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Best in Meeker ...

MEEKER | Now is the time to recognize Meeker's outstanding businesses and citizens. The Meeker Chamber of Commerce seeks to recognize businesses that have made a significant impact in the community for the past year. These awards will be based upon innovative business ideas, accomplishments in efforts to improve the community, exemplifying positive customer services, volunteer contributions, civic involvement and leadership. The winners of each of the awards will be presented at the Meeker Chamber of Commerce annual dinner on Feb. 28. A nomination form must be completed for the business you think is most deserving of the title of small business, large business, non-profit organization, energy industry partner or outstanding citizen of the year.

Joint Budget Committee to help MSD with deficit

By **BOB LANGE**

Special to the Herald Times

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

After a grassroots lobbying effort out of Meeker and DeBeque, the JBC voted unanimously last week to sponsor legislation that would provide relief to the three districts hit hardest by the steep mid-year cuts.

Paula Stephenson of the Colorado Rural Schools Caucus credited the lobbying of state leaders and the JBC by Meeker Schools Superintendent Mark Meyer, Meeker School

Board President Bill deVergie, Alan Dillon from DeBeque and other community members for the success.

"It was grassroots community advocacy at its best, and it worked," Stephenson said.

According to the JBC plan, Meeker would receive more than \$500,000 from the State Education Fund. JBC staff Craig Harper made the recommendation to the board and blamed lower revenue due to changes in assessed property valuation for Meeker's dilemma.

Meeker School District as well as the Pawnee and DeBeque districts were promised aid from the JBC to fix the reductions in mid-year funding.

Although this is a welcome development it is not a done deal as all appropriation bills

have to be approved by the state House and Senate and signed by Gov. John Hickenlooper.

The JBC voted 6-0 to cover mid-year shortfalls in the three districts at a total cost of less than \$1 million. The plan still has to make it through the budget process, but the funds could be available as early as June.

Committee members stressed that the aid would be a one-time event and that the three districts should plan for similar reductions in FY 2014-15 with no state relief.

State Rep. Bob Rankin from House District 57 spoke in support of the plan and state Sen. Pat Steadman made the motion Friday afternoon.

The Meeker, DeBeque and Pawnee dis-

tricts have in common that they are fully supported by local funding. However, the reasons they need help are different. For example, DeBeque had an increase in enrollment while in Meeker the problem is largely due to lower property assessments.

The JBC struggled with a formula for providing the funding, but in the end decided to focus on just these districts and to fully fund the mid-year reductions.

"It's the ones that have fallen off the cliff that I want to help," said JBC staff member Craig Harper. In the JBC staff memo recommending the relief, the calculated mid-year reductions were \$528,223 for Meeker, \$30,483 for DeBeque and \$179,982 for the Pawnee School District.

This relief will not, however, fix all of Meeker's budget problems for fiscal year 2013-14 since the revised budget passed by the Meeker School Board on Jan. 21 identified a \$1.2 million overall shortfall. At that meeting, the board declined to make mid-year cuts, but instead decided that the deficit would be covered by using part of the \$3.9 million in district year-end (reserve) funds.

The Colorado Department of Education recommends school districts maintain a six-month reserve. Considering the aid recommended by the JBC, the MSD's FY 2013-14 deficit would now be about \$727,000, leaving reserve funds of roughly \$3.2 million. Reserves of \$3.2 million would cover less than six months of FY 2013-14 expenditures.

Little Points of Light in need of funds

By **HEATHER ZADRA**

Special to the Herald Times

RANGELY | Following the kickoff to its Little Points of Light campaign last month, Horizons Specialized Services of Northwest Colorado continues to accept funds for Rio Blanco County Early Intervention and Family Support Services.

Approximately 100 donors in Horizons' service area, on the Front Range and outside Colorado have donated to the annual campaign, an appeal letter mailing that describes the story of a child with developmental delays or disabilities who has benefited from Horizons services.

This year's Little Points of Light child, 2-year-old Zariah Smith, was born prematurely at 29 weeks and weighed 2 pounds, 11 ounces. Her family worked with a Horizons occupational therapist and received assistance to help cover "astronomical expenses" accumulated when Zariah required two heart surgeries and dozens of appointments with Denver-based specialists to survive.

"These programs have been an integral and reliable part of my family's life for the last two years," mother Dawn Smith wrote in the letter. "We couldn't have done it alone and, with Horizons, we don't have to."

Horizons currently works with 47 children in Early Intervention and 83 families in Family Support Services in its service area of Rio Blanco, Moffat, Grand, Routt and Jackson counties. Almost 2,000 residences and businesses in all counties but Routt, which has a mill levy that prohibits fundraising, received the appeal letter.

Money raised via the campaign directly funds programs in the counties in which donors give. Early intervention services include developmental screenings and family-oriented speech, physical and occupational therapy that targets developmental delays.

Among other services it also provides to adults with disabilities, Horizons' Family Support Services helps families cover co-pays and deductibles for specialist care and teaches parents how to work with children to meet developmental milestones.

Since Horizons launched the Little

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SEAN MCMAHON

Eleven acts from elementary school to adult took part in the ERBM-sponsored Meeker's Got Talent competition on Saturday at Meeker High School. Savanna May, above, took first place among ages 10 to 17 while second place went to Elissa Quinteros. Piper Banducci took first place in the ages 9 and under group while the team of Isabella Blazon, Jacob Blazon, Cade Blunt and Clay Stuart Randall was second. The winner in the age 18 and up division was Tiffany Rosendahl, the only contestant in that group, performing a top-notch performance of "Shut Up and Drive."

Meetings in Rangely, Meeker address Colorado River water

Special to the Herald Times

RBC | Colorado is developing a water plan that will affect everyone, and roundtable discussions in Meeker and Rangely in February will help residents learn what they need to know and how to help shape the future of Colorado water.

Hosted by the Yampa-White-Green Rivers Basin Round Table, meetings will be held in Rangely on Feb. 6 from 6-8 p.m. in the Weiss Building on the campus of Colorado Northwestern Community College, 500 Kennedy Dr., and Feb. 24 in Meeker from 6-8 p.m. in the 4-H building at the Rio Blanco County Fairgrounds, 779 Sulphur Creek Rd.

Water is essential to Colorado's quality of life and economy, yet we face an uncertain future. This is due to increasing gaps between water supplies and water demands; the trend of permanent buying and drying of productive agricultural lands in order to meet growing municipal demands; and greater uncertainty due to drought, climate change and more.

Marsha Daughenbaugh of the Community Agriculture Alliance said, "If we don't take responsible action now, the consequences will be great.

Hundreds of thousands of acres of Colorado's most productive farm and ranch lands will dry up, our cities and towns will have insufficient water, wildfire response will become more difficult and the environmental health of our watersheds will be increasingly threatened."

Gov. Jon Hickenlooper issued an executive order in May 2013 directing the Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB) to develop Colorado's Water Plan. Creation of this plan is a grassroots effort drawing upon eight years of unprecedented work, dialog and consensus-building that water leaders from across the state have engaged in through the Inter-basin Compact Committee (IBCC) and Basin Roundtable process.

Colorado's Water Plan will be aligned with our state's water values: vibrant and sustainable cities, viable and productive agriculture, a robust skiing, recreation and tourism industry, and a thriving environment that includes healthy watersheds, rivers, streams and wildlife.

Colorado's Water Plan is a grassroots effort. Each Basin Roundtable will develop its own plan. These Basin Implementation Plans (BIPs) will identify the specific challenges to a

secure water future that each basin faces, the strategies it will pursue to address those challenges and the projects and methods that the basin may implement to meet its water needs.

These BIPs will then be incorporated into Colorado's Water Plan.

The IBCC will continue to facilitate dialogue across the basins and continue its work of refining and adding to the list of action items around which there is consensus, including a thorough examination of options for new water supply.

The CWCB is tasked with drafting the plan. To do so, it will be reviewing and combining technical information and policy recommendations, incorporating the work of the IBCC and Basin Roundtables and conducting any additional technical analysis needed.

"The most effective way to get involved is to be engaged in your Basin Roundtable and attend their meetings," Daughenbaugh said.

Residents can visit www.coloradowaterplan.com to learn more about the Yampa-White-Green River Basin Round Table.

To contact Daughenbaugh, call 970-879-4370 or email her at marshad@communityagalliance.org.

Forum on MSD funding fuels many ideas to help with shortfall

By **BOB LANGE**

Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER | A large group of district officials, board members, community members, teachers and parents attended the public forum held by the Meeker School District on Thursday night at Meeker High School to gather ideas on how the district should deal with a budget shortfall of more than \$1 million.

There were nearly as many ideas voiced as there were people who spoke at the forum held in the auditorium. (For those unable to attend or to add ideas, surveys are available at the district's webpage at www.meeker.k12.co.us/) Eighteen community members had comments and questions.

Board President Bill deVergie said a working group will be formed to consider input from Thursday's meeting and plan out what to do with the budget for next few years.

He explained that this fiscal emergency was not an accounting error, but instead is the result of complex legislation and bad timing. Specifically, a higher tax valuation last year led to a lower per-pupil allocation from the state this year because current assessed values have plummeted.

On Jan. 7, the district was informed that it would receive \$739

less per student than what the Colorado Division of Education (CDE) estimated last fall for the 2013-2014 school year. Enrollment in Meeker has also reduced to 650 students this year down from a peak of 700 a few years ago.

The lower per-pupil funding amount was due to the negative factor. The negative factor was instituted by the state Legislature to reduce education spending during the recent recession.

Meeker was not the only district in trouble this year; Paonia and DeBeque also face major losses in funding, District Superintendent Mark Meyer said.

During a working session with the Meeker School Board on Tuesday night, Kathy Gebhardt, the executive director of the non-profit education-bade law firm Children's Voices, estimated the negative factor to be about \$1.1 billion for 2013-2014 and said the state's education fund is currently at \$1.6 billion to \$1.7 billion.

The education fund is meant for one time spending and receives funds left over from the general budget.

The Joint Budget Committee (JBC) recommends that at least \$100 million be kept in this fund to address fluctuation in revenues.

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COURTESY PHOTO

Rangely artist Tammy Dahle has donated artwork to benefit the new animal shelter in Rangely. Dahle's work is available for purchase at the Rangely Town Hall. A donation of at least \$20 is suggested to "help give our four-legged friends a great place to stay while in transition to their forever homes," Dahle said.

WEATHER



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BRIEFS

Arts, Cultural Council to meet Monday

MEEKER | The Meeker Arts and Cultural Council will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Monday at Meeker United Methodist Church's Elbert Hall.

A major project for 2014 includes requesting designation of Meeker as a Creative District by Colorado Creative Industries, a division of the Colorado State Office of Economic Development. Creative districts are eligible for grants and substantial promotion and publicity for local areas through heritage and agri-tourism, which are the top economic development engines in Colorado.

CPR/EMT classes offered by fire district

MEEKER | The Rio Blanco Fire Protection District is offering a series of classes that are open to the public.

The district is currently offering CPR/First Aid classes at the fire station at 236 7th St. in Meeker and will soon be offering EMT-Basic classes, also at the station in Meeker.

Please call 970-878-3443 for more information.

Free Connect for Health help available

MEEKER | Free help is available weekly in Meeker from the Rio Blanco County Department of Human Services, representing Connect for Health Colorado.

An open question and answer session is available at the Meeker Public Library, 490 Main St. in Meeker, each Wednesday from noon to 2 p.m. The topic revolves around health insurance and the new insurance marketplace Connectforhealthcolorado.com.

Three Meeker students nominated to academies

Special to the Herald Times

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

The students selected met and exceeded the stringent requirements of the respective academy and of Tipton's office. Students who applied were required to submit an essay, test scores, an application, letters of recommendation, transcripts and complete an in-person interview before a panel in order to be considered.

Meeker students nominated by

Tipton are: John C. Henderson to the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy; Kaitlyn J. Dinwiddie to the U.S. Air Force Academy. She is currently attending the USAFA Prep School; and Torrie N. Gerloff to West Point.

"These students have worked incredibly hard to earn a nomination, and it's a true honor to be able to recommend them to our nation's distinguished service academies," Tipton said. "Because of their academic and extracurricular achievements, outstanding moral character and dedication to our country, I'm confident each of these them would make dependable, capable and successful officers should they be accepted into the academies.

POINTS: Help needed

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Points of Light campaign last month, the appeal letters have garnered more than \$21,000.

The money raised so far gives Horizons' Family Support Council a baseline to work from. Its job is to assess incoming funding each year, then allocate specific amounts to families as reimbursement toward costs associated with their child's developmental delays or disabilities.

Horizons grants and publications coordinator Deirdre Pepin said, however, that waning financial funding from the state, coupled with Horizons' commitment to serve all children who meet eligibility criteria regardless of family income, means additional support is always welcomed.

"The state does not provide enough funding to cover the needs of our families; we rely on grants, donations and fundraisers to help meet these needs," Pepin said. "In general, most families request (the allocated) amount for reimbursements but spend much more in the care for their child."

Average medical costs for pre-term babies in their first year of life can be up to 10 times the amount it costs to support full-term babies in their first year — almost \$50,000

compared with \$4,551, the appeal letter stated. Of those children born prematurely, one in three will need special school services sometime during their school years.

When it comes to children, Pepin believes the return is always greater than the investment. With 85 percent of children's brain development occurring before they turn three and the vast majority of children's overall development happening before their fifth birthday, Horizons banks on early intervention and family support services helping when they're most needed.

"Children who need and receive early intervention services are more likely to graduate from high school, hold jobs and live independently," Pepin said. "Every dollar spent in Early Intervention saves \$7 in the need for future services."

"In other words, if developmental delays go unidentified, each child, family and community will need to address the issue later in life in a more complex way."

There is no end date for the Little Points of Light campaign. To support Horizons locally, donors can visit www.horizonsnwc.org or mail a check to Rio Blanco County's Horizons satellite office at P.O. Box 2114, Meeker 81641.

TALENT RUNS HIGH...



The team of Isabella Blazon, Jacob Blazon, Cade Blunt and Clay Stuart Randall captured second place in the age 9 and under competition during Saturday evening's Meeker's Got Talent competition sponsored by the ERBM Recreation District at Meeker High School. Eleven acts took part in the three age groups of 9 and under, ages 10-17 and ages 18 and up.

SEAN MCMAHON

PILT funds included in Farm Bill

Special to the Herald Times

RBC | Colorado U.S. Sens. Michael Bennet and Mark Udall on Tuesday heralded the inclusion of an extension of the Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) program in the Farm Bill conference report.

Bennet, a member of the Farm Bill conference committee, helped negotiate the final bill. Bennet and Udall led a bipartisan push to extend the program after it was left out of

the budget passed earlier this month.

"Rural communities in Colorado and across the country rely on these critical resources to provide basic services like police and fire protection, and road maintenance," Bennet said. "This extension means they can move forward with their budget and plan for the rest of this year. At the same time, we need to provide more certainty for these communities in the long term rather than force them to wonder year to

year whether Washington will live up to its end of the bargain."

"Rural Colorado and communities across the West need Congress to stand up and fully fund the PILT program; I have been proud to lead this bipartisan push to include PILT in the Farm Bill and to find a longer-term solution," Udall said. "PILT funds are essential to protecting our way of life throughout Colorado. This is a major victory, but I will keep fighting to fully fund

the PILT program past 2014 and remove these funds from the annual uncertainty of the federal budget process."

The PILT program provides federal payments to local governments to help offset losses in property taxes due to non-taxable federal land within their boundaries. These resources help pay for critical services like search and rescue operations, road maintenance, and fire protection.

Input sought on next 5 hunting seasons

Special to the Herald Times

RBC | Colorado Parks and Wildlife will soon be seeking public input on the structure of the state's big game hunting seasons for 2015 through 2019.

The Colorado Parks and Wildlife Commission sets big game season structures in five-year blocks, which provides consistency for sportsmen, hunting-related businesses, landowners and communities.

Colorado's big game hunting seasons are used to manage all big game species — deer, elk, pronghorn, moose, black bear and mountain lion. The season structure process is designed for the public to provide agency staff and the state commission with input on major hunting issues like the number of seasons for each species, the overlap among different seasons, breaks between seasons and the beginning and ending dates of hunting seasons.

Changes to the "preference point" system, which is used to award licenses for Colorado's premium hunting opportunities, will also be considered.

The public nomination process for citizens to submit proposals and document the support for totally limiting elk hunting in specific units is again part of the season structure process.

In February and March, Colorado

Parks and Wildlife will offer public meetings throughout the state, will reach out to established stakeholder forums and will provide other opportunities for people to provide information, opinions and thoughts.

The structure of the 2015-2019 big game seasons will be guided by input from the public and stakeholders. Interested parties can learn more about

the process and timeline by searching "season structure" on the Colorado Parks and Wildlife website at cpw.state.co.us or by e-mailing bgss@state.co.us to request more information.

Colorado's big game hunting seasons account for a nearly \$1 billion economic boost each fall to the state economy.

A 2009 study found that elk hunting alone pumps \$295 million into the Colorado economy and supports 3,400 jobs in the state.

Colorado Parks and Wildlife manages 42 state parks, more than 300 state wildlife areas, all of Colorado's wildlife, and a variety of outdoor recreation. For more information go to cpw.state.co.us.

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RHS KING AND QUEEN ...



TRACY ENTERLINE

Rangely High School senior royalty candidates included Wesley Goddard, Chelsea Ficken, Tessa Slagle, Ryan Wilczek, McKale Pennell and Connor Phelan. Chosen as Mr. and Miss Rangely High School were Wesley Goddard and Tessa Slagle.

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Local development forum eyes growth for Meeker

By SEAN MCMAHON
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MEEKER I Roughly 40 people gathered Saturday afternoon at the Meeker Hotel to listen to several presentations of ideas geared to promote economic development in the Meeker area, focusing on expanded marketing and improved communications.

The Rio Blanco Citizens for Economic Development hosted the event, which was kicked off by Kelli Hepler, the agri-tourism director for Delta County, who explained that the original premise of that group was to make Delta County a "place where people want to stop."

"We have Aspen on one side of us and Telluride on the other, and we wanted people traveling through here to stop on their way to one of those other resorts," she said.

"We received \$6,000 from the county and some state funds, and we are doing quite well now in slowing people down who head through here because we have wine, mines, the arts, farming/ranching, wildlife and history to promote," she said. "We are now at a point where 2 percent of the money going into the county coffers comes from promoting those activities in our community."

Asked how Delta County was able to turn the economy around, she pointed out first that Colorado is the only state in the nation with an agri-heritage tourism fund, and that the fund is taken from unclaimed taxes around the state.

Hepler said the key is to get the word out, using all forms of communications and marketing.

"We only have 600 beds in Delta County, so we really have to work to book those rooms at any given time," she said. "We got together with the mines in the area, government officials and entities that made up agri-tourism, like vineyards and farmers/ranchers in the area, and those three groups are the top employers in the area."

"We sat down and discussed how we could come together and pull people in, and the mines thought of giving tours, the government has bent over backward to back us and the vineyards are offering tours and wine tastings while the farmers and ranchers are opening their farms and ranches to the public, and we have found out that there are a lot of people who don't really know where their food or meat comes from," Hepler said.

"Meeker has a great, varied and colorful history, its wildlife is well-known as top quality, it has incredible scenery and it has some of the friendliest folks around," she said. "Each one of those things is a way to increase travel through here."

The key, she said, is to get the information out to folks on the Front Range because those residents do a lot of traveling around the state, and to get the local information out with more businesses than just the chamber of commerce or the White River Museum.

"Every business in town should be carrying the maps to the walking tour of in-town historic sites, off-site historical places, and carry the brochures about area hunting or pack-trip or jeep tours, information about what businesses are in town and a listing of the variety of restaurants here in Meeker as well as a calendar of major events," she said. "Marketing and getting the word out are absolutely everything to drawing

people here."

Gary Zellers, president of the Meeker Arts and Cultural Committee (MACC), said, "We need money coming into our communities, otherwise the dollar is worn out and doesn't add anything if that dollar started in town, is taxed at every transaction and then it just disappears."

"We need bodies to carry out these plans, and that has been our problem for quite some time," he said. "We are a bunch of people without great financial resources, and we need a face for these groups."

Zellers said MACC already has several events planned, including the second annual Meekerpalooza, but that it would really be a great benefit to have a Meeker Arts and Cultural Center that "offers classical music, perhaps country or rock concerts, arts shows, cultural events and even have alcohol available for attendees to enjoy during the activities."

The other major topic of the meeting was the possibility of bringing broadband communications to Rio Blanco County's residents.

Dick Welle, the former general manager of White River Electric Association, who is still involved with a community/countywide group formed to look at ways to improve conditions and multiple resources within Rio Blanco County, said there is already broadband in the county at the sheriff's office, town law enforcement, the hospitals and other key locations.

"However the problem, the cost and a major investment will come with in-town infrastructure along the streets in the town," he said, adding that the next question after that is who is going to extend the lines to the actual residences like had to be done with the original telephone lines.

"This is not a cheap project and I know the WREA isn't in the telecommunications business," Welle said. "But some entity is going to have to gamble that the major expense of extending the fiber optics to each business and residence will pay off."

"We are also looking at some help from the state that could drop the price and make it more affordable and viable," he said, adding that at this time there is no known timeframe when that might happen.

Ellene Meece, president of the Rio Blanco County Historical Society, said there is lots of information available at the museums in the county.

"There is a lot of information to get out about all of the county's pretty incredible history, and we will just have to get it out around the state and draw the attention of those interested in Colorado history," she said. "State historic tourism is thriving all around Colorado, and we have to get Meeker better noticed."

Bob Amick reported that History Colorado came to Meeker in the fall and did a complete survey of the town's historic locations.

"We are hoping for approval of the designation of downtown Meeker as a historic destination," Amick said. "With this we would be able to rework the interiors of our buildings, do some work on the exteriors and improve some of the horrible wiring and eliminate some of the dangerous coal chutes in these buildings."

"We could then open much wider the opportunities for historic tours, which will also bring a lot of people to Meeker," he said.



ECONOMIC FORUM ...

Roughly 40 people, including a few Rangely residents, attended the Citizens Forum on Economic Development held Saturday afternoon at the Meeker Hotel. Local input and input from Delta, Colo., regarding local tourism promotion were front and center at the forum. Standing far left is emcee Brian Conrado. Also standing is MACC President Gary Zellers, talking about the need for new revenue coming into Meeker.

SEAN MCMAHON

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GUEST EDITORIAL

Local non-profit group came through when needed

EDITOR'S NOTE — Other than to wish the best to the Denver Broncos on Sunday, I didn't have a whole lot to add with a column while our Rangely correspondent, Heather Zadra, had a much more important message to get out to many parents in Rio Blanco County who may need help.

Therefore, my window has the shade down while a personal window has been opened.

By **HEATHER ZADRA**
Special to the Herald Times

RBC I Our family didn't know Horizons Specialized Services existed, except in some vague way, until we were desperate for it.

We'd heard something about the help the non-profit group offers adults with disabilities, from residential support to vocational assistance. We'd read occasional news articles

about people who, thanks to Horizons, could live full, independent lives with support.

But until we learned that the limited repertoire of words our toddler son used was on par with a child half his age, we didn't understand how Horizons engaged with families, providing critical services to children from birth to age three and helping families pay for expenses associated with a child's developmental delays or disabilities.

It's easy to support a cause once you see your own need for it.

Until we realized Drew would benefit from speech therapy — we rushed to enroll him, realizing it was our best chance to narrow the gap between where he was and where he should have been — Horizons was just another organization we liked the idea of but didn't feel especially compelled to support.

Sometimes it takes a connection to someone whose story grips us or whose life has been changed to be moved to action.



Heather Zadra

Sometimes, as in the case of our family, it takes being a part of that story ourselves.

We are one of hundreds, perhaps thousands, of families whose lives have never looked quite the same since they discovered Horizons, and I will tell our story to anyone who will listen.

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After the procedure, his progress under Clatterbaugh's care was so rapid that he vaulted off the eligibility list for continued speech services through the local Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES).

It's a story with similar threads, I suspect, as other families could tell about children meeting milestones that once seemed miles away, about having the support of people who finally understand and can help, and about how heavy financial burdens lighten with a little help.

Each story has its nuances, its differences.

But together, our individual stories speak to something more. They speak to a community's need to acknowledge that our children's

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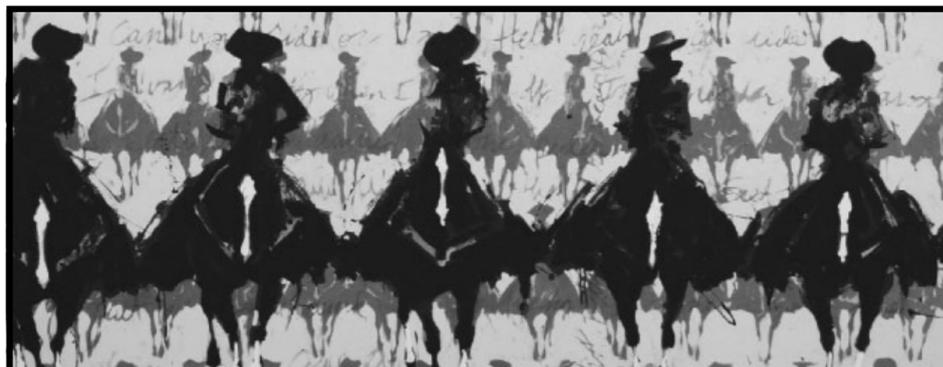
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Governor applauded on sage grouse efforts

Dear Editor:
The White River and Douglas Creek conservation districts applaud Gov. Jon Hickenlooper's efforts to showcase Colorado landowners' work to protect the greater sage grouse in Northwestern Colorado.

Interior Secretary Jewell, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Director Dan Ashe and BLM Principal Deputy Director Neil Kornze joined the governor in touring the Board Gulch Ranch near Craig to see the good work private landowners do for multiple species while improving their bottom line in the agriculture operations.

White River Conservation District board member Gary Moyer and executive director Callie Hendrickson joined the governor and other stakeholders in a conversation with the federal officials following the tour. The stakeholders had the opportunity to ask questions and provide input to the agencies' leaders.

The theme of the meeting was that protecting the grouse and utilizing the natural resources are not mutually exclusive. If the federal agencies will work with the state and local stakeholders, we can and will protect the greater sage grouse (GSG) while continuing to protect our local and state economies.

There were many questions and comments from the audience.

Moyer asked the agencies to consider looking into laws that create conflict for endangered species. One example is the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, which protects grouse predators such as the raven that eat sage grouse eggs. While the BLM is responsible for the habitat management on the federal lands the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is responsible for the management of various wildlife species that can be in conflict such as in the above example.

Another conflict with the GSG that was brought up was the feral horses.

District Executive Director and National Wild Horse and Burro Advisory Board Member Callie Hendrickson shared facts provided by the BLM at the April 2012 Advisory Board meeting regarding the overlapping Herd Management Areas (HMA) and the GSG habitat. Thirty-one percent of the HMAs across the west overlap GSG habitat. That is nearly 10 million acres of GSG habitat negatively impacted by excess feral horses.

While the agencies' state their efforts are all directed at keeping the GSG from being listed, Hendrickson expressed frustration with BLM's decision to stop removing excess horses from the range, including the overlapping GSG habitat. The numbers of horses on the range will double every four years and they will destroy GSG habitat in the heavily utilized areas of the 10 million acres, she said. In addition, horses will expand their territories in search of feed, which will have them impacting even more GSG habitat.

The White River and Douglas Creek conservation districts look forward to continuing to work with the governor and the BLM to find solutions that will protect the grouse and the local economies.

Leonard Thompson
President

White River Conservation District
Meeker

Thanks to businesses for "Christmas Store" donations

Dear Editor:

We at Emmanuel Baptist Church in Meeker would like to thank Samuelson True Value Hardware & Lumber, Meeker General Mercantile, Ace Hardware, the Girl Scouts of Meeker and individuals for their donations to "The Christmas Store" at the Walbridge Wing.

These donations were very much appreciated!

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Union Telephone turns 100

Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER I Union Telephone Co. celebrated 100 years in business. From very humble roots, Union has grown to be one of the largest private employers in the state of Wyoming; quite an accomplishment for a small landline company that was founded in a rural ranching community of only a few hundred people.

Union Telephone's history is rich, rugged and steeped with stories of true grit and pioneer determination. These interesting and inspiring stories are part of the fabric of the region. To celebrate this 100-year milestone, Union

hosted two commemorative dinner parties. The invited guests included current and former employees, friends and business associates.

On Saturday, Union will host live radio remotes at their 13 retail store locations to celebrate the 100-year anniversary with the public. Free food and beverages will be served and several prize drawings will be conducted, along with an opportunity to win a 39-inch flat screen TV. There will also be a very special one-day only in-store promotion on Saturday, featuring the most popular smart phones on the market.

According to Brian Woody, chief

customer relations officer, "The rest of the year will be punctuated with activities celebrating Union's 100th anniversary. We are looking forward to the next 100 years being as exciting, productive and innovative as the first."

Union Telephone Co., founded in 1914 by John D. Woody, expanded into wireless communication and data services in 1990 with the mission of becoming the premier telecommunications provider in the Rocky Mountain region. The company operates 13 retail locations and has over 25 agents serving Wyoming, Northwestern Colorado and Northeastern Utah.

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problems are all of our problems and that their solutions are everyone's victories.

They speak to the need to celebrate and embrace a family's request for help while rejecting the stigmas that still cling to labels like "developmentally delayed" or "disabled."

These stories, while anecdotal, speak in harmony with data proving that early intervention services are critical to the continued, improved health not only of individuals but of a community as a whole.

All of this is why, after struggling for days to write a fact-based piece about Horizons' Little Points of Light fundraising campaign, I finally gave up and wrote an editorial instead.

When I told Herald Times Editor Sean McMahon that the piece hadn't

come together as planned, that it was a column instead, he told me he still wanted the news piece and to be wary of mixing personal involvement with fact-telling in the news story.

"Keep the personal out of it as much as possible," he wrote regarding the story. (Which, in all honesty, was fair enough. It was sage advice, beside the fact that I'd given him

hardly any notice of the change.)

Half an hour later, Sean called and suggested running the news story and the original column in the same edition. I'm so glad he did.

Because, when it comes to the work Horizons does — for every individual, every family, and every community — it's always personal. It's what they do best.

I would like to thank the Rio Blanco Sheriff's Dept. of Meeker and Rangely and the ambulance crews who rescued me after my accident on Friday, January 3, 2014. I would also like to thank the R.W. Jones rig-up and the two pickups who spotted my car. Thanks to the Yellow Jacket Ranch for the blankets and help as well as the wonderful people who worked hard to rescue and help me to Pioneers Medical Center and St. Mary's Hospital in Grand Junction. Thank you for all the cards, calls, visits and food and a special thank you goes to Stanley Crawford and crew, and my friends and family whose prayers lifted me up. Thank you and God bless.

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Local students named to honors list at Wyoming

MEEKER I University of Wyoming lists two Meeker students among the 106 Colorado students on the 2013 fall semester President's Honor Roll.

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Our Immutable God (1)

By Dr. J. D. Watson
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FOR I am the LORD, I change not (Mal. 3:6). Have you ever read or heard the word *contemporaneity*? Probably not. It is a rarely used word. Meaning "living or occurring during the same period of time, contemporary," we don't use it because our entire culture is so "contemporary," so "in the moment," that the word is rendered irrelevant. This word goes far deeper, however, than its sterile dictionary definition. Contemporaneity is actually a philosophy, a value system, in fact, that considers the past as passé, obsolete, unrelated, worthless, and even contemptible. We see it even in the Church in regard to theology, music, and even Bible translations. What is ignored, however, is the fact that everything is in a constant state of change with no continuity or consistency.

All that, however, is not new to humanity. It has always been true. The last OT message to Israel, for example, was an important one. Its basic thrust was a rebuke of the Jews for their neglect of true worship and a call to repentance. The book records several things, such as: Israel's disrespect for God (Mal. 1:6-14), unfaithfulness and failure of the priests (2:1-9), intermarriage with pagans (2:10-12), unlawful divorce (2:13-16), the robbing of God by the lack of giving tithes and offerings (3:7-12), and outright blasphemy and rebellion (3:13-4:3). All this is summarized in 3:7: "Even from the days of your fathers ye are gone away from Mine ordinances, and have not kept them." Israel's history was one of a continual cycle of disobedience, ever up and down and back and forth in their fellowship. In short, Israel was constantly changing.

Gloriously, such is not true of God (or His revelation,

for that matter). "Immutability" means "unchangeableness," and God is absolutely unchangeable in His nature, purpose, and plan. While *changelessness* is impossible with man, *change* is impossible for God. Man changes according to his age, moods, motives, attitudes, and cravings, but God remains constant, unchangeable, always the same.

I am the LORD, I change not, Malachi wrote. **Change** (*shānāh*) means to disguise or to become something different, indicating a change in attitude or character. **Not** (*loh*), then, is the word for factual negation, which makes this the polar opposite. God *cannot*, in any way or manner whatsoever, change in His character, attitudes, actions, or any other aspect of His being. Unlike Satan, who "is transformed into an angel of light" (2 Cor. 11:4) and who specializes in deception, God is always "the same" (Ps. 102:27). As we have noted (Jan. 14), God's "I AM THAT I AM" statement (Ex. 3:14) underscores His self-existence and unchangeableness. As **change** essentially indicates imperfection, **not** to change fundamentally indicates perfection. In a culture where contemporaneity rules, what a comfort it is to know that God (and His revelation) is always the same.

Scriptures for Study: What do the following verses declare about God's immutability: Psalm 102:27; Hebrews 13:8; James 1:17?

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MSD: Extra-curriculars, staffing and transportation all topics of MSD cost cutting

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Meyer said the Legislature knows this is a problem for some rural districts. Meyer had heard that Meeker was discussed specifically on the floor last week. He said the Joint Budget Committee (JBC) is considering supplemental funding (not a loan) that would address budget problems due to the negative factor with districts facing the fiscal cliff.

Based on audio transcripts from committee meetings last week, a Joint Education Committee (JEC) meeting on Jan. 22 discussed paying down the negative factor and direct aid for rural districts, including Meeker.

"At the end of the day, I think we will find solutions, but I don't know how or where," Mayer said. The general consensus was that regardless of how the Meeker School District makes it through this year, there will likely need to be some spending or revenue changes for the future.

"We can't continue to be 16 to 17

percent short halfway through year, Meyer said, adding that the district can hope there will be help from the Legislature, but, even if that doesn't happen, Meeker should have a plan to reach a sustainable annual budget.

Ed Coryell, a Meeker School Board member, said this is not the first time we have run short on cash. He also said the school district tried a four-day school week for six years without much success, but, he added, "In the end, we owe these kids the best education possible."

David Cole said, "I don't have kids, but I value education." Cole thought the district should revisit increasing the mill levee.

First to speak during the forum was Bruce Adams, who worried that the estimates from the CDE seem to be worse than in the past and would like any measures that would give more local control and prediction of school funding. Adams wondered about reallocating savings from other special taxing districts or putting forth

a proposal to change the distribution of the county's mill levees to increase education funding.

Doug Overton thought we should have some faith this will work out and have confidence that something could be worked out with the other special taxing districts.

No one was sure about how this would work. It seems that other county special taxing districts could donate or vote to allocate funds directly, but it is unlikely that those mill levies could be changed without the districts' approval and major legislative action.

Kim Rule brought up the potential for more computer-based courses and thought combined teaching and administrative positions should be considered along with smaller buses for long routes and sporting events.

Kristy Neilson wondered if the district could pool its technology purchasing with other districts to get better prices. She also brought up fundraising for athletics and maybe

charging fees for overnight stays. She also wondered if parents could help with transportation on some events.

Coleen Patterson said she is a proud parent of "two aspiring nerds" and felt there were at least four top teachers that she could not do without in preparing her children for college.

Patterson also asked if the district can reduce spending on state mandates for testing and assessments.

Meyer said it will likely be part of the discussion for next year, but "it is tricky to figure out how much could be saved."

Cassie Denney wanted to set up receptacles for box tops that can be turned in for donations to local school districts. She emphasized the importance of art and music programs but questioned the amount of spending on athletics. She said, "Extra-curricular is extra."

Cassie McGuire spoke about the value of extra-curricular programs such as athletics and journalism in preparing her son for college, teaching

him values and opening up scholarship opportunities. Her son, Calvin Shepherd, is a senior this year and a varsity wrestler. He has also written articles published in *Herald Times*.

She said, "It should be an entire education, not just the classroom."

Pat Hughes thought the district should meet with the boards of the other special taxing districts, and Scott Aldridge wanted the district to look into a sales tax hike instead of increasing property taxes.

Don Frances hoped the legislation would limit the negative factor in the future and that a long-term solution is needed so the district can keep more of its own money.

Heather Sauls said she would favor a long-term reliable increase in the tax base over increasing class sizes.

Lori Kendall wondered about savings from the four-day school week and thought we should check with other districts to see how it worked out for them.

Cory Brickey opposed the four-day week since it didn't seem to gain last time and it would increase child-care needs for parents.

Lori Kendall wanted to thank the board and teachers for the work they do. Kendall said she "saw lots of teachers that do stuff out of their own pockets and that we need to all work together."

Mellisa Woodward wanted it known, "don't cut teachers; what they do for kids is amazing." She said she has lived in districts where sports fees were prohibitive for some kids and she loved that it is possible for her kids to be involved in sports here. She also thought the district could do more fundraising for athletics and said that to her it has been amazing to see how sports have allowed her children's personalities to grow.

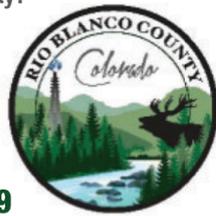
Mekeysha Slaugh also talked about other districts where kids have to pay extra for sports. She didn't think it was fair to attack sports on budget issues.

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Rio Blanco County is well represented in the middle school girls' basketball league as Rangely's eighth-grade A-team (above left) and Meeker's Barone Middle School seventh-grade A-team (above right) are also undefeated so far this season. Representing the Rangely Middle School eighth-grade team in front are: Haley Elam, Elizabeth McCann, Vanessa Hamilton, Brynn Buckles, Klaire Denny and Katelyn Brown. In the back are: manager Tytus Coombs, coach Jeremy Lohry, manager Dalton Dembowski, Sarah Connor, Korryn Wenzel, Alexis Wiley, Alanna Wiley, Kaylee Mecham and coach Mark Skelton. Playing on Meeker's undefeated seventh-grade team are, in back: coach Tom Knowles, Briar Meszaros, Krissie Luce, Megan Shelton, Kassie Luce, Ellie Anderson, Allie Willey, Mikayla Cardile and manager Addie Joy. In the middle row: Kylee Bradford, Abigayle Rosendahl, Lila Klinglesmith and Savanna May. In front are Gracie Bradfield and Kenzie Turner.

Meeker girls easily win two more; record at 11-1

By HALLIE BLUNT
Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER I The Meeker High School girls' basketball team came away with two more wins last week, to which coach Greg Chintala said, "We played very well both offensively and defensively" against the 3A Battle Mountain Huskies that came to town Tuesday evening.

Meeker came out strong, leading after the first quarter 17-11. The team added to the lead with outstanding defense, holding

their opponents to just five second-quarter points while scoring 21 of their own.

Meeker came away with a sizable 69-34 win behind a balanced scoring effort with seven players scoring.

Taylor Neilson led the way with 18, followed by Aly Ridings with 14, Sydney Hughes had 13, Piper Haney and Megan Parker each scored eight, Deena Norell had six and Reese Pertile rounded out the scoring with two. Norell also grabbed nine rebounds and Neilson and Haney each had seven.

On Friday night, Meeker played DeBeque with the C-Team, and Chintala said, "The youngsters are really starting to come along."

The lady Cowboys finished off their weekend with a league win over Plateau Valley, which Chintala complimented, saying, "They were a much improved team from the first time we played them."

Meeker once again jumped out to their trademark first-quarter lead, scoring 20 points and holding Plateau Valley to just eight. Meeker added to the lead by half-

time, up 36-17 at intermission.

Meeker's opponents tried to make a comeback late in the game, but it was held off well by the Meeker tenacity as they finished the game with a solid 58-44 win.

Neilson once again led the offense with 17 points, Hughes had 13, Ridings had 10, Haney had eight and Norell and Parker each added four points. Haney was the team leader in rebounds with eight, followed by Hughes and Neilson with six.

The team is showing offensive consistency and getting great contribution from

at least seven players in every game as they head into two league games this weekend. Meeker will play Soroco on Friday, and Chintala said, "We played them earlier this year and came away with an 18-point win. But the game was much better than the score indicated. This will be a good battle."

Meeker will play Hayden on Saturday and the Meeker girls certainly look like they are composed for the challenge behind the balanced scoring threats and always-tough defense.

5 place in Steamboat

By BOBBY GUTIERREZ
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RANGELY I The Rangely Panthers wrestled in the Steamboat Springs Round Robin tournament Saturday and returned with five placers, including one champion.

Rangely senior Lucas Heinle won all four of his matches in the 145-pound bracket and captured the gold medal. Caleb Lawson also won four matches but lost one and finished with a silver medal at 152.

Ethan Allred posted a record of 3-1 in the 160-pound bracket and earned himself a bronze medal for his efforts. Nych DeLeon (138) and Ryan Wilczek (195) both went 2-2 in their respective weight brackets, which was good enough for fourth place. Kiki Ruiz also wrestled in the 138-pound round robin and although he wrestled well, he did not place.

"We wrestled really well, winning a lot of matches, and the ones we lost were by small margins," head coach Jeff Heinle said. "Ethan lost his match to Justin Barham 3-1 in overtime."

The Panthers will travel to Ignacio for a dual meet on Friday, then Rangely will enter the Butch Melon Invitational, where they will compete with teams from Dolores, Dove Creek, Nucla and Ignacio, as well as others.

"This is a good tournament to go to and see some teams we usually don't get a chance to meet," coach Heinle said.

Panthers win two more, prepare for stretch

By BOBBY GUTIERREZ
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RANGELY I The Panthers boys' basketball team recorded two more league wins last week and play two more this week as they continue down the home stretch.

Rangely beat Plateau Valley 58-38 in front of a hometown crowd on Friday then pounded DeBeque 67-34 the next day.

"We were able to get two good wins this weekend as well as work on some areas that we know need improvement as we get ready for our home stretch of tough games," Panthers head coach Eric Hejl said.

Against Plateau Valley, the Panthers came out "shooting well and sharing the ball really well," the coach said.

Connor Phelan and Kaulan Brady hit three-pointers early in the game and so did Cameron Enterline, who had been sick most of the week, to give the Panthers a 19-10 lead after the first quarter. The Panthers added 16 more in the second quarter to lead 35-17 at halftime.

Hejl said Colt Allred benefited from "lots of little dump-off passes

from the guards on drives as well as cleaning up the glass and getting seven offensive boards and at least five put-backs."

Allred recorded a double-double, scoring 16 points and pulling down 11 rebounds to lead the Panthers.

"Overall, we played pretty good defensively, once we got our rhythm," coach Hejl said. "Offensively, we were efficient in finding the open guy and looking for the assist before the score, as well as limiting turnovers, which have been a huge point of emphasis for us lately."

Enterline also scored 16 points against the Cowboys from Plateau Valley and had six rebounds. Mitchell Webber finished with six rebounds too and scored eight points, Phelan scored seven, Brady five, Layne Mecham scored four and Andrew Morton made a basket.

"Saturday in DeBeque, we just kind of picked up where we left off on Friday," Hejl said. "Connor and Cameron got us going with some shots falling early, and then Kaulan gave us a spark off the bench when he came in and hit three shots from outside the arc."

Rangely led 27-14 at halftime,

but Coach Hejl wanted more from his team.

"We had a decent lead at half-time, but I knew we could be better, so I challenged them to really focus in and have a mistake-free third quarter, and they responded by scoring their most points in a quarter this season," he said.

Hejl said Brady and Enterline led the way in scoring and Phelan "kept adding to his assist totals by racking up 16 assists, compared to only one turnover in the two games."

"As a coach, that's exactly what you want to see from your point guard," Hejl said. "It was a good weekend for us; we got the wins, which of course were important, but we also got a chance to work on the finer details, which is what we need to be focused on as we get closer to districts."

Brady led the Panthers with 20 points, Enterline added 18, Phelan had 13, Andrew Morton finished in double figures with 10 and Allred added six.

The Panthers will host the Hayden Tigers on Friday at 7 p.m., then travel to Oak Creek on Saturday. Both are league games.



Rangely junior Colt Allred recorded a double-double against the Plateau Valley Cowboys when he scored 16 points and pulled down 11 rebounds, leading the Panthers to 58-38 victory.

Meeker Cowboys win three more games

By HALLIE BLUNT
Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER I The Meeker High School boys' basketball team played very well last week, winning games against Battle Mountain, DeBeque and Plateau Valley.

The Cowboys began their run against the 3A Battle Mountain Huskies on Tuesday and found themselves behind by two after eight minutes. At intermission, the Cowboys were only down one, and they came

out of the locker room and went into a huge 20-point third quarter. Meeker held Battle Mountain to just 15 points in the third and took a four-point lead to the final period and doubled it by the end of the game.

Meeker was led in scoring by Dylan Mobley with 17, Jeremy Musgrave with 13 and Raul Lopez added 12 points.

The weekend brought two league games, beginning with DeBeque on Friday night. Meeker came out strong in the first quarter and never

looked back, beating the Dragons 65-34.

Mobley once again led all scorers with 22, followed by Musgrave with 17 and Lopez with eight. Joe Newman added six, Ty Dunham had four and Tony Collins, Tom Chitwood, Kash Atwood and Jake Smith each added a bucket in the victory.

On Saturday, the Cowboys traveled to Collbran to take on a Plateau Valley team that has had success due to their leading scorer. Meeker's ex-

cution of their scouting report was extremely good as coach Kindler said, "We really got after Plateau Valley defensively. Their leading scorer did not score."

Meeker jumped out to a 25-7 first quarter lead and added to it, taking a 52-15 lead at the half. The Cowboys' defense didn't allow Collbran to score at all in the third quarter and finished the game ahead 80-23.

Lopez had 23 points, Musgrave had 17, Dunham 16, Newman added

seven and Chitwood and Mobley each added six. Collins had three and Atwood finished with two points for the Cowboys.

Meeker will play Soroco on Friday night and Hayden on Saturday.

Kindler said, "Every league game from here on out is important. We are starting to put ourselves in position to get a home game for districts and can hopefully put ourselves in contention for the conference championship the final week of the season."



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PATTY EDWARDS Meeker, Colorado

Edwards won the 2014 Meeker Benefit Cribbage Tournament, winning eight of nine games in a field of 17 on Sunday at Kilowatt Korner. Edwards donated her winnings back to the cause, which this year was Hope West-Meeker.





Cowboys finish third in Paonia, crown 2 champs

By **BOBBY GUTIERREZ**
bobby@theheraldtimes.com

MEEKER 1 The Meeker High School wrestling team finished third in the Screamin' Eagle tournament Saturday in Paonia, then pinned the

Bulldogs seven times to win a dual in Craig on Tuesday. Tonight the Cowboys will wrestle a triangular in Palisade against the host Bulldogs and the Bulldogs from Hotchkiss.

"We're improving," head coach J.C. Watt said of his team. "We are being more aggressive at the end of periods and at the edge of the mat." In Paonia, the Cowboys placed 11 wrestlers, including two JV wrestlers in the top six, including two champs, two runners-up, two consolation champs, one fourth, three fifth and one sixth place.

Cowboy senior J.C. Henderson won the 138-pound bracket and T.J.

Shelton won the 170-pound bracket. "This is the first tournament J.C. has won and he beat two tough kids to do it," coach Watt said about Henderson's perseverance.

Watt said Henderson was down by five points to Nick Jones of Dove Creek in the semifinals and "battled back" and pinned him. "That was the highlight of the tournament for me," Watt said. "J.C. beat a kid (Jose Chavez) from Center, in the championship match, who took third in the Warrior."

Henderson won 4-3 in his championship match. Shelton pinned three opponents to advance to the championship match and won 7-3 over Logan Schopp of Paonia.

"T.J. is wrestling well," Coach

Watt said. Tristin Pelloni (113) and Devon Pontine (160) both advanced to the championship match in their respective weights and finished as runners-up.

Cowboy senior Willis Begaye (152) and freshman Tyler Ilgen (285) finished as consolation champions in their respective weights and Sheridan Harvey advanced to the consolation match but had to forfeit because he had already wrestled five matches.

Aaron Cochran (132), Casey Turner (145) and Chase Rule (160) all finished fifth and Anthony Watt was sixth at 145.

Calvin Shepherd (120), Kylloe Goedert (126), Sam Lange (126), Jake Henderson (145) all won at least one match but did not place, nor did

Josh Cochran (126) Cody Nielsen (132) or Caleb Bradford (152).

Against the Bulldogs in Craig on Tuesday, 10 matches were wrestled, all were decided by pin fall, each team forfeited two matches and Meeker won 54-30. Harvey started the mat slapping, Pelloni, Goedert, Cochran, Turner, Watt (152) and Pontine (170) all followed with pins.

Begaye moved up a weight against Moffat County and was pinned, as was Shelton, who also moved up a weight, was leading 16-3 before he was taken for a "Saturday night ride" and pinned. Shepherd was also pinned.

The Cowboys will wrestle in Palisade tonight in a triangular against the host and the Hotchkiss Bulldogs.

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Panthers turn over game

By **HALLIE BLUNT**
Special to the Herald Times

RANGELY 1 Senior Aimee Hogan played hard offensively and defensively to lead the lady Panthers with 15 points and five steals against Plateau Valley on Friday night, but the Rangely girls came up short in the game.

Rangely received solid play from freshmen Katy Alred and Lindzey Thacker combining for 16 rebounds, but the team struggled getting its offense going as they trailed after the first period 11-2.

The Rangely girls played better in the second period, but turnovers created a problem for the Panthers. Coach Quinton Kent said,

"When your total turnovers and shooting percentage are close to being the same, you are probably not going to win. We turned the ball over 22 times and shot 24 percent from the field."

The Rangely girls will host Hayden on Friday night and travel to Oak Creek on Saturday for two league games.

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Wed. Feb. 5 - Hamburger & Chips, Mixed Veggies, Fruit	Wed. Feb. 5 - Pizza, Fruit & Salad Bar, Milk or Water
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1/31 vs. Hayden 4, 5:30, 7
2/1 @ Soroco 1, 2:30, 4
2/8 @ HOME vs. Vail Christian - 1, 2:30, 4
2/13 @ HOME vs. SoRoCo (B) - 4, 5:30
2/14 @ Paonia - 4, 5:30, 7

RHS Wrestling

1/31 @ Ignacio Dual
2/1 @ Ignacio Tournament
2/7-8 @ Crowley County
2/14-15 @ Regionals - TBA

RMS Girls' Basketball

2/1 @ Steamboat - 9am
2/6 @ Hayden - 4:30pm
2/8 @ Craig - 9am



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MHS LADIES' BASKETBALL

1/31 @ HOME vs. SoRoCo - 4:30, 6pm
2/1 @ Hayden - 12, 2:30pm
2/3 @ HOME vs. GJHS Frosh (C) - 4pm
2/7 @ Vail Christian - 4, 7pm

MHS MEN'S BASKETBALL

1/31 @ HOME vs. SoRoCo - 4:30, 7:30
2/1 @ Hayden - 1:30, 4:00
2/3 @ HOME vs. GJHS Frosh (C) - 5:30
2/7 @ Vail Christian - 5:30, 8:30

MHS WRESTLING

1/30 @ Palisade Triangular Dual - 12 pm
2/1 @ GJHS JV Tourney - TBD
2/5 @ Rifle Dual - TBD

BMS GIRLS' BASKETBALL

2/1 @ Craig - 9am



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OBITUARIES

Dick Livingston Merriam

Jan. 6, 1926 ~ Jan. 23, 2014

Dick Livingston Merriam, born Jan. 6, 1926 in Manti, Utah, to Edwin Lorin and Isabell (Livingston) Merriam, passed away Jan. 23, 2014, at the Walbridge Wing in Meeker, Colo.

Dick grew up in Manti, and was the youngest of five children. While still in school, he worked for Blackham, a turkey farmer.

His brother, DeWayne, came to Colorado to work with an uncle who had sheep ranches, and, after being graduated from high school, Dick joined DeWayne herding sheep.

The uncle set the boys up with a sheep ranch, which included Scenery Gulch, Smith Gulch, the old "Fritzlant Place," and the Ward ranch (which is now Rio Blanco Lake). Their permits included Lost Solar, Long Park and some patented land just across from Lake Avery.

On a trip to Meeker for supplies, Dick met the love of his life, Nyla Taylor, who happened to be working at her father's general store. They were married Feb. 21, 1948. To this union, five children were born: John

(Sally), Donald (Kathy), Gary (Patti), Joyce (Dale), and Gordon (Beth).

After their uncle passed away, they sold the sheep. Dick's career then became a propane gas delivery route driver with Household Gas, later sold to CalGas, where Dick was plant manager and serviceman.

Dick served on the Meeker Town Council for two terms, during which time the town received the Walbridge Trust. He was instrumental in helping establish the Walbridge Wing Long-Term Nursing Facility.

He also served on the Meeker Sanitation Board, Pioneers Hospital Board and more than 17 years on the Meeker Fire Department and ambulance service. Now there are three generations of Merriam firefighters, and he was very proud of that.

After retiring, Dick spent time enjoying his family, including 17 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

He and Nyla spent a lot of time on bleachers and in gyms watching their kids' and grandkids' sporting events and other activities. He also



Dick Merriam

Hawkins; and a grandson, Jason Merriam.

In addition to his wife of 65 years, he is survived by his children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, many nieces and nephews, and a multitude of friends.

Dick was known for his glib remarks and sense of humor; he never knew a stranger. Many fond memories of his laugh and the many kindnesses he extended to friends and neighbors by mowing their lawns and shoveling snow.

Donations to Meeker Fire and Rescue or Meeker Walbridge Wing may be made in lieu of flowers.

played a vital part in building the John B. Irwin baseball field.

Preceding Dick in death were: his parents; sisters Erma, Illa and Zada; his brother DeWayne; his son-in-law, Dale

Carol Atwood

June 18, 1947 ~ Jan. 21, 2014

Carol Ann Atwood, 66, of Meeker passed away on Tuesday, Jan. 21, 2014. She was born in Montrose, Colo., on June 18, 1947, to the late Harry and Norma Crawford. Carol graduated from Meeker High School in 1965. She married Eddie Atwood on Aug. 28, 1965. Soon after, she went to the Glenwood Springs Beauty School to become a beautician.

Carol is survived by two children, Shona Richardson of Meeker and Rowdy Atwood of Meeker. She is also survived by five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at the Methodist church in Meeker at 11



Carol Atwood

a.m. on Friday, Jan. 24, 2014. Viewing was held at the church one hour prior to services, and burial was in Highland Cemetery.

Services were entrusted to the care of Blackburn Meeker, Rangely and Vernal Mortuaries.

Cora Rishovd Steen

1920 ~ Jan. 26, 2014

Born Cora Rishovd in 1920 in a land-grant farmhouse built by her Norwegian immigrant father in North Dakota, Cora Rishovd Steen died Jan. 26, 2014, in Phoenix. She was 93.

Cora met her husband, Marshall,

at Augsburg College in Minneapolis. Their first date was for ice cream on Pearl Harbor Day. She spent her career teaching in the Meeker, Colo., and Scottsdale, Ariz., school systems.

Cora was preceded in death by

her husband, Marshall, by six years.

She is survived by: a brother, Larry, and four children, Gary, Laurie, Tom and Robin. She had eight grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren, ample reason to know she was loved.

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Matt Scott, Weed Control Supervisor, (970) 878-9672. All Bidders are advised to review the list found on Exhibit A. Any questions regarding this Request are to be directed in writing to Matt Scott at the above address or via email at msscott@co.rio-blanco.co.us.

DELIVERY SCHEDULE
Chemicals will need to be provided upon request from April, 2014 through October, 2014

BID SUBMITTALS
Bidder shall submit sealed bids for this request which shall include all information required. Bids shall have Bidder's name and address and "Sealed Bid-2014 Rio Blanco County Weed & Pest - Herbicides". Mail or hand-deliver to the Rio Blanco County Board of County Commissioners, at P.O. Box i, 200 Main Street, Meeker, CO 81641 before Thursday February 20, 2014 at 4 P.M. OR Hand-deliver to the Rio Blanco County Board of County Commissioners, 200 Main Street, Meeker, CO until 10:45 A.M. on Monday, February 24, 2014. No bids shall be received after 4 p.m. Thursday February 21, 2014, Friday, Saturday, or Sunday.

BID OPENING
The Rio Blanco County Board of County Commissioners meeting will commence at 11 A.M. Bids shall be opened and read in public soon thereafter as listed on the agenda on February 24, 2014 at the Commissioners' Meeting Room at 200 Main St., Meeker, CO. Bids submitted after 10:45 A.M. shall be returned unopened. Bids submitted and opened shall not be withdrawn for 30 days thereafter.

BID AWARD
The Rio Blanco County Board of County Commissioners reserve the right to reject any or all bids; to waive any informalities in bids; and to accept the bid that, in the opinion of the Board, is in the best interest of the County of Rio Blanco, State of Colorado.
RIO BLANCO COUNTY
Dated: January 30, 2014
By: Jon D. Hill, Chairman
Publish: January 30 and February 6, 2014
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COMBINED NOTICE - MAILING
CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 13-19

To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust:
On November 7, 2013, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Rio Blanco records.

Original Grantor(s)
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Current Holder of Evidence of Debt

Date of Deed of Trust
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Recording Date of Deed of Trust
Recording Information (Reception Number)
Original Principal Amount
Outstanding Principal Balance

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

THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN.
A PARCEL OF LAND LYING IN LOT 28, TAMARRON SUBDIVISION, TOWN OF RANGELY, COLORADO ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED APRIL 10, 1980 AS DOCUMENT NO. 194871 BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID LOT 28; THENCE SOUTH 135.00 FEET TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER THEREOF; THENCE WEST ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID LOT 28, 24.11 FEET; THENCE NORTH 0°09'53" EAST, 135.00 TO A POINT ON THE NORTH LINE OF SAID LOT; THENCE EAST 23.72 FEET TO THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING.

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NOTICE OF SALE

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

THEREFORE, Notice Is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, 03/12/2014, at Office of the Public Trustee, Rio Blanco County Courthouse, 555 Main Street, Meeker CO 81641, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s)' heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.

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DATE: 11/08/2013
Karen Arnold, Public Trustee in and for the County of Rio Blanco, State of Colorado
By: Karen Arnold, Public Trustee

The name, address, business telephone number and bar registration number of the attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is:
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MEEKER SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1
Board of Education Regular Meeting
Tuesday, February 4, 2014
Central Office -- 555 Garfield Street
7:00 p.m.
AGENDA

-Call to Order and Roll Call
-Pledge of Allegiance: Mr. Ridings will lead the Pledge of Allegiance
-Approval of Agenda
-Approval of the Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting January 21, 2014 and Public Forum January 23, 2014

ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT
-Celebrations/Recognitions
-Student Presentation-Shelby Burke
-Alternative School--Chris Foreback
-Bond Monies
-Mill Levy Override
-Superintendent Contract for 2014/15 School Year
-Intergovernmental Agreement with Park and Rec. District
-Work Session
-CASB Conference

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-Douglas County Resolution
-Certified/Classified Report
ACTION ITEMS
-Consideration of Action Items for a Blanket Motion
-Approval of Superintendent Contract for 2014/15 School Year
-Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement
-Approval of Work Session
-Approval of Certified/Classified Report

OTHER BOE INFORMATION
ADJOURNMENT
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PUBLIC NOTICE
RIO BLANCO COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION HEARING

Notice is hereby given that on Thursday February 13, 2014 the Rio Blanco County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the Rio Blanco County Administration Building, 200 Main Street, Meeker, Colorado to consider the following:

LEGAL NOTICES

Re-Zone 14-01--Robert Rolen, applicant is requesting to change the current Agricultural zone of his property to Rural Residential. 1822 Meath Dr. Meeker, T1S, R92W, S6 (PIN# 16230110092).

Copies of the documents may be obtained from the Community Development Department at 200 Main Street in Meeker, Colorado, or you may call (970) 878-9580 for more information between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.
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RIO BLANCO COUNTY
2014 Weed & Pest - Herbicides
REQUEST FOR BID
PROJECT NAME, LOCATION AND GENERAL SCOPE OF WORK

2014 Rio Blanco County Weed & Pest-Herbicides. Rio Blanco County is soliciting bids to purchase herbicides for application as show on Exhibit A. The list re-

LEGAL NOTICES

ORDINANCE NO. 02-2014

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF MEEKER, COLORADO AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF MEEKER, COLORADO, APPROVING MINOR SUBDIVISION (FINAL PLAT) FOR MEEKER TERRACE SUBDIVISION, FILING NO. 1
WHEREAS, Pioneers Medical Center c/o Ken Harman ("Applicant") has filed an Application for Minor Subdivision ("Application") under Section 17.1.107 of the Town of Meeker Code ("Town Code") for the property known as Meeker Terrace Subdivision Filing No. 1, as more specifically described in Exhibit A and attached hereto. The owners of the Meeker Terrace property ("Owners") consented and specifically authorized Applicant to file subdivision and rezoning applications on behalf of the Applicant and Owners; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Meeker Planning Commission conducted a public hearing on the Application on December 16, 2013, wherein the Planning Commission heard and considered evidence and testimony as offered by the Town Staff, Applicant, and members of the public, and recommended approval of the Application with conditions; and

WHEREAS, as a part of its Application, Applicant is requesting a subdivision design standards waiver to modify the following roadway design standards: (1) a waiver of Section 17.1.115 (2) h, which states "Sidewalks shall be provided along both sides of all public streets, except as noted below. Sidewalk shall be designed to join existing or platted sidewalks on adjoining properties. Sidewalks shall be designed and built according to the town construction standards" and (2) a waiver of Section 17.1.115 (3) b, which states "Minimum rights-of-way and street widths shall be shown in Figures 7 and 8 below (in the Town Code), and streets shall be constructed in accordance with the construction standards. State highways or any portion thereof or appurtenance thereto shall be constructed as specified by the Colorado Department of Transportation"; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees conducted a public hearing on the Application on January 21, 2014, wherein the Board of Trustees heard and considered evidence and testimony as offered by the Town Staff, Applicant, and members of the public; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees finds and determines it is in the best interests of the Town to approve the Application and requested design standards waivers on the terms and conditions as set forth below and approved of this Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees finds and determines this Ordinance is reasonable and consistent with the Town Code. Further, the Board of Trustees finds and determines this Ordinance is reasonably necessary to promote the legitimate public purposes of the health, safety and welfare of the Town of Meeker and the inhabitants thereof.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF MEEKER, COLORADO AS FOLLOWS:

- The Board of Trustees finds that it is appropriate to approve the Application and finds as follows:
 - The waiver request for sidewalks is approved to allow Applicant to build a 6-foot sidewalk in lieu of two 4-foot sidewalks as required by the Town Code on the north side of Pioneers Medical Center Drive and the west side of Walbridge Drive. The single wider sidewalk will functionally serve pedestrian/bicycle traffic more effectively than two narrower sidewalks, and will promote public safety.
 - The waiver request to adjust the roadway size is approved to allow Applicant to construct Pioneers Medical Center Drive and Walbridge Drive as a 32-foot wide roadway with no on-street parking in lieu of the 40-foot wide roadway width with on-street parking as required by the Town Code. The location of this Minor Subdivision is away from the core of town and the roadway design configuration doesnot support on-street parking. Parking on this "collector" type roadway is not recommended for public safety reasons and poor functionality. The roadway design as noted in the Application proposes use of drainage swales instead of curb and gutter. This will facilitate more effective snow removal and drainage.
 - The Application is consistent with the applicable provisions of the Town Code, provided that Applicant adheres to the conditions identified in this Ordinance.
- The Application for Minor Subdivision is approved with the following conditions:
 - Prior to construction, Applicant shall receive final approval of the Highway Access Permit from CDOT and comply with all conditions therein. A copy of the approved CDOT permit shall be delivered to the Town prior to any construction.
 - All dead-end roadway sections proposed for public dedication shall have a barricade that is compliant with the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD).
 - A MUTCD compliant signage plan shall be delivered to the town for review and approval prior to construction of any new public roadways.
 - Applicant shall comply with all requirements of utility companies providing services to the property including, but not limited to Meeker Sanitation District, ATMOS Energy, Town of Meeker, White River Electric Association and others.
 - Applicant shall comply with all recommendations of the August 15, 2003 geotechnical investigation completed by Northwest Colorado Consultants, Inc. (Job Number: 12-9320).
 - The Landscaping, Erosion and Sedimentation Control plans shall include the following additional provisions:
 - Note 9 of the plan documents shall include additional language that states re-vegetated areas will be maintained in a predominately weed free condition. Re-vegetation will be considered successful with an eighty percent (80%) successful reestablishment of re-seeded vegetation.
 - Any stockpiled soils shall be removed within sixty (60) days or addressed as otherwise provided for in the land-use code. Any stockpiles of soils intended to remain longer than sixty (60) days shall require prior town approval and shall be properly re-vegetated to prevent fugitive dust and/or erosion.
 - General Note 16 of the plan documents should be expanded to include the use of rock pads at all construction traffic ingress/egress points in the project to prevent tracking of mud and dirt on the public right-of-way.
 - The developer shall be responsible to ensure that contractors clean up mud, dirt and/or debris on a daily basis.
 - These provisions and others contained in the plan documents shall be included in a Subdivision Improvements Agreement (SIA).
 - Applicant shall submit additional information on the culvert and drainage conditions along Highway 13 sufficient to demonstrate that the existing culvert and drainage structures are adequate to handle the anticipated flows from the project.
 - Crosswalks serving the project shall utilize textured and colored concrete surfaces to improve visibility and minimize maintenance by the town.
 - Applicant shall enter into a SIA acceptable to the town of Meeker for all required infrastructure improvements and other provisions applicable to an SIA which shall also include language restricting dogs on site by any contractors, subcontractors or employees thereof.
 - Prior to construction, Applicant shall submit a parking plan that is compliant with the provisions of Chapter 18.2 of the Meeker zoning regulations and that is subject to review and approval by the Town.
 - Prior to construction, Applicant shall demonstrate to the Town compliance of the landscape plan with the requirements in Section 18.2.112 of the Meeker zoning regulations.
 - Prior to construction, Applicant shall provide cut sheets for all exterior lighting demonstrating compliance with section 18.2.112 of the Meeker zoning regulations and all exterior light fixtures shall be aimed downward and utilize full cut off fixtures.
 - Applicant shall convey to the Town of Meeker by Quit Claim Deed any and all water rights associated with, used upon, or appurtenant to Lot 2. Said water rights shall include, but shall not be limited to, any ditch, spring, well and/or reservoir rights. The conveyance shall be noted on the face of the plat. The form of the Quit Claim Deed shall be approved by the Town attorney and the Planner, and shall be executed prior to recordation of the plat and recorded immediately upon the filing of the plat. As to the remainder of the water rights located on Lot 1, Lot 3 or Lot 4, there will be language in the Subdivision Improvements Agreement regarding future dedication of these water rights upon further development of Lots 1, 3 and 4. If it is determined by the Town that there are no useable water rights on Lots 1, 2, 3 and/or 4, fees in lieu of dedication of water rights will be imposed on any developer of Lots 1, 2, 3, and/or 4. The form of the deed shall be approved by the Town attorney and the Planner, and shall be executed prior to recordation of the plat and recorded immediately upon filing of the plat.
 - All referral agency comments shall be resolved prior to recordation of the plat, including dedication of utility easements to the satisfaction of Town Staff and the respective utilities.
 - All modifications to the final plat identified in the memorandum of the Town Planner dated 01/21/14 shall be made and be subject to review and approval by the Town prior to recordation.
 - Allow the subdivision design standard waivers to allow a six foot sidewalk on one side of the publicly dedicated roadways and elimination of the required curbs/gutters and allow a 32-foot wide paved driving surface with no on-street parking as requested by Applicant in its application submittal.
 - All representations of the applicant in written application submittals delivered to the town and verbal representations made at the Board of Trustees meeting shall be considered part of the application and binding on Applicant.
- The Final Plat shall be in a form acceptable to and approved by Town staff prior to recording. If not already made, the following modifications shall be made to the Final Plat:
 - The "Town Board Approval" certificate should be changed to read "Board of Trustees Approval". Similarly, the first sentence should be modified to change "Town Board" to "Board of Trustees". It is recognized that the municipal code refers to the "Town Board", but technically they are the Board of Trustees.
 - There is no text on the Plat associated with the "Clerk and Recorder's Certificate". The title should read "County Clerk and Recorder Certification" and include the applicable text specified in the land-use code.
 - A plat note relating to regional faulting and geologic conditions should be included on the plat.
 - The "Airport Safety/Noise Zone" plat note language should be included.
 - The "Fire Flow" plat note should be included.
 - The "Private Common Areas and Facilities" plat note should be included.
 - The "Street signage" plat note should be included.
 - The "Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions" plat note should be included if these documents are to be included.
 - The "Drainage Maintenance" plat note should be included as applicable.
 - The "Drainage Liability" plat note should be included as applicable.
 - The title of the plat should be changed to "Final Plat Meeker Terrace Minor Subdivision Filing No.1".
- The approvals contained herein and the conditions contained herein shall be binding on and inure to the benefit of the heirs, successors and assigns of Applicant and Owners.
- If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this Ordinance is, for any reason, held to be invalid or unconstitutional by the final decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

EFFECTIVE DATE
This Ordinance shall take effect thirty days after its publication as provided in Section 30-15-405 C.R.S.
INTRODUCED, PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED on January 21, 2014, by a vote of 4 for, 1 abstain and 0 against, and ordered published in full in the Rio Blanco Herald Times.

TOWN OF MEEKER
Mandi Etheridge, Mayor

ATTEST:
Lisa Cook
Town Clerk
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LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of Gary Clyde Coulter aka/ a Gary C. Coulter,

Deceased,
Case Number 14 PR 3000

All persons having claims against the above-named estate are required to present them to the undersigned or to the District Court of Mesa County, Colorado, on or before June 4, 2014, or said claims may forever be barred.

Relda M. Coulter, Personal Representative
c/o J. Richard Livingston, Esq.
Livingston & Mumby, LLC
2764 Compass Dr., Ste 200A
Grand Junction, CO 81506
Publish: January 30 and February 6 & 13, 2014
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TOWN OF MEEKER BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Tuesday February 4, 2014
7:00 P.M. Regular Scheduled Board Meeting
345 Market Street, Meeker, CO
I. Call to Order

ORDINANCE NO. 01-2014

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF MEEKER, COLORADO AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF MEEKER, COLORADO, APPROVING MINOR SUBDIVISION WAIVER FOR MEEKER TERRACE SUBDIVISION, FILING NO. 1

WHEREAS, the Town of Meeker, Colorado ("Town"), acting by and through its Board of Trustees ("Board of Trustees"), has the power to grant waivers to the Town Code regarding eligibility for Minor Subdivisions; and

WHEREAS, in October 2013, Pioneers Medical Center c/o Ken Harman ("Applicant") applied to the Town and requested a procedural waiver per Section 17.1.114 of the Town Code ("Waiver Request") to allow Applicants to file an Application for a Minor Subdivision ("Application") under Section 17.1.107 of the Town Code for the property known as Meeker Terrace Subdivision Filing No. 1, as more specifically described in Exhibit A and attached hereto. The owners of the Meeker Terrace property ("Owners") consented and specifically authorized Applicant to file subdivision and rezoning applications on behalf of the Applicant and Owners; and

WHEREAS, in the Waiver Request, Applicants specifically requested a waiver of the following Minor Subdivision requirements: (1) a waiver of Section 17.1.107(a)(1) c, which states "Any changes in street alignment or intersection improvements are not required or requested and street locations or rights-of-way will not be changed, nor new collector streets created" and (2) a waiver of Section 17.1.107(a)(1) d, which states "Existing storm-water drainage systems are utilized and new storm sewer infrastructure is not required"; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Meeker Planning Commission conducted a public hearing on the Waiver Request on December 16, 2013, wherein the Planning Commission heard and considered evidence and testimony as offered by the Town Staff, Applicant, and members of the public, and recommended approval of the Waiver Request with the additional recommendation that the Waiver Request also include a waiver on the Minor Subdivision requirement contained in Section 17.1.107(a)(1) a, which states "Four (4) or fewer lots are created"; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees conducted a public hearing on the Waiver Request on January 21, 2014, wherein the Board of Trustees heard and considered evidence and testimony as offered by the Town Staff, Applicant, and members of the public; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees finds and determines it is in the best interests of the Town to approve the Waiver Request on the terms and conditions as set forth below and approved of this Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees finds and determines this Ordinance is reasonable and consistent with the Town Code. Further, the Board of Trustees finds and determines this Ordinance is reasonably necessary to promote the legitimate public purposes of the health, safety and welfare of the Town of Meeker and the inhabitants thereof.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF MEEKER, COLORADO AS FOLLOWS:

- The Board of Trustees finds that it is appropriate to grant the Waiver Request and allow Applicants to file the Application under Section 17.1.107 of the Town Code for the following reasons:
 - The waiver of Section 17.1.107(a)(1) c regarding changes in street alignment or intersection improvements is appropriate, because the proposed new intersection and roadway will provide a public benefit. These improvements will promote safety, give necessary access to the site and surrounding properties, and improve the flow of traffic.
 - The waiver of Section 17.1.107(a)(1) d regarding use of existing storm-water drainage systems is appropriate, because the proposed on-site storm water management system will provide a public benefit. There are no existing municipal storm drainage systems serving the site, and the site by its configuration and location should have on-site storm water management that is separate from the municipal system.
 - The waiver of Section 17.1.107(a)(1) which requires that four (4) or fewer lots are created is appropriate, as the proposal is to create four (4) lots with a larger parcel which is over 35 acres. The balance of the property after the four (4) lots are created is over 1,000 acres, and technically constitutes a larger parcel and not a separate lot.
 - Processing this application as a Minor Subdivision will accomplish all objectives and requirements of the town of Meeker that would otherwise be addressed during a Major Subdivision review process. Processing a four (4) lot subdivision under the Major Subdivision regulations does not achieve any greater benefit than that that is achieved through a Minor Subdivision review.
 - The Waiver Request pursuant to Section 17.1.114 of the Town Code to allow processing of the Application as a Minor Subdivision is hereby approved with the following conditions:
 - A waiver is granted to the four lot Minor Subdivision restriction to allow creation of four new lots, with a larger parcel which is the balance of the Meeker Terrace property consisting of approximately 1,202.53 acres.
 - Applicant shall comply with all applicable provisions of municipal code and land-use regulations including, but not limited to, building and fire codes, lot size and width, setbacks and fire separation.
 - The approvals contained herein and the conditions contained herein shall be binding on and inure to the benefit of the heirs, successors and assigns of Applicant and Owners.
 - If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this Ordinance is, for any reason, held to be invalid or unconstitutional by the final decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance.
- EFFECTIVE DATE**
This Ordinance shall take effect thirty days after its publication as provided in Section 30-15-405 C.R.S.
INTRODUCED, PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED on January 21, 2014, by a vote of 4 for, 1 abstain and 0 against, and ordered published in full in the Rio Blanco Herald Times.
- TOWN OF MEEKER
Mandi Etheridge, Mayor
- ATTEST:
Lisa Cook
Town Clerk
- EXHIBIT "A"**
A PARCEL OF LAND LYING IN TRACTS 70, 72A, 49A AND 58 OF THE 1908 GOVERNMENT LAND OFFICE RESURVEY IN SECTIONS 13 AND 24, T1N, R94W AND SECTIONS 18 AND 19, T1N, R93W OF THE 6TH P.M., RIO BLANCO COUNTY, COLORADO, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:
BEGINNING AT ANGLE POINT 5 (ALUMINUM CAP RLS 12029) OF SAID TRACT 72A, WHENCE ANGLE POINT 6 (ALUMINUM CAP RLS 12029) OF SAID TRACT 72A BEARS N89°55'26"E, 1330.04 FEET;
THENCE N89°55'26"E, ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID TRACT 72A, 338.98 FEET TO A POINT ON THE WESTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF COLORADO STATE HIGHWAY NO. 13;
THENCE N21°45'20"E, ALONG SAID WESTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE, 94.40 FEET;
THENCE N26°56'04"E, ALONG SAID WESTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE, 2443.48 FEET TO A FOUND ROW MARKER;
THENCE N26°56'09"E, ALONG SAID WESTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE, 2107.23 FEET;
THENCE N62°47'47"W, 1101.94 FEET TO A POINT ON THE EASTERLY BOUNDARY LINE OF A PARCEL OF LAND DESCRIBED IN RECEPTION NO. 304809 IN THE OFFICE OF THE RIO BLANCO COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER;
THENCE S40°01'18"W, ALONG SAID EASTERLY BOUNDARY LINE, 3515.64 FEET;
THENCE S00°03'56"W, 1057.46 FEET;
THENCE S40°01'26"W, 1152.43 FEET TO A POINT ON THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID TRACT 70;
THENCE S89°22'57"E, ALONG SAID SOUTH LINE OF TRACT 70, 1547.96 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.
CONTAINING 177.68 ACRES MORE OR LESS AND BEING SUBJECT TO ANY EASEMENTS AND/OR RIGHTS-OF-WAY OF RECORD.
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LEGAL NOTICES

- Pledge of Allegiance
 - Roll Call
 - Approval of the Agenda
 - Approval of the Previous Minutes
 - Approval of Monthly Disbursements
 - Public Participation
 - New Business
 - Public Hearings- 7:10 p.m.
 - Request from Watts Ranch Market Inc. for renewal of Liquor or 3.2 percent Beer Retail License
 - Renewal of Ute Park Lease Agreement with Meeker Classic Sheepdogs, LLC
 - Renewal of Ute Park Lease Agreement with Mr. David Smith
 - Approval of a Contract with SafeBuilt Colorado, Inc., for Plan Review of the Pioneer Medical Center
 - Approval of a Contract with the Colorado Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) for the Meeker Infrastructure Project Grant
 - Resolution #1, 2014, a resolution authorizing the Regular Municipal Election be conducted as a Polling Place Election
 - Mayor's remarks
 - Town Manager's Report
 - Other Board Business
 - Adjournment
- Published: January 30, 2014
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

MOMS GROUP meeting, open to anyone with a child 0-5 years, Grace Baptist Church, Rangely, first Thursday of every month, 8:45 a.m. to 11 a.m. Info. call Heather Zadra (970)629-9937



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LEGAL NOTICES

Rio Blanco County 2014 Dust Control Project REQUEST FOR BID

PROJECT NAME
2014 Dust Control Project. Work includes the placement of approximately 420,036 gallons Blended Magnesium Chloride on various roads.

BID DOCUMENTS
Bid Documents shall be available at the Rio Blanco County Road and Bridge Dept. in Meeker on January 23, 2014.

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

All Vendors must examine the sites and become familiar with all site conditions. Any questions regarding this project are to be directed in writing to Clint Chappell before Tuesday, February 11, 2014 at 4:00 P.M. at the above address or fax number.

WORK SCHEDULE
This project shall start April 1, 2014 and be completed by June 13, 2014, pending delays due to adverse conditions. A second application on two of the county roads will be scheduled for approx. Aug. 26 shown on the Project Application Schedule.

MANDATORY PRE-BID MEETING
Vendors must attend mandatory pre-bid meeting: Tuesday, Feb. 11, 2014 at 10:00 A.M. at the Rio Blanco County Road & Bridge Dept., 570 Second Street, Meeker.

BID SUBMITTALS
Vendor shall include all information required by the contract documents. Bid shall be clearly marked with "Sealed Bid-2014 Dust Control" the name and address of the submitting company and the bid opening date written on the sealed envelope. Each bid must be accompanied by 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, Colorado, or by a Bid Bond in like amount executed by a Surety Company. Mail or hand-deliver to the Board of County Commissioners, Rio Blanco County 200 Main Street, P.O. Box i, Meeker, CO 81641, until 4:00 P.M. on Thursday, February 13, 2014.

OR
Hand-deliver on the date of bid opening to the Rio Blanco County Board of County Commissioners, 17497 State Hwy. 64, Rangely, CO 81648, until 10:45 A.M. on Tuesday, February 18, 2014. No bids shall be received Friday, February 14 through Monday, February 17.

BID OPENING
Bids shall be opened and read in public at 11:15 A.M. on February 18, 2014 at the Commissioners' Meeting Room, 17497 State Hwy. 64, Rangely, CO 81648. Bids submitted after 10:45A.M. will be returned not opened. Bids submitted and opened shall not be withdrawn for 30 days thereafter.

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

BID AWARD
The Rio Blanco County Board of County Commissioners reserve the right to reject any or all bids; to waive any informalities in bids; and to accept the bid that, in the opinion of the Board, is in the best interest of the County of Rio Blanco, State of Colorado.
RIO BLANCO COUNTY, COLORADO
Dated: January 20, 2014
By: Jon D. Hill, Chairman
Publish: January 23 and 30, 2014
Rio Blanco Herald Times

ORDINANCE NO. 03-2014

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF MEEKER, COLORADO AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF MEEKER, COLORADO, APPROVING THE REZONING FOR MEEKER TERRACE SUBDIVISION, FILING NO. 1

WHEREAS, Pioneers Medical Center c/o Ken Harman ("Applicant") has filed an Application for a Zone District Change ("Application") per section 18.1.148 of the Town Code for the property known as Meeker Terrace Subdivision Filing No. 1, as more specifically described in Exhibit A and attached hereto ("Property"). The owners of the Property ("Owners") consented and specifically authorized Applicant to file subdivision and rezoning applications on behalf of the Applicant and Owners; and

WHEREAS, the Application is seeking to change zoning on the Property from R-1, Single Family Residential District ("R-1") zoning to Highway Commercial ("HC") zoning for subdivided Lot 1 and Lot 3 and Light Industrial ("LI") zoning for subdivided Lot 4. Subdivided Lot 2 will not be rezoned and will remain in the R-1 zone district; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Meeker Planning Commission conducted a public hearing on the Application on December 16, 2013, wherein the Planning Commission heard and considered evidence and testimony as offered by the Town Staff, Applicant, and members of the public, and recommended approval of the Application with conditions; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees conducted a public hearing on the Application on January 21, 2014, wherein the Board of Trustees heard and considered evidence and testimony as offered by the Town Staff, Applicant, and members of the public; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees finds and determines it is in the best interests of the Town to approve the Application on the terms and conditions as set forth below and approved of this Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees finds and determines this Ordinance is reasonable and consistent with the Town Code. Further, the Board of Trustees finds and determines this Ordinance is reasonably necessary to promote the legitimate public purposes of the health, safety and welfare of the Town of Meeker and the inhabitants thereof.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF MEEKER, COLORADO AS FOLLOWS:

- The Board of Trustees finds that it is appropriate to approve the Application and finds as follows:
 - The rezoning fulfills the purposes as set forth in 18.1.102 of the Town Code and complies with the procedures as set forth 18.1.148 of the Town Code.
 - The rezoning is in keeping with the current needs of the community and is generally consistent with the policies set forth in the Meeker Comprehensive Plan ("Plan").
 - The rezoning will provide for a diversity of commercially zoned land to accommodate new businesses.
 - The rezoning will promote general public welfare by providing a mix of zoning that is more in scale with community needs. It is likely the Property will be further subdivided to meet anticipated future market demands. The Property as rezoned is more in scale with the Meeker community than the original R-1 zoning.
 - The rezoning will meet community needs for improved and expanded hospital services, long-term assisted living, and needed road and utility extensions.
 - The new zoning designations are compatible with surrounding uses and zoning, and are more in line with anticipated future growth along Highway 13. The HC and LI designations on smaller parcels are more marketable and have more realistic acreages for future development.
- The approvals contained herein shall be binding on and inure to the benefit of the heirs, successors and assigns of Applicant and Owners.
- If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this Ordinance is, for any reason, held to be invalid or unconstitutional by the final decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

EFFECTIVE DATE
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INTRODUCED, PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED on January 21, 2014, by a vote of 4 for, 1 abstain, and 0 against, and ordered published in full in the Rio Blanco Herald Times.

TOWN OF MEEKER
Mandi Etheridge, Mayor

ATTEST:
Lisa Cook
Town Clerk
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

MEEKER CAT Coalition accepting cat food or monetary donations for spay/neuter and health care. Donations may be left at The Vet Clinic in Meeker or call 878-3560 or 878-4429 for more information.

RANGELY ROCKCRAWLING & 4 Wheel Drive group in Rangely meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month at the Rio Blanco Water Users Building on Hwy. 64 at 7 p.m.

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

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

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

FOOD BANK of the Rockies mobile pantry truck will be in Rio Blanco County providing Food assistance to community member. Scheduled Dates for 2014: January 23, February 27 and March 27. They Food Bank will be at the Meeker Fairgrounds from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

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

BRESNAN CABLE television customers - If you are not receiving a television channel station you normally get, 3 people must report it before it's considered an outage. Call the service number on your bill to report.

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

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

For XC Skiing & Snowshoeing See:
White River Nordic Council at Facebook For Grooming Reports, Events & Info

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Senior Citizen Nutrition Program
Meals served at noon.
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Suggested Donation Over 60 - \$2.50. Under 60 - Guest Fee \$7.
(Did you know? Homebound trays can be ordered for over 60, suggested donation \$2.50 - 12:10 p.m. pickup.)
****MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE****

FRIDAY, January 31: HAPPY BIRTHDAY!! Baked ziti w/ sausage, minestrone soup, orange jello w/ mandarin, garlic bread and cake.

MONDAY, February 3: Lemon baked salmon, rice pilaf, tossed salad, oriental vegetables, cheesy garlic biscuit, and orange sherbet.

TUESDAY, February 4: Chicken enchilada casserole, tossed salad, vegetable, tangerine and raisin oatmeal cookie.

WEDNESDAY, February 5: Oven fried chicken, mashed potatoes w/ gravy, beets, and pears/cottage cheese.

FRIDAY, February 7: Sloppy Joe w/ bun, peas, scalloped corn, and peaches.

MEEKER SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMUNITY SURVEY

Meeker School District-District Accountability conducting a community survey for input on the District's calendar and budget. Please take a few minutes to give us your feedback about these very important topics that are currently affecting next year.

The surveys are located on the Meeker School District website at www.meeker.k12.co.us on the home page. The surveys will close on February 5, 2014 at 5:00 p.m.

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HELP WANTED: FULL TIME

WESTERN RIO BLANCO METROPOLITAN RECREATION & PARK DISTRICT
SEEKING:
Assistant Golf Course Superintendent

HELP WANTED: FULL TIME

This is a full-time position in the Golf Course Department. Under general supervision from the Executive Director and the Golf Maintenance Superintendent, the Assistant Golf Course Superintendent helps supervise regular and preventative maintenance of Cedar Ridges Golf Course, landscaping of golf facilities, lot grounds, buildings, and other land assets within the Course's boundaries; manage capital construction and minor projects; assures that safe and clean golf facilities are provided for residents. Experience in landscaping, plumbing, golf course maintenance are some of the desired qualifications for this position. Must have a current Colorado Driver's License and be able to operate mowers, tractors etc. Must have a high school diploma or GED equivalent. Salary plus benefits. Please contact the Western Rio Blanco Metropolitan Recreation & District at 970-675-8211 for more information. **Submit all questions and applications to:** Attention: Western Rio Blanco Metropolitan Recreation & Park District Tim Webber, Executive Director 611 South Stanolind Avenue Rangely, CO 81648 **Application Deadline: Friday, January 31, 2014; 5:00 P.M**

Vice President - Craig Campus

Colorado Northwestern Community College is inviting applications for the position of Vice President of the Craig Campus. This is a fulltime benefited position. Visit the CNCC website at <http://www.cncc.edu/cms/content/human-resources-exempt-positions> for a complete job announcement including important instructions for the completion and submission of the application. Position will be open until filled. For further details please contact Russell George at (970) 675-3201 or e-mail at russell.george@cncc.edu. CNCC is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

HELP WANTED: GENERAL

The *RIO Blanco Herald Times* is looking for a part-time freelance reporter with newspaper experience to cover Rangely's school board and town board meetings as well as occasional county commissioners' meetings. If interested, call Editor-Sean McMahon at 878-4017 or 675-5033, or contact him at sean@theherald-times.com

HELP WANTED: GENERAL

GIANT STEP in Rangely has an upcoming opening for an Early Childhood teacher. You must have required state qualifications. Inquire at 246 East Main.

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Eastern Rio Blanco County Health Service District

HELP WANTED: GENERAL

SPORTS OFFICIALS The ERBM Recreation & Park District is seeking Sports Officials with immediate openings for Youth Basketball. The season runs from January through March. There are ongoing openings for Youth Baseball, Youth Softball, Adult Softball, Youth Flag Football, and Youth Soccer. Part time without benefits; hiring range is \$11.81-\$14.43/hr. Requirements include, but are not limited to: knowledge of sport and rules, ability to multitask and communicate effectively with adults and children. Applicants must be 15 years of age or older. All interested individuals are encouraged to apply. A completed ERBM Recreation & Park District job application is required for consideration and should be returned to ERBM Recreation & Park District, Attn: Human Resources, 101 Ute Rd, Meeker, CO 81641. Applications are available at the Meeker Recreation Center and on the website, www.MeekerRecDistrict.com. Complete job description is available upon request and online. Applications will be accepted until positions are filled. The ERBM Recreation & Park District is an equal opportunity employer.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Meeker

- Registered Nurse

Rangely

- Caseworker

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

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NOTICE REAL PROPERTY PURCHASE AT TAX LIEN SALE AND APPLICATION FOR ISSUANCE OF TREASURER'S DEED

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

- TRANS-VAIL INC
- BERISLAV K SEPIC & DJURDJICA A SEPIC
- DESERT SUNSHINE LLC
- SNELL & WILMER LLP ON BEHALF OF PACIFIC WESTERN BANK
- MOUNTAIN VALLEY BANK
- PITKIN EXCHANGE HOLDINGS OF ASPEN LLC
- DUANE R STEWART
- RIO BLANCO COUNTY TREASURER

You and each of you are notified that on **November 17, 2010**, the then County Treasurer of Rio Blanco County, Colorado, sold at public tax lien sale to **TRANS-VAIL INC**, the following described real property situate in the county of Rio Blanco, State of Colorado, to-wit:

SANDERSON HILLS SUBDIVISION
LOT: 3

And a Certificate of Purchase was issued therefore to **TRANS-VAIL INC**, by the said County Treasurer; That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquent taxes assessed against the real property for the year **2009**;

That said real property was taxed or specially assessed in the name of **SEPIC, BERIS-LAV K. & DJURDJICA A.**, for said year **2008**;

That on **November 18, 2013**, said **TRANS-VAIL INC**, the present holder of the certificate of purchase, has made request to the Treasurer of said County for a deed to said real property;

That at **10:00 A.M. on May 6, 2014**, a Treasurer's Deed will be issued for the said real property to the said **TRANS-VAIL INC**, unless the same has been redeemed.

Said property may be redeemed from said sale at any time prior the actual execution of said Treasurer's Deed.

Tax Lien Sale Date: November 17, 2010
Treasurer's Deed can be issued after **November 17, 2013**; Date Deed scheduled to issue **May 6, 2014**
Redemption Period expires **May 6, 2014, PRIOR** to 10:00 A.M

Schedule R0103807
TLSC 20100076 Assessed Value \$39,840.00

Assessed Name **SEPIC, BERISLAV K. & DJURDJICA A.**
Published: January 16, January 23, January 30, 2014

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Witness my hand this 9th day of January, A.D. 2014
/s/ Karen Arnold, Rio Blanco County Treasurer

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**HELP WANTED:
PART TIME**

MEEKER SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1 POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT
Position: Food Service Department
Part-time Position: 5 hours per day
Qualifications:
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Applications: Applications may be picked up and returned to:
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E-mail: admin@meeker.k12.co.us
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**HELP WANTED:
PART TIME**

HORIZONS NEEDS a part-time Children's Service Coordinator to work closely with families and professionals. Application and program info at Horizonsnwc.org. Call Kathy (970) 871-8558 if questions. EOE.

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HOMES: RANGELY

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LAND/LOTS

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RENTALS: MEEKER

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769.5 Pine Street - Private 3BD/2BA remodeled home with stainless steel appliances, wonderful shaded porch, chain link fence, garage and storage shed. \$179,000

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281 RBC Rd. 57 - Beautiful log home with 3 BD, 2 BA on 1.4 acres. 10 miles east of Meeker on the Flat Tops Scenic By-way. \$324,000

NEW 264 Love Lane, 3BD, 2BA stucco home with metal shop and 5 stall horse barn on 4.39 acres. Great Location! \$275,000

2638 County Rd. 6 - 4 BD, 3BA, home on 38.2 acres with garage, irrigation water, improved grasses and panoramic views, good location. \$275,000

20285 RBC Rd. 8 Spacious home on 1.7 acres, located 20 miles up the White River. \$249,900

COMMERCIAL PROPERTY
317 East Market St. - 4.25 acres including a Commercial Building, large workshop and 3 acre vacant lot with highway frontage. \$975,000. Open to Offers!

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4.5 lots on 8th St. \$100,000

688 Meath Drive - 35 acres with cleared building pad. Will consider all offers! \$85,000

REDUCED!
23105 Highway 13 - 5.09 Acres with water well and electricity. \$50,000

4 Lots in Cross L Estates - Possible owner finance. \$70,000 - \$75,000. \$250,000 for all

6.79 acres Cross L Estates - Irrigated hay meadow, domestic water, electricity & views. Time to build a new house! **Reduced to \$65,000**

1095 Pinyon Street - Fantastic views of the valley. \$60,000 for all 3 lots!

2 adjoining fantastic vacant lots in Sage Hills - **Reduced to \$35,000 each.**

41 developed lots in Sanderson Hills Re-subdivision, including Streets, Curbs, Electricity, Gas. Priced at \$29,000 each or \$25,000 each in packages of 5 lots. Call for details. Contractors, get started building.

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- ◆ NEW! 642 12th Street Cute and Clean Bi-level, VERY motivated seller . . \$165,000
- ◆ 1394 Ridge Road, move in ready, 3 bdrm, 2ba **PRICE REDUCED!** \$255,000
- ◆ 1343 Sage Ridge Rd - New 3bdrm home, full basement \$219,000
- ◆ 517 Park Avenue - COMMERCIAL PROPERTY, PRIME location . **SALE PENDING!**
- ◆ SOLD! 1217 Main Street - Great starter home, 15000 SF corner lot . . . \$149,500
- ◆ 242 Park Ave. - large site, 2+ bdrm home, large shop \$145,000
- ◆ Garfield St. Townhouses - 5 units, back on the market, buy 1 or all . . . \$29,900-\$49,900
- ◆ Vacant Lot - 1280 Garfield, includes water tap. Make Offer \$25,000
- ◆ 1036 Lance Cir. - Ranch style home, full finished basement **SALE PENDING!**

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HOMES IN MEEKER ...

- *NEW 825 2nd St-4+ BR, 2 BA home, well maintained, fenced yard, 3 car garage & heated shop. \$235,000
- *NEW 1425 Mountain View Rd-4 BR, 3 BA home on a private lot with amazing views. Well maintained. \$189,900.
- *NEW 146 Garfield- Unique commercial property or 7 Loading dock, workshop, small apartment, storage. \$100,000
- *560 5th St- Great Rental Property -Lg family home or can be a 2, 3, or 4 plex, big shop. \$175,000.
- *910 Water St, Space 6- Very nice 3 BR, 2 BA, double-wide trailer. \$59,000 Sale Pending
- *1369 Juniper Rd.-Beautiful home on 2 large lots, 3 BR, 2 1/2 BA, attached garage, landscaped w/ sprinkler system, covered patio. \$275,000 Also a 3rd adjacent lot available @ \$35,000
- *917 4th St- Beautiful 5 BR, 3 BA home on 2 quiet, private lots. Basement, garage, trees. **Reduced to \$260,000.**
- *830 Water St-3 BR, 2BA one level home, fenced corner lot. Garage. Move in ready. \$175,900
- *585 Cleveland St- 3BR 3BA home like no other in the heart of Meeker, attention to detail in every area! Private fenced back yard, shop, big carport, trees. **SCHEDULE A SHOWING. \$449,000.**
- *970 9th St- 4 BR 3-1/2BA two story log home, large lot, carport. \$169,000 **REDUCED!**
- *11 East Main St- 3 to 4 bedroom log home, 1.75 baths, living & family rooms, oak floors. **REDUCED \$193,500**
- *562 Larry Lane-Corner lot, 1 level, 3 BR 2BA, fenced yard, garage, deck. \$149,000 **MAKE AN OFFER!**
- *643 12th St-4 BR, 2 BA bi-level home. Garage, carport, fenced back yard. \$129,000. **REDUCED!**
- *939 Park Ave.-4BR, 4BA home. Updated kitchen, granite countertops, new S.S. appliances, new flooring, new jetted bathtub, new deck, attached garage and a huge heated shop. \$234,900 **SOLD**

RANCHES - RURAL RESIDENTIAL - HUNTING PROPERTIES...

- *NEW 1190 CR 63 - 376 Acre Hunting & Grazing Property-12 mi. E. of Meeker, 3 BR, 2 BA home, borders Oak Ridge state hunting land. Cattle grazing land, Creeks, ponds. \$1,100,000.
- *1161 CR 8- 5 acres, river view, remodeled 2+BR 2 BA, carport, deck, A/C, new heating system. \$349,000
- *950 CR 14- Mountain cabin 26 miles up river. 2 BR, 1 BA with great views, in the woods. \$289,000.
- *13245 CR 8- 5 acres 14 miles up-river, well, trees, nice 3 BR, 2 BA home, decks, garage, shop. \$360,000
- *4637 CR 8- 77 irrigated acres, 2 story home, barns, shop, sheds, hay pastures, good water. \$690,000.
- *River Property- CR 12- 5+ acres 28 miles up river, with 2 BR, 1 BA cabin, good well, fish pond. \$295,000
- *2000 County Rd. 119 Forest Service cabin on Ute Creek, 1BR, 1BA, Beautiful setting! \$65,000 **REDUCED**
- *710 Shaman Tr.- 3+ BR, 4BA, Custom built 4,534 sq ft home on 5 acres, great views, garage. \$448,000
- *24530 County Rd. 8- A-frame cabin on small acreage, up-river, vacation home, views! \$169,000
- *40 Acres up South Fork- Lots of trees, water, 4 BR, 2 BA lodge, Nat. Forest access. **HUNTING. \$585,000.**
- *13051 CR 8- 62 Acres, 14 miles up river, 2 living quarters buildings, garage, hunting. \$435,000. **SALE PENDING!**

BUSINESS & INVESTMENT ...

- *NEW 145 Garfield- commercial building w/ apartment, loading dock, over 3,000 sq. ft. \$100,000
- *109 Market St- 3+ lots on the corner of 1st & Market. Great location Next to new Family Dollar Store \$299,000
- *Rifle, CO- 9 vacant lots near City Hall & new theater, excellent investment opportunity. \$1,800,000
- *Rio Blanco Store- Great potential, 1/2 acre on Hwy 13, 3,000 sq ft store, cafe, living quarters. **Reduced \$130,000.**
- *Silt, CO- 15 Acre River Front Commercial- 1-70 frontage road, just off of Silt exit, next to Holiday Inn Express. Excellent visibility & access. Utilities to boundary. Water rights. \$950,000.
- *304 4th St. Commercial building on corner lot downtown, great office space, 4,437 sq. ft. \$220,000

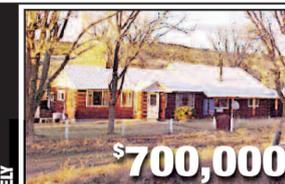
RAW LAND AND HOMESITES ...

- *County Rd. 8- mile marker 29 1/2, amazing 29 acre parcel with a driveway, building site, water rights & more, borders BLM & National Forest \$349,000
- *NEW Juniper Rd- large lot in Sage Hills. \$35,000
- *860 Shaman Trail- 5.5 acre lot just east of Meeker, Ute Terrace Sub., town water, awesome views. \$80,000
- *Ridge Estates- 2 to 9 acre lots. Community well, irrigation water to each site. Prices reduced, additional discount available. **Prices starting from \$75,600.** 1 mile south of town.
- *359 Love Lane- 5 acres, Cross L Estates, Lot 13, great horse property, well. \$100,000
- *River Property- 19.6 Acres 12 miles west. Irrigated hay, good home sites, river. \$150,000.
- *Several nice building lots on Mimri Circle and Michael Circle priced between \$22,500 and \$25,000. 1144-1146 Michael **SALE PENDING!**
- *20 Acres, Strawberry Creek Minor Subdivision, Lot 3, \$63,000
- *Little Beaver Estates- Lot 4: 35 acres, fenced, good pond, loading shed, great site. **REDUCED TO \$79,000.**
- *Little Beaver Estates- Lot 5: 35 acres, good pond, pasture. Partially fenced. \$83,000.
- *Little Beaver Estates- 20 35 acre lots bordering DOW hunting land. Lot 11- \$95,000, Lot 12 **SOLD!**
- *Little Beaver Estates 35 acre lot bordering Division of Wildlife public land, Lot 14. \$100,000
- *1187 Park Ave- 2 corner lots, zoned for multi-family, lots of trees. Town Ditch. \$65,000.
- *879 Pine St- 11,250 Sq. ft. lot, great neighborhood, nice building site. \$28,000
- *100 acres 29 miles east of Meeker, surrounded by Nat Forest, covered with Aspens. \$1,395,000.00.

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Hunters' Retreat! 214 acre ranch with over 1 mile of White River frontage. Excellent senior water rights. 4 BD, 2 BA ranch home with large kitchen and dining area. Detached garage, pole barn, 1200 sq. ft. metal shop and numerous outbuildings.

- ◆ 300 4th St. East, 3 BR 2 BA on 3 lots in Dinosaur, 1744 Sq Ft built in 1981. Large garden space with water tap. Two large outbuildings. Lots of room to park toys. \$130,000
- ◆ 3103 Moffat County Rd 104, Skull Creek Flats, Dinosaur, 1,792 sf single family home w/ 360 sf addition, all on a total of 30 acres. numerous out buildings, include 1200 SF pole barn and finished 1008 SF frame built garage. \$219,000
- ◆ 315 8317 N. Grand Ave. Duplex: Attractively renovated. Each unit has 1,200 SF, 2 Bed, 2 Bath, W/D hook-up, carport for each side. Priced to Sell! \$139,500 **Excellent income property.**
- ◆ 5 acres vacant land on CR 104, Dinosaur. Skull Creek Flats, Area 10 w/ Great views \$7,500

- ◆ NEW LISTING: 980 9th Street. Top of 9th Street. 3 bed, 2 1/2 bathroom home. With lg. laundry/hobby room, upgraded kitchen, 2 car garage, lots of storage and great views! (24 hour notice to show) Priced to sell. \$177,000
- ◆ 1376 Juniper Rd. Extensive remodeling on the 1st level, beautiful chef's kitchen w/ pantry and lots of working room, granite countertops, all new appliances new flooring throughout entire main level. Large walk-in master bedroom closet, new paint & banisters. Total 4 bedrooms, 2 full baths, 3 car garage with asphalt driveway. 20,000 + sf lot. \$280,000
- ◆ 757 3rd Street, Awesome 3 BD, 1 3/4 Bath home meticulously remodeled. Italian marble floor in bathrooms w/ Jacuzzi tub in master bath, nice open Kitchen & dining area, beautiful hardwood floors on the main level and a fully finished basement with built-in entertainment center. Covered patio and to complete this property a wonderful 780 SF detached garage wired for sound system. \$245,000
- ◆ RIMROCK CAMPGROUND- 73179 HWY 64/Meeker- Great income property, 14.5 acres offering 1,435 SF home w/ 238 SF aft. front office, numerous cabins & outbuildings, single wide mobile home rental. Good producing water well. 30 full RV hook-ups w/2 primitive sites, tent sites and fully laundry area W/ coin-op machines. Large established shade trees. Have to see this one - Priced to move \$438,000

1153 & 1163 Market Street - SOLD | 208 E. Rio Blanco - SOLD | 1025 Jill Drive - SOLD
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