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CAITLIN WALKER PHOTO

A much-needed storm brought snow and ice back to the county last week.

Rangely hosts public forum to review police procedures

By JEN HILL

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RANGELY I The Rangely Town Council met Tuesday in a packed regular meeting where they solicited feedback from the community on current police department practices.

Town attorney Dan Wilson introduced the forum by saying the town has heard concerns about community policing. He discussed the need to balance the department's mandate to follow the law while using some discretion.

The forum, which lasted more

than three hours, was dominated by audience members sharing personal experiences with the Rangely Police Department (RPD) which left them upset and with an overall feeling of being harassed. While a number of speakers vocalized support for the department, multiple others felt officers were treating citizens with disrespect or in a childish manner. Speakers frequently requested more consistency in traffic stops and police actions. Attorney Dan Wilson stated, "If a person is under a lot of stress he might not be the best officer that day."

Commissioner Jeff Rector said there needed to be more uniformity in the "heavy-handedness" he believes is currently occurring in the RPD. He described being pulled over for allegedly swerving and weaving. Rector said he told the officer, "You're a [expletive] liar," and subsequently received a ticket for failure to produce proof of insurance. Rector felt the officer had gone out of his way, following him all over town, "looking for a DUI." He said that he's concerned issues like this will impede economic growth for the community.

Councilman Andy Key was con-

cerned that officers are assuming the worst about the community, to which Chief of Police Vince Wilczek responded, "complacency kills."

Key replied, "If you are assuming everyone here is the worst person ever it's never going to work."

Councilman Andy Shaffer referred to last month's police statistics that the RPD had conducted 56 traffic stops and issued 45 warnings.

Shanna Kinney, wife of Lieutenant Roy Kinney, defended the department. "When did we start quarterbacking everybody? I want

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Sales/use tax revenue slightly higher in 2017

By NIKI TURNER

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RBC I For the county and the Town of Meeker, sales tax revenue was up for 2017, by 10 percent and 6 percent, while Rangely's sales tax revenue decreased by 4 percent. Motor vehicle use tax dollars increased for all three county entities, while building materials use tax revenue dropped in both towns, the county saw a 50 percent increase. Meeker lodging tax revenue increased 32 percent from 2016, while Rangely's dropped 18 percent.

In the fourth quarter of the year, for the county, sales tax revenue totaled \$266,634 in 2017, compared to \$290,357, a decrease of about 8 percent. The fourth quarter was the only quarter of the year to show a decline from the previous year for county sales tax revenue. The county's sales tax revenue totaled \$1,010,564 in 2017.

The Town of Meeker generated \$236,473 in sales tax for the fourth quarter, compared to \$231,352 in the same period in 2016, an increase of 2 percent. November was the strongest month of the year for sales tax revenue in Meeker, with \$86,510.

The Town of Rangely saw sales tax increases in both

the third and fourth quarters of the year over 2016, but losses in the first and second quarter of the year for an overall drop of 4 percent. In the third quarter, sales tax revenue was \$194,866, compared to \$161,955 in 2016. In the fourth quarter, sales tax revenue was \$198,146 in 2017, an 11 percent increase from 2016's \$174,624.

Motor vehicle use tax for the Town of Meeker was up 5 percent, from \$168,251 to \$183,681 in 2017. The Town of Rangely saw a 31 percent increase in motor vehicle use taxes, from \$153,176 to \$235,605. For the county, motor vehicle use tax revenue was up 4 percent, from \$271,442 in 2016 to \$306,125 in 2017.

Construction building materials use tax saw significant decreases in both towns, with a 37 percent decrease for the Town of Meeker and a 65 percent decrease for the Town of Rangely. The county saw an increase of 50 percent.

Meeker's Lodging Tax board reported \$46,681 for the year, while Rangely's Lodging Tax board reported \$22,625.

These figures are unaudited and subject to change, according to sales and use tax administrator Deb Morlan.

PMC cancels contract with general surgeon

By REED KELLEY

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MEEKER I Two years ago this month, Pioneers Medical Center (PMC) welcomed Dr. Asem Bakkar on board as the health facility's general surgeon. Bakkar was recruited to Meeker from six years in a surgical residency at Maricopa Integrated Health Systems in Phoenix, Ariz. Bakkar's training and specialties there were open appendectomies, colon and rectal surgeries, various hernia repairs, thyroidectomies, gall bladder and stomach surgeries. He also specialized in small town general surgery training, PMC Chief Executive Officer Ken Harman told the *Herald Times*.

At that time, Harman stressed, "We are so fortunate to find such a talented and super well-trained surgeon who was looking for a rural hospital practice in our neck of the woods. We liked his personality and Asem has long-term ties in the area. He went to undergraduate school at the University of Wyoming, has family in the area and considers the Derby Creek area north of Dotsero, on the southeastern edge of the Flat Tops, his favorite hunting ground. We could hardly be more enthusiastic about him."

Last Friday, without any prior notice, PMC told Bakkar, 48, that for business reasons they were ending their contract with him. Thus, Harman stated, "PMC and Dr. Bakkar have parted ways." Harman reiterated that this was for business, not clinical, reasons and that PMC had honored all the provisions of their



Dr. Asem Bakkar

contract (severance pay and the like). Harman also said that Bakkar would continue to have privileges at the hospital if he wanted them.

According to Bakkar, continuing hospital privileges means if he wanted to go out on his own, put his own office together, pay his own malpractice liability insurance, and so forth, he would be able to have his patients admitted to PMC as necessary. Bakkar added that the patient load PMC has provided him to date would not cover those expenses, let alone any payment for his professional services.

"PMC strives to provide stability in service and personnel, but change happens," Harman said. He admits that the surgery load PMC had projected for Bakkar has not met expectations. In contrast, the orthopedic surgery demands for the services of Dr. Kevin Borchard and his partners have been very strong and growing. Harman said most orthopedic surgeons prefer to do initial, first-time joint replacement work. Borchard and his associates, however, have developed an expertise in joint replacement revisions, i.e., removing and replacing joint repairs. Harman said that PMC now is becoming a center of excellence for revision and initial orthopedic surgeries with

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SPELLING BEE CHAMP ...



NIKI TURNER PHOTO

Meeker sixth-grader Ainsley Selle will represent the district at the annual state spelling bee in Denver in March. Selle won the first district bee held in years at Meeker Elementary School on Tuesday, Jan. 23. The winning word, ironically, was "massacres." The second place winner of the bee was Montey Franklin and the third place winner was Rhiwan Williams.

WEATHER



Saturday: 34/13 Mostly sunny



Sunday: 42/16 Mostly sunny



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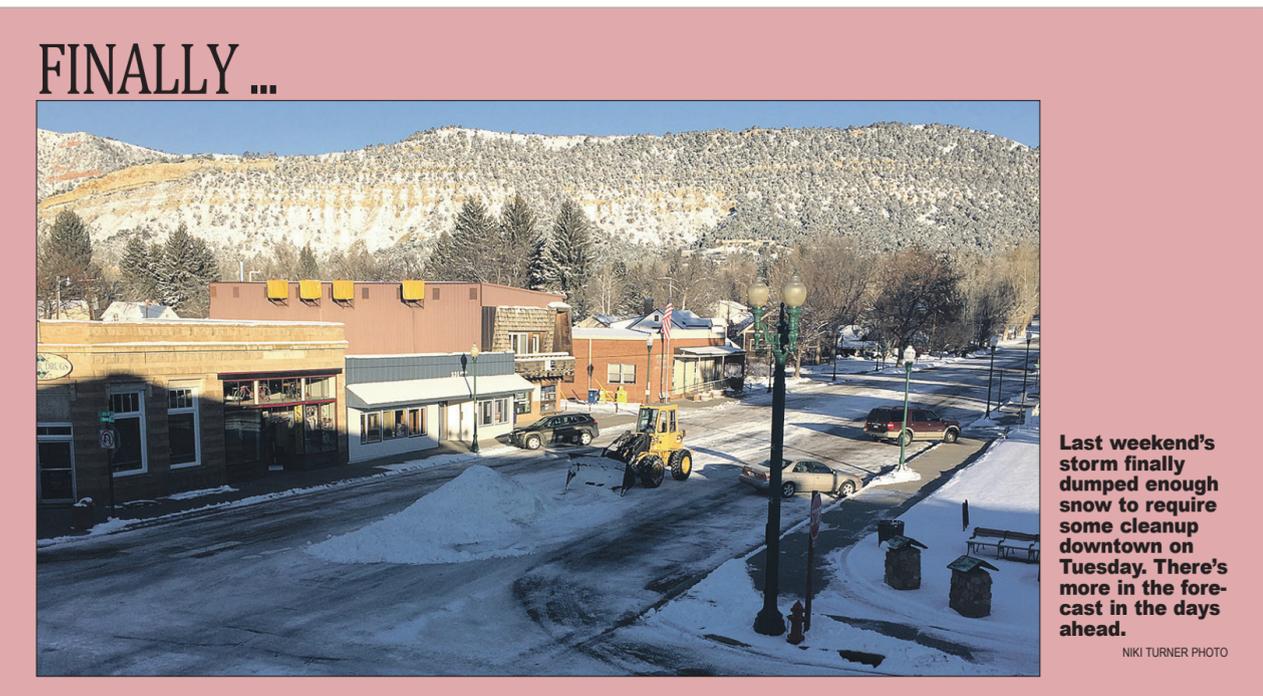
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- **MHS Cheer Clinic** Feb. 2 from 10 a.m. to Noon at the MHS gym. Free clinic for boys and girls K-8th grade. Participants in the cheer clinic will cheer at halftime of the 7 p.m. home basketball game on Friday, Feb. 2. Visit www.ermrec.com for details, or call 970-878-3403.
 - **Movie Matinee at MRC** Feb. 5 at 1:30 p.m. at the Meeker Recreation Center. Adults 18 and older are invited to a free showing of "The Hollars." Visit www.ermrec.com for details, or call 970-878-3403.
 - **Tootsie Care Day** at 290 Fourth St., Feb. 10 from 12-3 p.m. Open to anyone 74 and under who has trouble with toenail trimming. Donations go the VFW and Auxiliary Scholarship fund.
 - **The Rangely Moms Group** meets the first Thursday of each month from 9-11 a.m. at First Baptist Church (207 S. Sunset Ave.) to help connect moms in our community. Any moms who have newborn through elementary aged children are welcome to join us for food, fellowship and fun. Childcare is provided. The first meeting is free. Subsequent meetings are \$5. Scholarships are available if needed.
 - **Real-Tea Roundtable.** Join real estate expert Suzan Pelloni for helpful hints on buying and selling property. The first Wednesday of the month at 7:30 a.m. at Wendell's.
 - **Adult Open Gym pickleball** Mondays at 7:30 p.m. in the MES gym. For 18 and older. Volleyball Tuesdays from 7:30-9 p.m. in the MES gym. Adult open gym basketball Wednesdays from 7:30-9 p.m. in the MES gym. Call 878-3403 for details.
 - **The Meeker Library Book Club** meets at 1 p.m. the second Monday of each month (excluding holidays). Feb. 12 we will be discussing "The Other Einstein" by Marie Benedict. All interested readers are welcome. Stop by the Meeker Library for details.
 - **Storytime at the Rangely Regional Library** Tuesdays at 10 a.m.
 - **Quilting Group.** Tuesdays from 1-9 p.m. at the Meeker Public Library. All are welcome. Come during hours that fit your schedule. Bring your sewing machine and project. Making quilts for the Walbridge Wing and hospice care.
 - **Gentleman's Club** meeting every Tuesday at 9 a.m. at the Meeker Recreation Center and each Thursday at 9 a.m. at the VFW, 290 4th St. in Meeker.
 - **Game Day** for adults 50-plus on Wednesdays at 9 a.m. in the Meeker Recreation Center lounge. Call 878-3403 or visit www.ermrec.com.
 - **Children's Story Hour** Wednesdays at 10 a.m. at the Meeker Public Library.
 - **Free Community Dinner** every Thursday at 5:30 p.m. at St. James' Episcopal Church—Richards' Hall, Fourth and Park.
- Please send calendar items to calendar@theheraldtimes.com before 5 p.m. on Monday.*



Last weekend's storm finally dumped enough snow to require some cleanup downtown on Tuesday. There's more in the forecast in the days ahead.
NIKI TURNER PHOTO

School board shares student successes

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MEEKER | President Bud Ridings led the Meeker Board of Education into its first regular meeting of 2018 at 7 p.m., Jan. 16. Shortly after convening, High School Principal Amy Chinn was asked to present the student celebrations she brought with her: the first installment of "senior successes." She set forth nine students who already think they have their plans and primary scholarships in sight for their foray into the college world next fall. In doing so, she credited the senior seminar course ongoing this semester, taught by school counselor Tina K. Smith, with helping students optimize their college choices and scholarship potentials.

The students, their plans and scholarships, included Taylor Dodds, Dodge City (KS) Community College, softball scholarship, hoping to pursue early childhood education; Maddie Arnold, University of Arizona,

Northern Arizona, or Wyoming, for political science with hopes of going to law school thereafter; Jacob Pelloni, who expects to have his associate degree by the time he graduates in May, to CNCC for the flight program; Avery Watt, Altoona Campus of Pennsylvania State University, for kinesiology and athletic trainer education; Elissa Quinteros, University of Northern Colorado or Adams State University for elementary teaching, as a first generation college entrant; Sember Leatham, BYU, final 500 (out of 15,000) through the Quest Bridge nine-school, multiple-college application process designed to assist with financial aid; Sierra Williams, BYU, high scoring after much work on ACT testing, and also a Colorado Boettcher Scholar semi-finalist; Shelby Steele, Colorado Mesa University, first generation student scholarship and in line for dance scholarship; and Macy Collins, Hutchinson Community College, Kans., full-ride livestock judging scholarship, in pursuit of a bachelor's

from a four-year school in animal science, and then a master's in animal genetics possibly followed by further graduate work. Josie Drussell, who was unable to attend the meeting, was also celebrated as a Quest Bridge Scholar having obtained a super four-year full-ride scholarship in pre-med at the University of Virginia.

The board gave final approval to the current 2017-2018 school year budget. The approved budget includes projected total expenditures of \$7.25 million, revenues of \$6.91 million, and a deficit of \$340,000 (all figures rounded). The previous two school years had total expenditures of \$6.3 million and \$7.1 million. The board is making an effort to spend down their budget reserve fund.

In budget related matters, the board approved an increase in pay for activity bus drivers which they felt have been underpaid. The new rate for activity drivers is \$15.76 per hour. In policy, the board approved, on third and final reading, a slightly revised policy on student transporta-

tion by school staff in private vehicles.

On personnel matters, the board accepted resignations from food service workers Cindy Nelson, director, and Roberta Kinnamon. Approved hires were middle school wrestling coaches Todd Morris, head, and Chris Selle, assistant; high school track coaches John Strate, head, along with assistants Greg Cravens, Terrence Casias, and Heather Burke, as well as volunteers Shane Phelan, Kris Casey and Coley Turner; high school baseball coaches Brian Merrifield, head, and Donald Blazon, assistant; and route/activity bus driver Robert Johnson. Johnson attended the meeting in order to meet the board.

At their next work session, Feb. 6, the board expects to discuss changing its meeting night from the first and third Tuesdays to other nights. One of their concerns is the number of other boards meeting on those same Tuesday nights like the Meeker Recreation District board, town council and hospital board.

Rangely PD makes arrest related to overdose death

Special to the Herald Times

RANGELY | On Oct. 21, 2017, at approximately 2:53 a.m., the Rangely Police Department was dispatched to the 600 block of East Rio Blanco in reference to a 22-year-old male who was found unresponsive. Members of the Rangely Police Department arrived on scene and immediately began life-saving measures followed by the Rangely Ambulance service and the Rangely Fire Department. A short time later the male, identified as Alexander Richens, was pronounced deceased by medical staff.

On Oct. 22, 2017, an autopsy was completed on Richens by Dr. Havlik in Mesa County. The cause of death was later revealed as "mixed drug (fentanyl and cocaine) and alcohol intoxication."

The Rangely Police Department conducted an investigation surrounding Richens' death.

On Dec. 28, 2017, Donavann Gibson, 26, was arrested as a result of that investigation. A warrant was issued on probable cause that Gibson had provided the illegal substances



Donavann Gibson

that contributed to Richens death. Gibson was arrested for the following charges: unlawful distribution of drugs and child abuse. He is currently out on bond and is awaiting trial.

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SNOW LAWS

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10.08.015 - Parking prohibited in snow maintenance areas.
It shall be unlawful for any person to park or leave standing, any vehicle or utility trailer, either attended or unattended, on public streets, which would interfere with or obstruct Town snowplowing operations or street maintenance operations. The Street Department Superintendent and/or Chief of Police or their designee, shall have the authority to notify persons who violate this Section, and shall require them to move the vehicle or trailer within seventy-two (72) hours of notification, or said vehicle or utility trailer shall be subject to removal by the Town.

10.08.020 - Placement of snow on public property or rights-of-way or obstructing views.
It shall be unlawful for any person to place snow or ice upon public property, including public streets. Furthermore, cleared snow shall be piled and accumulated in a manner which does not block visibility of drivers on public streets and alleys or cause other hazardous conditions. The Street Department Superintendent, or his or her designee, shall have the authority to notify property owners who violate this Section, and shall require them to, in a timely fashion, remedy the situation.

10.08.030 - Fine for violation.
Any person convicted of, or who pleads guilty or no contest to, Sections 10.08.015 or 10.08.020 above, shall be subject to a fine of not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00).
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NEWS BRIEFS

Ice Fishing Day this Saturday, Jan. 27

MEEKER | Hosted by ERBM Recreation and Park District and Colorado Parks and Wildlife, the Family Fun Ice Fishing event is free for all ages and runs from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. this Saturday, Jan. 27 at Lake Avery. A valid fishing license is required for all participants 16 and older. For more information on the event, visit www.erbmrec.com or the Meeker Recreation Center.

Register for community ed classes now

MEEKER | Spring CNCC Community Education Classes starting mid-January through February are open for registration. Don't miss these opportunities to learn or create something new. Jan. 23-Feb. 13, Microsoft Word- 6-8 p.m.; review basic skills and learn new tricks and techniques with the computer. Jan. 25-March 15, photography workshop, 5-7 p.m.; always new techniques to learn about cameras and how to take great pictures. Jan. 26 and Feb. 2, crocheted rugs, 1:30-4 p.m.; make a unique rug for yourself or a gift. Feb. 5, 12, smart phone workshop, 6-8 p.m.; enjoy hands on training with your phone to make your life easier. Feb. 7-March 14, basic creative cooking class, 5:30-8:30 p.m.; fun new class with ideas for wide range of food topics. Feb. 16, 17, mosaic garden stone workshop, 2-5 p.m. Friday and 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Saturday; learn this exciting craft to decorate surfaces and make gifts. Feb. 19-March 12, basic social media marketing, 6-8 p.m.; develop marketing strategies to market your business on social media sites. Senior tuition discounts available. For further information, call 878-5227 to get on a class list, or stop by the CNCC Meeker Center at 345 Sixth St. on Tuesday or Wednesday to complete registrations. Registrations may be mailed to CNCC, PO Box 1542, faxed to 878-4145 or emailed to iris.franklin@cncc.edu.

Waving Hands Review seeks submissions

RANGELY | Waving Hands Review is seeking submissions of your creative work. Cash prizes in four categories: artwork, poetry, fiction and nonfiction. Submission deadline is Feb. 15. Visit the website for submission guidelines: <https://www.cncc.edu/about-cncc/publications/waving-hands-review/>

Crab Crack to be held Feb. 10

RANGELY | The annual Crab Crack will be held Saturday, Feb. 10. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. for social hour. Dinner is at 7 p.m. Chamber members must have paid their full 2018 membership dues before making a reservation. For more information, please call 970-675-5290 or email rangelychamber@gmail.com.

First aid class Saturday, Feb 10 in Meeker

MEEKER | The ERBM Recreation and Park District will be hosting a First Aid/CPA/AED class on Saturday, Feb. 10 from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Meeker Recreation Center multipurpose room. Interested individuals 12 years of age and older may register on or before Feb 3 for \$30 by calling the Meeker Recreation Center at 970-878-3403. If space allows, registration up until the day of the class will be allowed for \$35. The class teaches participants to recognize and respond appropriately to cardiac, breathing, and first aid emergencies. This class teaches participants the skills needed to give immediate care to an injured or ill person until more advanced medical personnel arrive and take over. A First Aid/CPR/AED certification card is included in the price of the class.

Meeker: Project 45 meeting Feb. 13

MEEKER | The next Main Street—Meeker: Project 45—meeting will held Feb. 13 at noon at the courthouse conference room (west door, bottom floor). With the new year, the Main Street committee is developing new projects and goals and needs to build its committee with brainstormers, do-ers, movers and shakers, business owners, residents and people who are passionate about creating a vibrant Meeker. If you haven't come to a meeting before, now is a great time. For more information, visit <http://meekerchamber.com/main-street-program/>

CORRECTION

MEEKER | Reports from the Town of Meeker board meeting that there could be a tiebreaker for the joint town and county Meeker library district board were incorrect. There were two seats available, one appointed by the county and one appointed by the town and county. A list of all the board appointments made by the county commissioners Monday will be published next week once the county has notified all parties involved.

COUNCIL: RPD, town agree to review complaint filing process

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my husband to come home," she said.

Former councilman Gary Hinaman discussed his experience as a parent of a drug addict. He said that he supports drug addicts being arrested and held so they can detox. He also discussed the need for a local halfway house and rehabilitation programs to support addicts when they are released from jail.

Jessica Fortunato shared her story of an auto accident she was involved in last week. Fortunato rolled her pickup on the hill below the recreation center. She and her daughter, who was in the vehicle, walked the short distance home and called in the accident. She said the responding officer told her she would not be issued a ticket, as she wasn't speeding and not doing anything wrong. According to Fortunato, Tuesday

she was informed that the status had changed and she was now under investigation for reckless driving. She said the officer also told her he believed she'd been drinking. Fortunato was upset about the damage that had been done to her reputation and questioned what caused the change in status.

Councilman Andy Key asked why the RPD posted a status update on an ongoing drug investigation on Facebook and instigated an investigation in the Fortunato accident on Tuesday. Key described them as, "power moves." Attorney Wilson suggested the issue not be discussed in public.

John Perry, owner of the Main Street Pub, said he believes the high number of traffic stops has impacted his business. He said customers have learned that every time they leave the Pub they get pulled over and have decided to just quit coming.

He acknowledged the tough work the officers take on, but wanted them to make sure their work was "legitimate."

Leonard Lane stated that we need to always support the police and said, "This is the wrong place to be doing this." Crystal Ducey also expressed support for the department.

Shaffer also asked about the department's role in responding to and addressing complaints. The discussion of formal complaint filings struck a nerve with the audience which alleged the complaint process opened them up to retribution and was ineffective. Chief Wilczek said he was open to improvements in the complaint filing process.

Chief Wilczek expressed support for his department by saying, "All my officers are great officers." He also said all police tactics everywhere are the same and there would

not be any retribution from the officers for those who file complaints.

In other business, before the public forum the council swore in Matt Billgren as a trustee. Billgren was appointed by the council earlier this month following the resignation of Joe Nielsen.

Members of the Rangely High School Student Council approached the trustees seeking a donation for Rowdy Worm, the after-prom activity for students. The town agreed to provide \$750 and requested that the student council spend as much money as possible in town.

Petitions to run for the council in the April election were returned to Town Clerk Lisa Piering this week. Andy Shaffer is running unopposed for mayor. Five residents have turned in petitions for three open seats on the board: James Dillon, Luke Geer, Alisa Granger, Matt Billgren and Rich Garner.

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EDITOR'S COLUMN...

Hitch it up and let's go!

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Every job comes with some unexpected perks. While I spend several nights a month covering meetings, many of which are drier than dust, Tuesday I got to do something new. I was asked to be a judge for the district spelling bee. It's the most fun I've had in ages. Yes, I know that reveals my not-really-hidden inner nerd and predilection for staying at home all weekend.

I was impressed by the number of parents and family members who came out in the cold on a Tuesday for the bee. I was even more impressed by how well the participating students did and how they encouraged one another. It's good to see kids competing academically.

Local sports tend to garner a great deal of attention in small towns. Sporting events provide social gatherings for adults and kids alike, keep the kids busy and teach them the importance of physical activity, teamwork, sportsmanship and more. But sports shouldn't get all the attention, either.

Academic achievements need to be recognized as well. Spelling bees and knowledge bowls are ways for the general public to get involved in that same atmosphere of competition enjoyed at sporting events.



Much to my amazement, I'm now a member of a local board,

and this time not by accident. (The editor of the newspaper is appointed to the Fairfield Trust committee by default.) I am honored to have been chosen to serve as a board member and officer for the Rio Blanco County Historical Society.

New board president Terri Ruckman-Reed's story about her ancestor who got caught in "traffic" between Meeker and Rifle has stayed with me. The wagon in front got stuck in the mud, holding up the rest of the travelers. (Not much has changed on that road, apparently.) At the end of the line, Terri's relation unhitched his team, led them to the front of the line and hitched them to the stuck wagon.

The other wagons followed suit, and together they pulled the stuck wagon out of the mud so everyone could move forward. By working together they made progress. (Washington, D.C., could learn a lesson from our humble RBC pioneers.)

Radical independence and self-righteous self-sufficiency are admirable values, but if we want to move forward, it requires a bit of self-sacrifice and some basic, logical community cooperation. Sooner or later the one in the lead is going to be the one stuck in the mud. We might have moved beyond wagons and stagecoaches, but we haven't evolved so far we don't need to work together for our mutual good.

GUEST COLUMN

There's a ditch on both sides

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Caitlin Walker

RBC I have fun childhood memories of my grandparents' ranch. They didn't have livestock—unless you count the extremely obnoxious Appaloosas who would swipe your soda and suck it down in three seconds flat—but they had all the other essentials. Rusty trucks, barbed wire, endless hay bales and yards and yards of duct tape and baling twine holding it all together.

The thing I remember most, though, is the irrigation ditch that snaked its way through the property.

We were taught from an early age that ditches are extremely dangerous. At some point, years and years before, a child had drowned in the ditch, and my mom was terrified that we'd ignore all reason and go for a dip anyway. (Rightly so. My relatively short stint as a parent has taught me children are the antithesis of all things common sense.)

Her repeated warnings worked well, but the assurance from Grandpa that the ditch was full of liquefied cow pies worked better.

There were several bridges across, ranging in difficulty from casual stroll to FEAR FACTOR level (remember that show?), but my least favorite was one made of about 30 rusty pipes laid across two beams. They weren't welded in place and would roll like a conveyor belt as you walked (or army-crawled, crying and screaming) across.

I'm sure you've heard the "ditch on both sides" analogy plenty, but I always imagine the high road more like this bridge than a wide easy path. Slippery, slithery and strung over a dangerous ditch of misinformation and bias.

The atrocious slanted journalism of our era has made the ditch deeper and swifter than ever before. If we're not diligent about maintaining our footing firmly in truth, we can easily be swept away.

Most people these days, it seems, are content to forego the bridge altogether and jump headlong into, well, a steaming morass of liquefied manure. It's difficult, time-consuming and often terrifying to commit to the truth, to be accountable for your belief system and its maintenance, to shift with new information.

It's possible, though. And if we're going to create a world we want our children to grow up in, it's crucial.

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GUEST COLUMN

Teacher to class: 'Can you hear me now?'

By JOYCE RANKIN
Special to the Herald Times



Joyce Rankin

RBC I "It's just common sense." How many times have you heard this phrase and thought "If only more people would just use common sense"? I was thinking that during a conversation with Dan Snowberger, school superintendent in Durango.

Dan and I, along with a thousand other educators, attended an Excellence in Education conference last month where use of technology in the K-12 classroom was discussed. While there are already

lessons available that introduce students, as early as Kindergarten, to technology, the conversation turned to middle and high school students use of cell phones in the classroom. How can a student concentrate on the task at hand when they are on their cell phone texting a friend? The answer for one Principal in Snowberger's district was to ban cell phones in his middle school. "Ban cell phones", you say. "That's impossible."

Evidently, not for Durango's Mountain Middle School (grades 4-8) Principal Shane Voss. First, Voss invited parents and interested community members to a screening of a film titled "Screenagers" explaining how the child's brain develops. The film attempted to explain the result of too much "screen time" or time spent in front of a computer screen or cell phone.

At first parents had some concerns about the importance of phones when they needed to get in touch with their child in an emergency situation. Voss assured parents that there would always be personnel available to answer the office phone during school hours. The emphasis of the new "no cell phone" rule was to "keep students engaged in the present," Voss said.

"We have a highly collaborative and innovative learning environment", stated Voss, "The students can now use 100 percent of their energy with the task at hand." He also added that social bullying during school time has greatly decreased.

Voss created a cell phone free environment that seems to be working. There is a time and place for the teen culture of social media, it's just not at Mountain Middle School. Technology certainly has its place but so does "focus."

Common sense? Yes, coupled with strong leadership and community support.

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GUEST COLUMN

Congress must ensure healthy forests and secure watersheds

By **ANDY MUELLER**
Special to the Herald Times

RBC I It's not fire season right now—or at least it shouldn't be—but continuing drought and seemingly constant shifts in "normal" weather patterns set the stage for record-setting, winter wildfires in California that cost the federal government billions to contain, all which highlight similar concerns for Colorado.

Ongoing drought cycles and the overgrown condition of our forests leave Colorado and the entire American West at risk of even more destructive and costly fire seasons in the days and years ahead.

The federal government is the single largest landowner in Colorado and the majority of those lands are managed by the U.S. Forest Service. In fact, federal agencies own and manage more than 35 percent of the land in Colorado, and in some Western Slope counties that percentage is north of 90 percent.

Now consider that most of the water used in our homes and businesses, and to irrigate our crops in Colorado, originates on federal lands. This means the federal government has a major responsibility for the management and health of our forests and watersheds.

But the feds have largely abdicated that responsibility.

Year after year, federal dollars appropriated for critical forest

health and forest



Andy Mueller

management are diverted to pay for the ever-increasing cost of firefighting. Consequently, the very programs that would reduce wildfire risk have been drastically reduced. For water managers, the federal government's approach to fighting wildfires presents an insidious threat beyond the immediate and serious danger of the wildfires themselves.

Federal agencies currently determine wildfire budgets based on the average costs of fighting fires over each decade and the U.S. Forest Service funds firefighting entirely through its annual operating budget. This outdated budgeting process clearly fails to consider that fire seasons are growing longer and more expensive with every passing year—putting our watersheds and our water resources at even greater risk.

The problem has become so large that the Forest Service now spends more than half of its annual budget fighting wildfire emergencies, leaving little left to either prevent fires or to restore burned forest ecosystems. That trend will continue to worsen if it isn't addressed.

While the Colorado River District supports full funding for firefighting, it should not come at the expense of forest fire prevention and watershed health. If we continue on the current path, wildland fires and the attendant expense of fighting those fires will continue to set new records—all to the exclusion of improving our forests' health and reducing the future risk of wildfires.

It's time to change the way federal dollars are appropriated for firefighting. It's time to end the practice of "fire borrowing" that deprives federal land management agencies of the resources they need to protect our most valuable natural resources.

Catastrophic wildfires are no less disasters than are hurricanes and catastrophic floods. Accordingly, they should be funded like other disasters through the Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA) or other emergency response agencies, not from the Forest Service's day-to-day planning and management budget.

Colorado's congressional delegation has an opportunity to act now. Congress is currently working on a bill to fund disaster recoveries as part of a larger bill to keep the government operating. A permanent fire funding fix belongs in this bill.

To their credit, Colorado Senators Michael Bennet and Cory Gardner, and Congressman Scott Tipton have worked hard to advance bipartisan solutions to the "fire borrowing" problem. Their efforts, however, have been derailed by partisan demands from both sides of the aisle that are outside of the scope of the fire funding problem.

Our current system isn't working. It's time to prioritize and fund proactive forest management to protect our forests, our watersheds, and our local economies. Congress must act now. It's no less than our water supplies that are at risk.

Andy Mueller is the general manager for the Colorado River District.

RDA discusses future options

By **JEN HILL**
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RBC I The Rangely Development Agency met quickly last week for updates and to discuss the future of the RDA.

The board received an update from Keely Winger with the County Economic Development Department regarding the Small Business Development Center (SBDC) which currently operates out of the Rangely Chamber of Commerce office. Winger informed the board that they are collaborating with both towns and Chambers as well as CNCC. The SBDC offers business consulting and workshops. The SBDC is planning workshops in the coming months on topics including government con-

tracting and business planning. The SBDC is currently funded completely through state grants, receiving \$70,000 in state funding over the next three years.

The RDA is still working on several economic development projects including an airplane maintenance and repair operation facility, call center recruitment and avionics specialist possibilities. They discussed the need of having a courtesy car available at the airport for potential MRO customers.

At their December meeting the RDA discussed the future of the board and potentially transitioning RDA authority to a governing body such as the town council. Town Manager Peter Brixius informed the board that the transfer would require a ballot

measure. He also informed the board that some updates to the town plan will need completed before any tax incremental funding can be sought.

The Better City contract has been extended through the month of July. The contracted projects include data center, call center and MRO facility recruitment. The extension did not come with any additional expense.

In 2017 the RDA approved \$25,536 in façade and business improvement grants.

The RDA decided they will again explore the option of a cooperative style grocery store. They are currently gathering information to discuss at future meetings.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thanks for help with Operation Bring a Smile

Dear Editor:

I believe that happiness and laughter are good for everyone. I also believe in respecting my elders. Operation Bring a Smile rolled into the Walbridge Wing of Pioneer Medical Center on Saturday, Jan. 13. Residents and staff were treated to an after lunch baseball comedy act "Who Is On First Base."

Popcorn vendors brought everyone popcorn and the show was on.

Everyone came together: VFW and Auxiliaries, American Legion, local citizens and the folks at NovelTees and LAI all pitched in. Special thanks to activities director Mrs. Jean Gianinetti and her amazing staff for their support and patience. Operation Bring a Smile was a huge success. A good time was had by all.

Wes Eubanks
VFW/American Legion

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The Pilgrim's Journey (5)

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... strangers ... pilgrims ... foreigners ... (Heb. 11:13; Eph. 2:19)

THERE is one final aspect of the true Christian pilgrim's journey: *sixth*, he is *resolute* in his continual travel onward towards the city of habitation. He goes from place to place, from experience to experience, from dawn to dusk, from birth to old age in constant spiritual growth. He advances in knowledge, love, obedience, and holiness, and thus increases in heavenly mindedness. All he does here continually prepares him for an eternity in glory. True Christianity is progressive, deepening, and ever expanding.

As Paul declared of himself after 30 years of ministry (Phil. 3:12-14): "Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus. Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

"Apprehend" (and "apprehended") translates *katalambanō*, "to lay hold of, to seize with eagerness." Paul uses it here in reference to the ancient Olympic games. He is saying in essence, "While I am strenuously contending for the prize, ever eager to seize it, I have not yet attained it. I therefore continue to reach forth, to press toward, to pursue, to go after the prize of the knowledge of Christ."

Shakespeare's character Hamlet spoke of "the undis-

covered country" (*Hamlet*, III.1.80), that is, death with its fears and finality. In contrast, let us ponder:

The Discovered Country

It's now long ago since the poet spoke,
What he dubbed "the undiscovered country."
The picture was that of death's heavy yoke
And struggling with "to be or not to be."
The player pondered with terrible dread
That country lurking beyond the earth's shore.
Knowing no traveler returned once dead,
Terror did grip him at his very core.
But there's another realm he knew not of,
The "discovered country" where there's no fear.
It is with Jesus in Heaven above,
The kingdom of joy and eternal cheer.

In that country is our citizenship,
Forever with Him our companionship.

Scriptures for Study: How do the following verses encourage us: 2 Corinthians 4:17-18; 5:1; 2 Timothy 4:7-8?

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Dinwiddie receives recommendation for Merchant Marine Academy

By VICTORIA LASKER
Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER Zach Dinwiddie, 18, a senior at Meeker High School, was one of 24 students statewide to be interviewed by Congressmen and received a senate-approved recommendation to attend the Merchant Marine Academy which in the future will ensure his placement into the Colorado Springs Air Force academy. Leading up to this accomplishment, Dinwiddie has maintained a 3.8 GPA, and received a multitude of academic awards, as well as athletic awards for

his high school football and basketball careers.

"I have been given a wonderful opportunity and I plan to use it to succeed in the future," Dinwiddie said.

The Air Force Academy is a military academy located in western Colorado, just north of Colorado Springs in El Paso County. In the public school rankings, the academy is ranked No. 3 nationwide. With an overall score of 81/100, The Air Force Academy has an acceptance rate of 12 percent.

He is the son of Mike and Karen Dinwiddie of Meeker.



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Participants in the inaugural "I Ride With James" snowmobile poker run lined up for a photo in 2012. The Sizemores, who organized the poker run in honor of their son James, who was killed in an avalanche while snowmobiling east of Meeker in 2011, have hosted the event for five years. They aren't holding the poker run this year, but will continue the scholarship program they created for MHS grads headed to trade schools.

"I Ride With James" poker run comes to an end, scholarship fund remains

By NIKI TURNER
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MEEKER "From something this tragic, we need to come up with something good to do," Mike Sizemore told his wife Kathy the night they learned their son James, 19, had been killed in an avalanche while snowmobiling near Sand Peak east of Meeker.

"We were sitting in the dark talking," Kathy wrote. "And so it started."

Since that cold, dark night in 2011, much good has been accomplished, thanks to the Sizemore's dedication and perseverance.

In 2012 they established an annual snowmobile poker run, making avalanche awareness the main focus of the event while raising funds for search and rescue equipment, putting up avalanche warning signs

and creating a scholarship fund for Meeker High School graduates.

"The first poker run was in 2012, on President's Day weekend, the same weekend James died," Kathy said via email. "We used James's old school bus, which he and his friends had used to go dirt biking, as the staging area. We sold poker hands and had stops along a route. The route followed a path that James had ridden many times with friends and family, a route easily taken by any rider, experienced or new. Mike wanted everyone to be able to enjoy the day."

Friends and family came from near and far for the "I Ride With James" event, many helping by donating food, riding in the poker run, and sharing memories, which became part of the family's healing process.

Kids who came got a prize: a

hat, helmet, T-shirt, toy, sticker, something. "Mike wanted everyone to have the best time ever," Kathy wrote. For the last five years the grand prize for the best poker hand was a kids' snowmobile.

Since that first event, the Sizemores have presented \$13,000 in scholarships to Meeker High School graduates planning to attend a trade school.

"We feel that most times these students are left out of the equation. We do not require an application. James's sisters, Abigail and Sarah, said James would not have ever filled out an application so the decision was made. The high school allows us to know the names of students applying to trade-type colleges and we then choose from that."

The Sizemores have also purchased backpacks with probes and shovels for search and rescue mem-

bers, "Iggy" bags—thermal body bags used to transport injured parties from wilderness areas, first aid bags for four-wheelers or snowmobiles depending on the season, as well as other items for search and rescue teams.

This year the family has decided to discontinue the poker run due to a lack of snow and waning interest in the event. They will continue the scholarship fund, regardless.

"We have talked about doing another poker run on the 10th anniversary," Kathy said. "We will miss seeing all the friends and family who have come to help and be with us."

Donations to the scholarship fund can be made through Bank of the San Juans, and donations to the search and rescue team can be made through the Rio Blanco County Sheriff's Office in James's name.

OBITUARY

Hannah Rachel Caldwell Palmer

Jan. 24, 1933 ~ Jan. 14, 2018

Hannah Rachel Caldwell Palmer passed away Jan. 14, 2018, at her home in the Walbridge Wing in Meeker, Colo.; one day short of the 24th anniversary of the death of her husband, Buck.

Rachel was born on Jan. 24, 1933, on the Scenery Gulch Ranch near Meeker, Colo., to Verne and Hannah (Blue) Caldwell. She grew up riding horses, hunting, and working cows near Meeker and Grand Junction. She was graduated from Grand Junction High School and then attended Cottey College and Colorado State Teachers College where she earned a bachelors degree in teaching.

After college, she moved to Rangely, Colo., and taught physical education. She met the love of her life Mabry (Buck) Palmer when he came to help put the roof on her cabin on Lost Solar Creek. They were married on Feb. 10, 1961. Rachel loved spending time with her family at her cabin, where she lived during the summers until health problems forced her to remain in



Hanna Rachel Caldwell Palmer

town. She loved hunting, fishing, sports, riding horses, reading and playing cards, especially Pinochle.

Rachel was preceded in death by her husband, Buck; daughter-in-law, Roxi; her parents, Verne and Rachel; and Doug (Susie) Palmer of Meeker; step-daughter Pat (Eddie) Nye of Kalispell, Mont.; and step-son Mike Englert of Dinosaur, Colo.; seven grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren, and four great-great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at the Meeker United Methodist Church in Meeker, Colo., on Jan. 27, 2018, at 10 a.m.

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Nieslanik on Gonzaga U. president's list

MEEKER Samuel Joseph Nieslanik has earned placement on the Gonzaga University President's List for fall semester 2017. Students must earn a 3.85 to 4.0 grade-point average to be listed. Gonzaga University is a humanistic, private Catholic University providing a Jesuit education to more than 7,500 students. Nieslanik is the son of Joe and Ellen Nieslanik.

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ALLIE WILLEY PHOTO
The Meeker FFA is raising funds to help teacher Kris Casey with medical bills by creating and selling items made from horseshoes.

Horseshoes for Hope FFA fundraiser for local teacher

By **ALLIE WILLEY**
Special to the Herald Times

RBC Horseshoes for Hope is being run by the Meeker FFA organization to raise money to help Kris Casey. Casey was diagnosed with breast cancer and is getting ready to undergo radiation treatment. The FFA organization made the decision to help Casey with the process since she has done so much for our community and were wanting to give back somehow. The FFA program felt that Casey deserved everything and more

for how much she has been able to help her students. Almost everyone had Casey as a teacher at one point or another.

"I just feel that this would be a great opportunity to give back. I mean, I've heard so many great things about her and I am honored to be able to be a part of something that can help in some way," said FFA member Emily Beene.

FFA members will be creating everyday things from horseshoes for sale to the public. They are making things like rings, bracelets, necklac-

es, candle holders, keyholders, coasters, picture frames and many more. They plan to sell their creations on Feb. 9 during the basketball games in the lobby. All the money raised will be going to Casey, and 15 percent will also be going to another cancer organization of their choice. The students in charge are Emily Beene and Derek Neilson. They've put in tons of hard work and dedication to make it happen. The FFA program has had this project going on for a few months, and they are excited to reveal what they have made to everyone.

BAKKAR: Hospital plans to use more visiting surgeons

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the highest praise for Borchard's skill and orthopedic knowledge. Bakkar's mother, Linda Bakkar, has also now relocated from Washington and become a Meeker resident and homeowner.

Harman said the business plan for PMC is to expand surgical services through visiting surgeons in more specialized areas such as urology, expanded colonoscopies with Dr. Gerard Tomasso from Glenwood Springs, spinal surgeries and neurology. PMC is also expecting to have two new family practice physicians on board in the next few months.

Harman is hoping one will be here within a couple months. The other is due to start July 30. These doctors will be filling in behind Dr. Tessa Landa who left PMC for personal reasons at the end of 2017, moving with her daughter to the Eagle area.

At the beginning, PMC contracted with Bakkar on a part-time basis and asked him to be on call only 10 days a month. In order to keep up his skills and meet his professional goals, Bakkar has been doing surgery stints at Valley View in Glenwood Springs and Fort Morgan, Colo., and Glasgow and Sydney, Mont., hospitals. He maintains his working relationship with Valley View and

patients can follow him there. For his part, however, Bakkar said the thing that has bothered him the most about being cut from PMC is that he was severed from his patients overnight and vice versa. He was told to cancel any scheduled surgeries, that his malpractice insurance was no longer covered, and that follow-up patients would be directed to Dr. Williams.

Harman said PMC would be contacting all Bakkar's current patients to explain their options, which would include having Bakkar treat them through Valley View. Bakkar said he cannot understand why PMC wouldn't have had him continue follow-up care with current patients, at

least through the end of the month. His contract was effective for another year.

Bakkar and his wife, Bonnie, a nurse, chose to come to Meeker on the promise of practicing "relationship medicine." Bakkar feels what's developed with PMC in the last week is quite the opposite and indicative of corporate financial expediency rather than patient-centered care.

The Bakkars have two children enrolled in the Meeker School District. Bonnie said the kids are really enjoying school, and unlike life in big cities where they've been, they feel safe going anywhere here.

County Sheriffs of Colorado will award \$500 scholarship to an RBC student

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RBC Sheriff Anthony Mazzola has announced that County Sheriffs of Colorado, Inc. (CSOC), the state Sheriffs Association, will award a \$500 scholarship to a deserving Rio Blanco County student this spring. Since there are two schools in the county, the scholarship is offered every other year and rotated between Rangely and Meeker schools. In 2016 Rangely was the receiving school, this year Meeker will be the receiving school. CSOC established the scholarship program in 1978. Since then, this effort has continued as a meaningful expression of the sheriffs' confidence in and respect for education and training. CSOC considers this an invest-

ment in the future and believes that our membership is helping to provide deserving students with an opportunity to make a positive contribution to society.

Scholarship announcements have been mailed to the school offices in the eligible counties and to all Colorado higher education institutions. Applications are available online at www.csoc.org, or at the Rio Blanco County Sheriff's office, 355 Fourth St. Meeker, Colo.

Sheriff Anthony Mazzola explained that this is the 39th year that County Sheriffs of Colorado has made such scholarships available. A scholarship will be awarded in more than 30 Colorado counties this year. Applications will

be reviewed by a local citizens committee appointed by Sheriff Mazzola, and a selection will be made on the basis of criteria established by CSOC. This criterion includes leadership, merit, character, involvement and career purpose.

Any legal permanent resident of Rio Blanco County enrolled in, or applying to, a vocational training program or institution of higher learning in the State of Colorado as a full- or part-time student is eligible to apply. There are no restrictions as to the course of study or training which may be pursued, and no restrictions are placed upon applications by reason of race, creed, age, sex or national origin.

For more information, contact

your local high school, college, the Rio Blanco County Sheriff's office or County Sheriffs of Colorado.

SGM announces 2018 scholarship availability

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MEEKER SGM, a civil engineering, consulting, and surveying firm headquartered in Glenwood Springs, with additional offices in Aspen, Gunnison, Grand Junction, Salida, Durango, and Meeker, awards up to five scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 each to assist aspiring civil engineers and surveyors in pursuit of their

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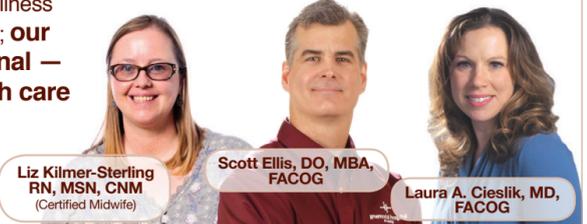
Kaden and Kolbi Franklin participated at the 2018 National Western Stock Show. (Top) Kaden was second in class and made it to the champion drive in Junior Showmanship. He also was second in class in the junior market steer show with his steer, Max, and made the champion drive and the sale. He sold his steer to Anadarko Oil Co. and Senator Jerry Sonnenberg. Kaden showed in the prospect steer show and was fourth in class with his Hereford steer, Bob. (Bottom) Kolbi showed a prospect steer and heifer. Her heifer, Sugar, was third in the breeding heifer show and her steer, Yogi, was seventh. She was also asked to assist Kirk Steirwalt in a televised grooming clinic sponsored by Andis Clippers and Weaver Show Supplies.

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Cowboy senior Eli Newman pulls a rebound away from above a Vail Christian player in a Western Slope League game, which the Cowboys won last Saturday, to increase their overall record to 9-3. Newman had a double-double against the Saints, leading the Cowboys with 19 points and 13 rebounds. The Cowboys will play in Vail this Saturday against the Vail Mountain Gore Rangers in another league contest.

Lady Panthers beat Debeque, North Park

By COLT ALLRED
Special to the Herald Times

RANGELY I The Lady Panthers had a big weekend, winning both games against Debeque and North Park.

The weekend started off with the Debeque Dragons coming to Rangely for a league game. The Panthers came out swinging and scored 23 points in the first quarter alone, while holding the Dragons to only four points. The Lady Panthers continued with their fast-paced offense and strict defense bringing in another 16 points in the second quarter.

At the half, the Dragons had only managed to find the basket for six points, which is mostly a credit to the Panthers defense. Coming out of the locker room the Panthers continued to roll on, creating lots of opportunities for fast break layups through their defense by forcing turnovers. The final score was 63-14 in the Panthers favor. The Panthers were able to keep the Dragons from scoring more than four points in any given quarter. Senior Katelyn Brown once again led the Panthers scoring drive with 28 points. Skylar Thacker was next in line with 11 points followed by Sarah Connor who had seven.

The week continued with the Panthers traveling to North Park for another league matchup. The Panthers started the game strong once again, managing to outscore the Wildcats 15-7 in the first quarter. However, things got very rough for the Panthers

in the second quarter.

First, Katelyn Brown took a hard fall on the baseline that resulted in her having to sit for the remainder of the half. Shortly after, Skylar Thacker, who is also a starter, had to come out of the game due to an ankle injury. At the point of her accident, Thacker was leading the team in scoring.

With two key players out of the game, the Panthers became flustered and North Park was able to score six points in the final minute of the first half. With the momentum on the side of the home team the Panthers went to the locker room with a 27-20 lead.

Unfortunately, the second half did not start how the Panthers had hoped and for a minute the Wildcats took the lead in the third quarter. The Panthers quickly regained composure however and took back the lead. Brown had come back into the game and was able to hit a half court shot to close the quarter, and set the tone for the rest of the game.

The final quarter of the game picked up for the Panthers, and they once again took control of the court. The Panthers once again came out victorious despite some adversity, with the final score of 54-37. Even having to sit out due to her fall, Katelyn Brown led the team with 19 points followed by Halie Elam who was next in line with 14 points. Skylar Thacker didn't even play for a full two quarters, but was still able to score 13 points. After this weekend, the Lady Panthers have an overall record of 10-3.



MATT SCOGGINS PHOTO

RHS senior Sarah Connor earned seven points for her team in the game against Debeque, and one point in the game against the North Park Wildcats.

Cowboys beat Cowboys and Saints

By BOBBY GUTIERREZ
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RBC I The Meeker boys' basketball team increased its record to 9-3, after wins against the Plateau Valley Cowboys and the Vail Christian Saints last week. The Cowboys will not play again until Saturday, when they travel to Vail to play the Vail Mountain Gore Rangers.

The Cowboys played last week's games without their big-man, Zach Dinwiddie, who was out due to a concussion, yet they were able to win both Western Slope League games, beating the Cowboys 47-38 and the Saints 68-58.

"Against Plateau Valley, we just gutted out a win," Meeker head coach Klark Kindler. "We were without Zach and then got into big-time foul trouble, which forced some young guys in and they did

a great job. We should get Zach back this week."

Meeker led by four at the end of the first quarter and led 26-19 at halftime. The second half was played a lot closer, with the Meeker Cowboys outscoring the Plateau Valley Cowboys by one point each period of the second half.

Senior Logan Hughes led his team with a double-double, scoring 15 points and pulling down 16 rebounds. Doak Mantle and Valentin Rosas each finished with seven points, Eli Newman scored six and recorded nine rebounds, while Ryan Phelan scored four, Trapper Merrifield and Kale Burke, each added a basket.

Against the Saints, who came in with a 10-1 record, Coach Kindler said his team "played well." Meeker jumped out to a 17-9 lead at the end of the first quarter and extended it by by at halftime. The Cowboys were outscored by three in the third

quarter but came back to outscore the Saints in the fourth and get the Western Slope League win.

"We shot the ball better and we did a great job of attacking the rim," coach Kindler said. "We did a good job on their leading scorer, holding him to seven points."

Newman led the Cowboys with a double-double, scoring 19 points and pulling down 13 rebounds against the Saints. Hughes finished with another double-double, scoring 11 points and 11 rebounds, Mantle also scored 11 points, while Stephen Walsh finished with eight. Merrifield and Rosas both added six, Brennan Jensen added four and Kale Burke added three.

The Cowboys will play the Vail Mountain Gore Rangers Saturday in Vail.

"Every game from here on out, is important," Kindler said.

MHS girls win two more games

By BOBBY GUTIERREZ
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MEEKER I "In both of the games, the girls found a rhythm, where they were playing as a total unit," Meeker girls' basketball coach Jamie Rogers said of the league wins her team earned last week. The lady Cowboys will be idle this week, since Vail Mountain does not have a girls' team. Meeker will next host the Little Snake River Rattlers Feb. 1.

The Meeker Cowboys beat the Plateau Valley Cowboys 75-41 in Collbran last Friday then they gave the Vail Christian Saints their second loss of the season with a 62-41 win on Meeker's home court.

"Against Plateau Valley, we grabbed an early lead and just kept building," coach Rogers said.

Meeker junior Tori Lasker had a great weekend, leading the Cowboys in scoring and rebounding.

Lasker scored 22 points in Collbran and pulled down 17 rebounds to lead her team to victory. Megan Shelton scored 17 points, pulled down four rebounds and stole

the ball eight times. Riley Pertile, Kirsten Brown, Brittney Adams and Sierra Williams, all scored six points, while Matilda Brown added five and Kenzie Turner finished with nine rebounds and six steals.

The Vail Christian Saints, marched into Meeker with a 10-1 record and left town with their second loss of the season.

"Against Vail Christian, Megan and Kenzie did a fantastic job of getting Tori the ball inside the paint and she finished," coach Rogers said.

And finish Lasker did, scoring a season high 31 points, again leading the team in points, pulling down 15 rebounds and stealing the ball seven times. Shelton finished with 16 points, 14 rebounds and seven steals, while Matilda Brown scored seven, including two three-pointers, Gracie Bradfield added four, Williams and Turner each added two.

Meeker will not play this weekend but will play three in a row next week, when they host the Little Snake River Rattlers, Feb. 1, then Caprock Academy Feb. 2, before going to Hotchkiss Feb. 3.



BOBBY GUTIERREZ

Meeker junior Tori Lasker led the lady Cowboys to victory, scoring 22 points and pulling down 17 rebounds against the Plateau Valley Cowboys, then she scored 31 points against the Vail Christian Saints and grabbed 15 rebounds in front of hometown fans last Saturday. The lady Cowboys will be idle this week, then they will host the Little Snake River Rattlers one week from today.

RHS boys remain undefeated in league play; 8-4 overall

By COLT ALLRED
Special to the Herald Times

RANGELY I The Rangely Panthers swept both of their games on Jan. 19 and 20. The weekend started off when the 8-1 Debeque Dragons showed up at the Panthers' house. The game started extremely well for the Panthers who were off to the races, running the floor right off the bat. The Panthers jumped out scoring 21 points in the first eight minutes, but what was more impressive was the fact that they held the team with the leading scorer in the league to a zero point quarter.

Senior Patrick Scoggins said it best as he walked to the bench after the first buzzer exclaiming, "Now that's a quarter." However, the Panthers relaxed in the second quarter and allowed the Dragons 11 points in the remainder of the second half, but continued to outscore their opponent. At the half, the Panthers were up 35-11.

The second half started with the Dragons shooting technical free throws, because a player on the Rangely team grabbed the rim coming out of the locker room. Despite the rough start, the Panthers continued to force turnovers and run the floor, the Panthers sealed the deal by outscoring the Dragons 18-9 in the fourth quarter, winning with a score of 69-34. Patrick Scoggins once again led the team in scoring with 19 points. Kobe Broome and Devin Ramirez also put up double digit points with 14 apiece. Doug Denison

added another eight points.

After their win at home, the Panthers traveled to play the North Park Wildcats in Walden. Much like their game against Debeque, the Panthers came out hot, scoring 20 points in the first quarter. The Panthers scored both in transition and out of their offense. The Panthers would hit a hot streak in the second quarter however, especially senior Kobe Broome. At the half, the Panthers already had three players scoring double digits, with Broome having 21 points. Going into the locker room, the Panthers were up 49-20.

After half time, things did not get much easier for the Wildcats, with the Panthers once again scoring more than 20 points in the third quarter, while holding the Wildcats to eight. Broome remained unstoppable through the third quarter and would not see playing time in the fourth. The younger Panther players were able to get some quality playing time in the fourth quarter and they were able to close out the game, winning 77-37. Kobe Broome led the team with a career high of 37 points, which consisted of nine 3-point buckets and five field goals. Patrick Scoggins and Devin Ramirez both put up 16 points. Senior Doug Denison absolutely owned the glass, pulling down 14 rebounds.

The Panthers move to an overall record of 8-4 and remain undefeated in league play. The Panthers will host Vail Mountain on Friday, Jan. 26 and travel to Plateau Valley Saturday, Jan. 27.



MATT SCOGGINS PHOTO

Panther senior Patrick Scoggins led the team in scoring with 19 points during the game against the Debeque Dragons.

Coombs wins Screamin' Eagle Tournament

By **BOBBY GUTIERREZ**
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RANGELY I Four Panthers wrestled in the Screamin' Eagle wrestling tournament last Saturday in Paonia and returned with one champion. The Panthers will travel to Ignacio this weekend for another

tournament, in the southwest corner of the state.

"Tytus wrestled a very smart and technical tournament," Rangely head coach J.C. Chumacero said about his 132-pounder. "He started the day with a pin then followed it up with two, tough-fought, one-point wins."

Coombs won 8-3 in the cham-

ampionship match and was Rangely's only medal winner.

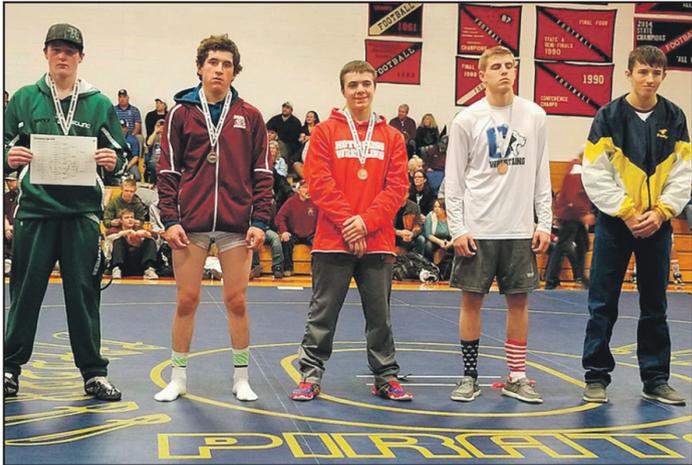
Justin Rusher won two matches and lost two, one win from placing in the 138-pound bracket.

"Justin's last match of the day was a heartbreaker, losing 1-0," coach Chumacero said. "Justin is a very talented wrestler, I just need him to start believing it."

Anthony Garner (120) and Dalton Dembowski (195) did not place but coach Chumacero said, "They both continue to battle and are showing me how much heart they have week to week. These two do not quit."

Coach Chumacero said the Screamin' Eagle gave him a good idea of where his wrestlers are and what the state-qualifying regional tournament will look like.

"We have a good feel now of the guys we need to beat and what needs work in order to progress to our biggest goal, the Big Show," coach Chumacero said of the upcoming state wrestling tournament.



Tytus Coombs, left, won 8-3 in the championship match and was Rangely's only medal winner at the Screamin' Eagle tournament in Paonia.

Cowboys lose duals, wrestle well in Paonia

By **BOBBY GUTIERREZ**
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MEEKER I The Meeker Cowboy wrestling team lost three dual meets last week but according to their coach, they "wrestled well" in the Screamin' Eagle tournament, held last Saturday in Paonia. The Cowboys wrestled Moffat County, Tuesday and will host the Palisade Bulldogs Friday, starting at 6 p.m.

"We didn't wrestle well in the duals," Meeker head coach J.C. Watt said about dual meet losses to Grand Valley, Hotchkiss and Norwood. Against the Cardinals, both teams won four matches but Grand Valley won the dual 35-33. Meeker only won three matches against Hotchkiss, losing the dual 21-40, then only won

three against Norwood, losing 23-39 to them.

Jacob Pelloni won all three of his dual meet matches, including two by pin. Tannen Kennedy won the two he wrestled, Jake Shelton won two of three, while James Amick and Ridge Williams each won one.

"We had several kids wrestle well in the tournament," coach Watt said. "James (Amick) and Ridge (Williams) both had five matches."

Amick won four of his five matches, including three by pin fall, and he needed overtime to win the consolation championship in the 160-pound bracket. Williams had two pins and a win to finish fourth in the 195-pound bracket.

Kennedy was Meeker's only champion in the Screamin' Eagle.

The 138-pound junior pinned his first two opponents, then won by technical fall (more than 12 points) in the semifinals to advance him to the championship match against last year's state runner-up, Sackett Chesnik from Paonia. Chesnik defeated Kennedy the first two times they wrestled this year but Kennedy would win 4-3 in their third meeting of the season.

Pelloni recorded three pins on his way into the championship match and finished second in the 120-pound bracket, for Meeker's only other placer.

"Jacob had wrestled the Palisade kid before and he wrestled better this time, he just didn't come out on top," coach Watt said.

The Cowboys will host 4A Palisade Friday, starting at 6 p.m.

WRESTLING CAMP ...



Twenty-five Rangely wrestlers attended a week-long wrestling camp last week in Rangely. Proceeds from the camp will be used to help take the Jr. High wrestling team to regionals and state. All that attended learned the basics and more advanced techniques. "I was proud of all of the competitors, and hope they can use the tools that were taught to them in their upcoming youth wrestling season," said coach Jeff LeBleu. Pictured are: (front row) Ashton Hacking, Kameron Harvey, Asher Brixius, Liam Geer, Keyton Carmella Fortunato, Josephine Hamblin, Ethan Hacking, Corbin Hamblin, Bryson Elam, Christian Fortunato, Cooper Fielder, Landon Carlson, Anthony Dorris. (Back row) Mariah Henson, Zane Varner, coach Robby Elam, Braxton Moore, Chase Dowling, Braden Lucas, coach Buck, coach Dirt Claude, coach Mike Chism. Not pictured are Kasen LeBleu, Brent Contrell, Kobey Chism, Ben Bertoch, Gage Nielsen, Colin Zadra, Reid Zadra, Harleigh Prater, Gage Prater, Korbin Gibson. The coaches would like to thank the parents for allowing us to work with your kids and also a big thank you to Brielle Smuts for organizing the camp for us.

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Elam, Kanden LeBleu, Rylee Moore and Cole Odom. (Second row) Josephine Hamblin, Ethan Hacking, Corbin Hamblin, Bryson Elam, Christian Fortunato, Cooper Fielder, Landon Carlson, Anthony Dorris. (Back row) Mariah Henson, Zane Varner, coach Robby Elam, Braxton Moore, Chase Dowling, Braden Lucas, coach Buck, coach Dirt Claude, coach Mike Chism. Not pictured are Kasen LeBleu, Brent Contrell, Kobey Chism, Ben Bertoch, Gage Nielsen, Colin Zadra, Reid Zadra, Harleigh Prater, Gage Prater, Korbin Gibson. The coaches would like to thank the parents for allowing us to work with your kids and also a big thank you to Brielle Smuts for organizing the camp for us.

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Read the clues below to fill in the puzzle and learn more about South Korea:

- South Koreans use _____ chopsticks instead of wood or bamboo – they say that they are easier to clean and helpful to the environment
- warm and tasty _____ is a popular dish; served as a main course
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- video _____ are very popular; millions of people tune in on T.V. to watch professional gamers compete in games (like *StarCraft* and *League of Legends*)
- many _____, (even *McDonalds*), will deliver food right to your door
- in South Korean culture the number 4 is _____; it isn't used in elevators
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- K-pop* is a _____ style where performers dance and sing in interesting costumes
- the _____ art of Taekwondo is an Olympic sport; it originated in South Korea
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- the 3 bodies of water along the _____ of South Korea are: the Yellow Sea, the Korea Strait and the Sea of Japan
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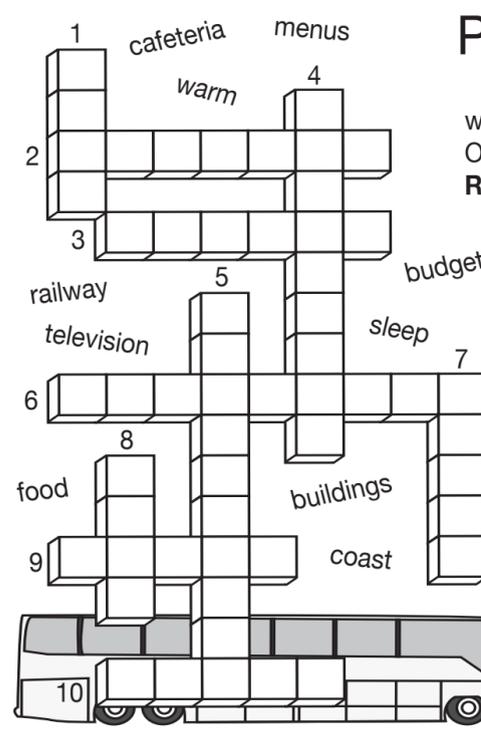


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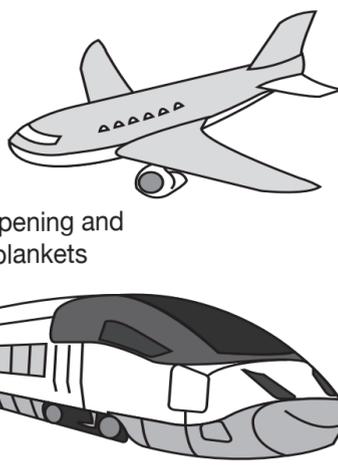
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- communications: phones, radio, _____
- how the _____ and other new things would be used after the games are done
- making sure they would have enough mattresses for everyone to _____ on
- kinds of _____ the athletes from different countries would eat
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- My scientific name is *Ursus tibetanus*.
- I have a patch of "gold" fur between my neck and chest.



#2

Who am I? _ _ _ I _ E _ _ G _ R

- My fur is a snowy white, because of a gene only found in 1 out of 15,000 of us!
- I am almost never seen in the wild
- My scientific name is *Panthera tigris*.



#3

Who am I? Korean _ _ G _ I _

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By WES EUBANKS
Special to the Herald Times

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In January 2010 a catastrophic earthquake struck the island nation of Haiti. Infrastructure was completely destroyed, including their White House, General Assembly and UN Headquarters. The president and the UN commander were killed. Civilian casualties were estimated at a quarter of a million people.

Government control collapsed, shortages of food and water ensued, citizens were rioting in the streets, murder and looting were rampant. Neighborhoods banded together for protection and went into survival mode. Lewis was assigned the task of leading recon patrols day and night into this state of chaos. His mission was to observe the civilian population, evaluate their conditions and identify their leaders.

His reports enabled efficient distribution of available resources: medical aid, food, water, shelters and security. When their mission was finally complete He brought all of his men back alive.

Jake and his wife Sara (a Marine vet) have lived in Meeker since 2016 and are members of the Meeker VFW Post.

RIO BLANCO COUNTY DAYS GONE BY

The Meeker Herald — 100 years ago

■ If we lose the war what difference will it make whether we have woman suffrage or prohibition? The kaiser would then regulate that. It is the patriotic duty of all suffrage and prohibition fanatics to put their hobby horses in the barn and let them stay there until we lick the devil out of the kaiser.

■ Last Saturday night the thermometer registered 20 below; and on Sunday and Monday nights the mercury was well below the zero mark. No snow fell during the week, and warm days, which set in Wednesday, is causing the heavy snow of last week to settle. LATER—As we went to press last evening another heavy snow storm was on.

■ Elmer Blevens and Ralph Hicken have returned from Camp Kearney, and have or will be discharged on account of physical disabilities discovered by the eagle-eyed army surgeons. Tim Wear will be discharged for like causes.

■ Tom G. Brumback of Coal Creek was in Wednesday and reports that his son, who has been seriously ill for the past six weeks with typhoid fever, is now on the road to recovery. The young Mr. Brumback contracted the dangerous malady at Oak Creek in Routt County and got home in time to be taken care of.

The Meeker Herald — 50 years ago

■ Another of Meeker's landmarks will disappear in the next weeks when the Colorow Hotel just west of the I.O.O.F. Hall is razed. This building has been purchased by the Independent Lumber Co., and E.A. Joslin has a contract to take down the building and clear the lot. This brick building was built about 60 years ago by Mr. and

Mrs. John Davitt, early day residents of this community. Mr. Davitt ran Davitt's saloon on the west side of the lower floor and this was what the building was principally built for.

■ The Lions Club Ladies Night in Meeker is regarded as a night our which few miss, as evidenced by more than 80 Lions and their wives attending the dinner and evening's entertainment Tuesday at Elbert Hall.

■ Julie Kay Dunham, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Dunham of Meeker, celebrated her first birthday Tuesday, Jan. 16.

■ Mrs. Gusalandras was honored at a pink and blue shower hosted by Mrs. Chuck Clark Thursday evening, Jan. 18.

The Meeker Herald — 25 years ago

■ Your tax dollars at work: Standing on a cowpie will cool the feet on a super hot day, according to the Forest Service. The determination was made by 21 researchers studying Mountain Plovers, a threatened species, on the Pawnee National Grassland in northern Colorado last summer. They find that perching on top of a cowpie instead of the ground is 15 percent cooler on the feet during the heat of the day. They also suggest that the cowpie be dry.

■ Meeker School Nurse Holly Schopp said she's being kept busy these days by widespread cases of chicken pox at the elementary, middle and high schools. So far she's treated 25 kids.

■ Meeker junior Gene Kinnamon tried to stay atop his unsteady steed, "Super Stupid," during the donkey basketball game at MHS on Monday. Kinnamon was part of the winning FFA junior's team which beat the MHS staff

team and the FFA seniors in the championship game. The donkeys, supplied by Crosby Donkey Basketball of Chippewa, Wis., sported descriptive names like "Ex-Lax," and "Earthquake."

■ Casey Miller was named to the Dean's Spring Semester Honor Roll at Oklahoma Panhandle State University. He bettered a 3.3 grad average carrying a "full load."

Rangely Times — 50 years ago

■ Rangely became the number one trading center in the county during the second quarter of the year, supplanting Meeker for the first time in history in that position.

■ December of 1967 was much colder than normal in all areas of Colorado and snowfall was heavier than normal.

■ Dale Shane Peters, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Peters, celebrated his fifth birthday on Jan. 22 with a party, attended by 10 little guests. Attending were Lee and Lana Collier, Donnell and Rory Robie, David Gallagher, John McCulloch, Gary Van Cleave, Butch and Chris Huber and Lonnie Peters.

■ Current official enrollment reports for Rangely College show new records being set in all categories, according to Frederick R. Struthers, Dean of Faculty and Registrar.

Rangely Times — 25 years ago

■ Bill Holly, a student at Rangely Middle School, won the school-level competition of the National Geography Bee on Jan. 13.

■ Rangely is experiencing one of the worst winters since the late '70s and rodents are seeking indoor housing in record numbers.

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 - S-shaped molding
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 - *American skating icon
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 - Classic sci-fi video game
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 - "Complete _____'s Guides"
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 - Impulse transmitter
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RBC WEEKLY CALL REVIEW

The following information is a weekly review of the calls for service that were reported to the Rio Blanco County Sheriff's Communications Office. If you have any questions or would like an explanation of the call types listed please call 878-9600. We will not regularly post any information as to the names or addresses on any incident.

Jan. 15-21, 2018
The dispatch center processed 374 phone calls, receiving 12 911 calls, answered 52 calls for Meeker Police Department (MPD) and placed 68 outgoing phone calls. A total of 131 calls for service were created, 82 for the Sheriff's Office, 52 for MPD, and nine calls for Meeker Fire and Rescue. (Please note the department breakdown of calls reflects a different number because of incidents with multiple agency response). There were three auto crashes reported throughout the county none involving elk or deer. The Sheriff's Office conducted 38 traffic stops issuing seven summons, while MPD had 16 stops issuing warnings

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and VIN inspection. There were nine calls for Meeker Fire and Rescue. One traffic crash, medical transport, assist MPD, four ambulance calls and three small brush fires. There were three assists for Colorado State Patrol. Rio Blanco Detentions facility booked in nine and released four. Two arrested by MPD, three from Rangely Police Department and four by the Sheriff's Office and are currently housing 11 inmates. There were no inmate transports to or from other facilities. There was one DUI arrest.

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SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS

MEEKER: JAN. 29-FEB. 1, 2018

Mon. Jan. 29 - Fajita Chix Nachos, Fresh Garden Salad, Fruit Cup, Brownies, Milk

Tues. Jan. 30 - Hamburger, Smily Fries, Veggie Sticks, Fresh Fruit, Milk

Wed. Jan. 31 - CHOICE DAY Yogurt Special OR Cheese Ravioli w/ Sauce, Homemade Roll, Green Beans, Fruit Cup, Milk

Thurs. Feb. 1 - Mini Chef Salad w/ Soup, Saltine Cracker, Fresh Fruit, Pudding Cup, Milk

RANGELY: JAN. 29-FEB. 1, 2018

Mon. Jan. 29 - Frito Pie w/ Toppings, Salad Bar with Fruit, Milk/Water. JR/SR HIGH A LA CARTE: Corn Dog

Tues. Jan. 30 - Chicken Sandwich, Potato Chips, Salad Bar with Fruit, Milk/Water. JR/SR HIGH A LA CARTE: Taco Bar

Wed. Jan. 31 - Meat Loaf, Scalloped Potatoes, Mixed Vegetables, Salad Bar with Fruit, Milk/Water. JR/SR HIGH A LA CARTE: BBQ Pork Sandwich

Thurs. Feb. 1 - Nachos, Taco Meat, Salad Bar with Fruit, Milk/Water. JR/SR HIGH A LA CARTE: BBQ Pork Sandwich

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LEGAL NOTICES

District Court, Rio Blanco County, Colorado
455 Main Street, P. O. Box 1150
Meeker, CO 81641
(970) 878-5622
PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO
In the Interest of:
C. H., H. H., and A. H., Children
and Concerning
Respondent Mother:
DAWN HOFFMAN
Respondent Father:
CAMERON HERNANDEZ, Sr.
Case No. 16JV9

Div.: Ctm:
Attorney:
Name: Kent A. Borchard
Attorney at Law
Address: P.O. Box 1, 555 Main Street,
Meeker, CO 81644
Telephone: (970) 878-9680
Fax: (970) 878-5731
Atty. Reg. #2194

NOTICE OF HEARING BY PUBLICATION
To: Father Cameron Hernandez Sr.
Last Known Address if any: 6109 South Don Carlos Drive, Taylorsville, UT 84129

A hearing on the adjudication of the minor children will be held at the following time and location or at a later date to which the hearing may be continued:

Date: March 2, 2017 Time: 2:00 P.M., in Courtroom B,
Rio Blanco County Justice Center, 455 Main Street, Meeker, Colorado 81641

KENT A. BORCHARD, #2194
Attorney for the People of the State of Colorado and Rio Blanco County Department of Human Services
Published: January 25, 2018
Rio Blanco Herald Times

**PUBLIC NOTICE
TOWN OF MEEKER
MUNICIPAL ELECTION
April 3, 2018**

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 29, 2018, 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 2018.

TOWN OF MEEKER
Lisa Cook, Town Clerk
Published: January 25, 2018
Rio Blanco Herald Times

A CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

32-1-804.1; 32-1-804.3, 1-1-104(34), 32-1-905(2), C.R.S.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, and, particularly, to the electors of the Western Rio Blanco Metropolitan Recreation and Park District of Rio Blanco County(ies), Colorado.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an election will be held on the 8th day of May, 2018, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. At that time, 2 directors will be elected to serve 4-year terms. Eligible electors of the Western Rio Blanco Metropolitan Recreation and Park 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
611 South Stanolind
Rangely, CO 81648
970-675-8211

The Office of the DEO is open on the following days: Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. 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 3:00 p.m. on Friday, March 2, 2018. The deadline to submit a Self-Nomination and Acceptance is close of business on Friday, March 2, 2018 (not less than 67 days before the election). Earlier submittal 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, March 5, 2018 (the sixty-fourth day before the election).

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that applications for and return of absentee ballots may be filed with the Designated Election Official of the District at the above address between the hours of 9:00a.m. and 5:00 p.m., until the close of business on the Friday immediately preceding the election (Friday, May 4, 2018).

Western Rio Blanco Metro Recreation and Park District
Designated Election Official Signature
Publish: January 25 and February 1, 2018
Rio Blanco Herald Times

PUZZLE ANSWERS

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LEGAL NOTICES

**Rio Blanco County
2018 Dust Control Project
REQUEST FOR BID**

PROJECT NAME, LOCATION AND GENERAL SCOPE OF WORK

2018 Dust Control Project. Work includes the placement of approximately 418,524 gallons Blended Magnesium Chloride on approx. 101 miles of various County roads. An additional 32,947 gallons will be applied to Garfield County Trappers Lake Road at the same unit price, but billed to and paid for by Garfield County. An additional 3,661 gallons will be applied to RBC Rd. 54 at the same unit price, but billed to and paid for by Elk Creek Lodge.

CONTRACT DOCUMENTS

Contract Documents shall be available on-line at www.govbids.com/scripts/co1/public/home1.asp, or on the 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 18, 2018.

PROJECT SUPERINTENDENT AND QUESTIONS

Clint Chappell, Road and Bridge Coordinator, (970) 878-9590, Fax (970) 878-3396. Mailing address: Rio Blanco County Road and Bridge Dept., 570 Second Street, Meeker, CO 81641.

All Vendors must examine the sites and become familiar with all site conditions. Any questions regarding this project are to be directed in writing to Clint Chappell before February 8, 2018 at 4:00 P.M. at the above address or fax number.

WORK SCHEDULE

This project shall start March 27, 2018 and be completed by June 7, 2018, pending delays due to adverse conditions. A second application on County Road 65 will be scheduled for approx. Aug. 21 as shown on the Project Application Schedule.

NON-MANDATORY PRE-BID MEETING

Vendors shall attend a mandatory pre-bid meeting:

Tuesday, Feb. 6, 2018 at 2:00 P.M. at the Rio Blanco County Road & Bridge Dept., 570 Second Street, Meeker.

BID SUBMITTALS

Bids shall have Vendor's name and address and "2018 RIO BLANCO COUNTY DUST CONTROL 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 4:00 P.M. on Friday, February 9, 2018. No bids shall be received Saturday, February 10 or Sunday, February 11, 2018. Hand delivered bids will be accepted in MEEKER from 8:00 A.M. to 10:45 A.M. on February 12, 2018. Do not depend on overnight delivery.

Mailing: RBC Board of County Commissioners, Attn: Vicky Edwards, P O Box i, Meeker, CO 81641

Hand-delivery address: Rio Blanco County Courthouse, 555 Main St., 3rd Floor Board Room, Meeker, CO 81641

BID OPENING

Bids shall be opened and read in public at 11:15 A.M. on February 12, 2018 at the Commissioners' Meeting Room at Courthouse 3rd Floor Board Room, Meeker, CO. Bids submitted after 10:45 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.

RIO BLANCO COUNTY, COLORADO

Dated: January 16, 2018

By: Shawn J. Bolton, Chairman

Publish: January 18, and 25, 2018

Rio Blanco Herald Times

**2018 RIO BLANCO COUNTY
CHIP SEAL PROJECT
REQUEST FOR BID**

PROJECT NAME, LOCATION AND GENERAL SCOPE OF WORK

2018 Rio Blanco County Chip Seal Project. Work

consists of seal coating and fog coating approximately 30.0 miles of County Road 5 in the Piceance Creek area. Be aware there may be other County projects in the area that may affect material transport routes and/or travel delays.

CONTRACT DOCUMENTS

Contract Documents shall be available on-line at www.govbids.com/scripts/co1/public/home1.asp, or on the 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 18, 2018.

VENDOR QUALIFICATIONS

Vendors must be listed on the most current CDOT Pre-qualified Contractor Listing.

WORK SCHEDULE

This project shall start May 14, 2018 and complete by June 8, 2018, pending delays due to adverse conditions. Contractor shall submit a firm work schedule with bid.

PROJECT SUPERINTENDENT AND QUESTIONS

Van Pilaud, County Engineer, (970) 878-9590, Fax (970) 878-3396. Mailing address: Rio Blanco County Road and Bridge Dept., 570 Second Street, Meeker, CO 81641.

All Vendors must examine the sites and become familiar with all site conditions. Any questions regarding this project are to be directed in writing to Van Pilaud before February 7, 2018 at noon at the above address or fax number.

MANDATORY PRE-BID MEETING

Vendors must attend mandatory pre-bid meeting: February 6, 2018 at 11:00 A.M. at the Rio Blanco County Road & Bridge Dept., 570 Second Street, Meeker.

BID SUBMITTALS

Bids shall have Vendor's name and address and "SEALED BID-2018 CHIP SEAL 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 4:00 P.M. on Friday, February 9, 2018. Do not depend on overnight delivery. Mailing Address: RBC Commissioners, P.O. Box i, Attn: Vicky Edwards, Meeker, CO 81641.

Hand delivered bids will be accepted from 8:00 A.M. to 10:45 A.M. on February 12, 2018. Hand-delivery address: Rio Blanco County Commissioners, 555 Main St., 3rd Floor, Meeker, CO.

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RIO BLANCO COUNTY, COLORADO

Dated: January 15, 2018

LEGAL NOTICES

By: Shawn J. Bolton, Chairman
Publish: January 18 and 25, 2018
Rio Blanco Herald Times

**2018 RIO BLANCO COUNTY
ROAD 15 AND 13 SURFACE TREATMENT
PROJECT**

**REQUEST FOR BID
PROJECT NAME, LOCATION AND GENERAL SCOPE OF WORK**

Rio Blanco County is seeking a qualified contractor to perform surface improvements to two County Roads in the Meeker area. Improvements include full depth reclamation and 4" overlay on County Road 15, Thornburg Road, (Location A) from mile post 0 to 3.6 and a 3" overlay on County Road 13, Flag Creek Road, (Location B) from mile post 0 to 4. Quantities will be kept separate for each location.

CONTRACT DOCUMENTS

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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 9, 2018 and be completed by June 8, 2018.

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 Wednesday, February 7, 2018 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: February 6, 2018 at 10:00 AM at the Rio Blanco County Road & Bridge Dept., 570 Second Street, Meeker, CO.

BID SUBMITTALS

Bids shall have Vendor's name and address and "2018 CR 15 & 13 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.

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RIO BLANCO COUNTY, COLORADO
Dated: January 15, 2018

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**NOTICE
MINERAL RIGHTS PURCHASE AT TAX LIEN SALE AND APPLICATION FOR ISSUANCE OF TREASURER'S DEED**

TO: Every person in actual possession or occupancy of the hereinafter described mineral interest, lot or premises, and to the person in whose name the same was taxed or specially assessed, and to all persons having an interest or title of record in or to the said premises and to whom it may concern, and more especially to:

**STONEMAN, NEVA
MEEKER RANCHING COMPANY
RIO BLANCO COUNTY TREASURER**

You and each of you are notified that on **NOVEMBER 19, 2014**, the then County Treasurer of Rio Blanco County, Colorado, sold at public tax lien sale to **MEEKER RANCHING COMPANY, INC C/O MARCUM LLP**, the following described mineral rights situate in the county of Rio Blanco, State of Colorado, to-wit:

- 5,000 MINERAL INTEREST IN:**
W1/2NE1/4, NW1/4SE1/4, NE1/4SW1/4 LESS 1 ACRES SEC. 27 T1S R92W
NW1/4, S1/2SW1/4, NWSW SEC. 27 T1S R92W
NE1/4NW1/4 SEC. 34 T1S R92W
SW1/4NW1/4, SE1/4NW1/4, SW1/4NE1/4, W1/2SE1/4 SEC. 34 T1S R92W
S1/2NE1/4, NE1/4SE1/4 SEC. 33 T1S R92W

And a Certificate of Purchase was issued therefore to **MEEKER RANCHING COMPANY, INC C/O MARCUM LLP** by the said County Treasurer; that said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquent taxes assessed against the mineral rights for the year 2013;

That said mineral rights were taxed or specially assessed in the name of **STONEMAN, NEVA**, for said year 2013; That on **AUGUST 24, 2017**, said **MEEKER RANCHING COMPANY, INC C/O MARCUM LLP**, the present holder of the Certificate of Purchase, have made request to the Treasurer of said County for a deed to said mineral rights;

That at 10:00 A.M. on **APRIL 25, 2018** a Treasurer's Deed will be issued for the said mineral rights to the said **MEEKER RANCHING COMPANY**, unless the same has been redeemed.

Said mineral right may be redeemed from said sale at any time prior the actual execution of said Treasurer's Deed. Tax Lien Sale Date: **November 19, 2014**

Treasurer's Deed can be issued after **November 19, 2017**
Date Deed Scheduled to issue: **April 25, 2018**
Redemption Period expires **April 25, 2018, PRIOR** to 10:00 A.M

Schedule	TLSC	ASSD Value	Assessed Name
N5500504	2014-00046	1,160	STONEMAN, NEVA

Witness my hand this 16TH day of JANUARY, A.D. 2018.
/S/ Karen Arnold, Rio Blanco County Treasurer
Published: **JAN 25, 2018; FEB. 1, 2018; FEB 8, 2018**
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Friday, February 9, 2018. Do not depend on overnight delivery. Hand delivered bids will be accepted from 8:00 A.M. to 10:45 A.M. on February 12, 2018.
Mailing: RBC Commissioners, P.O. Box i, 555 Main St. 3rd Floor, 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 11:15 A.M. on February 12, 2018 at the Rio Blanco County Commissioners' Meeting Room, 555 Main St. 3rd Floor, Meeker, CO. Bids submitted after 10:45 A.M. shall be returned unopened. Bids submitted

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property conveyed by Quit Claim Deed recorded March 3, 1980 in Book 399, Page 397 of the public records of Rio Blanco County as Reception No. 194475.
LESS AND EXCEPTING THEREFROM that property conveyed by Warranty Deed recorded May 21, 1981 in Book 410, Page 250, Reception No. 201072 in the records of Rio Blanco County. LESS AND EXCEPTING THEREFROM Paintbrush Ridge Subdivision - Filing No. 1, according to the Plat thereof filed May 17, 2002 as Reception No. 272416, Town of Meeker, Colorado.
LESS AND EXCEPTING THEREFROM that property conveyed by Warranty Deed recorded April 30, 2010 as Reception No. 298444 in the records of Rio Blanco County.
Dated this 15th day of January, 2018.
Melody D. Massih, #24683

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P.O. Box 916, Glenwood Springs, CO 81602
(970) 928-9100, melody@ommmpc.com
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**Rio Blanco County
2018 Crack Fill Project
REQUEST FOR BID**

PROJECT NAME
2018 Rio Blanco County Crackfill Project.
THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF RIO BLANCO COUNTY is soliciting bids for furnishing and placement of approx. 23,100 lbs. of Deery 974 Asphalt or Equivalent Crack Fill Material on Rio Blanco County Road 5, Piceance Creek Road.
BID DOCUMENTS

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Bid Documents shall be available on-line at www.govbids.com/scripts/co1/public/home1.asp, or on the county's website at www.rbc.us on the Business/Purchasing/Bid Postings page, or at the Rio Blanco County Road and Bridge Dept. in Meeker on Jan. 18, 2018.
PROJECT SUPERINTENDENT AND QUESTIONS
Clint Chappell, Road and Bridge Coordinator, (970) 878-9590, Fax (970) 878-3396. Mailing address: Rio Blanco County Road and Bridge Dept., 570 Second Street, Meeker, CO 81641.
All Vendors must examine the sites and become familiar with all site conditions. Any questions regarding this project are to be directed in writing to Clint Chappell before Thursday, Feb. 8, 2018 at 4:00 P.M. at the above address or fax number.
WORK SCHEDULE
This project shall start April 2, 2018 and be com-

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pleted by May 11, 2018, depending upon delays due to adverse conditions.
PRE-BID MEETING
Vendors shall attend a pre-bid meeting (mandatory):
Tuesday, February 6, 2018 at 1:00 P.M. at the Rio Blanco County Road & Bridge Dept., 570 Second Street, Meeker.
BID SUBMITTALS
Bids shall have Vendor's name and address and "SEALED BID - 2018 RIO BLANCO COUNTY CRACKFILL 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.

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Mailed bids are due no later than 4:00 P.M. on Friday, February 9, 2018. No bids shall be received Saturday, February 10 or Sunday, February 11, 2018. Hand delivered bids will be accepted IN MEEKER from 8:00 A.M. to 10:45 A.M. on February 12, 2018. Do not depend on overnight delivery.
Mailing: RBC Board of County Commissioners, Attn: Vicky Edwards, P O Box i, Meeker, CO 81641
Hand-delivery address: Rio Blanco County Courthouse, 555 Main St., 3rd Floor Board Room, Meeker, CO 81641
BID OPENING
Bids shall be opened and read in public at 11:15 A.M. on February 12, 2018 at the Commissioners' Meeting Room at Courthouse 3rd Floor Board Room, Meeker, CO. Bids submitted after 10:45 A.M. shall be returned unopened. Bids submitted

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and opened shall not be withdrawn for 30 days thereafter.
BID AWARD
The Rio Blanco County Board of County Commissioners reserve the right to reject any and all bids, to waive any informalities and minor irregularities in bids, and to accept the bid deemed, in the opinion of the Board, to be in the best interest of Rio Blanco County, State of Colorado. The County also reserves the right to negotiate changes in product specifications with successful vendor. Owner will give the Successful Vendor a Notice of Award within thirty days after the day of the Bid opening.
RIO BLANCO COUNTY, COLORADO
Dated: Jan. 15, 2018
By: Shawn J. Bolton, Chairman
Publish: January 18 and 25, 2018
Rio Blanco Herald Times

SEMI ANNUAL REPORT RIO BLANCO COUNTY, KAREN ARNOLD, TREASURER JULY 1, 2017 TO DECEMBER 31, 2017										
AccountBG	Beginning Balance	Current Tax	Delinquent Tax	Miscellaneous Receipts	Transfers	Warrants Paid	Treasurer's Fees	Transfers	Ending Balance	
Boots M. Campbell, Clerk	0.00	0.00	0.00	129,914.35	0.00	0.00	1,299.15	128,615.20	0.00	
Karen Arnold, Treasurer	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,370.00	0.00	0.00	13.70	1,356.30	0.00	
Treas Admin Fee	0.00	1,132.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,132.50	0.00	
Treas Advertising Fee	0.00	1,645.54	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,645.54	0.00	
Assessor Penalty Fees	0.00	297.56	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	297.56	0.00	
Public Trustee	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,000.00	0.00	
Anthony Mazzola, Sheriff	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,482.75	0.00	0.00	24.83	2,457.92	0.00	
County General Fund	20,513,730.83	30,370.68	21,618.42	3,281,853.98	223,682.36	4,689,292.85	14,020.48	469,842.60	18,898,100.34	
County Capital Expenditure Fund	563,199.01	8,315.68	2,713.86	24,829.38	0.00	49,666.65	662.55	4,834.52	543,894.21	
Road & Bridge Fund	10,296,606.92	25,308.84	21,628.81	2,172,205.67	2,814.22	2,590,260.47	20,412.42	785,811.13	9,122,080.44	
Dept of Human Services	1,280,991.45	0.00	1,891.12	343,645.91	0.00	477,982.11	0.00	33,589.32	1,114,957.05	
Use Tax Fund	2,180,519.15	0.00	0.00	580,374.20	0.00	285,729.79	5,803.93	66,732.82	2,402,626.81	
Contingency Fund	100,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100,000.00	
Capital Improvement Program	1,575,370.53	0.00	0.00	489,739.59	300,255.50	1,485,636.93	2,754.77	60,842.54	816,131.38	
Conservation Trust Fund	59,612.87	0.00	0.00	4,669.61	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	64,282.48	
Fleet Management Fund	3,428,505.74	0.00	0.00	29,429.18	1,261,647.98	1,681,863.76	294.32	0.00	3,037,424.82	
Central Services	205,422.58	0.00	0.00	378.35	32,553.87	39,071.55	0.00	0.00	199,283.25	
Solid Waste Landfill Fund	6,850,520.26	0.00	0.00	203,853.61	0.00	386,662.45	2,038.54	166,564.64	6,499,108.24	
Fairfield Complex Fund	463,386.96	0.00	0.00	15,642.00	6,045.96	82,598.53	156.42	2,932.77	399,387.20	
Weed & Pest Control Fund	271,035.42	0.00	0.00	100,326.63	319,005.58	482,665.04	586.90	6,267.87	200,847.82	
Impact Fee Trust Fund	1,403,505.25	0.00	0.00	8,491.90	0.00	8,110.23	84.92	0.00	1,403,820.00	
Co Public Hlth Fund	483,750.92	1,446.19	1,081.62	79,210.96	0.00	154,155.16	0.00	19,488.41	391,846.12	
Piceance Creek Pest Control	769,171.98	242.61	7,910.08	5,615.32	0.00	0.00	566.29	217,145.47	565,228.23	
Lower White River Pest	215,013.52	710.97	0.00	1,932.84	0.00	0.00	36.73	100,899.47	116,721.13	
Balances: County Funds:	50,660,343.39	69,470.57	56,843.91	7,479,966.23	2,146,005.47	12,413,695.52	48,755.95	2,074,456.58	45,875,721.52	
Town of Meeker General	44,870.78	18,128.54	32.05	24,224.05	0.00	80,955.07	617.16	0.00	5,683.19	
Meeker Special Assessment	135.00	3,535.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,670.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Eastern RBC Health Svcs Dist	639,769.75	34,422.49	36,270.07	102,075.16	0.00	795,376.44	4,328.12	0.00	12,832.91	
Meeker Library District	178,552.86	9,607.91	10,123.74	28,482.54	0.00	221,978.31	1,208.09	0.00	3,580.65	
Meeker Sanitation District	29,567.00	12,250.20	32.55	3,117.95	0.00	43,878.33	640.45	0.00	448.92	
Meeker Sanitation Fee	719.00	5,040.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,759.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
R.B. Fire Protection District	204,123.19	10,983.79	11,573.55	32,561.47	0.00	253,767.54	1,381.03	0.00	4,093.43	
Meeker Cemetery District	76,183.73	4,099.43	4,319.52	12,152.74	0.00	94,712.19	515.48	0.00	1,527.75	
East R.B.C. Rec. District	459,805.48	21,065.73	37,399.46	79,494.59	0.00	584,562.47	3,713.24	0.00	9,489.55	
Town of Rangely General	33,891.74	18,304.76	0.00	15,726.91	0.00	65,413.90	542.51	0.00	1,967.00	
Rangely Special Assessment	429.50	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	529.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Rangely Hospital Bond	130,012.35	35,864.04	3,664.76	75,091.17	(72,170.95)	170,337.63	2,123.74	0.00	0.00	
Rangely Hospital Dist. General	59,502.02	12,638.74	2,389.64	26,901.97	72,170.95	158,312.39	825.30	0.00	14,465.63	
Rangely Cemetery District	1,584.16	405.45	38.24	847.59	0.00	2,730.71	23.81	0.00	120.92	
Rangely Rural Fire District	8,546.69	2,187.36	371.36	4,639.04	0.00	14,952.20	139.88	0.00	652.37	
Rangely Library District	4,889.47	1,251.37	212.45	2,653.89	0.00	8,553.95	80.02	0.00	373.21	
Rio Blanco Water Conservancy	6,092.26	1,559.20	264.71	3,306.76	0.00	10,658.16	99.75	0.00	465.02	
West R.B.C. Recreation General	43,674.16	11,076.14	2,018.28	24,750.84	0.00	77,319.81	718.14	0.00	3,481.47	
West R.B.C. Recreation Bond	26,296.43	6,669.00	731.68	14,709.17	0.00	45,911.49	398.57	0.00	2,096.22	
Yellow Jacket Water District	4,353.39	870.95	214.66	501.25	0.00	5,821.80	60.30	0.00	58.15	
Colorado River Water	24,707.80	1,829.51	1,373.30	4,892.33	0.00	31,976.92	191.30	0.00	634.72	
White River Soil Conservation	2,684.64	615.62	1,485.86	1,245.72	0.00	5,802.71	135.92	0.00	93.21	
Douglas Creek Soil Conserv.	71.20	13.45	0.00	96.74	0.00	166.45	0.69	0.00	14.25	
Re-1 General	6,487.90	30,426.56	31,696.79	90,053.79	42,744.48	183,543.26	189.96	0.00	17,676.30	
Re-1 Bond	3,261.13	17,073.87	14,143.98	49,075.41	(42,744.48)	40,787.12	0.00	0.00	22.79	
Re-4 General	531.62	11,655.19	1,694.93	24,604.90	35,053.00	64,832.25	36.23	0.00	8,671.16	
Re-4 Bond	289.66	17,418.94	1,815.60	36,485.60	(35,053.00)	20,956.80	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Re-4 Transportation	24.53	868.44	103.25	1,824.12	0.00	2,561.34	0.00	0.00	259.00	
Re-3 Jt. General	2.29	2.16	0.00	134.50	37.73	151.15	0.01	0.00	25.52	
Re-3 Jt Bond	0.36	0.61	0.00	37.75	(37.73)	0.99	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Rngly Jr. College Gen	48,894.28	12,513.58	2,124.50	26,539.02	0.00	85,539.05	800.23	0.00	3,732.10	
Rngly Jr. College Contract Obligation	16,410.19	4,004.38	679.84	8,492.46	0.00	28,392.60	0.00	0.00	1,194.27	
Motor Vehicle	0.00	0.00	0.00	889,133.38	0.00	889,133.38	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Governmental Revenue	1,124.00	0.00	0.00	2,361.00	0.00	3,211.00	0.00	0.00	274.00	
Lodging Tax Fund	19,082.25	0.00	0.00	34,213.26	0.00	47,409.32	342.14	0.00	5,544.05	
Unapportioned SO Tax	0.00	0.00	0.00	742,529.06	0.00	0.00	0.00	742,529.06	0.00	
Refund	0.00	1,758.52	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,758.52	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Redemption Fund	0.00	23,153.72	0.00	0.00	0.00	23,153.72	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Prepayments	131.57	13,464.08	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	13,595.65	
Prepay House Accouts	710.00	1,200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,140.00	770.00	
	52,737,755.77	415,529.30	221,618.68	9,842,922.36	2,146,005.47	16,488,272.99	67,868.02	2,818,125.64	45,989,564.93	

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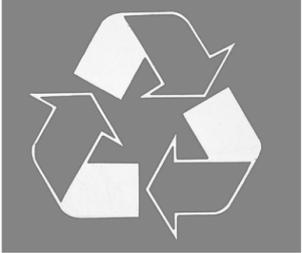
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Senior Citizen Nutrition Program Meals served at noon. Reservations appreciated. Suggested Donation Over 60 - \$2.50. Under 60 - Guest Fee \$7. (Did you know? Homebound trays can be ordered for over 60, suggested donation \$2.50 - 12:10 p.m. pickup.)
Friday, 1/26/18, Chicken marsala, rice, mandarin oranges, parslid carrots, cloverleaf rolls
Monday, 1/29/18, Salmon loaf w/white sauce, parsley buttered potatoes, five way vegetables, fruit cocktail, oatmeal bread
Tuesday, 1/30/18, Chili w/oyster crackers, italian vegetables, mixed fruit, biscuits
Wednesday, 1/31/18, Salisbury steak w/gravy, mashed potatoes, asparagus, applesauce waldorf salad, decorated cupcakes, w.w. rolls
****MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE****
Milk, Tea and Coffee are offered with all meals. Menu subject to change.
Food Bank of the Rockies Mobile Food Pantry, Meeker Fairgrounds, Thursday, 1/25, 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

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

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

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

Alcoholics Anonymous
Mon. 7 p.m., Weds. 7 p.m., Fri. 7 p.m. St. James Church - enter from back parking lot, meetings are downstairs in Richards Hall, 4th & Park, Meeker 878-4158 • 878-5919 • 878-5636
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The VFW, American Legion, and their Auxiliaries will meet the second Thursday of each month at 5:30 PM at 290 4th St. For further information call (970) 878-5326.

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

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

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

Veterans Service Offices
Rio Blanco County: Veterans Service Officer - Joe Dungan, Wednesday, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., County Administration Building, 200 Main Street Suite 300, Meeker. 878-9690 office, 878-3219 home. Fax 878-9581.
Rangely: Veterans Service Officer - Hoot Gibson, Tuesday and Thursday, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., County Annex, 17497 State Hwy 64, Rangely. 878-9695 office, 675-2669 home.

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MEEKER HOUSING AUTHORITY Board of Directors meets the 2nd Thursday of the month at 9:00 a.m. at The Pines, 875 Water St., Meeker.

Looking for female roommate to help out with rent and utilities and weekends with cooking and laundry. Call for interview. 970-260-8758

The Rangely Food Bank is open on Wednesdays from 4:30-5:30 p.m. at 204 E. Rio Blanco. To donate, please call 970-620-2407.

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

ELDER CARE SERVICES

Western Slope In-Home Care has an established care team here in Meeker! We need to start helping people in need! Cleaning or personal care. **Easy sign-up.** Call for a **free consultation.** 970-878-7008. (Visit westernslopehomecare.com to see other counties we serve in or services we provide.)

HELP WANTED: GENERAL

Energetic people needed for the front of the house at Ma Famiglia's Restaurant. Full-time and part-time positions available. Positions available immediately for qualified applicants. Pick up and application at 410 Market St. Meeker.

Experienced or willing to learn line cook, pizza maker, dish prep person. Apply in person at Ma Famiglia's Restaurant. Ask for Henry.

LAND/LOTS

FSBO: 22 acre horse property with RV service and new fence. \$85,000 OBO. 4751 County Rd 7. 580-377-9436

MISCELLANEOUS

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

SERVICES

PEACHES AUTO SPA
Come meet our new detail tech. Get 10% off of any detail, 20% if you take out all of your personal belongings. 1/25-2/1

Doc Bob's Costa Rica trip kids are raising money to save the leatherback turtles. Snow shoveling or odd jobs wanted. Contact Dawn @ 320-223-4351 1/25-2/1

RENTALS: MEEKER

4 BDR/2 BA clean, cozy house. Quiet neighborhood in town. Large fenced yard, pets okay upon approval. Call 970-756-4760 for showing. \$975 per month.

For Rent: 1br, 1 bath, small house, small fenced yard, off street parking, includes w/d. Water & sewer paid. \$650 month/\$750 deposit. 970-629-9714

CLEAN REMODELED 2BD APARTMENTS, in-house laundry, storage units available, close to shopping and the downtown area & more. \$575 to \$595/month. Western Exposures Realty LLC (970) 878-5877.

Clean, quiet, 2 BDR, 1 BA includes washer & dryer. No pets. \$475 per month + deposit. 970-260-8844 or 970-878-5265.

RENTALS: MEEKER

Nice 2 BDR/2 BA house, beautiful out of town location. Available 2/1. 970-878-4320 1/11-2/8

Cute 1 BDR/1 BA house w/ knotty pine living room, private small yard. \$675/mo Water & Sewer included. 970-878-5858

STORAGE DEPOT 10x25 unit. 878-4808.

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

Furnished 2 BDR/1BA apartment, no pets. \$475 per month plus deposit. 970-260-8844 or 970-878-5265

Newly renovated, 2 BDR/1.5 BA duplex. All brand new appliances, VWD included, fenced backyard. Water and sewer paid. Covered carport, extra parking, \$725 month/\$825 deposit. For more info call 878-4572 or 970-930-5646

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

RENTALS: MEEKER

908 Market St, Apt. 36 - 2 BDR/1 BA. \$500 mo + deposit + utilities. 970-220-2150 1/25-2/22

2 BDR, 1.5 BA townhouse. \$550 per month, you pay electricity. Call 970-878-3363 or 970-260-3302.

RENTALS: RANGELY

2 BDR/2 BA duplex, no pets, n/s. 970-778-5040

2 BDR, full bath, washer/dryer, utilities not included, no smoking/no pets, fenced yard. 306/308 South White Ave, Rangely. \$450 deposit/\$450 per month. 970-261-5634. 1/25-2/22

3 BDR, 1 BA, 1500 sq. ft., 2 car garage, large fenced back yard, extra storage available. 1 year lease, deposit, references., \$800 per month. 970-640-2393

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

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(970)675-2259
RV Spaces for rent.
Managers: Dana & Debbie Hanvey
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SNOW LAWS

The Meeker Police Department asks that you remove vehicles, trailers, etc. from the street for snow removal. Please do not shovel or plow snow back on to the street. This causes snow ridges to freeze on the street and can be a safety issue. It costs money and time for street maintenance crews to go back over the street.

10.08.015 - Parking prohibited in snow maintenance areas.
It shall be unlawful for any person to park or leave standing, any vehicle or utility trailer, either attended or unattended, on public streets, which would interfere with or obstruct Town snowplowing operations or street maintenance operations. The Street Department Superintendent and/or Chief of Police or their designee, shall have the authority to notify persons who violate this Section, and shall require them to move the vehicle or trailer within seventy-two (72) hours of notification, or said vehicle or utility trailer shall be subject to removal by the Town.

10.08.020 - Placement of snow on public property or rights-of-way or obstructing views.
It shall be unlawful for any person to place snow or ice upon public property, including public streets. Furthermore, cleared snow shall be piled and accumulated in a manner which does not block visibility of drivers on public streets and alleys or cause other hazardous conditions. The Street Department Superintendent, or his or her designee, shall have the authority to notify property owners who violate this Section, and shall require them to, in a timely fashion, remedy the situation.

10.08.030 - Fine for violation.
Any person convicted of, or who pleads guilty or no contest to, Sections 10.08.015 or 10.08.020 above, shall be subject to a fine of not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00).
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Real-Tea Roundtable
1st Wednesday of the month
7:30 a.m., Wendl's

Moffat County - Elk Springs 1,280 +/- Acres, Game Unit 10. \$960,000
1163 Rd. 53 - 4BD/3BA Cabin in Morapos Creek. \$395,000
8617 Rd. 8 - 4BD/2BA Log Home on 2.85 acres. \$359,000
13247 Rd. 8 - SOLD!
TBD E. Market St. - 7.46 Vacant Acres at the Intersection of HWY 13 & Rd 8. \$249,000
345 Cleveland St. - 2.28 Acres, Potential for 12 Building Lots. \$216,000
1164 Hill St. - 3BD/2BA, Central Air, Garage, Fenced Yard. \$212,000
533 Cleveland - 4BD/2BA Home with Fenced Yard. \$175,000
1140 Cleveland St. - 100% Remodeled Duplex, 2BD/2BA per Side. \$\$\$ Producer! \$169,000
1105 & 1107 Market St. - Large Commercial Lot. \$149,900
870 Water St. - 3 BD/1BA, Fenced Yard, \$145,000
NEW! 211 Morrison - Rangely -2+BD/1.75BA Home, Garage/Workshop. \$115,000
Yoleta Lane - East of Craig, 40 Acres. \$77,000

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Priced to Move!
1083 Laurie Circle
East side of duplex home. 3 BD/2 BA, updated kitchen, new carpet & paint, attached two car garage. \$109,900

◆ **NEW! 1032 Jennifer Dr.** — Opportunities are unlimited for this great building with lots of paved parking! Over 4800 sq. ft. of interior space, fenced yard on south side, handicap accessible slate of the art fire suppression system. Trees, landscaped and ready for your new business. \$460,000.
◆ **NEW! 18,775 SF Lot on Robert Street** — Great view and building site with plenty of room to build your dream home. Water and sewer taps in place! \$38,000.
◆ **White River Ranch Estates on Hwy. 64 Lot 12** — 35 acres with White River frontage, private fishing area, 3 phase electrical in place. \$225,000.

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- ◆ 835 9th Street - Fixer-Upper Log home on 12,791 SF corner lot with 2 car garage \$114,000
- ◆ 375 3rd Street - Ranch style home with 4 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms on corner lot ... \$162,500
- ◆ 1135 Michael Circle - Newer home, views and close to walking trails and park..... SOLD
- ◆ 1157 Garfield - Cute home on beautiful 22,500 SF site, trees & privacy..... SOLD

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- **RESIDENTIAL**
482 12th St. - 2BD/1.5BA, townhouse. \$47,500.
780 5th St. - 4BD/2BA, 2 separate living spaces. \$158,000.
880 Main St. - 4BD/2BA, oversized lot w/ sm. cabin off the alley. \$155,000.
264 9th St. - 2BD/1BA, mobile home w/ owned lot. \$43,000.
1010 Hill St. - 2BD/1BA, corner lot w/ sm. cabin off the St. \$139,000.
873 Market St. - 3BD/1BA, utility shed, alley access. \$119,000.
893 Market St. - 2BD/1BA, corner lot, alley access. \$127,000.
959 Garfield St. - 4BD/2.5BA, 1Yr. Home Warranty Av. \$252,500 **REDUCED!**
855 5TH St. - 5BD/2BA, new roof, siding, windows & flooring. \$200,000.
767 12th St. - 2BD/1.5BA, townhouse, well kept. \$70,000.
945 & 975 Cleveland St. - **SOLD!**
- **RURAL RESIDENTIAL**
1083 Boulder Dr., Craig - Wilderness Ranches cabin, turnkey. \$169,000.
73209 Hwy 64 - 5BD/2BA, heated shop & outbuildings on 11.02ac. \$365,000 **REDUCED!**
- **RANCH PROPERTY**
281±ac. Ranch - Located in Lion's Canyon, well present, adjoins BLM. \$422,000.
River Ranch on the Yampa, Maybell - 5BD/4BA, Lg. Barn/Shop on 128.68±ac., senior water rights w/ Yampa River frontage. \$998,000 **REDUCED!**
Baker's Peak Vista Ranch, Craig - 506±ac., outbuildings, water rights & domestic well, adjoins BLM & Nat. Forest. \$1,300,000.
Four Springs Ranch, Maybell - Great Ranch setup on 343.98±ac. w/ water rights & Yampa River frontage. \$1,250,000.
- **VACANT LAND**
NEW! 1031 CR 36 - 5ac. w/ electricity & well. \$54,500.
- 2 lots, Sage Hills - Building sites. \$30,000 ea. or \$58,000 for both.
10ac. lot, Strawberry Patch Rd. - **UNDER CONTRACT!**
Two 5ac. lots, Strawberry Patch Rd. - Ponds, fence & electricity. \$56,500 ea.
100ac. Off Hwy. 13 - **UNDER CONTRACT!**
35 lots, Sanderson Hills - Great building sites. \$29,000 ea. or \$25,000 ea. in packages of five.
459 Cross L Dr. - Great building site, 3ac. corner lot. \$69,500.
49ac. lot Off Hwy. 13 - **UNDER CONTRACT!**
50ac. lot Off Hwy. 13 - Near mile marker 24, views. \$55,000.
2.25ac. lot Off Hwy. 13 - North of Meeker, nice building location. \$45,000.
2 lots, Silver Sage Rd. - Two building sites. \$45,000 for both.
- **COMMERCIAL**
Brontosaurus (Hwy. 40), Dinosaur - Lg. Building. \$155,000.
NEW! 60240 Hwy. 40, Maybell - Wildgame meat processor, business & real estate. \$280,000.
335 6th St. - Multipurpose building, multiple units, downtown. \$310,000.
1120 Cleveland St. - 6 2BD/1BA apartment units, 2 buildings, paved parking. \$299,500.
1020 Hill St. - Triplex building, 2BD/1BA in ea. unit. \$277,000.
101 E. Main St. - Brothers Property, Lg. Building w/ paved parking on 0.43±ac. \$375,000.
Gravel Pit, WRC Wet Pit - 20 miles W. of Meeker, 110±ac., water rights & ~150,000 tons of gravel to extract. \$1,500,000.
Playa Del Rio Apartments, 680 Water St. - 19 2BD/1BA apartment units, 17 storage units, Coin Op. laundry room. \$950,000.
Ma Famiglia Italian Restaurant, 410 Market St. - Business & Real Estate offered together or separate. Turnkey & Profitable. \$900,000 **REDUCED!**

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