

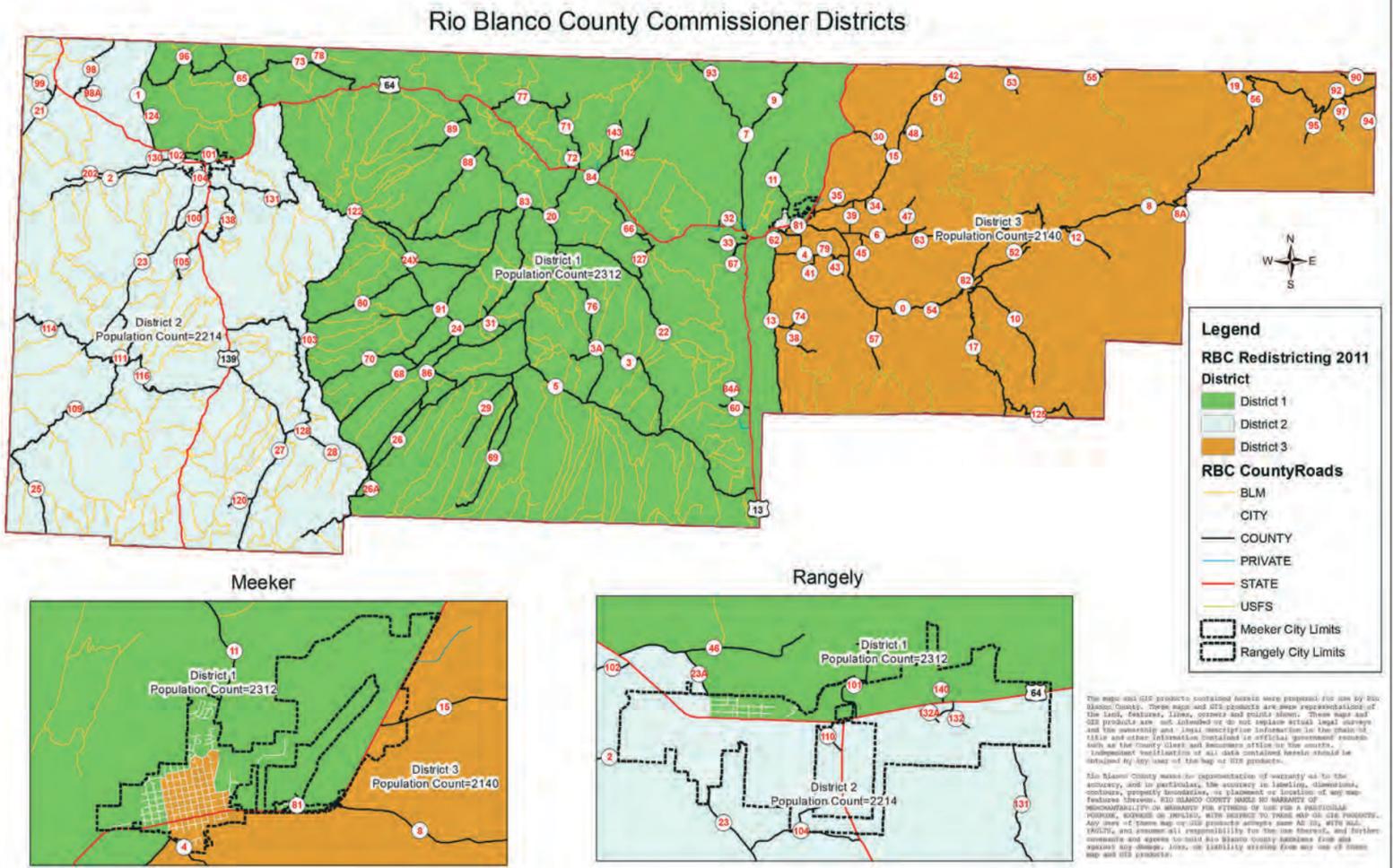
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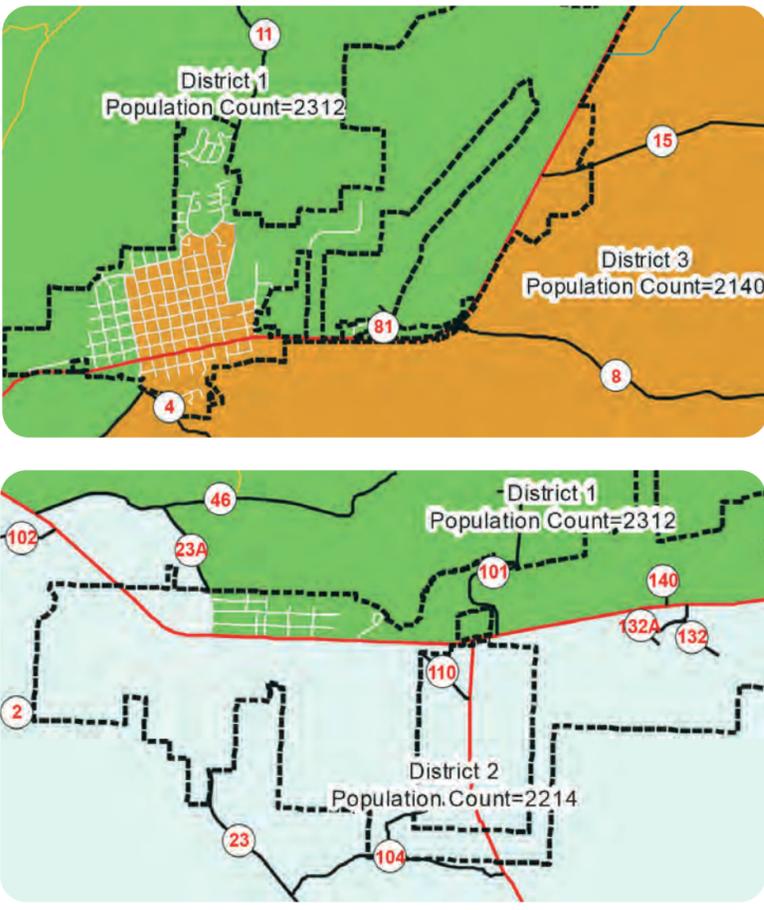
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C-H-A-M-P ...

Meeker Elementary School fifth-grader Gracelynn Vierra was the winner of the fourth annual school district spelling bee on Monday, making her eligible for the state level of competition. Contestants from first through fifth grade went through 133 words on the Scripps National Spelling Bee 2022 list before Vierra completed the final, winning word: "radiation."

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If you live in the town limits of Meeker or Rangely, you may be surprised to learn your county commissioner may not be who you think. The maps above show the boundaries of Rio Blanco County's commissioner districts, which were last adjusted by commissioners in 2010 and most recently approved in 2021 after the latest census numbers came in. A portion of Meeker and the Sage Hills area are actually in District 1, rather than District 3 along with the rest of the town. In Rangely, a slice of town limits north of 13 is also in District 1, rather than District 2. You are welcome to call the Clerk and Recorder's office to verify your precinct for the caucus and your district at 970-878-9460.

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RPD welcomes new officer, DOLA economic goals discussed

By **KATIE KING**

Special to the Herald Times

RANGELY | Rangely's Board of Trustees met on Jan. 25. Supervisor reports were delivered from Jeff LeBleu and Police Chief Ti Hamblin. Lebleu described in detail several challenges his department has faced due to weather, mechanics and illnesses. Mayor Andy Shaffer thanked LeBleu and the team for the efforts in snow removal, saying, "It's a thankless job."

Chief Hamblin updated the board on changes within the police department. The department has hired Bradley Burr as a patrol officer and he was sworn in at the end of the Chief's report. Burr shared a description of how he found his way to Rangely, Colorado, including close contacts in the community and a longtime friendship with former Lt. Phil Stubblefield, and how grateful he is to be here. The department also began training Kaylyn Duke to transfer from dispatch to

patrol.

Town Manager Lisa Piering shared updates including her attendance at the DOLA Roadmap workshop on Jan. 13. The goals were to discuss economic visions including developing job opportunities, businesses and industries to create a resilient workforce, and regional transportation management. Piering felt positive about conversations regarding transportation and understanding the unique challenges that Rangely faces being connected with other counties by Highway 139 and the potential Book Cliff's Highway proposition in Utah. Additional issues that will be discussed in an upcoming meeting include housing choice and access to child care. Piering noted how fortunate the town is to have Giant Step and that they have been able to remain open throughout challenges. The hope is to be able to prepare for the future with Giant Step and its board of directors and prevent the loss of a critical community provider. Piering continued her report by sharing news of the

meter reading process and equipment, renovations on a White River Village apartment, and preparations for the next round of grant application submissions. Covid cases have risen and staffing has been very diligent to follow CDC guidelines. Several key pieces of legislation — SB 16 and SB 22-031 — will have significant impacts on Rangely, and both Piering and Trustee Trey Robie mentioned the need to stay informed and active on them. Lisa Piering offered to share a link for AGNC Thursday updates for anyone who wants more background information regarding SB 16.

Town Clerk Marybel Cox shared that only one petition packet was submitted for mayor allowing the town to cancel the election and fill the position via appointment. The December financial summary was approved with a few line items that went over budget. The RDA/RDC and gas fund budgets were to be revised. The RDA/RDC budget needed revision because of additional expenses related to the La Mesa water main project and additional revenue awarded through Main Street grants. The gas fund was to be revised because of the increase in expenses incurred during the February 2021 winter storm. Expenses were higher but still propor-

tionate to revenue.

A resolution was passed to accept Andy Key's resignation from the RDA/RDC board. Ron Granger was appointed in Key's place. Granger was also appointed to the Planning and Zoning Board. Piering described Granger's history as CNCC President and his skills in economic development while advocating for his appointment. The Board additionally discussed replacing the representative to Associated Governments of Northwest Colorado (AGNC) as Trustee Keely Ellis is no longer able to fulfill the role. The Board approved Piering as the representative. Trustee Don Davidson informed the Board of a nonprofit group being formed as part of emergency management that helps rural towns prepare civil defenses in the event of various emergencies. The group has written a book about community needs in the event of a catastrophic event that will be on sale at White River Market soon. Funds will support programs and resources needed for community preparedness, as opposed to individual preparedness.

The next town board meeting is scheduled for Feb. 8.

Holmes named to Honor Roll

Special to the Herald Times

DINOSAUR | Tiffany Holmes of Dinosaur, Colorado, has been named to the President's Honor Roll at Eastern Wyoming College for the Fall 2021 semester, receiving recognition for achieving high scholastic goals.

Mazzola seeking re-election

PRESS RELEASE

Special to the Herald Times

RBC | Rio Blanco County Sheriff Anthony Mazzola officially announces his 2022 candidacy for re-election. Mazzola has served the constituents of Rio Blanco County as Sheriff for the past seven years, having been elected in 2015.

"In 2015, I ran on being fiscally conservative and I am a strong supporter of the United States Constitution. I have lived up to those promises by only spending tax dollars on what we need and not what we want. Now, as a candidate for re-election in 2022, I intend to campaign and serve with the same fiduciary duty," said Mazzola.

Last month, Sheriff Mazzola was elected by his peers as President of County Sheriffs of Colorado (CSOC), which is an organization dedicated to preserving and protecting the Office of Sheriff by providing quality relevant programs and support with integrity, transparency, and accountability.

Previously, this position was held by one other sheriff from Rio Blanco County, retired Sheriff Ron Hilkey. Serving as CSOC President provides Sheriff Mazzola the platform to advocate for rural, western Colorado communities, especially with regards to legislation at State and Federal levels.

"In 2020 and 2021, I was part of numerous committees who sought amendments to several State-led law enforcement reform bills. As a board member of CSOC, we fought to strengthen the voice of law enforcement at the capitol. We did so by working together with the Colorado Chief of Police Association and the Fraternal Order Police. Together we made a tremendous difference in many bills that were presented," said Mazzola.

Sheriff Mazzola's recognition at the State level also includes a 2018 appointment by former Colorado Governor, John Hickenlooper, to serve as a board member for Colorado Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) Board. In 2021, he was re-appointed by current Colorado Governor, Jared Polis, for a second term on the POST Board.

His experience includes over six years' time spent as an investigator for the 9th Judicial District Attorney's Office, four years of which he served as Chief Investigator of Rio Blanco, Garfield, and Pitkin counties until June of 2014.

Sheriff Mazzola has proudly served the public since 1985 when he entered the United States Army, serving for 4 1/2 years and again in 1990 when he was recalled for Operation Desert Storm. Soon after his return from Desert Storm, he began his career in law enforcement with the Rio Blanco County Sheriff's Office as a jailer. Moving up the ranks,



Rio Blanco County Sheriff Anthony Mazzola has announced his candidacy for re-election.

he spent eight out of his 18 years at the Sheriff's Office as Undersheriff.

Family and community are two incredibly important aspects of Sheriff Mazzola's life.

"My true joy in life is spending time with my family. My wife of 40 years, Cheryl, and I have one son, Anthony, who, like Cheryl and I, grew up in Meeker. I am very active in the Meeker Lions Club, where I served as President for two years. I am a member of the local V.F.W. Post 5843 and served as the President of the Board of Directors for the White River Electric Association (WREA). Currently, I serve as a board member on the Colorado Northwestern Community College (CNCC) Foundation Board."

Sheriff Mazzola welcomes any questions, concerns, or comments you may have. Please send to amazola@live.com or stop by the Rio Blanco Sheriff's Office to discuss in-person.

Summons issued for Rector

Special to the Herald Times

RBC | Rio Blanco County Commissioner Jeff Rector has been summonsed to appear in Moffat County Court on March 10 following a Jan. 13 traffic incident on Highway 40. The summons from the Colorado State Patrol lists offenses of driving under the influence of alcohol, operating an unregistered vehicle and failure to present immediate evidence of insurance upon request. The *HT* requested a statement from Rector late last week, but had not received a response as of press time Wednesday.

Annual Meeker Club Wrestling Fundraiser Dinner 2022

The Meeker club wrestling team is raising money to send its wrestlers to the Annual National High School Wrestling Championships in Virginia Beach. Additional funds raised will be contributed to the Meeker Wrestling Club.

HOW: Enjoy a taco bar at the Mexican House while the participating Meeker wrestlers clean up after you.

WHERE: Mexican House - 642 Market Street Meeker, CO 81641

WHEN: Saturday, February 5th from 6:00 PM to 8:30 PM-raffle prizes announced at the end of dinner.

WHAT: Taco bar including corn or flour tortillas, hard shell tacos, varieties of meat, and all you need to make the tacos of your choice.

DONATION: \$16 dollars per person, higher donations welcome.

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NEWS NOTES

Paid leave mandates presentation

MEEKER | Attend this presentation on the new paid leave mandates Thursday, Feb. 3 from 12 to 1:30 p.m. at the Meeker Regional Library, lunch provided

Open Mic Feb. 3

MEEKER | Open Mic Night Thursday, Feb. 3, 6 p.m. at Smoking River Brewing Co. Sing, read, chant, joke, or talk—with great beer!

Conservation Corps

RBC | Young people between 17 and 25 years of age: work outdoors in the beautiful Colorado outdoors. Gain skills, be part of a team, gain confidence, give back and build your muscles. HS diploma or GED required, stipend and more provided. Learn more here about the Western Colorado Conservation Corps: <https://www.wcccpartners.org/positions-available>

River PAC meeting Feb. 9 in Rangely

RBC | The Planning Advisory Committee (PAC) will be meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 9 at the Weiss Conference Room on the Rangely CNCC Campus. The meeting will run from 6-8 p.m. The PAC will hear presentations from Peter Fleming on In-Stream Flows, Mario Sullivan and Kari Brennan on the results from the Diversion and Riparian Assessments, Mario Sullivan on the White River Aquifers, and vote on the priorities for the Phase III Scope of Work.

Meeker book club

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

'Valentines is So Cheesy'

MEEKER | Monday, Feb. 14, 4 to 8 p.m. at Smoking River Brewing Co.—order your cheese fondue, cupcakes and beer! Also available—Mini Couples Photo session with Mtn Made Media. Call to reserve your plate, 970.620.9448

Wagon Wheel

MEEKER | The Wagon Wheel OHV Club will meet March 3 at 7 p.m. at Kilowatt Korner. Board elections will be held in April. Please step up to keep the club alive and get your membership forms in. New membership forms required annually. Checks preferred. Email Dave Murray at wapitiarcher@live.com or check the Wagon Wheel OHV Facebook page for more info.

COVID update

Special to the Herald Times

RBC | According to the Rio Blanco County Department of Public Health, there is continued widespread community transmission of covid-19 with an overall decrease in incidence rate. The omicron variant is considered dominant with an anticipated peak by late February.

Total Cases to Date: 1,669

Meeker Active: 59

Rangely Active: 39

Hospitalizations in the last 14 days: 2

Total Hospitalized: 127

School District Meeker: 12

School District Rangely: 7

Deaths: 12

The COVID-19 immunization rate for eligible residents is 41.9%.

Influenza is present in Rio Blanco County with no reported hospitalizations.

FIRE BREAK MEETING ...



Local, state and federal fire officials alike agree on the benefits of a fire break for protecting the town of Meeker from an out of control wildfire. BLM's Landon Smith answered questions about the proposed project Tuesday night at the Meeker Fire House. Noting a few historical examples of fires on China Wall that came close to town, Smith emphasized how pre-treating a fire line would mean short work for any emergency personnel if such a fire ever came close to town again.

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EDITOR'S COLUMN

Gray areas

Do what you feel in your heart to be right, for you'll be criticized anyway. You'll be damned if you do and damned if you don't.

~ Eleanor Roosevelt

By NIKI TURNER
editor@ht1885.com

This is a peek behind the curtain into the decision-making process in our small newsroom. From time to time information that's uncomfortable or unpleasant comes to us through news tips, public records searches, or word of mouth. When that information can be verified and validated, we have a decision to make: to print or not to print.

Occasionally, it's information that — anywhere else — would be splashed across the front page with a headline in 72-point type. But we do things differently around here, and there are

some legitimate reasons for those methods. What would be a no-brainer news story becomes a question of weighing the impact of sharing on the collective psyche. Is it information the community needs to know for the benefit of the common good or for their safety, or does it matter? If it's an elected official or community leader, or someone tasked with handling public funds or who is in a position of trust, that's a whole new ingredient to throw in the decision-making mix.

No matter what course we take, someone is bound to disagree, and there will



be valid criticisms on both sides of the issue; considerations we've weighed long before pages have gone to the printer.

We don't take these decisions lightly or with ease. There's no joy in reporting on trauma, tragedy or trouble. But those things are part of the human experience, they are part of our shared story, and they are news, whether we like it or not. How and when we report on them is horribly subjective and every situation is different.

Sometimes news — like everything else in life — is not black and white, it's smoggy gray.



Please Join Us For Our Annual Meeting And Dinner

February 12, 2022

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5:30 p.m. Social Hour | 6:00 p.m. Dinner

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KAYE'S CORNER

Tots book paradise

By KAYE SULLIVAN
Special to the Herald Times

Parents, grandparents, and caretakers, if your young kiddos haven't been to the library for a while, you should go enjoy the newly remodeled children's room.

Little kids can enter through the "hobbit" door, sized just for kids. Adults you get your own regular sized door. With beautiful wood and impressive artisanship, the doors were built by J. Dyer Construction who also built the library addition.

Against the far wall are five cubbies with padded interiors so young readers can crawl into their space and relax while they enjoy a book. It looks so cozy I would have climbed in myself if I could fit.

Also eye catching is the aqua colored "throne," a double wide chair for royal visitors and the readers who provide story time on Wednesdays at 10 a.m. Library Assistant Kristina Selby is the faithful reader.

Some research indicates that pre-readers need to hear 10,000 words a week to get ready to read! So, library reading time is

an additional assist to parents' endeavors to prepare their kids to appreciate books and learn to read.

Kids pull up mini chairs for reading time then get to do a craft they can take home. Reading time is open to all ages and parents get a break to chat with friends and discover their own books.

Along the top of two walls are stuffed animals. And get this... each one is connected to a book! I guessed Winnie the Pooh and Tigger correctly and also almost recalled Charlotte's Web. On the floor are two beautiful rugs and another three new floor coverings are located in other rooms.

The children's area is sunny, welcoming, age appropriately designed with more enhancements to come. The Library Board has been talking about this upgrade for a while and a decision was made to undertake the project last year.

This one room of the Meeker Public Library



Kaye Sullivan

houses some 15,000 books. Ranging from picture books to chapter books in the next room, it is packed with choices. New books are added every month and offer topics for every young guest.

Head Librarian Mike Bartlett orders around 100 new titles per month and approximately 20% go to the children's section.

Why take your children to the library? Help them fall in love with books and encourage young readers. They will also get a bit of social time with other youngsters. Perhaps they will eventually learn to use the library to research school projects and discover the many ways our library preserves local history with both books and online resources.

In my opinion, reading is a fundamental life skill and you can't go wrong spending time in a library, especially in our cold winters. Finally, libraries are public, meaning free, and open to everyone. This is a charming, joyful, and well stocked resource for every and anyone of all ages.

With grateful thanks to Kristina Selby and Mike Bartlett for their time and help with this article.



(Left) the "hobbit" door is one enchanting addition to the newly remodeled children's room at Meeker Public Library.

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GUEST COLUMN

Winterfest 2022

By LILLY NOEL
Special to the Herald Times

Winterfest 2022 was such a fun and entertaining time for Rangely High School and Junior High students. During the week of the dance, the whole school had four dress up days planned. For Monday's theme, it was "stereotypical dad day," where everyone dressed up as their dad, or they wore something that a typical dad would wear. On Tuesday, the dress up theme was "dynamic duos," where students picked someone to twin with; most people just wore matching shirts, but some went all out and wore the exact same outfits! On Wednesday, it was "anything but a backpack day." Many



2022 Mr. and Miss RHS are Keihin Myers and Mary Scoggins.

MATT SCOGGINS PHOTO

RHS students brought suitcases, coolers, and pretty much anything that they could fit their school supplies in. Thursday was "white lie T-shirt day," where people wore plain white shirts with a white lie that applied to their life. The whole week was a ton of fun, and many students

participated in the dress up days.

The Winterfest dance was Jan. 20. Everyone wore matching shirts with the person or people that they went to the dance with. A lot of people were super creative and had a ton of fun designs and sayings on their shirts.

Overall the whole week was really fun, and I think that everyone else would say the same. Everybody was very creative and unique with their ideas for the dress up days. Even a couple of the teachers and staff joined in. Some of the teachers wore matching shirts or outfits for dynamic duo day, and just about everyone participated in the white lie T-shirt day. In my opinion, the week was fun and exciting. Student council hired an awesome DJ for the dance who was able to get most everyone out on the dance floor. The atmosphere was one of friendship and fun, and in the end the week was still a success.

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LOOSE ENDS

The decision-making process

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

My first introduction to rural western life included life experiences offered by local sheep and cattle ranchers. Today with the number of pioneer ranches decreasing, they continue to carry on seasonal traditions and often include newcomers to participate in the yearly rituals. Whether it be branding calves, shearing sheep, or extending an invitations to the association's dinner or dance, they truly do extend a warm western welcome.

In addition, my own memories from covering events for the newspaper gave me a deeper perspective. My first assignments were not usually as a reporter, rather as a feature writer. I was a part-time employee who tried to do exactly what the job entailed.

I learned quickly how it worked in a rural area such as Meeker. Sometimes, I was assigned as a reporter to go out and to cover county commissioners, city council, as well as school board meetings. Part of the ethics and codes of writing for newspapers required following that much quoted phrase, "stick to the facts Ma'am." Misquotes were not acceptable.

I got more than my fair share of irate phone calls, as did my editors. My main job was going

out and finding my own subjects for writing human-interest features. I loved my job, as I considered it such a bonus. I tried my best to provide accurate factual information, even if I was so excited by getting to know so many of the residents.

Sometimes my love of language or lack of reportorial or photography skills got the best of me. I started out with a few features covering residents all over the county on their ranches. I soon found the stories of the old timers so captivating that the material filled the page. The energy boom brought in enough advertising allow the editors to give me enough space.

If they needed me to go out and report on the latest happenings in town, I ended up being assigned a county board meeting at the last minute. My bosses had no time to explain to the various boards that they had to rely on a rookie reporter. I am sure they felt my last-minute presence as a kind of insult and it didn't help that I was new to the community. Unfortunately, I was unskilled in shorthand, so missed many salient details not said aloud at the meeting. It was no help to move up to the front row. Once or twice one of the commissioners would ask me to give me



Dolly Viscardi

my name or what part of agenda I was waiting to be addressed.

Later that afternoon when I would head back to the office, the editor would notice some important details were missing.

Apparently I did not get the skinny on some of the most important issues. There were no open meetings requirement yet. These informal discussions weren't held as official meetings, just casual conversations held anywhere and everywhere.

They didn't vote but they often mulled over the important decisions to be solidified later. Even if I sat up in front in a board meeting room, I missed the most cogent part of the discussion. Later on that day, my editors would tell me that I missed the most important business of the day. Mulling over information that was gathered informally in public places throughout both towns and county, I was beaten to the punch by the community grapevine. The deeper issues were often discussed informally "off the record" at various locations, such as the fairgrounds, restaurants, or school functions. When they took the final vote decision-making details. This happened all over Colorado, so to make sure the public had access to all this information, Colorado's Sunshine Laws were instituted that make sure the public could obtain all the factual information they needed to understand the final decisions. So much for casual conversation.

Frontline staff at Mind Springs, West Springs kind and caring

Dear Editor:

I would like the opportunity to respond to the articles about Mind Springs and West Springs Hospital.

I don't have any personal experience or knowledge about the policies and turmoil going on at the upper levels of management of either entity. However, I do have personal experience with the frontline employees of Mind Springs offices in both Meeker and Rangely, here in Rio Blanco County and I do have personal experience with the frontline staff at West Springs Hospital in Grand Junction in Mesa County.

These people are kind and caring. They go out of their way to give individuals the help they seek when they need it. The counselors at Meeker and Rangely provide clients a secure, safe place to deal with mental health issues. They help concerned family members of their clients, as families learn to cope with challenging situations. They are always professional and they act as professionals.

Whether you are dealing with the loss of a loved one or going through a serious mental illness or crisis they support you and your need for help. You are their personal priority.

The on-ward staffs at West Springs Hospital deal with patient's treatments on a one-on-one basis, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The staff treat their patients with dignity and they care for each person as the person struggles to deal with serious, difficult times in their lives. The staff does this because

they truly care and want to help patients get better. Their care for patients is obvious to me.

I am grateful for each every one of these special people. They give hope to the hopeless. They teach coping skills to people dealing with difficult and heart-wrenching situations. Their goals are to enhance the quality of their clients' and patients' lives. They enable people to heal, to hope and to live.

Theirs is a noble profession and I honor them for their dedication to their fellowman. I give thanks for their presence in my life and lives of countless others.

Life is precious and their service, their care is princess. Thank you for letting me remind them and those they help of how important they are to so many of us.

Gratefully,
Oakley Hopkins
Rangely

Postpone Old Timers, start Any Timers

Dear Editor:

What a time to try and plan large community get-togethers. At the present time, there is a continuing spike in the Covid/flu cases building in the community. For most of us who enjoyed the community Old Timers dance in past years, we are saddened by the possibility of having to cancel the dance until it becomes safe to intermingle.

It is time to begin preparing for another OT dance the first

Saturday in June, which will require several man hours from the members to accomplish setting up the dance. There were two meetings of the committee during 2021, with only a few persons showing up at the meetings. Based on the low attendance at those meetings and the current Covid situation, it will be difficult to form a "big" workforce to accomplish the logistics of putting on the dinner dance.

The "executive" committee has been reduced due to the loss of Connie Theos and others planning to help with the event. There is sufficient funds available that will help defray costs of the next dinner dance. I would like to have a local member volunteer to be the treasurer.

Therefore, I am proposing that we postpone the dinner for at least another year. I think we have to accept the fact that there may never be an "Old Timers" again.

Now is the time to see a new "Any Timers" Rio Blanco County Pioneers Association. All of us aging Old Timers would love to see you younger folks keep the community celebration going every year.

Daryl LeFevre,
Chairman
307-272-0763

Roberta Watt,
co-chairman
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Rio Blanco County
Pioneers Association

VETERAN'S VOICE

Vote

By **WES EUBANKS**
Special to the Herald Times

As veterans we not only have the Constitutional right to vote we also have the duty to vote because we all swore a solemn oath to support and defend the Constitution of the United States of America and voting is the best way to fulfill that oath. The Veterans' Administration estimates for 2021 indicate there are 5.9 million American veterans who served during the Vietnam era and 7.8 million who served in the Gulf War era, which spans from August 1990 through the present. There are also around 240,000 World War II veterans and about 933,000 who served during the Korean conflict, if we register everyone we know and all vote together we can fix what is happening in the USA today.

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

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

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

Pharmacy transportation service **FAQ**

Q: How do I access this service?

A: Contact your provider to learn more. At this time, the prescription transportation service is intended for Medicare patients and those with immediate prescription needs.

Q: Is there a cost to use the prescription transportation service?

A: No, Rio Blanco County Sheriff's Department and Public Health are volunteering to help facilitate this program.

Q: What types of insurance does Rangely Pharmacy accept?

A: Rangely Pharmacy accepts most insurances including Medicare Silver Scripts and Medicare Well Care. Rangely Pharmacy is not a DME (Durable Medical Equipment) supplier and cannot accept Medicare Part B.

Q: When will my prescription be ready for pick-up at Public Health?

A: Rangely Pharmacy will let you know the approximate day and time your prescription will be ready for pick-up in Meeker at Public Health. The Sheriff's Department will be transporting Monday - Thursday. Prescriptions can be picked up at Public Health Monday - Friday during normal business hours.

Q: Can I have a family member or friend pick up my medication?

A: Yes, they will need your date of birth and a valid ID at pick-up. You may also call Public Health to identify who will be picking up on your behalf. ****Please note that prescriptions not picked up within a two week time frame will be disposed of or returned to Rangely Pharmacy without a refund.****

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Q: I have questions about my prescription or I am not sure if the right medication was prescribed.

A: Call your provider.



CNCC CORNER

Spartans athletic update

By **CANDRA ROBBIE**
Special to the Herald Times

We are heading into a very busy time of year for CNCC athletics, so this month we wanted to share a bit about upcoming events and some exciting changes happening within CNCC Spartan Athletics.

First, our men's and women's basketball programs are closing out their seasons. Each team has three home games remaining that will take place between Feb. 10 and 15. Feb. 12 will be a special game celebrating sophomore day and will be our alumni game. CNCC's local PTK chapter will be holding their food drive and admission will be free with the donation of non-perishable food items. The basketball team's seasons will end at the SWAC Regional Tournament in Salt Lake City, Utah, on Feb. 23-26.

Our baseball and softball teams began competition on Jan. 28. They are currently competing in tournaments

in warmer areas, like Las Vegas and Phoenix. This will help as they gear up for conference play starting in late February and early March.

The second half of rodeo season is just around the corner. The first rodeo will be in Salina, Utah on March 3-4. CNCC will host the Spartan Showdown Rodeo April 1-2 at Columbine Park in Rangely. Mark your calendars.

The hiring of Tammy Olson as head coach in November will allow for the expansion of the rodeo program to our Craig campus starting fall 2022. This will create opportunities for many young local rodeo athletes since there are numerous pipeline youth programs in Routt and Moffat counties and Craig is currently the home of the Colorado High School Finals Rodeo.

In all 2022, the men's and women's soccer programs will transition to the Rangely Campus. Soccer will be joining six other athletic programs



Candra Robbie

and over 100 other student athletes on our Rangely Campus. The change will improve support and better meet the needs of our soccer students.

Cross country will be added to the Rangely campus this fall. There are few junior colleges in the state of Colorado with cross country teams. Adding cross country to CNCC is a smart move because there are many athletes in the states of Colorado and Utah without a college team to call home. CNCC is currently searching for the right coach for this program.

Finally, the CNCC athletics page (<https://athletics.cncc.edu/>) just finished a makeover. Check out the new look and get to know the teams, coaches, schedule and see the latest updates of your favorite Spartan athletic team. Go Spartans!

Candra Robbie is the athletic director at Colorado Northwestern Community College

GUEST COLUMN

How to collect information for the first three generations

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

Pull out your family groups sheets you did last week. Now take those sheets and go talk to each of your parents separately. In person works best. Doing these interviews one on one is important. Answers are more candid when not being overheard or interrupted. If someone is telling an old story in front of someone who has heard it a hundred times before, the story gets shortened and the speaker less enthusiastic. Sit down over a cup of coffee and get the stories behind the dates. How did you meet Mom? Did her parents approve of the marriage? What were some of the places you lived before? Was anybody in the family in the military? Where

they stationed abroad? What did grandpa do for a living. You probably heard all these things when you were a child. Asking them now, with an adult's point of view will be different. Less sugar coated. Don't go in with a tape recorder! Nothing kills spontaneity faster. LISTEN. Ask very few questions that can be answered with YES or NO. Ask open ended questions that need explanations. The best technique is shut up and LISTEN. You can't learn while talking. Let the speaker meander all they want. You can ask for clarifications later. ENJOY THE MOMENT. For some of you, this may be the first time in your life that you are talking as adult equals. At the end of the stories, ask for a few places and dates on your grandparents. That what you came for, right? If you

do it right, you will walk away with sooooo much more.

Now go home and rewrite your family group sheets for First and Second generation. Do it while it is fresh in your mind and use the back page to write funny stories about them. Why the stories? You will never know if your children will ever hear the stories if you don't write them down now.

If your parents are not able to be interviewed, don't despair. There is always a maiden great-aunt somewhere in your family to ask. In the next issue we will discuss THE KEEPER OF THE KEYS.

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

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Much of Chris's life was defined by "ups" and "downs" of alcohol and drug use. After a near death experience, he is fully immersed in a substance-free life. He helped start SoBoat, a community to support those in recovery.

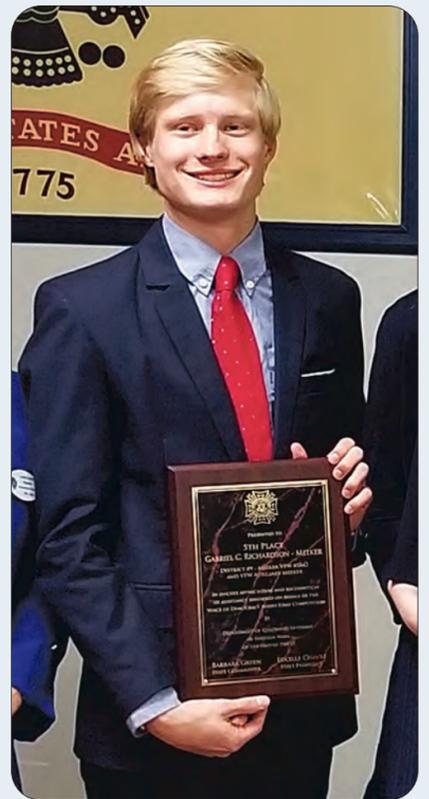
VOICE OF DEMOCRACY ...

The VFW's Voice of Democracy audio-essay program, established in 1947, provides high school students around the country with a patriotic-themed prompt in which the students record their essay answer. Each year, nearly 40,000 9-12 grade students from across the country enter to win their share of \$2.1 million in educational scholarships and incentives awarded through the program. The 2021-2022 theme was: "America: Where do we go from here?"

Meeker's VFW Post 5843 is proud to announce that Gabriel Richardson, son of Jared and Nancy Richardson, won both their post competition and was also chosen by District 9's post to compete at the state level. District 9 includes the towns of Meeker, Steamboat, Craig, Rangely and Kremmling. The top five winners in the state were invited to Denver to be honored by the VFW and to receive their placing at a banquet on Jan. 22. Gabriel and his family were invited to Denver where Gabriel received fifth place, and was awarded a \$250 scholarship from state VFW. He also received a \$200 scholarship from District 9 and will also receive an award from our local VFW Post 5843.

Gabriel is a senior at Meeker High School and is planning on attending Colorado Mesa University to obtain his Bachelor of Fine Arts in art education.

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OBITUARIES

George Clarence Wenschhof

July 8, 1941 ~ Jan. 9, 2022

George Clarence Wenschhof, 80, was born at home along Wenschhof Road in Fairfield, Pennsylvania, to Clyde Wenschhof, Sr., and Verna May (Ney) Wenschhof on July 8, 1941. George passed away peacefully on Jan. 9, 2022.

Glenda, George's wife of 40 years, often said that George started a new life about every 15 years interwoven with his 40 years of military service.

George did not do well in school, having dyslexia that made reading, writing and spelling almost impossible and was held back in the third grade. By high school, his teachers and school counselor advised him to make a career out of being a good farm hand. Instead, George joined the Pennsylvania National Guard (with his father's signature) at age 17 and went into the Air Force the day after graduation from high school in 1960.

He married Pamela Kay Bolish in 1962 while on active duty. They had two children, during which time George was in the Reserves and operated his own excavating business laying telephone cable under the highways in upstate Illinois. They divorced in 1968 and George went back into active duty with the Army and ultimately was stationed at Fort Rucker, Alabama, where he learned to fly.

In 1970, George met and married Glenda Faye Adams. In addition to going in and out of active duty with the Army throughout his life, George worked for a large building and excavating company in Pennsylvania, before he and Glenda began their commercial knife sharpening business in their garage, Lion Industrial Knife, Inc. in Red Lion, Pennsylvania, where he learned and developed the art of sharpening industrial knives for paper mills, publishing houses,



George Wenschhof

candy and snack industries, US Mint and Post Office. In the summer, the two of them ran GeorGlen Charter Fishing in Henderson Harbor, New York, along eastern Lake Ontario.

In the late 1990s, George and Glenda sold everything and moved to Meeker, Colorado. At age 58, George was starting yet another new chapter of his life. This time he partnered for five years with a local rancher who in return taught George how to become a good cattleman. At the end of that period, George and Glenda acquired the -T- Ranch, where George together with Don Hilkey was able to innovate and upgrade the ranch's operations, including, but not limited to, changing the way they put up hay, installing a 2,000-foot irrigation pivot, and designing and constructing a hydroelectric generator system to power the ranch.

In 2000, George retired as a Chief Warrant Officer Four (CW4) after 40 years in the military, having served in both active and inactive, i.e., National Guard and Reserve, capacities as a Standards Instruction Pilot (SIP), mechanic, and pilot, providing check rides, training and qualifying helicopter pilots. He achieved an advance level of flight and maintenance skills; he was maintenance-certified for all fixed wing planes up to a 747-cargo plane and all models of helicopter, as well as being instrumental in the development and testing the first night vision goggles. He earned the "Broken Wing" award for safely landing a disabled helicopter by performing a challenging maneuver, not found in the manual, enabling he and his co-pilot to walk away from the aircraft without injury.

Glenda passed away in 2011. Later that year, George met Jaelyn M. Gisburne. They were married in April 2012. George

continued ranching until 2015, when again George started a new chapter in his life by retiring from ranching. Having sold the ranch, the couple moved back to the house George built in 1987 in upstate New York along Lake Ontario in hopes of fishing the days away, which really meant refitting and rigging up a new boat, which he did. They later bought another home in Alabama - New York was too cold and had too much snow in the winter. There George enjoyed beach fishing and travel in their motorhome going back and forth between the homes and visiting family.

With his son having just departed after spending time with him in his last few days, George passed away peacefully at home in Gulf Shores, Alabama, after a prolonged illness, with Jaelyn, his wife, at his side. He was preceded in death by his parents and Glenda Faye (Adams) Wenschhof, his wife of 40 years. He is survived by his wife, Jaelyn Gisburne Wenschhof; brothers, Clyde Andrew Wenschhof Jr. (Nancy) and Raymond Charles; daughter, Sherry Hodges and son, Christopher Alan Wenschhof (Amy); four grandchildren Tabytha Lawless, and Tyler, Sheldon, and Levi Wenschhof; one great-grandson; three stepchildren Robert Svoboda (Amy), Paul Svoboda (Cara), Richard Svoboda (Jamie); and 10 step-grandchildren.

Because George had such a diverse life, a small graveside service with a military presence and three Celebrations of Life will be held. The graveside service will be Feb. 5, 2022, at Christian Home Church of Christ - 463 Hwy 92, Newton, Alabama, where his ashes will be interred next to Glenda. The three Celebrations of Life will be in the communities that were so important to him,

April 23 at the Village Hall, 2-4 p.m., in Fairfield, Pennsylvania.

May 21 at the 4-H Bldg., 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., in Meeker, Colorado, with lunch being served.

July 2 a backyard barbecue followed by fireworks at the home George built and retired to along Lake Ontario at 8054 Fargo Rd. in Henderson, New York.

Friends and family are invited to bring and share your stories and memories at one or all the celebrations.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that you donate to either of two ranch-related vocational training scholarships - The George C. and Glenda F. Wenschhof Memorial Scholarship for students in the Meeker School District through the Meeker Education Foundation (P.O. Box 255, Meeker, CO 81641) or The George C. and Jaelyn M. Wenschhof Vocational Scholarship Fund for students in Rio Blanco County through the Rio Blanco County Historical Society (P.O. box 413, Meeker, CO 81641) - or to a charity of your choice in his name.

At a hydroelectric conference after presenting how he designed, excavated, laid the pipe, and with the help of others built his own hydroelectric plant, he was asked what was his degree in that made all this possible. Without hesitation he proudly said, "I have a CBE." After a pause the man sheepishly said, "I'm not familiar with CBE," to which George replied, "Cowboy Engineering." How did he make and level the platform? He used a custom-built septic tank and a level. How did he lift and set the generator in place without a crane? He just hooked a chain to it and lifted it with a backhoe. And so it was; that was George. In the end, he became a good farm/ranch hand, meeting his teachers and high school counselor expectations, and on the way became so much more.

Mervin Carl Johnson

Nov. 25, 1936 ~ Jan. 22, 2022

"Well done, good and faithful servant... come and share in your Master's happiness" (Matthew 25:21).

Mervin Carl Johnson, longtime resident of Meeker, passed away Jan. 22, 2022, in Colorado Springs, Colorado, after a lengthy illness. He was 85.

Merv was born in Montrose, Colorado, on Nov. 25, 1936, to Carl and Ernestine (Gardner) Johnson. He was raised in Montrose. While in high school he met Ruth Madden; her committed faith had a profound impact on Merv and he accepted Christ at age 17. Merv and Ruth graduated from Montrose High School in 1955 and were married that fall. Three children were born to them over the next seven years.

Called by God to full-time Christian ministry, Merv studied at Intermountain Bible College in Grand Junction. While a student he served as summer preacher in Riverton, Wyoming. Beginning in 1960 Merv and Ruth served Christian churches in Delta, Colorado; Craig, Colorado; and Dillon, Montana.

In 1986, Merv accepted the preaching position at Meeker Christian Church. Ruth worked at Meeker Drug and then Pioneers Hospital until her death in 1997. Although he officially retired in 2002, Merv continued to serve Meeker and surrounding communities. He still preached regularly and officiated many weddings and funerals for generations of northwest Colorado families. His preaching style was simple and focused on practical application of biblical truth. He was also renowned for his sense of humor and storytelling.

Merv had many other interests and hobbies. He bred and trained several quarter horses. He did private contract carpentry

in Meeker for nearly a decade. He enjoyed working on cars and once converted a 1966 Volkswagen Beetle into a flatbed "truck." As an amateur gunsmith Merv built several firearms. He was active in various leadership roles with the Meeker Sportsmen's Club and for many years coordinated the organization's Sight-In Days before each hunting season.

Merv's teenage interest in art was rekindled in his middle-adult years, resulting in a number of oil paintings illustrating his interest in animals and the beauty of God's creation. One of his favorite pastimes later in life was making regular trips to see and photograph wild horses in the Sand Wash Basin northwest of Maybell.

Merv Johnson was preceded in death by his parents; his beloved wife of 41 years, Ruth; and his brother Elvin. He is survived by three children: daughter Carlina Duggan of Northglenn, Colorado; son M.C. Johnson (wife Joan) of Pineville, Montana; and son Scott Johnson (wife Holly) of Colorado Springs, Colorado; five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Merv's family suggests that memorial gifts be directed to Manhattan Christian College, Manhattan, Kansas [mcccks.edu].

The family is conducting a private graveside service and burial at Grand View Cemetery in Montrose. A public memorial service will be planned for May 2022, with details to come.



Mervin Johnson

David Eugene Steffen

Nov. 30, 1940 ~ Jan. 27, 2022

David Eugene Steffen was born on Nov. 30, 1940, to Kenneth Steffen and Ruby Steffen in Oak Creek, Colorado. He was raised in Oak Creek and Kremmling, Colorado, and went to high school in Kremmling. In 1962, David met Enid Eliassen while working in Steamboat Springs, where they were married on June 9, 1962. They made their way back to Meeker in 1968, where they raised their three children. David's working life was the tale of two careers and two opportunities for the family. He worked for many years for David Smith Ranches, where they were able to raise a family surrounded by the world's biggest playground and a menagerie of animals. While he worked irrigating and feeding cattle, the kids helped, thinking they were playing. In 1980, they purchased The Bakery, which they ran for 30 years. The Bakery provided employment and learning opportunities for a couple of generations. More than one grandchild has commented that they learned



David Steffen

their kitchen skills from watching grandpa. While he didn't get to play as much as he wanted while running The Bakery he enjoyed fishing, throwing a ball with the kids and grandkids and woodworking. David's final year was spent in the Walbridge Wing, where he brightened the lives of many and he enjoyed all of the activities offered. He is survived by his three children: Mike Steffen, Theresa Steffen and Lisa

(Roger) Hanna; seven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren; brother Richard (Maria) Steffen along with numerous nieces and nephews. David was preceded in death by his wife, Enid Steffen, and by his parents. David passed away in Walbridge Wing on Jan. 27 with family at his side. A celebration of his life will be held this summer. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions be made in David's memory to Pioneers Medical Foundation, American Cancer Society or St. Jude's.

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COWBOY UP ...



JIM COOK PHOTOS

The first recipients of the Cowboy Up award, created by the Meeker High School Class of 2020, were honored last Thursday during halftime at the boys' basketball game. The four citizens chosen by members of the class of 2020 have displayed "extraordinary commitment to or support of Meeker High School" and are of "high moral character and good role models for students. In the future, the senior class will choose one inductee. The founding class inducted three: Dale Frisby (posthumously), Bobby Gutierrez and Dale Dunbar. Ed Coryell is the inductee for the Class of 2021. Emma Lou Frisby and daughter Vicky Tate received the award for Dale Frisby.

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EMPTY BOWLS ...



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Meeker High School FCCLA has brought the international event of "Empty Bowls" to Meeker. Students have spent the fall semester learning the craft of the potter's wheel and glazing. With art instructor Ben Quinn's guidance, they have created 200 bowls that sold at the event "Empty Bowls" fundraiser. MHS FACS instructor Brenda Hummel's culinary classes prepared soup, salad and bread to serve more than 300 people at Thursday night's event. "Empty Bowls is an international effort to address the needs of persons who are food challenged, or don't have enough to eat," said Hummel. "The idea behind Empty Bowls is to bring talent of our students in the art department, as well as the culinary students together to fight hunger in our community." Both Quinn and Hummel were overwhelmed with the support from both Meeker and Rangely. "This is an event we would like to see annually," said Hummel, "and we look forward to what these funds can do for our community!"

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MATT SCOGGINS PHOTO

Meeker and Rangely girls put on an exciting show for Rio Blanco County basketball fans Thursday, with Meeker winning by two. Above, Panther #3 Anika Cantrell takes a shot while guarded by Cowboys #15 MyKayla Wille and #14 Jayden Overton.

Meeker bests Rangely

BY TIFFANY JEHOREK
Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER I The county rival Rangely Panthers came to Meeker last week, for the only game of the week for the lady Cowboys.

“Playing Rangely is always a lot of fun, I love county rivalries,” began head coach Jamie Rogers, “This year in Meeker we made it such a big even with the Empty Bowls Fundraiser and the Cowboy Up Awards, the gym was packed and loud and the girls played really well.”

Final score of 67-65 didn’t do justice for the hard fought game between the two teams.

“We would make these runs on Rangely and then kind of relax and they would make a run on us,” said Rogers.

With a minute left the Panthers were up by four points.

“Ellie Hossack was in as point guard, and with an amazing amount of poise drove the ball up the court

and got the ball to Sarah who drained a three pointer,” commented Rogers, “the girls then had amazing defense, they didn’t foul but just stirred them up enough to get the ball turned over, and we had another opportunity to score.”

“When Hailey Knowles gets the ball she kicks it out and gets it down court and trust that Sarah will win the foot race,” said Rogers.

Scoring was led by Sarah Kracht with 40 points, hitting 7 three pointers, 7 rebounds and five steals; Knowles had 16 points, 17 rebounds and two steals.

The Cowboys now enter a very busy and packed time in their schedule.

This weekend they will take on North Park on Saturday as an away league game.

“North Park has two senior guards that can shoot,” commented Rogers, “We are in a whirlwind beginning next week with four games each week in the last two weeks of regular season.”

Rangely boys 0-3

Special to the Herald Times

RANGELY I Rangely had a busy weekend starting with a road trip to Meeker last Thursday. the Meeker gym was packed as fans from both communities piled in to watch two exciting varsity games. On the boys’ side, Meeker took a four-point game into halftime. The Panthers clawed back to tie the game twice in the second half, but Meeker pulled away for a 50-44 league victory. Keihlin Myers led the Panthers in scoring with 12 points, followed by Kevin Wren and Timothy Scoggins with nine points each.

Rangely hosted the Telluride Miners on Friday and the Panthers carved out a 16-6 first-quarter lead. However, the second and third quarters proved

fatal for Rangely as their attacking defense seemed to fall back on its heels. Telluride made 23 out of 37 free throws to secure a 56-49 victory. Kenyon Cochrane led all scorers with 12 points and Myers pitched in nine points.

Saturday’s home league contest against Plateau Valley had a similar feel as the Cowboys jumped out to a 27-13 halftime lead. The Panthers brought their deficit back to 10 early in the fourth quarter, but Plateau Valley pulled away for a 57-34 league win. Timothy Scoggins led Rangely with 10 points and Kevin Wren contributed eight.

Rangely is now 6-8 on the season with a 4-4 league record. Their next game will be a league contest with Cedaredge in Rangely on Saturday, Feb. 5. Game times are 1, 2:30 and 4 p.m.

Panthers fight hard, fall 67-65

Special to the Herald Times

RANGELY I The lady Panthers had an exciting weekend of basketball. Last Thursday they opened up with Meeker for what would be one of the most exciting games of the year. “I thought we played

well we just fell short at the end, losing 67-65,” said head coach Jimmie Mergelman.

“Annika Cantrell did a great job controlling the board and scoring around the basket. She finished with 15 points and 21 rebounds. Ducey, Wren and Halcomb finished with 10 each, followed by Scoggins with nine, Dembowski with seven and Mergelman with four.”

On Friday, Rangely hosted Telluride, which Mergelman said was a great game for a lot of kids to get a lot of playing time. The Panthers won with a score of 55-10. All 14 girls played and scored.

Last Saturday the Panthers hosted the Plateau Valley Cowboys for a league matchup.

“This was a physical game, and we struggled scoring in the first half. Going into halftime we were tied 12-12. We came out of the half scoring seven points unanswered and got on a roll,” Mergelman said. The lady Panthers finished the game 43-36. Scoggins led scoring with 15, followed by Mergelman with 13, Halcomb with six, Wren five and Ducey with four.

This week the lady Panthers host the Cedaredge Bruins on Saturday for another league matchup.

Cowboys keep league champ hopes alive with two wins

Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER I The Cowboys had two tough games to prepare for, and knew they needed to win in both to shoot for a league championship.

Thursday, in a county rivalry game they beat the Panthers 50-44, they led early and kept the lead the entire game.

Liam Deming, who scored 18 points to lead the team, two from a crowd pleasing dunk, also had 16 rebounds and two steals. Zagar Brown had an additional 14 points, 14 rebounds and two steals.

“We had two great games,” began Kindler, “we made free throws when we needed and got stops when we needed them.”

Then Saturday the Cowboys beat the seventh ranked Vail Mountain Gore Rangers 52-50, two very exciting home games.

Only up by two at the half they maintained the small and exciting lead for the whole game. Deming once again came up big for the night with 18 points, Zach Simonsen and Jace Mobley each had 14. Off the boards Casey Brink and Simonsen led with eight each.

The wins over the weekend improved their record to 9-3 and 5-1 in the league. According to MaxPreps, which is just one of the rankings in the composite, the Cowboys are sitting in the 15th position. The top eight teams in the state host districts, and the Cowboys continue to inch up.

This week the boys have two games, both are away league games, Tuesday in Soroco and then Saturday in North Park. At the commencement of this week, only two regular, and very busy, weeks will remain in the season.



CHAMPS OF THE WEEK

COWBOYS



SARAH KRACHT
MHS BASKETBALL
40 points
7 three-pointers
7 rebounds
5 steals
40 of 67 total points

PANTHERS



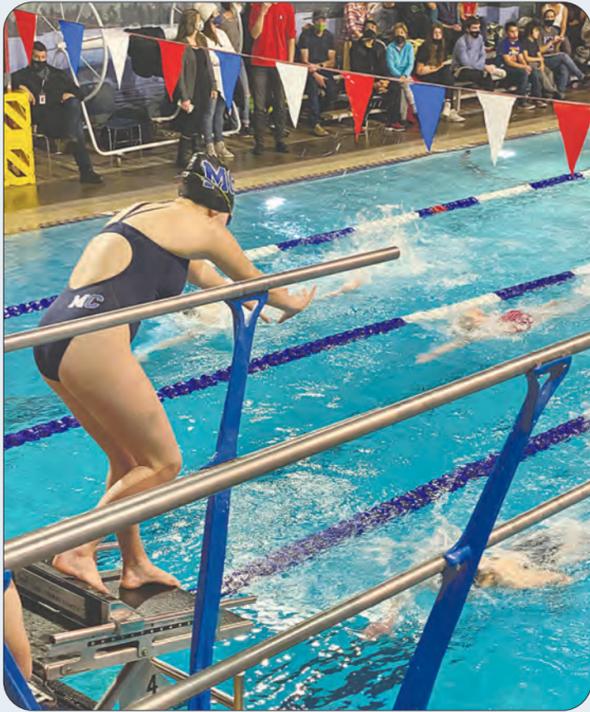
ANNIKA CANTRELL
RJSBS BASKETBALL
15 points
21 rebounds
Controlled the board and scored around the basket



AMBER GARCIA PHOTOS

(Top) Cowboy Casey Brink (#1) tries to get around Panthers Fisher Winder and Kevin Wren. (Bottom) #2 Liam Deming goes up for a shot. The Cowboys eked out a win over the Panthers 50-44.

MEEKER SWIMMERS HEAD TO REGIONALS ...



The Moffat County High School Swim Team, which includes Meeker's Morgan Schaut, Katie Lockwood, Vivian Brown and Wagner Brown, had a big weekend with meets in Aspen on Friday (left is the 200 free) and Glenwood Springs on Saturday. Regionals begin this Friday at Colorado Mesa University in Grand Junction and wrap up on Saturday. Swimmers will be swimming hard to make state qualifying times. State competition is Feb. 10-12.

Panther wrestlers compete in several duals

Special to the Herald Times

RANGELY I Last week, the Rangely Panther wrestlers competed in several duals.

The Panthers started their weekend of duals on Thursday in Hayden where they competed against the Hayden Tigers and the Rifle Bears. The Panthers were able to defeat the Bears in a very close dual but were overwhelmed by the extremely tough Tigers.

On Saturday, the Panthers competed at the Great 8 Dual Tournament in Grand Valley. Right off the bat, the Panthers narrowly lost to the Glenwood

Springs Demons, but were able to bounce back in their next dual and soundly beat the North Park Wildcats.

In the third dual of the day, the Panthers once again faced the Hayden Tigers. Although the Panthers weren't able to find a way to win the dual, several Panthers were able to win key regional matches.

After the third dual, the Panthers were matched against the Soroco Rams, followed by the Eagle Valley Devils. The Panthers finished the day strong and were able to defeat both teams and ultimately placed 5th in the tournament.

Overall, the Panthers finished the week 4-3 in

their duals over the weekend.

On Thursday, February 3rd, the Panthers host their lone home dual of the season against the Coal Ridge Titans. Come support your Rangely Panthers at the Rangely Jr./Sr. High School at 6:00 PM.

"These young men have been working very hard," says head coach JC Chumacero. "If you can, please come out and support them and their families."

After Thursday's dual, the Panthers will head to Meeker on Saturday to compete in the final event of the season before regionals, which will be held in Buena Vista this year.



The Panthers finished the week 4-3 in their duals. Above is Panther senior Joseph Adams.

Three tournaments and two duals for Cowboys

By TIFFANY JEHOEK

Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER I A busy two weeks for Cowboy wrestling in a 10 day stretch they had three duals and two tournaments traveling over a thousand miles.

"Our kids have been working really hard in practice as we have been pushing them," commented assistant coach Stryker Lane, "with all the meets and duals we have attended they are tired, we will

start to cut practice a bit to get them well rested for regionals.

Last week opened with senior night and a dual against Grand Valley, the Cowboys came out of top 60-24 with wins by Owen Hanneman 120 pounds, Clay Crawford (126), Ty Goedert (132), Abe Maupin (145), Trevor Keys (152), Trinden Powell (170), Kelton Turner (182), Hayden Shults (195), Judd Harvey (220), and Tanner Musser (HWT).

The following evening the team traveled to

Palisade to win another great dual 50-27. Cowboys bringing home wins were Zeek Gianinetti (106), Bow Muxlow (113), Goedert, Connor Blunt (152), Cade Blunt (160), Powell, Teagan Sheridan (182), Harvey, and Musser.

A mid-season add to the schedule the team turned their focus on the Valley Classic in Center. With regionals this year just seven miles from Center in Del Norte, this tournament was going to be a preview of what they had to look forward to at regionals.

The Cowboys showed up with 13 of the 14 spots filled and won the tournament with 164 points.

Centauri with 160.5 points took third, North Fork (159) took fourth, Gunnison (129) 5th, Buena Vista (127) 6th, and Crowley County (115.5) 7th.

"Not all of the teams were full," commented Lane, "both Centauri and Buena Vista were missing kids too."

Other teams at the tournament were Mancos, Piedra Vista, Fowler, Center, Las Animas, Monte Vista, Rye, Norwood, Trinidad, Salida, Olathe, Merino, Swink, La Veta, Sargent, West Grand, Custer County, Sierra Grande, Rifle, and

Del Norte. The only teams missing from regionals were Lotus, Sanford, Mountain Valley, Hanover, and Colorado D&B.

Nearly everyone on the team scored points that led up to the win and nine of the 13 boys placed. All of the fifth and sixth places were determined not by actually wrestling but by forfeit or coin flip as the boys had maxed out their matches for the day. Placing at the tournament were, Gianinetti - 5th, Goedert - 3rd, Maupin - 6th, Connor - 2nd, Cade - 6th, Turner - 6th, Shults - 6th, and there were two champions, Harvey at 220 pounds and Musser at 285 pounds, both of whom were undefeated for the week. Harvey scored 30 points and

Musser scored 24 points for the team.

This week the team will wrestle off for their varsity positions for regionals and are looking forward to the dual tournament they will be hosting in Meeker. The tournament is scheduled to begin at 9:30 am and will feature two Meeker teams, Basalt, Coal Ridge, Delta, Grand Valley, Hayden, Olathe, Rangely, and Soroco.

Following the duals, the Meeker Wrestling Club, not to be confused with the high school wrestling team, will be hosting a fundraiser from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Mexican House for their trip to Nationals in Virginia during spring break.



COURTESY PHOTO

After a busy two weeks, the Cowboys wrestling team is set to wrestle off for regional varsity positions and will be hosting a home tournament. Above, heavyweight Tanner Musser.

CORRECTION...



COURTESY PHOTO

In the Jan. 27 edition of the Herald on page 1B, we inadvertently printed a duplicate photo of Rangely Panther Kobey Chism instead of Meeker Cowboy Judd Harvey in the story titled, "Cowboys place seventh at Top of the Rockies." The correct photo is printed above. We regret the error.

SPORTS SCHEDULE

RANGELY BASKETBALL (VARSITY)
Feb. 5 @Home v. Cedaredge 2:30, 4 p.m.
Feb. 10 @Home v. Caprock 5:30, 7 p.m.

RANGELY HS WRESTLING
Feb 5 Meeker Duals @ Meeker
Feb 11-12 Regionals

MEEKER BASKETBALL (VARSITY)
Feb. 5 @ North Park 4, 9 p.m.
Feb. 8 Lady Cowboys vs. Basalt 6, 7:30 p.m.
Feb. 10 @ Snake River, 4, 10 p.m.

MEEKER HS WRESTLING
Feb. 5 Meeker Duals @ HOME
Feb 11-12 Regionals

We're watching competitions... ...and learning about the sports!

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2022 Winter Games

Are you watching all the excitement surrounding the Winter Olympics, which are being held in Beijing, China? It is a super celebration this year as the Winter Olympics overlap with the 2022 Chinese New Year celebration.

Can you imagine the 2,900 athletes from over 85 countries, speaking just about every language you can think of? Wouldn't you like to walk around the Olympic Village where they live and see how they train?

The athletes have been training for many years and are among the best in the world. They will compete in different sports such as figure skating and skiing.

Yahoo!

"Swifter, Higher, Stronger."

- Read the clues below to fill in the crossword puzzle:**
- The first Olympic games were held in Olympia, _____.
 - The first Olympic competition was a _____, run barefoot.
 - Modern winter or summer _____ are usually held every 2 years.
 - Before the games start, runners carry the Olympic _____ from Olympia, Greece to the place where the Olympics will be held.
 - This year, the host city of the winter games is _____, China.
 - More than 2,900 _____ from 85 countries will go to China to compete.
 - About two _____ U.S. athletes and 100 Canadian athletes will attend the Winter Games.
 - The athletes will live together in the Olympic _____ during the games.
 - They will compete in 109 events (over 15 disciplines) in 7 different _____.
 - People all over the _____ watch and cheer for the athletes.
 - We hold our breath while we wait for the _____.
 - The most watched sports are expected to be figure _____ and ice hockey.
 - The _____ person ever to win a Gold Medal was 13-year-old diver Marjorie Gesting.

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Shanghai

14. The front of the 2022 medals have the 5 Olympic rings in the center circle and 4 more rings with ice, snow and cloud patterns in them. The pendants are designed after _____ ones found in the tomb of Nanyue King, Western Han Dynasty.

15. Look for the 2026 Winter Games to be held in Milan, _____.

The names in **bold print** are some athletes to watch!

Nathan Smith
Hockey (U.S.A.)

speed skating 4

alpine skiing

figure skating 6

biathlon

curling

bobsleigh 9

skeleton

luge

ice hockey

Chloe Kim (U.S.A.)
Halfpipe Snowboarding

snowboarding

Vanessa James and Eric Radford (Canada)
Figure Skaters

Mikaela Shiffrin
Alpine Skiing (U.S.A.)

freestyle skiing 12

Which Olympic Sport Is It?

- Athletes at the Winter Olympics are competing in 109 events in 7 sports to win and to earn Gold, Silver or Bronze medals. **Read the clues to fill in my puzzle with the Olympic sports!**
- average "flight time" is less than 10 seconds
 - had a 5-year break before returning in 1992; a lot like shuffleboard
 - started as a mix of skiing and acrobatics
 - combination sport of cross-country skiing and rifle shooting, skills first used by hunters and soldiers
 - started in the Summer Olympics (1908), now: singles, pairs, ice dancing
 - partly enclosed vehicle on steerable blades racing on iced tracks
 - done in the Alps in Europe for many years; Olympic sport since 1936; includes the downhill event, which is the longest with highest speeds, and the slalom, which has the shortest course with the quickest turns
 - special skates, tight racing suits to lower friction, helmet, eyewear
 - Olympic-style toboggan: steering and speed are important
 - flexible or stiff boards, boots, hard plastic helmets
 - stick, skates, helmet, pucks, protective gloves, shin guards, jersey
 - one of the fastest Olympic sports; athletes go up to 100 miles per hour

Meet the Mascot

(Ask a grownup if you can visit the official Olympic website to see the mascots.)

Do you know what an Olympic **mascot** is? It is an animal or human figure that stands for the cultural heritage of the host country. The first official mascot was a dachshund at the Munich games in 1972. In 1980, Misha, the Russian bear cub was a popular mascot.

China's mascot for the 2022 Winter Olympics is **Bing Dwen Dwen**, a panda! The panda is one of China's favorite animals. "Bing" is the word for ice, symbolizing purity and strength. Bing Dwen Dwen has a heart on his paw that welcomes all people. The colors in a circle around his face stand for ice and snow tracks.

Bing Dwen Dwen, the mascot for the 2022 Winter Olympics, stands for:

Use the alphabet key to see what **Bing Dwen Dwen** stands for:

A	B	C	D	E	F
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THEME: VALENTINE'S DAY

ACROSS

- Fantasy sports data
- Accounting acronym
- Stark daughter on "Game of Thrones"
- Branch of economics
- All talk, no action type of service
- Relating to symmetry, in geometry
- Base-8 numeral system
- "_____ the land of the free..."
- Lots and lots
- *Actor Ryan of "Blue Valentine"
- *Desdemona's suspicious husband
- Big fuss
- Nose-in-the-air type
- Uber alternative
- One on a pedestal
- Moderately wide
- Eye layer
- Twelfth month of Jewish year
- Cheese-covered chip
- Popped relief?
- "Love, _____" movie
- Splints site
- Muhammad's teachings
- Orchestra instrument
- Past of have
- Avoids work, in British slang
- Give off
- Dose of sunshine
- Back seat
- Hair-raising product
- *_____ valentine, an opposite of love note
- English author perhaps best known for "The Canterbury Tales"
- Like Mary-Kate and Ashley
- Pooh's "wise" friend
- Bring to an end
- Potassium nitrate
- Farm sound
- Arm bones
- Back talk
- Uniting conjunction
- Imposter
- Plural of solidus
- Heidi's shoe
- *Sweetie follower
- Cook's cover
- Wheel holder
- Cambodian money
- Two-masted vessel
- "The Sun _____ Rises" (2 words)
- Trash can for fireplace (2 words)
- Source of lymphocytes, pl.
- Pull along
- Dormant state
- *Famous archer
- Dispatch boat
7. "_____ and whistles"
- Hodgepodge
- Mr. and Mrs. Incredible's son
- Blood of the gods, Greek mythology
- Seven days postmortem
- *Hive-related endearment
- Unfortunately, exclamation
- Rumpelstiltskin machine
- Stallion's cry
- Business combination
- Old Man's turf, according to Hemingway
- Darjeeling server
- Smell, usually pleasant
- Calms
- Ford Transit and such
- Pelvic parts
- Lice eggs
- Augments
- Oaf
- Scoop holder
- Biblical twin
- Donna or Lou
- Got a blue ribbon

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DAYS GONE BY

THE STRIP #92

The Meeker Herald
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- The Miners at Hahn's peak and vicinity were greatly worked up last week over an attempt at wholesale claim jumping in that district. As a preventative a liberal use of hemp was threatened, which is a very good remedy in such cases.
- Simp Harp has secured the mail contract for summer service from New Castle to Marvin Lodge and will run a line of fast passenger coaches in connection with the same.

The Meeker Herald
100 years ago

- The Junior class play was given last Saturday night at Dunham's hall to a crowded house.
- The Chemist Club at Meeker High School held its third meeting

last Friday in which Mrs. Treadwell gave a lecture about sugar, which was greatly appreciated by all present.

The Meeker Herald
50 years ago

- An extensive background radio-activity monitoring program over a broad area from Meeker to Grand Junction is now underway in preparation for the Project Rio Blanco, a nuclear gas stimulation test proposed for later this year in Piceance Creek Basin.
- Each year at Masonic Grand Lodge awards are presented to members for outstanding work in the various Masonic bodies. This year Gaines S. Greene, Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council Royal and Select master announced that the winner of this year's awards was to be presented to Clifford

Robinson, Past Illustrious Master of Northwestern Council No. 22.

The Meeker Herald
25 years ago

- Great fun was had by all at the Fairgrounds last Wednesday night when 23 Cub Scouts from Pack 190 had their annual Pinewood Derby with a brand new track donated by the Meeker Lion's Club.
- During the month of January Pioneers Hospital topped the million dollar mark in its efforts to raise funds for its new clinic expansion and internal remodel project.

Rangely Times
50 years ago

- The Rangely Ward MIA (Mutual Improvement Association) of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints sponsored a Music and

Arts Festival on January 26th with several piano soloists.

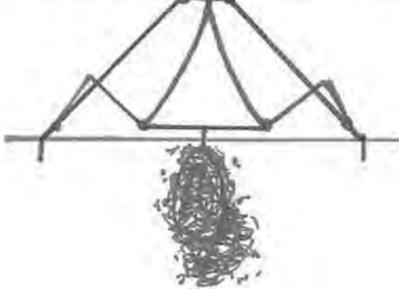
- The Bernard F. Yaeger Chapter of The National Junior Honor Society held its induction assembly on Jan. 25 and inducted 9 new members.

Rangely Times
25 years ago

- Marvin Cattoor will be displaying his exceptional Wildlife photography at the Museum of Northwest Colorado from Feb. 5 to Mar. 4.
- The Rangely Regional Library is pleased to announce its acceptance as a participant in the Libri Foundation Books for Children program, which helps give children's books to libraries in rural areas.



Forward Sway
First Steps To Every Pose
1. Lengthen through the crown of your head, tucking your chin in just a smidgen to straighten out your cervical spine; stand, sit, or lay tall.
2. Pull your belly button up and then back towards your spine to engage your core and lift your pelvic floor.
3. Stay relaxed through your shoulders and maintain steady/natural inhales and exhales.



This pose/movement is called Forward Sway, it will strengthen your core, hips, glutes, and thighs while also creating space down your spine and the back of your legs.

Stepping your feet wide with your toes pointing forward inhale to stand tall then exhale to fold forward from your hips, releasing the crown of your head down towards the floor. Bring your hands down to the floor, or if you are confident in your balance you can bring your hands to your legs. Be sure you feel steady and lengthened out through your spine. Now start to gently sway your torso a bit to the left, a bit to the right.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

CALLS FOR NOMINATION & ELECTION NOTICES

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an election will be held on the 3rd day of May, 2022, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. At that time, 4 directors will be elected to serve 3-year terms. Eligible electors of the Meeker Sanitation District interested in serving on the board of directors may obtain a Self-Nomination and Acceptance form from the District Designated Election Official (DEO):

Rachel Willey
265 8 th Street
Meeker, Colorado 81641
970-878-5192

The Office of the DEO is open on the following days: Monday – Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The deadline to submit a Self-Nomination and Acceptance form is close of business on **Friday, February 25, 2022** (not less than 67 days before the election).

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

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

/s/ Rachel Willey
Designated Election Official
Published: January 27 and February 3, 2022
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CALL FOR NOMINATIONS EASTERN RIO BLANCO METROPOLITAN RECREATION & PARK DISTRICT

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a polling place election will be held on Tuesday May 3, 2022, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. At that time, three eligible electors will be elected to serve a three-year term each on the District's Board of Directors. In order to be a candidate for one of the Board of Director positions, a qualified individual must submit a Self-Nomination and Acceptance Form. The Self-Nomination and Acceptance Form is available from Cathy Kiser, Designated Election Official of the District, at the contact information below:

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

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

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

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that applications for absentee ballots may be

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

EASTERN RIO BLANCO METROPOLITAN RECREATION & PARK DISTRICT
/s/ Cathy Kiser, Designated Election Official
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A CALL FOR NOMINATIONS TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, and, particularly, to the electors of the Mesa View Estates Water District of Rio Blanco County.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an election will be held on the May 3, 2022 between the hours of 7:00 am and 7:00 pm. At that time, 3 directors will be elected to serve 2-year terms and 2 directors to serve 1 year term. Eligible electors of the Mesa View Water District interested in serving on the board of directors may obtain a Self-Nomination and Acceptance form from the District Designated Election Official (DEO):
Krista Benner
487 Agency Drive
Meeker, Colorado 81641
303-903-2055
KristaBenner03@gmail.com

The deadline to submit a Self-Nomination form and acceptance is 5:00 pm, Friday, February 25, 2022. Affidavit Of Intent To Be A Write-In-Candidate form must be submitted to the office of the designated election official no later than 5 pm, Tuesday, April 26, 2022.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, an application for an absentee ballot shall be filed with the designated election official no later than 5 pm on Tuesday, April 26, 2022.
/s/ Krista Benner
Designated Election Official
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A CALL FOR NOMINATIONS TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, and, particularly, to the electors of the Rangely Rural Fire Protection District of Rio Blanco County, Colorado.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an election will be held on the 3rd day of May, 2022, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. At that time, 2 directors will be elected to serve 3 year terms. Eligible electors of the Rangely Rural Fire Protection District interested in serving on the board of directors may obtain a Self-Nomination and Acceptance form from the District Designated Election Official (DEO):

Linda C. Gordon
215 Hillcrest Avenue
Rangely, CO 81648
970-629-1116

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

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

Rangely Rural Fire Protection District /s/ Linda Gordon, Designated Election Official
Published: January 27 and February 3, 2022
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A CALL FOR NOMINATIONS TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, and, particularly, to the electors of the Western Rio Blanco Metro Recreation and Park District of Rio Blanco County, Colorado.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an election will be held on the 3rd day of May, 2022, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. At that time, 2 directors will be elected to serve 3-year terms. Eligible electors of the Western Rio Blanco Metro Recreation and Park District interested in serving on the board of directors may obtain a Self-Nomination and Acceptance form from the District Designated Election Official (DEO):

Jennifer Noel
Western Rio Blanco Recreation and Park District
611 S. Stanolind Avenue
Rangely, CO 81648

The Office of the DEO is open on the following days: Monday through Thursday from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

The deadline to submit a Self-Nomination and Acceptance is close of business on **Friday, February 25, 2022 at 3:00pm** (not less than 67 days before the election).

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

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

Western Rio Blanco Metro Recreation and Park District
/s/Jennifer Noel
Designated Election Official Signature
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A CALL FOR NOMINATIONS TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, and, particularly, to the electors of the Rio Blanco Fire Protection District of Rio Blanco County, Colorado.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an election will be held on the 3rd day of May 2022 between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. At that time, two (2) directors will be elected to serve 3-year terms and one (1) director will be elected to serve a 1-year term. Eligible electors of the Rio Blanco Fire Protection District interested in serving on the board of directors may obtain a Self-Nomination and Acceptance form from the District Designated Election Official (DEO):

Cassandra Denney
Rio Blanco Fire Protection District
240 7th St. / PO Box 737
Meeker, CO 81641
970-878-3443

The Office of the DEO is open on the following days: Mon – Fri from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The deadline to submit a Self-Nomination and Acceptance is close of business on Friday, February 25, 2022 (not less than 67 days before the election).

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

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, an application for an absentee ballot shall be filed with the designated election official no later than the close of business on Tuesday preceding the election May 3, 2022.

/s/ Cassandra Denney, DEO
Published: February 3 and 10, 2022
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ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

TOWN OF DINOSAUR DISBURSEMENTS FOR NOVEMBER 2021

Gross Salaries, \$ 25,795.54
Contract Labor, \$ 127.50
PERA, Monthly Contributions, \$ 2,831.42
Colorado Dept of Revenue, CWT, \$ 894.00
IRS, FWT/Med, \$ 2,714.08
FPPA & D&D, Contributions, \$ 3,066.72
Centurylink, Phone, Fax, internet, \$ 482.00
Moon Lake Electric, Town Electricity & School, \$ 2,227.87
Rangely Trash Service, Trash Service, \$ 92.00
Caselle Inc, Support, \$ 430.00
City of Grand Junction, Wastewater test, \$ 67.50
County Health Pool, Insurance, \$ 7,843.72
COMDATA, Gas, \$ 1,496.08
WestWater Engineering, Sewer project, Discharge permits, \$ 6,172.73
Distel Consulting LLC, Professional Services, \$ 6,100.00
Bankcard Center, GoDaddy, XM radio, GoDaddy, liftgate parts, postage, \$ 1,470.28
Walmart, Bleach, \$ 197.22
Column, Budget notice, \$ 7.57
Prater's Plumbing & Heating, Boiler, \$ 6,310.00
Akronpc.net, IT Service, \$ 1,350.00
UNCC, Locates, \$ 2.64
Ixon Watercare Inc, Pond Doctor, \$ 29,678.99
Anson Excavating & Pipe Inc, Sewer Project, \$ 27,788.83
Mountain States Company, Replaced Well 1, \$ 9,251.68

Rangely Auto Parts, Wire, solenoid, terminal, antifreeze, \$ 92.34
Office Depot, Computer & Windows 10, \$ 899.98
University of Colorado, Design for School, \$ 3,050.00
SGS, Water test, \$ 642.48
T. Long, Mileage, \$ 187.62
CML, Dues, \$ 346.00
CNA Surety, Bond, \$ 200.00
Long's Hideout RV & Services, Compressor rental, \$ 170.00
TriTech forensics, Blood collection kit, \$ 55.57
Action Services Inc, Jet & camera lines, \$ 7,047.50
State of Colorado, Water & Wastewater permits, \$ 1,601.00
M. Taylor, Batteries, \$ 54.99
HACH, Chlorin RGT, \$ 255.22
CIRSA, Insurance, \$ 173.04
Williams Equipment, Hose for Jet truck, \$ 1,742.77
Sav on Propane, Propane, \$ 1,071.03
Kustom Signals Inc, Radars, \$ 2,606.00
Galls, Rain coats Narc kits, misc supplies, \$ 1,023.21
TOTAL ACCOUNTS PAYABLE \$ 159,617.12

TOWN OF DINOSAUR DISBURSEMENTS FOR DECEMBER 2021

Gross Salaries, \$ 25,954.26
PERA, Monthly Contributions, \$ 2,867.47
Colorado Dept of Revenue, CWT, \$ 900.00
IRS, FWT/Med, \$ 2,736.68
FPPA & D&D, Contributions, \$ 3,066.72
Centurylink, Phone, Fax, internet, \$ 482.00

Moon Lake Electric, Town Electricity & School, \$ 1,546.30
Rangely Trash Service, Trash Service, \$ 94.30
Caselle Inc, Support, \$ 430.00
City of Grand Junction, Wastewater test, \$ 67.50
County Health Pool, Insurance, \$ 7,843.72
COMDATA, Gas, \$ 1,547.78
WestWater Engineering, Sewer project, Discharge permits, \$ 12,384.65
Burdick, Paving and patch work, \$ 59,188.10
Bankcard Center, GoDaddy, XM radio, GoDaddy, Water test, \$ 518.38
Rangely Hardware, Misc. parts, \$ 11.27
Walmart, Bleach, \$ 107.25
Jones Paint & Glass, Windows, \$ 19,428.67
TJ's Tire Pros, Tires, \$ 1,236.69
Napa Auto Parts, Lights, \$ 39.98
Akronpc.net LLC, IT Service, \$ 1,515.00
UNCC, Locates, \$ 2.58
Browns Hill Engineering & Control, Calibrations, \$ 1,077.70
Vernal Winnelson, Parts for Well, \$ 134.54
Sav on Propane, Propane, \$ 870.78
Galls, Alco-sensor, evidence bags, \$ 614.99
Motorola Solutions, Dues, \$ 1,380.00
Office Depot, DVD Burner, Backup battery, \$ 101.68
Safe Life Defense, Uniforms, \$ 1,743.75
HACH, Chlorine RGT, \$ 483.95
Pinnacol, Workers Comp, \$ 1,352.00
Jean's Printing, Summons, \$ 875.52
TOTAL ACCOUNTS PAYABLE \$ 150,606.91
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Rio Blanco County
2022 DUST CONTROL PROJECT
REQUEST FOR BID
PROJECT NAME, LOCATION AND GENERAL SCOPE OF WORK
2022 Dust Control Project. Work includes the placement of approximately 403,024 gallons Blended Magnesium Chloride on approx. 100 miles of various County roads. An additional approx. 34,000 gallons will be applied to Garfield County Trappers Lake Road and Trappers Lake Campground Loop at the same unit price, but billed to and paid for by Garfield County. An additional 6,161 gallons will be applied to other county properties but billed separately to other county departments and private parties.
CONTRACT DOCUMENTS
Contract Documents shall be available on-line at www.govbids.com/scripts/co1/public/home1.asp, or on the county's website at www.rbc.us/bids.aspx, or at the Rio Blanco County Road and Bridge Dept, 570 2nd Street, Meeker, Colorado 81641 on January 27, 2022.
PROJECT SUPERINTENDENT AND QUESTIONS
Clint Chappell, Road and Bridge Coordinator, (970) 878-9590, Fax (970) 878-3396. Mailing address: Rio Blanco County Road and Bridge Dept., 570 Second Street, Meeker, CO 81641.
All Vendors must examine the sites and become familiar with all site conditions. Any questions regarding this project are to be directed in writing to Clint Chappell before February 11, 2022 at 4:00 P.M. at the above address or fax number.
WORK SCHEDULE
This project shall start March 29, 2022 and

BID REQUEST

be completed by June 9, 2022, pending delays due to adverse conditions. A second application on County Road 65 will be scheduled for approx. Aug. 23, 2022 as shown on the Project Application Schedule.
NON-MANDATORY PRE-BID MEETING
Vendors may attend a non-mandatory pre-bid meeting:
Tuesday, Feb. 8, 2022 at 2:00 P.M. at the Rio Blanco County Road & Bridge Dept., 570 Second Street, Meeker.
BID SUBMITTALS
Bids shall have Vendor's name and address and "2022 RIO BLANCO COUNTY DUST CONTROL PROJECT" written on the sealed envelope. All required documents shall be included with the bid or it shall be rejected. Each bid must include a certified check or cashier's check in the amount of not less than five percent (5%) of the total bid, made payable to Rio Blanco County, or by a bid bond in like amount executed by a surety company.
Mailed bids are due no later than 4:00 P.M. on Tuesday, February 15, 2022. Hand delivered bids will be accepted in Meeker from 8:00 A.M. to 10:45 A.M. on February 16, 2022. Do not depend on overnight delivery.
BIDS shall be opened and read in public at 11:15 A.M. on February 16, 2022 at the Commissioners' Board Room at the Rio Blanco County Historic Courthouse, 555 Main Street, 3rd Floor, Meeker, CO 81641.
Mailed bids are due no later than 4:00 P.M. on Tuesday, February 15, 2022. Hand delivered bids will be accepted in Meeker from 8:00 A.M. to 10:45 A.M. on February 16, 2022. Do not depend on overnight delivery.

Bids submitted after 10:45 A.M. shall be returned unopened. Bids submitted and opened shall not be withdrawn for 30 days thereafter.
BID PREFERENCE
C.R.S. 8-19-101, et seq, shall be observed on all construction contracts on public projects. The law states that when a construction contract for a public project is to be awarded to a bidder, a resident bidder shall be afforded preference against a nonresident bidder from another state equal to the preference given or required by the state in which the nonresident bidder is a resident.
BID AWARD
The Rio Blanco County Board of County Commissioners reserve the right to reject any or all bids; to waive any informalities in bids; and to accept the bid that, in the opinion of the Board, is in the best interest of the County of Rio Blanco, State of Colorado.
TITLE VI COMMITMENT
Rio Blanco County, in accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252, 42 U.S.C. SS 2000d to 2000d-4) and the Regulations, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded full and fair opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award.
RIO BLANCO COUNTY, COLORADO
Dated: January 27, 2022
By: Ty Gates, Chairman
Published: January 27 and February 3, 2022
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AGENDAS & HEARINGS

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF RIO BLANCO COUNTY, COLORADO
RIO BLANCO COUNTY HISTORIC COURTHOUSE
555 MAIN STREET, P.O. BOX 599
MEEKER, COLORADO 81641
This meeting will be streamed live on the RBC YouTube Channel:
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBicnHlMpB47zL_NjN0FIg
Tentative Agenda February 8, 2022

Public Comment: Any member of the public may address the Board on matters which are within the jurisdiction of the Board. If you are addressing the Board regarding a matter listed on the Agenda, you are requested to make your comments when the Board takes that matter. Please limit your comments to three minutes per member or five minutes per group. The public comment time is not for questions and answers. It is your time to express your views.

- 11:00 a.m. Call to order:
 - A. Pledge of Allegiance
 - B. Changes to the February 8, 2022 Agenda

2. **Move to approve the February 8, 2022 Agenda including any changes**
2. **CONSENT AGENDA** for February 8, 2022
Items of routine and non-controversial nature are placed on the consent agenda. Any Commissioner or member of the audience may request an item be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered separately on the regular agenda prior to action being taken by the Board on the Consent Agenda.

A. Move to approve the below listed items of the Consent Agenda.

3. **BUSINESS**
 - A. Move to approve/deny revised RFR #6 for the Meeker Coulter Field Airport Federal Grant #3-08-0041-014-2021, total payment of \$32,899.99, FAA Reimbursement of \$32,899.19, Sponsor Reimbursement of \$0.80.
 - B. Move to approve/deny revised RFR #6 for the Rangely Airport Federal Grant #3-08-0047-016-2021, total payments of \$38,478.30, FAA Reimbursement of \$37,868.59, Sponsor Share of \$609.71.

4. **BID AWARDS**

5. **MOU's, CONTRACTS, AND AGREEMENTS**

6. **RESOLUTIONS**

7. **OTHER BUSINESS**

A. Road & Bridge Report – Scott Marsh

B. Public Comment

C. County Commissioners Updates

8. **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Adjourn

The agenda is provided for informational purposes only; all times are approximate. Agenda items will normally be considered in the order they appear on the agenda. However, the Board may alter the Agenda, take breaks during the meeting, work through the noon hour and even continue an item for a future meeting date. The Board, while in session, may consider other items that are brought before it. Scheduled items may be continued if the Board is unable to complete the Agenda as scheduled. The next regular Board meeting is tentatively scheduled for February 15, 2022 at the Rio Blanco County Annex Building, 17497 Hwy 64, Rangely, CO. Please check the County's website for information at <http://rbc.us/186/Board-of-County-Commissioners>. If you need special accommodations please call 970-878-9431 in advance of the meeting so that reasonable accommodations may be made.
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MEEKER SANITATION DISTRICT
FEBRUARY 8, 2022
REGULAR BOARD MEETING AT 7:00 PM
The Regular Board Meeting of the Meeker Sanitation District will be held at the Meeker Sanitation District Office, 265 8th Street, Meeker, Colorado
1. Call to order
2. Additions or Changes to the Agenda
3. Approval of Minutes
4. Public Comments
5. New Business
A. JVA Engineering Firm PNA Agreement
B. Planning Grant Agreement
C. Grant Writing Agreement

6. Old Business
A. Plant Manager Report
B. Office Manager Report
7. Attorney
8. Board
A. Reports
B. Delinquent Accounts
C. Approve Current Bills
9. Adjourn
This agenda is subject to change without further notice.
Agenda is posted at the office of the Meeker Sanitation District, 265 8th Street.
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Town of Rangely
February 8, 2022 - 7:00pm
Agenda
Rangely Board of Trustees (Town Council)
ANDY SHAFFER, Mayor
Trey Robie, Mayor Pro Tem
Don Davidson, Trustee
Kodi Rae Nelson, Trustee
Tim Webber, Trustee
Alisa Granger, Trustee
Keely Ellis, Trustee

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Invocation
4. Pledge of Allegiance
5. Minutes of Meeting

a. Discussion and Action to approve the minutes of January 25, 2022, Town Council Meeting

6. Petitions and Public Input

7. Changes to the Agenda

8. Public Hearings - 7:10pm

9. Committee/Board Meetings

10. RBC Commissioner Reports

11. Council Reports

12. Supervisor Reports – See Attached

13. Reports from Officers – Town Manager Update

14. Old Business

15. New Business

a. Discussion and action to approve the January Check Register

b. Discussion and action to approve the liquor license renewal for Willis Rangely Enterprises LLC DBA Rangely Liquor Store

c. Discussion and action to approve the application to CDOT Revitalizing Main Street in the amount of \$2,000,000 for the improvements to the East Entrance

d. Discussion and action to approve the application to the Northwest Colorado Development Council for a grant for further review by Just Transition to fund a Training Certificate Program at CNCC in the amount of \$320,000

e. Discussion and action to approve Resolution 2022-01 a resolution cancelling the April 5, 2022, election and declaring the Mayoral Candidate Elected.

Informational Items

a. RBC Covid Update

Board Vacancies

a. Planning and Zoning Board Vacancy

b. Community Garden Board Vacancies

18. **Scheduled Announcements**

a. Planning and Zoning meeting is scheduled for the Feb 2, 2022, at 10:30 am

b. Community Outreach meeting is cancelled for Feb 7, 2022, at 6:00 pm

c. Rangely District Library Board meeting is scheduled for Feb 14, 2022, at 5:00 pm

d. Western Rio Blanco Park & Recreation District Board meeting is scheduled for Feb 14, 2022, at 7:00 pm

e. Rangely Junior College District Board meeting is scheduled for Feb 15, 2022, at 12:00 noon

f. Rangely School District Board meeting has been scheduled for Feb 15, 2022, at 6:15 pm

g. Rio Blanco County Commissioners Board meeting is scheduled for Feb 15, 2022, at 11:00 am

h. RDA/RDC Board meeting is scheduled for Feb 17, 2022, at 7:30 am

i. Rangely Chamber of Commerce Board meeting is scheduled for Feb 17, 2022, at 12:00 noon

j. Rural Fire Protection District Board meeting is scheduled for Feb 21, 2022, at 7:00 pm

k. Rio Blanco Water Conservancy District Board meeting is scheduled for Feb 23, 2022, at 6:30 pm

l. Rangely District Hospital board meeting is scheduled for Feb 23, 2022, at 6:00 pm

19. **Adjournment**
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PUBLIC NOTICE
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF RIO BLANCO COUNTY, COLORADO HEARING
Notice is hereby given that on Tuesday, February 22nd, 2022 the Rio Blanco County Board of County Commissioners will hold a public hearing beginning at 11:00 a.m. in the Rio Blanco County Historic Courthouse, 555 Main Street, 3rd Floor Commissioner Meeting Room, Meeker, Colorado to consider the following: **PRZ-0002-21 Third Amendment of Elk Creek Ranch PUD-Rezone.** The applicant (Elk Creek Ranch Owners Association) is requesting to rezone a 4 - 42 acre property from Agricultural (AG) to Planned Unit

Development (PUD) for the purpose of conforming to the Land Use Resolution (2016) governing Rio Blanco County. The property will be added to the current Planned Unit Development Agreement. The property is located within the SE ¼ of Section 10 and NE ¼ of Section 15, T1S, R93W of the 6th P.M. The parcel of ground is referred to as the "North 40" parcel. Copies of the documents may be obtained from the Rio Blanco County Planning Department at 555 Main Street in Meeker, Colorado, or you may call (970) 878-9510 for more information between the hours of 8:00 am and 5:00 pm.
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SENIOR CITIZEN RATE REDUCTION

MEEKER SANITATION DISTRICT SENIOR CITIZEN SEWER RATE REDUCTION PROGRAM
If you live in a household with one family member who is 65 years or older, as shown by a state issued drivers license or ID, birth certificate, school records, military discharge documents, or other supporting documentation acceptable to the Meeker Sanitation District, you may qualify for a reduced sewer rate. Eligible households will receive a discount on their sewer bill each month.
To qualify for the program, the total gross family income for all residents of the household must be less than \$1,886.77 per month or \$22,641.21 per year as evidenced by the federal income tax returns for all household members for the year 2021. If you are not required to file an income tax return, please provide copies of all income including 2022 Social Security

statement received by the household for the year 2021.
If you have been previously enrolled in this program, the Meeker Sanitation District has your proof of age on file and will only require that you provide the income tax return or written proof of income. In order to qualify for the program please provide the Meeker Sanitation District with the required information no later than May 30th of each year. Your reduction will become effective the following month after the information required is presented to the Meeker Sanitation District.
If you have any question or need further information, please contact the office of the Meeker Sanitation District at 878-5192, or stop by at 265 8th Street.
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FINAL SETTLEMENT

NOTICE OF FINAL CONTRACTOR'S SETTLEMENT
To all individuals, corporations, governments or governmental subdivisions or agencies, business trusts, estates, trusts, limited liability companies, partnerships, associations, or other legal entities that have furnished labor, materials, sustenance, or other supplies used or consumed by the contractor, Haselden Construction LLC., or such contractor's subcontractor(s), in or about the performance of work, or who have supplied laborers, rental machinery, tools, or equipment to the extent used in the prosecution of the work, for the construction project described as follows:
Meeker School District RE-1
Meeker High School Stadium Improvements and Barone Middle School Security Improvements (June 2021 – December 2021)
550 School Street,
Meeker, CO 81641

and whose claim or claims therefore have not been paid by the said contractors, or its subcontractors, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on the 14th day of February 2022, at the contractor's hour of 10:00 A.M., at the Meeker School District, District Admin Office, 555 Garfield, Meeker, CO 81641, final settlement will be made for work contracted to be done by the said contractor, for the above described project and all appurtenances which are a part of said project. Verified statements of the amounts due and unpaid on account of such claim or claims shall be filed with and received by Chris Selle, P.O. Box 1089, Meeker, CO 81641, by such time and date.
Dated: January 25, 2022
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By: John Usery
Title: Owner's Representative
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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES
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RECREATION & PARK DISTRICT
EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES
Please visit www.rbc.us or Rio Blanco County HR at 555 Main Street, Meeker, CO. 970-878-9570
ADA/EOE

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS
Volunteer Opportunities
The following Boards have positions available. If you are interested in serving on one or more of the following Boards, please complete an Application for Board or Commission and return to: HR, PO Box i, Meeker, CO 81641 or hr@rbc.us, 970-878-9570. The Application can be found at the rbc.us website under Elected Offices & Boards.
• Building Board of Appeals
• Board of Health
• Citizens Review Panel
• Columbine Park Board
• Community Services Block Grant Board (Min. requirements)
• Council on Aging Board
• Extension Advisory Board
• Fair Board
• Fairgrounds Board
• Historic Preservation Board
• Lodging Tax Board, Rng
• Planning Commission
• Rangely Library Board
• Weed Management

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With the growth of Pioneers Medical Center and Colorado Advanced Orthopedics Sports Medicine & Spine, we are excited to fill several positions. To see the full list of open positions, visit our website or scan the code below.

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Employment Opportunities
Meeker High School
• Head Track Coach

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