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 (Above) the neon Meeker Drug sign hung along Main Street for decades. At the end of 2021, the pharmacy officially shut its doors.

Meeker loses independent pharmacy

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MEEKER | The town of Meeker has long enjoyed the convenience of having at least one independent downtown pharmacy since 1904. That era came to an end with the closure of Meeker Drugs last week. The pharmacy name will now be attached to a hospital-owned and operated facility under construction at Pioneers Medical Center (PMC). The hospital-based pharmacy is not expected to open until spring 2022, due to construction delays, contract agreements, and licensing requirements (see the press release from PMC on Page 6A).

A combination of factors—local and industry-wide—came to bear on the closure of Meeker Drugs, a decision third-generation owner Diana Jones describes as “heartbreaking.”

As the general public strives to find prescription medications at affordable costs, the pharmaceutical industry seeks to maintain its profit margins, squeezing pharmacies in the middle. Insurance companies and

Medicaid/Medicare rules add hefty amounts of paperwork and put pharmacy owners at risk of fines and audits. Agreements between insurance providers and pharmaceutical companies have insurers encouraging clients to bypass local pharmacies in favor of mail-order options. Medicare Part D plans require pharmacies to navigate a complex system of regulations that differ by private insurer and by individual drugs. The paybacks on many of those medications don’t cover the costs of maintaining a brick-and-mortar store.

According to a 2018 report from the University of Iowa’s Rural Policy Research Institute, from 2003 to 2018, 1,231 of the nation’s 7,624 independent rural pharmacies closed, creating “drugstore deserts” in 630 communities.

Big retail pharmacy chains aren’t immune, either. In the fourth quarter of 2021, Rite Aid announced it would be closing 63 stores nationwide, and CVS plans to shut down 10%—900—of its stores beginning in 2022, citing competition from online options offered

HELLO 2022 ...



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Did we say something about 2021 being better than 2020? We don’t recall, but we better not jinx it again ... so here’s to the best 2022 you can have, and here’s to whoever had the fortitude to stomp out a great big ‘2022’ on the Paintbrush Park ball field, too.

by tech giants like Amazon.

Meeker Drugs—originally Meeker Drug—was started in 1962 by Herb and Bea Blagg, in the Main Street location where Prescriptions Salon and Spa now operates. When Herb Blagg’s granddaughter, Jones, bought the pharmacy in 2009 from her father’s wife Linda, she added the “S” to the name. The store relocated to the corner of Sixth and Main in 2013, and Jones has worked to diversify the drugstore’s services ever since in an effort to keep the pharmacy viable.

Jones will continue to operate the coffee/soda/ice cream shop under the name Meeker Sweet Shop, and has added a UPS pickup/dropoff as well as a tuxedo rental service, and plans to remain invested in the local community where she has served as president of the Meeker Chamber board and has been instrumental in establishing

(Right) the original location of what became Meeker Drug on Main Street in the early 1900s.

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the Meeker Skijor competition, which enters its third year in February.

In May 2021, PMC CEO Liz Sellers responded to questions from the *HT* regarding the hospital’s plans to implement a retail pharmacy that raised concerns about competition between a publicly-funded entity (the Eastern Rio Blanco Health Service District which supports PMC) and a private business.

Sellers’ response, via email, stated, “The hospital has been in discussions

around putting in a retail pharmacy for a couple of years. The goal behind the retail pharmacy is not to compete with Meeker Drugs. Rather, the hospital hopes to supplement the services that the local pharmacy is providing by offering prescriptions that they cannot offer. Currently, our residents in the Walbridge Wing have their prescriptions filled outside of the community. Bringing this service back to Meeker is a win for everyone.”

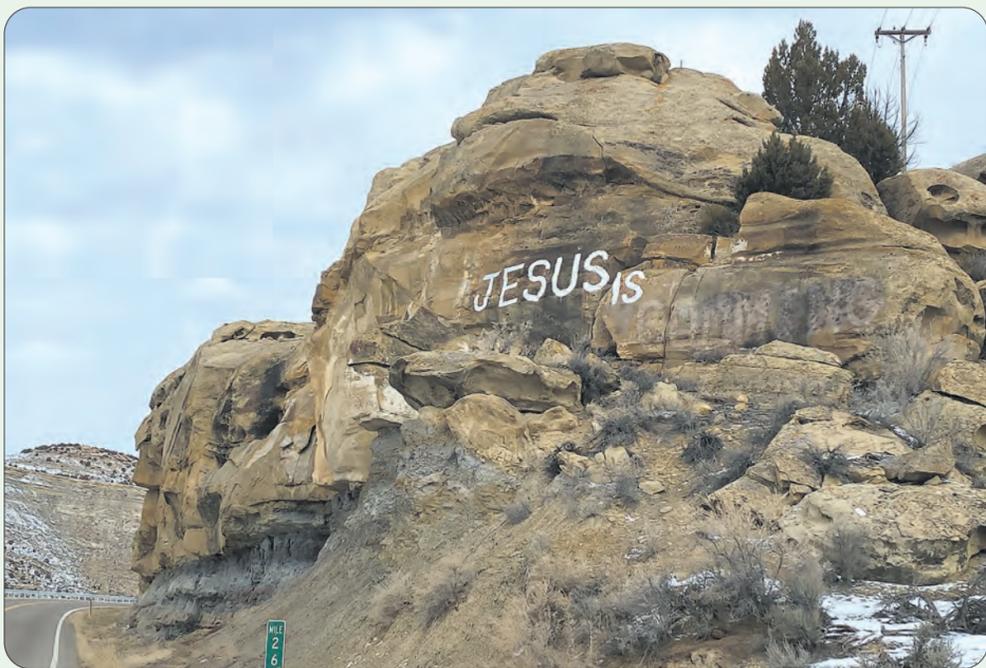
For now, while construc-

tion is underway, PMC is working with multiple Rio Blanco County departments and the Rangely Pharmacy at Rangely District Hospital to determine a system for transferring prescriptions for PMC patients and Walbridge Wing residents to Meeker until the new PMC-based pharmacy opens this spring. Once those details are finalized, they’ll be made known to the public.

You can call the RBC Alerts hotline for up-to-date information, as well, at 970-878-7110.



JESUS IS (fill in the blank) ...



For decades, travelers along eastbound Hwy. 64 near Rangely have seen “Jesus is coming” (sic) scrawled in white paint high up on the rock face south of the highway. According to longtime resident Kelvin White, the lettering didn’t get much attention until the last few years with the advent of social media. Sometime in the last two months, the word “coming” has been removed. According to local history buffs, the apparent misspelling is not an error, but an archaic spelling of the word “coming” taken from 1600s Bible translations. It’s unclear who removed the word (or how) or if there are plans to repaint, revise or replace it. If anyone knows, give the HT a call at 970-878-4017.

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Saturday: 30/10s
 Sunday: 30/0s



COUNTY BEAT *County welcomes new building inspector*

By **LUCAS TURNER**
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RBC | "I never want to be that guy, I want to be the guy that people see come in, and they come out to greet me as I go to greet them, and that's when you get away from the us versus them mentality," said Matt Franks, Rio Blanco County's new Building Inspector earlier this week in an interview with the *HT*.

Franks' decision to apply for the job was motivated by a combination of his upbringing around master craftsmen/tradesmen, 30-plus years of construction and oil-field experience, and good timing.

In the spring of 2020, Matt and his wife Jessica came to live at Trappers Lake as campground hosts. He says the planned six month trip is how they were first familiarized with the area, and some of the members of the community. "We loved it, that first drive up County Road 8 was...awesome," said Franks.

As winter approached,

the couple made the decision to stay until spring. "We wanted to see what Rio Blanco County had in store for us, if anything," said Franks, noting that as he met more people and enjoyed few months of winter activities that were never available in Ohio, he felt like this was the place to be. "You get a sense when you talk to people like, this is it, this is the holy grail, this is where I've wanted to be all my life, or, this is where I've been all my life and I'm not going anywhere," he said.

Fortunately, Franks' timing paid off, as the building inspector position opened up at the right time, and by August he had started working. Since then, he said he's been focused on learning the ins and outs of the job, and the county itself. Franks is no stranger to building inspections, code or safety rules though, having worked in construction and oil and gas production back in Ohio for multiple decades.

That experience informs his view of reg-

ulations and what some see as a conflict between "personal freedom" and safety, or rules, like the over 1,000 pages of building code specifications for the area. "There has to be some sort of a guideline, especially in extreme conditions, which we are in," said Franks, adding that despite his role, he is not a fan of government overreach. "For me, anytime there is regulation, you have to look at the regulation, is it over-regulated? Is it extreme? When it's extreme, people start to get the feeling of, it's an us vs. them mentality," he said.

The sometimes antagonistic relationship between business and government is something Franks hopes to avoid. That's why he hopes contractors, homeowners and others see the building department as a resource, not some kind of quasi-police. "I know that I am to be an enforcer of the code. But I don't want to just be known as such. I also want to be an educator," said Franks.

That means taking the time to learn the ins and outs of safe building in



LUCAS TURNER PHOTO

Matt Franks, RBC Building Inspector, brings more than 30 years of experience with construction, contractors and oil and gas to the role.

the region, getting to know contractors, and keeping the lines of communication as wide open as possible.

Franks emphasized that his department's doors, phone lines and emails are open for anyone with questions or con-

cerns, and offered some general advice to residents about the usefulness of permits, and understanding the broader process. "When you get these permits and you have these inspections, I'm not saying it takes all the liability, but the liability issue,

that's the reason why we're doing it. It's insurance for that person," he said. "It is about responsibility, and we all play in that circle together. The responsibility and liability that I take in this position is crazy, but that's what it's for."

Yampa-White-Green Basin Roundtable Meeting
Wednesday January 12 at 6:00pm.
This meeting will be Online Only
Please see yampawhitegreen.com for meeting information
If you have Public Comment, please email yampawhitegreen@gmail.com by January 11, 2022.

Clarification on license plate press release

Special to the Herald Times

RBC | According to Rio Blanco County Clerk and Recorder Boots Campbell, the press release issued last week from Garfield County regarding changes to license plates for Class C (personal property) motor vehicles needs some clarification.

First, people do not have to do anything new when renewing the registration on their vehicles.

Current license plates cannot be transferred to another vehicle unless it is a personalized plate. Customers who want

to keep the same number/letter configuration — or who want to keep the old YV# plates, for example — will need to apply for a personalized plate. A new plate with the same number/letter configuration will be manufactured and mailed to them.

Specialty plates (military, pioneer, Columbine, breast cancer plates, etc.) cannot be personalized. Customers who wish to continue using specialty plates will get a new number/letter combo, but will not have to requalify for the specialty plates or repay the extra cost. Normal annual fees will apply.

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VACCINE CLINICS

Vaccinations for COVID-19 (ages 5 and up) and flu are available now. All insurance is accepted. COVID-19 vaccines are free of charge. **No appointment is necessary at our walk-in vaccine clinics.**

NEW WALK-IN VACCINE CLINIC SCHEDULE

VACCINES IN MEEKER	VACCINES IN RANGELY
200 MAIN ST. Thursdays 12-5:30pm	101 E. MAIN ST. Wednesdays 12-5:30pm

BOOSTER DOSES
Booster doses are available in Colorado for anyone over the age of 16, as long as 6 months have passed since initial MRNA series (Pfizer or Moderna), or 2 months since initial Johnson & Johnson dose

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COVID-19 TESTING

Please be advised that testing for COVID-19 is recommended for all symptomatic individuals (please see <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html> for list of symptoms), and all individuals who are exposed to a known case. It is advised to test 5 days after your last known exposure, or as soon as possible after you begin to develop symptoms.

Testing is now available without an appointment. Drive up at the following times in Meeker and Rangely.

NEW SCHEDULE BEGINNING JAN. 3RD, 2022

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DRIVE-UP, 200 MAIN ST. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays 10am-11am Thursdays ONLY 10am-2pm <i>Rapid tests not available on Thursdays.</i>	DRIVE-UP, 101 E. MAIN ST. Mondays 1pm-2pm Wednesdays 10am-2pm Friday 9-10am <i>Rapid tests not available on Wednesdays.</i>

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SCAN THE QR CODE OR VISIT [RBC.US/606/COVID-19-UPDATES](https://rbc.us/606/COVID-19-UPDATES)

OTHER VACCINATIONS

Please call to schedule an appointment for all other vaccines, including shingles, pneumonia, and childhood immunizations. Walk-ins for flu shots are welcome based on nurse availability.

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<https://rbc.us/282/Public-Health> • Email: publichealth@rbc.us

NEWS NOTES

Sportsman's club meeting Jan. 6

MEEKER | The Meeker Sportsman's Club will hold its regular monthly meeting Thursday, Jan. 6 at 7 p.m. at the WREA Kilowatt Komer (233 6th St.). There is no specific agenda for the meeting but there will be a general update. Election of officers will be held. Most positions are available. We also need a raffle chairperson. If you are interested in serving in any of these roles, please make your interest known and plan on attending the meeting this Thursday. Also, the combination to the gate will be changed in the next couple of days. The new combination will be provided to everyone whose memberships are current for 2022. Most folks have already renewed their membership but applications will be available at the meeting. Membership applications are also available on the Club's web page at: <https://meeker-coloradosportsmansclub.com/>. As you renew your membership, please take time to carefully review the rules as they have recently been updated.

Historical Society quarterly meeting

MEEKER | The Rio Blanco County Historical Society will hold its January quarterly meeting on Sunday, Jan. 16 at 2 p.m. at the Heritage Culture Center (517 Park). We'll be discussing preservation of historic photographs and documents, renewing memberships and voting on board officers. Chili will be provided. Bring a chili topping, side dish or dessert to share. Call (970) 878-9982 with any questions.

Conservation district annual meeting

MEEKER | The annual meeting and banquet for the White River Conservation District will be held Jan. 13 at the Fairfield Center in Meeker (200 Main St.) at 5:30 p.m. RSVP for the banquet by Jan. 7 via phone (970-878-9838) or email whiterivercd@gmail.com.

Rangely Chamber annual dinner tickets available

RANGELY | Rangely Chamber members, get your tickets now for The Old West Steak and Shrimp Dinner. General public tickets (if there are leftovers) will be available Jan. 10, 2022. Chamber membership for 2022 must be paid before purchase. The dinner will be Feb. 19 from 7-9 p.m. in the CNCC Colorado Room. Single tickets are \$60, a table is \$350. Call 970-875-5290, email rangelychamber@gmail.com or stop by 255 E. Main St. to purchase tickets or with any questions.

Meeker book club

MEEKER | The book club will be reading "Dune" by Frank Herbert. We will discuss the book on Monday, Jan. 10 at 1 p.m. All are welcome to join in the fun.

Upcoming RBC free legal clinic

MEEKER | Free legal clinic Wednesday, Jan. 12, 2022 from 2-5 p.m. for parties without an attorney. Contact the Meeker Library at 970-878-5911 to be added to the sign-up sheet. Space is limited. Volunteer attorneys will assist one-on-one via computer link, to answer questions, help fill out forms, and explain the process and procedure for civil legal issues.

NEW ARRIVAL ...



Beau Cameron Mohr was born on Wednesday, Dec. 22, 2021, at 6:16 p.m. at Valley View Hospital in Glenwood Springs, Colorado. He weighed 6 pounds, 6 ounces and was 18 inches long at birth. His parents are Chevy and Emily Mohr of Meeker. Paternal grandparents are Mike and Cheryl Mohr and paternal great-grandparents are Phil and Bobbi Mass, all of Meeker. Maternal grandparents are Laura and Rich Klinzmann of Meeker and Joseph Cardile of South Padre Island, Texas. Maternal great-grandparents are Art and Lila Cox of Meeker and Paul and Carolyn Cardile of South Padre Island, Texas. Also lovingly welcomed by seven uncles and three aunts.

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- 12-16 oz. Food Club **PASTA** 99¢
- 24 oz. Food Club **PASTA SAUCE** 2 for \$3
- 18 oz. Food Club Concord **GRAPE JELLY** \$1.19
- 14.5 oz. Food Club **TOMATOES** 77¢
- 15 oz. Food Club **TOMATO SAUCE** 77¢
- 4 oz. Food Club Stems and Pieces **MUSHROOMS** 88¢
- 4 lb. Food Club **GRANULATED SUGAR** \$2.29
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- 16 oz. Food Club **SALAD DRESSING** 2 for \$4
- 20-24 oz. Food Club **KETCHUP** 4 for \$5
- 5.75-6 oz. Food Club **BLACK OLIVES** 4 for \$5

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- 48 oz. Food Club Premium **ICE CREAM** \$2.99

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EDITOR'S COLUMN

What we lose when we lose local

By NIKI TURNER
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The news that Meeker was losing its independent, family-owned pharmacy, saddened me.

I'm old enough to remember being able to call my family doctor at home late at night or on the weekends when we had a medical crisis and getting personal "telemedicine" the old-fashioned way. And there was rarely a bill that followed. I'm old enough to remember stories about former postmaster Dale Hallebach hand-delivering late packages on Christmas Eve. And in more recent days, I remember Meeker Drugs owner Diana Jones dropping off an emergency prescription at my house well after hours on a Friday.

These kinds of personal stories are the ooey-goey goodness that drive the plots of Hallmark movies, the appeal of the Cheers bar "where everybody knows

your name," and a precious commodity of small-town living we need to cherish and protect.

I had no clue how complex it is to run a pharmacy—with a complicated scheme of insurance programs, benefit managers, plus Medicaid rules and more—until I started digging into the reason local pharmacies are disappearing. Every small business has its challenges behind the scenes, and they're all different. As a business owner, I know how hard it is to tell your customers—who are also your friends and neighbors in a small town—that things are tough, whether it's with finances or with staffing or logistics or your own health. Small, independent businesses are the backbone of our communities, and we should do what we can to protect them.

We like to gripe a lot about "government overreach" and our loathing of "big

government." Government is easy to blame for all our woes. But "corporate overreach" might be even more dangerous to our way of life. The insurance and pharmaceutical industries are one example. The fact a mere handful of huge corporations control the meat-packing industry is another. I could go on, but I don't have room.

As I was told by some state lobbyists in a recent meeting, it's a "pay to play" system if you want to have a voice at the legislative level. Money is the name of the game, and the big corporate overlords are the ones with the money. Who loses out? Family farms, small businesses, and anyone who gets in the way of corporate sprawl. It reminds me of the stories about the railroads being built, and families being run off their farms (or murdered in their beds) so the railroad could go through their land. We're horrified by those tales from our nation's history, and rightly so, yet we seem unable or unwilling to recognize the same processes at work today.



KAYE'S CORNER

Donations for Marshall Fire victims

By KAYE SULLIVAN
Special to the Herald Times

I'm changing my article last minute to share with you the awesome heart and generosity of the Town of Meeker. In an effort to help in some way, a small group of us initiated a donation drive for victims of the Marshall fire.

The Meeker United Methodist Church provided space to sort and box items. The Methodist mission team reached out to Louisville for a specific delivery destination and coordinated a crew and trailer to drive over to Louisville.

Others spread the word on Facebook, called friends, texted their contact list, and got the grapevine in Meeker going. Some rounded up shipping boxes and heaven knows where they came from because most of our businesses were closed.

Keep in mind that all this started on New Year's Day when a person is supposed to be sleeping in, partying with friends, watching football, enjoying a day with family, and generally goofing off.

Instead, a constant stream of people showed up with bags and boxes of clothing, linen, books, toys, food, toiletries, and even animal food. Volunteers appeared, sorted, boxed, taped and made all the donations transportable.

Another team of strong guys hauled all the boxes up the stairs and packed a trailer.

Get this: 70 boxes were assembled in just one day starting at 9 a.m. and packing the trailer by 6 p.m. We started with nothing, not even one box, and shipped off a trailer load in just a few hours. This was literally an operation planned less than 24 hours before and on one day (a holiday at that!) our little town pulled together an awesome donation for those in need.

Many of those arriving with donations had tears in their eyes, stories of friends or family impacted by the fire, and filled with empathy for all those suffering. We all have a huge ache in our hearts about this Colorado tragedy.

Jay and I lived for a short time in the adjacent town of Lafayette and had friends who lived in Louisville so we know that area a bit. Although it is suburbia, Louisville is a small town with its own

identity and pride. It was a sweet town of parks, hikes, and caring people.

Superior is a tiny historic town that also became a small shopping center hub containing a Target, office supply store, Costco, and Panera where I often met friends for lunch. Not only did Superior lose some 500 structures, employees who worked in many of these retail outlets have no place left to report for work.

As we have all seen on the news, this awful fire just swept through burning everything in sight in a few minutes. If 1,000 homes burned to the ground in Meeker, we would need help too.

These folks are not a mission in a far country but just over the mountain a few hours away. They are Coloradans just like us. I think the outpouring of goods and support indicates that many Meeker residents feel the same way. The victims are our buddies even if we don't know them.

Every day trying to figure out this project has been a new mystery. Thanks to the outreach of many people, we have gained new information and new possibilities. Everything on this project is shifting every day. My belief is that recovery will take lots of time, so I will keep doing what I can to help.

We have been collecting donations all week and will see where we stand at end of day Thursday. In the meanwhile, we'll reach out to determine how we can best help victims. Thus, I can't tell you with any certainty what is planned for outreach in the future.

Recovery from a fire of this magnitude will take time and we may initiate other avenues of caring and assistance. And, yes, I am aware the Boulder County is discouraging donations at the moment so we will adjust where and when to delivery our collections that can be stored at the church in the meanwhile.

If you would like to help, you can contact the Methodist Church, 970-878-5904 or me, 970-942-9201.

A variety of organizations are also coordinating cash, volunteer, and other ways to give. Just reach out and help if you can. With heartfelt thanks to all.



Kaye Sullivan

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Jan. 7 through 12, 2022

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Chicken fried steak, boiled potatoes, green beans, orange

MONDAY • JAN. 10
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TUESDAY • JAN. 11
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WEDNESDAY • JAN. 12
Shepherd's Pie, yellow squash, orange, whole wheat roll

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Menu is subject to change. Please call before 8 a.m. for meal reservation. Meals served at noon.
Chuckwagon (Shono): 878-9671
Radino (Tamra): 878-9638
Suggested Donation age 60+: \$2.50/meal
Under age 60: \$10.25/meal
Questions, call Debra, 878-9650.

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Celebrating 34 years with the Meeker Police Department

Buffalo Hall @ Chippers Downtown
Friday, January 14, 2022
5:00 p.m.

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White River Conservation District

Please join us for our Annual Meeting and Banquet

Featuring :

- ◆ Piceance East Douglas HMA Rangeland Monitoring Project Results
- ◆ Case Study: Rancher vs. Western Watersheds Project
- ◆ District Activity Update
- ◆ Partner Updates

Date: January 13, 2022
Time: 5:30 PM Social Hour
6:00 PM Dinner Served
Location: Fairfield Center, Meeker

Please RSVP for the Banquet by **January 7, 2022**
whiterivercd@gmail.com or 970-878-9838

We want to hear from you!

WREA has retained Inside Information, Inc. to conduct its 2022 Member Survey.

Randomly selected members will receive a postcard in the mail.

If you receive a postcard, please fill out the online survey as directed.

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COMPLETE ONLINE
Use your mobile device to take a photo of this QR code or access:

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QUESTIONS?
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Please call WREA with any questions at 970-878-5041.

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"Very smart, creative people are in recovery," she said. "There's this image that these people don't have an education or aren't capable of working. But it's not localized to just a certain type of people. It can happen to anybody."

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thanks from MES students

Dear Editor:
The students at Meeker Elementary School would like to say a heartfelt thank you! We raised over \$6,000 to help our sister school in Ghana buy computers. We will begin working with them in January and we are very excited! All of the

kids and teachers helped and the wonderful people of Meeker came to shop! We would like to send a special thank you to the businesses who were so generous: Watt's Ranch Market, Nana Goose, Wendll's, Meeker Drugs, Outfitters, Blanco Cellars, the Meeker Herald, Diane's Framing, Jenna's Tea Shop, Rimrock Campground,

Meeker Public Library, photographer Kelsey Peters, artist Ben Quinn and author Dolly Viscardi. Thank you, also to Aubrey Walsh and the OneSeed foundation for giving us this opportunity.

Submitted by,
The grateful students
at Meeker Elementary School

LOOSE ENDS

Best laid plans

By DOLLY VISCARDI
Special to the Herald Times



Dolly Viscardi

This is the best beginning after a terrible year I have ever experienced. I decided not to clutter up 2022 with New Year's resolutions. Prior experience has finally knocked some sense into me. If I resolve to do something I am overthinking things. The key word here is resolve. That means I am planning to change my daily habits in a way that becomes impossible to meet.

All through the years, I operated on schedule made by others. I got used to completing tasks for other people and meeting my own very high standards so that no one was unaware of how I resisted even the silliest edict being handed down. I hated being told how I must do my job, raise my family, or change myself in any way really. Underneath my follow-the-rules exterior was a rebellious, opinionated soul. My close friends and family know this about me and I can't say it is something of which I am proud.

My best laid plans of action for various changes never last more than a week or two. Oh, they appear to last as I continue exercising or eating healthy foods but I have never had a problem meeting my own goals. The difficulty with continuing making false resolutions is not only that they don't work, but they produce a lot of stress and guilt. Unfortunately, some years my resolutions included those two words, which usually make most of us physically ill. I determined that if I lost weight, exercised differently, or ate less, I would be successful. This is just

not true.

It is these tasks that I have taken on because someone else thinks I should that always fail. I delude myself into thinking these changes are good for me somehow, the people around me will see how hard I am trying and feel better about me. This false assumption is also not true. No one can say this is fake news for anyone, because this is my own personal fact. No one cares who is trying to make themselves better in any way, they are trying too hard to keep themselves in check. I am not the only one who learned long ago (in elementary school) to take my own appearance very seriously. I always tell my friends that I hated the viciousness of junior high girls, so that even now the overly sensitive, highly dramatic middle schooler remains at my core.

That is because the word resolution throws a kink in my completion of a task. It is too lofty. It brings to mind so many organizational meetings I have attended, where unable to make a resolution that would really have a positive effect, the governmental body decides to make a resolution of some sort. As a teller of fairy tales, I picture the parchment scroll unfurling as the appointed messenger barks out an edict from the royalty on parchment, "Hear, hear one and all."

Queen of my own kingdom, every year I announce my yearly resolutions solemnly to uncaring listeners, so most every year I then mentally toss it into the trash. I made no resolutions. I am simply moving forward and continuing my usual way of trying to make a difference. Happy 2022!

CNCC CORNER

Happy New Year!

By DR. LISA JONES
Special to the Herald Times



Dr. Lisa Jones

Happy New Year to all our community members. To those who ventured out of the area during this time, welcome back! My family and I enjoyed our holiday both in Colorado as well as in our native Michigan. Though it seems that the winter break is never long enough, I am energized to be back at work in service to you and our students.

Last semester, I met with many CNCC alumni, community members, business and industry partners and other friends, and all members of the CNCC college community. My leadership team and I crafted initiatives taken from our strategic plan that will advance our mission and closed out 59 years of history as a community college.

As we embark on the next 60 years, our focus will be on institutional growth, strength, innovation, engagement and student programming and services. Although I have just one semester as president under my belt, I am understanding what makes this institution and the communities we serve so special.

CNCC is proud of its signature programs but are aware that with time, change is required to stay ahead of industry needs. Our new Aviation (Flight) Program Director Nathan Hardin understands this.

Hardin is a CNCC flight program graduate. He holds a Bachelor of Science in aeronautics and Master of Education in higher education leadership. He is also a proud veteran of the U.S. Navy.

Thanks to the ingenuity of Carry Olson, CNCC's agricultural business, animal science and equine program faculty member, CNCC will be

growing its AG Business program in Craig. Given the number of ranches in Northwest Colorado, this move just makes sense. The College will be announcing this addition to the Craig campus at the Ranching For Profit Workshop at the Moffat County Fairgrounds on Friday, Jan. 28, 2022 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. This Dallas Mount workshop, entitled "Economic Leverage of Grazing," will include snacks and lunch and is valued at \$100 but will be free to our community members. This event promises to provide our ranchers and appropriate others with practical tools to improve profits in the business of ranching.

This month, we kick off our 60th anniversary celebration with numerous events, starting with library displays at both campuses that will take you down memory lane and our Ranching for Profit Workshop. Keep posted on other events though our website at www.cncc.edu and our Facebook page.

VETERAN VOICE

Identify the enemy correctly

By WES EUBANKS
Special to the Herald Times

Any veteran can tell you that your odds of getting killed are significantly increased if you are unable to identify the bad guys. The Commander in Chief is not the enemy, he is the elected President of the United States of America. Unfortunately his position is being used by very rich and powerful individuals from both

political parties to achieve their personal and political agendas even if it means endangering American citizens and destroying our Constitution. The crisis on our southern border and Covid-19 are the most egregious examples. Unchecked trafficking of humans, weapons and drugs, coupled with safety mandates that adversely impact middle class wage earners and their families, to include the young children, affect the very core of our Constitutional Republic.

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Mind Springs CEO Raggio resigns, effective immediately

By **NIKI TURNER**
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RBC | CEO and President of Mind Springs Health Sharon Raggio announced her resignation Tuesday, Jan. 4, “effective immediately” after 14 years at the helm of the organization. She had been planning to retire in June 2022, but made the decision to leave early following statewide media coverage by the Colorado News Collaborative on the weaknesses of Colorado’s mental health systems — including Mind Springs. In an statement delivered by email

Tuesday, Raggio stated: “In the wake of recent media attention, I feel that my continued presence within the organization may act as a distraction from our core mission of delivering exceptional mental health and addiction recovery care to the communities we serve. Therefore, I made the difficult decision to resign from my position now rather than waiting for my planned retirement in June.”

Mind Springs Health’s Chief Financial Officer, Doug Pattison, has been appointed as interim CEO by the organization’s board of directors.

GUEST COLUMN

Facebook jail

By **LUCAS TURNER**
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In the 15 years since Facebook opened its services to the general public, the site has grown massively, today boasting more than 2 billion active monthly users. Its sheer scale, reach and cultural significance makes it all but a necessity for business owners, community organizers and government entities alike.

Public message board groups hosted on the platform act as a forum for discussion, commerce and self-promotion. Small businesses rely on the site to reach and engage with both prospective and existing customers, promote new offerings, and directly manage sales. Government entities also use it to communicate with the public during fires, blizzards, and yes, even pandemics, to share up-to-date information in a timely fashion.

RBC’s Public Health Department is one example of this modern phenomenon of direct government-to-citizen communication, especially in the last two years. They used their Facebook page as a hub for updating the community on COVID-19 case counts, outbreaks, vaccination clinics and general information about the disease and what it meant for the local community.

As a general rule, FB’s tools worked well for these tasks, up until the point that they didn’t. The department’s original page, started years ago by former county employees, was the first to experience problems with the platform. After sharing an informational video that received significant engagement, page admins found themselves unable to post new content, an issue that was never resolved. To this day, RBCPH’s first ever Facebook page sports a banner directing residents to the new public health page. The one that also doesn’t work anymore...

Approximately one year after the first public health page was rendered useless with zero explanation, the problem happened again, and that’s where this saga gets even stranger. It is more than strange, actually, it’s concerning for anyone who relies on Facebook (or any other big tech giant) for accessing information.

In late October 2021, the page disappeared from view entirely for all but page admins. The Public Health department’s primary direct-communication tool was again rendered useless and officially “unpublished.” Operations went on nonetheless, but ongoing information campaigns stopped, up-to-date information for the community stopped, and there was no way to fix the problem.

To the more “adventurous” among us who like to play on the edge of Facebook’s content moderation and/or community guidelines and “meme too close to the sun” this may not be a huge surprise. After all, Facebook regularly suspends/restricts accounts, demotes content and even permanently bans accounts/pages that violate its policies.

Its massive user-base also leads to automated content flagging systems making mistakes, and placing rule-abiding pages and personal accounts in the proverbial “Facebook jail.”

To mitigate this problem of false-positive content flags, Facebook offers an “appeal” process, for anyone who believes their content has been falsely flagged as being in violation of the rules.

So, that’s good, right? Doesn’t this mean that so long as you follow the rules, your page/group/account will be safe? If you are falsely flagged, you can get it worked out, right? Unfortunately, and perhaps unsurprisingly, it does not. RBC Public Health demonstrates a perfect example of this problem. One where Facebook, notorious for its terrible customer service apparatus (if we can even call it that), can implement restrictions and/or bans with zero justification, and skirt any accountability due to its power, size and influence.

RBCPH’s last post before being un-published in October 2021 shared factual information related to local vaccination clinics, their time, location and more. Previous content shared on the page included more clinic dates, videos, graphics and other content, promoting vaccinations, debunking myths, addressing misinformation and answering general questions from RBC residents.

So why did the page get unpublished? If rules were violated, shouldn’t said violation be explicitly listed? Perhaps, but in this case, it wasn’t. To this day, no content violations have been indicated by Facebook.

Should the appeals process offer recourse for mistakes in automated systems? Yes. When the appeals process is actually available. But when no violations are listed, how do you appeal? Answer, you cant.

When all else fails, should people have the right to more than just some automated help form deep in the bowels of Facebook’s “Help” Center to get assistance?

Of course giant platforms should have some level of accountability not just to their shareholders. But to the human beings whose lives they have forcefully inserted their presence into, they’re really not accountable. Turns out you can have influence over a quarter of the planet’s population, and fail to be accountable to those people. Turns out that one day, your page, the audience you’ve built, and any systems you may have come to rely on might just poof out of existence, with no warning, no recourse, and zero communication from the platform.

At least, that’s the way it looks so far. Perhaps Facebook will eventually resolve the issue for the public health department, or not. Who knows? Maybe one day, when 25% of earth is connected to the “Metaverse” we’ll begin to understand why Facebook does what it does.

Additional information about vaccine clinics will be shared on the county’s primary Facebook page. And you can, of course, expect to find continued coverage of COVID-19, vaccines, boosters, and everything related in the [HT’s Facebook feed](#). For now ...

PMC statement on pharmacy

PRESS RELEASE
Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER | Pioneers Medical Center (PMC) is excited to announce its services are expanding to include a retail pharmacy, Meeker Drug at Pioneers Medical Center, spring of 2022.

The construction of Meeker Drug at Pioneers Medical Center is nearly complete. The remaining approvals from various regulating entities are processing. These agencies include: the Colorado State Board of Pharmacy, Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA), National Council for Prescription Drug Programs (NCPDP), U.S. Health Resources and Services (HRSA), several insurance providers including Medicare and Medicaid, vendors, distributors.

The hospital has been working with Diana Jones to facilitate the transition from a downtown pharmacy to the PMC campus. Improved conveniences will include longer business hours, a drive-through pick-up, and a new, separate east entrance aside from the hospital’s main entrance.

“The pharmacy industry has changed so much with mail order, fighting with government policy and big chains for Medicare contracting and manufacturer price increases, it has become very difficult for an independent to keep up,” said Jones. “It was a hard deci-

sion but knowing that the community would not be left without a pharmacy I conceded that I could not hold on any longer. With programs accessible through an entity such as PMC, the community stands a chance to leverage the large corporations and sustain service to Meeker.”

PMC is grateful for the Jones’ whose family is a staple in the local community. Diana’s grandfather operated Meeker Drug for 40 years, with the Jones family succeeding him 12 years ago. We are honored to be allowed to operate under the Meeker Drug tradename. The hospital aims to maintain the caring, quality and compassionate service the Jones’ have provided their customers over the years.

“We are excited to offer the community a new location to fill their regular prescriptions,” said PMC CEO Liz Sellers. “The pharmacy will be able to offer an array of prescription drugs to help support the community’s needs. It will improve prescription services for our Walbridge Wing residents. Upon approval of proper requirements, residents’ medications will be filled locally.”

PMC will keep the community informed of the pharmacy’s progress with construction and the finalization of the various licensing requirements.

~ Pioneers Medical Center
Board of Directors

Meeker Residents

Pioneers Medical Center understands you may have questions regarding your prescriptions with the closure of Meeker Drug and the hospital’s retail pharmacy opening this spring.

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OBITUARY

Kenneth Lee Abbott

Dec. 28, 1953 ~ Dec. 30, 2021



Ken Abbott

Kenneth Lee Abbott was born Dec. 28, 1953. He passed away at the age of 69 on Dec. 30, 2021.

Ken is survived by three brothers: Gary, Ronald and Mark Abbott and their families; his loving wife Joan Abbott; his two sons, Isaiah Abbott and wife Kirsten, Jerod Abbott and wife Jessica; seven beautiful grandchildren; many nieces, nephews and extended family. He was a loving, caring, kind husband, father, grandfather, Jack-of-all-trades and dear friend. He will be sorely missed.

OBITUARY

Robert 'Bob' Ruckman

Jan. 8, 1944 ~ Dec. 27, 2021



Bob Ruckman

Robert Leonard (Bob) Ruckman passed away at Pioneers Medical Center in Meeker, Colorado, on Dec. 27, 2021, following complications from an abdominal aneurysm. He previously had a stroke in August 2021 which left him paralyzed on his right side, and he was currently residing at the Walbridge Memorial Convalescent Wing in Meeker. He was 77 years old.

Bob was born to Ray and Clara Ruckman at the original St Mary's Hospital in Grand Junction, Colorado, on Jan. 8, 1944. He was raised and attended school in Meeker, Colorado, until high school graduation in 1962.

Following graduation, Bob attended Western State College in Gunnison, Colorado, for a year, leaving because he said it was "too cold up there." He began a second college year at Mesa State College in Grand Junction, Colorado, but left to enlist in the Army on March 10, 1964.

In the Army Bob was trained as a nuclear weapons technician and spent time at both Redstone Arsenal in Huntsville, Alabama, and Sandia Base in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Following his training, he served as a nuclear weapons electronics specialist at the U.S. Army Depot in Fischbach, Germany.

While in Germany, Bob met his future wife, Bonnie, in November 1966. She was in a study abroad program at the University of Strasbourg in Strasbourg, France, which was about an hour from Fischbach. They met through friends and Bob proposed a short three weeks later. It wasn't quite love at first sight but pretty close!

When Bob was discharged from the Army in February 1967, he left Europe and moved to Bonnie's home town of Oxford, Indiana. Because Bonnie was a student at Purdue University in Lafayette, Indiana, and would be finishing her degree there the following year, he decided that it would be a good place for him to pursue the rest of his college career as well. But because Bonnie could

not leave France until the end of the school year in June, Bob lived with her parents, whom he had never met before, until she came home. Her mother announced that he was the son they had never had!

Bob and Bonnie were married on July 29, 1967, in Oxford, Indiana, and established their home first in Lafayette, Indiana, and later in Oxford. While Bonnie finished her education and then taught school, Bob worked at Purdue as an electronics technician in the Bionucleonics Department and began taking classes at the Purdue College of Technology.

In August 1970, Bob received a Bachelor of Science degree with a major in industrial supervision. The couple then moved to Bob's home state of Colorado because he missed the mountains. They bought a home in Golden, Colorado, and Bob worked as a maltster for the Adolph Coors Company.

In 1972, Bob had the opportunity to return to Meeker and went into partnership with his brother, Jim, and their friend, Jack Holzberlein. They became Holzberlein-Ruckman Construction Company, later Ruckman, Incorporated. The company was primarily involved in home and small business construction.

Following the economic downturn in the 1980s, the construction business was closed and Bob went to work for the Rio Blanco County Sheriff's Department in January 1985. He was employed as a detention officer but was later promoted to jail administrator. He remained in that position until his retirement in June 2006.

Following retirement, Bob served as a substitute teacher in the Meeker school system and also worked for the Ninth Judicial District Court as a conservator and friendly visitor.

After Bonnie also retired in 2013, the couple bought a motor home and spent the winter months in Arizona. Bob loved building and repairing and was very good at just about anything. He enjoyed traveling and most

of all loved spending time with family, especially his grandchildren.

Bob was a senior member of Meeker Fire and Rescue and was a firefighter and EMT beginning in 1974, serving the citizens of Meeker and eastern Rio Blanco County in this capacity for 40 years. In other community activities, Bob was a member of the Meeker Community Choir, a 9Health Fair volunteer, and a member and past president of the Meeker Oldtimers Association. He served on the Rio Blanco Search and Rescue Team, was a Red Cross volunteer and CPR and First Aid Instructor, served on the Safehouse Board, and was a past vice president of the Meeker Chamber of Commerce.

In addition to his bachelor's degree, Bob also received an Associate of Applied Science in criminal justice degree at Colorado Northwestern Community College.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents and his brothers, Benton (Benny) and George (Joe) Ruckman. He is survived by his wife Bonnie (Copas) Ruckman of Meeker; his son Ron (Lisa) Ruckman of Pinedale, Wyoming; son Ben (Jolene) Ruckman of Windsor, Colorado; granddaughter Taylor (Orlando) Carrillo of Laramie, Wyoming; granddaughter Sydney Ruckman of Powell, Wyoming; and grandson Sean Ruckman of Pinedale; his brother Jim (Sue) Ruckman of Grand Junction; brother Jack (Elaine) Ruckman of Reno, Nevada; plus many much loved cousins and nieces and nephews.

The family is planning to have a celebration of life next summer and will announce details later. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in Bob's name to Meeker Fire and Rescue, PO Box 737, Meeker, CO 81641. Donations will be used to fund EMT certification training for new EMTs.

The family knows that many people have stories they like to share about Bob and would invite everyone to send their written stories to Grant Mortuary at PO Box 333, Meeker, CO 81641. The stories will be kept and shared by the family.

OBITUARY

Penny Pearce

Jan. 10, 1966 ~ Dec. 22, 2021



Penny Pearce

Penny Pearce, 55, gained her heavenly wings on Dec. 22, 2021, at her home in Rangely, Colorado.

Penny was born in Plainview, Texas, in 1966, to Charles and Charlene Edwards. She graduated from Prairiland High School in Pattonville, Texas, where she loved to play sports and was a friend to many. Penny has been a resident of Rangely, Colorado, for the past 14 years and in that time has come to know many people she loved and cared for deeply.

She was one with a sense of humor like no other! She loved to make people laugh and she always had a good time where she went. Her children and grandchildren were the apple of her eye and

lives a fun adventure. She loved to do a lot of things in life like camping, car races, car shows, sports, reading, writing, singing, drawing, visiting new places, video games, drives down old dirt roads and most of all fishing. She was a loving friend, always there for others with a shoulder to cry on and an ear to listen; her wise words and comforting arms will be missed by many!

She was preceded in death by her mother Charlene Edwards in 2007,

and her brother David Edwards this past October 2021. She is survived by her father Charles Edwards of Paris, Texas; her daughter Amanda Kinney and spouse Cody; her son Nathan Pearce and spouse Alexandria; and 11 grandchildren, all of Rangely, Colorado.

Penny will have two celebrations of life: one in Paris, Texas, to be announced at a later time, and services in Rangely, Colorado, will be held on Jan. 10, her birthday, at The Elks Lodge from 5-8 p.m. Please do not wear black, she did not want that. This is the party she would have p-worded, let's celebrate Penny's life the way she would have wanted. Flowers and cards can be sent to 208 River Rd., Rangely, Colorado, 81648 or 80 County Road 101, Rangely, Colorado, 81648.

OBITUARY

David Gordon Peckham

Jan. 11, 1974 ~ Dec. 29, 2021



David Peckham

David Gordon Peckham passed away on Dec. 29, 2021, at the age of 47. David was born on Jan. 11, 1974, in Long Beach, California. He enjoyed his music and football teams and star gazing on clear nights. But

most of all David enjoyed being a proud father. He loved his baby so much and he was his world. As soon as his son was born his life changed and he knew he wanted to be there for his child and did everything he could to care and protect him.

He had a unique personality and liked to have fun but made sure that everybody knew he was always right. He was of-

ten the life of the party and loved to dance in his own style. He was always very honest with his feelings and let everyone know it. He loved to have fun and enjoyed hanging out whether it be on the river,

in the garage or just having a few beers with those around him. He had three cats which were all like his children to him which he was always spoiling. David was a very caring and kind person and he had so much more life to share.

He is survived by his best friend and wife of 12 years, Jennifer Hernandez of Rangely, Colorado; his six month old baby Evard Gordon Peckham; sister

Emily Peckham of Long Beach, California.

He is preceded in death by his mother Bonnie Ellen Jaffe and father Danny Lee Peckham.

In lieu of flowers, if you would like to help support and care for David's six month old baby you can donate on Venmo to @Jennifer-Hernandez-1293

A celebration of life will be held on his birthday, Tuesday, Jan. 11 at 11 a.m. at New Creation Church of Rangely, 115 Kennedy Dr., Rangely, Colorado, 81648. A viewing for family and friends will be held Sunday, Jan. 9 at 6-8 p.m. at Ashley Valley Funeral Home, 410 North 800 West in Vernal, Utah. Online condolences may be shared at www.AshleyValleyFuneralHome.com

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RBC COVID-19 update for the week of Wednesday, Jan. 5

Special to the Herald Times

As of Wednesday, Jan. 5, Rio Blanco County Public Health was reporting 32 active cases in Meeker and 18 active cases in Rangely in the last 14 days, with two new hospitalizations.

The Omicron variant, which is surging nationwide, has been confirmed in the county and is expected to be the dominant strain, with an increase in breakthrough and reinfection rates showing up this week.

UPDATED ISOLATION & QUARANTINE GUIDELINES

Isolation and quarantine guidelines have been updated by the CDC. Visit <https://covid19.colorado.gov/isolation-and-quarantine-for-the-latest-information>.

TESTING

Please be advised that testing for COVID-19 is recommended for all symptomatic individuals (please see CDC website for list of symptoms), and all individuals who are exposed to a known case. It is advised to test 5 days after your last known exposure, or as soon as possible after you begin to develop symptoms. Testing is now available without an appointment, drive-up at the following times at public health in Meeker and Rangely.

New schedule beginning January 3rd, 2022:

■ **Meeker:** Monday, Wednesday and Friday 10am-11am, Thursdays ONLY 10am-2pm. Rapid tests not available on Thursdays.

■ **Rangely:** Monday 1pm-2pm, Wednesdays 10am-2pm, and Friday

9-10am. Rapid tests not available on Wednesdays.

We will be closed for testing on Monday, Jan. 17.

Please see the following link for information about Colorado's at-home testing program: <https://covid19.colorado.gov/covid-19-testing-at-home>

Travel testing is available at RBC Public Health. We offer same day rapid molecular testing for \$45. Please check travel requirements for your specific destination.

VACCINATIONS

Vaccinations for COVID-19 (5 and up) and Flu available - All Insurance accepted. COVID-19 vaccines are FREE of charge. Booster doses are now available for anyone in Colorado over the age of 16, as long as 6 months have passed

since initial MRNA series or 2 months since initial J&J dose.

Walk-In clinics (no appointment necessary):

■ **Meeker:** Thursdays, 12:00 - 5:30 pm (Meeker Public Health Office)- 200 Main St (Fairfield Center)

■ **Rangely:** Wednesdays, 12:00 - 5:30 pm (Rangely Public Health Office)- 101 E Main St (across from the library)

Please call to schedule an appointment for all other vaccines, including shingles, pneumonia, and childhood immunizations. Walk-ins for flu shots are welcomed on other days based on nurse availability.

■ **Other Clinic Locations and Times:** Pioneers Medical Center Walk-In Clinic: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9:00 - noon and 2:00 - 4:00 pm (Johnson & Johnson and Moderna available)

BLM proposes 3.73 acre sale to CNCC

PRESS RELEASE
Special to the Herald Times

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is proposing to sell 3.73 acres of public lands in Rio Blanco County to Colorado Northwestern Community College (CNCC) to resolve inadvertent, unauthorized use of public lands. CNCC previously leased this parcel of public land for the operation of a shooting range. The lease expired in 2006 and the shooting range is operating without a lease.

The White River Field Office (WRFO) intends to prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) to amend the 1997 White River Resource Management Plan. The EA would evaluate the appropriateness of identifying the parcel containing CNCC's shooting range for disposal, making the land available for direct sale to CNCC.

"This facility serves local communities by providing a resource for law enforcement education and training at CNCC, along with local police, sheriffs, and Federal agencies for qualifying their law enforcement personnel," said Bill Mills, Field Manager for WRFO. "Considering this small adjustment to our Resource Management Plan will allow for the continued use and management of CNCC's shooting range, while resolving an ongoing



JAMES ROBERTS COURTESY PHOTO

Property owned by BLM where the CNCC shooting range is (above) could be sold to the college, clearing up inadvertent unauthorized use of public lands.

land use issue."

The Federal Register notice gives the public 45 days to comment on the scope of analysis and identification of relevant information involving the proposed plan amendment identified in the planning criteria and disposal action. A description and map of the parcel is available online at: <https://go.usa.gov/x79BM>. Written comments may be mailed to: Bill Mills, Field Manager, BLM, White River Field Office, 220 East Market Street,

Meeker, CO 81641 or emailed to: blm_co_wrfo_sale@blm.gov.

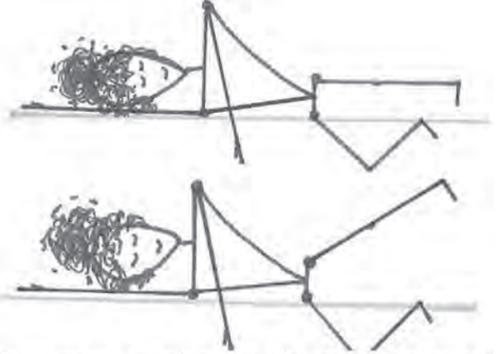
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2. Pull your belly button up and then back towards your spine to engage your core and lift your pelvic floor.
3. Stay relaxed through your shoulders and maintain steady/natural inhales and exhales.



This exercise is called Leg Lifts, it will strengthen your hips and rump.

Start by laying on your left side with your head resting on your left arm and your right arm gently stabilizing you. Now bend your left leg so your knee is at a 90 degree angle and straighten your right leg long.

With your next inhale press through your right heel and lift that leg high, exhale to bring it back down to your left leg.

Continue this movement, inhaling to lift and exhaling to lower, until you begin to feel a little burn in your hip and glute muscles. You can challenge yourself to do a few more repetitions with that burn before flipping to your other side to repeat this exercise, or simply flip when you have reached your goal number of repetitions.

Figure 2. Satellite Image of the Meeker Fuels Break / Hazardous Fuels Reduction Project

Meeker Fuels Break (11 Acres)



Legend

Town Fuels Break



White River Field Office



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Date: 3/17/2021

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The BLM is seeking public input on proposed plans to conduct fuels reduction for fire mitigation along the north and west sides of Meeker.

COURTESY PHOTO

BLM seeks public comment on hazardous fuels reduction along Meeker fire break

PRESS RELEASE
Special to the Herald Times

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) White River Field Office is seeking public input on a proposal to conduct a planned fuels reduction treatment along the north and west portion of the town of Meeker. This action would create a fuel break that would improve firefighter and public safety by reducing the hazardous fuel loading, which would decrease the likelihood that portions of the town of Meeker would be impacted by a wildland fire. The BLM is partnering with the Town of Meeker, Meeker Fire Department and Rio Blanco County on this project.

"Planned fuel breaks can be a more efficient way for firefighters to slow the progress of a wildfire while ensuring firefighter and public safety. Fuel breaks are an important strategy to minimize the risk of communities and infrastructure being impacted by wildfire events,"

said White River Field Manager Bill Mills.

Public comments must be received by Feb. 2, 2022 via the ePlanning project website at the following link: <https://eplanning.blm.gov/eplanning-ui/project/2012510/510>. The public's input will assist the BLM in identifying any concerns with the proposed fuels reduction project. Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address or other personal identifying information in your comment, be advised that your entire comment — including your personal identifying information — may be made publicly available at any time.

For more information and to submit public comments, please visit the ePlanning project website at the following link: <https://eplanning.blm.gov/eplanning-ui/project/2012510/510>.

For additional information contact the White River Field Office at 220 E. Market St. in Meeker or call 970-878-3800.

DAYS GONE BY

The Meeker Herald
125 years ago

- It is fun to receive orders that you need not obey unless you choose.
- The best conversationalist is the one who can listen the longest without betraying his annoyance.

The Meeker Herald
100 years ago

- Add mysteries of life: why is a saxophone called an instrument?
- Checkers may not be the greatest game in the world, but you hardly ever hear of anybody getting killed in quarrell about it.

The Meeker Herald
50 years ago

- Two Meeker locals, Gayle Glasgow and Linda Hazelbaker have the honor of being selected as two of the six finalists from the applicants throughout the state of Colorado to compete in the Miss Colorado Wool Contest.

• The sale of the historic Miller Martensen ranch east of Hayden was finalized on Dec. 22, 1971, and was announced last week. It was sold to Glen Paulk, Tom Hall, Jack Moss, and Dean Sandvick.

The Meeker Herald
25 years ago

- Good news: quality of the water in the White River is in excellent shape according to the US Geographical survey on Jan 7.

• The Meeker Cowboys basketball team finished their pre-season on Dec. 19, in which they lost to Steamboat and won against Ouray.

Rangely Times
50 years ago

- Two Rangely College students died Sunday as the result of a one-car accident when their Ford Bronco ran off the road and skid sideways down a steep bank just six miles out of town.

• The official ground breaking for the new Rangely Public Library took place at the new construction site at Jones and Main on December 21.

Rangely Times
25 years ago

- The CNCC Fine Arts Department invites all singers in grades 3-8 to join the new chorus for kids for an opportunity to both sing and perform simple staging and choreography to popular tunes and arrangements.

• Rangely senior Rebecca Olree Swam with the Moffat County team at Delta on Thursday and broke the Moffat County School record for the 200 IM with a time of 2:26.10, and broke the pool record which she set last year for the 100 yard breaststroke with a time of 1:10.08.

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LEAK AT RJSHS ...



MATT SCOGGINS PHOTO

This is what kept the Rangely Junior/Senior High staff and some helpful students busy Monday when they returned from winter break. "We had a failed joint in our fire suppression system yesterday morning which forced us to send students home and go to virtual learning. Students and staff jumped in to help with the cleanup and many of us ran home and grabbed our shop vacs to help. We have an amazing school community," said Superintendent Matt Scoggins.

Meeker Summer Rodeo Series announces sixth year of weekly events

Special to the Herald Times

The Meeker Summer Rodeo Series is happy to announce the 6th year of the weekly summer rodeos.

The summer of 2021 was a great year for the Summer Rodeo, with a record number of spectators who came on a weekly basis to enjoy the rodeo, 10 weeks in a row!

The Rodeo Season will again have a minimum of 10 Thursday night rodeos starting June 9.

With your generous donations, the summer series will continue to offer an evening of fun for young and old alike.

The 2021 Meeker Summer Rodeo

series season, due to the generosity of our rodeo supporters like you, was a free spectator event. Our attendees were able to come and enjoy every Thursday, all summer, without any gate fees. Additionally, once again through charitable donations, we were able to offer \$500 in additional prize money for the weekly bull riding event. This additional prize money brought in record numbers of riders including PBR accredited riders.

Our supporter base includes 30 businesses and individual donors which came together to offer the northwest corner of Colorado this outstanding, weekly outdoor event.

As well as monetary donations, other local businesses also donated gift certificates to offer at our weekly raffles — up to six prizes nightly for all 10 rodeos. Our concession stand was again supported by the local Meeker Lions Club and the Barone Junior High School eighth-grade class. The 2021 sales were near \$10,000, helping fund the eighth-grade yearly trip to Washington, D.C.

Contact Regas Halandras 970-629-9714 or Cody Edinger 970-629-0182 for more information. Donations can be mailed to: Meeker Summer Rodeo Series C/O Regas K Halandras PO Box 677 Meeker, CO 81641.

Former Panther still holds strong record

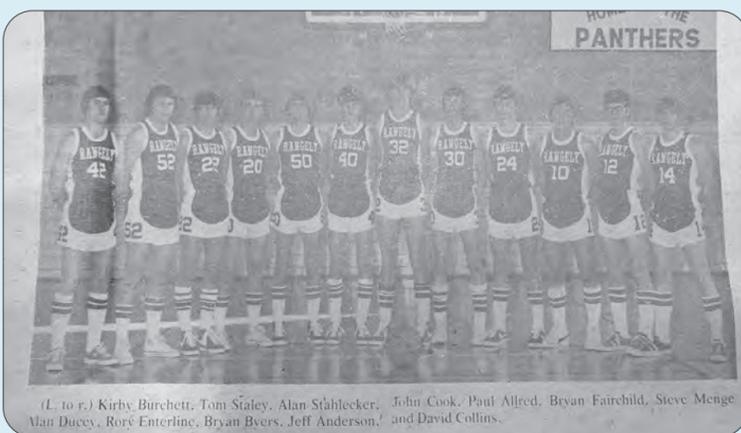
Submitted by Jeff Anderson

Special to the Herald Times

The 1975-1976 Rangely Panther boys basketball team of Kirby Burchett, Tom Staley, Alan Stahlecker, Alan Ducey, Rory Enterline, Bryan Byers, Jeff Anderson, John Cook, Paul Allred, Bryan Fairchild, Steve Menge and David Collins was a high scoring and successful team, and on December 20, 1975 they ended a 17 year win drought against the Rifle Bears.

This Rangely team still holds the winningest season record for the school, winning 21 games and losing only two. All five starters would end up as all-conference selections, Ducey, Stahlecker, Anderson, Fairchild, and Cook, a first in the mighty 10 team Northwestern League. They would score over 100 points five times that year and average 90 points a game.

They would score 115 points in a state tournament game, a state record that still stands. As the smallest school in AA, a class that no longer exists, they would end the season by capturing the AA State Consolation Championship in



(L. to r.) Kirby Burchett, Tom Staley, Alan Stahlecker, John Cook, Paul Allred, Bryan Fairchild, Steve Menge, Alan Ducey, Rory Enterline, Bryan Byers, Jeff Anderson, and David Collins.

HT FILE PHOTO

Denver.

The game that ended the losing streak by the Panthers was a record setting, all-time, school and state performance by the Panthers. Anderson, the six foot, seven inch center for Rangely, had a career record setting night, scoring 51 points, grabbing 27 rebounds, and shooting an unimaginable 24 for 27 from the field while going three for three from the free throw line, leading the Panthers to a 78-51 win over the Bears. The 51 point individual scoring record ranked as one of the top ten individual scoring efforts for all classes in the history of the state of Colorado at that time. Anderson's 24 made field goals still ranks in the top five in Colorado prep history, as does his 30 points scored in the second half of the game.

"You have heard of

The 1975-76 RHS Panther basketball team.

players being 'in the zone'", said Anderson, who now resides in Arizona. "I was deep, deep in that zone. I never reached that level of play again, either in my high school or college career. It is hard to describe but I felt that I could not miss, and I rarely did."

"I knew we would have a tough league opener at Rifle," Anderson collects. "They had a powerful front line, a 6'9" all conference center and a 6'3" all conference forward. It would take a great effort to beat them at their place in our conference opener."

Up by 13 at half-time, the Panthers went on a scoring blitz to put the Bears away. At one point Anderson scored

25 straight points for Rangely, and gives credit to his teammates for his record setting performance. "We just had an amazing once in a lifetime team that year," said Anderson. "We ended up having one bad game at state but I will always believe we were the best team in Colorado that year."

Anderson would end the year averaging 24 points and 15 rebounds per game for the Panthers. He would be the first Rangely High School player to be named first team all-state and would play in the AA all-state game, leading the north squad to victory.

After high school Anderson attended college and continued playing ball in Montana.

RANGELY BASKETBALL (VARSITY)

Jan. 7 @ Vail Christian 5:30 p.m. (girls) and 7 p.m. (boys)

Jan. 8 @ Vail Mountain 3:30 p.m. (girls) and 7 p.m.

Jan. 13 @ Home v. Hayden 5:30 p.m. (girls) and 7 p.m. (boys)

Jan. 14 @ De Beque 5 p.m. (girls) and 6:30 p.m. (boys)

Jan. 15 @ Home v. Soroco 4 p.m. (girls) and

Jan. 21 @ Home v. West Grand 5:30 p.m. (girls) and 7 p.m. (boys)

Jan. 21 @ Olathe 2:30 p.m. (girls) and 4 p.m. (boys)

RANGELY HS WRESTLING

Jan. 7-8 — Tournament of Champions @ Vernal

Jan. 14 — Duals @ Hayden

Jan. 15 — Hayden

Tourney

Jan. 22 — Rangely Tournament

Jan. 29 — @ Grand Valley

MEEKER BASKETBALL (VARSITY)

Jan. 7 @ North Fork 3-9 p.m.

Jan. 8 @ Home v. Olathe 1-5:30 p.m.

Jan. 13 @ Grand Valley 3-10 p.m.

Jan. 15 @ Plateau Valley 1-5:30 p.m.

Jan. 20 @ Home v. Snake River 4:30-8:30 p.m.

Jan. 21 @ Caprock 3-9 p.m.

Jan. 22 @ Home v. Soroco 1-5:30 p.m.

Jan. 27 @ Home v. Rangely 4-8:30 p.m.

Jan. 29 @ Vail Mountain 1-4 p.m.

MEEKER HS WRESTLING

Jan. 6 — @ Home v. Delta/Rifle

Jan. 7-8 — Tournament of Champions @ Vernal

Jan. 13 — @ Grand Valley

Jan. 15 — @ Hayden

Jan. 18 — @ Moffat County

Jan. 21-22 — Rumble in the Rockies @ Lafayette

Jan. 26 — @ Palisade

BLM Northwest District Office welcomes new field manager



COURTESY PHOTO

Bill Mills has been named the new Field Manager for the White River BLM Field Office.

PRESS RELEASE
Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER | The Colorado Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Northwest District Office welcomes Bill Mills as the new Field Manager for the White River Field Office in Meeker, Colorado. Mills will assume responsibilities as the new field manager beginning Jan. 3. He will be responsible for the management and stewardship of more than 40 employees and over 1.4 million acres of public land in Rio Blanco County and portions of Garfield and Moffat County in northwestern Colorado.

“We are delighted to welcome Bill Mills aboard as the new Field Manager for the White River Field Office here in northwest Colorado,” said District Manager Elijah Waters. “Bill has a proven history of building consensus and finding innovative solutions to manage public lands in Colorado, and we’re thrilled to have him join our team.”

Bill has been the Kremmling Field Manager since September 2018. He began his BLM career in 2010 as a at the BLM National Operations Center in Lakewood, Colorado. In 2014, Bill moved to the BLM Colorado State Office where he held a position of section chief in the Division of Support Services. In 2016, Bill transitioned to the Administrative Officer, Rocky Mountain District Staff in Canon City, Colorado.

“I am honored to be the new Field Manager for the White River Field Office and to have the opportunity to work with such a talented staff,” said White River Field Manager, Bill Mills. “I look forward to continuing to connect with the local communities, government officials, Tribes, and stakeholders.”

Prior to his BLM career, Bill served in the U.S. Air Force from 1989-2009. Bill and his wife Chandra have six children and one grandson. They enjoy being active with their kids’ athletic programs. In his spare time, Bill enjoys boating, fishing and golf.

TROOPER TIPS

New year resolution

By **MASTER TROOPER GARY CUTLER**
Colorado State Patrol

As we arrive in yet another year, it’s time for a few New Year resolutions. If you’ll indulge me, I have a suggestion for one of them this year. 2022 needs to have a little more happiness than the last two seem to have severely missed and I have tips to make it happier.

On top of Covid issues, Colorado has been getting hit hard with record breaking fatal crashes. Each morning I receive a report that lists all of the fatal crashes in the state that happened the day before. There are days we receive up to five people who have lost their lives. This

is awful and doesn’t have to be this way.

I have been working our roads for 18 years, and have covered a lot of fatal and injury crashes. I can honestly say that not one of them happened without some form of careless driving. So, this time I’ll focus on talking about being careful when driving. Because sometimes all it takes is a small event that no one would believe will cause a crash.

It can be something as simple as tuning the radio to a new station, talking to a passenger, looking at something on the side of the road, eating, even daydreaming, anything that divides your attention from the road. Most of these crashes have one thing in common beyond the distraction: the vehicle went out of its lane because of the distraction.

So please give driving the attention it needs and deserves. There is nothing worth your life.

When drivers drift out of their lane, even if it’s only a little bit, or for a short amount of time, it can have huge ramifications. Often the driver over corrects and they lose even more control of the vehicle. Sometimes they strike a vehicle coming the other direction. They go down embankments, impact trees or over-turn. All of these add to the severity of a simple unintentional action.

For those drivers that do keep their full attention to driving, I want you watching out for those that aren’t fully paying attention to the road. You can still be doing everything right and have another driver hit you. Try to keep these tips with

you when driving.

Always look past your hood. I’m still surprised at how many people slam their brakes on at the last second because they didn’t look far enough past their vehicle and were shocked to see an obstacle in the roadway. Another important item is watching for vehicles drifting into your lane whether it be the same or opposite direction. On interstates watch for vehicles that have lost control and might be coming across a median.

My message comes down to enjoy the ride, but be aware of your surroundings and you’ll be around a long time to remember the fun times.

As always, safe travels!

Colorado residents urged to test homes for cancer-causing radon

CDPHE offers low-cost test kits during National Radon Action Month

PRESS RELEASE
Special to the Herald Times

RBC | Gov. Jared Polis has proclaimed January 2022, National Radon Action Month, and the Colorado Department

of Public Health & Environment urges Colorado residents to test their homes for radon using a low-cost radon test kit.

Radon is the leading cause of lung cancer deaths among nonsmokers in America and claims the lives of about 21,000 Americans each year. In Colorado, nearly half of homes have high radon levels, and more than 500 lung cancer deaths in the state each year are attributed to radon. The best way to protect against radon is to perform a simple, low cost test of your home.

Radon is a naturally occurring radioactive gas with no color, odor, or taste. Radon can easily enter homes and other buildings through small openings like cracks in foundations, openings around pumps and drains, and crawl spaces.

“Testing your home for radon is simple and should be done when all your doors and windows are closed. That’s why January is a great time to test, during National Radon Action Month,” said Jill Hunsaker Ryan, executive director, CDPHE. “Our Free testing program helps keeps the public safe, especially families who may not be able to afford to test for radon otherwise. We want everyone to be safe from this silent cancer-causing gas.”

Homeowners who already have radon mitigation systems should retest their homes every few years to make sure the system is working properly. More information is available on the CDPHE website: www.coloradoradon.info

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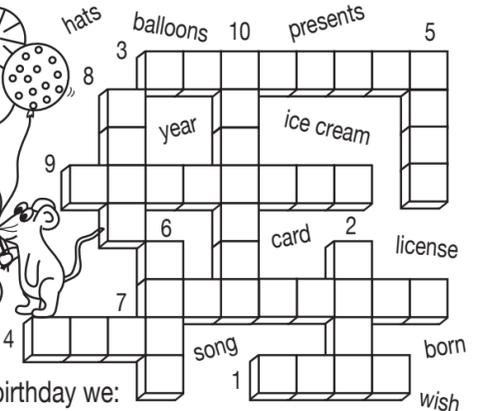
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Birthday Celebrations

What is the date of your birthday? In our country, we all have our own special day to celebrate what is special about us. It is our birth day. Yes, the party fun starts when we are turning one and continues as long as we live. We also get to celebrate birthdays for everyone in our family – and our friends' birthdays, too! We celebrate birthdays all year round.

In some countries, like Saudi Arabia, people do not celebrate birthdays due to religious beliefs. In other countries, like China, everyone celebrates his or her birthday together on the country's New Year's Day. Everyone turns a year older at the same time! Children there may receive gifts of money. On special birthdays very long noodles are served to bring long life.

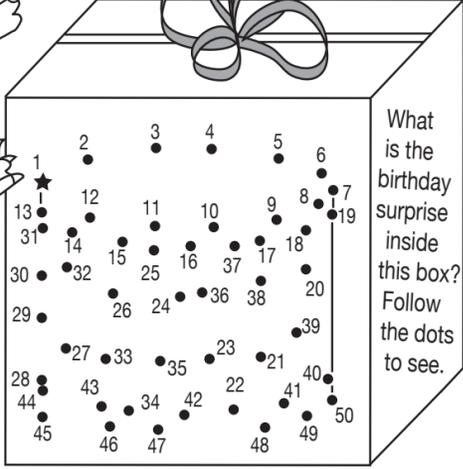
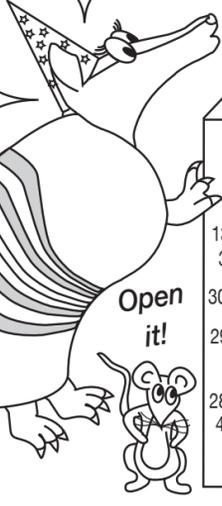


On a birthday we:

- celebrate the day a person was _____.
- become one _____ older.
- may decorate with _____ and streamers.
- may wear colorful birthday _____ on our heads.
- may hear the popular "Happy Birthday to You" _____ sung to us a few times.
- make a _____ before we try to blow out the candles on our cake in one breath.
- share cake and _____ with our family and friends.
- may receive a _____ in the mail.
- may get _____ and good wishes.
- look forward to special birthdays that give us the right to apply for a driver's _____ or to sign up to vote!

What is the most delicious part of a birthday? The **cake**, of course! Everyone knows that you have to have a cake to celebrate!

I'll bet the surprise is a puppy!
No, a ball!
No, a game!
No, a...



What is the birthday surprise inside this box? Follow the dots to see.

The Birthday Song!

Many people light candles on a cake and sing a song before blowing out the candles.

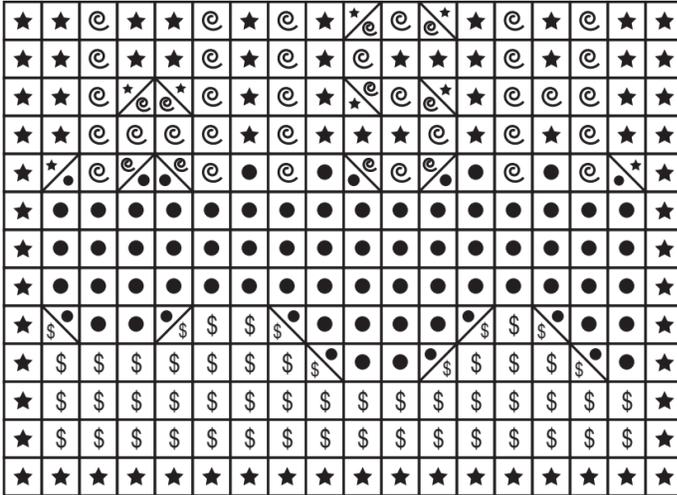
What do people do when they blow out the candles on their cake?

"Happy Birthday to You" is thought to be the song that is sung the most around the world! It was written by two sisters, Mildred and Patty Smith Hill. They were teachers and wrote it as a "Good Morning to All" song for young children. The words have been changed over the years to make it a birthday song.

Use this color code to see:

⊙ = Red ★ = Blue
\$ = Yellow ● = Brown

They think of a secret:



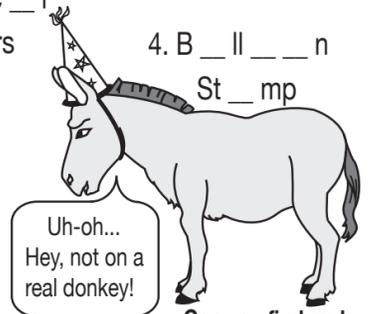
Party Games

What do you like to do at a birthday party? Here are some fun games to play. Just fill in the blanks with the missing vowels – a, e, i, o and u!

- P _ ñ _ t _
- Tr _ _ s _ r _
- M _ s _ c _ l _
- B _ ll _ _ n
- P _ n th _ T _ _ l
- _ n th _ D _ nk _ y!



and my favorite:



Uh-oh... Hey, not on a real donkey!

Can you find and circle 20 words that have at least 3 vowels in them?

How Old am I?

Fun Birthday Math Riddles!

Can you read the clues below to figure out how old each one is?

Brother Mouse is the oldest of three children.
I am **twice** as old as my sister!
And I am **twice** as old as you, Little Mouse!

Sister Mouse is younger than Brother Mouse.
Brother Mouse is years old.
Sister Mouse is years old.

Little Mouse is the youngest of the three children.
I'm **two!**

Grandpa Mouse is 35 times as old as Little Mouse.

Grandma Mouse is 5 years younger than Grandpa Mouse.

Papa Mouse is 5 times as old as Brother Mouse.

Mama Mouse is half as old as Papa Mouse plus 17 more years.

THEME: AMERICAN AUTHORS

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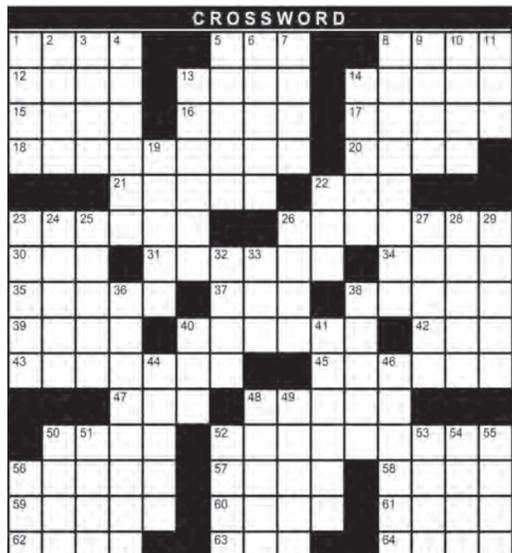
- Nelson Mandela's org.
- "_____ in the shade"
- Andean people's chew

- "White Wedding" singer
- Like a haunted mansion
- South American tuber. pl.

- Type of cotton fiber
- Desired forecast?
- **The Underground

- Railroad" author
- Like West Wing office
- Not silently
- "When We Were Kings" subject
- Hand over (2 words)
- Barbecued
- The Jackson 5 1970 hit
- Repressed
- "Alice Doesn't _____ Here Anymore"
- State of dishonor
- Three, to Caesar
- Brightest star in Cygnus
- Performer's time to shine
- "No.1 Ladies Detective _____" book series
- African migrator
- "The Night Watchman" author
- "Little Women" author
- Poor man's caviar
- Analyze
- Canter or gallop
- "A Farewell to Arms" author
- Latin dance
- Club on the links
- Kind or courteous
- Los _____, CA
- Round feed storage
- Not odd
- Colonial times laborer
- Band performance
- Theodores, to friends

- Bye, to Edith Piaf
- Wanderer
- Garbed
- "Moby Dick" author
- Length times width
- Call someone, in the olden days
- Poetic "ever"
- Apple invention
- Food contaminant
- Run off to wed
- Jean of Dadaism
- Out of style
- Find repugnant
- Burn with coffee, e.g.
- *Ursula K. Le _____
- Jargon
- It happens at a certain time and place
- First novel, e.g.
- Near in space or time
- Not a win nor a loss
- "Song of Solomon" author
- "Chronicles" author and songwriter
- *NY Times bestselling author Atkins or playing card
- Gambling venue
- Smidgins
- Young swan
- Eagle's nest
- Young salmon
- "Miss Lulu Bett" author
- Highest adult male singing voice
- Snake's warning
- Take as a wife
- Got A+
- Desires or cravings
- Sticky substance



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AGENDAS

****BLM Worksession 5pm – Travel Management Plan****
Town of Rangely
January 11, 2022 - 7:00pm

Agenda
Rangely Board of Trustees (Town Council)
ANDY SHAFFER, Mayor
Trey Robie, Mayor ProTem

- Don Davidson, Trustee
- VACANT
- Tim Webber, Trustee
- Alisa Granger, Trustee
- Keely Ellis, Trustee
- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Roll Call
- 3. Invocation
- 4. Pledge of Allegiance
- 5. Minutes of Meeting

- a. Discussion and Action to approve the minutes of December 14, 2021, Town Council Meeting
- 6. Petitions and Public Input
- 7. Changes to the Agenda
- 8. Public Hearings - 7:10pm
- 9. Committee/Board Meetings
- 10. RBC Commissioner Reports
- 11. Council Reports
- 12. Supervisor Reports – See Attached a. Chief Hamblin
- 13. Reports from Officers – Town Manager Update
- 14. Old Business
- 15. New Business
- a. Discussion and action to approve the December Check Register
- b. Discussion and action to approve Rangely Chamber "The Old West" Dinner Special Event Permit for February 19, 2022
- c. Discussion and action to approve the Kum and Go Liquor License renewal
- 16. Informational Items
- a. RBC Covid Update
- b. Club 20 2022 Policy Meetings
- c. Virtual Scoping Session for BLM Sage-Grouse Planning
- d. Rangely Chamber "The Old West" Steak and Shrimp Dinner
- 17. Board Vacancies
- a. Planning and Zoning Board Vacancy

- b. Community Garden Board Vacancies
- 18. Scheduled Announcements
- a. Community Outreach meeting is cancelled for Jan 3, 2022, at 6:00 pm.
- b. Rangely District Library Board meeting is scheduled for Jan 10, 2022, at 5:00 pm
- c. Western Rio Blanco Park & Recreation District Board meeting is scheduled for Jan 10, 2022, at 7:00 pm
- d. Giant Step Preschool Board meeting is scheduled for Jan 13, 2022, at 6:00 pm
- e. Rural Fire Protection District Board meeting is scheduled for Jan 17, 2022, at 7:00 pm
- f. Rangely Junior College District Board meeting is scheduled for Jan 18, 2022, at 12:00 noon
- g. Rangely School District Board meeting has been scheduled for Jan 18, 2022, at 6:15 pm
- h. Rio Blanco County Commissioners Board meeting is scheduled for Jan 18, 2022, at 11:00 am
- i. RDA/RDC Board meeting is scheduled for Jan 20, 2022, at 7:30 am
- j. Rangely Chamber of Commerce Board meeting is scheduled for Jan 20, 2022, at 12:00 noon
- k. Rio Blanco Water Conservancy District Board meeting is scheduled for Jan 26, 2022, at 6:30 pm
- l. Rangely District Hospital board meeting is scheduled for January 27, 2022, at 6:00 pm
- m. Planning and Zoning meeting is scheduled for the January 2022 at 9:30 am
- 19. Adjournment

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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF RIO BLANCO COUNTY, COLORADO
RIO BLANCO COUNTY HISTORIC COURTHOUSE
555 MAIN STREET, P.O. BOX 599
MEEKER, COLORADO 81641
This meeting will be streamed live on the RBC YouTube Channel:
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBcnhMpb47zLzL_NjNOFIg
Tentative Agenda January 11, 2022

- 1. 11:00 a.m. Call to order:
- A. Pledge of Allegiance
- B. Changes to the January 11, 2022 Agenda
- C. Move to approve the January 11, 2022 Agenda including any changes
- 2. CONSENT AGENDA for January 11, 2022
- A. Move to approve the below listed items of the Consent Agenda.
- B. Payroll Management Reports for December 23, 2021.
- C. Meeting Minutes of December 14, 2021.
- D. Meeting Minutes of December 21, 2021.
- E. Budget Hearing Minutes of December 14, 2021.
- 3. BUSINESS
- A. Move to approve/deny Request for Reimbursement #6 for the Meeker Coulter Field Federal Grant #3-08-0041-014-2021, total payment of \$31,684.99, FAA reimbursement of \$31,684.09 and sponsor reimbursement of \$0.80.
- B. Move to approve/deny Request for Reimbursement #6 for the Rangely Airport Federal Grant #3-08-0047-016-2021, total payment of \$35,914.30, FAA reimbursement of \$35,304.59 and sponsor reimbursement of \$609.71.
- C. Move to approve/deny CDPS Annual Report for Discharges from the Application of Pesticides COG860000.
- 4. BID AWARDS
- 5. MOU's, CONTRACTS, AND AGREEMENTS
- 6. RESOLUTIONS
- 7. OTHER BUSINESS
- A. Road & Bridge Report – Scott Marsh
- B. Public Comment
- C. County Commissioners Updates
- 8. PUBLIC HEARINGS

Adjourn
The agenda is provided for informational purposes only; all times are approximate. Agenda items will normally be considered in the order they appear on the agenda. However, the Board may alter the Agenda, take breaks during the meeting, work through the noon hour and even continue an item for a future meeting date. The Board, while in session, may consider

other items that are brought before it. Scheduled items may be continued if the Board is unable to complete the Agenda as scheduled.
The next regular Board meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, January 18, 2022 in the Rio Blanco County annex Building, 17497 Hwy 64, Rangely, CO. Please check the County's website for information at <http://rbc.us/18> & Board-of-County-Commissioners. If you need special accommodations please call 970-878-9431 in advance of the meeting so that reasonable accommodations may be made.
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Town of Meeker
Planning Commission Meeting
Monday, January 10, 2022
7:00 P.M. – Town Hall
345 Market Street, Meeker, CO
Due to COVID-19 precautions, the public is invited to attend by calling 970-878-8091

- I. Call to Order
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Approval of the Agenda
- V. Approval of the Previous Minutes
 - a. Minutes from October 18, 2021

- VI. Public Participation
 - VII. Public Hearing
 - a. Consideration of preliminary plan of Meeker Terrace minor subdivision for Eastern Rio Blanco Health Service District
 - b. Consideration of Variance Request by Richard & Gwenn Templin for side yard setback requirements at 535 Garfield Street, Lots 10,11,12 and East one-half of Lot B, Block 20
 - VIII. Other Planning Commission Business
 - IX. Adjournment
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ELECTION NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE
TOWN OF DINOSAUR
MUNICIPAL ELECTION
APRIL 5, 2022

To: Any person, who is eligible by law, to be a candidate for the Offices of Mayor or Trustee for the Town of Dinosaur to be elected at the Municipal election to be held on Tuesday, April 5, 2022 please take notice:
A candidate's qualifications for eligibility to hold public office are:
1. Be a registered elector;
2. Attain the age of eighteen years or older on the date of the election and;
3. Reside in the Town of Dinosaur for a period of at least twelve (12) consecutive months immediately preceding the date of the election.
Nomination petitions may be circulated and signed beginning on Wednesday January 4, 2022. Nomination petitions and an information sheet for prospective candidates will be available at Town Hall, 317 Stegosaurus Freeway, on or after 9:00 am. January 4, 2022. Regular office hours at Town Hall are 9:00-12:00 and 1:00-5:00, Monday through Friday.
The last day for the circulation and signing of nomination petitions shall be Tuesday, January 24, 2022 on or before 5:00 p.m. All nomination petitions shall be filed with the Town Clerk at Town Hall by this date and time.
The following Town Officers will be elected at the election:
1) Mayor – two-year term;
2) Three members of the Town Board of Trustees – four-year terms.
3) One member of the Town Board of Trustees – two-year term.
Dated this 14th day of December, 2021
Town of Dinosaur
By: Tamara Long
Town Clerk
Published December 30, 2021 and January 6, 2022
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PUBLIC NOTICE
TOWN OF MEEKER
MUNICIPAL ELECTION
APRIL 5, 2022

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2) Attain the age of eighteen years or older on the date of the election and;
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The following Town Officers will be elected at the election:
1) Mayor – two-year term;
2) Three members of the Town Board of Trustees – all four-year terms.
Dated this 15th day of December, 2021.
TOWN OF MEEKER
By: Lisa Cook, Town Clerk
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MISCELLANEOUS NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF RIO BLANCO COUNTY, COLORADO
HEARING

Notice is hereby given that on Thursday, January 18, 2022 the Rio Blanco County Board of County Commissioners will hold a public hearing beginning at 11:00 a.m. at the Rio Blanco County Annex Building – Board Room, 17497 Hwy 64, Rangely, Colorado to consider the following:
2021 Land Use Regulation Amendments OTHR-0002-21 (1-3). Recreational Vehicles, Central Water, Central Sewer, and Adjacent Owner Notification
OTHR-0002-21 Item 1: Small Lots – Add verbiage to CR, I, and C zoning districts that all lots less than 1 acre in size must have access to Central Water and Sewer Utilities. Pages 28, 30, and 31 of the current LUR respectively.
OTHR-0002-21 Item 2: RV's Article 7, Section 7-610 – combine subsections A & B as follows:
"Recreation Vehicle use on privately owned Legal parcels for longer than 60 consecutive days must have acquire a water and sewer plan approved by the Rio Blanco County Building Department."
OTHR-0002-21 Item 3: Adjacent Property Owner Notification:
Change from 1/2 mile radius to Adjacent – Article 4, Section 4-101, Item 1, sub-item 2: Page 40 of the current LUR
Copies of the documents may be obtained from the Rio Blanco County Planning Department at 555 Main Street in Meeker, Colorado, or you may call (970) 878-9510 for more information between the hours of 8:00 am and 5:00 pm.
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Richard and Gwenn Templin, 535 Garfield Street, Lots 10, 11, 12, and East one-half of lot B, all in Block 20, in the Town of Meeker, Colorado, are requesting a 5 ft variance from the required 10 ft side yard setback to construct a 1450 sq. ft. home on the property.
The Meeker Planning Commission will be holding a Public Hearing on Monday, January 10, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall, 345 Market Street, Meeker, Colorado, to consider the application and receive public comment. If you have any comments concerning the application, you are invited to attend the hearing or submit written comments to Town Hall, 345 Market Street, Meeker, CO, 81641, prior or during the public hearing.
Further information is available at the Meeker Town Hall or by telephone (970)878-4970 during the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.
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miles south of Craig, Colorado, west of Colorado State Highway 13 and west of Moffat County Road 51.
The affected area can be located on U.S. Geological Survey 7.5-minute quadrangle map Nos. N4015-W11245/7.5 (Axial, Colorado) and N4007.5-W11245/7.5 (Ninemile Gap, Colorado) and is more particularly described as follows:
All or portions of Sections 2-6, 7-11, 14-22, and 28-30 of Township 3 North, Range 93 West, all or portions of Sections 13, 15-18, 20-24, 26-30, and 31-34 of Township 4 North, Range 93, all or portions of Sections 1-3, 10-12, and 14-15 of Township 3 North, Range 94 West, and all or portions of Sections 12, 13, 18, 23-27, and 34-36 of Township 4 North, Range 94 West of the 6th P.M., Moffat County and Rio Blanco County, Colorado.
A precise description of the Permit Boundary can be found in Volume 16, Exhibit 1, Item 13 of the permit document and is included herein by reference.
A copy of the application for the Technical Revision is on file at the Moffat County Clerk and Recorder's Office in the Moffat County Courthouse located at 221 West Victory Way, Craig, Colorado, 81625.
Questions concerning this Technical Revision should be directed to Tony Tennyson, Reclamation Manager at Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association Inc., at (970) 824-1232.
Any person having an interest concerning this Technical Revision has the right to provide written comments or objections concerning this Technical Revision to the Colorado Division Reclamation Mining and Safety at the address noted above. Comments to the Division must be made within 10 days after the publication of this notice.
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PUBLIC NOTICE
TOWN OF DINOSAUR
MUNICIPAL ELECTION
APRIL 5, 2022

You may register up to April 5, 2022 to vote in the Municipal Election. In order to be eligible to vote in the municipal election, you must be an U.S. Citizen, at least eighteen years of age and a resident of the state for twenty-two days prior to the election.
You may pick up registration forms at Dinosaur Town Hall, 317 Stegosaurus Freeway, Dinosaur Colorado, or register in Craig at the County Clerks Office. During regular business hours.
By: Tamara Long
Town Clerk
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PUBLIC NOTICE
TOWN OF DINOSAUR
MUNICIPAL ELECTION
APRIL 5, 2022

TO: THE REGISTERED ELECTORS OF THE TOWN OF DINOSAUR COLORADO ABSENTEE VOTERS:
Any registered elector of the Town of Dinosaur may cast a ballot at such election by an absentee voter's ballot. Application for an absentee voter ballot may be made orally or in writing to the Town Clerk from this date forward until 5:00 p.m. on April 1, 2022. All Applications must be filed on or before such time and date.
All absentee voter ballots to be cast in the Municipal Election must be received by the Town Clerk on or before 7:00 p.m. Tuesday April 5, 2022, Election Day.
Please contact Tamara Long, Town Clerk at the Dinosaur Town Hall 374-2286, concerning any questions or requests you may have regarding absentee voter ballots.
TOWN OF DINOSAUR
By: Tamara Long
Town Clerk
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COMBINED NOTICE- MAILING
CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 21-03

To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust
On October 5, 2021, the undersigned Public Trustee executed 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): KAULAN W PENNELL
Original Beneficiary(ies): MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR AMCAP MORTGAGE LTD. DBA MAJOR MORTGAGE CO., ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS
Current Holder of Evidence of Debt: THE MONEY SOURCE INC
Date of Deed of Trust: April 28, 2014
County of Recording: Rio Blanco
Recording Date of Deed of Trust: April 29, 2014
Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/Page No.): 308323
Original Principal Amount: \$214,051.00
Outstanding Principal Balance: \$192,668.46
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
LOT 2 STEFFAN SUBDIVISION TOWN OF RANGELY, COLORADO ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED APRIL 8, 1983 AS DOCUMENT NO. 210812 TOGETHER WITH A PARCEL OF LAND LYING IN LOT 1 OF SAID STEFFAN SUBDIVISION, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID LOT 1; THENCE SOUTH 00°00'00" WEST, 10.00 FEET TO THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING. THENCE SOUTH 58°42'42" EAST, 116.49 FEET TO A POINT ON THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID LOT 1; THENCE NORTH 90°00'00" WEST, ALONG SAID SOUTH LINE, 15.62 FEET; THENCE NORTH 54°12'51" WEST, 103.46 FEET TO THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING; LESS AND EXCEPTING A PARCEL OF LAND LYING IN LOT 2 OF SAID STEFFAN SUBDIVISION BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID LOT 2; THENCE SOUTH 00°00'00" WEST ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID LOT 2, 12.19 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 81°32'40" WEST, 38.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 58°42'42" WEST, 9.20 FEET TO A POINT ON THE NORTH LINE OF SAID LOT 2; THENCE SOUTH 90°00'00" EAST, ALONG SAID NORTH LINE 12.88 FEET; THENCE NORTH 68°49'54" EAST, 36.00 FEET TO THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING.
Also known by street and number as: 405 DARIUS AVE, RANGELY, CO 81648.
THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED OF TRUST
NOTICE OF SALE
The current holder of the Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, described herein, has filed Notice of Election and Demand for sale as provided by law and in said Deed of Trust.
THEREFORE, Notice is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, 02/02/2022, 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: 12/9/2021
Last Publication: 1/6/2022
Name of Publication: Rio Blanco Herald Times

PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Estate of Thomas Jay Alley,
Deceased
Case No.: 2021PR12

All persons having claims against the above-named estate are required to present them to the Personal Representative or to the District Court of Rio Blanco County, Colorado on or before April 30, 2022, or said claims may be forever barred.
Michael R. Kracht,
Personal Representative
PO Box 2333
Meeker, Colorado 81641
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NOTICE OF HEARING BY PUBLICATION
TO
INTERESTED PERSONS AND OWNERS
BY DESCENT OR SUCCESSION
PURSUANT TO § 15-112-1303, C.R.S.
To all interested persons and owners by descent or succession:

James S. Warner, Rose E. Warner, Charles Warner, Susan Legler, Richard Warner, James Warner, Jr., Michel Warner
A petition has been filed alleging that the above decedent(s) died leaving the following property (including legal description if real property):
Property 1
Description of Property:
Parcel Number 05M086319028002
Tract: 28 T. 6N R. 95W
NENE SEC 20 NWNW 80A
Location of Property:
Moffat County, Colorado
The hearing without appearance on the petition will be held at the following time and location or at a later date to which the hearing may be continued:
Date: March 18, 2021 Time: 9:00 am
Courtroom or Division: B
Address: P.O. Box 1150, 455 Main Street, Meeker, CO 81641
Note:
You must answer the petition on or before the hearing date and time specified above. Within the time required for answering the petition, all objections to the petition must be in writing, filed with the court and served on the petitioner and any required filing fee must be paid.
The hearing shall be limited to the petition, the objections timely filed and the parties answering the petition in a timely manner. If the petition is not answered and no objections are filed, the court may enter a decree without a hearing.
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PUBLIC NOTICE

A public hearing has been scheduled for January 18, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at the Meeker Town Hall, 345 Market St., to consider an application for a Brew Pub License at 101 East Market Street, Meeker, Colorado. The application was applied for on December 6, 2021 by Smoking River Brewing Company LLC, PO Box 2673, Meeker, CO 81641. All papers, records, petitions and any other documents which any person desires to present to the Town Board, whether in support or opposition, must be filed no later than 5:00 p.m., Thursday, January 13, 2022 at Town Hall, 345 Market Street, Meeker, Colorado.
Lisa Cook
Town Clerk
Published: January 6, 2022
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MUNICIPAL ELECTION
APRIL 5, 2022

TO: THE REGISTERED ELECTORS OF THE TOWN OF DINOSAUR COLORADO ABSENTEE VOTERS:
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All absentee voter ballots to be cast in the Municipal Election must be received by the Town Clerk on or before 7:00 p.m. Tuesday April 5, 2022, Election Day.
Please contact Tamara Long, Town Clerk at the Dinosaur Town Hall 374-2286, concerning any questions or requests you may have regarding absentee voter ballots.
TOWN OF DINOSAUR
By: Tamara Long
Town Clerk
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TOWN OF MEEKER ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR TRUSTEE

A member of the Meeker Board of Trustees has notified the Board of their resignation. The vacancy left by the resignation of Scott Creecy, will be filled by an appointment made by the Board of Trustees at its regular Board Meeting to be held January 18, 2022. Interested individuals may obtain an Application for Board or Commission at www.townofmeeker.org under Documents & Forms or at Town Hall and must be received at Town Hall, 345 Market Street, Meeker, Colorado 81641 by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday January 12, 2022.
Qualifications for the position of Trustee are (a) Registered voter within the Town of Meeker, (b) eighteen years of age or older, (c) must have resided in the Town of Meeker for at least twelve consecutive months immediately preceding the date of appointment.
The person appointed to the vacancy shall hold office until the election on April 5, 2022. For further information, please call Town Hall 878-5344
Board of Trustees, Town of Meeker
Mandi Etheridge, Town Administrator
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NOTICE OF RIGHTS

YOU MAY HAVE AN INTEREST IN THE REAL PROPERTY BEING FORECLOSED, OR HAVE CERTAIN RIGHTS OR SUFFER CERTAIN LIABILITIES PURSUANT TO COLORADO STATUTES AS A RESULT OF SAID FORECLOSURE. YOU MAY HAVE THE RIGHT TO REDEEM SAID REAL PROPERTY OR YOU MAY HAVE THE RIGHT TO CURE A DEFAULT UNDER THE DEED OF TRUST BEING FORECLOSED. A COPY OF SAID STATUTES, AS SUCH STATUTES ARE PRESENTLY CONSTITUTED, WHICH MAY AFFECT YOUR RIGHTS SHALL BE SENT WITH ALL MAILED COPIES OF THIS NOTICE. HOWEVER, YOUR RIGHTS MAY BE DETERMINED BY PREVIOUS STATUTES
• A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE FILED PURSUANT TO SECTION 38-38-104 SHALL BE FILED WITH THE PUBLIC TRUSTEE AT LEAST FIFTEEN (15) CALENDAR DAYS PRIOR TO THE FIRST SCHEDULED SALE DATE OR ANY DATE TO WHICH THE SALE IS CONTINUED;
• A NOTICE OF INTENT TO REDEEM FILED PURSUANT TO SECTION 38 -38.302 SHALL BE FILED WITH THE PUBLIC TRUSTEE NO LATER THAN EIGHT (8) BUSINESS DAYS AFTER THE SALE;
• IF THE SALE DATE IS CONTINUED TO A LATER DATE, THE DEADLINE TO FILE A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE BY THOSE PARTIES ENTITLED TO CURE MAY ALSO BE EXTENDED;
• IF THE BORROWER BELIEVES THAT A LENDER OR SERVICER HAS VIOLATED THE REQUIREMENTS FOR A SINGLE POINT OF CONTACT IN SECTION 38-38-103.1 OR THE PROHIBITION ON DUAL TRACKING IN SECTION 38-38-103.2, THE BORROWER MAY FILE A COMPLAINT WITH THE COLORADO ATTORNEY GENERAL, THE FEDERAL CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION BUREAU (CFPB), OR BOTH. THE FILING OF A COMPLAINT WILL NOT STOP THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS
Colorado Attorney General
1300 Broadway, 10th Floor
Denver, Colorado 80203
(800) 222-4444
www.coloradoattorneygeneral.gov
Federal Consumer Financial Protection Bureau
P.O. Box 4503
Iowa City, Iowa 52244
(855) 411-2372
www.consumerfinance.gov
DATE: 10/05/2021
Rhonna Waldref, Public Trustee in and for the County of Rio Blanco, State of Colorado
By: Rhonna Waldref, 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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Alison L. Berry #34531 David R. Doughty #40042 Elizabeth S. Marcus # 16092
Lynn M. Janeway# 15592 Nicholas H. Santarelli #46592 Sheila J. Finn #36637
Janeway Law Firm 9800 S. Meridian, Suite 400, Englewood, CO 80134 (303) 706-9990
Attorney File# 19-023669
The Attorney above is acting as a debt collector and is attempting to collect a debt. Any information provided may be used for that purpose.
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PUBLIC NOTICE
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF RIO BLANCO COUNTY, COLORADO
HEARING

Notice is hereby given that on Tuesday, January 11, 2022 the Rio Blanco County Board of County Commissioners will hold a public hearing beginning at 11:00 a.m. in the Rio Blanco County Historic Courthouse, 555 Main Street, 3rd Floor Commissioner Meeting Room, Meeker, Colorado to consider the following:
PLIR-0001-21 Terra Energy Partners Water Recycling Facility. The applicant is requesting to construct a water recycling facility on Federal Lands (BLM). The property is located within Sections 35, T1S, R98W, 6th P.M.
Copies of the documents may be obtained from the Rio Blanco County Planning Department at 555 Main Street in Meeker, Colorado, or you may call (970) 878-9510 for more information between the hours of 8:00 am and 5:00 pm.
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BID REQUEST

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS ANNOUNCEMENT
Meeker School District RE-1 is seeking proposals to install security cameras, software, and cabling at Meeker Elementary School. Proposals will be accepted until 4:00 p.m. on February 14, 2022. For a more detailed scope of work, interested applicants may contact Chris Selle, at chris.selle@meeker.k12.co.us or 970-878-9040.
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Board of Trustees, Town of Meeker
Mandi Etheridge, Town Administrator
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AGENDA

MEEKER SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1
Board of Education Work Session and Special Board Meeting
555 Garfield St
Meeker, CO 81641
January 10, 2022 - 7:00 p.m.
Community members wishing to observe the meeting may use the following link:
<https://meet.google.com/xxd-xbvt-its>
Special Board Meeting
1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Pledge of Allegiance: Mr. Amack will lead the Pledge of Allegiance
3. Welcome of Guests
4. Approval of Agenda
Action Items:
1. Approval: Personnel Hires
a. Preschool Paraprofessional - Janae Sanders
b. Barone Middle School Part Time Paraprofessional - Annie Ellis

Other BOE Information:
Executive Session (if needed):
Special Meeting Adjournment:
Work Session:
1. Construction projects update
a. BMS HVAC/air quality improvements
b. BMS Safety and Security
c. Overall construction budget - BMS Safety and Security BEST Grant revenue
2. COVID-19 Update/Discussion
Current Protocols
3. Finance
a. Colorado Public School Finance Basics
i. Finance formula
ii. Total Program funding
iii. Historical funding trends for Colorado public schools
iv. School Finances annual processes
b. Meeker School District budget trends
i. Expenses trends

ii. Revenue trends
iii. Deficit spending trends
c. FY22 Final Budget
i. Anticipated changes from preliminary budget
ii. Budget presentation format
4. Meeker BOE self evaluation form
5. Public comment format at BOE meetings
6. Potential future discussion items
7. Items introduced by board members
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part of the 2022 Election Resolution, the type of election (Polling Place vs Ballot), the inclusion of any TABOR related items, selection of a Designated Election Official, the number of open Director Offices in the 2022 election and other election related items will be discussed.
The meeting is expected to last around 45 minutes and will begin 1-6-2022 at 11:30am. The meeting will be held virtually via the Zoom platform and all members of the public are welcome to join.
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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Eastern Rio Blanco Board of Directors will be holding a public meeting to discuss the 2022 ERBC Board Director Elections and an official Election Resolution. As

PROPOSED SALE OF PUBLIC LANDS IN RBC

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Bureau of Land Management
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Notice of Intent to Amend the White River Resource Management Plan and Prepare an Environmental Assessment; Notice of Realty Action: Proposed Sale of Public Lands in Rio Blanco County, CO

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent and notice of realty action.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is proposing to amend the 1997 White River Resource Management Plan (RMP) to allow for the disposal of 3.73 acres of public land to the Colorado Northwestern Community College (CNCC) at the appraised fair market value of \$25,000.

DATES: Interested parties may submit written comments regarding the RMP amendment planning criteria and proposed land sale during the 45-day scoping and comment period initiated by publication of this notice in the *Federal Register* and ending on February 14, 2022. All timely comments will be considered during analysis of the RMP amendment and land sale proposal.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to Monte Senor, Acting Field Manager, BLM, White River Field Office, 220 East Market Street, Meeker, CO 81641 or by email to blm_co_wrfo_sale@blm.gov.

Project information, documents, and associated maps will be available for review during associated public comment and review periods during business hours Monday through Friday at the White River Field Office, except during federally recognized holidays. Project information will also be available on the BLM's e-Planning website: <https://go.usa.g ov/x79BM>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Heather Sauls, Planning and Environmental Coordinator, BLM White River Field Office, telephone: 970-878-3855, or by email at hsauls@blm.gov. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Relay Service (FRS) at 1 (800) 877-8339 during normal business hours. The FRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The direct sale would be subject to applicable provisions of Section 203 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, as amended (FLPMA), and BLM land-sale regulations. Publication of this notice in the *Federal Register* also segregates the subject lands from all appropriation under the public land laws, including the general mining laws, and from the mineral leasing and geothermal leasing laws, except the sales provisions of FLPMA. This notice initiates the public scoping process with a 45-day comment period for the RMP amendment and associated Environmental Assessment (EA) effort. The BLM invites the public to submit comments concerning the scope of analysis and identification of relevant information involving the proposed plan amendment identified in the planning criteria and disposal action.

The purpose and need of the proposed action is to resolve an inadvertent, unauthorized use on public lands for continued operations of an existing shooting range that has been in use for over 20 years. The CNCC shooting range was previously authorized in 1997, but the lease expired in 2006 and was never renewed. This action would allow continued use of the shooting range for training law enforcement officers while alleviating the BLM of any responsibility for oversight, management, and possible future remedial actions of any contamination at the site due to the use of lead ammunition. If this parcel is sold to CNCC, the BLM anticipates authorizing right-of-way grants for an existing access road and power line that serve the shooting range. The CNCC shooting range is an outdoor range that is presently used by nearly every law enforcement agency in the area for training purposes. These agencies include the Rangely Police Department, Rio Blanco County Sheriff's Office, Colorado Parks and Wildlife, and the National Park Service's Dinosaur National Monument, all of which send their respective armed officers to the range to conduct firearms training. Additionally, CNCC's National Park Ranger Academy conducts 6 weeks of firearms training annually at the range as part of the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center's required curriculum for the basic training of seasonal law enforcement officers.

The RMP identifies parcels suitable for disposal, but the subject lands are not currently listed as available for disposal. The BLM will analyze the suitability for disposal of the 3.73 acres per the criteria listed in FLPMA Section 203(a). The proposed RMP amendment would allow for the lands to be sold if they are found suitable for disposal. The planning criteria identifying the issues and their analytical frameworks the BLM proposes to use to guide the effects analysis of the RMP amendment is provided for review on the BLM's ePlanning website: <https://go.usa.g ov/x79BM>.

The BLM is considering a direct sale of the following described lands:

Sixth Principal Meridian, Colorado
T. 1 N., R. 102 W.,
sec. 12, lot 2.

The area aggregates 3.73 acres.

If issued, the patent will include the following terms, covenants, conditions, and reservations:

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Additional terms and conditions that the authorized officer deems appropriate.

Segregation: The segregation will terminate automatically upon issuance of a patent or on December 29, 2023, whichever occurs first. The BLM is no longer accepting land-use applications affecting the subject public lands, except applications to amend previously filed right-of-way applications or existing authorizations to increase grant terms in accordance with 43 CFR 2807.15 and 43 CFR 2886.15.

Notification to Grazing Use Authorization Holders: This notice also initiates a 2-year notification to grazing-use authorization holders that the BLM is considering disposing of the subject lands and that such authorizations may be cancelled in accordance with 43 CFR 4110.4-2(b).

Additional opportunities to participate in this process: Interested parties will be notified when the Draft RMP amendment, EA, and unsigned Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) are ready for review and will be provided another 30-day comment period. Upon review of comments to the Draft RMP amendment, EA, and unsigned FONSI, a Proposed RMP amendment, EA, and signed FONSI will be completed. Interested parties will be notified again when the Proposed RMP amendment, EA, and signed FONSI are ready for review, which will initiate three separate external engagement opportunities. First, interested parties will be provided a 30-day protest period subject to 43 CFR 1610.5-2 on the proposed RMP amendment to the BLM Director. The BLM Director will review all protests and must render a decision on the protests to the land use planning decisions, which shall be the final decision for the Department of the Interior (43 CFR 1610.5-2(b)). Second, the notification will begin a separate, concurrent 60-day Governor's consistency review of the proposed RMP amendment (43 CFR 1610.3-2(e)). The BLM Colorado State Director will review any inconsistencies with State plans, policies, or programs raised by the Governor and accept or reject recommendations proposed to resolve the inconsistencies. Any rejection of the recommendations will initiate a further 30-day appeal period for the Governor on the BLM Colorado State Director's rejection of the recommendations. Third, the notification of the Proposed RMP amendment, EA, and signed FONSI will also begin a separate, concurrent 30-day protest period subject to MS2711.4(d) on the land-sale decision. The BLM Colorado State Director will review all protests and may sustain, vacate, or modify the RMP amendment and land sale, in whole or in part. In the absence of any protests, the BLM will develop the approved RMP amendment and Decision Record which will document the final determination of the Department of the Interior for the land sale.

In addition to publication in the *Federal Register*, the BLM will publish this notice in the Rio Blanco Herald Times newspaper once a week for 3 consecutive weeks. Any other subsequent notices related to the RMP amendment and land sale may also be published in the Rio Blanco Herald newspaper.

Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment, including your personal identifying information, may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

(Authority: 43 CFR 2711.1-2, 43 CFR 1610.2)

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