic. The 2013 event was incredibly hot and humid, making it uncomfortable for nearly all to catch the five days of action for any length of time in one sitting.

After the Meeker Classic in 2014, it continued on with the beautiful days full of sunshine and warm but not-hot days until the second weekend in December, when winter did finally fit in.

In between the doses of winter, Rio Blanco County, by the account of many area residents, had one of its mildest, most-beautiful summers ever. Some rain but not much. Low humidity. A small dose of wind and a lot of pretty nice outdoors-type days. It was a grand summer.

Rangely, Meeker and Rio Blanco County had a number of activities, and each one of these seemingly went off without a hitch, bringing large numbers of residents and area visitors to attend, where fun was noticeably had by all.

The rec centers in both towns kept the local folks hopping.

And there were such events as the Colorado Northwestern Community College Foundation banquet, The Meeker Range Call, the Rangely Fourth of July, the Ride With James Snowmobile Rally, the Rio Blanco County Fair, the White River fishing derby to catch white fish to benefit the Buford School, Rangely's Septemberfest, the Meeker Sheepdog Classic, Mountain Valley Bank's Fall

Festival, the Meeker OHV Rally, the Rangely Pumpkinfest and Fall Festival, etc. In all, there are too many to mention each one but there were very few weekends when there wasn't some kind of event planned.

(By the way, I am still trying to find the woman at Rangely's Septemberfest who made the best tamales I have ever eaten. She was a Rangely woman and her booth was located in the upper left part of Elks Park as far as possible from the car show. I believe she works in some form of a state or county government office. If you read this, call me. I want a lot more of your spicy tamales.)

Throughout the summer, event after event pulled in hundreds of area folks and more than a handful of visitors traveling through. Rio Blanco as well as Rangely and Meeker did themselves proud as hosts to residents and visitors.

Both towns should hold their figurative heads up high because, despite it not being the best of economic years, you did yourselves proud and made a lot of friends from outside the area and outside the state.

We had a long election year this past year, but it all made for an exciting election night. What made



it great here is the 81 percent voter turnout and the reality that those who gave a darn and voted won with the majority. That is what makes a democracy and that is what makes this a great county.

One can't ignore the bad, and there was plenty of that, but the reality is, we are surviving and becoming a tougher country through it all, and it never has been the American way to do just what is easiest.

We have a county to be proud of, service men and women to be proud of and those who serve our towns, counties, states and nation to be proud of. While we may disagree over certain matters, it is with little doubt that we can say, they all tried to do their best for us.

Yes, there were some bumpy roads—as there always are—but for us in Rio Blanco County, overall, it was a darned good year.

Many of us lost loved ones during the past year, but we must know that with life comes death, and we move on. Death means no more suffering, no more intolerances and, hopefully, our lost friends, neighbors and loved ones moved closer to life everlasting.

There is also the hope and comfort that we will see our friends and loved ones again after we move on.

There is also the hope that peace takes a stronger hold on our planet than it has in years and that millions of people, here or abroad, find themselves better off during 2015 than 2014, and that 2015 is filled with good health, happiness and prosperity.

Happy New Year and welcome to 2015!

and as I continue my column on Monday morning, I look at my phone and it tells me it is not going to snow today. Yet, for the second time this weekend I am looking out my window and the sky is filled with snow.

There is about six inches more snow on the ground now than there was 12 hours ago.

We had a white Christmas, it looks like we will have a white New Year's and so on, for a while yet.

This corner of the state, for the third winter in a row, has an abundance of snow even days before the new year begins.

Snow is a good thing. Wind is not a good thing. Sub-zero temperatures are not a good thing although we haven't really had much to complain about so far.

Let's keep hoping that when we all look out our windows we see snow but no wind or nordic temperatures, and this will be a pretty good winter once again.

'Twas a mighty good thing to see the Broncos stomp the Raiders on Sunday and get a first-round bye in the NFL playoffs.

It was also good to see the New England Patriots falter to the Buffalo Bills. That proves once again that the Patriots are vulnerable—even at home.

The sad thing is that if Denver/Peyton Manning hadn't had such a dismal showing against the Bengals last weekend and the Broncos had defeated Cincinnati, which they should have, the Broncos would have had the No. 1 seed in the AFC playoffs by virtue of a better record than the Patriots.

As it is now, the Patriots

received the No. 1 seed despite both teams being 12-4 on the season because the Patriots beat the Broncos in their only head-to-head matchup, and that is the first tie-breaker. Denver has a better conference record and a better division record, but the first tie-breaker is head-to-head play and the Patriots won that one on a dismal, cold day in Foxboro, Mass.

For your information, the Broncos were 8-0 at home this season and 4-4 on the road. It certainly looks like the home field is an advantage, and we know that a cold, dismal day in Foxboro has not been a very lucky charm for Denver.

Enjoy your bye, Broncos. Get better! Get more consistent. Get ready for the Patriots!

It will be quite nice to get back to a normal schedule this following week. Schools will be back in session, sports will once again be taking place, there will be basketball games and wrestling matches to report on.

There will also be more time to prepare the paper for publication. The deadline can run until 10 a.m. on Tuesday during a normal week, but because we have to go to press a day early when Thursdays are a holiday, that has meant a 5 p.m. deadline on Sundays.

Many people don't see that we have early deadlines. Many people don't care that we had early deadlines and a rare few pay attention to what the deadlines are. That makes for a tough Monday.

But we are back to normal this coming week, and that is the first good news of the new year. Go 2015!

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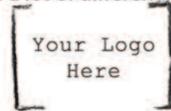
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WE WANT YOUR INPUT

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The Meeker Chamber of Commerce would like community input on how to "brand" Meeker. For such a small community, we have a lot of different things to offer, but we would like your suggestions on how to market Meeker for tourism promotion. After we acquire recommendations, a list of the "Top 10" will be compiled. The residents will then have the opportunity to vote on their favorite. The idea with the most votes will be used for the slogan the Chamber uses in their marketing. The individual with the winning slogan will receive Chamber Bucks for their help. An e-mail will be sent out and we encourage you to share it with fellow Meeker citizens. You may also come into the office located at 710 Market to submit your slogan or for any further questions. We look forward to all the great ideas.



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Head to the Community Calendar on our website to submit any events that are happening in the area.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR
More details about these January events can be found on our Community Calendar on our website www.meekerchamber.com
Please visit our website to add your own public event!
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January 3: Moonlight Ski to Yurt
January 10: Family Ice Fishing Day
January 15: Meeker Young Timers
January 23: Winter Entertainment Series

January 23-25: **Colorado Snowmobile Association Annual Meeting**
January 24: Winter Blast
January 30: **Business Leaders Luncheon**

UPCOMING EVENTS

MOONLIGHT SKI TO YURT
January 3, 5:00 pm
Marvine Trail

The White River Nordic Council will embark on the first Moonlight Ski trip to the Yurt at the Upper Marvine Campground on January 3. The group will meet at 5pm beginning at the Marvine Snow trailhead. Please bring a can of chili and snacks to share. Make sure to let someone know where you are and be prepared for the winter conditions. Follow the trails to the yurt and enjoy the beautiful scenery under the moonlight! Don't forget the ERBM Recreation & Park District has snowshoes available to borrow.



WINTER BLAST
January 24
Sanderson Hills Park

The ERBM Recreation & Park District is having their Winter Blast at Sanderson Hills Park and Phillip and Dorcas Jensen Memorial Park on January 25. Activities will begin at 11 am with a Cardboard Derby, a FREE lunch from 12-1 pm and from 1-3 pm snowshoe and cross country treks, and snow dyeing and snowman building. Bring the whole family for an exciting day with lots of activities for everyone.

NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES

BUSINESS LEADERS LUNCHEON

Come have lunch and talk to fellow business owners during the January Business Leaders Luncheon. This month we will have the meeting on January 30 from 1-2 pm, location to be determined. The discussion this time will be on maximizing our benefits as a member of the Chamber and also how to use social media to promote your business. If you have questions or would like to RSVP to this event, contact the Meeker Chamber of Commerce at 970-878-5510.

MEEKER YOUNG TIMERS

Meeker Young Timers will hold a meeting on January 15 at 6:00 pm, location to be determined. The plan for this meeting is to reinvigorate the group. We will be planning on different activities and events that we would like to plan, such as "Adult Prom". This will also be a great opportunity for people that are new to Meeker to meet people and get to know a little about Meeker. If you would like to attend this event, please RSVP to the Meeker Chamber of Commerce at 970-878-5510 by January 12 at 5:00 pm.



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GUEST OPINION

Fact that Colorado River water reached Gulf of Mexico a good sign

By TAY WILES
HIGH COUNTRY NEWS
Special to the Herald Times

RBC I It's been nine months since a coalition of scientists, water managers and lawmakers from the U.S. and Mexico opened the Morelos Dam at the Arizona border, releasing a massive, one-time pulse into the parched Colorado River Delta.

The Colorado is lifeblood to seven states and has failed to reach the ocean since the 1990s, due mainly to over-allocation to a growing population; the pulse was an attempt to revive a much-struggling ecosystem. And despite much fanfare, most of the 70-mile stretch—where 107,000 acre-feet of water either swept across desiccated stretches of the channel or sank into the soil where the existing water table was healthier and closer to the surface—dried up within weeks.

In general, the pulse has jump-started native vegetation and acted as scientists expected: like a spring flood would if the river were healthy. But experts warn not to get too excited quite yet, before all the data's analyzed. This week, researchers are giving a progress report of environmental changes they've seen at the delta since last spring's release.

Among the positive stories, for example, was a change in overall greenness. Satellite images beginning in 2000 have shown a decrease in delta vegetation, but over the last nine months, scientists have seen a 23 percent uptick in greenness.

Karl Flessa, a professor of geosciences at University of Arizona and co-chief scientist of the monitoring program, says some of that new growth is invasive salt cedar, a competitor of the more desirable cottonwood and willow. But still, it's progress. Flessa says some kind of vegetation rest stop, even if it's invasive, is better than nothing for birds migrating between Central and North Americas.

Francisco Zamora, director of the Colorado River Delta Legacy Program at Tucson-based environmental nonprofit Sonoran Institute, says he was somewhat underwhelmed by the amount of inundation as a result of the pulse.

The institute oversees the Laguna Grande restoration site in Mexico.

"I want to say about 60 percent of what we thought would be inundated was," Zamora says. And yet since the experimental flow, the site has made significant progress with native vegetation.

Zamora's team collected native seeds and sprayed them onto wet soil—in a process known as hydro-seeding—just before the release. Their hope was that the flow would raise the underground water table and keep surface soil wet long enough that seeds would germinate with roots deep enough to hit the table.

Zamora says the hydro-seeding is working. Since the pulse, willow and cottonwood saplings at the Laguna Grande have sprouted, some as high as six feet.

According to the progress report, "Minute 319 Colorado River Delta Environmental Flows Monitoring," the water tables rose along the entire stretch of the river, from the Arizona border to the Gulf of California. They also lowered in the weeks following the pulse, but Flessa and Zamora say that mimics natural cycles of spring floods.

Whether the water would recede wasn't the big question on everyone's minds, but rather the speed at which the tables receded: If tables shrink too quickly, seeds don't have a chance to germinate. In the Laguna Grande restoration area, scientists used additional base flow from Mexican irrigation canals to keep levels high even after the pulse had finished.

Scientists also saw an increase in birds gathering in the delta as the pulse inundated the channel, though the long-term return of migratory birds will depend on whether vegetation makes a significant comeback.

One of the most surprising outcomes of the pulse, though, was less ecological than it was social.

Last spring, residents of Mexican towns near the channel gathered at the river to celebrate its inspiring—if temporary—revitalization.

"Most of the time we think about the birds and wildlife," Zamora said. "But, in this particular case, the benefits and the connection of the local communities with the river was very evident. There's new hope."

The pulse perhaps got the most attention for connecting to the sea, but Flessa says that was beside the point. The real purpose of the international agreement to release the pulse—contained in a document called Minute 319—was to breathe life into the larger ecosystem and to gather data on how to most effectively use water in the future.

Still, some of Flessa's colleagues couldn't help but put bets on whether the release would reach the sea.

"Though I didn't put any money down, I didn't think it would," Flessa said.

Long-term effects of the pulse will be studied in the months and years to come. A more comprehensive report is due in 2016 and a final evaluation in 2018.

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ANOTHER VIEW

Oil boom hasn't busted, but our falling oil prices can't be ignored

By JONATHAN THOMPSON
HIGH COUNTRY NEWS
Special to the Herald Times

RBC I It was just last month that I asked, in this magazine (*High Country News*), whether falling oil prices would kill the shale revolution. At the time, a "low" price for oil was \$80 per barrel, which was more than 30 percent lower than the summer high.

Surely, if it dropped below that, there'd be trouble in the patch. That seemed unlikely at the time: Many analysts predicted that it was only a matter of days before Saudi Arabia cut production, thus halting the price slide.

What happened, instead, is that the Saudis thumbed their noses at the world's other oil producers and kept their wells pumping. Meanwhile, the International Energy Agency lowered its global demand forecast for 2015. As a result, prices kept plummeting, first to \$70 per barrel, then \$60. As I write this, Brent crude, the international benchmark for petroleum, is just below \$60, and West Texas Intermediate, our domestic benchmark, is a few dollars below that. Oil prices haven't been this low since 2009.

And, yes, there is now trouble in the oil patch. The shale oil revolution isn't dead, by any means. But it's sick.

It's still too early to tell how deep the sickness will go, since the effects of price swings can take months to manifest on the ground. But it's been six months since the price slide began, and it's clear that the oil industry is taking a hit. Here are a few of the signs of the bust:

Rig counts are down: The number of rigs actively drilling for oil and gas in the United States hit 1,931 in September, plateaued through November, and then dropped during the first weeks of December, to 1,893. Texas, which has the bulk of the nation's rigs to start with, was the leading loser, with 24 rigs packing up and heading home. Western oil and gas states lost one to three rigs each. And while that could be chalked up to seasonal fluctuations rather than prices, those states have been seeing incremental losses since September.

Drilling is the most labor- and capital-intensive stage of the production process, so when rig counts decrease, job losses ripple through oil patch economies. While most states still have more drill rigs operating now than they did a year ago, the recent decline is likely only the beginning: Earlier in December, Reuters reported that well permits plummeted from 7,700 in October, to just 4,500 in November, a pretty good indicator of where rig counts are headed.

Jobs are getting cut, slowly but

surely: Since the recession began in 2008, oil patch counties have been the brightest spot in the national employment picture. In parts of North Dakota, unemployment has crept close to zero; oil-producing counties in Wyoming, New Mexico, Utah and Colorado have had similar good fortune. Median wages have skyrocketed by as much as 150 percent over the last decade in some North Dakota counties. That light may be dimming, slightly. In North Dakota, there are considerably fewer job openings in the construction and extraction sector than there were a year ago.

That's not to say people are getting laid off. The state's data aren't current enough to determine that, but it does indicate that the oil industry is a little less desperate for workers. Over in Wyoming, meanwhile, the oil and gas sector shed about 200 of a total 18,000 jobs between September and October.

Oil state number crunchers are scrambling to rejigger budgets to account for major revenue dips: Whether or not the low prices actually cause a wholesale pullback on drilling, massive layoffs and a general collapse of the oil industry—a bust, that is—they have a huge impact on revenues for states and counties with a lot of oil production. That's because,

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Thurs.	Jan. 8 - Beefy Mac & Cheese, Fresh Garden Salad, Homemade Roll, Salad Dressing, Fruit Cup, Milk
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The Son of God

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THOU art the Christ, the Son of the living God (Matt. 16:16). As we noted in a previous installment, Matthew 16:13-17 recounts a pivotal scene, the disciples' recognition and reception of Jesus' full identity. Speaking for the group, Peter testified: **Thou art the Christ.** But that was not his full testimony. There is something deeper here.

First, we note the fundamental appellation. The further divinely revealed truth Peter and the other disciples recognized was that Jesus was also **the Son of . . . God.** This title, which appears 47 times in the NT, as well as many other references to "the Son," fundamentally underscores His deity. While some cults latch onto this title to "prove" He was just God's son but not God, all they actually prove is either their own ignorance at best or obstinate rebellion at worst.

This truth is undeniable in light of the Greek behind the phrase "son of" (*huios*) and its use in ancient times. While it certainly means "offspring of," because of its grammatical construction, it also means "partaking of," "connected with," or "of the order of." Sons (or children) of the kingdom, for example, are partakers of it and connected with it, while sons of Satan are partakers of him (Matt. 13:38). "In Jewish usage," one evangelical theologian well writes, "the term 'Son of . . .' did not generally imply any subordination, but rather equality and identity of nature. . . . Thus for Christ to say, 'I am the Son of God' (John 10:36) was understood by His contemporaries as identifying Himself as God, equal with the Father, in an unqualified sense." This is explicitly stated, in fact, in John 5:17-18. The Jews sought to kill

Christ because He called God His Father and Himself the Son, thereby "making himself equal with God."

Second, we observe the further amplification. God revealed something else to His disciples, that **Christ** is also **the Son of the living God.** Whether a god be a rock, a stick, or a philosophy, it is dead. Gods are made of fame, fortune, and fun, but not one has ever drawn a breath. God is the only God that is alive. **Living** is *zōē* (noun *zōē*; English *protozoa*). "In the thinking of the ancient Greeks, life was not a thing, but *vitality*. For that reason, *zōē* can't be used in the plural. In other words, we don't possess several 'lives' like we could possess several books or shoes; rather, life is a singular, vital, and active reality." God is life and vitality Himself, and **the Son** is equal to it.

Third, we see the final application, which is two-fold. In John 8:24, our Lord makes it clear that to deny who He is to be lost: ". . . if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins." But also, to receive Him as God, Savior, and Lord is to become, like Him, a child of God. While He is the "only begotten" Son, we are sons (and daughters) by adoption, with all the rights and privileges of that Son by birth.

Scriptures for Study: What do the following verses say about the living God: Joshua 3:10; 1Samuel 17:26, 36; Psalm 42:2; Jeremiah 10:9-10?

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Speed, ice cause several Rangely-area accidents

By HEATHER ZADRA
Special to the Herald Times

RANGELY I Three weather-related accidents in fewer than 24 hours caused damage to vehicles and injury to some occupants during the first substantial snowfall of the season Dec. 25 and 26.

At approximately 11:50 a.m. on Christmas, emergency personnel responded to a one-vehicle rollover at mile marker 7.7 on Highway 64 west of Rangely.

Rio Blanco County Sheriff's Deputy Jarrod Lang said the driver of a white 2004 Ford F-250 with Utah license plates was traveling east when he attempted to pass a bulk oil haul tanker on the straight stretch of road just past Mellon Hill. He never completed the maneuver.

"With road conditions the way they were, he lost control of the vehicle," Lang said. "The back tires lost traction and spun out, and he rolled the vehicle twice off of an embankment."

The truck came to rest approximately 55 feet off the roadway, Lang said. Icy, snow-packed conditions were a primary factor in the crash.

"Usually, when ... we haven't had a winter like we normally have, people are still driving like it's spring; the roads aren't that bad yet," Lang said. "It just takes a lit-

tle bit of time to adjust. It happens every year with our first snow. Accidents start happening and then people start driving accordingly."

The driver sustained a possible concussion and was taken to Rangely District Hospital for evaluation before being released.

Approximately six inches of snow falling Thursday prevented the Ford's removal from the ditch until the weekend. The tanker the Ford attempted to pass was not involved in the accident, Lang said.

On their way to Thursday morning's rollover, first responders came upon another weather-related accident two miles east of the first crash, at Highway 64's mile marker 9.9. After ensuring the driver and passenger in a blue 2008 Chevy Silverado, also from Utah, were uninjured, personnel went on to the rollover before returning to the non-injury crash.

"Both trucks had adequate snow tires on them; the Chevy appeared to have fairly new tires on it," Lang said. "Both were driving a little too fast for the conditions and lost control of their vehicles."

The Silverado, also traveling east, had tried to slow down for a vehicle in front of it when the truck lost traction and spun across both lanes. Both passenger-side tires were blown as the truck came to rest in the ditch.

Occupants in both crashes were

wearing seatbelts, Lang said, which probably prevented further injury on roads primed for incidents since snow began falling early Christmas morning and continued well into the evening.

"CDOT (Colorado Department of Transportation) and the county had guys out all day long," Lang said. "It was just hard for them to keep up."

Following Thursday's accidents, the roads around Rangely wreaked more havoc with travelers. On Friday at around 10:20 a.m., emergency workers responded to a two-vehicle collision at the intersection of Highway 139 and County Road 116 (mile marker 53).

A southbound tanker vehicle had slowed at the intersection to turn onto the county road when an SUV following the tanker collided with it. The SUV was moving at approximately 40 miles per hour on impact, Lang said.

"When the tanker slowed, the car following it didn't leave enough room and couldn't slow at the same rate as the tanker," he said. "It collided with the rear DOT bumper of the tanker truck."

The driver and passenger of the SUV suffered some injuries when the airbags deployed, while the vehicle sustained "very significant front-end damage." The tanker's trailer had minimal damage, Lang said.

Rangely Rural Fire Protection District (RRFPD) firefighters shut down the highway's northbound

lane and alternated traffic flow for approximately an hour as sheriff's office personnel completed an investigation and responders moved the vehicle.

For drivers getting used to traveling snow-packed, icy roads again this season, Lang said minor adjustments could mean the difference between a damage- or injury-causing accident and safe arrival to a destination.

"The No. 1 thing is to watch your speed," Lang said. "Because the speed limit is 65 miles an hour doesn't mean you have to travel 65 miles per hour. Travel a safe speed and keep enough distance for a reaction gap so you can slow your vehicle. Your vehicle will tend to travel twice as far on icy roads as it will on pavement."

Drivers also need to pay closer attention than usual to vehicles around them and to wildlife on or near roadsides, he said.



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With the start of Dinosaur National Monument's river permit lottery on the National Recreation Reservation System last year, more changes are coming for 2015. Applicants who successfully secure a launch will now confirm their acceptance of the date they won and pay for the permit online. After payment is verified, applicants will receive two forms by email to fill out and return to the Dinosaur National Monument River Office. Completed forms must be returned at least one month prior to the launch date.

OIL: Forecasts 'notoriously' incorrect

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In most cases, oil and gas are taxed, and royalties assessed, based on the gross value of the product, not its volume. If oil prices drop 10 percent below the budget forecast, then, a state can expect 10 percent less revenue from oil.

A few months ago, most states were counting on \$90 to \$100 per barrel prices for 2015. Now they'll be lucky to have a yearly average of \$65. For a state like Alaska, which typically rakes in billions in oil severance taxes, that could result in serious budget deficits next year. In New Mexico, each dollar's drop in the price

of oil translates to about \$7.5 million less in revenue, meaning they're looking at losing hundreds of millions of dollars in potential revenue, even if the drill rigs keep cranking at current rates. That's in a state where oil and gas taxes make up about one-third of the general fund. Wyoming and North Dakota face similar pain.

Domestic oil production is still going strong: Wait. What?! Yes, actual production continues to increase, or at least remain steady, which some might hold up as evidence that the price crash hasn't hurt the industry. But that's not how it works. Once a well is drilled, a company is unlikely to shut it down unless prices go really, really low, so it keeps producing. And even if prices plummet, a driller will go ahead with wells that it's already drilling or in the final stages of planning.

There are still almost 1,900 rigs out there churning away at the earth, and when those wells are completed, many of them will have a big initial production rate for a few months, during which overall production will

probably continue to increase. As rig counts continue to drop, though, and as production from existing wells continues to decline (and it will), overall production is likely to drop off.

It would be foolish to try to predict what's going to happen in the next year, or even few months, with oil prices. Most official forecasts anticipate prices staying fairly low for the next year or so. But forecasts are notoriously wrong.

One group of folks seems to think that prices will stay low for the long-term: Buyers of ginormous gas-guzzlers. Low oil prices means lower gasoline prices, and that has apparently spurred a bit of a buying spree.

If this sickness spreads, the outcome is fairly obvious. The gains we've made in fuel efficiency and the decreases we've accomplished in fuel consumption will be wiped out.

Demand for oil will increase. Prices will go back up. And Craigslist will be flooded with ads trying to sell those SUVs.

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REVIEW: Meeker School District faced budget crisis

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the Meeker Chamber of Commerce.

December financial tables from the Colorado Department of Education led Meeker School Superintendent Mark Meyer to recommend, and the Meeker School District RE-1 Board of Trustees to declare, a state of emergency over district funding.

Meeker School District unanimously passed a revised budget Tuesday night that included the projected \$1.26 million shortfall being covered by the district's reserve funds.

A horse barn in Bailey, Colo., that caught fire Friday burned CenturyLink fiber optic lines along the property's easement and caused outages to more than 17,000 residents across Colorado, public relations manager Randy Krause said Monday.

Last fall, Adams State University inducted one of the most successful football teams in the school's history into its Hall of Fame. Among the players honored was long-time Colorado Northwestern Community College baseball and basketball coach Paul Conrad, a middle linebacker for the Adams State College Indians from 1960 to 1962.

Meeker School District and two other rural Colorado school districts were promised aid from the state Legislature's Joint Budget Committee (JBC) to fix reductions in their mid-year funding.

On Friday, U.S. Rep. Scott Tipton (Colo.-03) announced that 22 students from the 3rd Congressional District, including three from Meeker, have earned his nomination to U.S. Service Academies.

On Jan. 28, the Colorado State Legislature's Joint Budget Committee (JBC) refined its decision to cover mid-year shortfalls for three rural school districts in the state, including Meeker, DeBeque and Pawnee.

Sandra Besseghini and her dog Mik of Meeker took seventh place out of 41 contestants in the Intermediate Sheepdog Trial at the National Western Stock Show in Denver on Jan. 26.



SEAN MCMAHON

This young lady was nearly unidentifiable after having her face painted during the 11th annual Mountain Valley Bank Fall Festival in late September in downtown Meeker.

Voters in the Meeker School District may be asked again in November to pass a tax levy override to fund the district and help bail out the district in its major funding shortfall.

The Republican Party in Rio Blanco County is amassing a number of candidates who have filed for election or re-election to office in 2014, including a number of incumbents who will be running to remain in office.

Ranked No. 2 in 2A by On the Mat, the Meeker Cowboys wrestling team finished the regular season with four dual meet wins and will enter arguably the toughest 2A regional tournament (Region 1) in the state, since it features the Cowboys and the defending state champion and No. 1 ranked Paonia Eagles.

Jim Rundberg of Meeker, a conservative, independent, pro-life, pro-2nd amendment, Christian candidate for Colorado governor, announced Monday that he will begin sending campaign workers into Colorado communities.

Roughly 135 sleds, several

with more than one rider, took part in the third annual "I Ride with James" Poker and Snowmobile Ride, raising funds for the James Sizemore Memorial Scholarships and for Rio Blanco County Search and Rescue.

Headed up the hill on College Drive, south of Highway 64 in Rangely, you don't have to travel far to notice a huge monolith of ice on the right as you enter the campus of Colorado Northwestern Community College.

"We're improving," Meeker's head wrestling coach, J.C. Watt, said about his team's performance at the state-qualifying Region 1 tournament in Grand Junction.

The Meeker High School girls' basketball team is league champion after winning two exciting conference games last weekend and giving them a first round bye in the district tournament. That also assures them a spot in the regional tournament.

The board of trustees of Meeker School District RE-1 (MSD) accepted the resignation of new school board member Daniel Chinn, renewed Superintendent Mark

Meyer's contract through school year 2014-15 and approved spring coaches in a special meeting on Feb. 19.

In 2013, the Rio Blanco County commissioners launched the Justice Center Project with the objective of improving facilities that serve our citizens, county and district law enforcement, and improve efficiency of county services based in Meeker.

Panther senior Lucas Heinle and junior Ethan Allred qualified for the 2014 Colorado State Wrestling Championships, and, although both won at least one match, neither placed in their respective weights.

For the past three years, the Rangely Panthers boys' basketball team has had to play in the pig-tail round of the district tournament, and for the past two years, the Panthers lost to end their season. Not this year. Barely.

During the annual Meeker Area Chamber of Commerce dinner on Friday at the Fairfield Center, Kacey's Kloset, owned by Jackie and Kurt Pozorski, was honored by the chamber as Meeker's Small Business of the Year for its activities locally as well as the efforts the business put forth to help those who were victims of the floods on the Front Range of Colorado in 2013, including the collection and delivery of blankets, supplies and clothing.

The Yampa Valley and Rio Blanco County have a new air ambulance service that will give local hospitals and search and rescue teams quicker access to a medical chopper during emergencies.

The Meeker police and fire departments escorted the Meeker High School boys' and girls' basketball teams down Main Street at 9:45 a.m. on Wednesday as they began the long trip to the Class 2A State Basketball Championships in Pueblo. Both teams won the regional tournament over the weekend to qualify for state. The No. 4-seeded girls are set to play No. 5 Akron at 11:45 a.m. today and the No. 6-seeded boys will face

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The Colorado Northwestern Community College horse show team has had a good season so far, and competition will resume in February. Members are, from left to right: Kathryn Costales, dean of instruction Judy Allred, Tasha Gibson, Ripley Bellio, Catalina Laguera, Amber Parmley and coach Stacey Bailey.

HUNTING RABBITS ...



Siblings Corbin (10), Brielle (4) and C.J. Lucero (14) are among the Rangely residents taking advantage of a good rabbit hunting season this year. A good cover of snow makes it easier to see rabbit tracks.

CPW to host Great Outdoors Ice Fishing Tournament at Steamboat on Jan. 4

Special to the Herald Times

STEAMBOAT Colorado Parks and Wildlife will host the fourth annual Steamboat Great Outdoors Ice Fishing Tournament on Jan. 4 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Stagecoach State Park.

Since its inception, the fishing tournament has continued to attract hundreds of competitors vying for big trout, cash prizes and look-

ing for a great time outdoors.

"I can't think of a better way to enjoy winter than with some fishing and some good, old-fashioned competition," said Park Manager Craig Preston. "People have a great time and they catch some really big fish. Plus, it's for a great cause, and you can't beat that."

Preston said a portion of the proceeds will help fund the Oak Creek Fire Corps, a program that enables community members to offer their

time and talents to their local fire and EMS department in a non-emergency capacity.

The tournament is limited to the first 200 adults and 50 youth anglers that sign-up. Youth can participate for free and can win non-cash prizes. Adults can register at the park the morning of the event for \$30, cash only. Only trout species will apply.

First through fifth place will receive a prize, based on the total length of two fish.

For the complete tournament rules and registration forms please visit www.steamboat-greatoutdoors.com or call 970-819-4525 for more information. All current state fishing regulations apply.

For details, pick up a current Colorado Fishing Brochure at a nearby CPW office or online at www.cpw.state.co.us/aboutus/Pages/RegulationsBrochures.aspx. A daily \$7 or \$70 annual park pass is required and can

be purchased at the park.

OHV's and snowmobiles are permitted on the reservoir below the high-water mark only for the purpose of commuting to ice fishing destinations. Early season ice conditions will exist so caution when ice fishing is strongly recommended. Participants are encouraged to carpool to ensure everyone has a place to park. Pets are welcome but must be kept on a six-foot leash at all times.

REVIEW: Area basketball teams, wrestlers had very good seasons in 2014

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No. 3 Akron today at 1:15 p.m.

Meeker Fire Chief Steve Allen congratulates and presents the Firefighter of the Year Award to Jacob Jorgensen, who has been with the fire and rescue department since 2012. In 2013, Jorgensen attended 12 business meetings while volunteering 239 hours of service. The award was given on Saturday night during the 81st annual Meeker Fire and Rescue Banquet at the Fairfield Center. The department has been serving Meeker and the surrounding community since 1933.

The Rio Blanco County Board of Commissioners on Monday in Rangely gave unanimous approval to a concept plan for the new justice center in Meeker, utilizing the site of the old Meeker Elementary School as well as incorporating the front of the old school into the design.

The Meeker Town Board on Tuesday gave unanimous approval to an ordinance requested by Rio Blanco County to close Fifth Street from Main to Park streets to allow the courthouse and old elementary school to encompass the two-block area.

The seniors on the Meeker girls' basketball team ended their high school basketball careers with a win Saturday, finishing in third place in the 2014 Colorado State Basketball Championships.

The Meeker High School girls' basketball team ended its season on a winning note with a 62-56 victory against Peyton in the consolation championship of the 2014 2A Colorado State Basketball Championships in Pueblo. The lady cowboys finished with an impressive 23-3 record: Piper Haney, Sydney Hughes, Taylor Neilson, Aly Ridings, Deena Norell and Megan Parker. Assistant coach Karen Dinwiddie,

Taylor Morris, Reece Pertile, head coach Greg Chintala, Jenna Walsh, Alex Duell, Jamie McLaughlin and assistant coach Julie Bowman.

The Meeker High School boys' basketball team played two very tough games in the 2014 Colorado 2A Basketball Championships in Pueblo over the weekend, finishing their season as one of the top eight 2A teams in the state.

The Meeker High School boys' basketball team ended its season as a member of the "Elite Eight," qualifying for the 2014 2A Colorado State Basketball Championships in Pueblo. The Cowboys will return several players, all of whom played and got state experience, hopeful for a return trip to the "Big Dance" next year. Assistant coach Matt Dupire, Kash Atwood, Matt Frantz, Jeremy Musgrave, Ty Dunham, Dylan Moble, Joe Newman, Tony Collins, Cade Rowlett, Jake Smith, Raul Lopez, Lane Anderson, Tommy Chitwood and head coach Klark Kindler.

Tom Allen was selected last week to replace Dan Chinn on the Meeker School District RE-1 (MSD) Board of Education.

Oil and gas fishing and rental company BTI Services closed its Rangely office this week, laying off eight employees Monday morning and removing equipment from its lease space on River Road this week.

On Friday afternoon, amid cloudy and breezy skies, more than 120 people attended the groundbreaking ceremony for the new Pioneers Medical Center, two miles northeast of downtown Meeker.

Mountain Valley Bank announced on Monday that it has entered into a definitive merger agreement with Platte Valley Financial Service Companies, Inc., also known as Platte Valley Companies.

After several months with a temporary postmaster, Meeker now has a new full-time postmaster, although he is no stranger to the post office in town.

Rio Blanco County usually has good air quality. Air monitors installed in 2011 near Meeker and Rangely have confirmed this. However, long-time residents can tell you that there historically have been long periods when wildfire smoke fills the air and there is an almost yearly dust storm season.

There was a good dinner crowd on hand Saturday on the Colorado Northwestern Community College campus for the 10th annual CNCC Foundation Dinner and Dance event in Rangely. Roughly 120 people were in attendance for the event, which featured dinner, entertainment, awards and a silent auction, followed by a standard auction. Before expenses are figured in, CNCC officials said Tuesday, more than \$55,000 was raised by the event.

Twenty-two donors ages 6 to 43 donated a combined 247 inches of hair at the Pantene Beautiful Lengths ponytail cutting event on March 20 on the Colorado Northwestern Community College (CNCC) campus in Rangely.

The Meeker Golf Course will be under new management this season as long-time golf pro Jim Cook retired at the end of last season.

Come the fall of this year, Meeker School District (MSD) RE-1 will join Rifle, Rangely and at least 80 other Colorado school districts in adopting a four-day school week.

W.C. Striegel, Inc., hosted an open house and its own version of a ribbon-cutting ceremony in its new offices in Rangely on Friday. More than 200 people attended to tour the three-story building completed at the beginning of January. From left are:

W.C. Striegel, Inc. vice president Deven Striegel; secretary/treasurer Teri Wilczek; and president Bill Willis, who "cut the pipe" in tribute to the oil and gas pipeline work the company does. "We're not ribbon people," Wilczek said. "We're pipe people."

Tessa Slagle, right, a senior at Rangely High School, meets with Colorado's U.S. Sen. Michael Bennett outside of the U.S. Supreme Court in Washington D.C. during a week spent in the nation's capitol as one of two Colorado students chosen for a U.S. Senate-sponsored program to acquaint students with the workings of the federal government.

Lifelong Meeker resident Regas Halandras was sworn in Tuesday night as the new mayor of Meeker, having moved up from his term-out seat on the Meeker Town Board, where he had served eight years.

Six Meeker Destination Imagination teams traveled to Denver last weekend to compete in the Colorado State Destination Imagination Tournament against 20 to 25 other teams and three teams advanced to the DI Global Tournament in Knoxville, Tenn., in May.

A semi-tractor trailer hauling approximately 20 one-ton bales of hay caught fire Saturday afternoon, destroying the tractor and closing Highway 64 west of Rangely for four hours.

Scott Creecy, a six-year resident of Meeker, was sworn into office on Tuesday night, filling the vacancy left on the board when board member Regas Halandras, who was termed out on the board, ran unopposed for Meeker mayor.

An informal "meet and greet" reception was held in early April to introduce new members of the

Rangely District Hospital Board staff.

History Colorado recently announced the listing of International Order of Odd Fellows (IOOF) Valentine Lodge No. 47 in Meeker on the National Register of Historic Places, that designation taking place March 19.

Roughly 590 people joined in the 9HealthFair on Saturday at Meeker Elementary School, within 30 of the total for each of the past three years, according to coordinator Christy Atwood. Between 40 to 60 volunteers helped out at the fair, which was sponsored by Channel 9 in Denver, Rio Blanco Fire Protection District, Pioneers Medical Center and the Meeker Lions Club. Several people had their blood drawn in the school gymnasium.

Temple Grandin, a Ph.D. who teaches animal sciences at Colorado State University and who is an expert on autism, spoke before a crowd of more than 100 people at the Meeker High School Auditorium on Saturday afternoon as part of the second annual Meeker Chamber of Commerce-sponsored Ag and Business Summit. Grandin, who is autistic, spoke mostly of early education and how, in many ways, young children are like livestock in their early learning years. Meeker Friends of the FFA Alumni co-sponsored the event with the chamber.

Meeker town work crews have started work on the west side of Highway 13 north and east of town to extend city water lines out to the new Pioneers Medical Center as well as to Meeker Terrace and the Curtis Creek area to accommodate the hospital and future commercial and residential growth in the area. Water and sewer lines are the first step before gas and electricity are run to the area. Meeker Town Administrator Scott Meszaros said he expects the project to be completed by late July.

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Last weekend's World Extreme Rock Crawling Championship event in Rangely, the second of three Western competitions in rock crawling, saw 18 pairs and individuals compete despite difficult weather that affected performances, WE Rock business manager Shelley Krehbiel-Klein said this week.

Tradition is tough to surrender. But the possibility of that happening is a serious reality as the Meeker Range Call committee searches for an individual or individuals to direct the Range Call Pageant during the Fourth of July weekend.

Rangely Junior High School athletes traveled to Baggs, Wyo., for their last meet of the season on Friday, and with sun shining and wind blowing, the Panthers brought home several medals, set new school records and set personal bests.

After an electrical fire at the Rangely 4-H community pens killed several 4-H project pigs and damaged the structure, residents and sympathizers are responding to the organization's needs.

Jeremy Simmons, the director of the Rio Blanco County Department of Environmental Services, and Paul Peronard, take a final look at the exterior of the long-unused residence at 1189 Park St. in Meeker. The home was destroyed Friday and Saturday after official found "substantially radioactive" uranium ore just inside the front right door and similar ore in the back yard.

In separate meetings during April, the Rio Blanco County Planning Board and County Commissioners approved a conditional-use permit for The Friends of the Tank, the group that initiated a Kickstarter campaign last March to

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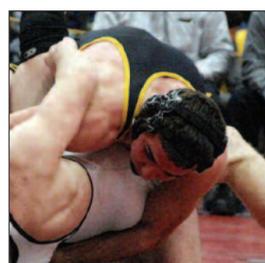
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T.J. SHELTON
Junior
Meeker High School Wrestling

Shelton won four matches in the Warrior Classic and finished third in the 170-pound, 32-man bracket, pinning three of his opponents, including one in the consolation championship match.

REVIEW: Festivals, community events kept both ends of the county occupied

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raise more than \$46,000 for an unused water tank west of Rangely to become an educational and recording sound space. The approval by the two boards assigns the term "assembly" to the space rather than "water tank" and allows the Friends of the Tank to move forward with building permits, a driveway—which Urie Trucking began earlier this month, and several required changes, among them a larger door and additional ventilation and lighting.

■ T.J. Shelton and Halle Ahrens were the fastest 2A sprinters on the Western Slope and they will now, along with 20 of their teammates, compete in the 2014 Colorado State Track and Field Championships, with all five divisions running, jumping and throwing in Jefferson County Stadium in Denver, starting today.

■ The Meeker School Board approved the contracts to retain all three school principals for the 2014-15 school year. MHS Principal Kim Ibach's contract was extended on a 6-1 vote with Bud Ridings the sole member to oppose. Barone Middle School Principal Jim Hanks and Meeker Elementary School Jason Hightower had their contracts renewed on a 7-0 vote.



HEATHER ZADRA
Parkview Elementary School staff and faculty in Rangely hosted the second annual expanded and improved 'A Night At Hogwarts' on Oct. 24. This year's event was a huge success and more than 200 people took part.

■ Phase 1 of the White River Storage Feasibility Study, released earlier this month, points to a new water storage reservoir within the Rio Blanco Water Conservancy District (RBWCD) sometime within 10 to 12 years.

■ The Colorado Northwestern Community College aviation team had a successful mission to Columbus, Ohio, two weeks ago as the team from Rangely finished second in the nation for two-year aviation schools at the National Intercollegiate Flight Association competition.

■ Colorado U.S. Sen. Michael Bennet announced Friday that the Rangely Airport has been awarded a \$93,158 grant from the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) Airport Improvement Program (AIP).

■ The cast and dance ensemble at Meeker High School finish up one of the dances featured in FAME, the musical performed three times for the public last week by the Meeker High School Drama Club at the MHS auditorium.

■ New Eden Pregnancy Care Services in Rangely moved from a three-room suite in the Early Education Center (EEC), where it first opened in May of last year, to a two-bedroom home at 219 S. Sunset

Ave.

■ WildEarth Guardians, an environmental organization based out of Santa Fe, New Mexico, filed a lawsuit late last month to halt the continued operation of the Bonanza power plant in Utah unless it makes substantial technological upgrades.

■ The Rio Blanco County Road and Bridge Department put planks across County Road 51 where the culvert washed out (mile post 0.7) on the Wyman Lake Road.

■ Vicky Tate is retiring after 34 years of teaching for the Meeker School District. Tate was born and raised in Meeker. She was the first female athlete from Meeker to receive an athletic scholarship.

■ Most grateful that the news came later instead of never, Meeker Range Call director Kim Ekstrom announced Friday that a new director had surfaced for the annual Range Call Pageant, which brings to life the story of the Meeker Massacre at the Rio Blanco County Fairgrounds during the Fourth of July weekend.

■ A residence at 340 Park St. in Meeker was damaged Friday, when hot grease from the family barbecue grill dripped onto the propane line to the barbecue, which "compromised the propane line," leading to the fire, Fire Chief Steve Allen said

Wednesday. Homeowners Jason Hightower and Mandi Etheridge said no one was injured.

■ All the action Tuesday night was on the Republican Party's primary ballot in Rio Blanco County as Anthony Mazzola easily outdrew Michael Joos as the people's choice to follow retiring Sheriff Si Woodruff as the county's top law enforcement officer. The final votes were counted just prior to 11:30 p.m. on Tuesday, and those final but unofficial vote counts had Mazzola with 916 votes (57 percent) to 667 (41 percent) for Joos.

■ A 21-year-old Dinosaur man was killed and three others were injured in a car accident June 17 outside of Rangely.

■ The Meeker Lions Club honored Meeker's Frank Cooley, 91, for his 59 years of service to the club, having joined in 1955. Also honored were Dale Frisby for 30 years of service, Robert "Bob" Pearce for 25 years service and Robert "Bob" Bivens for 20 years of service as well as Red Leavitt for his longevity and service. The awards were presented June 3 at the Rio Blanco County Fairgrounds. Above, assisting Cooley were Anthony Mazzola and Joy Allen.

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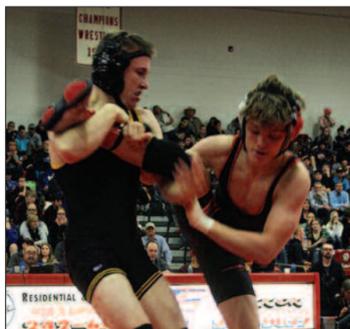
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All real estate advertised herein is subject to the Federal Fair Housing act, which makes it illegal to advertise "any preference, limitation, or discrimination because of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status, or national origin, or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

LEGAL NOTICES

The Meeker Sanitation District is seeking applicants to fill an opening on the Board. Applicants must be a resident of, or own property in the Meeker Sanitation District to qualify. If you are interested in becoming a Board Member for the Meeker Sanitation District, please contact the Office at 265 8th Street, or call 878-5192. You may also write for information to PO Box 417, Meeker, CO 81641.
Published December 18, 25, 2014 and January 1, 2015
Rio Blanco Herald Times

Meeker Recycling Center Operator Job Opening

The Town of Meeker is accepting applications for a part-time, benefitted position(4 days a week, 8 hours a day position-flextime available) to operate the Town's Recycle Center. Duties include forklift and equipment operations (bailer, compactor) primarily physical work handling cardboard, aluminum cans, paper products and some plastic; manage shipments and product- and other duties as assigned. Must hold valid driver's license and be 18 years or older, must be able to stand for long durations and lift 80 pounds. Applications and further information is available at Town Hall, 345 Market Street, Meeker, CO 81641 or requested by telephone (970)878-5344. Application forms available on website. Applications must be received at Town Hall no later than Friday, January 23rd, 2015 by close of business. Pay range \$13 to \$18 per hour DOQ. A pre-hiring background and physical capabilities screening will be conducted. Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer.
Published January 1, 8, 15, 2015
Rio Blanco Herald Times

Public Notice

Plaintiffs:
LOST CAUSE, LLC and PICEANCE BASIN-DISPOSAL, INC.

Defendants:
MARY RUTH BREIDENTHAL, MARGARET PYLE MCCLURE, THEIR SUCCESSORS, HEIRS AND/OR ASSIGNS AND ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST THEREUNDER; AND ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS WHO CLAIM ANY INTEREST IN THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THIS ACTION
District Court, Rio Blanco County, Colorado

LEGAL NOTICES

Case No. 14CV30033
SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO, TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS:
You are hereby summoned and required to appear and defend against the claims of the Complaint filed with the Court in this action, by filing with the Clerk of this Court a written answer or other response. You are required to file your answer or other response within 35 days after the service of this summons upon you. Service of this summons by publication shall be complete on the day of the last publication. A copy of the Complaint may be obtained from the Clerk of the Court.

If you fail to file your answer or other response to the Complaint in writing within 35 days after the date of the last publication, judgment by default may be rendered against you by the court for the relief demanded in the Complaint without further notice.

This is an action to quiet title to plaintiffs for the real property situate in Rio Blanco County, Colorado and described as:Township 2, South, Range 98 West of the 6th P.M.Section 35: SE1/4NE1/4; SE1/4; SE1/4SW1/4Section 36: SW1/4NW1/4; NW1/4SW1/4Township 3 South, Range 98 West of the 6th P.M.Section 2: Lots 3 and 4; S1/2NW1/4; W1/2SW1/4Section 3:E1/2SE1/4

COUNTY OF RIO BLANCO, STATE OF COLORADO.
Dated: December 22, 2014
Melody D. Massih, Reg. #24683
P.O. Box 916
Glenwood Springs, CO 81602
Tel: 970-928-9100
Fax: 970-928-9600
First Publication: January 1, 2015
Last Publication: January 29, 2015
Rio Blanco Herald Times



LEGAL NOTICES

MEEKER SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1
Board of Education Regular Meeting
Central Office - 555 Garfield Street
Tuesday, January 6, 2015
7:00 p.m.

AGENDA

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Pledge of Allegiance: Ms. Bradfield will lead the Pledge of Allegiance
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Approval of the Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting December 10, 2014

ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE REGARDING

- AGENDA ITEMS**
1. Superintendent Report
 2. Recognitions/Celebrations
 3. 7th Grade Math Presentation
 4. Removal of Asbestos at Rock School Property/Capital Reserve Report
 5. 2015 Calendar Year BOE Regular Meeting Schedule
 6. 2015 Calendar Year Public Posting Designation
 7. Expulsion Hearing Report
 8. Certified/Classified Report

ACTION ITEMS

- A. Consideration of Action Items for a Blanket Motion
 - B. Approval of Capital Reserve Expenditure
 - C. Approval of 2015 Calendar Year BOE Regular Meeting Schedule
 - D. Approval of 2015 Calendar Year Public Posting Designation
 - E. Approval of Expulsion Hearing Date and Time
 - F. Approval of Certified/Classified Report
- SUPERINTENDENT REPORT CONTINUED**
New Eden and "Pool" Property Report
EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PURCHASE, ACQUISITION, LEASE, TRANSFER OF SALE OF PROPERTY PURSUANT TO CRS 24-6-402 (4)(a)
- ACTION ITEMS**
Approval of Offer on New Eden
OTHER BOE INFORMATION
ADJOURNMENT
Publish: January 1, 2015
Rio Blanco Herald Times
Check the District website www.meecker.k12.co.us
www.meecker.k12.co.us for updates to the

LEGAL NOTICES

COMBINED NOTICE - MAILING CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 14-17

To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust: On October 7, 2014, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Rio Blanco records.

Original Grantor(s) CARYL L MEITLER
Original Beneficiary(ies) WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.
Current Holder of Evidence of Debt WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.
Date of Deed of Trust April 02, 2010
County of Recording Rio Blanco
Recording Date of Deed of Trust April 05, 2010
Recording Information (Reception Number) 298282
Original Principal Amount \$185,576.00
Outstanding Principal Balance \$174,065.65

Pursuant to CRS §38-38-101(4)(i), you are hereby notified that the covenants of the deed of trust have been violated as follows: failure to pay principal and interest when due together with all other payments provided for in the evidence of debt secured by the deed of trust and other violations thereof.

THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN.

The property to be foreclosed is:
LOTS 71 AND 72 SANDERSON HILLS SUBDIVISION ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED DECEMBER 19, 1978 AS RECEPTION NO. 185454 TOWN OF MEEKER, COLORADO
Also known by street and number as: 569 LARRY LANE, MEEKER, CO 81641.

THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED OF TRUST.

NOTICE OF SALE

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

THEREFORE, Notice Is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, 02/04/2015, at Office of the Public Trustee, Rio Blanco County Courthouse, 555 Main Street, Meeker CO 81641, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s)' heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.

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NOTICE OF RIGHTS

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

A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE FILED PURSUANT TO SECTION 38-38-104 SHALL BE FILED WITH THE PUBLIC TRUSTEE AT LEAST FIFTEEN (15) CALENDAR DAYS PRIOR TO THE FIRST SCHEDULED SALE DATE OR ANY DATE TO WHICH THE SALE IS CONTINUED; IF THE SALE DATE IS CONTINUED TO A LATER DATE, THE DEADLINE TO FILE A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE BY THOSE PARTIES ENTITLED TO CURE MAY ALSO BE EXTENDED; A NOTICE OF INTENT TO REDEEM FILED PURSUANT TO SECTION 38-38-302 SHALL BE FILED WITH THE PUBLIC TRUSTEE NO MORE THAN EIGHT (8) BUSINESS DAYS AFTER THE SALE. DATE: 10/07/2014

Karen Arnold, Public Trustee in and for the County of Rio Blanco, State of Colorado

By: Karen Arnold, Public Trustee
The name, address, business telephone number and bar registration number of the attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is:
David R. Doughty #40042
Lynn M. Janeway #15592
Matthew B. Peters #41905

Janeway Law Firm 9800 S. Meridian, Suite 400, Englewood, CO 80134 (303) 706-9990

Attorney File # 14-003235

The Attorney above is acting as a debt collector and is attempting to collect a debt. Any information provided may be used for that purpose.

(c)Public Trustees' Association of Colorado Revised 9/2012

LEGAL NOTICES

COMBINED NOTICE - MAILING CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 14-16

To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust: On September 29, 2014, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Rio Blanco records.

Original Grantor(s) RAYMOND M. CASTLE and JUANITA J. CASTLE
Original Beneficiary(ies) MOUNTAIN PACIFIC MORTGAGE COMPANY
Current Holder of Evidence of Debt ONEWEST BANK N.A.
Date of Deed of Trust October 11, 2007
County of Recording Rio Blanco
Recording Date of Deed of Trust October 17, 2007
Recording Information (Reception Number) 290230
Original Principal Amount \$202,500.00
Outstanding Principal Balance \$86,251.19

Pursuant to CRS §38-38-101(4)(i), you are hereby notified that the covenants of the deed of trust have been violated as follows: failure to pay principal and interest when due together with all other payments provided for in the evidence of debt secured by the deed of trust and other violations thereof.

THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN.

The property to be foreclosed is:
THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY LOCATED IN RIO BLANCO COUNTY, COLORADO: LOT 4 IN BLOCK 92 IN THE TOWN OF MEEKER, COLORADO
Also known by street and number as: 1124 GARFIELD STREET, MEEKER, CO 81641.

THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED OF TRUST.

NOTICE OF SALE

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

THEREFORE, Notice Is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, 01/28/2015, at Office of the Public Trustee, Rio Blanco County Courthouse, 555 Main Street, Meeker CO 81641, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s)' heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.

First Publication 12/4/2014
Last Publication 1/1/2015
Name of Publication Rio Blanco Herald Times

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Karen Arnold, Public Trustee in and for the County of Rio Blanco, State of Colorado

By: Karen Arnold, Public Trustee
The name, address, business telephone number and bar registration number of the attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is:
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Matthew B. Peters #41905

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Attorney File # 14-003095

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PUBLIC NOTICE

We are looking for you!

PLANNING COMMISSIONERS WANTED

Are you interested in the future development of our community? Have you ever wondered what is like to serve on a public board or had a desire to serve your community? The Town of Meeker is seeking letters of interest for position(s) on the Meeker Planning Commission. The position will be filled by an appointment made by the Board of Trustees at its regular Board Meeting to be held March 3, 2015. Typically, meetings are only held when items have been submitted and a meeting is necessary. Meetings are held at 7 P.M. either the 1st or 3rd Monday of the month. Depending upon the agenda, usually meetings may last under a half-hour. Please, if you feel this may be something for you, submit a letter of interest in person or by mail to: Town Hall, 345 Market Street, Meeker, Colorado 81641 no later than 4:00 P.M. on February 25th. Qualifications for the Planning Commission member position are 1) Registered voter within the Town of Meeker, 2) Eighteen years of age or older, and 3) must have resided in the Town of Meeker for at least twelve consecutive months immediately preceding the date of appointment. The length of appointment will be until May 2018 at which time the appointed individual may seek another 3-year reappointment from the Town Board. For further information, please call Town Hall 878-5344.

MEEKER TRUSTEE NOTICE

A member of the Meeker Board of Trustees has notified the Board of her resignation. The vacancy left by the resignation of Katelin Cook, will be filled by an appointment made by the Board of Trustees at its regular Board Meeting to be held February 17, 2015. Letters of interest must be received at Town Hall, 345 Market Street, Meeker, Colorado 81641 no later than 4:00 P.M. on February 12, 2015. Qualifications for the position of Trustee are (1) must be a Registered voter within the Town of Meeker, (2) eighteen years of age or older, (3) must have resided in the Town of Meeker for at least twelve consecutive months immediately preceding the date of appointment. Candidates will be required to be in attendance at the February 17th meeting (7pm) and may be interviewed by the Board for selection.

The person appointed to the vacancy shall hold office until the April election in 2016 at which time they may run for the seat. For further information, please call Town Hall 878-5344.

The Board of Trustees
for the Town of Meeker
Scott W. Meszaros, CMC
Town Administrator

Publication:

December 25, 2014
through February 5, 2015
(7 consecutive weeks)

LEGAL NOTICES

agenda.
MISSION
It is the Mission of the Meeker School District to assure the highest possible level of success for each student, while in a safe environment, in learning those things which we believe to be important in assuring each student the opportunity to become a coping, productive, and contributing member of the local and world community.
CORE BELIEF
The Mission is to be the focus of the Board of Education, the Administration, and the instructional and support staff of the Meeker School District.
CORE VALUES: Student Achievement, Students, Integrity, Transparency, "Meeker Excellence"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Alcoholics Anonymous
Mon. 7 p.m., Weds. 7 p.m., Fri. 7 p.m.
St. James Church - enter from back parking lot, meetings are downstairs in Richards Hall, 4th & Park, Meeker
878-4158 • 878-5919
• 878-5636
Alanon Thurs. 7 p.m. 878-5655

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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

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

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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

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

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

Resolution of Health?
Humans need 90 essential nutrients daily, without them you're susceptible to disease and costly medical bills. Take charge of your health! January 11th, 2 pm, Mtn. Valley Bank. RSVP: Suzan Peloni (970) 623-2900.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEEKER STREAKER MONTHLY SCHEDULE JANUARY 2015

NOTE: Please call 878-9368 in advance to set up all medical appointment rides. Activities are subject to change. Bus available on dates noted below.
January 1, No Bus
January 2, Bus in town
January 3, No Bus
January 4, No Bus
January 5, Bus in town
January 6, Bus in town
January 7, Bus in town
January 8, No Bus in town, GRN JCT
January 9, Bus in town
January 10, No Bus
January 11, No Bus
January 12, Bus in town
January 13, Bus in town, Foot Clinic
January 14, Bus in town
January 15, No Bus in town, Rifle
January 16, Bus in town
January 17, No Bus
January 18, No Bus
January 19, Bus in town
January 20, Bus in town
January 21, No Bus in town, GRN JCT
January 22, No Bus in town, GRN JCT
January 23, Bus in town
January 24, No Bus
January 25, No Bus
January 26, Bus in town
January 27, Bus in town
January 28, Bus in town
January 29, No Bus in town, Craig
January 30, Bus in town
January 31, No Bus
Call Streaker for a ride 878-9368. Reservations for Rec. Center Trips should be made at 878-3403. Chuckwagon 878-5627.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RADINO & CHUCKWAGON
Please call before 9:00 a.m. day of meal
878-5627 or 675-8112
Senior Citizen Nutrition Program
Meals served at noon.
Reservations appreciated.
*Suggested Donation Over 60 - \$2.50. Under 60 - Guest Fee \$7.
(Did you know? Homebound trays can be ordered for over 60, suggested donation \$2.50 - 12:10 p.m. pickup.)*
****MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE****

FRIDAY, January 2: Cook's Choice
MONDAY, January 5: Pork Chops, broccoli rice casserole, seven layer salad, apple crisp.
TUESDAY, January 6: Pizza, tossed salad, applesauce, kidney beans, orange juice.
WEDNESDAY January 7: Mac and cheese, ham green beans w/red pepper & zucchini, tomatoes & corn, pineapple, sugar cookies.
FRIDAY, January 9: Roast beef, scalloped potatoes, green casserole, apricot peach compote, french bread.

FOOD BANK of the Rockies mobile food pantry truck will be providing Food assistance to community members of Rio Blanco County. Scheduled Dates for 2015: January 29, February 26, March 26, April 30 & May 28. The Food Bank will be at the Meeker Fairgrounds from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Bring your own boxes to transport food. Seniors and handicapped served first. No qualifications or eligibility forms. Product distributed to anyone seeking food assistance on first come, first served basis. 40# senior box pickup at 10:30. Applications available for over age 60. FBR contact: Jill Heidel 877-953-3937. Sponsor contact: Debra Barney 970-878-9650.

MISCELLANEOUS

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

MEEKER SANITATION DISTRICT
January 7, 2015
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
7:00 PM

1. Call to order
 2. Additions or Changes to the Agenda
 3. Approval of Minutes
 4. Public Comments
 5. New Business
 6. Old Business
 7. Attorney
 8. Board
 9. Adjourn
- Approved: December 10, 2014 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
- A. USGS Water Sampling Agreement
B. Posting of Meeting Notice
C. Board Meeting Dates
D. Plant Manager Report
E. Office Manager Report
- Delinquent Accounts
Approve Current Bills
Board Member Position
- Published: January 1, 2015
Rio Blanco Herald Times

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.

BUY LOCALLY! SUPPORT RIO BLANCO COUNTY

PIONEERS MEDICAL CENTER,
a community oriented medical center with high patient standards, is hiring for the following positions:

PRN:

- Certified Nursing Assistant - Wing
- Patient Care Technician
- RN - Acute/E.D.
- RN - Walbridge Wing
- LPN - Walbridge Wing
- Certified Nursing Assistant - Home Health
- Transportation Driver

FULL-TIME (eligible for benefits):

- Environmental Services Technician
- Certified Nursing Assistant - Wing - Nights
- Medical Laboratory MT/MLT
- RN - Acute/E.D. - Day Shift
- Director of Surgical Services
- Transportation Driver
- Certified Nursing Assistant - Wing - Days
- Patient Accounts Representative
- Radiologic Technologist

Submit Resume and/or Application to:
Pioneers Medical Center, HR,
345 Cleveland St., Meeker, Colo., 81641
Visit our Web site at:
www.pioneershospital.org

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

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

MEEKER

- Recording & Elections Admin. Assistant
- Extension Staff Assistant (PT)
- Relief Landfill Office Clerk

RANGELY

- Relief Senior Transportation Driver
- Operator

Disclaimer: Subject to change at any time!

For details and a Rio Blanco County application, please go to
www.co.rio-blanco.co.us/departments/personnel.html

Rio Blanco County HR at
200 Main St., Meeker, CO
970-878-9570
ADA/EOE

Oilfield Lease Operator
Full Time Employment
Seeking applicants to fill a production operator position in near-by natural gas production field (30 miles west of Meeker). Applicant must have 5+ years oilfield experience and should be mechanically inclined. Salary to be determined based on qualifications. Candidate must live in the Rangely, Meeker, Rifle or Dinosaur areas or be willing to relocate. Please submit resume to:
BOPCO, L.P., P.O. Box 237
Dinosaur, CO 81610

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Colorado Statewide Classified Advertising Network

To place a 25-word COSCAN Network ad in 84 Colorado newspapers for only \$250, contact your local newspaper or call SYNC2 Media at 303-571-5117.

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GUN SHOW
JAN. 3-4
SAT. 9-5 & SUN. 9-4
COLORADO SPRINGS
FREEDOM FINANCIAL
SERVICES EXPO CENTER
(3650 N NEVADA)
BUY-SELL-TRADE
INFO: (563) 927-8176

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Shop at home and save!

RIOBLANCOHERALDTIMES BUSINESS DIRECTORY

MEEKER



STATE FARM INSURANCE COMPANIES
HOME OFFICES: BLOOMINGTON, ILLINOIS

KEVIN AMACK INSURANCE AGENCY, INC.
KEVIN AMACK Agent

628 Main P.O. Box 347 Meeker, CO 81641 (970) 878-4036

402 W. Main St., Suite 139 Rangely, CO 81648 (970) 675-5455 (800) 440-3418

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FAMILY AUTOMOTIVE
262 6th & Market Streets
Meeker, CO 81641
970.878.5606

Phil Mass Mike Mohr

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BODY & FRAME

43904 highway 13 (located behind Samuelsen Hardware) 970-878-0000

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Farm Bureau Insurance

James A. Amick
Agent
James.Amick@cfbmic.com

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Auto • Home • Life

733 Main St. • PO Box 659 • Meeker
Office: 970-878-3664 Fax: 970-878-3415 Cell: 970-942-8524

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Call 878-4017 or 675-5033 today to get yours today!

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Office (970) 878-5153

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- 300 4th St. East - 3 BR 2 BA on 3 lots in Dinosaur, 1744 Sq Ft built in 1981. Large garden space with water tap. Two large outbuildings. Lots of room to park toys. \$115,000
- 315 & 317 N. Grand Ave. - Duplex: Attractively renovated. Each unit has 1,200 SF, 2 Bed, 2 Bath, W/D hook-up, carport for each side. Priced to Sell! \$139,500 Excellent income property.
- Great Building Site - 1350 La Mesa Circle, 19,631 Sq Ft. List price: \$39,500

- 443 Bugle Dr. - 14-Mile subdivision, 99.68 acres with 1,600+ sq. ft. 3BD, 2 BA modular. Lots of privacy and wildlife with great views. Plenty of room for everything. Also has water well. \$225,000 SOLD!
- 461 Garfield St. - Rental Property - 4 units, plenty of parking, 2 BR 1 BA with upgrades. All have range/oven, refrigerators. Fully Rented! \$225,000
- 1090 Pinyon - 3 Bedroom, 2 full baths, built in 1997, new wood burning stove, with large open kitchen. 16,449 sq. ft. lot. Huge fenced back yard. Priced to move \$102,000 Reduced!
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 - HOT DEAL! 1455 Mountain View Road - Carefully tucked amongst native landscape, this wonderful 3BD, 2BA log home is private, yet right in town! \$260,000
 - 855 5th St. - Wonderful view over town from this 5BD, 2BA home. New roof, siding, windows and flooring. \$200,000
 - 1045 Lance Cr. - SHOP SPACE GALORE! Well kept, 5BD, 2BA home with large rooms, smart floor plan and amazing shop. \$198,500 UNDER CONTRACT
 - 973 Main St. - Inviting 2BD, 1.75BA home with expansive opportunities. The mature trees, manicured yard, garden, deck and cottage create a peaceful haven right in the middle of town! COME RELAX ON THE DECK! \$185,000
 - 117 6th St. - Completely remodeled duplex, fully furnished, sleeps 12 people, within walking distance of downtown. \$179,000
 - 1060 Park St. - Great income producing duplex. Can also be converted to single family residential. 4BD/2BA. \$175,000
 - 780 11th St. - Tastefully remodeled 3BD, 2BA bi-level home with a fantastic fenced yard.
 - 760 11th St. - Good 3BD/2BA starter home with large back yard, deck, storage shed, built in 1996. \$110,000.
 - 767 12th Street - Completely remodeled townhome includes 2 bedrooms, 2 baths. "Like New". \$65,000
- RURAL RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES**
- NEW 945 Rd. 14 - Sensational, beautiful 5bd, 3ba log cabin with pristine setting. Creek & Pond. The ultimate privacy in the White River National Forest. \$475,000
 - 1751 Brightwater Ln. - Located 20 minutes west off Highway 64, this 39 acre property has income producing hay ground, river frontage and a new 5000+ SQFT metal shop. Electric, cistern and septic already installed. \$369,000
 - 1161 RBC Rd 8 - This 3BD remodeled home sets across from the White River, includes 5 acres with trees. Large deck & great location, just a few minutes from town. \$349,000
 - NEW 71855 Hwy 64 - MILES OF VIEWS, 3bd, 2ba home on 35 acres about 4 miles from Meeker. Stucco, covered porch, metal garage/barn. \$300,000
 - 320 Bugle Dr. CONSIDERING THE COUNTRY? 99 acres with comfortable home and outbuildings, tucked away in a private location with great views and good pastures. \$295,000
 - 281 RBC Rd. 57 - Marvelous 3BD, 2BA log home on 1.4 acres, located 10 miles up the Flat Tops Scenic Byway. Right from this home, you can jump on your ATV and enjoy the vast public land! \$287,500
 - 264 Love Ln. - HORSE HAVEN - 5 stall horse barn, multiple fenced pastures and metal shop on 4.39 acres. Humans will equally enjoy the stucco 3BD, 2BA home and convenient location! \$275,000
 - NEW 519 Rim Rock Dr. - Hilltop home on 5 acres with 4 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, fabulous views and an attached garage. Good floor plan, large family room. \$245,000
 - NEW 2378 Rd. 49 - Log cabin on 3 acres with spring. Located about 20 minutes drive east of Meeker. \$150,000
 - NEW 200 Rim Rock Dr. - Freshly painted and priced to sell! Fantastic 2BD, 2BA home on 5 acres just 5 minutes from town. \$149,000
 - 210 RBC Rd. 75 - Pappoose Creek Cabin - Forest service leased land, your rustic cabin to enjoy! \$65,000
- COMMERCIAL PROPERTY**
- NEW Two 5 Acre Parcels and one 8 acre parcel on the intersection of Hwy 64 & Hwy 13 about 2 miles west of Meeker, CO. Great Commercial Property. Call for details.
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 - 317 East Market - GREAT PROPERTY, GREAT LOCATION - 1.4 acres includes commercial building, newly built shop \$975,000. Also the adjoining 3 acre parcel is available for \$300,000 with highway access.
 - 680 Water St. - Playa del Rio Apartments sits on 4 lots, feature 19 apartment units, 17 storage units, off street parking and park area. Buy before the market booms! \$650,000
 - 624 Market St. - Large remodeled restaurant building with apartment space. Fantastic location! \$562,500
 - 975 Market St. - Restaurant building on two lots with off street parking along Highway 13. \$220,000
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- 1560 RBC Rd. 15 - 390 acre ranch with cozy 3BD log home, lush pastures private setting, close to town, well, pond & spring. \$995,000
- VACANT LAND**
- 1107 Market St. - Commercial corner lot on Highway 13. Perfectly cleared and ready for a new business! \$250,000
 - 41 Vacant Lots - Sanderson Hills Subdivision. Located on the northwest side of the subdivision. \$250,000 for all OWNERS FINANCING
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 - NEW 459 Cross L Drive - 3 acres in Cross L Estates, good building location on corner lot. \$80,000
 - 4 Lots in Cross L Estates - OWNER FINANCING \$70,000 - \$75,000. \$250,000 for all
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