

Meeker High School EMPTY BOWLS

THURSDAY, JANUARY 27TH, 2022

4 to 6:30 p.m. ~ MHS Lobby before the Rangely/Meeker basketball games

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- All proceeds go to local non-profit organizations
- All of these bowls are handmade by the MHS Art Department

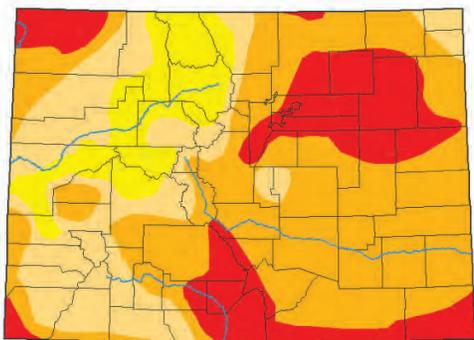
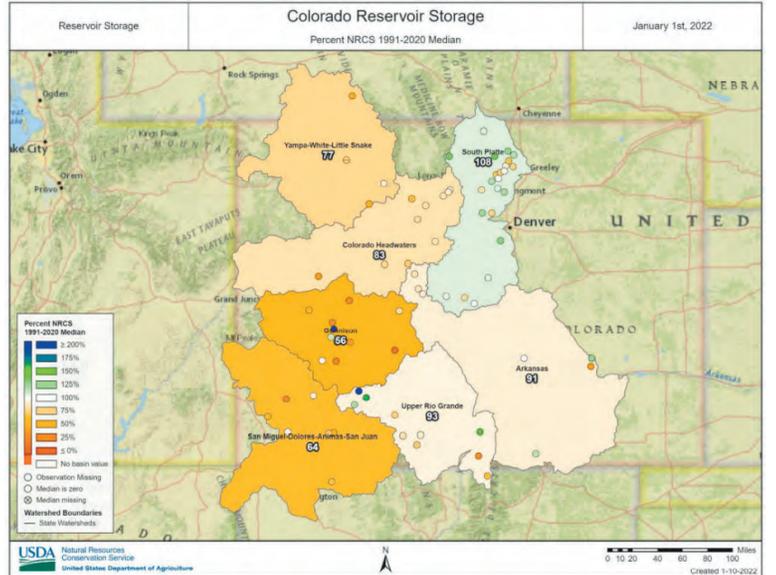
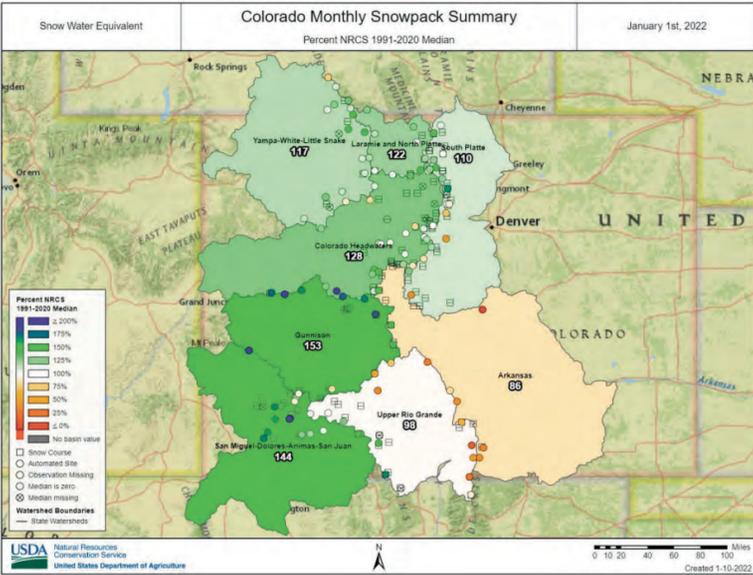
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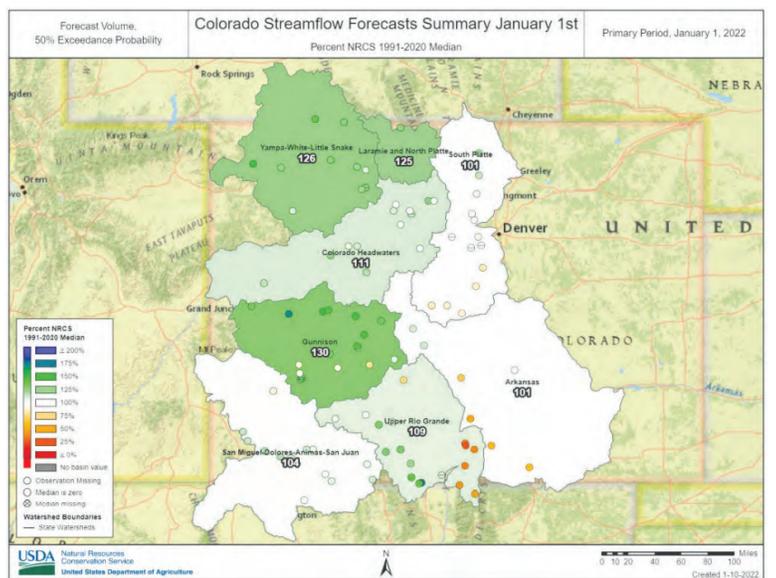
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Even by Colorado standards, late December storms dumped a LOT of snow, depositing 19 inches of snow water equivalent (SWE) and bringing statewide values for precipitation to 120% and snowpack to 126% of median, including the combined Yampa-White-Little Snake basin at 117% (top left). Despite large amounts of snow, reservoir storage throughout the state is still at 74% of normal due to continued below average snowfall last winter. Storage in the Yampa-White-Little Snake River basin is at 77% compared to 97% at the same time last year (top right).

The state is also still experiencing drought as a result of cumulative warm temperatures and below average precipitation. According to the US Drought Monitor, Rio Blanco county is still experiencing moderate to severe drought in most of the county (bottom left), but it's not all bad news. "Aided by abundant snowfall on the western slope, streamflow forecasts for western river basins are all considerably higher than they were last year at this time," said NRCS in the Water Supply Outlook Report from Jan. 1. Current streamflow forecasts range from 110% of median at White River near Meeker to 149% of median at Little Snake River near Lily (bottom right).

FISHING FUN ...



Colorado Parks & Wildlife and ERBM Recreation & Park District partnered for their annual ice fishing day at Lake Avery last weekend.

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TRICK SHOT ...



Rangely alumnus Travis Coates made \$100 on a half court trick shot at the Panthers home game. More sports coverage on [Page 1B](#).

MATT SCOGGINS PHOTO

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Saturday: 30/0s



Sunday: 30/10s



COUNTY BEAT Back to drawing board for land use amendments

By **LUCAS TURNER**
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LAND USE REGULATIONS

"I think this is very restrictive. There's no reason to have a minor subdivision if you're going down this road," said RBC Commissioner Gary Moyer during a public hearing this week, referring to resolution 2022-06, one of three land use regulation (LUR) amendments proposed by the county planning commission.

State law prohibits the installation of septic systems on any lot less than one acre, overriding less-restrictive, or unspecified county land use rules about septic systems. In an attempt to address this restriction, RBC's planning commission suggested adding verbiage to the existing LUR noting that eligible lots "shall have access to central water and sewer utilities via deed or easement" as opposed to allowing septic systems on small lots, which they can't do.

Moyer, having recused himself in August of 2021 from a vote on approval of "G & E Moyer Minor Subdivision" was no stranger to the discussion, since two of the five total lots on his own minor subdivision did not meet minimum acreage requirements for onsite water treatment systems. Citing less restrictive regulations as the primary benefit of minor subdivisions, Moyer pushed to deny resolution 2022-06, stating "when you put this in, you've severely limited your ability to have the benefit of a minor subdivision, and so that's why I'm in favor of just killing it."

RBC Planner Leif Joy reiterated that acreage requirements for septic systems are state-specific and override any local regulations or lack thereof. County Attorney Don Steerman suggested bringing local regulation language in line with the state, so as to not confuse residents. After further discussion the board denied

the resolution, sending it back to the planning commission for more specific verbiage that will specifically note the jurisdiction of state law.

Joy presented two other LUR amendments, one of which also generated significant discussion around enforcement. Resolution 2022-05 would add language requiring anyone living in/occupying an RV for 60 consecutive days to "have/acquire a water and sewer plan approved by the county building department."

Former planning commissioner Oakley Hopkins shared insight on the requirement, noting that during the oil-boom "people were dumping sewage along the river, in irrigation ditches, everywhere."

Commissioner Moyer asked for specifics about what the building official would consider acceptable or not acceptable when reviewing a sewage/water plan. Commissioner Ty Gates and Planner Leif Joy both responded that it would be based on current building codes. Rector noted the importance of addressing waste disposal, and ultimately the board agreed to table the resolution until the planning commission could develop more specifics about what would be required for sewage/water plan approval.

The one land use change the board did pass reduces notification requirements for adjacent landowners. In the past someone doing a project would not only have to notify their direct neighbors, but anyone within a half mile of their property line. With the new change, landowners will only be required to notify directly adjacent landowners.

MEEKER FIRE BREAK

In other land use discussions Tuesday, RBC Emergency Manager/Natural Resources Director Eddie Smercina updated the board on the plans to build a fire-break north of Meeker. Such a project would entail removal of underbrush,

small trees and low-branch trimming of larger, old growth trees along a 40-60 ft. wide "break" that could offer firefighters a significant protection tool if a wildfire were ever to threaten the town.

The main challenge surrounding the project, which already involves multiple local and state entities, revolves around landowner permissions and education. Some private owners whose property would be impacted by a fire-break project have expressed concerns about increased trespassing, since some residents may mistake the fire break for a trail.

Smercina said an upcoming public meeting is set near the end of January for education about the purpose of the fire-break, what it would look like, and how private property owners might be impacted. Notice of any meeting will also be published in the HT.

Smercina also mentioned recent meetings with the conservation district and others to draft changes to the county land use plan.

CDL TRAINING/BROADBAND

Road and Bridge Director Scott Marsh plans to move forward with at least six other county road and bridge directors on the development of a CDL driver training program that could be implemented internally. He said such an initiative makes sense amidst a nationwide shortage of certified drivers/equipment operators and existing training programs that are time/cost prohibitive for local governments.

Communications/IT director Trevor Nielson shared info on recently completed engineering work to estimate the total cost of expanding the existing fiber/broadband network. The total estimate with a max listed amount of approximately \$1.6 million brings the grant process into closer reach, as a scope of work has been identified. Nielson said that existing funding opportunities might make now a good time to do an expansion.

BOARD OF HEALTH

The RBC Board of Health's quarterly meeting included an end of year service review for 2021, a discussion of the community health impacts of COVID-19, and an introduction/overview of the planning process for the upcoming "community health plan."

Discussing the service review, Public Health Director Alice Harvey shared statistics on COVID testing and vaccinations. Total tests administered by public health in 2021 to date total 2,859 in Meeker and 1,401 in Rangely. Responding to questions about shortages, Harvey said the department is "fully capable as far as capacity is concerned" to continue administering tests to residents. She did note a definite shortage nationwide of supplies, particularly for rapid antigen tests. The shortages are driven by the surge in cases as the Omicron variant spreads rapidly. Fortunately, according to Harvey, even local numbers reflect general trends of Omicron leading to less hospitalizations than previous strains.

Vaccinations in RBC to date total 4,636, with 2,715 residents fully vaccinated and 2,599 receiving at least one dose. 630 residents have also received flu shots, and 71 have gotten other vaccinations including polio, tetanus, hepatitis A and B, rubella, Hib, measles, etc. Harvey noted that new systems which allow for billing of private insurance may have driven an uptick in vaccinations overall.

Other discussion topics during the Board of Health meeting included upcoming initiatives, including some to address substance abuse, continued data gathering on long-term COVID impacts, and collaboration with Moffat County on 2023 community health assessment planning. The HT will cover the rest of this meeting in more detail in a future issue OR you can watch the whole thing at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JQz33qza_RM

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Kenny named to SNHU's Dean's List

Special to the Herald Times

RANGELY | Cassandra Kenny of Rangely has been named to Southern New Hampshire University's Fall 2021 Dean's List. Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.500 to 3.699 are named to the Dean's List.

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.

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Thursdays
12-5:30pm

VACCINES IN

RANGELY

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Wednesdays
12-5:30pm

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Booster doses are available in Colorado for anyone over the age of 12, as long as 5 months have passed since initial MRNA series (Pfizer or Moderna), or 2 months since initial Johnson & Johnson dose

1st, 2nd and booster doses of Moderna and Pfizer COVID vaccinations are available at all of our clinics.

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.

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.

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Wednesdays 10am-2pm
Friday 9-10am

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RBC COVID-19 UPDATES

RBC COVID STATS

CURRENT CASE COUNTS AND STATISTICS CAN BE FOUND ON THE RIO BLANCO COUNTY DASHBOARD.

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



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NEWS NOTES

Open mic night at brewery

MEEKER | Open Mic Night Thursday, Jan. 20, 4 to 8 p.m. at Smoking River Brewing Co. All Ages are welcome. Co-hosted by Meeker Arts and Cultural Council.

River Alliance to discuss mosquito management

MEEKER | The next meeting of the White River Alliance will be held Thursday, Jan. 20 at the Heritage Culture Center (note location change) in Meeker at 6 p.m. Pizza will be served, bring your own beverage. The topic will be healthy mosquito management with guest speaker Jesse Schroeder, pest management director for Moffat County. You can also join the Zoom meeting at <https://bit.ly/3f-DG8Qo>

Empty Bowls fundraiser Jan. 27

MEEKER | On Thursday, Jan. 27 between 4-6 p.m. (before the Rangely/Meeker basketball games) buy a handmade bowl from the MHS art department with soup, salad and breadstick prepared by the MHS FCCLA students for \$20. All proceeds go to local non-profit organizations. Please contact Ben Quinn at ben.quinn@meeker.k12.co.us or call 970-878-9070 ext. 337 for more information.

Meeker book club

MEEKER | The book club will be reading "Animal Dreams" by Barbara Kingsolver. We will discuss the book on Monday, February 14 at 1 p.m. All are welcome to join in the fun.

Wagon Wheel OHV Club

MEEKER | The next meeting of the Wagon Wheel OHV Club will be March 3 at 7 p.m. at Kilowatt Korner. Board elections will be held in April. Please step up to keep the club alive and get your membership forms in so your vote counts. Credit card payment is an option but checks are preferred. New membership forms are required annually. Email Dave Murray at wapitiarcher@live.com or check the Wagon Wheel OHV Facebook page for more information.



RETIREMENT, SWEET RETIREMENT ...

Kathy Sizemore (center) with Si Woodruff (left) and Meeker Chief of Police Ed Thompson. Sizemore was celebrated by Town of Meeker and Meeker Police Department staff, family and friends at a retirement party last Friday at Buffalo Hall. She worked at the Meeker Police Department for 34 years.

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WEDNESDAY • JAN. 26
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RBC SENIOR CITIZEN NUTRITION PROGRAM
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EDITOR'S COLUMN

What matters

It would take a while before the postmodern Narcissus perceived the ruins of society behind the emptiness of his mirror.

Author Paul Verhaeghe

By **NIKI TURNER**
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We started with “Life” magazine (first edition published 1936). Then came “People” in 1974, followed by “Us” in 1977, and “Self” in 1979. Those are the titles of national magazines and their first edition publication dates. Do you see a pattern forming? My dad used to joke that the next new magazine would just have mirrored pages, so when you opened it up, you just saw your own reflection. I don’t think any of us could have foreseen what was coming down the pike in the form of social media, smartphones and the ubiquitous “selfie.”

A 1979 book by historian Christopher Lasch labeled baby boomers as the new “Me Generation,” so we can’t blame the millennials. The trend was already well underway, possibly

emerging from the post-WWII era and the advent of modern advertising that sold the American public the image of the ideal family. Throw in Ken and Barbie and the “Stepford Wives” and you can see the writing on the wall. Modern technology has just made it much more obvious.

Having a healthy self-concept is a good thing, ask any therapist. But there’s a flip side: an epidemic of narcissism, and we seem to be racing headlong into it, even embracing it.

The Greek myth of Narcissus is a cautionary tale in which a beautiful young man becomes so enamored with his own reflection he stares at himself until he dies. The myth is the origin of the term “narcissism” – a fixation with oneself. At an extreme, narcissistic tendencies (which all humans have to some



degree) can evolve into narcissistic personality disorder, a diagnosable — though not easily treated — mental condition.

We’ve already witnessed the devastating impact of people becoming so fixated on comparing their reality to the filtered, edited, and digitized lives of others they become depressed, even suicidal. But what about the people who go the other direction? It’s going to be an interesting ride to see what comes of a society that is more focused on charisma and presentation than character and context; when poll numbers and optics are of greater value than honesty and a legitimate platform in politics; and when garnering attention and accolades comes from a photo filter and buzzwords instead of authenticity and innovation.

KAYE'S CORNER

A story about stories

By **KAYE SULLIVAN**
Special to the Herald Times

In hopes of bringing you a bit of cheer, I want to share some heartwarming follow-up stories to my previously published column, Uncle Clarence’s article titled, “Our Best Christmas.”

You may recall, this is a true story of an Iowa family giving their favorite horse to a needy family on Christmas Eve. The article was written in 1954 by my uncle, not by me, for a small hometown newspaper and later distributed in the Farm Journal.

Following re-publication in the *Herald Times*, I received a call from a guy in Arizona who had read the article. Much to my total amazement, he used to live next to Uncle Clarence’s Iowa farm, attended the same church, knew all five of the Hill children plus his wife still has Aunt Mabel’s recipes.

I finally inquired why he was reading the *HT* in Arizona and it turns out he also has a home in Meeker, right around the corner from our house. We have a plan to get together next time he is in town. At times, it is a very small world. I’ve already gained new friends. The connections continue.

Next, I dug into my old contact lists (not cleaning up your computer files actually has some benefits) and emailed cousin Eleanor, who was age 7 at time of the story, youngest of the five Hill children. We have met at family reunions and used to exchange periodic news but somehow, lost track.

Now, we have renewed a long-time

family connection and will do better to stay in touch.

Then, a dear Meeker resident, whose name I won’t disclose, but many of you know how much love she spreads through our community. She endured a series of difficulties, including her own and husband’s health problems, and more challenges packed on top of each other.

Finally, she had time to relax, read her mail and our newspaper. She read the “Best Christmas” article, cried while reading it, then wrote on Facebook that it helped her relax, take a moment away from all the anxiety, and a deep breath.

Over the Christmas holidays Jay read Uncle Clarence’s story to many visitors, evoking tears from many of us (and me every time). It is heartwarming to know how many people appreciate a well written story.

I never expected any of these reactions. Similar to my husband’s art, people will respond to words in a way that fits them, not necessarily what the author or artist had in mind. That’s not only encouraging, but broadens the entire experience of sharing for everyone, readers and author alike.

Sometimes I ask myself why I spend so much time writing this column and the above responses are the answer. Among all the official news, I just hope my little column brings some smiles and joy to you and me.



Kaye Sullivan



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Banquet: Social Hour: 6:00 p.m. | Dinner: 7:00 p.m.
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LOOSE ENDS

Watching our words

By **DOLLY VISCARDI**
Special to the Herald Times



Dolly Viscardi

"How big is baby?" are the breathless words every baby loves to hear. They learn to throw out their arms then shout out "SOOOO Big!" in reply. This is a common childhood game played by most every family with a little one. I continue to hear it and it always reminds me of playing this game with all the babies in my extended family. I got used to someone putting a value on my growth and size from the start.

Big is not always better. It often grows into a misuse of power and strength, if it precedes our memory of the experience, we learn to preen and show off to our fellow age-mates, strutting around and reminding everyone of how big we have gotten since they last had a glimpse of us. Strangers exclaim openly about our size, and often appear to be surprised by how much we have grown. They may laugh and smile often apologizing for not recognizing this fact.

An adult conversation that opens with a version of this greeting may not be received so well. One might not have seen a child for years, yet it seems to repeated again and again by family friends and relatives. "You have gotten SO big" should not be said by anyone to someone ever. The vertical measurement of growth is not used for adults, unless one is in a doctor's office or sports' facility or one is getting a yearly physical in

a doctor's office or an athletic facility.

I am not happy to report that it gets reinstated much later in life when the littlest in one's life begin to sprout and begins to beg all of the adults in the family to stand back-to-back to see who is still taller. As the youngest in a family of seven, I required this futile exercise be performed regularly. I kept that hope alive through college, as my siblings suffered from late development and were often bullied or called names like "peanut" or "pipsqueak. I knew I had a chance at being the tallest one someday. Unfortunately, this dream ended by the time I finished my first year at college and tested out my latest growth measurement using the traditional pencil-in-the-closet method. My dream was crushed when I noticed the latest lines penciled in by my brothers and sisters at close to or above six feet.

Years ago, my eldest sister was so disappointed when she realized her width exceeded her girth. A beloved family friend blurted out, "You are so fat!" and alerted us to the fact that none of us would be continue to be sized-up in the same way. We had been taught early on that commenting upon one's size in this way was impolite. Certain words were not allowed as the meaning changed and implied so much more.

It is different in every family and often dependent on the customs of the community in which an individual is raised. This

particular woman's family had been raised in poverty, so that when she rushed toward us, she just could not stop exclaiming how much we had all grown since she saw us the last time. As she moved forward to give my sister a hug, she only made things worse. She extended her tiny arms up and around my sister's taller and wider frame. It became apparent that she meant the words big and fat as a compliment. It had been so long since she had seen all of us that none of us appeared as our youthful, skinny selves. This was one touchy family memory we learned not to mention ever again.

Height and weight have ceased to be a good measurement of a happy life. "Do I look too big in these pants?" is one loaded question. The use of it recognizes the development of more than one's size. The confidence displayed in addition to one's maturity become part of the picture. Anyone that has grown up in a big family with a rudimentary growth chart penciled on a hidden wall learns this daily. The youngest often remains the smallest in size unwillingly. It becomes one more reminder that bigger kids have the power and the strength to enforce the rules.

This is important, as once a child reaches school age and is measured regularly, acceptance of one's physical characteristics becomes critical. Height and weight too often dictate how we all appear to each other. It is hard enough to remain the baby of the family for a lifetime. As one's older siblings

grow, many become the active enforcers and pull rank on the younger ones for power. I don't have many good memories or words I can use to describe that experience more succinctly.

While I continue to remember my own childhood as happy, I also hear the voices of those closest to me teasing me with some pretty awful nicknames. It didn't help by the time I went to school. I haven't heard of any cutesy phrase such as "How big are you?" used as a surefire conversation starter lately, have you?

Author and storyteller Dolly Viscardi's books are available on her website <https://www.allaroundreading.com>.

Thanks from Walbridge Wing

Dear Editor:

The Walbridge Wing, residents and staff would like to send out a heartfelt thank you! To the community of Meeker for all of your thoughtfulness through the holiday season. A special Thanks to Emmanuel Baptist for always working so hard all year to give our residents a shopping experience, and to all the other churches and community members who helped with all of the gifts, special blessings. To Mountain Valley Bank for delivering a mountain of gifts to our residents and to the people in the community who donated, special blessings. Thank you to all of the 4-H, Ag students, girl scouts and church groups who added to the holidays. Thanks to the piano teacher who brought up her students and shared them with us, and the carolers who brought us a special joy "a sing-along"! A special thank you to White River Electric for their generous donation! Our residents were thrilled with the gifts it helped to purchase, special blessings to the amazing people of Meeker who care so much and help so much. There were so many that gave, I hope I didn't miss anyone, God knows who you are. Happy 2022, hope it is a good one.

*Jean Gianinetti
Activities Director
Walbridge Wing*

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WREA is excited to begin 2022 by taking some extra time to listen to our members through our 2022 Member Survey. Randomly selected members will receive a postcard in the mail with details on how to fill out an online survey. There will also be follow-up phone calls to those who don't complete the survey online. Please call WREA at 970-878-5041 if you have any questions.

While Safety and Reliability are WREA's top priorities, we are also focused on maintaining reasonable electric rates. WREA is proud that our member's cost of electricity has remained the same since 2018. Rate stability is important for our membership as so many other costs continue to rise. WREA also encourages our members to take full advantage of WREA's Energy Efficient Rebates. Rebates have expanded to include Induction Cooktops, Smart Thermostats and Electric Riding Lawn Mowers. Don't forget LED lighting rebates, electric heat pumps, water heaters and outdoor power equipment. Check out all the Rebate information at www.wrea.org or call WREA for more details.

Kilowatt Chef

With Wendll's Chef Bobby

Whether it be movie night, your favorite college basketball game, or the upcoming February 13th Superbowl LVI, Guacamole is always a crowd favorite. This month Wendll's "Chef" Bobby shares his "Bobby Style" Guacamole and Butterscotch Brown Sugar Oatmeal Cookies with our members.

BOBBY STYLE GUACAMOLE

- 4 Haas avocados
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 fresh roma, diced small
- Squeeze of fresh lime
- 1/2 medium white onion, diced small
- Pinch of crushed red pepper flakes
- 1/2 jalapeño, seeded and ribbed, diced
- Dollop of sour cream
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder

Using a fork, smash up the avocados, then start adding and mixing! Guacamole is a bright and fun appetizer and looks great when served with Blue Corn Chips. Wash and utilize one of the avocado pits – place in the middle of the bowl – to help retain freshness.

And don't forget the sweet treats!

Top off your game or movie night with one of Wendll's most requested cookies, Wendy's famous Butterscotch Brown Sugar Oatmeal Cookies. You can modify this recipe (as Wendy tends to do) to make them fluffier and a little less crunchy.

BUTTERSCOTCH BROWN SUGAR OATMEAL COOKIES

- 1 cup butter
- Add butter, brown sugar, eggs and vanilla to a large mixer bowl and let'er rip until nice and smooth and all butter is incorporated.
- 2 cups brown sugar
- 3 medium eggs
- 1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- Mix flour, oatmeal, baking soda, baking powder and cinnamon separately with a spoon, then slowly add to the mixer.
- 1 1/4 cups flour
- 3 cups oatmeal
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- Lastly, add butterscotch chips and pecans (if desired.)
- dash of baking powder
- Bake at 375 degrees F for 8 to 10 minutes or until golden brown.
- 2 cups butterscotch chips
- Stand back and hope you can get them cooled off before they are all gone!
- 1/2 cup pecans (if you like)

When not roasting coffee beans, making guacamole at Wendll's or photographing Meeker's many sporting events, Bobby Gutierrez moderates the Coffee with Coaches podcast. Coffee with Coaches highlights athletic and extracurricular activities from MHS students, coaches, and alumni. Thanks to the Rio Blanco Herald Times, Lucas Turner, Bobby Gutierrez, Tiffany Jehorek and Rich Klinzmann for all your work with Coffee with Coaches.

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GUEST COLUMN

Is your family tree more like a jungle gym?

By **ED PECK**
Special to the Herald Times

That takes on real meaning if you have researched in Kentucky and Arkansas. There, the local joke is, "If I divorce my wife, is she still my cousin?" One of my Clinkenbeard branches had two sisters who married two brothers of a neighboring family. I have observed in my 30 years of doing amateur genealogy that no one really cares where their family came from until they hit 40 years old. Sort of a mid-life crisis thing. If you are under 39 and reading this, just move on to the want ads. If you are "mature" and curious about what ship your ancestors arrived in, keep reading. I would like to help you find your roots, or at least find some fun mud.

Researching a family is not something that has an end. It is a journey. Before embarking on your personal journey, write down your goal! If you lose focus, researching rabbit trails can be overwhelming and discouraging. It may be your goal to make a connection to some President that your great-aunt told you was your ancestor. Maybe Daniel Boone is part of your tree.

If you suspect a horse thief or slave holder was ancestor, you can save your time and money. Simply run for political office and someone else will investigate your family tree for free! I prefer to work with the enthusiastic researcher who does it just because he or she can. The fun is in the hunt, not the trophy. Now that you have a solid goal, your next step is, just do it. Don't make it a New Year's resolution forgotten by March, just start.

What's that got to do with finding my ancestors ship, you say? Well, unless your family was a recent immigrant, you need to back track all the moves your previous generations made to get you to Northwest Colorado. Spoiler alert: that takes methodical (but fun) research which will be explained in our next issue, how to start your tree. I will explain where to find free or cheap resources locally or online. We will also cover the pitfalls of bad information poisoning your tree.

Ed Peck can be reached through this newspaper and also the White River Museum on Park Ave. He is available for guidance at no cost. Contributions to the museum are encouraged.

Have you ever dreamed of being a mustang horse trainer?

Meeker Mustang Makeover seeking trainers for 2022 event featuring Sand Wash Basin horses

Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER The fourth annual Meeker Mustang Makeover is on the hunt for horse trainers in Colorado. Last year, 20 trainers from across Colorado picked up their horses on a dusty afternoon, and 120 days later, performed and competed to show off the contrast from a horse that had never been touched to one that could move cows, handle an obstacle course, and show off its paces in front of a crowd at the Meeker Rodeo Fairgrounds. All horses sold at the end with trainers receiving 50% of the proceeds of their horse, in addition to taking home prize money, scholarship funds, and BLM incentive money.

This year, 20 trainers will have 120 days to gentle their unbroken and untouched horse for a unique competition, and

the opportunity to attend two free clinics by Wild Horse professional Steve Mantle. There is a youth division with yearlings in hand (halter) for kids age 17 to 10, and a saddle competition with three-year-old mustangs for anyone aged 15 and up. Pick up day is April 30 in Meeker, Colorado. Applications are online at www.MeekerMustangMakeover.org.

The competition will be held on Saturday, Aug. 27, followed by an online and live auction of all the horses to their forever homes. Trainers receive half of the auction proceeds. Longhorn Video Auctions is our auctioneer and last year attracted 22,000 views on the website. The event will be livestreamed for those who want to attend virtually, by Levelhead Audio and the Rio Blanco Herald, with a live and virtual auction again.

This year the event will feature wild horses from the Sand Wash Basin herd, noted for their lovely pintos, palominos and other colors. Junior trainers in the yearling competition will work with one year olds, and the saddle competition will feature three-year-old horses. Yearling in Halter groups will have to satisfy the requirements of handling an obstacle course for their wild horse yearlings while they perform a creative freestyle performance that they devise.

Following the competition, all horses will be auctioned off to the crowd. The payoff for trainers is big: There will be \$8,000 in prize for the three-year-old saddle horse competition and scholarship money for the youth/yearling. Trainers will also receive 50% of the proceeds of their horse's sale, in addition



COURTESY PHOTOS
Past competitors include 2021 youth trainer Brynn Emlyn with horse Hawk (top) and Wade Allred with horse Windy Bill (bottom).

to the BLM Adoption Incentive Program money of \$500 after two months and an additional \$500 if they adopt the horse at the end of the year.

The final date applications will be accepted is April 1. Applications are available at MeekerMustangMakeover.org. Trainers will pick up their horses on April 20 at the Rodeo Fairgrounds in Meeker, Colorado, where

professional mustang trainer Steve Mantle will provide a free clinic for trainers, available also to the public for a nominal fee.

Interested trainers will find the application online at MeekerMustangMakeover.org

Questions, email Robyn Blackwood Kelley at RobynBlackwood71@gmail.com

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OBITUARY

Lonnie Mantle

July 1, 1935 ~ Dec. 26, 2021



Lonnie Mantle

Lonnie M. Mantle was born July 1, 1935, to Charlie and Evelyn Mantle, on the way to the hospital, at a neighbor's house in Elk Springs, Colorado (which doesn't exist anymore). His family homesteaded at the bottom of the Hells Canyon on the Yampa River of what later became a part of Dinosaur National Monument. That's a 50-mile ride to town. Because they lived at the bottom of the canyon, travel in and out of the ranch was done by horseback or in a horse-drawn wagon, ground was cleared and hay was put up with teams. So, it's almost safe to say Lonnie was born on a horse.

Imagine smooth sandstone cliffs, 1,100' tall and 700' undercut. This is where the Mantles played. Lonnie learned early to ride and rope, gathering cattle and breaking horses — often at the same time! In hindsight it's not likely that the Mantles ever started with gentle horses. Their horses got that way with wet saddle blankets and time; Imagine riding a bucking horse on terrain that has a 45-degree angle and ends at a 1,200' first step; that is a damn site harder than riding in a flat, groomed arena. Therefore, it kind of goes without saying, that the favorite diversion from the ranch work was rodeo and that Lonnie and his brothers cleaned up (won) most of the rodeos they entered.

Due to the remoteness of their ranch, Lonnie and his siblings, as well as any neighboring ranch kids, were educated through the eighth grade by either a private teacher or by his mother, Evelyn. Lonnie is quick to laugh that his mom flunked him in the fourth grade, due his trapping and fishing hobbies taking too much time from his studies. Education was very important to the Mantle family and Lonnie went on to get his high school diploma at the Wasatch Academy boarding school in Mt. Pleasant, Utah. He then went to Colorado A&M, now known as Colorado State University, where he earned a bachelor's degree in animal science in 1957. Lonnie then entered the Army and served most of his enlisted time in Germany, being honorably discharged in 1960.

Lonnie returned to work on the family ranch, but eventually left it to be carried on by his younger brother, Tim. The ranch was a very hard place to make a living, and could not sustain two families. Lonnie jokingly told Tim he was sorry to do it to him, but would give him his share of the cows as a peace offering for leav-

ing. Lonnie set out on his own rodeoing, breaking and shoeing horses, cutting and selling timber, driving truck, building corrals — just about anything a young man could do to make a dollar, Lonnie had a hand at. He was cowboying near Craig for his older brother Pat when he met a pretty high school teacher named Grace Spykstra. She had a job and a new car... jackpot! The romance blossomed and they were married on Jan. 20, 1962. Lonnie cut and sold a load of cedar posts to fund their honeymoon!

Lonnie had visited the Fremont County area with college rodeo pals in the 1950s, and loved the country. He and Grace moved to Riverton shortly after being wed. Grace got a job as a teller at the bank and Lonnie worked at the sale barn as well as continuing to shoe and break horses, and to hit the local rodeos. Saddle bronc riding was Lonnie's favorite event, but would enter bareback and bull riding if the purse was big enough or the all-around prize was a good one! Lonnie won many trophy buckles and a couple saddles throughout his rodeo years, but honestly needed the money to support his growing family. They bought their first home and small bit of land in Dudleyville, on the little Popo Agie River between Riverton and Lander. Here Lonnie built corrals and sheds, traded some cattle and some horses, and brought what is arguably the first "shoeing chute" to the country. By tipping a horse on its side, a man could shoe many more horses in a day than by doing it on the ground. And Lonnie needed to shoe lots of horses quick as his business of leasing horses took flight.

His first contract was Grand Teton Lodge in Jackson Hole. Lonnie showed them on paper how much money they could save leasing horses as opposed to owning them. They ordered 150 for the summer of 1965! Problem was, Lonnie only owned four head at the time! So, Lonnie borrowed money from his dad to buy 150 horses, which were then worth about 7 cents a pound. Thus, the start of the largest and oldest family-owned horse leasing business in Wyoming, Wyoming Horses. Lonnie would travel the country visiting ranchers throughout the late fall and winter, from northern Wyoming down to Colorado and Utah, buying horses and making lifelong friends. Big country ranchers would sell Lonnie their horses that were getting too old for the rigors of

a 20-mile day chasing cattle; they made excellent guest horses and would live another dozen years with the lightened seasonal work.

Lonnie and Grace grew the business over the next 40 years, supplying horses for summer use at guest ranches, trail riding operations, children's camps, and for fall lease to outfitters and private people wanting to go to the mountains on pack trips or hunting. They serviced contracts in a dozen states, owning as many as 1,200 horses in the 1980s and '90s! Lonnie knew each horse by name and could remember where he bought him, how much he paid for him, who leased him last summer and if the horse was gentle for little kids or was kinda a bronc! And if the horse was a bronc, Lonnie or one of his irreplaceable friends, George Coen and Alfred Armajo, would ride it, break it, shoe it (and thousands of other horses) ... and make productive citizens out of the so-called unusable horses. Lonnie was unrivaled when it came to matching kids and adults alike with a horse that would fit them, be it rodeo horses, 4-H horses, ranch horses or just trail riding horses. He could see the diamond underneath and knew how to cut and polish it.

Lonnie continued to rodeo until his 40s, when he retired for good. By then he had three kids and their rodeos became more important! There never was a shortage of ponies and horses for the kids to ride. And although his business was leasing horses, Lonnie was known to "loan" a horse to any kid that needed one. One horse named Rainbow was given to three different kids and then bought back by Lonnie each time! Lonnie later had a string of bucking horses and contracted many local youth and amateur rodeos. He would never refuse a kid who wanted to get on a few broncs, putting on practices for many rough stock riders. And Lonnie knew which of his "dude horses" would also buck! In early June 1984 he was supplying the bucking horses at the Pinedale High School Rodeo, and also had a semi load of horses to deliver to area outfitters at the same time. Unbeknownst to the high school rodeo athletes and to the outfitters, the horses did both that year! After the rodeo, he loaded the bareback and saddle bronc horses back into his semi and delivered them up the road to the outfitters!

Finding winter feed for hundreds of horses was a definite challenge. Lonnie found ranches and farms near Pavillion where the lighter amounts of snow and winds kept the feed accessible. For many decades Fremont County folks were accustomed to seeing hundreds of horses being trailed from farm to farm, up and down

the dirt roads, and even right through the town of Riverton several times! In 1972 Lonnie bought a 500-acre farm on Five Mile Creek near Pavillion, from Jim Barquin, with just his word and a handshake. Lonnie told Jim he didn't have the money until the spring horse lease money came in, Jim just smiled and said "OK, so pay me then." Lonnie was running his 500 horses on 7/10's of an acre near Hudson, when they bought the Pavillion land!

As the tourism business grew, Wyoming Horses grew as well. In the mid 1980s Lonnie bought the neighboring farm ground, another 1,000 acres. His cattle herd continued to grow as well, and he was soon running 400 yearling steers. Summer pasture on Copper Mountain provided another great place to make young horses gentle!

Lonnie had the ability to raise cattle, horses and people to become better than they were before they met him. He showed horses and people what was inside them and how to use it. He had great expectations for every horse and every person who wanted better and he taught so many to become self-reliant and to be able to teach it to others.

Always an avid fisherman, Lonnie and his family and friends would take many pack trips into the Wind River Mountains. It was a great way to break a young horse into the business, and Lonnie would often pack a bronc on the way into the mountains and be riding him by the end of the trip. At the age of 81, Lonnie and the family went on a six-day fishing trip into the Popo Agie Wilderness area, making the 18-mile ride in and out with just a few aches. He would saddle up every day and go with the family to the next lake, usually outfitting everyone! In the evenings, his dutch oven biscuits were always a hit!

In 2000, Lonnie and Grace handed the reins of the Wyoming Horses business and most of the ranch ground to their youngest daughter Dar and her husband Bob Vogel. With their help, Lonnie continued to run about 300 mother cows, and still owned some of the horses in the leasing business. Grace passed away in 2007 and is dearly missed by Lonnie and the family.

Lonnie is survived by brother Tim Mantle of Piceance Creek, Colorado; a son, Kail (Denise) Mantle of Piedmont, South Dakota; and two daughters: Mickie (Ron) Imberi of Three Forks, Montana; and Dar (Bob) Vogel, who still lives on the family ranch near Pavillion; three grandchildren, Josee (Tristan) Martin of Sulphur, Louisiana; Kit (Ethan) Vogel of Casper, Wyoming; and Kage Vogel also on the family ranch; And a great-grandson Boudreaux Martin.

DEATH NOTICE

George Wenschhof

July 8, 1941 ~ Jan. 9, 2022

He will be interred at a private service in Alabama in February. A celebration of life is scheduled on May 21, 2022, at 11 a.m. at the 4-H Building in Meeker. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Meeker Education Fund (P.O. Box 255, Meeker, Co 81641) in the name of Glenda and George Wenschhof or to any local charity of your choosing.

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Rangely trustees talk economic development

By **KATIE KING**
Special to the Herald Times

RANGELY | Rangely's Town Board of Trustees reconvened after a holiday break on Jan. 11, 2022. They approved the minutes for the Dec. 14 meeting, the December check register, and the November financial summary.

The Board heard a public introduction from Christine Rambo. She is an economic developer from Louisiana who is working in the tri-county area of Routt, Moffat and Rio Blanco counties. She has 30-years of experience to help evaluate the tri-county region's strengths, opportunities and identify any concerns to ensure a prosperous future. She offered the board an opportunity to share their thoughts and ideas with her.

Rangely citizen MaryAnn Allred spoke regarding the community need for a safe bike lane between South Stanolind Avenue and River Road. Previous discussions have included completion of the bike path on the south side of Elks Park and a bike lane on Prospect Street. MaryAnn advocated to the board that this was a matter of public safety for the community's children and shared her testimony that a bike lane on Prospect Street was

too complicated to be efficient. She offered several ideas for their consideration, including highlighting ways that Bell Street could be altered to increase school traffic safety. Allred urged them to work towards a solution. Town Manager Lisa Piering replied to MaryAnn citing funding as the biggest obstacle to this need. There were no questions or feedback from the board.

Trustees discussed a few quick updates regarding meetings, grant funding and in-progress plans. Town Manager Lisa Piering and Trustee Keely Ellis met with Meeker Town Manager Mandi Etheridge to discuss the REDI (Rural Economic Development Initiative) grant. Trustee Don Davidson updated the Board on the status with Cogency, stating that the ability to move forward was in a holding pattern due to funding. Piering shared that DOLA grant applications would open up on Feb. 1 and that the Town of Rangely would be applying for the grant to fund the water line replacement on Pinyon Circle. Piering also hopes that DOLA will assist in the collaboration of the Town of Rangely providing gas services management for the Town of Dinosaur and discussions are ongoing. Piering shared that the town was

assisting residents with water main breaks due to a lack of plumbers and guiding many residents through shutting off the water. She noted that this was something they were happy to support citizens with but would like to spend less time on this in the future. Piering complimented Jeff LeBleu and the public works department for their efforts with snow removal when the last snowstorm caught the department by surprise. Rangely will be hosting week two of the Club 20 Summer Policy Committee Meetings at CNCC on July 28-29. Pre-registration through the town is available.

Rangely Chamber of Commerce Director McKenzie Webber was present to advise the Board on a permit application for the Chamber's "The Old West" dinner event on Feb. 19. The Board also approved the renewal of Kum & Go's liquor license. A review of board vacancies highlighted the need for community members to be engaged. The Community Garden has board openings and Planning and Zoning have seats open with another opening soon.

The next Town of Rangely Board meeting is scheduled for Jan. 25, 2022, at Town Hall.

Routt County mom announces candidacy for state legislature

PRESS RELEASE
Special to the Herald Times



COURTESY PHOTO
Savannah Wolfson

RBC | Savannah Wolfson, (R-Oak Creek) announced her candidacy to the State Legislature today. She is running for House District 26 in order to protect the unique way of life that NW Colorado enjoys.

Wolfson said she wants to be the voice of NW Colorado, who she feels is being trampled at the state legislature. She described her path to becoming an advocate for local values. "The politicians we have been sending to the state legislature, if you look at their votes, they're not lining up with local values. They are voting how they are told to by their party leadership. I want to be a public servant and represent our local values to the state."

Wolfson gave her speech to community members, family, and friends near a playground in Hayden.

DAYS GONE BY

The Meeker Herald
125 years ago

- Large quantities of self control are necessary to keep jokes free from malice.
- Scarcity of time is often pleaded as an excuse for want of inclination.

The Meeker Herald
100 years ago

- If all the undesirable people killed off the rest of us would be lonesome, don't you think?
- On Tuesday night about six inches of snow fell in Meeker. The snow was much higher in heavier places.

The Meeker Herald
50 years ago

- A 70 year old man perished in a fire that gutted his home in the 1100 block on Garfield Street Friday Afternoon. The cause of the fire is still unknown.
- Miss Gayle Glasgow of Meeker was second runner up in the Miss Colorado Wool Contest held in Denver last week.

The Meeker Herald
25 years ago

- Former wrestling coach was arrested on the morning of Jan. 22 on charges of second degree felony assault resulting in serious bodily injury.
- Meeker is going to have a community recycling program. Town manager Sharon Day reported at the Jan. 21 town council meeting that grant funds have been made available to kick off a program in Meeker.

Rangely Times
50 years ago

- Seedling trees are now available for spring planting from the Colorado State Forest Service. for windbreaks, shelterbelts, conservation or reforestation purposes.
- Predators and predator control, as viewed by representatives of state and federal game management agencies, wildlife research organizations, and on conservation groups, was the topic of the panel discussion at the the 20th annual meeting of the Colorado Wildlife Federation here on January 8th.

Rangely Times
25 years ago

- A recently proposed ordinance that would ban underage tobacco use from Rangely drew sharp criticism from teen smokers this week when a group of RHS students gathered outside of school property after school to smoke and share opinions.
- The manager of the Deserado Mine says flooding of the mine's lowest section is still under investigation, but preparations for full production have resumed.

Smoking River brewpub license approved

By **NIKI TURNER**
editor@ht1885.com

MEEKER | Meeker's Board of Trustees met Tuesday, Jan. 18 with Tiffany Jehorek filling the interim vacancy left by Scott Creecy. Jehorek's appointment was officially approved during the meeting and she was sworn in by Town Clerk Lisa Cook.

The board held a public hearing to consider an application filed by Smoking River Brewing Co. LLC for a brewpub liquor license.

"By converting to a brewpub we'll be able to offer food more frequently," said proprietor Kevin Borchard. "So far it's looking like pizza and wings."

Approval of the license is contingent on receipt of fingerprint data from the Colorado Bureau of Investigation, which is anticipated within a few days, according to Cook.

The board also held a public hearing to consider a minor subdivision ordinance for Eastern Rio Blanco County

Health Services District for the Meeker Terrace subdivision, lot 2. The subdivision will take five acres from the hospital's 51-acre footprint to create lot 2B. The lot will be used initially for fire district storage and may be considered for use as a training area for the fire district in the future. The ordinance was approved.

Trustees reviewed a draft job description for a community development director position budgeted for 2022. Trustees Gutierrez and Lockwood said they had hoped to see more emphasis on economic development. Cook explained that having the position focus more on planning would free up time for other staff to pursue economic development opportunities.

"With the expansion of the Chamber of Commerce as far as economic development, the hope would be for this position to work with the Chamber," Etheridge said, which could help come up with solutions to economic development challenges like the housing shortage.

Etheridge said she would make suggested changes to the job description and bring it back to the board.

Trustees also discussed options for the upcoming funding request from the state's Office of Just Transition. \$2.769 million is available for the region, which includes nine entities. Divided equally, that comes out to roughly \$300,000 per entity, but it has not been confirmed that each entity will get that amount, and Hayden reportedly plans to request significantly more. Of the nine entities in the NW Colorado Development Council, six of the nine votes have to approve requests. Possibilities for the town include funneling money back into the business community, either through the business grant program or through expansion of the Chamber and business development, or supporting and adding educational and training programs.

Cook said the town's departments all came in "well under budget" for 2021. "We ended up really good for the year," she added.

THE STRIP #90

THE STRIP from SLEEPY CAT YOGI SHOP

Lizard Lunge

First Steps To Every Pose

1. Lengthen through the crown of your head, tucking your chin in just a smidgen to straighten out your cervical spine, stand, sit, or lay flat.
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 pose is called Lizard Lunge, it will open up your hips and overall increase your mobility and flexibility.

Come into this pose by stepping your right leg forward, bending your right knee until it is stacked over your right ankle. Now gently lower your left knee to the ground (use a folded blanket for cushion) and untuck your toes. Next you will move your right foot out to your right opening up your hip. You can keep your hands on the ground or slowly begin to lower down onto your forearms. Allow your torso weight to sink down increasing the stretch felt in your left hip flexor.

This can be a very intense stretch so try to stay relaxed through your upper body and bring awareness into your lower body to see where you may be able to release unneeded tension and better surrender into this pose.

For an added challenge you can add a twist to this pose by coming onto your hands and inhaling to reach your right arm high, turning your torso towards your right thigh. To significantly deepen this twist bend your left knee and capture your left foot in your right hand, you should feel a deep stretch through your left quad.

Repeat on your other side.

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MATT SCOGGINS PHOTO

The Panthers bested Hayden 49-40 in a home game last Thursday. They beat DeBeque 44-33 Friday and rounded out Saturday by spoiling Soroco's perfect 3-0 league record with a 43-34 win.

Panthers win three, 3-2 in league play

Special to the Herald Times

RANGELY I The Rangely Panthers boys' basketball team scored 49 points and held the visiting Hayden Tigers to 40 in the Panthers league triumph on Thursday. Rangely's aggressive defense led to an 8-0 run in the first three minutes. While the Tigers never led, their scrappy defense and Logan Morrison's unrelenting presence on the boards helped them tie the game twice, once in the first quarter and again at the start of the fourth quarter. The Panthers struggled to score in the third quarter, but seniors Timothy Scoggins and Keihlin Myers combined for 15 of Rangely's 20 points in the fourth quarter. Scoggins completed the double-double with 15 points and 13 rebounds, while Myers contributed nine points, nine rebounds and five assists. Kevin Wren also pitched in 10 points. The Panthers' JV team will play Hayden's JV on Monday, Jan. 24 at Rangely.

On Friday the Panthers traveled to DeBeque and earned another league win with a 44-33 victory. The DeBeque Dragons were the aggressor, taking an 11-4 lead at the end of the first quarter. Rangely struggled with foul troubles but clawed back to a 16-14 deficit at the end of the half. The Panthers found their offense in the third, stringing together an 11-0 run, and followed that with another 11-4 run to cap the win.

"Scoggins was in foul trouble most of the game, but it forced us to find a way to be patient and efficient on offense—the way we came together in the second half was outstanding," stated Panthers' coach Boydston.

Kenyon Cochrane owned the double-double with 14 points and 10 rebounds, while Kevin Wren and Keihlin Myers pitched in 12 points and 10 points, respectively.

Marstan Wagner helped dominate the boards with nine rebounds. The Panther JV squad also earned a 37-22 win at DeBeque.

The Soroco Rams entered Saturday's match with Rangely sporting a perfect 3-0 league record. The Panthers' defense was determined to spoil that record, and they did, outscoring the Rams 43-34. The hard earned victory started with a 15-15 tie at halftime and the makings of a barn-burner. Rangely's frenetic defense and Scoggins' dunk attempt with two Rams hanging on him seemed to energize the Panthers. Neither team was able to pull away to start the second half with the struggle continuing as Rangely fought for a 27-25 lead to start the fourth quarter. Two timely three-pointers from Kevin Wren and Fisher Winder, and three more two-point buckets from Winder and Kenyon Cochrane pushed the Panthers over the Rams. Wren led all scorers with 12 points, while Scoggins and Winder followed with nine and eight points respectively. Keihlin Myers finished with 10 rebounds followed by Scoggins with seven boards. "Our defense was great tonight, and Kenyon Cochrane's effort against Soroco's big man made the difference. Kenyon only had five boards, but his effort in boxing out led to us controlling the defensive boards and eliminating second chances for Soroco," said coach Boydston. Colt Allred's JV squad also picked up another win over the Rams, winning 38-22.

The Panthers now sport a 5-5 record and are 3-2 in league play. They put it on the line next when they travel to Olathe for another 2A/1A Western Slope league contest on Saturday, Jan. 22. Games start at 1 p.m. with varsity boys' at 4 p.m. Rangely will battle a Pirates team coming off a 55-53 overtime win over the North Fork Miners.

Cowboys play Grand Valley Cardinals

Boys wins 57-50, Lady Cowboys drop one 62-46

By TIFFANY JEHOREK
Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER I Cowboys basketball had a slow week with only one game, due to rescheduling by Plateau Valley, but ended the week with an improving record of 4-3. Thursday they took on 3A Grand Valley Cardinals. The Cowboys came out with an early lead 28-21 at

the half and never let it go. "We played well," began head coach Klark Kindler, "we handled their press and got good looks; we built a lead and answered every run they threw at us."

Final score was 57-50 led by Liam Deming with 17 points, Zagar Brown had 14, and Zach Simonsen and Jace Mobley each had 11.

This week is big with three games Thursday, Friday, and Saturday and two league matches. At home for two nights against Little Snake on Thursday and Soroco on Saturday, the team will travel to Caprock on Friday.

LADY COWBOYS
Lady Cowboys basketball played

number five ranked 3A Grand Valley Cardinals.

"We knew it would be a tough game," commented head coach Jamie Rogers. "They made a nine point run to start the first quarter and we couldn't get out of the hole; the girls worked hard the entire game."

Final score 62-46, Hailey Knowles led the team with 21 points and Sarah Kracht had 18.

The lady Cowboys are 4-3 and still remain undefeated in the league.

This weekend they play Wyoming's Little Snake on Thursday at home, then Friday and Saturday they return to league play by traveling to Caprock Friday and hosting Soroco on Saturday.



BOBBY GUTIERREZ COURTESY PHOTOS

The Cowboys and Lady Cowboys teams head into busy weekend hoping to improve their 4-3 records. They'll play Little Snake at home tonight, travel to Caprock tomorrow, and return home for a Saturday game versus Soroco.



CHAMPS OF THE WEEK

COWBOYS

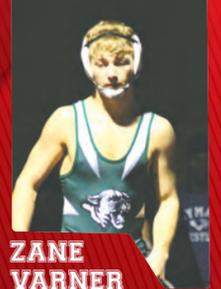


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Cowboy Up ...

Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER I Meeker High School is excited to recognize the first recipients of the Cowboy Up award. This award was created by the Class of 2020. We honor people, past and present, who have displayed an extraordinary commitment to, or support of, Meeker High School. Honorees can be from any time in the history of Meeker High School. Honorees should be of high moral character and good role models for students. Each year, the senior class will vote on one inductee. The Class of 2020, as founders of this award, inducted three members.

On Thursday, Jan. 27, 2022, at halftime of the Meeker/Rangely varsity boys basketball game (around 8 p.m.), we will honor the following recipients:

- Dale Frisby - Class of 2020
- Bobby Gutierrez - Class of 2020
- Dale Dunbar - Class of 2020
- Ed Coryell - Class of 2021

Please join us at halftime of the boys varsity basketball game on Thursday, Jan. 27 to recognize the commitment of these extraordinary individuals!

SPORTS SCHEDULE

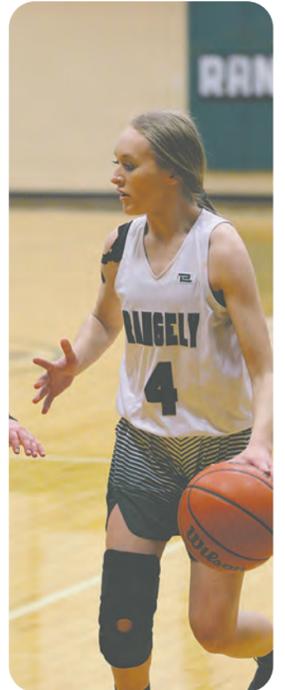
RANGELY BASKETBALL (VARSITY)
Jan. 21 @ Home v. West Grand 5:30 p.m. (girls) and 7 p.m. (boys)
Jan. 21 @ Olathe 2:30 p.m. (girls) and 4 p.m. (boys)

RANGELY HS WRESTLING
Jan. 22 — Rangely Tournament
Jan. 29 — @ Grand Valley

MEEKER BASKETBALL (VARSITY)
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. 21-22 — Rumble in the Rockies @ Lafayette
Jan. 26 — @ Palisade



MATT SCOGGINS PHOTO

The lady Panthers fell to Hayden but beat DeBeque and Soroco last weekend.

Lady Panthers fall to Tigers, best Dragons and Rams

Special to the Herald Times

RANGELY | The lady Panthers had a long weekend of basketball, opening up with Hayden last Thursday. It was a tough physical loss for the Panthers with a score of 39-30 to the Tigers.

"At times we played well and did a lot of good things. We just ran out of time at the end," said head coach Jimmie Mergelman.

Ryann Mergelman led scoring with eight, followed by Mary Scoggins with seven, Adelynn Halcomb with five, Ashlynn Ducey and Annika Cantrell with four each and Miah Wren with

two. Mergelman pulled down eight rebounds followed by Cantrell with six. Ducey and Scoggins led with three steals each.

Friday the Panthers traveled to DeBeque for the second league game of the week. The lady Panthers came out strong and played a consistent game, winning 47-33. Leading in scoring were Mergelman with 12, followed by Ducey 11, Wren and Cantrell with six each, Miley Chism with four and Halcomb with three. Controlling the boards were Ducey with nine, Mergelman with seven and Cantrell with six.

Saturday at home against Soroco, the

panthers were a little rocked back in the first quarter but settled in. Mergelman led with 15, followed by Miah Wren with 10, Halcomb six, Ducey and Kaitlyn Cox each finished with two points. Annika Cantrell did a nice job of rebounding pulling down 10, followed by Mergelman with seven and Ducey with five. I thought we played one of our best quarters of basketball in the fourth quarter and outscored the Rams 15-12.

We look ahead this week with a home game on Friday against West Grand and head to Olathe on Saturday.



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Chinese New Year Celebration

In 2022, Chinese New Year starts on February first. It is the **Year of the Tiger**. The tiger is the third sign in the Chinese Zodiac – a circular 12-year calendar with each year represented by an animal. Each animal is the “sign” of people born in that year. It is said that the people born under each animal’s sign have the characteristics of that animal. Tigers are very powerful so people who are born in that year might be powerful, too!



Celebrating the Chinese New Year!

2022 The Year of the Tiger

Read the clues to fill in the first puzzle about tigers!

Read the clues about people born in the Year of the Tiger to fill in the second puzzle!

A. good at guiding others
B. not fearful or easily scared
C. wide-awake, pay close attention
D. organized, think ahead
E. smart, bright
F. don't trust, doubtful

Everyone in China becomes one year older on New Year's Day!

In Chinese legends and stories, the tiger and this animal are always rivals.

- To see this powerful competitor, start at the star numbered “1” and go to “99.”
- Next, start at the star numbered with the bold number “1” and follow the bold-numbered dots to dot number “59.”

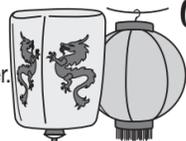
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At the end of the parade, these creatures dance for good luck.

Read about the fun on the last day of the Chinese New Year. Fit each word in bold print into the crossword!

- We hang the **lanterns** we made out of wooden rods and pretty paper.
- Friends and family begin to arrive for a **banquet** of bird's nest soup, Peking duck, sweet and sour pork, dumplings and fruit.
- Children **dance** dreaming about being in a Dragon Dance someday.
- We all go to the center of town to watch the **parade**.
- Watch out so that you don't bump into the stilt walkers or **acrobats**.
- A **musician** is playing the Huqin (long-necked, 2 string instrument with a sound box at the bottom).
- We follow the parade into the **park**.
- We look at the giant zodiac animal lanterns and eat **Yuanxiao** (rice balls).
- Lanterns made like mini hot air balloons soar into the air, lighting up the **sky**.
- A long, beautiful **fireworks** display completes the day.

Chinese Lantern Festival



In Chengdu (China) there is a lantern in the shape of a golden dragon. It is curled around and goes up an 88-foot-high pole. Fireworks spew from its mouth! How cool is that?

Year of the Tiger

A full moon can be seen tonight!

THEME: WINTER OLYMPICS ACROSS

- Sleeps in a tent
- Horror movie franchise

- Varieties
- Mozart's "Die Zauberflote"
- Road crew supply
- Moron

- Workman's cotton, once
- Exclamation of surprise
- Monte Cristo's title, in French

- *Olympic Athletes from 2018 hockey winners
- *Figure skating jump (2 words)

- Capone's ilk, e.g.
- Attention-getting sound
- Eminem's genre
- Cashier's call
- Hit-or-miss
- It will
- *Triple one in figure skating
- Hustle and bustle
- German Mrs.
- A mile racer
- a.k.a. horse mackerel
- Jargon
- Workbench holding device
- Health club offering
- Diner, e.g.
- Latin for "and others"
- Aviv
- Ill-mannered one
- Curiosity's victim?
- *2022 Winter Olympics location
- *Torch Relay starting point
- "_____ the Family" TV series
- Refrigerator sound
- Poppy seed derivative
- Bitterly regretting
- Egyptian cobra
- Part of a stair
- Seedy source of Omega-3s
- More, in Madrid
- Changes to a manuscript

- Roofed colonnade
- Expression of satisfaction
- Angry
- Revered one
- Fancy ride
- It will
- Japanese zither
- Pas in ballet
- "Freezing" Marvel character
- Letter-shaped girder
- "_____ the land of the free..."
- Designer's studio
- *Biathlon gear
- Skiyit lobbies
- Manufacturing site
- *2022 Winter Olympics number
- Like Curious George
- Monocot's alternative
- "Killers of the Flower Moon" Oklahoma location
- *Olympic award
- *Olympic sled
- For fear that
- Respond
- Circling
- Far, old-fashioned
- Capital of Punjab
- Early Irish alphabet
- Sort of warm
- Vomit
- Twelfth month of Jewish year
- Pelvic bones
- Put a hex on
- Concert units
- Not yet final
- Edible fat
- *Miracle on Ice winner
- Not Miss or Ms.

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Notice is hereby given that on Thursday, January 27th, 2022 the Rio Blanco County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Rio Blanco County Historic Courthouse, 555 Main Street, 3rd Floor Commissioner Meeting Room, Meeker, Colorado to consider the following:
PRZ-0002-21 Third Amendment of Elk Creek Ranch PUD-Rezone. The applicant (Elk Creek Ranch Owners Association) is requesting to rezone a +/- 42 acre property from Agricultural (AG) to Planned Unit Development (PUD) for the purpose of conforming to the Land Use Resolution (2016) governing Rio Blanco County. The property will be added to the current Planned Unit Development Agreement. The property is located within the SE ¼ of Section 10 and NE ¼ of Section 15, T1S, R93W of the 6th P.M. The parcel of ground is referred to as the "North 40" parcel. 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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Town of Rangely
January 28, 2022 - 7:00pm
Agenda
Rangely Board of Trustees (Town Council)
ANDY SHAFFER, Mayor
Trey Robie, Mayor Pro Tem
Don Davidson, Trustee
Kodi Rae Nelson, Trustee
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 January 11, 2022, Town Council Meeting
- 6. **Petitions and Public Input**
- 7. **Changes to the Agenda**
- 8. **Public Hearings - 7:10pm Committee/Board Meetings**
- 9. **RBC Commissioner Reports**
- 10. **Supervisor Reports – See Attached**
- a. Jeff Lebleu
- b. Chief Hamblin
- 13. **Reports from Officers – Town Manager Update**
- 14. **Old Business**
- 15. **New Business**
- a. Discussion and action to approve the December Financial Summary
- b. Discussion and action to approve the renewal of the Liquor License for Rangely Liquor
- c. Discussion and action to approve RESOLUTION 5240-01 2021 revising expense amounts budgeted for the Rangely Gas Fund of the Town of Rangely, Colorado for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2021, and ending December 31, 2021.
- d. Discussion and action to approve RESOLUTION 7340-01-2021 revising expense amounts budgeted for the Rangely Development Association, of the Town of Rangely, Colorado, for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2021, and ending December 31, 2021
- 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. Rangely Chamber of Commerce Board meeting is scheduled for Jan 20, 2022, at 12:00 noon
j. Rio Blanco Water Conservancy District Board meeting is scheduled for Jan 26, 2022, at 6:30 pm
k. RDA/RDC Board meeting is rescheduled for Jan 27, 2022, at 7:30 am
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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Tentative Agenda January 25, 2022
Public Comment: Any member of the public may address the Board on matters which are within the jurisdiction of the Board. If you are addressing the Board regarding a matter listed on the Agenda, you are requested to make your comments when the Board takes that matter. Please limit your comments to three minutes per member or five minutes per group. The public comment time is not for questions and answers. It is your time to express your views.

- 1. **11:00 a.m. Call to order:**
- A. Pledge of Allegiance
- B. Changes to the January 25, 2022 Agenda
- 1)
- C. **Move to approve the January 25, 2022 Agenda including any changes**
- 2. **CONSENT AGENDA for January 25, 2022**
- Items of routine and non-controversial nature are placed on the consent agenda. Any Commissioner or member of the audience may request an item be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered separately on the regular agenda prior to action being taken by the Board on the Consent Agenda.
- A. **Move to approve the below listed items of the Consent Agenda.**
- 3. **BUSINESS**
- 4. **BID AWARDS**
- 5. **MOU'S, CONTRACTS, AND AGREEMENTS**
- 6. **RESOLUTIONS**
- 7. **OTHER BUSINESS**
- A. Public Comments
- B. 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 February 8, 2022 in the Rio Blanco County Historic Courthouse, 555 Main St., 3rd Floor Hearing Room, Meeker, 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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MEEKER SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1 **Board of Education Regular Meeting** 555 Garfield Street Meeker, CO 81641 January 24, 2022 - 7:00 p.m.

- Community members wishing to observe the meeting may use the following link:** <https://meet.google.com/nqf-cpsy-xiu>
- 1. Pledge of Allegiance: Mrs. Borchard will lead the Pledge of Allegiance
 - 2. Welcome of Guests
 - 3. Approval of Agenda
 - District Celebrations**
 - Student Celebrations:** MHS Art Students
 - Staff Recognition:** Youth MHFA
 - General Public Comment Session:** (comments limited to three minutes)
 - Public/Committee Reports:** DAC, Meeker Education Foundation, BOCES/SAC
 - Principal Reports:** MES, BMS, MHS
 - Superintendent Report:** 20220124 Board Meeting Report
 - Consent Agenda:**
 - 1. Approval: Minutes from Regular Board Meeting on December 13, 2021
 - 2. Approval: Minutes from Special Board Meeting on January 10, 2022
 - 3. Acceptance: Financial Reports and Check Vouchers for November 2021
 - 4. Acceptance: Financial Reports and Check Vouchers for December 2021
 - 5. Acceptance: December 31, 2021 Quarterly Financial Report
 - 6. Approval: 2022 Board of Education Public Meeting Posting Location if online posting is unavailable - Meeker School District Administration Building and Meeker Post Office
 - Action Items:**
 - 1. Approval: Personnel Hires
 - a. Spring Coaches - As presented
 - 2. Approval: Resolution to spend beginning fund balance
 - 3. Approval: Final FY21 budget and appropriation resolution
 - Other BOE Information:**
 - 1. Construction Update
 - 2. Policy First Reading:
 - a. ADA - School District Educational Objectives
 - b. BC & BC-R - School Board Member Financial Disclosure
 - c. GBA - Open Hiring/Equal Employment Opportunity
 - d. GBB-R - Purpose and composition of Employee Council
 - e. GBJG - Staff Bereavement Leave
 - f. GCQF-R - Discipline, Suspension, and Dismissal of Professional Staff
 - g. IHODA - Concurrent Enrollment
 - h. JKDJKE-R - Suspension/Expulsion of Students
 - 3. COVID-19 Protocols
 - 4. Potential Future Discussion Items
 - 5. Other
 - Executive Session (if needed):**
 - Adjournment**
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PUBLIC NOTICE **RIO BLANCO COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION HEARING**

Notice is hereby given that on Thursday, January 27th, 2022 the Rio Blanco County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Rio Blanco County Historic Courthouse, 555 Main Street, 3rd Floor Commissioner Meeting Room, Meeker, Colorado to consider the following:
PRZ-0002-21 Third Amendment of Elk Creek Ranch PUD-Rezone. The applicant (Elk Creek Ranch Owners Association) is requesting to rezone a +/- 42 acre property from Agricultural (AG) to Planned Unit Development (PUD) for the purpose of conforming to the Land Use Resolution (2016) governing Rio Blanco County. The property will be added to the current Planned Unit Development Agreement. The property is located within the SE ¼ of Section 10 and NE ¼ of Section 15, T1S, R93W of the 6th P.M. The parcel of ground is referred to as the "North 40" parcel. 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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EASTERN RIO BLANCO COUNTY HEALTH SERVICE DISTRICT D/B/A PIONEERS MEDICAL CENTER **PUBLIC NOTICE** January 25th, 2022

A meeting of the Eastern Rio Blanco County Health Service District Board of Directors will be held Tuesday, January 25th, 2022 at 12:00PM via Zoom. Please visit www.pioneershospital.org for Zoom meeting information.
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NOTIFICATION OF MEETING FOR THE RANGELY PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION

Application for Alley Vacation and Variance of Fence Height and Location
February 2, 2022, at 10:30 am
The Rangely Town Council will, if approved in Planning & Zoning, hold a public hearing at 10:30 am, Wednesday, February 2, 2022, in the Conference Room at 209 East Main Street, Rangely, Colorado on the following:
All interested citizens and groups are invited to attend and participate in the public hearing.
By: Mary Cox, Clerk/Treasurer
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BID REQUESTS

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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2022 RIO BLANCO COUNTY RANGELY AREA SURFACE TREATMENT PROJECT

PROJECT NAME, LOCATION AND GENERAL SCOPE OF WORK
2022 Rio Blanco County Rangely Area Surface Treatment Project. Rio Blanco County is seeking a qualified contractor to perform surface improvements to Rangely area roads. Improvements include 3" overlay and planing 6" of HBP off of CR23A Bridge.
CONTRACT DOCUMENTS
Contract Documents shall be available on-line at www.govbids.com/scripts/col/public/home1.asp, or on Rio Blanco County's website at www.rbc.us on the Bid Postings page, or at the Rio Blanco County Road and Bridge Dept. 570 2nd Street, Meeker, Colorado 81641 on January 20, 2022.

VENDOR QUALIFICATIONS
Vendors must be listed on the most current CDOT Pre-qualified Contractor Listing.
WORK SCHEDULE
The Project shall start on or after April 11, 2022 and be completed by September 30, 2022.
PROJECT SUPERINTENDENT AND QUESTIONS
Van Pilaud, County Engineer, (970) 878-9590, Fax (970) 878-3396, van.pilaud@rbc.us. All Bidders are advised to examine the site and become familiar with all conditions. Any questions regarding this Project are to be directed in writing to Van Pilaud at 570 – 2nd Street, Meeker, CO 81641 before Tuesday, March 8, 2022 at 4:00 P.M. at the above address, email or fax number.

MANDATORY PRE-BID MEETING
Bidders must attend the mandatory pre-bid meeting:
January 27, 2022 at 1:30 P.M. at the Rio Blanco County Road & Bridge Dept., 570 Second Street, Meeker, CO. If unable to attend in person, Google Meet meeting details will be provided in the Pre-Bid Meeting section of the Request for Bid in the RFP document.

BID SUBMITTALS
Bids shall have Vendor's name and address and "2022 RANGELY AREA SURFACE TREATMENT PROJECT" written on the sealed envelope. All required documents shall be included with the bid or it shall be rejected. Each bid must include a certified check or cashier's check in the amount of not less than five percent (5%) of the total bid, made payable to Rio Blanco County, or by a bid bond in like amount executed by a surety company.

Mailed bids are due no later than 9:45 A.M. on Thursday, February 10, 2022. Do not depend on overnight delivery. Hand delivered bids will be accepted from 8:00 A.M. to 9:45 A.M. on February 10, 2022.
Mailing: RBC Commissioners, Attn: Vicky Edwards, P.O. Box 599, Meeker, CO 81641
Hand-delivery address: RBC Commissioners, 555 Main St. 3rd Floor Meeker, CO 81641
BID OPENING
Bids shall be opened and read in public at 10:00 A.M. on February 10, 2022 at the Rio Blanco County Commissioners' Meeting Room, 555 Main St. 3rd Floor, Meeker, CO. Bids submitted after 9:45 A.M. shall be returned unopened. Bids submitted and opened shall not be withdrawn for 30 days thereafter.
BID PREFERENCE
C.R.S. 8-19-101, et seq. shall be observed on all construction contracts on public projects. The law states that when a construction contract for a public project is to be awarded to a bidder, a resident bidder shall be allowed preference against a nonresident bidder from another state equal to the preference given or required by the state in which the nonresident bidder is a resident.

BID AWARD
The Rio Blanco County Board of County Commissioners reserve the right to reject any or all bids; to waive any informalities in bids; and to accept the bid that, in the opinion of the Board, is in the best interest of the County of Rio Blanco, State of Colorado. Discrepancies between words and figures will be resolved in favor of words. Discrepancies between the indicated sum of any column of figures and the correct sum thereof will be resolved in favor of the correct sum. Rio Blanco County reserves the right to negotiate a contract with the selected bidder.
RIO BLANCO COUNTY
Dated: January 20, 2022
By: Ty Gates, Chairman
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NOTICE OF HEARING BY PUBLICATION TO INTERESTED PERSONS AND OWNERS BY DESCENT OR SUCCESSION PURSUANT TO § 15-12-1303, 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:**

Real Property, legally described as follows:
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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ELECTION NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE **TOWN OF MEEKER** **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 Meeker 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 Meeker 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 Tuesday, January 4, 2022. Nomination petitions and an information sheet for prospective candidates will be available at Town Hall, 345 Market Street, Meeker, on or after 8:00 a.m., Tuesday, January 4, 2022. Regular office hours at Town Hall are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.
The last day for the circulation and signing of nomination petitions shall be Monday, 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 – all four-year terms.
Dated this 15th day of December, 2021.
TOWN OF MEEKER
By: Lisa Cook, Town Clerk
Published: December 23, 30, 2021
January 6, 13 and 20, 2022
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A CALL FOR NOMINATIONS TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, and, particularly, to the electors of the Rangely Rural Fire Protection District of Rio Blanco County, Colorado.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an election will be held on the 3rd day of May, 2022, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. At that time, 2 directors will be elected to serve 3 year terms. Eligible electors of the Rangely Rural Fire Protection District interested in serving on the board of directors may obtain a Self-Nomination and Acceptance form from the District Designated Election Official (DEO):
Linda C. Gordon
215 Hillcrest Avenue
Rangely, CO 81648
970-629-1116

If the DEO determines that a Self-Nomination and Acceptance form is not sufficient, the eligible elector who submitted the form may amend the form once, at any time, prior to close of business, on **Monday, February 28, 2022**. Earlier submission is encouraged as the deadline will not permit curing an insufficient form. Affidavit of Intent To Be A Write-In-Candidate forms must be submitted to the office of the designated election official by the close of business on **Monday, February 28, 2022** (the sixty-fourth day before the election).
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, an application for a absentee ballot shall be filed with the designated election official no later than the close of business on **Tuesday, April 26, 2022**
Rangely Rural Fire Protection District /s/ Linda Gordon, Designated Election Official
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PUBLIC NOTICE **TOWN OF MEEKER** **MUNICIPAL ELECTION** April 5, 2022

TO: REGISTERED ELECTORS OF THE TOWN OF MEEKER, COLORADO
NOTICE is hereby given that a registered elector of the town who has attained the age of eighteen (18) years or older on the date of the election and has resided in the town for a period of at least twelve (12) consecutive months immediately preceding the date of election, who desires to be a write-in candidate in this election, must complete and file an Affidavit of Intent with the Town Clerk at Town Hall, 345 Market Street, Meeker, Colorado, by 5:00 P.M. on Monday, January 31, 2022, in order to be eligible for such office.
IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have here unto set my hand and official seal at Meeker, Colorado this 19th day of January 2022.
TOWN OF MEEKER
Lisa Cook, Town Clerk
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DISTRICT WATER COURT

DISTRICT COURT, WATER DIVISION 6, COLORADO **TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN WATER APPLICATIONS** **IN WATER DIVISION 6**

Pursuant to C.R.S. 37-92-302, you are hereby notified that the following pages comprise a resume of Applications and Amended Applications filed in the office of Water Division 6, during the month of **December 2021**.

2021CW3048 NOTICE OF FILING OF FINAL DECENNIAL ABANDONMENT LIST for Water Division No. 6: The State Engineer and the Division Engineer for Water Division 6, by and through the Attorney General hereby provide notice of the filing with the Water Clerk of the decennial abandonment list for Water Division 6 under section 37-92-401(4)(c), C.R.S. (2021). Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to section 37-92-401(4) C.R.S. (2021), the Division Engineer, in consultation with the State Engineer, has revised and finalized the decennial abandonment list, which contains those water rights that the Division Engineer has determined to have been abandoned in whole or in part. The decennial abandonment list, when concluded by judgment and decree, shall be conclusive as to the water rights determined to have been abandoned. The initial abandonment list (published in July 2020) and the final revised abandonment list are available online at: <https://dwr.colorado.gov/services/water-administration/water-rights>. The initial and final revised decennial abandonment lists may also be inspected after December 31, 2021, at the offices of the State Engineer, Division Engineer, and Clerk of the Water Court. Contact the respective offices for information on hours and/or appointments. This decennial abandonment proceeding, including any protest proceedings, are subject to Rule 12 of the Uniform Local Rules for All State Water Court Divisions (Water Court Rules), effective as amended on December 13, 2018 and available on the Water Court's website at: <https://www.courts.state.co.us/Courts/Water>. Any person who wishes to protest the inclusion of any water right on the final decennial abandonment list shall file a written protest with the Water Clerk and the Division Engineer in accordance with the procedures set forth in section 37-92-401(5), C.R.S. (2021) not later than June 30, 2022. The fee for filing such a protest with the Water Clerk is forty-five dollars (\$45.00). The protest shall set forth in detail the factual and legal basis therefor. A form for such a protest (JDF 304W) is available on the Water Court website.

2021CW3055, Rio Blanco County, White River. Application for Surface Water Rights. James Ritchie c/o Beattie Houpt & Jarvis, PO Box 1669, Basalt, 970-945-8659. Beaver Ditch: Location: The headgate is located at a point on the east bank of Flag Creek in the NW1/4 NW1/4, Sec 11, T 2 S, R 94 W 6th PM. UTM coordinates (NAD 83, Zone 13): 250437 E, 4420300 N. Source: Flag Creek, trib to White River. Appropriation date: 01/01/1955. Date water applied to beneficial use: 04/15/20. Amounts: 1.5 cfs, absolute; 0.5 cfs, conditional. Use: Irrigation. Number of irrigated acres: Approx 18 acres. Legal description of irrigated acreage: Approx 18 acres within the SW1/4 SW1/4, NW1/4 SW1/4, SW1/4 NW1/4 Sec 2, T 2 S, R 94 W 6th PM. Money Ditch: Location: The headgate is located at a point on the east bank of Flag Creek, in the NW1/4 NW1/4, Sec 14, T 2 S, R 94 W 6th PM. UTM coordinates (NAD 83, Zone 13): 250410 E, 4418750 N. Source: Flag Creek, trib to White River. Appropriation date: 01/01/1955. Amount: 1.5 cfs, conditional. Use: Irrigation. Number of acres proposed to be irrigated: Approx 8 acres. Legal description of irrigated acreage: Approx 8 acres within the SW1/4 of Sec 11, T 2 S, R 94 W 6th PM. The subject water rights are components of an integrated water supply system that provides water for irrigation and other beneficial uses on Applicant's ranch known as the R Lazy J Ranch, including Hoback and Redpath Ditch, Chandler Ditch, East Chandler Ditch, Yonch Ditch, Howey Ditch, Chandler Ditch, West Miller Reservoir Feeder Ditch, West Miller Reservoir Outlet Ditch, West Miller Reservoir, JB Pond No. 1, Ground Hog Pond No. 1, Ground Hog Pond No. 2, Sammy Pond, Badger Pond, Sled Dog Pond, Cougar Pond, Deer Pond, Elk Pond, Bear Pond, Howey Ditch Pond Enlargement, Yonch Ditch Pond Enlargement, Hoback and Redpath Ditch Pond Enlargement, and Bear Pond Ditch. Owner of land: Applicant. (4 pages, 1 exhibit)

2021CW3058 APPLICATION FOR ABSOLUTE SURFACE WATER RIGHT AND STORAGE RIGHT in Rio Blanco County. 1. **Name, Address, Telephone Number, and Email Address of Applicants:** David Y. Cogswell, 26487 County Road 8, Meeker, CO 81641, cogsent@gmail.com, (970) 878-5134. Direct all pleadings to: Douglas M. Sinor, Mirko L. Kruse, Trout Raley, 1120 Lincoln Street, Suite 1600, Denver, CO 80203. 2. **Description of Absolute Surface Water Right:** A. **Name of Structure:** Cogswell Enlargement of Pattison Ditch No. 2. B. **Legal Description:** i. **Decreed location:** As decreed in the Decree of September 5, 1911, District Court, Rio Blanco County, the headgate for the Pattison Ditch No. 2 is decreed at a point on the bank of Fawn Creek, whence the east quarter section corner of Section 19, Township 1 North, Range 90 West of the 6th P.M. bears South 87 degrees and 21' East 1101 feet. ii. **Actual location:** As shown on **Exhibit A**, the headgate of the Pattison Ditch No. 2 is located on the East bank of Fawn Creek and is situated within Tract 39, in Section 19, Township 1 North, Range 90 West of the 6th P.M. at a point whence Angle Point 1 of said Tract 39 bears N63°20'52"E a distance of 1,072.37 feet. Said headgate of the Pattison Ditch No. 2 being situated at a point being 2,245 feet West of the East Line and 1,511 feet North of the South line of said Section 19, Township 1 North, Range 90 West of the 6th P.M. C. **Source:** Fawn Creek, tributary to the White River D. **Date of Appropriation:** July 1, 1965. E. **How Appropriation Was Initiated:** By constructing the Cogswell Pond and utilizing the Pattison Ditch No. 2 as the filing structure for the Cogswell Pond and for direct irrigation. F. **Amount:** 0.5 cfs, absolute. G. **Use:** Direct use for irrigation of 28 acres located on Tracts 39 and 52 of Section 19, Township 1 North, Range 90 West of the 6th Principal, as shown on **Exhibit A**, and to provide freshening flows for the Cogswell Pond. 3. **Description of Absolute Storage Right:** A. **Name of Structure:** Cogswell Pond B. **Legal Description:** As shown on **Exhibit A**, the Cogswell Pond is located in Tract 39, in the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 19, Township 1 North, Range 90 West of the 6th Principal Meridian at a point whence Angle Point 1 of said Tract 39, bears N43°10'58"E a distance of 1,488.53 feet. Said point being 2,291 feet West of the East Line and 905 feet North of the South line of said Section 19, Township 1 North, Range 90 West of the 6th Principal Meridian. C. **Source:** Fawn Creek, tributary to the White River and filled from the Cogswell Enlargement of Pattison Ditch No. 2. D. **Surface Area:** Approximately 15,555 square feet. E. **Dam Height:** Approximately 4.5 feet. F. **Total Capacity:** 1.53 acre-feet. G. **Amount:** 1.53 acre-feet, absolute, with the right to initial fill and continuous refill. H. **Rate of Diversion:** 0.5 cfs, from the Cogswell Enlargement of Pattison Ditch No. 2. I. **Date of Appropriation:** July 1, 1965. J. **Use:** Fish stocking and propagation, recreation, aesthetic, and irrigation of 28 acres located on Tracts 39 and 52 of Section 19, Township 1 North, Range 90 West of the 6th Principal, as shown on **Exhibit A**. After storage in Cogswell Pond, water is returned to Fawn Creek at a point located in Tract 39, in the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 19, Township 1 North, Range 90 West of the 6th Principal Meridian at a point whence Angle Point 1 of said Tract 39 bears N50°41'48"E a distance of 1,462.50 feet. Said point being 2,408 feet West of the East Line and 1,060 feet North of the South line of said Section 19, Township 1 North, Range 90 West of the 6th Principal Meridian. 4. **Name and address of landowners:** The Cogswell Enlargement of Pattison Ditch No. 2 and the Cogswell Pond are located on lands owned by Applicant. (3 pages.)

The water right claimed by this application may affect in priority any water right claimed or heretofore adjudicated within this division and owners of affected rights must appear to object and protest within the time provided by statute, or be forever barred.

You are hereby notified that you will have until the last day of **February 2022** to file with the Water Court a Verified Statement of Opposition, setting forth facts as to why a certain Application should not be granted or why it should be granted only in part or on certain conditions. A copy of such Statement of Opposition must be served on the Applicant or the Applicant's Attorney, with an affidavit or certificate of such service being filed with the Water Court, as prescribed by Rule 5, C.R.C.P. The filing fee for the Statement of Opposition is \$192.00, and should be sent to the Clerk of the Water Court, Division 6, 1955 Shield Dr. Unit 200, Steamboat Springs, CO 80487.

CARMMA L. PARKISON
CLERK OF COURT
ROUTT COUNTY COMBINED COURT
WATER DIVISION 6
[/s/Julie A. Edwards](mailto:/s/Julie.A.Edwards)
Deputy Court Clerk

PROPOSED SALE OF PUBLIC LANDS IN RBC

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Bureau of Land Management
[LLCON05000.L1610 0000.DU0000; COC-80216]

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_wrflo_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.gov/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. 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 sale, 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.gov/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:

A reservation to the United States for all minerals;

A reservation to the United States for ditches and canals constructed by authority of the United States under the Act of August 30, 1890 (43 U.S.C. 945);

Valid existing rights of record; and

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.

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

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