



LUCAS TURNER AERIAL PHOTO

An aerial view of Meeker gives an idea of where a fire break could prevent a fire from coming down China Wall and into town. There will be a public meeting at the Meeker Fire House Feb. 1

## Meeting to discuss fire break set for Feb. 1

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**MEEKER** | A proposed “fire break” north of Meeker may soon become reality after multiple years of discussions, planning and navigating red-tape come to a close. Land managers, first responders and emergency personnel’s various descriptions of the concept can be summarized as a proactive fire-protection measure. By clearing vegetation, (particularly highly flammable fuels) from a 40-60 foot wide zone, crews would effectively do the work of wildfire crews beforehand, saving precious time, personnel and resources in the event of a worst-case-scenario, i.e. a massive fire threatening the Town of Meeker.

Landon Smith of the Bureau of Land Management’s White River Field Office explained that if a fire ever got close enough to threaten town, it would likely be a result of “a pretty bad day” with a combination of high winds, dry conditions and stretched resources. Because of this, any time advantage gained by a pre-built fire line could mean the difference between a charred mountainside, and the actual loss of structures. “If all we have to do is wait for a window and roll up and burn it, it’s gonna save everybody a lot of heartache,” said Smith, referring to the process of “back-burning,” or fighting fire with fire.

Fire breaks, whether pre-built or constructed rapidly during active firefighting work, not only create a physical barrier between flammable materials, they also allow for safe and effective back burning. “That fuel break is designed for us to be able to light off of, and try to take out the fuel between the fuel break and the fire, so that when the weather event does hit, it gives us a better chance of keeping it out of town.”

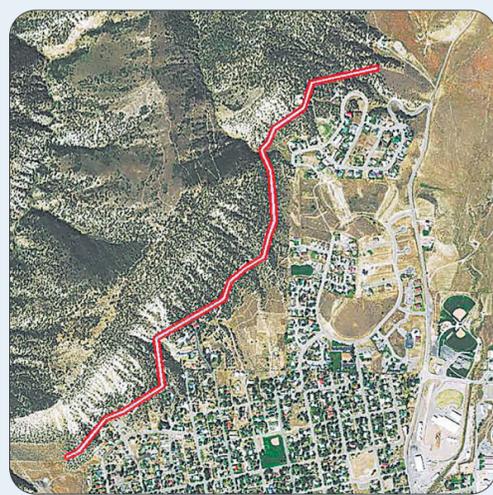
The proposed project has gained relevance in recent weeks, thanks to the high-profile Marshall Fire in Boulder County that burned over 1,000 structures, surpassing the 2013 Black Forest Fire as the state’s most destructive fire.

Apart from the ongoing proof-of-concept demonstrated on a regular basis during active fire-fighting operations, fire breaks of the kind being discussed for Meeker have been attributed to saving hundreds of millions of dollars in damage. According to [USDA.gov](http://USDA.gov) [1] fire breaks (along with other proactive forest treatment efforts) helped save structures during the Buffalo Fire in 2018 by reducing available fuels to burn, offering “safe places for firefighters to aggressively fight the fire” and providing effective fire-retardant drop zones.

Sitting Chairman of the Rio Blanco County board of commissioners, and former Emergency Manager Ty Gates said the project initially came up in conversation during training a few years back when he was still serving as the county’s Emergency Manager. “A long time ago one of my mentors told me that ‘failing to plan is planning to fail’ so if we’re being proactive then hopefully it works out in our favor,” said Gates, who applied that advice to get the fire break process started in earnest. Approximate locations were mapped by county GIS, and the concept was discussed in official meetings before eventually getting stalled in legal red-tape. “It just kind of stood still for a while, then I told Eddie (Smercina) about it and he picked up the ball and got it back in motion” said Gates, referring to RBC’s current Emergency Manager, Eddie Smercina.

Smercina has discussed the subject regularly in recent public meetings, updating county commissioners and staff on the steps required to finalize the process.

Wrapping up said process will be no small feat as the local BLM office nears completion of a complex and multi-year long NEPA process, and officials seek consent of landowners, both private and public. Though the majority of impacted land is owned by the Eastern Rio Blanco Metropolitan (ERBM) Recreation & Park District and the Town of Meeker, a few private landowners would also need to consent to have the fire break go through their property.



BLM PHOTO

Above, a map of the proposed fire break location along China Wall.

Both Smercina and Smith noted that things were going well in terms of landowner relations, but emphasized how important it is to make sure everyone can voice their concerns, and get information about what exactly the project entails.

The BLM is currently seeking public comments on the proposed project, due Feb. 2. In conjunction with local entities involved, including ERBM, Rio Blanco County, the Town of Meeker and the Meeker Fire Protection District, BLM is hosting an information meeting on Feb. 1 at 6 p.m. at the Meeker Fire House at 240 7th Street.

## Grant completes 24-hour workout fundraising event



COURTESY PHOTO

Dr. Justin Grant recently completed a 24-hour workout to help raise funds for family friend Maudy Milton, who was recently diagnosed with metastatic breast cancer. The event was livestreamed to Justin Grant’s Facebook page [Athlos Life](https://www.facebook.com/athloslife).

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**MEEKER** | “If I’m in the scenario of that much pain, and I have the option to quit, what would I do? would I keep going, or would I stop?” Dr. Justin Grant told the *HT* in an interview this week, describing his harrowing experience over the weekend. For 24 hours straight, Dr. Grant exercised at Smoking River Brewing Co. to raise money for a family friend who was recently diagnosed with metastatic breast cancer. The event was live-streamed to Facebook, along with interviews from fitness professionals, doctors, business owners, and Maudy Milton, whom the fundraiser benefited.

“Time seemed to really slow down, the clock just didn’t seem to be moving”

noted Grant when discussing the ordeal that he trained to do for almost three months. Combining wind-machine exercises and crossfit, altogether the workout involved:

- 50 calories on the row machine
- 50 squats
- 50 calories on a SkiErg
- 50 clean and jerks (with 75lbs)
- 50 calories on the assault bike
- 50 bar over burpees

All of that, but for 24 hours. Despite significant efforts to train before-hand, Dr. Grant reflected “it wasn’t enough, in hindsight,” as the process still took a significant physical toll and led to some injuries, which he said he has mostly recovered from. “It’s probably one of the top three most painful things I’ve ever experienced,” he said, adding “but at the same time, it’s in the top three most satisfying and rewarding.” things of self-accomplishment that I’ve ever experienced.”

Dubbed “the wind-tunnel,” (a name with both literal and metaphorical meanings) the routine was titled to represent response to extreme adversity.

“It’s an area with really high velocity winds, it’s a violent area, something that a lot of things can’t withstand,” said Grant, “we all

face our wind tunnels” he added, referring to the adversity faced by Milton, and those who participated in the event over the weekend who were part of more than just a fundraiser. “We were raising money, yes, for Maudy Milton, but we were coming alongside Maudy Milton in her wind tunnel, and we were learning lessons for ourselves to take forward into our own future wind tunnels,” Dr. Grant said.

Ongoing fundraising via GoFundMe for Milton can be found at <https://bit.ly/3rSm82r>.

Dr. Grant said he plans to do more like this event in the future, though he hasn’t yet decided exactly what. In the meantime, you can check-out the day’s live-streamed events at <https://www.facebook.com/athloslife>

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Saturday: 30/0s



Sunday: 30/10s



**DONATE**

Tap above to donate to Milton’s cancer treatment.

## COUNTY BEAT

## Foster care program moves forward

By NIKI TURNER  
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**RBC** | Interviews for board appointments were the first order of business Tuesday, Jan. 25 for the Rio Blanco County Board of Commissioners. Commissioners conducted interviews with applicants for the Rangely Library Board, the Extension Advisory Board, and the Fair Board. Appointments will be made in February.

In work sessions, IT and Communications Director Trevor Nielson updated the board on various projects, including implementation of a new software program for the Sheriff's Office, the solar transition project for remote towers, and plans for expansion of the broadband network.

Weed and Pest Director Jane Turnbull said chemical prices have increased and some will potentially be unavailable. She said the department will have a few open positions for the spring/summer season.

Director of Human Services Tia Murry said she has been working on a proposal with Joy Thompson to imple-

ment a county foster care program, a need which has been addressed by the community. Murry said she doesn't expect any shortage of foster care families as multiple families have verbalized their willingness. DHS, which is collaborating with Moffat County to serve citizens in both counties, lacks sufficient staff to implement the program internally.

"I think this will take care of the community need," Murry said. "It won't be a huge cost to the community," she added. "It gives the community what they want and have been asking for. And it helps us as an agency."

"A child that remains within the community is much more likely to be reunited with family," said County Attorney Don Stearman. Additionally, they are able to continue in their same school, with their friends, even if their home situation is changed, Murry said.

Carly Thomson updated the Board regarding White River Roundup, which handles senior nutrition. Thomson said 16,200 meals were served and almost \$19,000 was received in donations.

In-person dining at Chuckwagon has been closed this week due to the increase in Covid-19 cases and the fact the program serves a vulnerable population. Total expenses for the department for the entire program were approximately \$260,000 for 2021.

During the regular board meeting, commissioners approved precinct and commissioner district lines to be submitted to the Secretary of State, tied in to the statewide redistricting process.

Dr. Justin Grant was appointed medical director for the Rio Blanco Fire Protection District — Meeker Ambulance Service. Dr. Albert Krueger, who is retiring, was the medical director.

In other business, the board:

■ Approved a request for reimbursement for the Meeker Airport.

■ Approved a support letter for the CNCC Colorado Opportunity Scholarship Initiative program.

■ Tabled a \$1.6 million bid for broadband engineering with Bonfire Engineering and Consulting.

■ Approved a contract with Joy Thompson for foster home recruitment, training, home studies and follow up. "This has been an ongoing project for about four years," Rector said. "It will get this program where it needs to be."

■ Approved a memorandum of understanding with the CSU Extension program for participation in educational programs.

■ Approved a data center license agreement with Cimarron Telecommunications.

■ Approved a resolution authorizing the treasurer to assign a county-held lien on mineral account N5500330.

Following commissioner updates on their activities, the board went into executive session with the county attorney to discuss legal issues and negotiations for pending or threatened litigation.

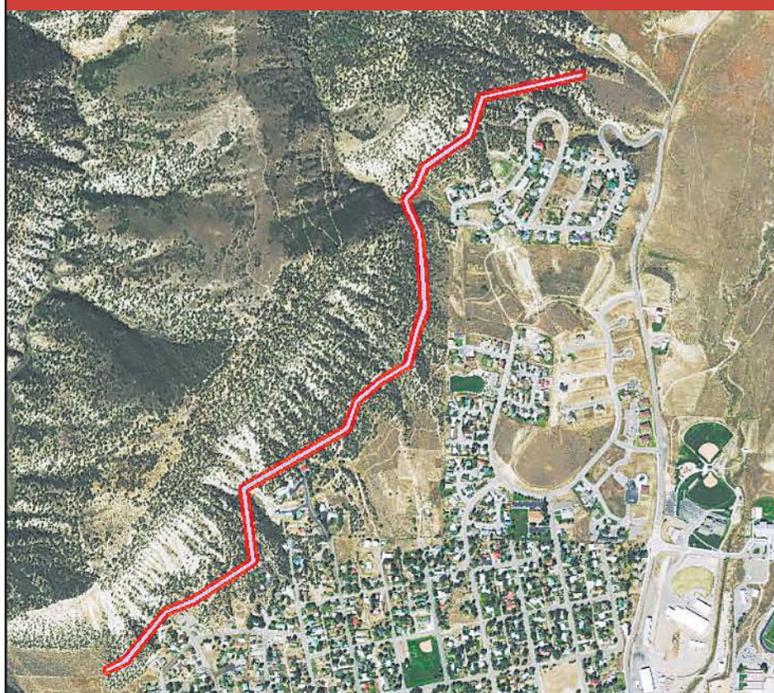
At least one legal case that has made its way to the public record is a civil suit filed by former RBC building inspector Jeff Kummer against Moyer and Rector, alleging Kummer was "deprived of his First Amendment liberty interest in his good name without due process" during his employment and eventual termination.

In other lawsuit activity in November, Rector and Moyer signed on as plaintiffs in a lawsuit against the Secretary of State's office surrounding the 2020 election. Other plaintiffs included state Rep. Ron Hanks (Cañon City), Douglas County Clerk and Recorder Merlin Klotz, Park County Commissioner Amy Mitchell, and Elbert County Clerk and Recorder Dallas Schroeder.

Hanks, who headed the suit, has since withdrawn his name, citing his duties in the state Legislature and his campaign for U.S. Senate against incumbent Senator Michael Bennet.

This week, Schroeder came under scrutiny by the Secretary of State's office for a "potential breach of election security protocols" in Elbert County, according to reporting from [Colorado Politics](#).

Please join us!



Rio Blanco County is hosting a public meeting to discuss BLM's proposed Meeker fire break project.

Tuesday, Feb. 1, 6 p.m.  
Meeker Firehouse  
240 7th St.



Contact RBC Emergency Manager Eddie Smercina with questions.

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970-878-9586

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## Alliance talks mosquito control

Special to the Herald Times

**RBC** | Seeking to find out more about effective mosquito control, the White River Alliance asked Jesse Schroeder, the Director of Weed and Pest Control from neighboring Moffat County, to help answer that question. Moffat has been using an Integrated Pest Management program for several years, which targets mosquito larvae using biological non-toxic controls. IPM has proven to be far more effective at mosquito control than other methods.

Questions have been raised about the use of Permethrin, a broad spectrum insecticide used in Rio Blanco County, for mosquito control. There is a growing concern about the effects of permethrin on human and river health. Permethrin kills all beneficial insects it comes into contact with, including bees and water born insects.

Schroeder answered numerous questions and explained why other counties have gravitated to Integrated Pest Management, a more effective and environmentally sound management tool for mosquitos. "I simply see better control when treatments are done on larva and pupa. That is why our primary focus is treating them in the water. The purpose of integrated pest management is to use as many tools as possible to maximize control of the target species," said Jesse Schroeder.

In Jesse's program, most of the budget is spent on targeting larva and pupa before they become biting adults, because as he stated, "we obtain much better control with larvicides such as Bti, than the adulticides such as Permethrin. The Bti

or larvicide is non-toxic to livestock and wildlife, as well as beneficial insects."

The White River has previously contacted insect experts at the Palisades Insectary who provide area landowners with beetles that attack invasive species such as tamarisk and leafy spurge. Spraying permethrins will kill these insects on contact, eliminating their benefit.

The White River Alliance hopes to encourage communities in Rio Blanco County to explore the use of this more effective and environmentally sound Integrated Pest Management method.

In other business, Dr. Bob Dorsett, who has been tracking indicators for River Watch on the White for over 25 years, gave a report on the "State of the River." He noted that runoff continues to steadily decline. The White has seen a roughly 20% reduction in stream flow over the past 20 years due to a continued drought and climate change that show temperatures (increasing) and precipitation (decreasing) at the headwaters of the White River.

White River Alliance's projects this year are to continue their reduction of invasive species, reduce litter along the river, and expand the scholarship program for high school students with a Leadership in Conservation Award for both a Rangely and a Meeker High School graduating senior.

The Alliance elected their board for 2022 with Shawn Welder re-elected president, John Wix, VP, Lois Williams, Deirdre Macnab, Chris Harris, Kathleen Kelley, and Luke Trout. The website is [WhiteRiverAlliance.net](#)

## Morlan named to CMC Dean's List

Special to the Herald Times

**MEEKER** | Caleigh Morlan of Meeker has been named to the Dean's Honors List for the Fall 2021 semester for her academic performance at Colorado Mountain College in Glenwood Springs.



Pioneers Medical Center welcomes a new manager to our family!

Connie Ross, lead technician of our Environmental Services Department!

PMC is always accepting applications and would love to hear from you. Positions are available in a wide variety of departments, and compensation starts at \$14 an hour for entry level positions. Benefits include medical, dental, vision, and a 401(a).

**NEWS NOTES**

**Empty Bowls fundraiser Jan. 27**

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

**Meeker book club**

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

**Wagon Wheel OHV Club**

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

**COVID-19 Update**

Special to the Herald Times

**RBC I Total Cases to Date:** 1,630

Meeker Active: 68

Rangely Active: 37

Hospitalizations in the last 14 days: 2

Total Hospitalized: 126

Meeker School District: 17

Rangely School District: 8

Deaths: 12



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**NEW CSOC PRESIDENT ...**

Rio Blanco County was well-represented during last week's County Sheriffs of Colorado meeting in Denver. (Left) Rio Blanco County Sheriff Anthony Mazzola was sworn in as president (having previously served as first vice-president) by Rio Blanco County native Stan Hilkey, executive director of the Colorado Office of Public Safety and son of former Rio Blanco County Sheriff Ron Hilkey. (Below) Cheryl Mazzola, Sheriff Mazzola, RBC Commissioner Ty Gates and wife Rachel.

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- 30 oz. Kraft Mayo or **MIRACLE WHIP** ..... **\$4.49**
- 10-12 ct. Old El Paso **TACO SHELLS** ..... **\$1.79**
- 10 ct. Old El Paso Bold Nacho Cheese **TACO SHELLS** ..... **\$2.99**
- 10 oz. Old El Paso **ENCHILADA SAUCE** ..... **\$1.79**
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## EDITOR'S COLUMN

# Normal

*America's present need is not heroics but healing; not nostrums but normalcy; not revolution but restoration.*

Warren G. Harding, 29th President of the U.S.

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Harding spoke those words during his short-lived presidency (1921-1923) that followed the end of the first World War and the Spanish Flu pandemic. They ring true a century later, again following a war and a devastating pandemic. "Return to normalcy" was his campaign slogan for the election of 1920.

We're all craving "normal" these days. But normal is hard to define unless you're talking about a setting on the washing machine. Normalcy is

generally what we've become accustomed to, what makes us feel safe and comfortable. Sometimes, though, what feels "normal" isn't necessarily good or healthy, it's just familiar. A worn out pair of shoes feels "normal" until you get a new pair and realize you wore the heels off on one side and were walking lopsided.

The pandemic, and all its accompanying inconveniences and disruptions and unpleasantness, have stripped away many of those



comfortable layers of "normalcy" and exposed serious fractures in our societal foundations we've been brushing under the proverbial rug for a very long time, from the abject failure of "trickle down economics" (Hey, it sounded really good when Reagan explained it!) to problems with racism that have lingered like a slow-growing tumor since the Civil War. Cracks have been exposed on more personal levels, too. People have reevaluated their job choices, their relationships, and their lifestyles and realized they've been wearing ill-fitting shoes, so to speak, for a long time.

Some days "normal" sounds like bliss. When we're in the murky mess of change, "normal" seems ideal... kind of like the person with no shoes is exceedingly grateful for ill-fitting ones. But we need to remember that we can't just conceal those cracks with yet another cosmetic cover up, we need to correct the underlying structural problems, and that's going to take time and intestinal fortitude, a lot of cooperation, and a heaping helping of ingenuity.

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*February 5, 2022*

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RBC Commissioner hearing room—3rd floor  
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Meeker, CO 81641

**Banquet:** Social Hour: 6:00 p.m.  
Dinner: 7:00 p.m.  
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## KAYE'S CORNER

# Art friends

By KAYE SULLIVAN  
Special to the Herald Times



Kaye Sullivan

Over our 15 years of selling art at the outdoor fairs (those white tent affairs), I received a huge education on various topics related to art and being a pop-up vendor. In the beginning, I never expected to see these same folks again, but it turns out many artists schedule similar road tours from year to year or have success in certain locations, so they repeat.

Thus, Jay and I became friends with some very talented people and even exchanged art with some of them. The hand-crafted lamp in our living room is a cherished memory of Tom Sayre's excellent wood turning skills that he gave us in return for a drawing Jay did of him.

We received free CDs from guitar musicians, Greg Hanson and Darren Skanson, who often played in Breckenridge where we were showing art. We loved their live music and could enjoy it again back home. (Still do!)

One of our treasured friends is a gifted painter residing in Kansas whom we met at a restaurant during a brief rain stoppage in Breckenridge. We have visited his home and enjoyed a chat in, of all places, Minneapolis, one of the top-rated shows in the country. He and Jay enjoy phone calls to catch up and commiserate.

My husband often shopped the jewelry booths on his breaks and thus I received some outstanding one-of-a-kind earrings and pendants. I love the fact that we know the creators personally.

While the artist is required to be present in the booth 100% of these shows, wives are not. In the art business, I am "Vice President of Other Stuff" which means everything from scheduling shows, paying taxes, keeping the website current, editing the monthly newsletter, keeping the artist on schedule, and other duties as required.

At the festivals during slow times,

I could wander, meet artists, ask questions, and get quite an art education. When we launched the art business, I started at ground zero. I had no knowledge of the various mediums, how to properly mat drawings, where to acquire information about art festivals ... let's just say I was truly a newbie.

I was curious about the processes of creating items like hand painted silk scarves and batik. The various styles of pottery always fascinated me. A very few people work in paper crafts that end up as sculpture type creations. A few artists specialize in American Native art and I could watch them paint at their booths.

What is print making? How did this artist produce an etching? Tell me more about watercolor. Certainly, I did not become an expert, but gained a huge appreciation for the depth of skill required for each of these specialties.

We've met talented sheep milk sourced soap and lotion makers right here in Meeker and I order some every year for friends. Over in nearby DeBeque, a framer using real wood has also become a tremendous resource and buddy. And a Rifle resident is an awesome poet published in Colorado Outdoors.

In addition to the art festivals, Jay attended a few classes and is again attending online workshops with world-renowned English artist Mike Sibley. This man has published astounding books about how to draw. Plus, he is very gracious with his time, giving feedback to Jay from across the ocean. We count him as a treasured friend.

We hold high regard for all of these artists' talents. The art world has opened some amazing doors for Jay and me and I am grateful for the ways in which art has enriched our lives.

**A Lasting Legacy**  
An Estate Planning Workshop  
For Rural Families  
Sponsored by  
**Colorado State University Extension**  
WHERE: Rio Blanco Co. Fairgrounds  
WHEN: TUES FEBRUARY 22  
DINNER STARTING AT 5 p.m. MEETING at 5:45 p.m.

It was a beautiful afternoon in late spring when Bob clutched his hands to his chest and collapsed in the field. He was dead within minutes. No warning. No chance of survival.

His wife and five children were left in utter disbelief. Bob and his family always had intentions to clarify his legacy plans. Now he is gone. His children will not have the opportunity to share his stories, faith, hopes and life experiences. There were no instructions for burial or memorial services.

They don't know to whom he wanted to give his collections of toy cars and silver spurs.

**Could Bob's family have done things differently?  
How do you pass on the legacy that was your life?  
Can you help your family carry on after you are no longer with them?**

Leaving a legacy that everyone can love depends on parents and their adult children being able to bridge the communication gap. It's hard to talk about death and what will happen after a loved one dies, but planning for the passing of a lasting legacy from one generation to the next gives families the opportunity to share their most important beliefs, wishes and lessons learned throughout a lifetime.

In this workshop you will learn about

- ✓ Sharing your values and life lessons with future generations.
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GUEST COLUMN

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

# Where do I find my family tree online?

By ED PECK  
Special to the Herald Times

Where do I find my family tree online? That's a common question asked. The answer is, it isn't there yet. All reputable family tree databases protect anyone known or suspected to be still living. Those entries are purposely hidden from view. You need to personally research the first three generations before you move on to websites like [Ancestry.com](http://Ancestry.com).

In STARTING A TREE, I prefer to give each family unit their own sheet of paper. We call this a FAMILY GROUP SHEET. It contains one Father, one mother, known children. If there is a remarriage, make another sheet and mark it second marriage. This gives you room to add notes for dates, places, where you found the information. You can take that information later and make the traditional abbreviated chart. The Family Group Sheet is used to record verbal history you remember from around the dinner table as a child, family gossip, and guesses of any kind. This allows you to evaluate reliability of the information. Example: you found names and dates on a gravestone. The information may not be perfect. Someone in the family had to supply the stone carver the information. The informer may not have had first hand information. Also, we old people, errrr... age challenged persons tend to fudge our ages a bit. The stone carver generally got paid by the letter, so cheap relatives often would only supply the year, not the full dates. If the carver made an error, too bad. On a personal note, I love to read an old newspaper obituary. They were usually dictated by a family member. Then I look for a death notice written often times a week or two earlier and compare the two. I find it wonderful trick of human nature to find that Joe Schmidt was found dead of some accident. The editor when on to add that Joe will NOT be sorely missed by those in the community effected by his drunken rages. Next week, in the obituary, Joe is exclaimed to be close to sainthood as a devoted husband.

In the next issue I will go into detail of HOW TO COLLECT ENOUGH INFORMATION FOR 3 GENERATIONS. Enough to start connecting your family to documents, and databases that are open to public research.

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

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## Learn and play Bridge

Dear Editor:

Meeker has a tradition of good to great bridge players. I do not want to see it end. If you want to play or learn bridge, please come to the Rec Center on Wednesday, Feb. 2 at 9 a.m. It is informal and fun with coffee and donuts. Call me if you need more info.

Elaine Jordan  
Meeker

## Thank you for RX transportation plan

Dear Editor:

I would like to thank everyone that worked so hard to help us with our prescription needs. It didn't take long for those to put their heads together to come up with a solution. The representatives of Hospice and Medicare, thank you! The ones involved that I know about are Alice Harvey, Rachel Gates, Christy Atwood, Anthony Mazzola and Commissioner

Ty Gates. I apologize for anyone that I have left out. It's encouraging to have support from the "powers that be" to get this plan into action. Thanks again!

Carol Parr  
Meeker

## Should \$4 million to Wolf Creek be reconsidered?

Dear Editor:

How big is the Rio Blanco County budget? Do our expenses match revenues? And is there adequate public discussion before very large discretionary expenditures when tax revenues are shrinking?

If you guessed a 2022 budget of \$37 million you would be right, an increase of \$7.2 million in spending over last year. It also places the County in a significant deficit spending position, as expenditures are 150% larger than the revenues expected to be collected in 2022—a deficit overspending of more than \$12 million. (County revenues are expected to be \$25.6 million according to the published budget.)

While county citizens and staff labored over the past few months to study the budget for the coming year, one very large expenditure seemed to slip by without much notice or discussion.

Without any substantive discussion of alternatives, county commissioners quietly allocated a \$4 million discretionary budget item labeled "Grants" out of the County Capital Improvement Fund. In a recent *Rio Blanco Herald* article the general public learned that the grant was in fact for permitting expenses for the proposed Wolf Creek Dam and Reservoir just miles from the Utah border.

That sure is a lot of money to spend without broad community knowledge, not to mention discussion and support. Were any other priorities considered? How about keeping the jail open, providing substantive county mental health services as other counties are doing, or providing permitting and costs to repair the already existing Lake Avery reservoir at our river's headwaters and in need of repair? How about improving the already existing Rio Blanco Reservoir, Kenney Reservoir, or helping the Rangely Rec District which recently announced it was

going out for a mill levy for needed funds?

Consider that this \$4 million expenditure is going for a project:

■ that the state water engineer opposed and labeled as 'speculative'

■ is in a hot dry flat desert area with anticipated huge evaporative loss - As much as 4 feet

■ is just upriver from Lakes Mead and Powell serving millions of people which are both almost empty and likely can't be filled as drought conditions are expected to continue

■ and finally, this reservoir isn't even gravity fed, the water has to be pumped to fill it at

enormous annual estimated cost of \$660,000

While commissioners have allocated spending precious dollars on a speculative project that may never be built or or have a real benefit, other county services are being cut and denied valuable funding such as keeping our jail open, or providing critical mental health services. Should this \$4 million allocation be reconsidered with public discussion in light of the many unfunded public needs in our county?

Deirdre Macnab  
Rio Blanco County

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## CONSERVATION CORNER

### White River Diversion Structure Assessments: Focus Insider Fisheries

The White River Integrated Water Initiative performed 24 Diversion System Assessments on the White River and Piceance Creek. Part of the focus of each assessment was to evaluate how efficiently the diversion system was working for the purpose of supplying water for agricultural use. Another important focus was to take a close and critical look at the in-stream diversion structure and evaluate its design for allowing fish to pass freely by the diversion structure.

The White River and Piceance Creek are home to at least 7 species of cold-water fish and 8 species of warm-water fish. There are several species of trout found alongside mountain whitefish throughout the length of the White River downstream to approximately the confluence of Yellow Creek and the White River. Yellow Creek serves as a reference point where the White River transitions to more of a warm-water fishery below the confluence and a cold-water fishery above its confluence with the White River. The true line of demarcation in the fisheries is Taylor Draw Dam. The dam presents a physical barrier that prevents all fish movement up the river. There are at least 14 different species of warm-water fish found downstream of Taylor Draw Dam, including the endangered Colorado pikeminnow. The White River is critical habitat for the recovery of the Colorado pikeminnow. Other endangered species have been found intermittently in the White River.

To maintain a healthy fish habitat, it is very important for the river to have good habitat connectivity. Without connectivity, the fish may not be able to access their preferred habitat for spawning or feeding. In many fish species, the area the fish lives and the area it spawns are in different segments of the river. This increases the importance of habitat connectivity and unobstructed fish passage throughout the river system. Many species of fish need access to their spawning grounds during high water flows and other species need the same access during low water flows in the river or creek. Different age classes of fish also have different requirements for them to freely pass by diversions. Large bodied or older classes of fish may be able to navigate obstacles in higher flow velocities, but the smaller fish species or younger age classes would be completely blocked by the same obstacles and velocities. The Diversion Assessment Team placed emphasis on the ability of fish to pass by the diversion in all water flow levels.

Trout Unlimited and Colorado Parks and Wildlife were represented on the Diversion Assessment Team. Their knowledge of fish biology and species requirements were used to evaluate the design of the in-stream diversion for allowing successful fish passage at all flow levels. One of the desired outcomes of the assessments is for the water rights owners to have access to this information and use that knowledge when they are constructing or renovating their in-stream diversions to provide a better environment for the free passage of fish in all stream flows.

A special thank you to Ian Wilson, Trout Unlimited, and Tory Eyre, Colorado Parks and Wildlife, for contributing to this article.

By: Liz Chandler - White River Integrated Water Initiative Coordinator

## PRESCRIPTION TRANSPORTATION

### Meeker Family Health Center

(970) 878-4014  
Open Monday - Friday  
8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Saturday  
9 a.m. - noon

### Rangely Pharmacy

(970) 675-2169  
Open Monday - Friday  
9:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

### Rio Blanco County Sheriff's Department Pharmacy Transportation

Monday - Thursday

### Rio Blanco County Public Health

(970) 878 - 9520

### PRESCRIPTION PICK-UP HOURS

Monday - Friday  
8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
Fairfield Center  
200 Main St #200

We anticipate Meeker Drug at Pioneers Medical Center to open this spring. During this time, we understand there are patients with urgent prescription needs.

If you are on **Medicare** or **have immediate prescription needs**, we have collaborated with Rio Blanco County and Rangely Pharmacy to provide a prescription transportation service.

If you are a **Medicare Patient** or **have urgent medication needs**, you may access the pharmacy transportation service by doing the following:

- Contact your provider. You will need to have a new prescription created and sent to Rangely Pharmacy.
- Your provider will have paperwork for you to fill out.
- Rangely Pharmacy will contact you to collect payment for your medication. Rangely Pharmacy will give you more information as to when your prescription will be ready for pick-up in Meeker. Once you've received your prescription, you may call Rangely Pharmacy with prescription related questions.
- Patient's date of birth and a valid ID will be required to pick up your prescription in Meeker.**
- Your medication will be transported by the Rio Blanco County Sheriff's Department from Rangely to Meeker, Monday - Thursday.
- Your medication will be available for pick up at Rio Blanco County Public Health.

### Pharmacy transportation service FAQ

- Q: How do I access this service?**  
**A:** Contact your provider to learn more. At this time, the prescription transportation service is intended for Medicare patients and those with immediate prescription needs.
- Q: Is there a cost to use the prescription transportation service?**  
**A:** No, Rio Blanco County Sheriff's Department and Public Health are volunteering to help facilitate this program.
- Q: What types of insurance does Rangely Pharmacy accept?**  
**A:** Rangely Pharmacy accepts most insurances including Medicare Silver Scripts and Medicare Well Care. Rangely Pharmacy is not a DME (Durable Medical Equipment) supplier and cannot accept Medicare Part B.
- Q: When will my prescription be ready for pick-up at Public Health?**  
**A:** Rangely Pharmacy will let you know the approximate day and time your prescription will be ready for pick-up in Meeker at Public Health. The Sheriff's Department will be transporting Monday - Thursday. Prescriptions can be picked up at Public Health Monday - Friday during normal business hours.
- Q: Can I have a family member or friend pick up my medication?**  
**A:** Yes, they will need your date of birth and a valid ID at pick-up. You may also call Public Health to identify who will be picking up on your behalf. **\*\*Please note that prescriptions not picked up within a two week time frame will be disposed of or returned to Rangely Pharmacy without a refund.\*\***
- Q: My prescription isn't at Public Health, what do I do?**  
**A:** Please call Rangely Pharmacy to ensure they received, filled and sent your prescription with the Sheriff's Department to Meeker. If you have additional questions or if Rangely Pharmacy did not receive your prescription, please call your provider.
- Q: I have questions about my prescription or I am not sure if the right medication was prescribed.**  
**A:** Call your provider.



# Meeker School Board impressed by student art presentation

By **NIKI TURNER**  
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**MEEKER** | MHS Art Instructor Ben Quinn and some of his students shared a presentation about their completed projects, including the public murals at the Town Park restroom and in the alley on Sixth and Main.

Elijah LeBlanc, who received a pottery wheel for his birthday, is making and selling dinner sets, and Macy Ridgeway is selling customized ceramic pet dishes online.

Shane Kobald has created murals on display at Smoking River Brewing Co.

Gabe Richardson said the art program has expanded his understanding of what he's able to do in art, even getting paid commission for a project created for a family friend.

Students have an online portfolio of their work they can share with parents or use with school applications.

Macy Ridgeway is the first Scholastic Art award winner from Meeker High School in sculpture. Reese Clatterbaugh, a freshman, earned an award for "Two Cups," and Brea Garcia, great-granddaughter of WWII veteran Ernie Garcia who passed away last year, drew a portrait that earned a Silver Key in "one of the more difficult categories to compete in," Quinn said.

Sarah Kracht won a Gold Key in printmaking for "Dying Breed," which will go on to competition in New York City.

Art students have created 200 handmade bowls they'll be selling Thursday before

the basketball games with soup, salad and a breadstick. Proceeds will go to local non-profit organizations.

Board members shared their appreciation of the students and the art program.

"We are so blessed to have the art program we have," said board member Kevin Amack. "I'm overwhelmed."

"I'm thoroughly impressed," said board member Tony Theos. "Keep up the good work."

School nurse Jolyn Dolan was recognized for her work by the board and school staff. Dolan covers all three campuses.

"She really makes our lives easier and is a great resource for families," said Meeker Elementary School Principal Andi Murphy.

Murphy also thanked each board member and presented a "thank you" from each grade in recognition of National School Board Month. "We appreciate your leadership," Murphy said.

Barone Middle School Principal Jim Hanks said they are planning an April field trip for the entire seventh grade to Denver via Amtrak where they will spend half a day at the Capitol, visit the Museum of Nature and Science, and take in a Rockies game as well as a formal dinner and some kind of performance.

"We thought it would be a really good experience," he said. "We're looking forward to that. We were given the money to do that from the Meeker Education Foundation and the Fairfield [Trust]."

The board also discussed budget items, utility expenses, COVID protocols, and more in a lengthy meeting Monday.

## ART AWARDS ...



It was another great year at the Colorado Scholastic Art Awards for the Meeker High School art students. Senior Sarah Kracht received a Gold Key in printmaking for her 18X24-inch linoleum block print "Dying Breed" (top), senior Macy Ridgeway received a Silver Key in sculpture for "I Can't Breathe" (second), freshmen Reese Clatterbaugh received an Honorable Mention in ceramics for "Two Small Bowls" (third down), and junior Brea Garcia received a Silver Key in drawing for "Grandpa Ernie" (bottom). Kracht's work will be judged in New York City at the national level with results in March. The work will be displayed at the Denver Art Museum and the History Colorado Center from Feb. 14 to March 29. Visit [www.coloradoartawards.org](http://www.coloradoartawards.org) for more information.

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# Garner announces bid for Rio Blanco County Sheriff

**PRESS RELEASE**  
*Special to the Herald Times*

**RANGELY I** Rangely Patrol Lieutenant Richard Garner officially announced his candidacy for the office of Rio Blanco County Sheriff for the 2022 general election in November with a press release which follows:

“Family, friends and fellow residents of Rio Blanco County, after thoughtful consideration and overwhelming encouragement from citizens, law enforcement and business professionals, I am excited to announce my bid for the office of Rio Blanco County Sheriff in the 2022 election.

If elected, I intend to lead with dignity and respect, and expect those employed by my office to emulate the same values. The protection, security and welfare of our citizens and visitors is my top priority. If elected, I would make certain the Rio Blanco County Sheriff’s Office will work tirelessly in cooperation and partnership, with all

persons, groups, and organizations, for the benefit and protection of everyone within Rio Blanco County.

As citizens of Rio Blanco County, we deserve to be informed on matters regarding our personal safety, the safety of our family, and the safety and welfare of our community. As your Sheriff, I would ensure the citizens of Rio Blanco County are well informed and would make any and all changes necessary to expand community involvement in public safety and enhance public trust.

I look forward to this endeavor and strive for a clean campaign that exemplifies my sense of public service and professionalism that has guided me to this point. I would be honored to receive your vote for Rio Blanco County Sheriff in the 2022 election.

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Please feel free to contact me with any questions, concerns, or comments at [garner4rioblancosheriff@gmail.com](mailto:garner4rioblancosheriff@gmail.com). Or visit my Facebook page @ Rich Garner for Rio Blanco County Sheriff”



**Rangely Patrol Lieutenant Richard Garner officially announced his candidacy for the Rio Blanco County Sheriff.**

## Proposed bill to ban big cat hunting sparks outcry

By **NIKI TURNER**  
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**RBC I** A proposal introduced by four Colorado state lawmakers that would seek to ban mountain lion, lynx and bobcat hunting has been met with a virtual blizzard of emails in opposition, prompting one of the legislators, Sen. Joann Ginal of Fort Collins, to pull her sponsorship of the bill last Thursday.

The four Front Range legislators reportedly object to use of electronic devices that make the sounds of other lions or their prey to lure the cats, something Colorado Parks and Wildlife approved in January 2021 in some areas. The move by CPW spurred the Colorado Humane Society to “work through legislation” channels, according to reporting by The Colorado Sun.

Management of Colorado’s wildlife is a task better suited to the expertise of Colorado Parks and Wildlife, according to opponents of Senate Bill 31, which has sparked unpleasant recollections of the citizen-led petition to reintroduce wolves to the state.

That petition made it to the ballot and won by a narrow margin of voters. Wolf reintroduction was put on a fast track by the governor’s office last year. The

wolves, however, aren’t waiting to be reintroduced. In the last month, Jackson County has confirmed at least two attacks on livestock and one on a rancher’s working cattle dog, by wolves that have migrated into northern Colorado and established the state’s first breeding pack in decades.

Polarization regarding wildlife management came to a head for Ellen Kessler, a member of the State Board of Veterinary Medicine, after a text she sent referring to ranchers as “lazy and nasty” went public. The comment was made in reference to the wolf attacks in Jackson County. Kessler voluntarily resigned her position this week amid public pressure.

That’s the same kind of pressure coming to lawmakers from hunters, conservationists, and outdoor enthusiasts regarding Senate Bill 31, but as of press time, the bill is still in play. It’s scheduled to be reviewed by the state senate’s Agriculture and Natural Resources committee on Feb. 3 at 1:30 p.m.

Concerned voters are encouraged to meet at the state Capitol at 1 p.m. on Feb. 3 to share their views. Contact the Colorado Outfitters’ Association at 970-824-2468 for details.

Committee members include Kerry Donovan ([kerry.donovan.senate@state.co.us](mailto:kerry.donovan.senate@state.co.us)),



**A mountain lion on a Cleveland Street homeowner’s security camera in Meeker in 2020.**

[sonya.jaquez.lewis.senate@state.co.us](mailto:sonya.jaquez.lewis.senate@state.co.us)), bill co-sponsor Sonya Jaquez Lewis ([sonya.jaquez.lewis.senate@state.co.us](mailto:sonya.jaquez.lewis.senate@state.co.us)), Don Coram ([don.coram.senate@state.co.us](mailto:don.coram.senate@state.co.us)), Rhonda Fields ([rhonda.fields.senate@state.co.us](mailto:rhonda.fields.senate@state.co.us)) and Jerry Sonnenberg ([senatorsonnenberg@gmail.com](mailto:senatorsonnenberg@gmail.com)).

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## COVID-19 TESTING

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

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

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**DRIVE-UP, 101 E. MAIN ST.**  
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Friday 9-10am  
Rapid tests not available on  
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### AT-HOME TESTING

Visit <https://covid19.colorado.gov/covid-19-testing-at-home> for info.

### TRAVEL TESTING

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## RBC COVID-19 UPDATES

**CASE COUNTS**

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

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



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# Recall campaign update

By NIKI TURNER  
editor@ht1885.com

**RBC** I Voters who signed the petition to recall Rio Blanco County Commissioner Gary Moyer can expect some progress one way or another in the next few weeks.

Following the second petition to recall Moyer being filed and a subsequent protest by Matt Scott, in which Rio Blanco County Clerk and Recorder Boots Campbell acted as hearing officer, Scott filed a civil suit

in district court. The suit alleges Campbell violated Scott's due process rights because she was "not a neutral arbiter" in the case.

Ninth Judicial District Judge David Boyd heard from attorneys for both parties on Monday, Jan. 24, in a telephone conference. Boyd told the attorneys he would take the case under advisement and scheduled a hearing for Feb. 9 at 8:30 a.m., unless he issues a written decision prior to that date.

# LAST REQUEST ...



COURTESY PHOTO

One of veteran Tom Kilduff's last requests was for Scott Mobley to take Kilduff's dog, Sarge, to coffee at White River Convenience with Kilduff's friends. U.S. Rep. Lauren Boebert (R-Silt) stopped by to pay her respects (far right).

## DAYS GONE BY

*The Meeker Herald*  
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- Ambrose Oldland was out to Denver during the week, partly on business and partly on pleasure.
- Several cases of measles developed in town and vicinity last week, and in order that the disease might not spread school was closed this week.
- The weather in these parts had a kind of Chicago tinge to it, namely: On Monday, 3 inches of beautiful new snow and 12 degrees below zero that night; 28 below Tuesday night; 18 below Wednesday night; 3 below Thursday night and 12 above last. All told, about 6 inches of snow fell in the valley during the week.

*The Meeker Herald*  
100 years ago

- A lot of people who don't advertise think business is dead.
- Wear a smile — and plenty of clothes.
- There is some involuntary unemployment, of course, but a lot of people are working mighty hard in order to keep out of work.
- The sun is now getting high enough to make itself felt, where the shadows do not interfere. We may have some more snow and frost but the backbone of the winter is broken, as the weather prophets would say.

*The Meeker Herald*  
50 years ago

- Howard D. Cooley, formerly of Grand Junction, is the new officer in charge of the

Department of Revenue's state driver license bureau for Rio Blanco County. The driver license office was formerly under the county clerk and recorder's office until the system was taken over by the state the third of January.

The Meeker Jaycees held their annual Distinguished Service Awards Banquet Thursday night at the El Rancho Cafe. Winning awards were Mike Grady, Laura Ackerman, Dale Harthan, Lynn Whiteman, Hal Pearce and Dr. Earl Ryan.

*The Meeker Herald*  
25 years ago

- Cody Crooks, son of Sam and Virginia Love, took first place in the Alice Cunningham Conservation Poster Contest. Jessica Hilkey, daughter of Troy and Rhonda Hilkey, won the second place ribbon. Both students also were state finalists.
- Dr. James Jirak, son of Edwin and Liona Jirak, sang in Carnegie Hall in New York Jan. 19 with the Robert Shaw Chorale.
- Allan and Jeanne Jones have won the outstanding

conservationist of the year award from the White River Soil Conservation District.

*Rangely Times*  
50 years ago

- Wilson Radio Communications, a two-way service and rental organization, has moved to Rangely.
- Experience is knowing a lot of things you shouldn't do.
- We learned last week of continuing acts of vandalism here in Rangely that are almost beyond belief.

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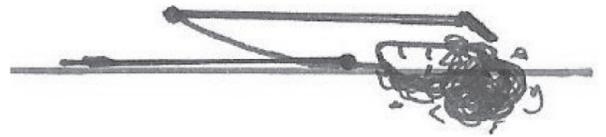
- With the help of some local pilots and the U.S. Air force, Rangely kids will get a view from the cockpit and training on basic flight principles in the Civil Air Patrol's Cadet program.
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  55. Rudolf Nureyev's step
  58. Stallone's nickname



## Cowboys place seventh at Top of the Rockies

By **TIFFANY JEHOEK**  
*Special to the Herald Times*

**MEEKER I** For the first time, the Meeker Cowboys competed at the Top of the Rockies, which is the toughest tournament in the state of Colorado. Out of 33 teams, only one other 2A team was there, John Mall, there were no 3A teams, it was a mixture of 4A and 5A, plus a 6A from New Mexico.

The ranking guru Tim Yount said Meeker was “making some noise.”

After day one the Cowboys had 11 wrestlers still in it, Zeik Gianinetti at 106 pounds, Bo Muxlow (113), Trae Kennedy (120), Clay Crawford (126), Abe Maupin (138), Connor Blunt (152), Cade Blunt (160), Kelton Turner (170), Hayden Shults (182), Judd Harvey (220), and Tanner Musser (HWT). In the team scores they were in fourth place behind Pomona, Ponderosa, Pueblo East and Monarch.

“Most everybody won a match and we had four placers,” commented head coach JC Watt.

Top honors this weekend went to Connor and Turner who both placed third. Connor lost to Daniel Cardenas, the number one 152 in the nation, in the semifinals and Turner lost to Bronco Hartson of Roosevelt.

Both won their next matches to move to the consolation finals. Blunt once again met Rock from Brighton and beat him for the second time that day

in a 11-4 decision, and Turner pinned the number one 5A 170 pounder Karter Johnson from Ponderosa in 1 minute and 42 seconds.

Cade and Musser both took fourth place. Cade lost in the semifinals to Dante Hutchings in a 7-0 decision, then lost his second match to Kenney of Grand Junction putting

him in for fifth/sixth place match which he won in a 9-5 decision over Josh Horsely of Roosevelt. Musser moved to the consolation rounds after a quarterfinal loss to Angelo Falise in a 3-1 decision in a match that could have gone either way. Musser then fought his way through the consolation bracket and finally took fifth by pinning Daniel Duarte of Pueblo East.

In the end with 114 points, the Meeker Cowboys took seventh place and were only 3 points from a fifth place finish, the other 2A team scored a total of 3 points.

“All the coaches are super proud of how our boys wrestled, it was a very good showing,” wrapped up Watt.

This week the teams dualed against Grand Valley on Tuesday, Palisade on Wednesday and then this Saturday the JV will be in Grand Junction and varsity in Center for a tournament that will look very similar to regionals.

COURTESY PHOTO

**(Top) Abe Maupin and (bottom) Judd Harvey competed at the Top of the Rockies tournament last weekend. The team placed seventh overall, just three points from the fifth place spot.**

**Individually, top honors went to Connor Blunt and Kelton Turner, who both placed third.**



## Two Panthers place first in Hotchkiss

*Special to the Herald Times*

**RANGELY I** After a weekend off due to a canceled tournament in Hayden, the Rangely Panther wrestling team was back on the mat this last weekend to compete at the Fight at the Fork Tournament in Hotchkiss.

The Panthers had a suc-

cessful tournament, producing three champions and a third placer.

Kobey Chism at 132 lbs, Zane Varner (152) and Byron Mackay (HWT) all found themselves at the top of the podium “after a great display of skill, determination, and grit,” commented head coach JC Chumacero.

Chism and Varner were able to find redemption at

the tournament, both defeating regional opponents that they had lost to earlier in the season.

Mackay also had key regional matches and had little trouble on his path to tournament gold.

“Coming away with three champions at this tournament is pretty impressive,” said Chumacero. “This tournament gave us

a great look at our regional tournament and gave us some head-to-head matchups that will really help.”

Kasen LeBleu (220), after narrowly losing to the eventual champion in an exciting overtime match in the semi-finals, was able to fight his way back through the consolation side to claim third place.

Braxton Moore (145) and Alex Black (160) were both able to produce some wins but fell short of placing.

Aydan Christian (113), Landon Carlson (120), Colton Stevens (126), Joseph Adams (145) and Brent Cantrell (170) all wrestled hard but couldn't quite close the deal on their matches.

Izaiah Moody (132) was unable to compete due to injury.

“As we get close to the postseason, I feel as if all the young men are peaking at the right time,” says Chumacero. “Our region is always extremely difficult, and this weekend gave them all a good look at what they will need to do/work on if they wish to qualify for the big show. These young men have been working hard and I know they will continue to until the end of the season.”

The Panthers will be dualing in Hayden on January 27th before competing in a dual tournament in Grand Valley on the 29th.

COURTESY PHOTO

**(Top) Zane Varner (152) and (bottom) Kobey Chism (132) found themselves at the top of the podium in Hotchkiss “after a great display of skill, determination, and grit,” according to head coach JC Chumacero.**



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## SPORTS SCHEDULE

**RANGELY BASKETBALL (VARSITY)**  
Jan 27 @ Meeker 6, 7:30 p.m.  
Jan 28 @ Home v. Telluride 5:30, 7 p.m.  
Jan 29 @Home v. Plateau Valley 2:30, 4 p.m.  
Feb. 5 @Home v. Cedaredge 2:30, 4 p.m.  
Feb. 10 @Home v. Caprock 5:30, 7 p.m.

**RANGELY HS WRESTLING**  
Jan 29 @ Grand Valley  
Feb 5 Meeker Duals @ Meeker  
Feb 11-12 Regionals

**MEEKER BASKETBALL (VARSITY)**  
Feb. 5 Meeker Duals @ HOME  
Feb 11-12 Regionals

**MEEKER HS WRESTLING**  
Feb. 5 Meeker Duals @ HOME  
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**CHAMPS OF THE WEEK**

**COWBOYS**

**LIAM DEMING**  
MHS BASKETBALL  
Deming led in scoring against Soroco with 44 points.

**PANTHERS**

**ANDREW DORRIS**  
RJSBS BASKETBALL  
Dorris led in scoring in a game against the Olathe Pirates with 14 points.

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MATT SCOGGINS PHOTO

The Rangely Panthers routed Olathe with a final score of 59-35 in a league game Saturday. They face the Meeker Cowboys next in a 2A/1A Western Slope Game this Thursday at Meeker High School.

## Panthers rout Pirates

Special to the Herald Times

**RANGELY I** The Rangely Panthers routed the host Olathe Pirates basketball team by a final score of 59-35 in Saturday's league game. The first half tally looked nothing like the final score as Olathe kept pace with the Panthers and took the lead 25-24 going into half time. The Panthers seemed content to trade buckets with the Pirates early, but the third quarter provided a different look. The Panthers smothered the Pirates on

defense and capitalized on steals and forced turnovers to outscore Olathe 18-0. "Once we took the lead, I thought we kept our intensity up on defense and our poise on offense to survive their final run," Panther coach Kyle Boydston said. Rangely held all Olathe scorers to single digits while being led by Andrew Dorris with 14 points, Keihlin Myers with 11, and Kevin Wren and Marstan Wagner with 10 points each. The Panther JV lost a heart-breaker to the Pirates 24-29.

In their next game, the

Panthers face the Meeker Cowboys in a 2A/1A Western Slope game, on Thursday, Jan. 27. Rangely will attempt to move on its 6-5 season record and 4-2 league record. The Cowboys enter the game with a 7-3 record after their 57-30 league win over Soroco and sport a 3-1 record in league play.

Rangely will have a busy weekend as they also host Telluride on Friday (varsity games only at 5:30 and 7 p.m.) and then Plateau Valley on Saturday (game times are 1, 2:30 and 4 p.m.).

## Lady Cowboys lose two at home

BY TIFFANY JEHOREK  
Special to the Herald Times

**MEEKER I** A tough weekend for lady Cowboy basketball going 1-2 for the weekend, losing both home games. Their record stands at 5-5 overall and 2-1 in the league.

"Both Soroco and Little Snake face guarded Sarah," commented head coach Jamie Rogers. "She really had to battle for every point she got in those two games."

Kracht scored 38 points on the weekend, six rebounds, and 10 steals.

The Cowboys lost Thursday's game to Little Snake 56-67 and Saturday's game to Soroco 47-60.

"Hailey Knowles had an extremely good all around game in both games," continued Rogers. "She nearly had a triple double Thursday and did have a double double with points and rebounds against Soroco."

For the weekend Knowles had 35 points, 22 rebounds, and 14 steals.

Wrapping up about Little Snake and Soroco, coach Rogers said that, "Ainsley rebounded really well against Soroco and found a rhythm with her shot. In the end both teams had a better shooting percentage than we did".

Selle finished the weekend adding 15 points, 25 rebounds, and seven steals to her stats.

Friday, in the only away game for the weekend, the Cowboys traveled to Caprock, final score of 45-19, Meeker for the win.

"We came out a little slow against Caprock," Rogers said. "Midway through the first quarter the girls found their legs and picked up their defense. MyKayla Wille did a great job rebounding. She was getting herself in position."

Wille scored 13 points, had 17 rebounds, and four steals.

The lady Cowboys have just one game this weekend, Thursday at home hosting Rangely, varsity will begin at 6 p.m.



AMBER GARCIA PHOTO

MyKayla Wille 'did a great job rebounding' against Caprock, according to head coach Jamie Rogers. Wille scored 13 points and had 17 rebounds and four steals.

## Cowboys add three wins for 7-3 record, 2-1 in league

BY TIFFANY JEHOREK  
Special to the Herald Times

**MEEKER I** The Cowboy finished last weekend with 3 wins and a 7-3 season and standing 2-1 in the league.

The first win came Thursday evening against Little Snake River from Baggs, Wyoming 60-42.

"We really like playing Little Snake River because the kids always play really hard regardless of their talent level. We hit shots in the first half and we made them chase us," commented head coach Klark Kindler.

"We went inside with success early on and they took that away and so we shifted it out to the guards," said Kindler, "then Ryan Sullivan came off the bench and at one time was 3 for 3 in three pointers".

Caprock was the closest game of the weekend with a final score of 33-30.

"We struggled early to hit our shots we had all these open looks on Thursday and then Friday nothing went in," commented Kindler, "we want to play the best but really couldn't find a rhythm, but finally found a little success going inside and took a small lead when they switched to zone, and we got the stop we needed to win."

Soroco, another league opponent, came to Meeker Saturday and the Cowboys won big 57-30.

Leading stats this weekend Liam Deming 44 points, Zagar Brown 26 points, Zach Simonsen 25 points, and Sullivan 19 points.

Two huge games this week, for the Cowboys, Rangely on Thursday who only has two league losses and then Saturday Vail Mountain and they only

have one league loss to Caprock.

"If we can get the two wins this weekend and then Vail Mountain beats Vail Christian we will be tied once again for top in the league," said Kindler.

This Thursday at home games begin at 4:30 pm, and Saturday again at home, games begin at 1pm.



MATT SCOGGINS PHOTO

The lady Panthers lost a league game to the Olathe Pirates Saturday. They will travel to Meeker on Thursday, host Telluride Friday and Plateau Valley Saturday.

## Lady Panthers fall to Olathe 49-38

Special to the Herald Times

**RANGELY I** The lady Panthers had a game change with West Grand on Friday, so only played in Olathe for a league matchup on Saturday. The first quarter started slow but then really let down the intensity in the second quarter, with the Panthers getting outscored

21-9. This would be the difference in the game.

The Panthers ended up falling to the Pirates with the final score of 49-38. Mergelman led in scoring with 11; followed by Wren with seven; Ducey finished with four; Chism, Halcomb and Manchester three apiece; Wagner, LeBleu and Cantrell with two.

"A definite shining spot

was we had 17 steals, and also 11 different players contributed in scoring," said head coach Jimmie Mergelman.

This week is another busy week with three games, and two of them being league games. The lady Panthers will travel to Meeker on Thursday, and host Telluride on Friday and Plateau Valley on Saturday.



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The Cowboys added three to their win column this past weekend. (Above) No. 4 Pete Hanks.

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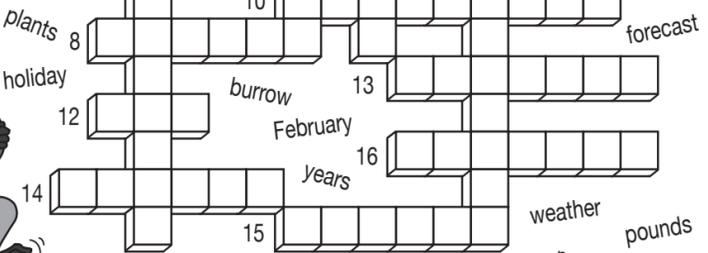
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## Forecasts & Football

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### Read the clues to fill in the puzzle:

1. On February 2nd, Phil, the famous groundhog (and other groundhogs in other places) will be watched for his weather \_\_\_\_\_ - a "prediction" about what kind of weather to expect
2. the second month of the year
3. a tunnel dug underground
4. groundhogs can be found in the woods, fields and \_\_\_\_\_
5. a groundhog usually lives to be 6 to 8 \_\_\_\_\_ old
6. belief in magic, luck and chance
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12. number of weeks winter will continue if Phil is "frightened" by his shadow
13. hot, cold, rain, wind, etc. What it looks and feels like outside!
14. a groundhog is an herbivore, which means it only eats \_\_\_\_\_
15. season of warmer weather following winter
16. a groundhog is an excellent \_\_\_\_\_

# PUBLIC NOTICES

## CALLS FOR NOMINATION & ELECTION NOTICES

### CALL FOR NOMINATIONS EASTERN RIO BLANCO METROPOLITAN RECREATION & PARK DISTRICT

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, and particularly, to the eligible electors of the Eastern Rio Blanco Metropolitan Recreation & Park District ("District"), Rio Blanco County, Colorado.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that a polling place election will be held on Tuesday May 3, 2022, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. At that time, three eligible electors will be elected to serve a three-year term each on the District's Board of Directors.

In order to be a candidate for one of the Board of Director positions, a qualified individual must submit a Self-Nomination and Acceptance Form. The Self-Nomination and Acceptance Form is available from Cathy Kiser, Designated Election Official of the District, at the contact information below:

Cathy Kiser  
Eastern Rio Blanco Metropolitan Recreation & Park District  
101 Ute Road, Meeker, CO 81641  
Phone: (970) 878-3403  
cathy@ERBMrcc.com

Hours: Monday - Friday, 7:00 am - 3:00 pm  
The Self-Nomination and Acceptance Form must be returned to the Designated Election Official by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, February 25, 2022. A Self-Nomination and Acceptance Form that is not sufficient may be amended once, at any time before the close of business, on Friday, February 25, 2022. Earlier submission is encouraged as the deadline will not permit correcting a form that is deemed insufficient.

An Affidavit of Intent To Be A Write-In Candidate must be submitted to the Designated Election Official by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, February 28, 2022.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that applications for absentee ballots may be filed with the Designated Election Official at the contact information referenced above, no later than the close of business on Tuesday, April 26, 2022. Further information regarding applications for absentee ballots also may be obtained from the Designated Election Official.

**EASTERN RIO BLANCO METROPOLITAN RECREATION & PARK DISTRICT**  
/s/ Cathy Kiser, Designated Election Official  
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### A CALL FOR NOMINATIONS TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, and, particularly, to the electors of the Eastern Rio Blanco County Health Service District of Rio Blanco County, Colorado, D/B/A Pioneers Medical Center. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that an election will be held on the 3rd day of May, 2022, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. At that time, three (3) directors will be elected to serve 3-year terms. Eligible electors of the Eastern Rio Blanco County Health Service District interested in serving on the board of directors may obtain a Self-Nomination and Acceptance form from the District Designated Election Official (DEO): Daniel Olson, HIM Department DEO Address: 100

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### A CALL FOR NOMINATIONS TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, and, particularly, to the electors of the Meeker Sanitation District of Rio Blanco County, Colorado.

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265 8th Street  
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/s/ Rachel Willey  
Designated Election Official  
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### A CALL FOR NOMINATIONS TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, and, particularly, to the electors of the Douglas Creek Conservation District of Rio Blanco County, Colorado.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that an election will be held on the 3rd day of May 2022, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. At that time, two supervisors will be elected to serve 4-year terms. Eligible electors of the Douglas Creek Conservation District interested in

serving on the board of supervisors may obtain a Self-Nomination and Acceptance form from the District Designated Election Official (DEO):  
Tristan Nielsen  
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The deadline to submit a Self-Nomination and Acceptance is close of business on February 25, 2022 (not less than 67 days before the election). 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 February 28, 2022 (the sixty-fourth day before the election).

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN**, an application for an absentee ballot shall be filed with the designated election official no later than the close of business on Tuesday preceding the election, May 3, 2022.  
/s/ Tristan Nielsen  
Designated Election Official  
Published: January 27, 2022  
Rio Blanco Herald Times

### A CALL FOR NOMINATIONS TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, and, particularly, to the electors of the White River Conservation District of Rio Blanco County, Colorado.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that an election will be held on the 3rd day of May 2022, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. At that time, three supervisors will be elected to serve 4-year terms. Eligible electors of the White River Conservation District interested in serving on the board of supervisors may obtain a Self-Nomination and Acceptance form from the District Designated Election Official (DEO):  
Tristan Nielsen  
351 7th Street  
Meeker, CO 81641  
970-878-9838

The Office of the DEO is open on the following days: Monday - Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
The deadline to submit a Self-Nomination and Acceptance is close of business on February 25, 2022 (not less than 67 days before the election). 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 February 28, 2022 (the sixty-fourth day before the election).

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/s/ Tristan Nielsen  
Designated Election Official  
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### A CALL FOR NOMINATIONS TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, and, particularly, to the electors of the Rangely Rural Fire Protection District of Rio Blanco County, Colorado.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that an

election will be held on the 3rd day of May, 2022, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. At that time, 2 directors will be elected to serve 3 year terms. Eligible electors of the Rangely Rural Fire Protection District interested in serving on the board of directors may obtain a Self-Nomination and Acceptance form from the District Designated Election Official (DEO):  
Linda C. Gordon  
215 Hillcrest Avenue  
Rangely, CO 81648  
970-629-1116

If the DEO determines that a Self-Nomination and Acceptance form is not sufficient, the eligible elector who submitted the form may amend the form once, at any time, prior to the close of business, on **Monday, February 28, 2022**. Earlier submission is encouraged as the deadline will not permit curing an insufficient form. Affidavit of Intent To Be A Write-In-Candidate forms must be submitted to the office of the designated election official by the close of business on **Monday, February 28, 2022** (the sixty-fourth day before the election).

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN**, an application for an absentee ballot shall be filed with the designated election official no later than the close of business on **Tuesday, April 26, 2022**.  
Rangely Rural Fire Protection District /s/ Linda Gordon, Designated Election Official  
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Rio Blanco Herald Times

### A CALL FOR NOMINATIONS TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, and, particularly, to the electors of the Western Rio Blanco Metro Recreation and Park District of Rio Blanco County, Colorado.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that an election will be held on the 3rd day of May, 2022, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. At that time, 2 directors will be elected to serve 3-year terms. Eligible electors of the Western Rio Blanco Metro 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):  
Jennifer Noel  
Western Rio Blanco Recreation and Park District  
611 S. Stanolind Avenue  
Rangely, CO 81648

The Office of the DEO is open on the following days: Monday through Thursday from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM.  
The deadline to submit a Self-Nomination and Acceptance is close of business on **Friday, February 25, 2022 at 3:00pm** (not less than 67 days before the election).

Affidavit of Intent To Be A Write-In-Candidate forms must be submitted to the office of the designated election official by the close of business on **Monday, February 28, 2022 at 3:00pm** (the sixty-fourth day before the election).

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN**, an application for an absentee ballot shall be filed with the designated election official no later than the close of business on **Tuesday** preceding the election, **April 26, 2022**.

### Western Rio Blanco Metro Recreation and Park District

/s/Jennifer Noel  
Designated Election Official Signature  
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### PUBLIC NOTICE TOWN OF MEEKER MUNICIPAL ELECTION

April 5, 2022  
TO: REGISTERED ELECTORS OF THE TOWN OF MEEKER, COLORADO  
NOTICE is hereby given that a registered elector of the town who has attained the age of eighteen (18) years or older on the

### AGENDA TOWN OF MEEKER - BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Tuesday, February 1st 2022  
7:00 P.M. - Town Hall 345 Market Street, Meeker, CO  
*Due to COVID-19 precautions, the public is invited to attend by calling 970-878-8091*

- Call to Order
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call
- Approval of the Agenda
- Approval of the Previous Minutes
- Approval of Monthly Disbursements
- Public Participation

*This is an opportunity for Citizens to bring comments and questions to the Board of Trustees not being addressed in the Regular Meeting Agenda. In consideration of other regularly scheduled agenda items, comments will be limited to 3 minutes or less. Citizens are asked to approach the podium state their name and address for the record.*

- Public Hearings:
  - Request from Meeker Lions Club for a Special Event Liquor Permit for the Meeker Skijor Event at the 4-H Building, 779 Sulfur Creek Rd. on February 19, 2022
  - New Business
    - Request from VFW to dedicate 5th and 10th street bridges
    - Consideration of price quotes from AXON for PD purchase of non-lethal weapons
    - Consideration of 2022 Ute Park permit for David Smith Ranches
    - Consideration of 2022 Ute Park permit for Meeker Classic
    - Discussion regarding winter maintenance of Circle Park Pond
  - Staff Reports
  - Town Manager
  - Mayor's Remarks
  - Other Board Business
  - Adjournment

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date of the election and has resided in the town for a period of at least twelve (12) consecutive months immediately preceding the date of election, who desires to be a write-in candidate in this election, must complete and file an Affidavit of Intent with the Town Clerk at Town Hall, 345 Market Street, Meeker, Colorado, by 5:00 P.M. on Monday, January 31, 2022, in order to be eligible for such office.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have here unto set my hand and official seal at Meeker, Colorado this 19th day of January 2022.

TOWN OF MEEKER  
Lisa Cook, Town Clerk  
Published: January 20 and 27, 2022  
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### SENIOR CITIZEN RATE REDUCTION

**MEEKER SANITATION DISTRICT SENIOR CITIZEN SEWER RATE REDUCTION PROGRAM**

If you live in a household with one family member who is 65 years or older, as shown by a state issued drivers license or ID, birth certificate, school records, military discharge documents, or other supporting documentation acceptable to the Meeker Sanitation District, you may qualify for a reduced sewer rate. Eligible households will receive a discount on their sewer bill each month.

To qualify for the program, the total gross family income for all residents of the household must be less than \$1,886.77 per month or \$22,641.21 per year as evidenced by the federal income tax returns for all household members for the year 2021. If you are not required to file an income tax return, please provide copies of all income including 2022 Social Security statement received by the household for the year 2021.

If you have been previously enrolled in this program, the Meeker Sanitation District has your proof of age on file and will only require that you provide the income tax return or written proof of income. In order to qualify for the program please provide the Meeker Sanitation District with the required information no later than May 30th of each year. Your reduction will become effective the following month after the information required is presented to the Meeker Sanitation District.

If you have any question or need further information, please contact the office of the Meeker Sanitation District at 878-5192, or stop by at 265 8th Street.  
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**PLANNING**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**RIO BLANCO COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION HEARING**

Notice is hereby given that on Thursday, January 27th, 2022 the Rio Blanco County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Rio Blanco County Historic Courthouse, 555 Main Street, 3rd Floor Commissioner Meeting Room, Meeker, Colorado to consider the following:  
**PRZ-0002-21 Third Amendment of Elk Creek Ranch PUD-Rezone.** The applicant (Elk Creek Ranch Owners Association) is requesting to rezone a +/- 42 acre property from Agricultural (AG) to Planned Unit Development (PUD) for the purpose of conforming to the Land Use Resolution (2016) governing Rio Blanco County. The property will be added to the current Planned Unit Development Agreement. The property is located within the SE ¼ of Section 10 and NE ¼ of Section 15, T1S, R93W of the 6th P.M. The parcel of ground is referred to as the "North 40" parcel. Copies of the documents may be obtained from the Rio Blanco County Planning Department at 555 Main Street in Meeker, Colorado, or you may call (970) 878-9510 for more information between the hours of 8:00 am and 5:00 pm.  
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**NOTIFICATION OF MEETING FOR THE RANGELY PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION**

**Application for Alley Vacation and Variance of Fence Height and Location February 2, 2022, at 10:30 am**

The Rangely Town Council will, if approved in Planning & Zoning, hold a public hearing at 10:30 am, Wednesday, February 2, 2022, in the Conference Room at 209 East Main Street, Rangely, Colorado on the following:  
All interested citizens and groups are invited to attend and participate in the public hearing.  
By: Mary Cox, Clerk/Treasurer  
Published: January 20 and 27, 2022  
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**2022 RIO BLANCO COUNTY RANGELY AREA SURFACE TREATMENT PROJECT**

**PROJECT NAME, LOCATION AND GENERAL SCOPE OF WORK**  
2022 Rio Blanco County Rangely Area Surface Treatment Project. Rio Blanco County is seeking a qualified contractor to perform surface improvements to Rangely area roads. Improvements include 3" overlay and planing 6" of HBP off of CR23A Bridge.

**CONTRACT DOCUMENTS**

Contract Documents shall be available on-line at [www.govbids.com/scripts/co1/public/home1.asp](http://www.govbids.com/scripts/co1/public/home1.asp), or on Rio Blanco County's website at [www.rbc.us](http://www.rbc.us) on the Bid Postings page, or at the Rio Blanco County Road and Bridge Dept., 570 2nd Street, Meeker, Colorado 81641 on January 20, 2022.

**VENDOR QUALIFICATIONS**

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

**WORK SCHEDULE**

The Project shall start on or after April 11, 2022 and be completed by September 30, 2022.

**PROJECT SUPERINTENDENT AND QUESTIONS**

Van Pilaud, County Engineer, (970) 878-9590, Fax (970) 878-3396, [van.pilaud@rbc.us](mailto:van.pilaud@rbc.us). All Bidders are advised to examine the site and become familiar with all conditions. Any questions regarding this Project are to be directed in writing to Van Pilaud at 570 – 2nd Street, Meeker, CO 81641 before Tuesday, March 8, 2022 at 4:00 P.M. at the above address, email or fax number.

**MANDATORY PRE-BID MEETING**

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

**BID SUBMITTALS**

Bids shall have Vendor's name and address and "2022 RANGELY AREA SURFACE TREATMENT PROJECT" written on the sealed envelope. All required documents shall be included with the bid or it shall be rejected.

Each bid must include a certified check or cashier's check in the amount of not less than five percent (5%) of the total bid, made payable to Rio Blanco County, or by a bid bond in like amount executed by a surety company.

Mailed bids are due no later than 9:45 A.M. on Thursday, February 10, 2022. Do not depend on overnight delivery.

Hand delivered bids will be accepted from 8:00 A.M. to 9:45 A.M. on February 10, 2022.

Mailing: RBC Commissioners, Attn: Vicky Edwards, P.O. Box 599, Meeker, CO 81641  
Hand-delivery address: RBC Commissioners, 555 Main St. 3rd Floor Meeker, CO 81641

**BID OPENING**

Bids shall be opened and read in public at 10:00 A.M. on February 10, 2022 at the Rio Blanco County Commissioners' Meeting Room, 555 Main St. 3rd Floor, Meeker, CO. Bids submitted after 9:45 A.M. shall be returned unopened. Bids submitted and opened shall not be withdrawn for 30 days thereafter.

**BID PREFERENCE**

C.R.S. 8-19-101, et seq. shall be observed on all construction contracts on public projects. The law states that when a construction contract for a public project is to be awarded to a bidder, a resident bidder shall be allowed preference against a nonresident bidder from another state

equal to the preference given or required by the state in which the nonresident bidder is a resident.

**BID AWARD**

The Rio Blanco County Board of County Commissioners reserve the right to reject any or all bids; to waive any informalities in bids; and to accept the bid that, in the opinion of the Board, is in the best interest of the County of Rio Blanco, State of Colorado. Discrepancies between words and figures will be resolved in favor of words. Discrepancies between the indicated sum of any column of figures and the correct sum thereof will be resolved in favor of the correct sum. Rio Blanco County reserves the right to negotiate a contract with the selected bidder.

**RIO BLANCO COUNTY**

Dated: January 20, 2022  
By: Ty Gates, Chairman  
Published: January 20 and 27, 2022  
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**2022 DUST CONTROL PROJECT REQUEST FOR BID**

**PROJECT NAME, LOCATION AND GENERAL SCOPE OF WORK**

2022 Dust Control Project. Work includes the placement of approximately 403,024 gallons Blended Magnesium Chloride on approx. 100 miles of various County roads. An additional approx. 34,000 gallons will be applied to Garfield County Trappers Lake Road and Trappers Lake Campground Loop at the same unit price, but billed to and paid for by Garfield County. An additional 6,161 gallons will be applied to other county properties but billed separately to other county departments and private parties.

**CONTRACT DOCUMENTS**

Contract Documents shall be available on-line at [www.govbids.com/scripts/co1/public/home1.asp](http://www.govbids.com/scripts/co1/public/home1.asp),

or on the county's website at [www.rbc.us/bids.aspx](http://www.rbc.us/bids.aspx), or at the Rio Blanco County Road and Bridge Dept. 570 2nd Street, Meeker, Colorado 81641 on January 27, 2022.

**PROJECT SUPERINTENDENT AND**

**RESUBDIVISION**

**TOWN OF MEEKER ORDINANCE 01-2022 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE EASTERN RIO BLANCO COUNTY HEALTH SERVICE DISTRICT RESUBDIVISION**

WHEREAS, a request has been made to Resubdivide the configuration of Lot 2 in the Meeker Terrace Minor Subdivision Filing No. 1 (see Legal Description), Town of Meeker, Rio Blanco County, Colorado; and

WHEREAS, the Meeker Planning Commission has conducted a public hearing on Monday, January 10, 2022 for this application and recommended approval; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees hereby determines that the application complies with Town regulations to include processing the resubdivision; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF MEEKER, as follows:

Section 1. The Board of Trustees approves the above-identified resubdivision request.

Section 2. The Eastern Rio Blanco County Health Service District Subdivision Plat pictured in Exhibit A, on file at town hall.

Section 3. The approvals are for the properties described in Exhibit B, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference.

**BID REQUESTS**

**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 11, 2022 at 4:00 P.M. at the above address or fax number.

**WORK SCHEDULE**

This project shall start March 29, 2022 and be completed by June 9, 2022, pending delays due to adverse conditions. A second application on County Road 65 will be scheduled for approx. Aug. 23, 2022 as shown on the Project Application Schedule.

**NON-MANDATORY PRE-BID MEETING**

Vendors may attend a non-mandatory pre-bid meeting: Tuesday, Feb. 8, 2022 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 "2022 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 Tuesday, February 15, 2022. Hand delivered bids will be accepted in Meeker from 8:00 A.M. to 10:45 A.M. on February 16, 2022. Do not depend on overnight delivery.

Mailing: RBC Board of County Commissioners, Attn: Lori Zentmeyer, P O Box 599, Meeker, CO 81641  
Hand-delivery address: Rio Blanco County Historic Courthouse, 555 Main Street, 3rd Floor, Meeker, CO 81641

**BID OPENING**

Bids shall be opened and read in public at 11:15 A.M. on February 16, 2022 at the Commissioners' Board Room at the Rio Blanco County Historic Courthouse, 555

Main Street, 3rd Floor, Meeker, CO 81641. 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.

**TITLE VI COMMITMENT**

Rio Blanco County, in accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252, 42 U.S.C. SS 2000d to 2000d-4) and the Regulations, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded full and fair opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award.

RIO BLANCO COUNTY, COLORADO  
Dated: January 27, 2022  
By: Ty Gates, Chairman  
Published: January 27 and February 3, 2022  
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**COGCC HEARING**

**BEFORE THE OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE PROMULGATION AND ESTABLISHMENT OF FIELD RULES TO GOVERN OPERATIONS FOR THE WILLIAMS FORK FORMATION, SAGE BRUSH HILLS FIELD, RIO BLANCO COUNTY, COLORADO**

CAUSE NO. NEW/TBD DOCKET NO. 211200238  
TYPE: OIL & GAS DEVELOPMENT PLAN

**NOTICE OF HEARING**

TEP Rocky Mountain LLC, (Operator No. 10633) ("Crestone Peak" or "Applicant") filed an Application with the Commission for an order to establish an Oil & Gas Development Plan ("OGDP") on the lands identified below. Generally, an Oil & Gas Development Plan is the process whereby an applicant obtains approval to develop oil or gas resources at one or more oil and gas location by drilling a specific number of wells. Importantly, an OGDP is not a pooling application.

This Notice was sent to you because the Applicant believes you may: 1) be an Owner of oil and/or gas ("mineral") interests to be developed by the proposed OGDP; 2) own, reside, or operate a first responder agency on property within 2,000 feet of a working pad surface included in the OGDP; or 3) be otherwise entitled to notice pursuant to Commission Rule 303.e.(1).

**APPLICATION LANDS**

**Surface Lands:**  
Township 2 South, Range 99 West, 6 th P.M.  
Section 23: NW¼SW¼

**Mineral Development:**  
Township 2 South, Range 99 West, 6 th P.M.  
Section 23: NW¼, NW¼SW¼  
Section 22: E½NE¼

**DATE, TIME AND LOCATION OF HEARING**

(Subject to change)  
The Commission will hold a hearing only on the above-referenced docket number at the following date, time, and location:  
Date: March 22, 2022  
Time: 9:00 a.m.  
Place: Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission  
The Chancery Building  
1120 Lincoln Street, Suite 801  
Denver, CO 80203

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Any party may file a public comment for the review of Commission Staff related to the above-described OGDP. All public comments will be included in the administrative record for the OGDP proceeding. Parties wishing to file a public comment on the above-described OGDP may follow the instructions at: [https://cogcc.state.co.us/documents/sb19181/Guidance/Mission\\_Change\\_Guidance/Info%20Sheet\\_303.e.\(2\).D%20Public%20Comment\\_202103\\_09.pdf](https://cogcc.state.co.us/documents/sb19181/Guidance/Mission_Change_Guidance/Info%20Sheet_303.e.(2).D%20Public%20Comment_202103_09.pdf)

Alternatively, Parties may use the eFiling system outlined below.

**PETITIONS**

**DEADLINE FOR PETITIONS BY AFFECTED PERSONS: February 21, 2022**

Any interested party who wishes to participate formally in this matter must file a written petition with the Commission no later than the deadline provided above. Please see Commission Rule 507 at <https://cogcc.state.co.us>, under "Regulation," then select "Rules." Please note that, under Commission Rule 510.1, the deadline for petitions may only be continued for good cause, even if the hearing is continued beyond the date that is stated above. Pursuant to Commission Rule 507, if you do not file a proper petition, the Hearing Officer will not know that you wish to formally participate in this matter and the date and time of the hearing may change without additional notice to you. Parties wishing to file a petition must register online at <https://oito.co.hy.landcloud.com/DNRCOGExternalAccess/Account/Login.aspx> and select "Request Access to Site." Please refer to our "eFiling Users Guidance Book" at [https://cogcc.state.co.us/documents/reg/Hearings/External\\_Efiling\\_System\\_Users\\_Guidebook\\_20201109.pdf](https://cogcc.state.co.us/documents/reg/Hearings/External_Efiling_System_Users_Guidebook_20201109.pdf) for more information.

Any Affected Person who files a petition must be able to participate in a prehearing conference during the week of February 21, 2022, if a prehearing conference is requested by the Applicant or by any person who has filed a petition.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

For more information, you may review the Application, which was sent to you with this Notice. You may also contact the Applicant at the phone number or email address listed below.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if any party requires special accommodations as a result of a disability for this hearing, please contact Margaret Humecki at [Cogcc.Hearings\\_Unit@state.co.us](mailto:Cogcc.Hearings_Unit@state.co.us), prior to the hearing and arrangements will be made.  
Dated: January 20, 2022  
**Applicant:**  
TEP Rocky Mountain LLC  
c/o Michael T. Jewell, Esq., #40902  
Kole W. Kelley, Esq., #53874  
Jewell Jimmerson Natural Resources Law  
24290 CO-74, Unit 1  
P.O. Box 656  
Kittridge, CO 80457  
[mjewell@jrfnlaw.com](mailto:mjewell@jrfnlaw.com)  
303-519-6619

OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO  
By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mimi C. Larsen, Commission Secretary  
Published: January 27, 2022  
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SEMI ANNUAL REPORT RIO BLANCO COUNTY, RHONNA WALDREF, TREASURER JULY 1, 2021 TO DECEMBER 31, 2021										
Account	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	129,054.77	0.00	0.00	1,290.55	127,764.22	0.00	
Rhonna Waldref, Treasurer	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,150.00	0.00	0.00	31.50	3,118.50	0.00	
Treas Admin Fee	0.00	1,020.98	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,020.98	0.00	
Treas Advertising Fee	0.00	2,951.17	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,951.17	0.00	
Assessor Penalty Fees	0.00	254.77	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	254.77	0.00	
Public Trustee	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,862.85	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,862.85	0.00	
Anthony Mazzola, Sheriff	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,572.58	0.00	0.00	35.73	3,536.85	0.00	
County General Fund	25,061,685.12	32,777.75	16,771.99	2,810,097.74	228,942.44	3,753,730.80	17,118.60	224,494.56	24,154,931.08	
County Capital Expenditure Fund	117,582.17	0.00	1,395.26	65,754.57	5,004.78	5,916.64	737.12	50,000.00	133,083.02	
Road & Bridge Fund	9,620,158.89	33,549.01	11,696.71	3,182,828.74	0.00	3,799,756.10	33,351.65	623,954.49	8,391,171.11	
Dept of Human Services	1,378,273.68	2,699.34	871.82	368,924.84	0.00	409,083.92	0.00	29,378.78	1,312,306.98	
Use Tax Fund	2,762,816.76	0.00	0.00	630,882.79	0.00	233,984.62	6,308.97	68,080.93	3,085,325.03	
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	226,563.18	0.00	0.00	517,786.30	50,000.00	489,354.96	(1,073.84)	0.00	306,068.36	
Conservation Trust Fund	23,031.11	0.00	0.00	5,219.12	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	28,250.23	
Fleet Management Fund	2,849,144.46	0.00	0.00	50,549.05	931,069.96	1,159,594.97	505.48	0.00	2,670,663.02	
Central Services	29,135.86	0.00	0.00	303.31	100,000.00	21,738.12	0.00	0.00	107,701.05	
Solid Waste Landfill Fund	5,700,669.42	0.00	0.00	270,720.67	0.00	153,831.92	2,707.22	71,628.74	5,743,222.21	
Fairfield Complex Fund	256,714.30	0.00	0.00	16,625.00	26,521.54	76,470.81	156.25	3,440.00	218,793.78	
Weed & Pest Control Fund	236,594.96	0.00	0.00	60,735.59	255,818.67	389,476.38	336.98	7,919.51	155,416.35	
Impact Fee Trust Fund	420,894.43	0.00	0.00	250,048.21	0.00	566,553.34	2,500.48	0.00	101,888.82	
Co Public Health Fund	362,607.34	771.25	381.69	184,525.89	0.00	271,941.81	0.00	13,306.93	263,037.43	
Communications	1,022,942.08	0.00	0.00	431,222.50	0.00	443,460.86	4,312.24	26,797.75	979,993.73	
American Rescue Plan	0.00	0.00	0.00	614,505.48	0.00	5,765.52	3.24	0.00	608,736.72	
Piceance Creek Pest Control	456,989.50	18.00	0.00	2,922.40	0.00	0.00	1.24	219,364.53	240,564.13	
Lower White River Pest	146,055.95	1,026.69	1,371.36	2,135.16	0.00	0.00	135.79	30,048.73	120,404.64	
<b>BALANCES: COUNTY FUNDS</b>	<b>50,771,859.21</b>	<b>75,068.96</b>	<b>32,488.83</b>	<b>9,604,427.56</b>	<b>1,5</b>					

**ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

**RIO BLANCO COUNTY ACCOUNTS PAYABLE PUBLICATION LIST DECEMBER 31, 2021**

**FUND: GENERAL**

**VENDOR NAME, ACCOUNT NAME, AMOUNT**

CO COUNTY CLERKS ASSN, CNTRCT SVC, (12,249.00)

JAMES D. OSBORNE, CNTRCT SVC, 12,249.00

THE STARR LAW FIRM, PROF SVC, 8,707.50

4IMPRINT, SPPLY, 983.24

ALSCO, PRCH SVC, 1,371.51

AMAZON CAPITAL, SPPLY, 5,482.20

AMERICAN INCOME LIFE, MBRSHIP DUES, 218.00

ATMOS ENERGY, UTL, 3,285.04

BATTERY JUNCTION, SPPLY, 498.00

CENTURYLINK, LND LN, 475.56

CENTURYLINK-LNG DIST, LNG DIST, 5.11

CENTURYLINK-LND LN, LND LN, 543.63

CHAPPELL, CLINT, PLNG CMMTY, 50.00

CNCC, CNTRCT SVC, 2,500.00

CO ASSESSORS' ASSOC, PRCH SVC, 130.00

COLORADO, STATE OF, PRCH SVC, 53.35

COLUMN, PRCH SVC, 106.61

COMFORT TELECOMM, SPPLY, 754.69

COLTLER AVIATION, PRCH SVC, 896.10

COUNTY SHERIFF'S OF CO, SPPLY, 200.00

DAY, TRAVIS, PLNG CMMTY, 50.00

DISTRICT ATTORNEY, PRCH SVC, 21,416.00

DOMINION VOTING SYSTEM, SPPLY, 1,060.00

DOUGLAS CREEK CONSERV, RESRCS USE, 1,875.00

DUNGAN, JOSEPH, PRCH SVC, 211.55

EDWARDS, VICKY, PRCH SVC, 195.67

EMPLOYERS COUNCIL, PRCH SVC, 6,600.00

ESRI, PRCH SVC, 25,000.00

FEDEX, PRCH SVC, 24.96

FIRST ADVANTAGE OCCUPY, PRCH SVC, 81.70

BECKEY HUME, PRCH SVC, 67.20

JOHNSON CONTROLS FIRE, PRCH SVC, 420.00

K2 BILLING, S&R, 1,169.40

KINSCO, UNFRM/CLTH, 134.97

LOVE, VIRGINIA, PLNG CMMTY, 50.00

MASTER'S TOUCH, PRCH SVC, 675.00

MEEKER AIRPORT, CNTRCT SVC, 3,000.00

MEEKER SANITATION, UTL, 724.00

MEEKER, TOWN OF, UTL, 307.10

MOFFAT COUNTY SHERIFF, PRCH SVC, 12,715.88

MOON LAKE ELEC, UTL, 1,800.06

MVB-VISA, SPPLY, 16,849.81

NORMAN, ADAIR, PLNG CMMTY, 117.20

OVERTON RECY, UTL, 2,856.00

LEE OVERTON, PLNG CMMTY, 50.00

PITNEY BOWES RES, PRCH SVC, 757.49

QUILL, SPPLY, 426.17

RANGELY AUTO, SPPLY, 3.49

RANGELY HOSPITAL DIST, PRCH SVC, 51.50

RANGELY, TOWN OF, UTL, 3,653.56

RANGELY TRASH, PRCH SVC, 306.48

RANGELY TRUE VALUE, SPPLY, 867.47

RICHARDSON, FAIN, PRCH SVC, 120.00

JACK RIENSCH, TRVL, 273.00

AARON RIETZLER, TRVL, 273.00

RM MOBILE, PRCH SVC, 430.00

SALT LAKE WHOLESALE, FIREARM SPPLY, 5,041.36

ALICE SMITH, PRGRMMING, 405.00

STAPLES, SPPLY, 828.39

STEERMAN LAW OFFICES, PROF SVC, 7,762.50

SYMBOLARTS, PRCH SVC, 1,422.75

TRI-TECH FORENSICS, SPPLY, 111.13

UNION TELEPHONE, PRCH SVC, 113.28

USGS, WR WTR MINTNG, 34,609.00

VALLEY HARDWARE, SPPLY, 69.73

VALUE WEST, PRCH SVC, 2,260.00

VOIANCE LANGUAGE, PRCH SVC, 50.00

WATT'S, SPPLY, 43.09

WHITE RIVER CONSERV, RESRCS USE, 16,875.00

WHITE RIVER DIST, SPPLY, 243.00

WREA, UTL, 14,080.22

US DEPT. OF THE TREASURY, FED W/H, 22,853.65

US DEPT. OF THE TREASURY, FICA W/H, 41,498.28

COUNTY HEALTH POOL, INSURANCE, 81,282.83

GREAT WEST, RETIREMENT, 33,285.92

CO STATE WITHHOLDING, STATE W/H, 9,396.07

COLORADO DEPT OF REVENUE, WAGE ASNMT, 365.85

FAMILY SUPPORT REGIS, WAGE ASNMT, 334.60

GENERAL FUND TOTAL 403,805.85

**FUND: ROAD & BRIDGE**

**VENDOR NAME, ACCOUNT NAME, AMOUNT**

1st RESPOND, SPPLY, 45.27

ALL STATE COMM, SPPLY, 2,471.00

CO BOARD OF LAND COMM, PRCH SVC, 120.00

MCQUIRE AUTO, SPPLY, 34.97

MVB-VISA, SIGN MTRL, 249.63

PITNEY BOWES RES, PRCH SVC, 15.29

RANGELY AUTO, SPPLY, 55.49

RANGELY TRUE VALUE, SPPLY, 32.98

SAFETY AND CONSTRUCTION, SIGN MTRL, 446.40

SALTWORX, MTRLS, 3,087.27

SATLWORX, MTRLS, 6,242.36

SIGN SOLUTIONS, SIGN MTRL, 3,903.51

UNITED COMPANIES, CR 73 BDG, 142,522.10

VALLEY HARDWARE, SPPLY, 35.98

WESTERN IMP, SPPLY, 749.97

WREA, UTL, 105.89

YEH & ASSOC, CR 73 BDG, 5,255.76

YOUR PARTS HAUS, SPPLY, 517.96

US DEPT. OF THE TREASURY, FED W/H, 13,478.94

US DEPT. OF THE TREASURY, FICA W/H, 22,436.94

COUNTY HEALTH POOL, INSURANCE, 51,391.33

GREAT WEST, RETIREMENT, 18,654.75

CO STATE WITHHOLDING, STATE W/H, 5,037.57

COLORADO DEPT OF REVENUE, WAGE ASNMT, 256.16

FAMILY SUPPORT REGISTRY, WAGE ASNMT, 923.06

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND TOTAL 278,070.58

**FUND: PUBLIC HEALTH**

**VENDOR NAME, ACCOUNT NAME, AMOUNT**

AMAZON CAPITAL, SPPLY, 70.88

McKESSON MED, SPPLY, 21,046.87

MVB-VISA, PRCH SVC, 325.17

PIONEERS HEALTHCARE, PRCH SVC, 2,000.00

RANGELY TRUE VALUE, SPPLY, 1,122.98

RB HERALD TIME, PRCH SVC, 1,680.00

SAMUELSON, SPPLY, 1,236.34

STAPLES ADV, SPPLY, 1,458.11

MEL TRUJILLO, PRCH SVC, 250.00

VALLEY HARDWARE, SPPLY, 29.97

US DEPT. OF THE TREASURY, FED W/H, 1,237.27

US DEPT. OF THE TREASURY, FICA W/H, 3,211.46

COUNTY HEALTH POOL, INSURANCE, 6480.53

GREAT WEST, RETIREMENT, 1,725.87

CO STATE WITHHOLDING, STATE W/H, 636.98

PUBLIC HEALTH FUND TOTAL 42,512.43

**FUND: DEPT OF HUMAN SVCS**

**VENDOR NAME, ACCOUNT NAME, AMOUNT**

MOFFAT COUNTY ACCT, CNTRCT SVC, 4,458.40

ANDREW PIESTRAK, PRCH SVC, 211.68

PITNEY BOWES RES, PRCH SVC, 39.59

STEERMAN LAW OFFICES, CNTRCT SVC, 10,000.00

UNION TELEPHONE, PRCH SVC, 226.56

US DEPT. OF THE TREASURY, FED W/H, 1,061.93

US DEPT. OF THE TREASURY, FICA W/H, 2,820.20

COUNTY HEALTH POOL, INSURANCE, 10,658.98

GREAT WEST, RETIREMENT, 1,900.07

CO STATE WITHHOLDING, STATE W/H, 639.48

AP PAYMENTS 15,611.60

DEPT OF HUMAN SVCS FUND TOTAL 47,628.49

**FUND: AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN**

**VENDOR NAME, ACCOUNT NAME, AMOUNT**

AMERICAN ROAD MNTC, MA - ENTLMNT, 109,986.00

MTN CROSS ENGINEER, MA-RNWY PRJCT, 3,145.00

T-O ENGINEERS, MA - ENTLMNT, 34,514.76

TDA CONSTRUCTION, MA-RNWY PRJCT, 48,587.50

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUND TOTAL 196,233.26

**FUND: CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS**

**VENDOR NAME, ACCOUNT NAME, AMOUNT**

US DEPT. OF THE TREASURY, FED W/H, 184.12

US DEPT. OF THE TREASURY, FICA W/H, 401.96

COUNTY HEALTH POOL, INSURANCE, 1538.25

CO STATE WITHHOLDING, STATE W/H, 94.00

CAPITAL IMPROVMENTS FUND TOTAL 2,218.33

**FUND: USE TAX**

**VENDOR NAME, ACCOUNT NAME, AMOUNT**

AMAZON CAPITAL, SPPLY, 129.87

HENDERSHOTT, MELAINE, PRCH SVC, 600.00

MOON LAKE ELEC, UTL, 480.17

MVB-VISA, FOOD SPPLY, 392.62

NICKSON, ANNALEE, PRCH SVC, 74.38

PITNEY BOWES RES, PRCH SVC, 2.12

RANGELY, TOWN OF, UTL, 304.13

RANGELY TRASH, UTL, 188.60

RANGELY TRUE VALUE, SPPLY, 110.82

RB HERALD TIME, PRCH SVC, 150.00

U.S. FOODS, FOOD SPPLY, 3,814.86

VALLEY HARDWARE, SPPLY, 21.98

WATT'S, FOOD SPPLY, 470.60

US DEPT. OF THE TREASURY, FED W/H, 1,238.65

US DEPT. OF THE TREASURY, FICA W/H, 2,657.76

COUNTY HEALTH POOL, INSURANCE, 8,698.61

GREAT WEST, RETIREMENT, 1,975.36

CO STATE WITHHOLDING, STATE W/H, 530.29

FAMILY SUPPORT REGISTRY, WAGE ASNMT, 193.84

FAMILY SUPPORT REGIS, WAGE ASNMT, 164.76

USE TAX FUND TOTAL 22,199.42

**FUND: IMPACT FEES**

**VENDOR NAME, ACCOUNT NAME, AMOUNT**

CO, STATE OF-DOLA, CR 5 GRNT, 48,178.98

HORIZON SIGNAL TECH, CR 5 SFTY E, 49,500.00

MVB-VISA, CR 5 SFTY E, 4,209.84

IMPACT FEES FUND TOTAL 101,888.82

**FUND: SOLID WASTE**

**VENDOR NAME, ACCOUNT NAME, AMOUNT**

ACZ LAB, PRCH SVC, 681.75

CDPH, ST LND FL, 3,161.58

MVB-VISA, PRCH SVC, 205.27

PITNEY BOWES RES, PRCH SVC, 7.99

REDI SERVICES, PRCH SVC, 70.00

SIGN SOLUTIONS, SPPLY, 48.75

SOUDER, MILLER & ASSOC, PRCH SVC, 8,709.25

UNION TELEPHONE, PRCH SVC, 45.90

WREA, UTL, 396.00

WHITE RIVER ENERGY, SPPLY, 713.33

US DEPT. OF THE TREASURY, FED W/H, 1,215.79

US DEPT. OF THE TREASURY, FICA W/H, 1,845.68

COUNTY HEALTH POOL, INSURANCE, 3534.8

GREAT WEST, RETIREMENT, 1,070.54

CO STATE WITHHOLDING, STATE W/H, 482.43

SOLID WASTE FUND TOTAL 22,189.06

**FUND: WEED & PEST**

**VENDOR NAME, ACCOUNT NAME, AMOUNT**

MVB-VISA, SPPLY, 62.87

US DEPT. OF THE TREASURY, FED W/H, 422.62

US DEPT. OF THE TREASURY, FICA W/H, 588.76

COUNTY HEALTH POOL, INSURANCE, 1538.25

GREAT WEST, RETIREMENT, 273.30

CO STATE WITHHOLDING, STATE W/H, 159.00

WEED & PEST FUND TOTAL 3,044.80

**FUND: COMMUNICATIONS**

**VENDOR NAME, ACCOUNT NAME, AMOUNT**

AMAZON CAPITAL, SPPLY, 863.75

GRAYBAR ELEC, SPPLY, 2,305.46

KPE LOCATING, PRCH SVC, 2,640.00

MAMMOTH NET, PRCH SVC, 3,560.00

MOON LAKE ELEC, UTL, 821.72

NOANET, PRCH SVC, 544.50

RANGELY, TOWN OF, UTL, 18.60

RANGELY TRUE VALUE, SPPLY, 33.44

UTILITY NOTIFICATION, PRCH SVC, 97.68

WREA, UTL, 1,828.26

US DEPT. OF THE TREASURY, FED W/H, 819.02

US DEPT. OF THE TREASURY, FICA W/H, 1,997.20

COUNTY HEALTH POOL, INSURANCE, 4832.21

GREAT WEST, RETIREMENT, 1,566.45

CO STATE WITHHOLDING, STATE W/H, 409.18

COMMUNICATIONS FUND TOTAL 22,337.47

**FUND: FAIRFIELD**

**VENDOR NAME, ACCOUNT NAME, AMOUNT**

ALL TEMP SVCS, PRCH SVC, 467.43

ATMOS ENERGY, UTL, 919.65

BOYKO, SPPLY, 169.87

MEEKER SANITATION, UTL, 40.00

MEEKER, TOWN OF, UTL, 564.00

OVERTON RECY, UTL, 690.00

SAMUELSON, SPPLY, 30.15

WREA, UTL, 2,032.56

US DEPT. OF THE TREASURY, FED W/H, 284.41

US DEPT. OF THE TREASURY, FICA W/H, 757.92

COUNTY HEALTH POOL, INSURANCE, 2,713.70

GREAT WEST, RETIREMENT, 594.44

CO STATE WITHHOLDING, STATE W/H, 130.00

FAIRFIELD FUND TOTAL 9,394.13

**FUND: CENTRAL SVCS**

**VENDOR NAME, ACCOUNT NAME, AMOUNT**

ACP, CNTRCT SVC, 414.18

IMAGENET, CNTRCT SVC, 1,412.75

PITNEY BOWES RES, PSTG, 36.37

ROCKY MOUNTAIN COMPET, CNTRCT SVC, 804.36

CENTRAL SVCS FUND TOTAL 2,667.66

**FUND: FLEET**

**VENDOR NAME, ACCOUNT NAME, AMOUNT**

1st RESPOND, SPPLY, 56.47

ALL STATE COMM, PRCH SVC, 343.85

BOYKO, SPPLY, 97.60

COLUMBINE FORD, PRCH SVC, 130.38

CORNWELL TOOLS, SPPLY, 67.26

DAVEY COACH SALES, CAP OTLY, 2,366.56

DELTA RIGGING, SPPLY, 739.60

GCR TIRES, TIRES, 9,816.52

GILBARCO, PRCH SVC, 130.38

HIGH PRESSURE CLEANING, PRCH/ACCS, 125.00

HONNEN EQUIP, RPR/MNTC, 1,840.13

IBS, SPPLY, 376.79

JACKSON GROUP, SPPLY, 70.80

KIMBALL MIDWEST, SPPLY, 161.48

MCCANDLESS TRUCK, PRCH/ACCS, 1,281.06

MCQUIRE AUTO, SPPLY, 2,026.79

MOON LAKE ELEC, UTL, 60.01

MVB-VISA, GAS, 1,615.13

NEXTRAN TRUCK, PRCH/ACCS, 143.78

OFFICE DEPOT, SPPLY, 208.59

POWER EQUIP, RPR/MNTC, 1,662.86

RANGELY AUTO PARTS, SPPLY, 2,739.26

RANGELY TRUE VALUE, SPPLY, 3.40

RHINEHART OIL, DIESEL, 56,629.79

U.S. TRACTOR, PRCH/ACCS, 407.35

VALLEY HARDWARE, SPPLY, 215.44

VERMEER SALES, PRCH/ACCS, 202.21

VICTORY MOTORS, RPR/MNTC, 2,212.22

WAGNER EQUIP, RPR/MNTC, 3,267.45

WREA, UTL, 923.34

WHITE RIVER ENERGY, UTL, 660.00

XCEL ENERGY, UTL, 178.64

YOUR PARTS HAUS, SPPLY, 693.33

US DEPT. OF THE TREASURY, FED W/H, 1,788.28

US DEPT. OF THE TREASURY, FICA W/H, 4,397.66

COUNTY HEALTH POOL, INSURANCE, 9,326.26

GREAT WEST, RETIREMENT, 5,086.82

CO STATE WITHHOLDING, STATE W/H, 885.00

FLEET FUND TOTAL 110,857.49

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