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Mock trial scheduled...

The mock trial of the driver involved in the mock fatal accident staged in October is scheduled for Feb. 11 at 11 a.m. in the MHS auditorium, according to MHS Principal Amy Chinn. All high school students will be required to attend, and the public is welcome. T.J. Shelton played the driver and he is up on three counts of vehicular homicide. County Judge Laurie Noble and Deputy District Attorney Steve Mallory will hear the case.



Former sheriff Si Woodruff to challenge Eskelson for commissioner

By JENNIFER HILL
Special to the Herald Times

RBC I Former Rio Blanco County Sheriff Si Woodruff formally announced his intention to seek election to the position of Rio Blanco county commissioner from District 3. Incumbent Jeff Eskelson is seeking re-election. Both men are Republicans.

Woodruff believes his knowledge of the local people and their needs qualify him for the job.

"I know the people and would represent them," he said. "I know almost all the elected

officials, department heads and employees of the county. I believe this is a time to conserve funds and simply protect the infrastructure we already have—roads, buildings, departments, employees, etc."

If elected, Woodruff says he would like to change the fiscal habits of the county.

"The priority would be to quit spending our funds and prepare as best we can for tougher times, as we did in the '80s," he said. "We knew financially for the last five years that revenues were decreasing. We didn't replace deputies when the slowdown started but kept funding in the budgets if it was

required to rehire."

Woodruff does not appear worried that he may not receive 30 percent of the delegate vote at the county assembly, which is required to make the primary ballot.

"Delegates in Rio Blanco County want the voters to decide who wins, not for the delegates to decide," he said.

When asked if he would seek to petition onto the primary ballot should he fail to receive enough delegate votes, Woodruff responded, "Yes, I would, but with only two of us (running) the delegates will try to make sure we're both on the ballot."

Woodruff's running for county commissioner will have implications to the former county employee's retirement if he is elected.

Woodruff says he would stop receiving his retirement funds while serving, instead choosing to be a "participant in the system."

Woodruff said he also acknowledges the inherent differences in his previous role as sheriff and the one he now seeks.

Woodruff says he welcomes the opportunity to be more open with the public than he was able to be in his prior job.

"Law enforcement was very restricted in what we could and couldn't say," he said.



Si Woodruff

As a commissioner, he says he would strive to be "open and factual."

"The public will accept what's going on when they understand the situation," Woodruff said. "They may not agree, but they will understand."

Delegates to the County Assembly will determine which candidates make it onto the June primary ballot on March 12.

Reservoir a part of Better City's plans

By REED KELLEY
Special to the Herald Times

RBC I Last week, the Herald Times reviewed the aspects of the Better City consulting "Phase IV—Recommended Action Plan" affecting Rangely and Meeker. The plan has one additional element aimed at the county as a whole—the Wolf Creek Reservoir project.

Better City states that the "multi-jurisdictional effort has the potential to create a significant economic impact for Rio Blanco County."

While there are as yet no approvals, project advocates are looking at a site on Wolf Creek, approximately 20 miles east of Rangely just north of Highway 64 and the White River, an area that extends into Moffat County.

With a footprint of at least 1,500 surface acres and a holding capacity of up to 90,000 acre-feet of water, the reservoir would be the largest in the region. Costs are projected to be from \$71 million to \$128 million.

The reservoir would be expected to meet municipal and energy development needs with use to include all types of water recreation, including motorized activities that Better City claims are increasingly restricted in other places across the state. In addition, the facility would provide water management that would benefit endangered fish recovery in the White River and beyond.

Better City further states that the proposal has already received support from multiple interests, including water conservation agencies, environmental groups and recreation enthusiasts.

Better City suggests interested citizens look at the "White River Storage Feasibility Study" done for the Rio Blanco Water Conservancy District in 2014. Further information can be obtained from the Conservancy District office at 2252 E. Main St., Rangely, or 970-675-5055.

The current Conservancy District board is composed of President Wade Cox, Mike Morgan, Peggy Rector, Vince Wilczek and Tim Winkler.

Based on visitation data from other reservoirs in the region, the Wolf Creek impoundment is anticipated to attract 125,000 to 160,000 visitor days annually, generating direct expenditures in Rio Blanco County of \$6.1 million to \$7.8 million.

Such economic activity would be very beneficial to existing small busi-

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SNOWFALL...



SEAN MCMAHON

The "one way" sign is at least eight feet tall, the pine tree next to it is about 13 feet high and the trees behind the snow bank are at least 20 feet tall, yet they are buried in a snow bank in the alley that runs between Fifth and Sixth streets and Main and Market streets as the snow fell quite heavily on Tuesday morning. Between Sunday afternoon and Tuesday morning, more than a foot had fallen, and there is a shortage of places to move and dump the excess snow.

Local input needed by Friday on new proposal at Colowyo

Special to the Herald Times

RBC I Rio Blanco County officials are urging residents to submit public comments on the draft environmental assessment (EA) for the Colom Area Development Project at Colowyo Mine in Northwestern Colorado near Craig.

Representatives from Rio Blanco County, the Town of Meeker, Meeker Chamber of Commerce, White River Electric Association and Tri-State Generation and Transmission

Association, Inc. will be in Meeker on Friday to provide project information, answer questions and collect public comments.

Citizens can attend several events to participate; 3 to 5 p.m. at Meeker Public Library, 490 Main St., and at local businesses throughout Meeker; from 5 to 6 p.m. at the Meeker High School wrestling dual; and from 6 to 8 p.m. at Holliday's, 364 7th St., for free live music and appetizers.

"Colowyo and Tri-State are terrific community partners for Rio Blanco

and Moffat Counties, and their economic impact can be seen throughout the region," Rio Blanco County Commissioner Jeff Eskelson said. "They provide a very responsible environmental approach to coal production, and citizens providing public comment on the EA is one way to ensure their production continues in Northwestern Colorado."

Colowyo Coal Co. proposes to revise its current mining plan to con-

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Local ties to state water plan cited

By REED KELLEY
Special to the Herald Times

RBC I Hosted by the Rio Blanco County Farm Bureau, Colorado Farm Bureau Vice President Carlyle Currier of Molina (Mesa County) discussed on Jan. 26 the development and implications of the recently finalized State Water Plan.

Currier was introduced to the attendees at the Mountain Valley Bank community room by county Farm Bureau President J.D. Amick.

Currier reviewed Colorado water supply history and current status. He reminded the group that transmountain diversions in the state now move about 500,000 acre-feet (AF) of largely Western Slope water to the Front Range.

He referenced Referendum A, voted on by the public in November 2003, which would have facilitated financing

for water projects, but which was defeated in every county in the state.

The Colorado Water Conservation Board study of statewide water supply (SWSD), done more than 15 years ago, was very pessimistic about the supply of water in Colorado versus growing needs.

The study identified a "gap" of some 560,000 AF by 2050 just for municipal and industrial (M&I) demand.

This situation led by then-State Rep. Russell George, now president of Colorado Northwestern Community College in Rangely, to shepherd legislation in 2005 that created eight river basin roundtables in Colorado and the Inter-Basin Compact Committee (IBCC).

Currier is a member of the IBCC, representing the Colorado River Roundtable. Also in 2005, agricultural

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Eskelson running again in effort to continue work done in first term

By JENNIFER HILL
Special to the Herald Times

RBC I Incumbent Rio Blanco County Commissioner Jeff Eskelson will seek re-election to his position with the county this fall. Eskelson, whose only opponent so far is fellow Republican and former Rio Blanco County Sheriff Si Woodruff, is hopeful that voters will give him the opportunity to finish the work he started when he was first elected in 2012.

"The main points of my first campaign were a more business-friendly county for the constituents and economic development," he said. "As a team, the current board of county commissioners has implemented business-friendly policies and procedures to assist, rather than hinder any individual needing services from Rio Blanco County."

"We, as a team, defined and hired a project coordinator to develop and utilize methods, tools and processes county-wide, conducive to better project scheduling, implementation and cost control. We, as a team, along with our great county employees have developed and implemented unprecedented strategies solving rural broadband issues," Eskelson said. "We have also made great strides in tackling the amorphous and difficult task of trying to level the economic highs and lows of being an energy extraction dependent county. These projects and relationships all take a tremendous amount of time and energy to implement. Put simply, I want to finish what



Jeff Eskelson

we've started."

Eskelson believes he has learned a lot from his experience on the board working with fellow commissioners Shawn Bolton and Jon Hill (who is also up for re-election in his district) and he credits much of what they've accomplished to the teamwork of the three.

"First of all, a single commissioner can accomplish absolutely nothing without a cohesive board of county commissioners," he said. "As a team, we have better, more in-depth state and federal representation than at any time in the county's history."

"We have sought and acquired over \$10.8 million in additional project funding just from the Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) alone," Eskelson said. "These are dollars that would not have been introduced to this county without diligence, great external relationships and hard work."

"We have completed a Land Use Rewrite from top to bottom," he said. "During this process, WPX Energy was a partner financially in supplying a well-qualified consultant but also in developing policies that help rather than hinder business while protecting the constituents to the best of our ability."

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RENÉ HARDEN

A contractor working on the Rangely campus of Colorado Northwestern Community College recently ran into a light pole, wipping it out and exposing hot wires. John Bottleberg thought the problem was taken care of until the administration was notified that the smoldering wires were still smoking. Bottleberg called Tony McPhail, then, when they had trouble locating which fuse it was, Alan Ducey at Ducey Electric checked it out.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- **TGIF Meeker this Friday.** WREA and Tri-State are hosting events to inform residents and gain public comments on the Colom Area Development Project at Colowyo Mine. For the project info and to gain comments there is a time set aside from 3 to 5 p.m. at Meeker Library and other local businesses; and from 5 to 6 p.m. at Meeker High School. From 6-8 p.m. there will be free live music and appetizers at Holliday's Restaurant.
- **Science Friday with Doc Bob.** Fridays from 10-11 a.m. at the Meeker Public Library.
- **Tot Spot Drop-in Childcare.** Monday-Thursday from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Meeker Recreation Center. (Evening times on Monday and Wednesday as well.) Available for children ages 6 months to 6 years. More information at meekerrecdistrict.com.
- **Adult Pickleball.** From 1-2 p.m. Wednesdays in the Admin

- Gym at the Meeker Rec Center.
- **Game Day.** Wednesdays at 9 a.m. at the Meeker Recreation Center Lounge for adults 50+.
- **Children's Story Hour.** Wednesdays at 10 a.m. at the Meeker Public Library.
- **Quilting Group.** Tuesday evenings 6-9 p.m. at the Parker Mall. Bring your sewing machine and project.
- **The Meeker Library Book Club** meets at 1 p.m. the second Monday of each month (excluding holidays). The next meeting will be Feb. 8. We will be discussing "A Complicated Kindness" by Miriam Toews. Stop by the Meeker Library for details.
- **Itty Bitty Sweetheart Pool Party** Feb. 10 at the Meeker Rec Center from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Ages 6 months to 6 years are invited to this Valentine's Day themed pool party! More information at meekerrecdistrict.com.

STEM AT WORK ...



The first week of January saw Meeker 4-H Program Coordinator Carley Smith visit Kay Bivens' library class demonstrating STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) activities to first through fifth graders. The theme for this week's presentation was engineering, focusing on building model ski jumps. The kids collaborated in small groups and were each given a set of materials to build a ski jump, launching a marble into a targeted area. The students could use blocks, insulation tubing, tape and chairs to design a ramp, allowing for greatest speed and most lift of the marble. The students learned important parts of engineering and that different materials can be shaped to increase strength and resistance to tension. This same idea is used by engineers working in the medical, environmental and industrial fields—and much more!

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COAL: Comments crucial

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continue the development of Colowyo Mine coal reserves leased from the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) in 1982 and 2007. The Colorado Division of Reclamation and Mine Safety (CDRMS) permitted mining operations and reclamation for the Colom project in 2013.

"It's important that the public review the draft environmental assessment and provide comments to the Office of Surface Mining," said Lee Boughey, Sr., the manager for corporate communications for Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association, Inc., which owns Colowyo Coal Co. "We believe the project will have no significant impact on the environment and the revised mining plan should be approved."

The EA is as comprehensive as most environmental impact statements and includes assessments of air quality impacts from mining and from combustion of the coal at Craig Station. Colowyo Mine currently delivers coal used at Tri-State's Craig Station power plant.

The EA also includes assessments of water quality impacts and impacts to all wildlife including Greater Sage Grouse. The Colom project is located on federal, state and private lands in Moffat County, Colo. adjacent to existing mining and reclamation operations.

The project will sustain 220 mine jobs and operations that annually have a \$200 million-plus impact to the regional economy and that make an estimated annual contribution of \$12 million in local, state and federal tax revenue.

Information on the EA, including the draft document and public comment process, can be found at the OSMRE website at www.wrcc.osmre.gov/initiatives/colowyo.shtm. Communities and organizations in Northwest Colorado have recently launched an effort to educate the public on the value of coal mining in the region and encourage participation in the public comment period for Colowyo EA.

More information can be found online at SupportNorthwestColorado.com.

ESKELSON: Hopes to keep 'team' together for another term

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"We are not just statewide but nationwide leaders in solving the rural broadband issues, as well as developing leading-edge economic development strategies," Eskelson said. "My involvement and continued development of AGNC (The Associated Governments of Northwest Colorado) as its chairman are leading to Northwestern Colorado really becoming the 800-pound gorilla in the room at the state Legislature."

Eskelson said his job has not been without its challenges and, for him, some of the most difficult aspects of the job include the slow pace of government and attacks from outside special interest groups.

"Having patience with the snail's pace that most, if not all, government agencies operate has been a challenge," he said. "Fighting the never-ending battle of the state and federal government constantly attacking or pilfering funding that rightfully belongs to the constituents of Rio

Blanco County has been a challenge.

One of the biggest challenges are irrational, specialized target groups such as Wild Earth Guardians picking away at valid permits, allowing federal officials to put in question the viable, exceptionally important jobs we have with our coal mines, agriculture, oil and gas," he said.

The next step for Eskelson is to appear before the Rio Blanco County Assembly delegates on March 12 at 1 p.m. There, he and any other Republican contenders to the position will give a short speech and be voted upon by the delegates. In order to appear on the Republican primary ballot in June, candidates will need to receive a minimum of 30 percent of the delegate vote. Candidates receiving between 10 and 29 percent can still complete a petition process to get onto the bal-

lot. When asked if he will try to petition onto the ballot should he fail to achieve 30 percent of the vote at the assembly Eskelson responded, "Yes, I feel this job is vital enough to the county to petition."

Should he be re-elected, Eskelson hopes to continue on the work of the last four years.

"I would like to see rural broadband come to fruition," he said. "I would like to continue to promote economic development, recognizing that this is a very lengthy process that takes long-term commitment."

Another goal is to continue to promote AGNC's growth and maturity as its chairman," Eskelson said. "We acknowledge that we are standing on the shoulders of financially conservative commissioners. These commissioners had the foresight to

increase the county's fund balance in order to execute the capital projects this board has completed without debt. The future plan does not differ from that of any previous board in that we intend to increase the county's fund balance prior to executing capital projects."

Eskelson is hopeful that voters will desire to see the current work of the commissioners continue on by re-electing him, saying, "It took time, but eventually we all understood implicitly that all of us as commissioners had the entire county as a priority over special interests or individual agendas. With that relationship, I'll argue you have the strongest team as a board of county commissioners that you've ever had."

"Please keep this team together, there isn't a single soul reading this that won't be glad you did," he said.

RESERVOIR: Would add to region's draw

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nesses in the county and job creation—complementing development activities being recommended by Better City for Meeker and Rangely.

Alden VandenBrink, the new Conservancy District manager, said the project has the endorsement of the Yampa/White/Green River Roundtable and the Colorado Water Conservation Board. It is included in the recently released State Water Plan.

VandenBrink confirms that at least \$400,000, including \$25,000 from Rio Blanco County, have been invested by the Conservancy District in exploring the possibilities for the reservoir.

From Rangely's perspective, the reservoir would be only a 20-minute drive from town and the recommended new student housing and would certainly "contribute to the attractiveness of CNCC as a fun place to attend college." The recreation options

would add to the region's draw and the experience of visitors like those using new amenities at Camper Park.

Similarly, Meeker would benefit from the additional recreational activity.

Likely to be located on BLM land, Better City recommends that the county and local recreation districts consider acquiring fee-simple land along the banks of and at access points to the reservoir, or establish cooperative operating agreements with BLM.

Further, the consultants suggest that stakeholders become engaged in

pursuing the project immediately. They describe the effort as a major undertaking that will require the financial participation of local and state government agencies to gain the necessary traction.

Better City also recommends that the county consider having a peer review analysis done of the completed Conservancy District work (2014 feasibility study) to reaffirm and validate the assumptions and conclusions reached as a way to increase public support and participation.

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Former Meeker woman to hold book signing at library in Meeker

By **DOC WATSON**
Special to the Herald Times



Diane Les Becquets

MEEKER | Former Meeker resident and published novelist Diane Les Becquets returns to Meeker for a book reading, presentation and signing of her new novel, "Breaking Wild," on Feb. 13 at 2 p.m. at Meeker Public Library. A question and answer session will also be an integral part of the event.

While "Breaking Wild" (Berkley, Penguin Random House) is not Les Becquets' first novel—she has written three others for the young adult market—it is her first in the adult market.

The book is about a female bow hunter who goes missing in the Colorado wilderness and the female ranger who tries to find the missing woman. For Les Becquets, however, it goes much deeper.

As an avid outdoorswoman, her inspiration for the story actually came while bow hunting in the remote area of Cyclone Pass in Colorado. After bugling back and forth with an elk and going deeper and deeper into the woods, darkness fell and she knew she wouldn't be able to take a shot. Retrieving her headlamp from her pack, however, she switched it on only to discover it wouldn't function.

"The moon and stars were blotted out by dark clouds, and I was lost," Les Becquets recounted. "There were no trails and I was in the middle of deadfall. I had a compass and I used the silhouette of the trees against the sky to get my bearings. After several hours, I found the trail that led back to my truck, but the whole thing was terrifying."

It was on her way home that the idea for "Breaking Wild" struck her.

It is also because of Les Becquets' love for Meeker, where she lived for almost 14 years, raised three sons and left in 2006, that she created the story's fictitious town of Rio Mesa, which is based on Meeker. The book itself is also dedicated to Meeker.

From China Wall to the Flat Tops Wilderness to the high desert, Les Becquets hiked, camped, snowshoed and even worked with archaeologists at field schools.

While she now lives in New Hampshire and loves it—she is a professor of English and a faculty member of the master of fine arts program in fiction and nonfiction at Southern New Hampshire University. (She said that when she left Meeker, she "liter-

ally cried all the way to the other side of Kansas because at the time no other place seemed possible.")

The old expression "write what you know," which refers more to emotions than it does events, is evident in Les Becquets' work in this novel. She identifies closely with both protagonists in the story, Amy Raye and Pru, but especially the latter.

"It is Pru's capacity to love and her capacity to feel grief as well as her process to heal, to live alone with her son, that I relate to the most," she said.

Much of this comes first from Les Becquets' loss of her first love, "a tall, strapping forestry major" who was killed in a car accident, and her second (her husband of only two years and another forestry major), who passed away from brain cancer.

"Both times the grief consumed me and it was through time alone in the woods and hiking mountains and camping beneath the stars where I found comfort and began to heal," she said.

This book was more than just "writing a novel," for Les Becquets, in fact. It was very healing for her.

"I remember when I wrote the last section that I went up to a hunting camp on the border of Canada and New Hampshire," she said. "There was no WiFi, no cell service, no electricity. When I got back, my agent sent it out, and, within a week we had a couple of big (publishing) houses vying for it."

Les Becquets is presently working on her next novel and will be able to devote more time to writing and promotion as her teaching load lessens.

Every writer hopes his or her words will resonate with the reader.

What does Les Becquets hope her readers will take away after reading "Breaking Wild"?

"I hope the novel will excite readers and inspire them to either connect or reconnect with the natural world," she said. "I also think the novel and its characters teach us of the human capacity to persevere, to love, and to forgive. There are a lot of four-letter words out there. My two favorites are hope and love."

Meeker student on UW honor roll

Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER | The University of Wyoming lists 118 students from Colorado on the 2015 fall semester President's Honor Roll including a student from Meeker.

The President's Honor Roll consists of regularly enrolled undergraduates who earned a 4.0 ("A") grade point average for the semester. To be eligible, students must have been

enrolled for a minimum of 12 credit hours taken for letter grades.

Chosen to the President's Honor Roll for the fall semester was Lindzey A. Patterson of Meeker.

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FAST FOOD ...

With snow covering some of the deer forage in the wild, this small group of deer thoroughly enjoys the low-hanging access to bird food at this bird feeder, just outside a door on the Colorado Northwestern Community College campus in Rangely.

RENÉ HARDEN

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FROM MY WINDOW...

Race for RBC commissioner may be interesting this year

By SEAN McMAHON
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The county political climate is rapidly heating up as the announcement comes that former Rio Blanco County Sheriff Si Woodruff is going after—er—challenging Jeff Eskelson for his seat on the Rio Blanco County Board of Commissioners.

This news brings mixed feelings to me and to several other folks I have spoken with in the past week, including at the Meeker Education Foundation benefit dinner on Sunday evening.

The feeling I have gotten has been almost unanimous with the spoken word of those I have spoken with. The folks like the heck out of Si Woodruff but aren't sure they want him as their commissioner.

I would reiterate what many of them said and back it up with a lot of years of my own experience in dealing with county commissioners/supervisors and county sheriffs.

The mindset, the temperament, the openness, the ease with the press, the importance of timeliness and the understanding that the public really DOES have a right to know are usually quite a bit different between law enforcement and a county commissioner.

There are so many facets of being a county commissioner that don't ever surface with the sheriff's office—land issues, zoning issues, planning issues, road, bridge and highway maintenance, grants, building issues, personnel issues, voting issues, livestock issues, streamflow, irrigation, wild horses, sage grouse, paying bills, budgeting for the entire county, where to put a new reservoir (now pending), snow removal and the list goes on and on.

It is true that a sheriff is an administrator, so some paperwork is not an unfamiliar task. But the differences in equipment, costs, personnel training, in-office practices, political

correctness, tolerance, the ability to listen to people and to speak back in a civil and understanding way can be quite different.

Meanwhile, law enforcement training and practice is more of a military structure where "this is the way it is" and "don't argue with me" don't work with a people-heavy job like the commissioners.

A huge difference also lies in the perception of "public information." Basically put, the public does have a right to know just about everything except real estate negotiations, personnel issues and litigation that the county is involved in.

Expenditures, minutes of meetings, mileage, meals purchased, etc., are all open records in a much more public way with a commissioner than with a sheriff. Shouldn't be, but it is.

I'm not going to make a recommendation now as to which candidate would make the best county commissioner—and there are several reasons why.

Both candidates have about a month to impress with their openness, desire to fill the job, etc., and it just might be interesting.

But I would urge the public to look at both men—who have been in the public in very different ways—for quite a while. Take a look at which one of these gents is the man you want to deal with as a county commissioner.

Both men are quite intelligent. Both men have done quite a bit for the residents of Rio Blanco County. Both men, I believe, have their own agendas.

This is a county race, folks, that will have far-reaching and long-standing consequences. Make sure you measure the facts carefully.



The Meeker Education

Foundation enjoyed great success on Sunday evening with its second annual fundraiser banquet at the Fairfield Center.

Last year's inaugural event was, well, an inaugural event.

The turnout was OK, but nothing to write home about. Some money was made because most of the goods were donated; and a good meal was had because it was cooked by Elk Mountain executive chef and Meeker Town Trustee Scott Creecy, who also prepared the great meal this year.

Sunday night's event saw at least twice if not three times the attendance as last year's event, and those in attendance thoroughly enjoyed the all-too-brief performances by the Meeker Elementary School Marimba Band, directed by Shana Holliday, and the Meeker High School Choir, directed by district music director Jeff Hemingson.

Both groups brought fresh, quality entertainment to the event, but perhaps they exited too quickly.

The food was good, the entertainment was good, the auction went smoothly if maybe not a little slowly, and those in attendance seemed to have a good time—leading, perhaps, to what will be a packed house this next year and in years to come.

The benefit raises funds for all three schools in the district and the money pays for incidental items that the regular budget cannot or doesn't pay for.

It seemed that perhaps more teachers and staff from the schools have bought into the reality that the MEF does indeed do good for the schools because there were many more district employees helping at the event on Sunday, which is not usually a night that folks like to go out socializing.

The Meeker Education Foundation should be lauded.

It has set its sights on supplementing the funding for incidentals and otherwise unfunded goodies and necessities needed by the teachers and the students.



In this day and age, when state funding formulas keep shrinking or at least holding steady while costs go up, the MEF does indeed perform a service that all classrooms and students benefit from.

This week may be the true test of just how well they really do keep the town's streets clean of snow in Meeker, but two women at the MEF fundraiser on Sunday said I should give a shout-out to Meeker town street crews, which have done an excellent job of keeping the deep snow under control.

Meeker is a small town, but we have had a big-city snow supply so far this winter, and the snows have not fallen at the most convenient

times—early morning, late morning, mid-afternoon and late at night. And often, the snow has fallen more than once a day over a weekend.

This week, well in excess of a foot of snow has fallen since Sunday, and, as of today (mid-morning Tuesday), the side streets are a mess with not many more places to put the snow.

I have helped two people get into their driveways and I almost didn't make it out of mine this morning. But as soon as I got out of the driveway, the streets were negotiable and I would add here that I have a 2006 Chrysler Sebring convertible—not a four-wheel drive like about 99 percent of the vehicles on town streets for the past week.

God knows how much longer

this snow is going to keep coming, but I don't think I am alone in wishing the snow would stop for a while.

But back to the city crews, which have been doing a great job considering it is not a big road maintenance crew in a town of only about 2,500 people.

The crews start early, certainly concentrating on the main streets first, but it isn't usually long until the streets all around town have at least been plowed and the dirt/gravel have been spread on the streets in town that run up the hill.

So far, so good, city crews. We are quite lucky to have the towns, county and state roads in good hands.

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— IT'S TIME TO —
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Thank you for Standing with Trapper

Stand with Trapper would like to thank all community members who spoke out in support of Trapper Mine last fall when the federal Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSMRE) began the process of preparing an Environmental Assessment (EA) that will allow Trapper to remain in operation.

The draft EA has been released, and now we need all of Colorado to Stand with Trapper.

On January 25, OSMRE officially started a public comment period to receive feedback on its draft Environmental Assessment. After this public comment period, OSMRE will finalize the EA and submit it to the Secretary of Interior.

The agency's proper completion of this Environmental Assessment and ample public comments in support are vital to Trapper's future.

We ask that you provide support by taking a stand on behalf of Trapper's workers and their families, the positive impact Trapper makes to the community, the mine's nationally recognized environmental stewardship and reclamation efforts—and Trapper's vital role in fueling affordable and reliable electricity.

All interested individuals and organizations can provide written comments via email and written letters to OSMRE.

For more information and to submit comments online, please visit StandwithTrapper.com or SupportNorthwestColorado.com.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

What local superintendents want from the state

Dear Editor:
This is an open letter from the Colorado state school superintendents requesting adequate school funding from the Colorado State Legislature.

As Colorado school district superintendents, we are proud to serve as educational leaders in our communities that deeply value Colorado's public schools. We have both a professional and moral commitment to deliver on the promise of an effective education for each and every child in our state through an excellent public school system. In order to deliver on this promise to our children, Colorado schools must receive stable and adequate funding.

We are appreciative of the efforts over the last two years restoring a small portion of the \$5.12 billion withheld from Colorado's schools since 2010 via the negative factor; however, this debt owed to Colorado schools has continued long enough. We hold firmly to the belief that voters' intent in passing Amendment 23 was for schools to realize year-over-year funding increases of at least inflation plus student growth, and this intent needs to

be reflected in the state's FY 2016-17 budget and supported by all legislation considered by the 2016 General Assembly. During the 2016 legislative session, we specifically advocate for the General Assembly to:

1. Uphold the intent of the General Assembly, detailed in SB 15-267, and not reduce state appropriations for the 2015-2016 School Finance Act as a result of increases in state-wide assessed property values and consideration of other factors including economic forecast and state-wide enrollment changes.

2. Support a supplemental appropriation for 2015-2016 if necessary to ensure per-pupil funding is not reduced as a result of enrollment growth or the number of at-risk pupils enrolled.

3. Avoid increasing the negative factor in FY 2016-17.

4. Increase total program funding in FY 2016-17 by the rate of inflation and additional amounts necessary to account for increases in pupil enrollment and the number of at-risk students enrolled.

Furthermore, we strongly support the reclassification of the Hospital Provider Fee to an enterprise fund during the 2016 legislative session as a short-term measure to provide additional funding for Colorado's schools. We also encourage policy makers to

identify additional short and long-term strategies to achieve adequate funding for all schools.

The time has come for Colorado's elected representatives to provide strong leadership and restore Colorado's reputation as a state where public schools are highly valued and stable and adequate funding are top priorities.

We stand ready to work in partnership with Colorado's policy makers to find new solutions to the challenges ahead so every Colorado student receives the education they deserve.

Chris Selle
Superintendent of Schools
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Matthew Scoggins
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Thanks for support, compassion

Dear Editor:
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Mere words cannot express our gratitude. Thank you,
Tim and Tom Galloway
Rangely

From the governor's office about wolves

Dear Editor:
This is an open letter to Bob Amick of Meeker.

Thank you for writing our office to share your thoughts on the resolution passed by the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Commission (PWC) on Jan. 13, 2016, regarding wolves in our state. Interest in wolves remains high in Colorado and the PWC resolution has generated considerable public discussion and concern.

Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) and the PWC are responsible

for the management of wildlife resources within our state. Presently, however, wolves (both the gray wolf that resides in the northern Rocky Mountains and the Mexican wolf of the southwestern United States and Mexico) are classified as federally endangered, and are managed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS). Given the federal endangered status of wolves, the USFWS, and not CPW, is responsible for any wolves that travel into Colorado.

The state takes its role in conserving Colorado's diverse wildlife resources seriously. More than 110 years ago, the PWC approved a wolf management plan that was the product of a collaborative group of stakeholders called the Colorado Wolf Management Working Group. The plan represents broad-based agreement on how wolves migrating into Colorado will be managed once the species is removed from federal pro-

tection under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) and the state assumes management authority.

The USFWS is responsible for the development and approval of any recovery plan that would introduce or reintroduce a federally endangered species into our state. Recently the USFWS re-initiated efforts to update the recovery plan for Mexican wolves. The federal timeline calls for a draft plan for public review by late 2016 and the final recovery plan is scheduled for completion in December 2017.

The resolution passed by the PWC on Jan. 13 was a symbolic

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The complaints are already starting to come in—as I suspected they would.

I was impressed, and I think most city folks were fairly impressed, with the look of the new county justice center in downtown Meeker—at least until the work crew took down the fence that blocked the front of the building.

I have since received many phone-in and many in-face complaints about the looks of the front entrance of the new building.

I have already had one group

come in and find the quote from county officials stating that the front of the building would utilize the larger local stone on the front of the building so as to keep in style with the rest of the front of the building as well as the county courthouse.

"It looks like hell," is the quote I keep hearing regarding the red brick on the main portico in front of the justice center.

Besides the county not living up to what it said it would do regarding the stone in the front, there are a lot of people who believe "it looks like hell." I can be counted among them.

Too bad for the attractive building to have such an obvious eyesore where everyone will see it.

The Artesia Fire District is looking for new board members. Interested applicants must be a registered voter, live in the District or own property in the District. Please send letters of interest (include contact information) to the Town of Dinosaur City Hall, 317 Stegosaurus Fwy, Dinosaur, CO 81610; Attention: Richard Blakley. For more information call Richard Blakley at (970) 629-5135 or Chuck Grobe at (970) 846-4940. Deadline for admission of letters is February 18.

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The Problem of Sin (3)

By Dr. J. D. Watson
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Dr. J.D. Watson

WE have an Advocate with the Father . . . (1 Jn. 2:1; cf. Rom. 6). Once we realize our position in Christ (Rom. 6) and then reflect on the problem of the flesh (Rom. 7), there is but one more step, and this one is the great encouragement.

Third, in Romans 8, we rejoice in the provision. In 7:25, Paul summarizes chapter 7 and introduces chapter 8: "I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin." Paul does not say that we have "two natures," since the term "nature" immediately implies something inbred that we can't control. Rather, we have two "states of mind," the spirit and the flesh. We are now "partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust" (2 Pet. 1:4; emphasis added). That nature is present because the Holy Spirit regenerated our dead spirit, now making it alive and empowering it by His continuous indwelling. But at the same time, while our "spirit indeed is willing . . . the flesh is weak" (Matt. 26:41).

That is why Paul penned chapter 8! It is here that he assures us we can have victory over the flesh by the indwelling Holy Spirit. In fact, "the flesh" is never mentioned in chapter 8 without the Holy Spirit also being mentioned (vv. 1, 3-4, 5, 8-9, 12-13). Note also, in verses 3-9 we again see two states of mind: "the mind of the flesh" or "the mind of the Spirit." We either desire earthly things or we desire spiritual things. God's desire, of course, is that we have the "mind of the Spirit"; that is, our minds must continually be renewed. Romans 12:2 de-

clares that we must be "transformed by the renewing of the mind," and Ephesians 4:23 commands us to "be renewed in the spirit of your mind."

So, in daily practice, how do we get victory over the flesh? The answer is this, and is something I have memorized: *Victory over the flesh comes, not by struggling to subdue it, but by allowing the Holy Spirit to infill, renew, and transform the mind.* It's not will power that gives victory, rather it is Spirit power.

I would encourage with something else I heard many years ago and have never forgotten: *We do not have the inability to sin, but we do have the ability not to sin.* Did you get it? Have we reached sinless perfection? Have we reached the point where we no longer sin? Certainly not. But we still have the ability not to sin; we can still claim the victory over sin by the power of the Holy Spirit. No longer can we say, "I just couldn't help it. It's just part of my nature. It's just who I am." Yes, we can "help it" because of the Holy Spirit. The fact is that it is not part of our nature (Rom. 6; 2 Pet. 1:4). Yes, the flesh is still present (Rom. 7), but the Holy Spirit gives us power over even that. No, we are not sinless, but we do sin less.

Ah, but what happens when we do sin? That is our study next time.

Scriptures for Study: Read 1 Corinthians 10:13. Of what does this assure us?

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WHAT'S UP WITH THE GOVERNMENT

BLM proposes emissions rules; regulations may aid gas and oil

By **JONATHAN THOMPSON**
HIGH COUNTRY NEWS
Special to the Herald Times

RBC I On Jan. 22, as “Snowzilla” was about to hit Washington D.C. and much of the East Coast, Secretary of Interior Sally Jewell announced much-anticipated rules on emissions from oil and gas production on Bureau of Land Management-administered leases.

While the rules resemble those proposed by the Environmental Protection Agency last year, these are likely to have a bigger impact in the oil and gas fields of the West. The EPA rules only affect new and modified facilities, while the BLM regulations also apply to the tens of thousands of

existing oil and gas production facilities.

It may seem odd that a land management agency is regulating pollution. Technically, though, the rules are not aimed at reducing emissions but at stopping the waste of natural gas, which clearly falls under the BLM’s mandate. Since natural gas is mostly methane, a particularly potent greenhouse gas with health-damaging and ozone-producing volatile organic compounds mixed in, conserving the commodity also reduces pollution.

The rules, which will impact some 100,000 onshore oil and gas wells, target natural gas loss from venting and flaring, leaks, pneumatic devices, storage tanks, drilling and completion and liquids unloading. Once in effect, the

regulations will reduce emissions of methane by some 166,000 tons per year and of volatile organic compounds by 400,000 tons per year, according to BLM estimates. Environmental groups, many of which have been pressuring the BLM to enact such regulations for years, generally praised the rules.

Oil and gas industry advocacy groups, such as the Western Energy Alliance, say the rules aren’t necessary because operators are already cleaning up their act. They point to companies like Conoco-Phillips, whose San Juan Basin facilities collectively add up to be the largest methane emitter in the United States. The company voluntarily cut emissions from those facilities in half

between 2013 and 2014 (though they still remain the biggest emitter), mostly by doing some of the very same things the new rules require, such as replacing high-bleed pneumatic devices with low-bleed ones.

That case, however, also serves as an argument in favor of the new rules: It shows that complying with the new rules won’t be too onerous and, in fact, will ultimately benefit the operators since they’ll have more natural gas to sell. That, in turn, will boost royalties paid to the federal government on the commodity, much of which goes back to local communities.

And there’s another potential bonus for the natural gas industry: Complying with the rules will help natural gas regain its reputation as the

“climate-friendly” fossil fuel, a status endangered by methane leaks.

Here are the main components of the new rule:

Venting/Flaring: It’s often not profitable for an oil producer to build the infrastructure necessary to capture the natural gas that accompanies the oil and pipe it to market. Instead, the producer simply vents the gas into the atmosphere—a massive source of methane emissions—or flares it, creating carbon dioxide emissions. Because the flaring or venting occurs at the well, the lost gas is often not subject to royalties. In 2013, producers vented and flared nearly 100 billion cubic feet of gas, enough to heat 1.3 million households for a year.

The new rules will ban venting, except in emergencies, and limit routine flaring to 1,800 thousand cubic feet per month per development well. Operators will be required to submit a plan for minimizing gas release from a well before drilling begins.

This will, presumably, include plans to construct infrastructure for gathering and piping the gas and should eliminate the excuse that flaring is necessary because the infrastructure to capture gas doesn’t exist.

Royalties will be charged on “avoidable” flaring of gas although the list of “unavoidable” reasons for flaring that are therefore exempt from royalties is long. The flaring limits will be phased in over three years, and there is ample room for exceptions if, for example, an operator can convince the BLM that it’s too costly to comply. The BLM estimates that the rule will reduce flaring by about 75 percent.

Leaks: The new rules will require companies to do semi-annual inspections on well sites and compressor stations. If they find leaks, they will have to do more frequent inspections. They will then have 15 days to repair any leaks they find.

Pneumatic controllers and pumps: Colorado and Wyoming have banned high-bleed pneumatic valves and required operators to replace existing high-bleed devices with low-bleed ones. The BLM is now proposing to

do the same. It’s a relatively cheap way of curbing the loss of natural gas and should actually save companies more money than it costs.

Storage vessels: Vapors emanating from storage tanks associated with oil and gas production are a significant source of natural gas loss and methane and VOC emissions. For high-emitting tanks (over six tons of VOCs per year), companies will be required to reroute the vapors to combustion devices or sales pipelines. (The BLM rules do not cover large underground storage facilities such as the one at Aliso Canyon in California that has leaked massive amounts of methane in recent months).

Well maintenance and liquids unloading: In order to clean out liquids accumulating in older wells, operators will occasionally blow them out or purge them, resulting in a loss of gas. Newer technology allows the same task to be done with fewer emissions; the BLM will require operators to use best management practices to minimize gas loss.

Well drilling and completion: Large quantities of natural gas can burp out of a well during drilling and completion (hydraulic fracturing). The new rule will require operators to either flare that gas, re-use it in the drilling operation (some newer rigs are powered by “field” natural gas) or inject it back into the well. If the gas is flared, it would not count against the 1,800 Mcf per month per-well flaring limit as that only applies to post-completion wells that are in production.

Following the announcement, Erik Schlenker-Goodrich, executive director of the Western Environmental Law Center, tweeted his quick take on the rules.

He called it a “win-win-win” regulation, since it boosts natural gas supplies, helps the climate and results in higher revenue from royalties while also pointing to its drawbacks, primarily the room for exemptions. He concluded: “Bottom line, this is a good, positive—if fairly modest—proposal. Looking forward to working w/ partners to strengthen it.”

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statement to reaffirm the recommendations of the Wolf Working Group and to demonstrate acceptance of wolves in Colorado, with conditions.

The resolution does oppose the intentional release of any wolves into Colorado and recommends that Mexican wolf recovery efforts be confined to the subspecies’ historic range in the Southwestern U.S. Ultimately, the Colorado General Assembly retains sole authority to approve the state’s involvement in the introduction or reintroduction of any federally endangered species into the state, including wolves.

Wolves elicit passionate feelings for many Coloradans. We encourage you to learn more about state and federal wolf management efforts and the recent PWC resolution by visiting CPW’s website at: cpw.state.co.us/learn/Pages/SOC-GrayWolf.aspx.

Once again, we thank you for your input, and for taking the time to contact our office.

*Governor’s Office of
Correspondence
Denver*

Please recognize mental illness

Dear Editor:

On Aug. 26, 2014, our son, Logan Piper, was involved in an altercation with law enforcement in the parking lot of Pioneers Medical Center (PMC). Since rumors are sometimes inaccurate or incomplete, we would like to bring awareness and a better understanding of mental health to the community by sharing some of our story.

Logan was diagnosed at an early age with bipolar disorder, attention deficit hyperactivity disorder and various other disorders. Due to the number of mental health issues that Logan experiences, numerous psychiatrists, counselors and other medical and mental health professionals have been involved with his care. Treatment for mental health illness involves individual medication management and counseling that requires continual therapy, support, medication changes and adjustments.

On Aug. 26, 2014, as I took Logan to the hospital to get help for decompensating psychosis, law

enforcement was available per family request if needed. We appreciate former Sheriff Si Woodruff’s attempt to help our son and regret the injury he sustained during the crisis.

However, we would like to commend Meeker Police Chief Bob Hervey for his actions that day and his ability to remain calm and de-escalate the situation. During this crisis, Logan was feeling suicidal and paranoid, and we believe that Chief Hervey’s actions and interventions prevented our son from being gunned down and killed by law enforcement.

Our experience during this crisis indicates that more education and training for officers and any other professionals involved with the public needs to be addressed. Learning about mental illness and de-escalating techniques improves the safety of law enforcement during crisis intervention.

Our son did not choose to have mental illness. Just like diabetes or autism, we need to educate ourselves about the disease. Treating mental illness is just like treating medical conditions but, unfortunately, our society is sometimes unaware or ignorant of the issues.

We hope that something positive will be learned from this incident. I gathered information about Crisis Intervention Training (CIT) and shared with current Sheriff Anthony Mazzola. This training educates officers to improve crisis intervention and safety when dealing with mental health situations or issues. CIT involves 40 hours of specialized training available statewide in Colorado—how law enforcement responds to behavior influences and how society views that behavior.

The Piper family is very thankful and appreciates all the support this community continues to provide. We pray that our son Logan will get the proper help and treatment he needs and deserves.

Dealing with mental illness is sometimes challenging but we will always love our son and be there for him.

For more information about mental illness and resources, please go to nami.org, Mind Springs Meeker, 970-878-5112, or call the Crisis Line 24/7 at 888-207-4004.

*David and Lisa Piper
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- February 4: Sportsman’s Club Meeting
- February 4: HopeWest Board Meeting
- February 5: TGIF February**
- February 6: Meeker Duals
- February 9: Meeker Classic Board Meeting
- February 10: Chamber of Commerce Board Meeting**

- February 16: ERBM Recreation & Park District Board Meeting
- February 16: School Board Meeting
- February 16: Town Council Meeting
- February 18: Range Call Board Meeting
- February 21: I Ride With James
- February 23: Rio Blanco County Historical Society Board Meeting





SEAN MCMAHON

The 18-members-strong Meeker Elementary School Marimba Band entertained the 200 persons at the second annual Meeker Education Foundation fundraiser dinner on Sunday evening at the Fairfield Center. "It was great to have so many of the kids involved and I think the faculty is buying into the fact that the foundation can and is helping them with expenses that are budgeted," said MEF President Mary Strang. She said this year's dinner drew twice as many people as last year and that within a few years, more space may be needed.



SEAN MCMAHON

Roughly 200 school supporters, students and parents took part in the Meeker Education Foundation's second annual fundraiser event Sunday to raise funds to provide school supplies to all three Meeker schools for items that are not included in the budget. Those who attended enjoyed dinner prepared by chef and Meeker Town Trustee Scott Creecy, an auction, the Meeker Elementary School Marimba Band, directed by Shana Holliday and the Meeker High School Choir, directed by Jeff Hemingson.

Residents can report oil, gas health issues

By JODI PETERSON
Special to the Herald Times

RBC I Colorado has been something of a pioneer in terms of tracking health risks related to oil and gas production. In 2010, it was the "first in the nation to perform a detailed study" known as a "health impact assessment" on proposed natural gas development.

Now, Colorado is the first state to have a health response program for oil and gas operations.

Fracking and drilling can release a range of pollutants that harm human health.

Definitive proof of links between oil and gas production and health problems, though, is often elusive. Exactly how development can impact human health, and to what degree, is still not fully known.

Toward that end, Colorado's

Department of Public Health and Environment has set up an "Oil and Gas Health Information and Response Program" to address citizens' health concerns and improve the information available about health risks. The department has a web site where residents can fill out a

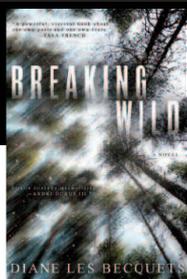
form to report symptoms they think may be related to oil and gas development (or they can call 303-389-1687).

The site also provides a clearinghouse of information on ozone, emissions, fracking, water and air quality and relevant regulations.

BOOK SIGNING Meeker Public Library



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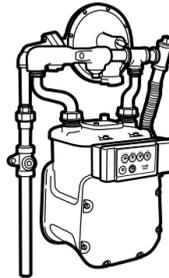
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TGIF MEEKER

Friday, February 5th

TGIF February is sponsored by WREA and Tri-State. Make your voice be heard and learn more about the current Environmental Assessments affecting Colowyo and Trapper Mines.

Information and comment period:

3-5pm

at Meeker Library and local businesses around town

5-6pm

at Meeker High School

6-8pm

Public reception at Hollidays
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For more information or to sponsor TGIF MEEKER, contact the Chamber of Commerce 970.878.5510



COURTESY PHOTO

Twenty-eight area youths participated in the 2016 Denver Nuggets Skills Challenge on Jan. 23 in Meeker. Hosted by the ERBM Recreation & Park District, the event featured a basketball skills competition in dribbling, passing and shooting. Youth ages seven years to 14 competed for the chance to advance to the sectionals in Grand Junction on Feb. 21, and ages 5/6 competed for fun. Pictured above, from left to right in the 13/14-year-old age group: Cole Rogers, first, 495 points; Elijah Deming, third place, 275 points; and Lane Anderson, second, with 361 points.

28 youths participate in 2016 Denver Nuggets Skills Challenge

Special to the Herald Times

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Boys in the 5-6 age group: second place: Dexter Chinn with 42.5

points; and first place: Ty Knight with 47.5 points

Boys in the 7-8 age group: third place: Said Valeriano with 120 points; second place: Finley Deming with 142.5 points; and first place: Trent Sanders with 175 points.

Girls in the 9-10 age group: third place: Bella Blazon with 110 points; second place: Natalie Knight with 127.5 points; and first place: Ellie Hossack with 222.5 points.

Boys in the 9-10 age group: third place: Jace Mobley with 210

points; second place: Clay Stewart Randall with 215 points; and first place: Ryan Sullivan with 320 points.

Boys in the 11-12 age group: third place: Dax Sheridan with 288.5 points; second place: Liam Deming with 305 points; and first place: Ryan Phelan with 432.5 points.

Boys in the 13-14 age group: third place: Elijah Deming with 275 points; second place: Lane Anderson with 361 points; first place: Cole Rogers with 495 points.

Meeker girls fall to top teams

By **BOBBY GUTIERREZ**
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MEEKER I The Meeker High School girls' basketball team lost last weekend to the top two teams in the league which are also two of the top 2A teams in the state.

Meeker lost to Paonia on Friday then Cedaredge on Saturday.

The lady Cowboys will only have one game this week, as they travel to Paonia on Friday.

"Those two teams are ranked in the top 10 for a reason," Meeker coach Greg Chintala said of Paonia, currently ranked No. 2, and Cedaredge, currently ranked No. 4.

Meeker lost 74-23 to Paonia, then 57-30 to Cedaredge.

"This might be one of the best squads Paonia has ever had," Chintala said.

The Eagles "came out hard," according to Coach Chintala, and Meeker fell behind by 22 at then end of the first quarter, letting the margin widen to 37 back at halftime.

Meeker played Cedaredge a little closer, but the Cowboys fell behind early and never came back.

"I was still proud of our girls for diving on the floor after loose balls and playing hard until the end," Chintala said. "They kept playing and not scoreboard watching, trying to learn on each possession. Our effort is coming along good and it will pay off for us in the long run."

Eight of 10 players scored

against the Eagles, including Megan Shelton, Halle Ahrens and Kassie Luce, who all finished with four points.

Peyton Burke made a three-pointer while Anna Walsh, Maggie Phelan, Sierra Williams and Gracie Bradfield each made a basket against the Eagles.

Against the Bruins, Burke and Anna Walsh led the team with six points each and Jenna Walsh added five while Phelan and Ahrens each added four.

Meeker will travel to Paonia on Friday to play the Eagles again.

"We'll come up with an adjusted game plan and hopefully do better than the last time," coach Chintala said.

MHS wrestlers win, to play host

By **BOBBY GUTIERREZ**
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MEEKER I The Cowboy wrestling team made a long trip to Buena Vista on Jan. 28 for a dual meet with the 2A Demons, and they returned home victorious.

Meeker will wrestle Cedaredge in a dual Friday at 6 p.m., then host eight other teams Saturday for a dual meet tournament, which will start at 9 a.m.

"It was a close dual against good competition," Meeker head coach J.C. Watt said of the 37-32 win over the Buena Vista Demons.

Meeker won seven of 11 matches wrestled, including four by pin fall.

Jacob Pelloni (106), Sheridan Harvey (120), Casey Turner (152), T.J. Shelton (170) and Caleb Bradford (195)

all pinned their opponents.

Meeker senior Devon Pontine (182) won by a major decision (12-3) and Hunter Garcia beat his opponent 5-3.

With one week left in the regular season, the Cowboys are currently ranked No. 3 in State 2A by On the Mat Rankings, and Meeker has several wrestlers ranked in the top four, including top ranked Shelton and Pontine. Turner is ranked second, Harvey and Rule are ranked third in their respective weights and Tyler Ilgen (285) is ranked No. 4.

The Cowboys will wrestle five duals on Saturday, against which teams is yet to be determined from a field including Grand Valley, Steamboat Springs, Rifle, Glenwood Springs, Basalt, Coal Ridge, Rangely and Soroco.

"Our team should do well," coach Watt said. "It should be a good tune-up for the regional tournament."

Rangely basketball girls drop two out of three games, to hit the road

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

RANGELY I The Rangely High School girls' basketball team played three tough games last week beginning with the barn burner against Meeker on Tuesday night.

Coach Quinton Kent said "This was a hard-fought game. I was pleased with the effort."

The Panthers struggled shooting the ball as some close shots didn't fall, and they missed some key scoring opportunities late in the game.

Kent added "I was proud of the way we fought back in this game," he said. Rangely trailed by as many as 11 going into the fourth quarter and managed to fight back and cut the lead to three.

Kent said, "It was what you expect in a rivalry game with each side playing hard and not backing down."

Sarah Connor led all scorers with eight followed by Lindzey Thacker and Katelyn Brown with seven, Katye Allred and Kaylalle Wyman each with four points and Sidney Shaffer rounded out the scoring with three.

The Panther girls traveled to Baggs on Friday to play a fast-paced Little Snake River team.

"We came out flat and spotted them a quick 10 points," coach Kent said. "From there, we dug in and slow-

ly clawed our way back into it."

The team brought the game to within four points in the final period, showing tremendous heart as well as an exciting offense led by Katelyn Brown with 26 points. Katye Allred added four, Sarah Connor a three and Linzey Thacker had two.

Coach Kent also said, "This was our Annual 'Charity Stripe' event with Little Snake River. Both teams collected pledges for made free throws during the game. We made 13 of our 16 free throws and Little Snake River made 14 of 25 free throws.

"For every made free throw, we are donating 100 percent of our pledge earnings to the mammogram program at Rangely District Hospital. For the three misses, we are donating 20 percent of our per free-throw earning to Little Snake River's Charity called Walk-For-Life, which helps fund hotel and transportation costs for people who have to travel for cancer treatment.

"We are still collecting our pledges, so we don't have a set amount yet, but it is looking like a combined amount of about \$2,000 was made, with Little Snake River earning the most because they shot a lot more free throws.

"However, it balances out though because they missed a lot, so they will be donating a significant amount to

our charity. We only missed three, so we won't be sending much to their charity, rather we will be sending most of our earning to the mammogram program. I am proud of my players for being willing to go out and raise money for such worthy causes."

The Panthers hosted Plateau Valley on Saturday and won the game 50-46.

The girls came out controlling the first quarter 13-10 and didn't let up as they were up 26-18 at the half.

Kent said, "This was definitely a game of runs. We jumped out to a quick lead and then they came right back. We regained the lead by half."

The third quarter belonged to the Cowboys as they outscored the Panthers 13-7, but Rangely had a big fourth quarter, scoring 17 points and holding their opponent to 15 for the win.

The team had much better offensive balance in this game as seven players scored. Katelyn Brown had another big night scoring 20 points, followed by Sarah Connor with 10, Lindzey Thacker added eight, Kalalle Wyman had seven, Halie Elam and McKenzie Webber each added two points and Sidney Shaffer added a point.

Rangely travels to Cedaredge on Friday night and will play in Hotchkiss on Saturday afternoon.

Cowboy cagers lose three

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

MEEKER I The Meeker High School Cowboy boys' basketball team played three tough games last week, and coach Klark Kindler was unable to attend Tuesday night's game due to illness.

The game against Rangely was a hard-fought battle that found the Cowboys down one after the final buzzer.

Logan Hughes led all scorers with 20 points scored, and he was followed by Zack Dinwiddie with 17 points, Eli Newman with six, Doak Mantle and Valentine Rosas each added five, Kash Atwood had four and Trapper

Merrifield had two.

On Friday night, the team hosted a very tough Paonia team.

The Cowboys jumped out early, playing outstanding as they took a 21-18 lead after the first eight minutes of play.

Paonia made a run in the second quarter taking the lead at half.

The third quarter found the Cowboys cold offensively and Paonia was allowed to stretched their lead.

Meeker made a great run in the final period, but fell short by an 11-point 67-56 margin.

Saturday was another close game for the Cowboys, who showed some tremendous heart fighting back from a 19-5 first-quarter deficit.

The Meeker boys rallied to bring the game to within six at the half.

The third quarter was a relatively even period and the Cowboys made every effort to close the gap in the final period.

Three starters fouled out of the game and things were not going their way as the foul count was double digits against the Cowboys.

Meeker's boys scored 19 points in the fourth quarter but lost by a 62-56 margin.

The Meeker boys will travel to Paonia on Friday for a rematch. With the experience of these close games, the Cowboys will learn and improve and will no doubt be the team nobody wants to draw in the post season.

Panther boys' basketball team wins two of three cage tests

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

RANGELY I The Rangely High School boys' basketball team had an exciting week last week, winning two of three of their games, building momentum going into another big weekend.

Rangely traveled to Meeker Tuesday night for a game that was absolutely as good as it gets in high school sports. Both teams are young, and played hard for all 32 minutes. The effort on both ends of the floor was exciting to watch and the last second shot from Kaulan Brady won the game for the Panthers.

The ball was still in the air when the buzzer sounded, and the high-arching shot went through the basket.

Brady led all scores for Rangely with 24 points and grabbed eight rebounds in the game. Patrick Scoggins had 18 points, 11 rebounds and six assists. Kobe Broom and Brennan Noyes both added seven points and Mikey Shepherd had four points.

Coach Kyle Boydston said, "I was proud of our effort on both ends of the floor. I'm especially happy for Kaulan Brady. Hitting a buzzer-beater is a special moment for any player."

The team traveled to Baggs, Wyo., on Friday and seemed a little sluggish after their big game Tuesday, falling behind a solid Little Snake River team.

The Panthers ended up losing the game 20-53.

Rangely bounced back on Saturday and played an outstanding

game against Plateau Valley, beating them 75-60.

Rangely came out with great tempo and outscored the Cowboys 15-12 in the first period, then dominated the second period, scoring 20 points while holding Plateau Valley to just 10. The team never looked back at that point and maintained great defensive pressure.

Brennan Noyes led all scorers with 22 points followed by Patrick Scoggins with 19, Kobe Broome with 16, Austin Ficken with eight, Kaulan Brady had five and Mikey Shepherd and Deven Ramirez each added two. The team was well balanced with great offensive efficiency.

The Rangely Panthers travel to Cedaredge Friday and then to Hotchkiss Saturday.



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Jessy 'JP' Powell Rangely High School—Wrestling

Jessy "JP" Powell is one of the top grapplers for the Rangely Panther wrestling team, and at the large multi-school Screaming Eagle Wrestling Tournament in Paonia two weeks ago, he had two pins, finishing one match away from placing in the 145-pound weight division. Panther wrestling coach named Powell the team's "Athlete of the Week."



Caitlyn Sheppard Meeker High School—Archery

Meeker High School senior Caitlyn Sheppard competed in the 2016 World Archery Festival in Las Vegas, Nev., where she shot against more than 3,000 competitors from 33 countries around the globe. Scores taken from the first two days of competition determine the final flighting, and Sheppard won her flight.

CRIBBAGE CHAMP...



BOBBY GUTIERREZ

After a one year hiatus, the ERBM Recreation and Parks District sponsored the Benefit Cribbage tournament and 15 players gathered at Mountain Valley Bank to play, with proceeds benefiting HopeWest. ERBM representatives Katie Day and Maddie Arnold (right) present 2016 champion Jeri Gilchrist with a cribbage board made by MHS student Trapper Merrifield, from a piece of the Capitol Christmas Tree.

Events this Friday to promote public comments on Colowyo

Special to the Herald Times

RBC I The White River Electric Association and Tri-State Transmission are hosting "TGIF Meeker" events on Friday to get area residents out and about to disseminate information and gain public comment on the environmental permitting process for the Collom Area Development Project at Colowyo Mine.

Residents are urged to shop locally and to enjoy Music on Main.

For the project info and to gain comments there is a time set aside from 3 to 5 p.m. at Meeker Library and other local businesses; and from 5 to 6 p.m. at Meeker High School

Information and refreshments will be hosted by Rio Blanco County and the Town of Meeker.

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WATER: Plan sets goals for conservation

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organizations in the state formed the Colorado Agriculture Water Alliance (CAWA) to help protect agricultural water from being gobbled up by M&I demand. Currier is currently vice chair of the CAWA.

In May 2013, Gov. John Hickenlooper issued an executive order that a draft State Water Plan be given to him by Dec. 31, 2015.

Currier reported they delivered the plan to the governor two weeks early. The plan addresses how the state will meet the water demand gap expected to be in play by 2050, when Colorado's population is projected to double today's 7 million.

Currier and the Farm Bureau, like other Colorado agricultural organizations, are concerned that the M&I demand will continue to drive the "buy and dry" acquisition of ag water.

"This is not acceptable," Currier said. Alternatives are more water conservation, identified projects and improvement processes, alternative transfer methods, such as ag water sharing and leasing, and new (water project) supplies.

Currier reported that the plan suggests 50,000 AF toward the 2050 water supply gap can be obtained from alternative transfer methods. Currier, however, is very concerned

even that much water transferred from agriculture will severely impact Colorado's ag production.

The plan also sets "stretch goals" for conservation—savings by M&I users. Unquestioningly, urban and suburban users have already significantly cut down on per-capita use with conservation education and increased water costs.

The plan sets forth a "conceptual framework" of new supply development, which will hopefully attain 400,000 AF of new storage capacity.

The plan relies on each of the eight river basins devising their own Basin Implementation Plans (BIPs). The initial BIPs were completed last April.

The importance of collaboration between parties is emphasized as is a focus on ideas for funding projects.

Currier said the Colorado River Basin, for example, has a goal of reducing agricultural water shortages, minimizing the potential for more transmountain diversions, developing incentives to support ag production, and increasing public education about water use and issues. The BIPs are designed to be living documents in the sense that they are to be amended as time, information and public desires move forward.

Currier talked about the dollars committed by four of the Western Slope roundtables, the Colorado River

Water Conservation District and the Southwestern Water Conservation District toward a study that will develop a common platform for hydrological modeling of river flows and evaluating possible reductions in consumptive use that might be required to keep Lake Powell at the 3,525-foot level in order to continue meeting the 1922 and 1929 Colorado River compacts.

Currier distributed copies of the Executive Summary of the State Water Plan, produced by the Colorado Water Conservation Board.

Russ George is the current Colorado River Basin representative on the CWCB. Jay Gallagher of Steamboat Springs is the current White/Yampa/Green River Basin CWCB representative.

The White/Yampa/Green Basin Roundtable BIP can be found online at www.colorado.gov/pacific/cowater-plan/yampa-white-green-river-basin.

The Yampa-White-Green Basin is projected to increase in municipal and industrial (M&I) water demand between 23,000 acre feet (AF) and 39,000 AF by 2050 with passive conservation included.

Rio Blanco County voting members on the W/Y/G Basin Roundtable include Jeff Devere, Alden VanderBrink, Jon Hill and Vince Wilscek from Rangely and Kelly Sheridan from Meeker.

MEEKER: FEB. 8-11, 2016		RANGELY: FEB. 8-11, 2016	
Mon.	Feb. 8 - Frito Pie, Vegt Medly/Raw, Homemade Roll, Fruit Cup, Milk-Variety	Mon.	Feb. 8 - Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Carrots Broccoli, Salad Bar with Fruit, Milk/Water. JR/SR HIGH A LA CARTE: Meatball Sandwich on a Hoagie Roll
Tues.	Feb. 9 - Pancake-SausageStix, Mixed Vegetables, Tater Bars, Maple Syrup, Fresh Fruit, Milk-Variety	Tues.	Feb. 9 - Pepperoni Pizza, Spaghetti w/ Tomato Sauce, Green Beans, Salad Bar w/ Fruit, Milk/Water. JR/SR HIGH A LA CARTE: Chicken Sandwich
Wed.	Feb. 10 - Choice Day: Yogurt Special, Chix Patty/Bun, Bkd.Sweet Pot./Apples, Fruit Juice, Condiments, Milk-Variety	Wed.	Feb. 10 - Chicken Stir Fry, Steamed Rice, Dinner Roll, Milk/Water. JR/SR HIGH A LA CARTE: Beef & Bean Burritos
Thurs.	Feb. 11 - Beefy Mac/Cheese, Banana Muffin, Carrot Coins, Fruit Cup, Milk-Variety	Thurs.	Feb. 11 - BBQ Pork Sandwich, Potato Chips, Corn, Salad Bar with Fruit, Milk/Water. JR/SR HIGH A LA CARTE: Pizza

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Dr. Charles Kenneth Sutton grew up in Knoxville, Tennessee. He completed his Medical Degree through the University of Tennessee Health Sciences Center in Memphis, Tennessee. Dr Sutton is Board Certified by the American Board of Family Medicine. For the past few years he has been practicing in the Dallas/ Fortworth area.

He recently married Abigail Urish MD, who was contracted to begin working at Rangely District Hospital in 2015 and they decided that he would follow her to Rangely to start their new life together.

Dr. Sutton considers himself fortunate to be a graduate from a "hands on" residency where he was able to learn and become comfortable doing a wide range of procedures. He believes Rangely will offer a wide variety of small town medicine opportunities. He is excited to be able to help the hospital provide for the needs of the community in Ambulatory, Inpatient and Emergency settings.

In his free time, Dr. Sutton enjoys spending time with family. As an outdoor enthusiast, he is looking forward to camping, exploring Colorado, visiting the national parks, star-gazing and just spending more quality time with his new wife Abbie.

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The Meeker High School Choir entertained the 200 persons present at the second annual Meeker Education Foundation fundraiser event Sunday at the Fairfield Center. MEF President Mary Strang said that roughly \$8,000 was raised at the dinner and that the foundation is "highly thankful to the parents, the students and the school staff folks who helped make this such a big success." The event included hors d'oeuvres, dinner and auction and entertainment by the Meeker High School Choir and the Meeker Elementary School Marimba Band.



Pot roast, chicken and lobster macaroni and cheese were the main components of the dinner served Sunday night at the Meeker Education Foundation's second annual fundraiser at the Fairfield Center. Roughly 200 supporters and students took part in the event, which, according to Meeker Education Foundation President Mary Strang said raised roughly \$8,000 with the dinner, auction and donations.

New restrictions on antler hunting

By SEAN McMAHON
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RBC | Colorado Parks and Wildlife is reminding shed-antler hunters that new restrictions on collecting sheds on public lands in portions of Eagle, Pitkin, Garfield and Routt counties will be strictly enforced.

The restrictions were approved by the CPW Commission to reduce the disturbance of big game animals struggling to survive after winter.

These limits are in effect on public lands in game management units 25, 26, 35, 36, 43, 44, 47, 444 and 471.

No antler shed hunting is allowed from Jan. 1 through March 14. Shed hunting is allowed between the hours of 10 a.m. and sunset from March 15 through May 15.

Similar restrictions are already in place in game management units 54, 55, 66, 67 and 551 in Gunnison County, instituted several years ago to protect Gunnison sage-grouse and big game animals.

During late winter into early spring, considered the prime collect-

ing period, shed hunters fan out across the state in search of fresh antlers that artisans use to make furniture, knife handles and art projects, or are sold to make dog treats.

Often involving large groups or entire families, the practice is becoming more popular across the country.

Wildlife officials believe most collectors are conscientious and careful, but concerns arise when some search for sheds on ATVs and off-road vehicles. In addition, a growing number of collectors use dogs trained to find shed antlers. When allowed to run off-leash, many of these dogs chase deer and elk, occasionally causing severe injuries and extreme stress.

Running from noise and dogs adds to the difficult conditions the animals already endure during winter months.

"That's just about the worst thing that can happen to them at this time of year," Will said. "Many people do not realize how much impact stress has on wildlife. It's one of the contributing factors to higher mortality."

Will adds that any unnecessary movement during the cold weather months causes big game to use up

their fat stores very quickly with little chance of replenishing it, leading to the animal's death or the deaths of their unborn calves and fawns.

Wildlife managers remind shed hunters that keeping their distance from wintering big game is the most effective way to prevent animal stress and mortality. Even searching for antlers on foot or horseback can create stressful conditions for wildlife.

"We understand that people enjoy hunting sheds, but we ask everyone to be legal and ethical, Will said. "The best option is to follow the laws and keep your distance, and maybe wait until big game has moved to summer range to begin looking for sheds."

Colorado Parks and Wildlife urges anyone who observes illegal activity to contact their local wildlife officer, or to remain anonymous, contact Operation Game Thief at 877-265-6648. Rewards are available for information that leads to a citation.

For more information about the new shed collection restrictions, contact Colorado Parks and Wildlife's Glenwood Springs office at 970-947-2920.

WINTERFEST ROYALS...



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Winterfest candidates are chosen by the staff at Rangely Junior/Senior High School. The staff takes the first vote of the senior class, choosing three boys and three girls. Candidates must show strong leadership skills and above-average students involved in various activities and who are helpful to their peers and teachers. A second and final vote is taken the week before Winterfest, choosing a Mr. RHS and a Miss RHS. The six candidates and winners were, from left to right: Kaulan Brady, Chance Sheppard, Mr. RHS Daniel Connor, Miss Rebecca Gillard, Justyne Dembowski and Marielle Ivie.

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"B" Honor Roll: Nevaeh Bland, Brent Cantrell, Tanya Fraijo, Alexis Hopson, Madison Lance, Shauna Lapp, Tiana Lucas, Katelyn Mears, Norrah Patch, Donteia Pearce, Angalina Peck, Timothy Scoggins, Alyyah Suathojame, Wyatt Tull, Zane Varner, Brandon Willis, McKinley Winkler and Dylan Zufelt

Perfect Attendance: Elyssa Byers, Brent Cantrell, Adelynn Halcomb, Byron Mackay, Ryan Morrill, Keihlin Myers, Angalina Peck, Rayna Robertson, Mary Scoggins, Timothy Scoggins, Ammie Vaughn, McKinley Winkler and Dylan Zufelt.

Sixth Grade – Second Quarter
Straight A: Chloe Goshe, Adelynn Halcomb, Madison Lance, Aspen Low, Keihlin Myers, Rayna Robertson, Mary Scoggins and Ammie Vaughn.

"B" Honor Roll: Aaron Bailey, Nevaeh Bland, Brent Cantrell, Justin Cudo, Brennan Dodd, Jacob Dodd, Tanya Fraijo,

Jennilyn Gillard, Shauna Lapp, Tiana Lucas, Katelyn Mears, Braxton Moore, Ryan Morrill, Norrah Patch, Donteia Pearce, Angalina Peck, Timothy Scoggins, Alyyah Suathojame, Wyatt Tull, Zane Varner, Brandon Willis, McKinley Winkler and Dylan Zufelt

Perfect Attendance: Aaron Bailey, Elyssa Byers, Tanya Fraijo, Adelynn Halcomb, Tiana Lucas, Keihlin Myers, Mary Scoggins, Timothy Scoggins and Ammie Vaughn.

Seventh Grade – First Quarter
Straight A: Gabe Polley
"B" Honor Roll: Crimson Blankenship, Travis Coates, Sydney Cole, Alysah Dodd, Sage Kinnison, Baylee Lambros, Kacie Lapp, Anna McGaughy, Benjamin Nielsen, Nathaniel Reinard, Dixie Rhea, Trinity Snyder, Tessa Tenney, Megan Ward, Baileigh Wilson and Faith Yardley

Perfect Attendance: Crimson Blankenship, Travis Coates, Alysah Dodd, Kaiden Ellis, Kyle Hornsby, Hayden Lawson, Anna McGaughy, Hailee Polley and Nathaniel Reinard.

Seventh Grade – Second Quarter
Straight A: Gabe Polley and Megan Ward

"B" Honor Roll: Crimson Blankenship, Travis Coates, Sydney Cole, Anthony

Garner, Hunter Holmes, Sage Kinnison, Baylee Lambros, Kacie Lapp, Maximillion Larsen, Hayden Lawson, Anna McGaughy, Benjamin Nielsen, Catrina Reeves, Nathaniel Reinard, Dixie Rhea, Gracy Sheridan, Trinity Snyder, Baileigh Wilson and Faith Yardley.

Perfect Attendance: Crimson Blankenship, Anthony Garner, Sage Kinnison, Hayden Lawson, Anna McGaughy, Nathaniel Reinard, Catrina Reeves, Maximus Stout and Baileigh Wilson

Eighth Grade – First Quarter
Straight A: Jaylene Kenney and Dillya Wagner

"B" Honor Roll: Cia Buxton, Ethan Byers, Tytus Coombs, Susan Gillard,

Tiffany Holmes, Olivia Jarvis, Taylor Lance, Dylan LeBleu, Nicholas Mears, Audrye Patch, Zoey Peck, Justin Rusher, Katelyn Willis and Cari Wilson.

Perfect Attendance: Ethan Byers
Eighth Grade – Second Quarter
Straight A: Jaylene Kenney and Dillya Wagner

"B" Honor Roll: Cia Buxton, Ethan Byers, Tytus Coombs, Susan Gillard, Tiffany Holmes, Olivia Jarvis, Dylan LeBleu, Audrye Patch, Zoey Peck, Justin Rusher, Zoe Sheppard, Moriah Vaughn and Cari Wilson.

Perfect Attendance: Dylan LeBleu.
Ninth Grade – First Semester
STRAIGHT A: Kassidee Brown, Samantha Lapp, Paityn Myers, Kayla

Packer, Aspen Rhea, Alanna Wiley, Alexis Wiley and Kaylalle Wyman

"B" Honor Roll: Riley Boydston, Mariah Campbell, Makenzie Cochran, Breanna Davis, Thomas Jarvis, CJ Lucero, Marlena Miller, Grady Nielsen, RayLynn Norman, Phalon Osborn, Joshua Sulser, Skylar Thacker and, Marshall Webber

10th Grade – First Semester
Straight A: Katelyn Brown, Sarah Connor, Grace Kenney, Eric Legere, Kaylee Mecham, Joshua Polley, Patrick Scoggins and Tasha Teal.

"B" Honor Roll: Marie Blakley, Kory Boe, Kassidi Brannan, Kobe Broome, Elizabeth Byers, Lane Carlson, Klaire Denny, Haile Elam, Austin Ficken, Malichi

Ivie, Elizabeth McCann, Linsley Morrill, Destinee Ortega, Meikka Peck and Kierra Powell.

Perfect Attendance: Austin Ficken and Patrick Scoggins

11th Grade – First Semester
Straight A: Troy Allred and Breanne Baker

"B" Honor Roll: Katye Allred, Braylee Cassavaugh, Corinne Coombs, Nyck Deleon, Antoinette Dorris and David Fox

12th Grade – First Semester
Straight A: Courtney Bell, Kaulan Brady, Echo Campbell, Rebecca Gillard, Marielle Ivie and Jessy Powell.

"B" Honor Roll
Nakoma Bailey, Carrie Goddard and Jessie Rogers



COURTESY PHOTO
Cub Scout Marstan Wagner, a member of Webelos Pack No. 191 in Rangely, has earned the Arrow of Light Award, the highest award possible in Cub Scouts. Wagner earned the award on Jan. 27, and is pictured here with his parents, Stan and Mara Wagner. Cub Scout leaders John and Brenda Pennell stated, "We are currently having a good turnout of boys participating and completing the requirements in Cub Scouts. As leaders, we couldn't be happier as scouting helps teach life skills to these boys."

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LEGAL NOTICES

Board of County Commissioners
Monday, February 8, 2016
County Administration Bldg, 200 Mai Meeker, Colorado

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.

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 Call to order:
•Pledge of Allegiance
•Changes or additions to the February 8, 2016, Board Agenda
•Approval of the February 8, 2016 Agenda
Consent agenda for February 8, 2016
•Consent 1_Consideration of the Board Minutes of January 25, 2016
•Consent 2a_Financial Management Report January 2016
•Consent 2b_DHS EBT Register January 2016
•Consent 2c_DHS Warrant Register January 2016
•Consent 2d_Motor Vehicle Publication List January 2016
•Consent 2e_Treasurer's Publication List January 2016
•Consent 2f_Treasurer's Monthly Report January 2016
•Consent 3_Kum & Go 3.2 Beer License Renewal Application
•Consent 4_HDR Task Order 7 Addendum 2 Wildlife Fence Design
•Consent 5_Budget Variance Report - 055 FCI Constructors Inc., Project 10-14-030 to fund the costs for Colorado Doorways to furnish door hardware per submittal review comments by the Architect in Submittal Package 087100.01 in an amount not to exceed \$2,200.00.
•Consent 6_Budget Variance Report - 067 FCI Constructors Inc., Project 10-14-030 to fund the costs for Colorado Doorways to furnish door hardware per submittal review comments by the Architect in Submittal Package 087100.01 in an amount not to exceed \$2,200.00.
•Consent 7_Budget Variance Report - 070 FCI Constructors Inc., Project 10-14-030 to fund the costs associated to add single mode plenum rated fiber optic cable from the IT rooms to designated locations per direction from Rio Blanco County in an amount not to exceed \$33,177.00.
•Consent 8_Budget Variance Report - 054 FCI Constructors Inc., Project 10-14-030 to fund the costs associated with omitting the installation of rubber base at all areas in the Basement originally indicated to receive rubber base per reference RFI-245 in a credit amount of \$250.00.
•Consent 9_Budget Variance Report - 056 FCI Constructors Inc., Project 10-14-030 to fund the costs associated for Gordon Signs to furnish and install additional cast aluminum building signage per RFI -239 in an amount not to exceed \$549.00.
•Consent 10_Budget Variance Report - 057 FCI Constructors Inc., Project 10-14-030 to fund the costs associated to furnish and install a replacement for Door C120 due to door hardware changes that were made after Door C120 had already been installed per RFI-238 in an amount not to exceed \$1,116.00.
•Consent 11_Budget Variance Report - 059 FCI Constructors Inc., Project 10-14-030 to fund the costs associated to perform duct pressure tests for SEF-1, SEF-2 and SEF-3 per direction from BCER Consulting Engineers as a requirement for the testing of the smoke control system per reference 2H Mechanical COR-18 in an amount not to exceed \$5,592.00.
•Consent 12_Budget Variance Report - 068 FCI Constructors Inc., Project 10-14-030 to fund the costs associated for Innovative Painting Systems to furnish and apply the Type G painted signs per RFI-196 in an amount not to exceed \$1,524.00.
•Consent 13_Budget Variance Report - 071 FCI Constructors Inc., Project 10-14-030 to fund the costs associated for 2H Mechanical to provide gravity dampers in lieu of manual dampers as originally indicated in the branch ducts serving Dispatch L117 from WSHP's 1.26 and 1.34 per direction per RFI-247R in an amount not to exceed \$277.00.
•Consent 14_Amendment to DOLA FTTx Construction Grant Budget for Project EIAF 7744 Broadband Infrastructure increasing the amount from \$5,613,329.00 to \$7,259,701.71.
•Consent 15_BLM Application for the renewal of the County Road 65 Right of Way.

General Business:
Bids Opening:
•BO 1_2016 Weed & Pest Herbicide
•BO 2_2016 Dust Control
•BO 3_2016 Rio Blanco County Chip Seal Project
Bid Award:
•Bid Award 1_Bid Award to Qypsys for the DHHS Passive Optical Lan project in an amount not to exceed \$67,807.00.
•Bid Award 2_Bid Award to Mesa Moving Services and Storage, Grand Junction LLC for Courthouse moving services in an amount not to exceed \$21,046.00.
MOU's Contracts and Agreements:
•MCA 1_Memorandum of Understanding between ERBM Recreation and Park District and the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County to provide equipment for events, programs and projects.
•MCA 2_Agreement for Services between the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado and Qypsys for DHHS Passive Optical LAN project beginning February 8, 2016, not to exceed an amount of \$67,807.00.
•MCA 3_Agreement for Services between the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado and Mesa Moving Services & Storage, Grand Junction LLC for Courthouse moving services beginning February, 8, 2016 with completion on or before March 25, 2016, in an amount not to exceed \$21,046.00.
•MCA 4_Agreement between the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County and White River Electric Association for Fiber Optic Assets and Services as part of the RBC Broadband Project.
•MCA 5_Agreement for Services between the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado, the Town of Rangely and Better City LLC for economic development strategy implementation services in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00.
•MCA 6_Agreement for Services between the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado, the Town of Meeker and Better City LLC for economic development strategy implementation services in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00.

Resolutions:
Other Business:
•Road & Bridge Monthly Update Dave Morlan
•Public Comments
•County Commissioner Updates
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 Tuesday, February 16, 2016 in Rangely at the County Annex Building. Please check the County's website for information at <http://www.rbc.us/departments/commissioners>. If you need special accommodations please call 970-878-9570 in advance of the meeting so that reasonable accommodations may be made.
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LEGAL NOTICES

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS
EASTERN RIO BLANCO METROPOLITAN
RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT
TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, and particularly,

to the eligible electors of the Eastern Rio Blanco Metropolitan Recreation and Park District ("District") of Rio Blanco County, Colorado.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a polling place election will be held on the 3rd day of May, 2016, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. At that time, one director will be elected to serve a two-year term on the Board of Directors, and two directors will be elected to serve four-year terms on the Board of Directors.

In order to be a candidate for one of the director positions, a eligible electors must submit a Self-Nomination and Acceptance Form. Self-Nomination and Acceptance Forms are available from Cathy Kiser, Designated Election Official of the District. Contact information is as follows:
Cathy Kiser
101 Ute Road
Meeker, CO 81641
7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
(970) 878-3403, ext. 404
(970) 878-3214 (Fax)
cathyk@meekerrecdistrict.com

The office of the DEO is open Monday through Friday 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The Self-Nomination and Acceptance Form must be returned to the Designated Election Official by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, February 26, 2016 (not less than 67 days prior to the election). If the Designated Election Official 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 before 3:00 p.m. on Friday, February 26, 2016. Earlier submittal is encouraged as the deadline will not permit correcting 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 29, 2015 (the sixty-fourth day before the election).

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that application for an absentee ballot may be filed with Cathy Kiser, Designated Election Official, at the contact information referenced above, no later than the close of business on Friday, April 29, 2016, except that, if the applicant wishes to receive the absentee ballot by mail, the application must be filed no later than the close of business Tuesday, April 26, 2016.
EASTERN RIO BLANCO METROPOLITAN RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT
Cathy Kiser, Designated Election Official
PUBLISH IN: The Rio Blanco Herald Times
PUBLISH ON: January 28, 2016; February 4, 2016; February 11, 2016; February 18, 2016

MEEKER SANITATION DISTRICT

February 10, 2016

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
6. Audit Agreement
- A. Old Business
- 2nd Street Sewer Line Shop for Equipment
- Plant Building Repairs
- Halandras Building
- Plant Manager Report
- Office Manager Report
7. Attorney
8. Board Reports
- Delinquent Accounts
- 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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LEGAL NOTICES

Notice of Cancellation and Certified Statement of Result
§1-13.5-513(6), 32-1-104, 1-11-103(3) C.R.S.
Notice is Hereby Given by the Mesa View Estates Water District II, Rio Blanco County, Colorado, that at the close of business on the sixty-third day before the election, there were not more candidates for director than offices to be filled, including candidates filing affidavits of intent to be write-in candidates; therefore, the election to be held on March 29, 2016 is hereby canceled pursuant to section 1-13.5-513(6) C.R.S.
The following candidates are hereby declared elected:
Ronald K Spencer- Chair (4 year term) until May, 2018
Craig Thiessen (4 year term) until May, 2018
Gloria Mintz (4 year term) until May, 2018
Mike Mungas (2 year term) until May, 2016
Terrel L Matlock (2 year term) until May, 2016
Mike Mungas (Signature of the Designated Election Official)
Mike Mungas (DEO's printed name)
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Public Notice

The Rio Blanco County Clerk & Recorder Office will be closed Thursday, February 11 and possibly Friday, February 12 due to the office move to our temporary location at 1032 Jennifer Drive. That building is known as the Daycare Center and is across the street from the Rec Center. The Rangely office will be open but will not be able to do any Motor Vehicle transactions. Call for additional info. Meeker office: 878-9460, Rangely office: 878-9465. Published: January 28 & February 4, 2016
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of Tyler James Robie, Deceased Case Number 16 PR 3000
All persons having claims against the above-named estate are required to present them to the Personal Representative or to District Court of Rio Blanco County, Colorado, on or before May 23, 2016, or the claims may be forever barred.
Tiffany Skellton,
Personal Representative
1207 Ridgeview Circle
Rangely, CO 81648
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Personal Property
Unless specifically exempt by law, all persons owning,

CORRECTED COMBINED NOTICE - MAILING

CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 15-23

To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust: On September 29, 2015, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Rio Blanco records.
Original Grantor(s) LeRoy Lontine and Joann Marie Lontine
Original Beneficiary(ies) Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Caliber Funding LLC
Current Holder of Evidence of Debt Caliber Home Loans, Inc.
Date of Deed of Trust July 16, 2012
County of Recording Rio Blanco
Recording Date of Deed of Trust July 20, 2012
Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/Page No.) 304285
Original Principal Amount \$215,000.00
Outstanding Principal Balance \$205,168.75
Pursuant to CRS §38-38-101(4)(i), you are hereby notified that the covenants of the deed of trust have been violated as follows: failure to pay principal and interest when due together with all other payments provided for in the evidence of debt secured by the deed of trust and other violations thereof.
THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN.

EXHIBIT A

Township 2 North, Range 94 West of the 6th P.M.

A parcel of land lying in the NE1/4 of Section 30, Township 2 North, Range 94 West of the 6th P.M., County of Rio Blanco, State of Colorado, being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at the Northwest Corner of said NE1/4NE1/4 of Section 30; thence North 89°52'50" East along the North line of said NE1/4, 1059.44 feet to a point on curve of a nontangent curve to the right having a radius of 5431.02 feet and a central angle of 3°12'41", said point on curve being a point on the centerline of County Road No. 7; thence along the arc of said curve and said centerline, 304.41 feet to a point of tangency, the chord of said arc bears South 21°29'39" West, 304.37 feet; thence South 23°05'59" West along said centerline 582.27 feet; thence North 72°30'02" West, 754.40 feet to a point on the West line of said NE1/4NE1/4; thence North 0°00'04" East, 589.74 feet to the true point of beginning.

Also known by street and number as: 6255 County Road 7, Meeker, CO 81641.

THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED OF TRUST.

NOTICE OF SALE

The current holder of the Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, described herein, has filed Notice of Election and Demand for sale as provided by law and in said Deed of Trust.
THEREFORE, Notice is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, 2/10/2016, at Office of the Public Trustee, Rio Blanco County Courthouse, 555 Main Street, Meeker CO 81641, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s)' heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.
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• A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE FILED PURSUANT TO SECTION 38-38-104 SHALL BE FILED WITH THE PUBLIC TRUSTEE AT LEAST FIFTEEN (15) CALENDAR DAYS PRIOR TO THE FIRST SCHEDULED SALE DATE OR ANY DATE TO WHICH THE SALE IS CONTINUED;

• A NOTICE OF INTENT TO REDEEM FILED PURSUANT TO SECTION 38-38-302 SHALL BE FILED WITH THE PUBLIC TRUSTEE NO LATER THAN EIGHT (8) BUSINESS DAYS AFTER THE SALE;

• IF THE SALE DATE IS CONTINUED TO A LATER DATE, THE DEADLINE TO FILE A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE BY THOSE PARTIES ENTITLED TO CURE MAY ALSO BE EXTENDED;

• IF THE BORROWER BELIEVES THAT A LENDER OR SERVICER HAS VIOLATED THE REQUIREMENTS FOR A SINGLE POINT OF CONTACT IN SECTION 38-38-103.1 OR THE PROHIBITION ON DUAL TRACKING IN SECTION 38-38-103.2, THE BORROWER MAY FILE A COMPLAINT WITH THE COLORADO ATTORNEY GENERAL, THE FEDERAL CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION BUREAU (CFPB), OR BOTH. THE FILING OF A COMPLAINT WILL NOT STOP THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS.

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1300 Broadway, 10th Floor
Denver, Colorado 80203
(800) 222-4444
www.coloradoattorneygeneral.gov

Federal Consumer Financial Protection Bureau
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Iowa City, Iowa 52244
(855) 411-2372
www.consumerfinance.gov

DATE: 12/1/2015

Karen Arnold, Public Trustee in and for the County of Rio Blanco, State of Colorado

By: Karen Arnold, Public Trustee

The name, address, business telephone number and bar registration number of the attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is:

Frascona, Joiner, Goodman and Greenstein, P.C. 4750 TABLE MESA DRIVE, BOULDER, CO 80305-5500 (303) 494-3000
Attorney File # 7225.770

The Attorney above is acting as a debt collector and is attempting to collect a debt. Any information provided may be used for that purpose.

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possessing, or controlling taxable business personal property with a total actual value greater than \$7,300 (per business, per county) are required to report the personal property to the county assessor by April 15, 2016. Personal Property Declaration Schedules have been mailed to every business, or company known to own, possess, or control taxable personal property in the county. Non-receipt of a Declaration Schedule DOES NOT excuse taxpayers from declaring taxable business personal property to the assessor. Licensed equipment that has a SMM tag or Z-Tab is not required to complete a Personal Property Declaration Schedule. If you have not received a Declaration Schedule and own business personal property in Rio Blanco County, please contact the Rio Blanco County Assessor's office at 970-878-9410.

Completed Declaration Schedules are due April 15, 2016. If you fail to file a Declaration Schedule, the assessor will establish a taxable value based on "best information available" and add a penalty of up to 25% of the valuation for the assessment of omitted property that is subsequently discovered. Colorado law requires the county assessor to begin hearing objections to personal property valuations no later than June 15, 2016. Objections to personal property valuations must be postmarked, delivered, or presented in person to the Rio Blanco County Assessor's office no later than June 30, 2016. If you have questions concerning your Notice of Valuation(s), please contact the Rio Blanco County Assessor's office at 970-878-9410.

Real Property
Colorado law, C.R.S. 39-1-104(10,2), currently requires a two-year reassessment cycle for all real property in the state of Colorado with year 2016 being an intervening year. The 2016 Notices of Valuation (NOV) will be sent only to property owners who had a change in valuation from last year. Changes in value may be attributed to new construction, demolished property, etc. Notices of Valuation will be sent on or around May 1, 2016. The NOV describes the property you own, gives the actual (or market) value for the prior and current years and describes the process to present objections to the assessor. If a property owner does not receive a Notice of Valuation (no change in value from last year), please check the "Actual Value" on the 2015 Property Tax Notice you received in January 2016 from the Rio Blanco County Treasurer. The Rio Blanco County Assessor will hear objections to real property classifications and 2016 valuations beginning no later than May 2, 2016. Objections to the valuation or classification of real property must be postmarked, delivered, or presented in person to the Rio Blanco County Assessor no later than June 1, 2016. If you have questions concerning your Notice of Valuation(s), please contact the Rio Blanco County Assessor's office at 970-878-9410.
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32-1-905(2), C.R.S.

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, 2016, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. At that time, 3 directors will be elected to serve 4-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

The Office of the DEO is open on the following days:

Monday - Friday from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
The deadline to submit a Self-Nomination and Acceptance is close of business on Friday, February 26, 2016.

If the DEO determines that a Self-Nomination and Acceptance form is not sufficient, the eligible elector who submitted the form may amend the form once, at any time, prior to 3:00 p.m. on Friday February 26, 2016.

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 29, 2016 (the sixty-fourth day before the election).

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, an application for a mail-in ballot shall be filed with the designated election official no later than the close of business on Friday, April 29, 2016, except that, if the applicant wishes to receive the mail-in ballot by mail, the application shall be filed no later than the close of business on Tuesday, May 3, 2016.
Rangely Rural Fire Protection District
Linda C. Gordon / Designated Election Official
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RIO BLANCO COUNTY PLANNING

COMMISSION HEARING

Notice is hereby given that on Thursday February 25, 2016 the Rio Blanco County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the Rio Blanco County Administration Building, 200 Main Street, Meeker, Colorado to consider the following: Special Use Permit (PSUP) 0006-16-Commnet/Oakridge, applicant is requesting a Special Use Permit for installation of a wireless communication site, which includes a 60 ft. tower with 3 RF panels within a 50 ft. x 50 ft. fenced compound. Located at 11808 County Road 8, Meeker, Colorado. Section 32, T1S, R92W.

Copies of the documents may be obtained from the Community Development Department at 200 Main Street in Meeker, Colorado, or you may call (970) 878-9456 for more information between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.
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COMBINED NOTICE - MAILING

CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 15-24

To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust: On November 24, 2015, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Rio Blanco records.
Original Grantor(s) Brielle Lynne Carlson and David P Carlson
Original Beneficiary(ies) Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., acting solely as nominee for Moncor, Inc.
Current Holder of Evidence of Debt CitiMortgage
Date of Deed of Trust February 25, 2009
County of Recording Rio Blanco
Recording Date of Deed of Trust March 02, 2009
Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/Page No.) 295144
Original Principal Amount \$162,470.00
Outstanding Principal Balance \$162,819.01 Pursuant to Loan Modification Agreement recorded August 3, 2010 at Reception No. 299122

Pursuant to CRS §38-38-101(4)(i), you are hereby notified that the covenants of the deed of trust have been violated as follows: failure to pay principal and interest when due together with all other payments provided for in the evidence of debt secured by the deed of trust and other violations thereof.
THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN

LOT 23, BLOCK 4, SAGEWOOD WEST SUBDIVISION ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED JUNE 27, 1979 AS RECEPTION NO.189097, TOWN OF RANGELY, COLORADO

Also known by street and number as: 861 Halfturn Road, Rangely, CO 81648.

THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED OF TRUST.

NOTICE OF SALE

The current holder of the Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, described herein, has filed Notice of Election and Demand for sale as provided by law and in said Deed of Trust.
THEREFORE, Notice is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, 03/26/2016, at Office of the Public Trustee, Rio Blanco County Courthouse, 555 Main Street, Meeker CO 81641, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s)' heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.
First Publication 1/28/2016
Last Publication 2/25/2016
Name of Publication Rio Blanco Herald Times

NOTICE OF RIGHTS

YOU MAY HAVE AN INTEREST IN THE REAL PROPERTY BEING FORECLOSED, OR HAVE CERTAIN RIGHTS OR SUFFER CERTAIN LIABILITIES PURSUANT TO COLORADO STATUTES AS A RESULT OF SAID FORECLOSURE. YOU MAY HAVE THE RIGHT TO REDEEM SAID REAL PROPERTY OR YOU MAY HAVE THE RIGHT TO CURE A DEFAULT UNDER THE DEED OF TRUST BEING FORECLOSED. A COPY OF SAID STATUTES, AS SUCH STATUTES ARE PRESENTLY CONSTITUTED, WHICH MAY AFFECT YOUR RIGHTS SHALL BE SENT WITH ALL MAILED COPIES OF THIS NOTICE. HOWEVER, YOUR RIGHTS MAY BE DETERMINED BY PREVIOUS STATUTES.

• A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE FILED PURSUANT TO SECTION 38-38-104 SHALL BE FILED WITH THE PUBLIC TRUSTEE AT LEAST FIFTEEN (15) CALENDAR DAYS PRIOR TO THE FIRST SCHEDULED SALE DATE OR ANY DATE TO WHICH THE SALE IS CONTINUED;

• A NOTICE OF INTENT TO REDEEM FILED PURSUANT TO SECTION 38-38-302 SHALL BE FILED WITH THE PUBLIC TRUSTEE NO LATER THAN EIGHT (8) BUSINESS DAYS AFTER THE SALE;

• IF THE SALE DATE IS CONTINUED TO A LATER DATE, THE DEADLINE TO FILE A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE BY THOSE PARTIES ENTITLED TO CURE MAY ALSO BE EXTENDED;

• IF THE BORROWER BELIEVES THAT A LENDER OR SERVICER HAS VIOLATED THE REQUIREMENTS FOR A SINGLE POINT OF CONTACT IN SECTION 38-38-103.1 OR THE PROHIBITION ON DUAL TRACKING IN SECTION 38-38-103.2, THE BORROWER MAY FILE A COMPLAINT WITH THE COLORADO ATTORNEY GENERAL, THE FEDERAL CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION BUREAU (CFPB), OR BOTH. THE FILING OF A COMPLAINT WILL NOT STOP THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS.

Colorado Attorney General
1300 Broadway, 10th Floor
Denver, Colorado 80203
(800) 222-4444
www.coloradoattorneygeneral.gov

Federal Consumer Financial Protection Bureau
P.O. Box 4503
Iowa City, Iowa 52244
(855) 411-2372
www.consumerfinance.gov

DATE: 12/15/2015

Karen Arnold, Public Trustee in and for the County of Rio Blanco, State of Colorado

By: Karen Arnold, Public Trustee

The name, address, business telephone number and bar registration number of the attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is:

Lisa Cancanon #42043 Monica Kadrms #34904
Barrett Frappier & Weisserman, LLP 1199 Bannock Street, Denver, CO 80204 (303) 350-3711
Attorney File # 1175.100280

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PUBLIC NOTICE

RIO BLANCO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HEARING

Notice is hereby given that on Monday March 14, 2016 the Rio Blanco County Board of Commissioners will hold a public hearing beginning at 1:15 p.m. at the Rio Blanco County Administration Building, 200 Main Street, Meeker, Colorado to consider the following: Special Use Permit (PSUP) 0006-16-Commnet/Oakridge, applicant is requesting a Special Use Permit for installation of a wireless communication site, which includes a 60 ft. tower with 3 RF panels within a 50 ft. x 50 ft. fenced compound. Located at 11808 County Road 8, Meeker, Colorado. Section 32, T1S, R92W.

Copies of the documents may be obtained from the Community Development Department at 200 Main Street in Meeker, Colorado, or you may call (970) 878-9456 for more information between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.
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PUBLIC NOTICE

RIO BLANCO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HEARINGS

Notice is hereby given that the Rio Blanco County Board of Commissioners will hold two public hearings to consider the rewriting of the Rio Blanco County Land Use Regulations. The first public hearing on the proposed rewrite of the Land Use Regulations will be on March 21, 2016 at the Rio Blanco County Annex, 17497 Hwy 64, Rangely Colorado, beginning at 2:00 p.m. The second public hearing will be on March 28, 2016 at the Rio Blanco County Administration Building, 200 Main Street, Meeker Colorado beginning at 2:00 p.m. Both locations will have video-conferencing capabilities.

Copies of the proposed Land Use Regulations may be viewed at the Rio Blanco Administration Building, 200 Main Street, Meeker Colorado, the Rio Blanco County Annex, 17497 Hwy 64, Rangely Colorado. The Clerk's Office at 555 Main Street and after February 11, 2016 1032 Jennifer Drive, Meeker Colorado, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The Rio Blanco Land Use Regulation can also be viewed on the Rio Blanco County Website at www.rbc.us on the Commissioners and Planning Department pages.

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an election will be held on the 3TH day of May, 2016, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. At that time, 3

directors will be elected to serve 4-year terms. Eligible electors of the Western Rio Blanco Metropolitan

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Recreation and Park District interested in serving on the board of directors may obtain a Self-Nomination and Acceptance form from the District Designated Election Official (DEO): Linda C. Gordon, 611 South Stanolind, Rangely, CO 81648, 970-675-8211. The Office of the DEO is open on the following days: Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. If the DEO determines that a Self-Nomination and Acceptance form is not sufficient, the eligible elector who submitted the form may amend the form once, at any time, prior to 3:00 p.m. on Friday, February 26, 2016. The deadline to submit a Self-Nomination and Acceptance is close of business on Friday, February 26 2016 (not less than 67 days before the election). Earlier submittal is encouraged as the deadline will not permit curing an insufficient form. Affidavit of Intent To Be A Write-In-Candidate forms must be submitted to the office of the designated election official by the close of business on Monday, February 29, 2016 (the sixty-fourth day before the election). NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that applications for and return of absentee ballots may be filed with the Designated Election Official of the District at the above address between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., until the close of business on the Friday immediately preceding the election (Friday, April 29, 2016). Western Rio Blanco Metro Recreation and Park District Designated Election Official Signature Linda C. Gordon Published: January 28 & February 4, 2016 Rio Blanco Herald Times

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(Location B) and approximately 254 tons of HBP at the Fairfield Center #2 Parking Lot (Location C). **CONTRACT DOCUMENTS** Contract Documents shall be available on-line at www.govbids.com/scripts/co1/public/home1.asp, or on Rio Blanco County website at www.rbc.us on the Bid Postings page, or at the Rio Blanco County Road and Bridge Dept. 570 2ndStreet, Meeker, Colorado 81641 on January 28, 2016. **VENDOR QUALIFICATIONS** Vendors must be listed on the most current CDOT Pre-qualified Contractor Listing. **WORK SCHEDULE** The Project shall start on or after April 11, 2016 and be completed by June 3, 2016. **PROJECT SUPERINTENDENT AND QUESTIONS** Van Pilaud, County Engineer, (970) 878-9590, Fax (970) 878-3396, van.pilaud@rbc.us. All Bidders are advised to examine the site and become familiar with all conditions. Any questions regarding this Project are to be directed in writing to Van Pilaud at 570 2ndStreet, Meeker, CO 81641 before Tuesday, February 16, 2016 at 4:00 P.M. at the above address, email or fax number. **MANDATORY PRE-BID MEETING** Bidders must attend the mandatory pre-bid meeting: February 9, 2016 at 10:00 AM at the Rio Blanco County Road & Bridge Dept., 570 Second Street, Meeker, CO. **BID SUBMITTALS** Bids shall have Vendor name and address on 2016 CR 8 SURFACE TREATMENT PROJECT written on the sealed envelope. All required documents shall be included with the bid or it shall be rejected. Each bid must include a certified check or cashier check in the amount of not less than five percent (5%) of the total bid, made payable to Rio Blanco County, or by a bid bond in like amount executed by a surety company. Mailed bids are due no later than 4:00 P.M. on Friday, February 19, 2016. Do not depend on overnight delivery. Hand delivered bids will be accepted from 8:00 A.M. to 10:45 A.M. on February 22, 2016. Mailing: RBC Commissioners, P.O. Box 1, 200 Main St., Meeker, CO 81641 Hand-delivery address: RBC Commissioners, 200 Main St. Meeker, CO 81641 **BID OPENING** Bids shall be opened and read in public at 11:15 A.M. on February 22, 2016 at the Rio Blanco County Commissioners Meeting Room at 200 Main St., Meeker, CO. Bids submitted after 10:45 A.M. shall be returned unopened. Bids submitted and opened shall not be withdrawn for 30 days thereafter.

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BID PREFERENCE C.R.S. 8-19-101, et. seq. shall be observed on all construction contracts on public projects. The law states that when a construction contract for a public project is to be awarded to a bidder, a resident bidder shall be allowed preference against a nonresident bidder from another state equal to the preference given or required by the state in which the nonresident bidder is a resident. **BID AWARD** The Rio Blanco County Board of County Commissioners reserve the right to reject any or all bids; to waive any informalities in bids; and to accept the bid that, in the opinion of the Board, is in the best interest of the County of Rio Blanco, State of Colorado. Discrepancies between the indicated sum of any column of figures and the correct sum thereof will be resolved in favor of the correct sum. Rio Blanco County reserves the right to negotiate a contract with the selected bidder. **RIO BLANCO COUNTY** Dated: January 25, 2016 By: Shawn J. Bolton, Chairman Published: January 28 & February 4, 2016 Rio Blanco Herald Times

Work Session -
Elyse Ackerman - DOLA 6:20 PM
Town of Rangely
February 9, 2016 - 7:00pm

Agenda
Rangely Board of Trustees (Town Council)
FRANK HUITT, MAYOR
JOSEPH NIELSEN, MAYOR PRO TEM
LISA HATCH, TRUSTEE
ANDREW SHAFFER, TRUSTEE
DAN EDDY, TRUSTEE
ANN BRADY, TRUSTEE
KRISTIN STEELE, TRUSTEE
•Call to Order
•Roll Call
•Invocation
•Pledge of Allegiance
Minutes of Meeting
•Approval of the minutes of the January 26, 2016 meeting.
•Petitions and Public Input

Notice of Cancellation and Certified Statement of Result

§1-13.5-513(6), 32-1-104, 1-11-103(3) C.R.S. Notice is hereby given by the Mesa View Estates Water District II, Rio Blanco County, Colorado, that at the close of business on the sixty-third day before the election, there were not more candidates for director than offices to be filled, including candidates filing affidavits of intent to be write-in candidates; therefore, the election to be held on March 29, 2016 is hereby canceled pursuant to section 1-13.5-513(6) C.R.S. The following candidates are hereby declared elected: Ronald K Spencer- Chair (4 year term) until May, 2018 Craig Thiessen (4 year term) until May, 2018 Gloria Mintz (4 year term) until May, 2018 Mike Mungas (2 year term) until May, 2016 Terrel L Matlock (2 year term) until May, 2016 Mike Mungas (Signature of the Designated Election Official) Mike Mungas (DEO's printed name) Publish February 4, 2016 Rio Blanco Herald Times

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•Changes to the Agenda
Public Hearings - 7:15pm
•Committee/Board Meetings
•Supervisor Reports - See Attached
•Vincent Wilczek, Police Chief
•Reports from Officers - Town Manager •Update New Business
•Discussion and action to approve the January 2016 check register.
•Discussion and action to approve the Liquor License renewal for Kum & Go
•Discussion and action to approve a Consulting Agreement is made this 9th day of February, 2016, between the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado (herein referred to as "County"), having its principal place of business at 200 Main Street, Suite 100, Meeker, Colorado, 81641; the Board of Trustees of the Town of Rangely (herein referred to as "Town"), having its principal place of business at 209 E. Main Street, Rangely, CO 81648; and Better City, LLC (referred to as "Consultant"), having its principal place of business at 1100 Country Hills Dr., Suite 300, Ogden, UT 84403. The total amount to be paid to Consultant pursuant to this Agreement shall not exceed one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00). Consultant shall be paid in accordance with the fee schedule set forth on the attached Exhibit "B", incorporated herein by this reference. (AGREEMENT ATTACHED w/ EXHIBIT "B")
Informational Items
•CML Annual Meeting - June 21st - 24th, 2016 - Please notify us of your intent to attend to take advantage of early registration.
•Scheduled Announcements
•Rangely District Library regular meeting February 8, 2016 at 5:00pm.
•Rangely Junior College District Board meeting is scheduled for February 8, 2016 at 12:00pm.
•Western Rio Blanco Park & Recreation District meeting February 8, 2016 at 7:00pm.
•Rural Fire Protection District board meeting is scheduled for February 15, 2016 at 7:00pm.
•Rangely School District board meeting is scheduled for February 16, 2016 at 6:15pm.
•Rio Blanco County Commissioners meeting is scheduled for February 16, 2016 at 11:00am.
•Rangely Chamber of Commerce board meeting is scheduled for February 18, 2016 at 12:00pm.
•Community Networking Committee meeting is scheduled for February 23, 2016 at 12:00pm.
•Rio Blanco Water Conservancy District board meeting is February 24, 2016 at 7:00pm.
•Rangely District Hospital board meeting is scheduled for February 25, 2016 at 6:00pm.
Adjournment
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HELP WANTED: PART TIME

Meeker Chamber of Commerce Membership Coordinator Job Opening
The Meeker Chamber of Commerce is accepting applications for a membership coordinator / Admin assistant. We are seeking applicants who are dynamic and energetic with communication skills to enhance and grow our unified member based organization and visitor center. This is a part time position; actual work schedule will be determined upon hire. Wages will be determined by applicant experience and qualifications. Minimum education of a High School Diploma or GED and the ability to use Microsoft software required. Applications and a complete job description are available at the Meeker Chamber of Commerce, 710 Market Street, Meeker, CO, or on our website www.meekerchamber.com under news. Application deadline is February 5, 2016. Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer.

Meeker Chamber of Commerce Tourism Coordinator Job Opening

The Meeker Chamber of Commerce is accepting applications for a tourism coordinator. We are seeking applicants who are dynamic and energetic with communication and graphic skills to market our area, build our advertising and tourism programs and enhance the visitor center. This is a part time position; actual work schedule will be determined upon hire. Wages will be determined by applicant experience and qualifications. Minimum education of a High School Diploma or GED and the ability to use Microsoft and Adobe software, and manage social media required. Applications and a complete job description are available at the Meeker Chamber of Commerce, 710 Market Street, Meeker, CO, or on our website www.meekerchamber.com under news. Application deadline is February 5, 2016. Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer.

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HELP WANTED: PART TIME

RANGELY SCHOOL DISTRICT has two part time/temporary paraprofessional positions open at this time, along with substitute teachers and substitute bus drivers. Please refer to our website www.rangelyk12.org for details.

HELP WANTED: GENERAL

Rio Blanco Water Conservancy District
The Rio Blanco Water Conservancy District is seeking a qualified individual to work as a Reservoir/Hydroelectric Operator III. This is an entry level at will position and is responsible for the day-to-day operation and maintenance of Kenney Reservoir, Taylor Draw Dam and Hydro Electric Facility, and other holdings of the District. The ideal candidate MUST know how to swim, should have good mechanical knowledge and aptitude, computer experience, and practical experience operating small mechanical and electrical power equipment and tools. The District offers a competitive benefits package and pay range within the specified job description DOQ. For an application packet contact the Rio Blanco Water Conservancy District at 2252 East Main Street, Rangely, Colorado 81648, (970) 675-5055. Office hours are Monday through Friday 7:00 AM to 4:00 PM. The position will remain open until filled. Rio Blanco Water Conservancy District is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

HELP WANTED: FULL TIME

Rangely District Hospital has an immediate opening in Housekeeping/Laundry Department. This position is a full time position working 30-40 hours per week. This position requires a variety of general cleaning tasks to maintain patient rooms, offices, hallways, windows and other assigned areas of the hospital or hospital owned buildings. This is a non-exempt (hourly) wage position. Job specifications include High School diploma or equivalent. Some prior experience preferred. On-the-job training is provided. Heavy lifting up to 50 pounds may also be required. The successful candidate will have good work ethic, be reliable, and possess good communication skills. For more information regarding this position, please apply online at www.rangelyhospital.com Or call (970)675-5011 and ask for Housekeeping or Human Resources.

2016 RIO BLANCO COUNTY ROAD 8 SURFACE TREATMENT PROJECT REQUEST FOR BID

PROJECT NAME, LOCATION AND GENERAL SCOPE OF WORK
2016 Rio Blanco County Road 8 Surface Treatment Project (Location A). Roadway beginning 2 miles east of Meeker from State Highway 13 travelling east 5.2 miles. Work includes 2.5 miles of 2 overlay and 2.7 miles of full depth reclamation with a 4 overlay, 2 culvert pipe replacements, guardrail replacement, and striping. Estimated quantities for this portion of work: 12,455 tons HBP, 38,016 SY Full Depth Reclamation, 525 lineal feet guardrail w/ends sections, 130 feet 24 inch PVC Pipe, 342 gals. Pavement Marking Paint. Two additional smaller County projects are included in the project but will be bid separately. The Contractor shall supply and place approximately 417 tons of HBP between the Meeker Fairgrounds Building and the 4-H Building

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Submit Resume and/or Application to:
Pioneers Medical Center, HR,
100 Pioneers Medical Center Dr.,
Meeker, Colo., 81641
Visit our Website at:
www.pioneershospital.org

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Phone: (970) 878-0447 Fax: (970) 878-2855
100 Pioneers Medical Center Dr., Meeker, CO 81641
Eastern Rio Blanco County Health Service District

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- Maintenance Laborer
- Public Health & Environment Supervisor
- Staff Assistant, Part-Time, Rangely

For details and a Rio Blanco County application, please go to www.rbc.us or Rio Blanco County HR at 200 Main St., Meeker, CO 970-878-9570 ADA/EOE

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• 5th Grade Teacher

Meeker High School
• Agriculture Teacher

District
• Food Service Position

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MEEKER STREAKER MONTHLY SCHEDULE February 2015

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02/17 Bus in town/BP Clinic
02/18 Bus in town/Grand Junction Medical
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02/20 No Bus
02/21 AM Bus
02/22 Bus in town
02/23 Bus in town
02/24 Bus in town
02/25 Bus in town/Craig
02/26 Bus in town
02/27 No Bus
02/28 AM Bus
02/29 Bus in Town

Due to Daylight Savings Time, please schedule out-of-town medical appointments before 2:00 PM. Call Streaker for a ride 878-9368. Reservations for Rec. Center Trips should be made at 878-3403. Chuckwagon 878-5627. Please call in advance for a ride to medical appointments- (970)878-9368. For Rangely dental appointments, please call (970)675-3250.

COLORADO PARKS AND WILDLIFE is now accepting bids for the grazing rights on the Square S summer range. Bid packets are available at the CPW office in Meeker. Proposal submission deadline is due by February 23, 2016 at 5:00 PM. Call (970)878-6090 for more information.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Veterans Service Offices

Rio Blanco County: Veterans Service Officer - Joe Dungan, Wednesday, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., County Administration Building, 200 Main Street Suite 300, Meeker, 878-9690 office, 878-3219 home. Fax 878-9581.

Rangely: Veterans Service Officer - Hoot Gibson, Tuesday and Thursday, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., County Annex, 17497 State Hwy 64, Rangely. 878-9695 office, 875-2669 home.

SAFEHOUSE

If you are being abused physically or mentally, you can call SAFEHOUSE for confidential shelter and help.
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THE RANGELY Moms Group gives pregnant women and mothers of newborns through elementary school-aged children time to take a break, join in discussions and crafts, and build relationships with other moms. We meet the first Thursday of each month from September through May, from 9-11 a.m. at Grace Baptist Church (144 S. Stanolind Ave.). Join us! For more information, call Heather Zadra at (970) 629-9937.

THE VFW, American Legion, and their Auxiliaries will meet the second Monday of each month at 5:30 PM at 290 4th St. For further information call (970) 878-5326.

ATTN: RIO BLANCO COUNTY VETERANS: If you do not receive VA travel allowance for visits to the Grand Jct VAMC or to the Craig VA Clinic please contact the RBC Veterans Service Office, Meeker: Joe Dungan, 878-9690 Rangely: John "Hoot" Gibson, 878-9695

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AA & Al-Anon Meetings - Rangely

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

Alcoholics Anonymous

Mon. 7 p.m., Weds. 7 p.m., Fri. 7 p.m. St. James Church - enter from back parking lot, meetings are downstairs in Richards Hall, 4th & Park, Meeker 878-4158 • 878-5919 • 878-5636
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Meeker High school students are raising money to go on the educational trip of a lifetime to Ecuador. If you need or know of anyone in need of snow shoveling at your home or business please contact us at 320-223-4351.

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

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- 1886 RBC Rd. 8 - New windows throughout, 3 BD, 2-1/2 BA home, 6.8 acres with 2000 SF White River frontage, large deck and spectacular views. One of a kind property! \$350,000
- 71622 Hwy. 64 - Perfect property! All recently remodeled, 3 BD, 2 BA home, close to town with great park-like setting. Just shy of 1 acre. \$299,000
- 1083 Laurie Cir. - Cute 3 BD, 1-3/4 BA, two-car garage, clean & open kitchen with newer appliances & fresh paint. Small yard & borders new soccer field. Price reduced! \$109,000
- 1376 Juniper - 4 BD, 2 BA, with unfinished 5th BD or hobby room. \$246,000 SOLD!

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- 1218 La Mesa - 4 BD, 2.5 BA, 2636 SF two-story built in 2008. Landscaping and sprinkler. \$225,000
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- Dinosaur: 616 Antrodemus Alley - Three lots with a 2 BD, 1 BA mobile home on one lot. \$39,900
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- 66577 Hwy 64. - 14+acres, 1947 SF home, adjoins BLM \$400,000
- 1104 Jeannette Cir. - Custom home 3 bdrm, 2 bath, views \$245,000
- NEW - 619 Rimrock Drive - 5 acres, 3bd home, garage, trees \$238,500
- 757 3rd Street - Remodeled 3bdrm, 2bath, 2 car garage. \$224,900
- 760 3rd Street - Lg lot, 2 bdrm, 2.5 baths, 1 car garage. \$210,000
- 450 Garfield Street - Cute 2 bedroom home close to downtown \$125,000
- 1036 Park Ave - Cute 1+bdrm, 1 bath, garage, great starter home. \$90,000

PENDING SALES:

- 1334 Sage Ridge Rd. - 4bdrm, 3.5 baths, garage, AND MORE. \$289,900
- 1023 Julie Circle - Immaculate ranch style home w/garage. SOLD!
- 1092 Hill Street - Cute 2bdrm, 1 bath home with garage. SOLD!

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110 S. White Ave. \$129,900 Charming Newer Home 2 Beds & 2 Baths	218 S. White Ave. \$125,000 Duplex 2 Beds & 1 Bath	622 E. Rio Blanco Ave. \$124,000 Terrific Ranch Home 3 Beds & 1 Bath
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HOMES IN MEEKER ...

- *NEW 989 Garfield- Lg lot, 3 BR, 2 BA, 2,656 sq ft home, full basement, garage, mature trees. \$170,000.
- *NEW 826 2nd St- 3 BR, 2.5 BA, 2,064 sq ft bi-level home near schools. Fenced yard, trees. \$170,000.
- *1331 Sage Ridge Rd- Immaculate 2 story, 3 BR, 2.5 BA, garage, RV carport, fenced, landscaped. \$255,000.
- *1111 Wall St- 3 BR, 2 BA one level home. Laminated floors, lg master suite, storage shed. \$128,000 REDUCED!
- *460 7th St- 3+ lots, beautiful 2 story log home, 2 shops, garage, privacy fenced, landscaped. \$298,000 REDUCED!
- *112 Main St- 3 BR, 2 BA historic home with a 426 sq. ft. cottage. Updated, large corner lot. \$219,000.
- *1178 Garfield- 1 lot with a 1980 singlewide trailer, 1,000 sq ft, 3 BR, 1 BA, big shop. \$55,000 SOLD!

RANCHES - RURAL RESIDENTIAL - HUNTING PROPERTIES...

- *3315 CR 8- 42 Acres, great views, 2,304 sq ft, 3 BR, 2 BA log home, decks, privacy, new well. \$400,000.
- *1020 S. Little Rancho Dr- 80 Acres bordering BLM land. Very private, and of the road. Newer log home, 3 BR, 2 BA, decks, Barn, pond, water well, fenced for livestock, good hunting, views. \$595,000.
- *686 Rimrock Dr- 5.5 acres, captivating location, 3BR, 2 BA 1 story log home. Amazing pond, irrigation water, beautifully landscaped, RV hookup, great views, garage, and shed. Zip line! \$409,000.
- *1260 CR 119- Ute Creek Cabin - Forest Service lease land, 2 room log cabin, 3/4 bath. \$75,000.
- *293 Agency Dr. - 5 acres, 1 mile S. of town, near golf course. Updated 4 BR, 2 BA home with basement, garage, decks. Awesome views. Irrigated hay & pasture. Lg shop with horse stalls. \$419,000.
- *CR 8 - 88 Acres just east of Meeker. Hunting, dry land pasture, development potential. \$425,000 REDUCED!
- *8505 CR 8- 9 miles east. Nice 3 BR home, basement, garage, fenced yard, great views. \$325,000.
- *29100 CR 8- 12 Acres with River & fishing. Nice 1,252 sq ft 3 BR, 2 BA cabin, borders BLM. \$795,000.
- *366 N. Cross L Dr.- 2 BA home on 3 irrigated acres. Great location. SOLD! \$244,900.

BUSINESS & INVESTMENT ...

- *109 Market St.- 3+ lots on the corner of 1st & Market. Great location next to the Dollar Store \$275,000 REDUCED!
- *304 4th St. Commercial building on corner lot downtown, great office space, 4,437 sq. ft. \$220,000.

RAW LAND AND HOMESITES ...

- *5807 CR 7 - Vacant 20 acre parcel, 9 mi. North, on Strawberry Creek. Good home site & views! \$75,000.
- *CR 8 - 88 Acres just east of Meeker. Hunting, dry land pasture, development potential. \$425,000 REDUCED!
- *359 Love Lane- 3 acres, Cross L Estates, Lot 13, great home property, well. \$100,000.
- *River Property- 19.6 Acres 12 miles west. Irrigated hay, good home sites, river. \$145,000.
- *Little Beaver Estates- Lot 4, 35 acres, fenced, good pond, loafing shed, great home site. \$64,900 REDUCED!
- *Little Beaver Estates- 35 acre lot bordering DOW hunting land. Lot 11- \$95,000.
- *Little Beaver Estates 35 acre lot bordering Division of Wildlife public land, Lot 14. \$93,000 REDUCED!
- *Little Beaver Estates Lot 13 - 35 acre lot bordering Division of Wildlife public land. \$89,000 REDUCED!
- *100 acres 29 miles east of Meeker, surrounded by Nat Forest, covered with Aspens. \$1,395,000.00.
- *Several nice building lots on Mimi Creek and Michael Circle. Reduced to \$19,900 each.
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- 1322 Sage Ridge Rd. - 3,822 SQFT of luxury! 3BD, 2BA, game room, theatre, hot tub, views and more. Stress free, move right in! \$410,900
- 585 Cleveland St. - Picturesque 3,806 SQFT home in downtown Meeker. Beautifully landscaped private yard. \$389,000
- 756 Hill St. - Perfectly maintained 3BD/2BA log home with DREAM 4+ car garage! \$310,000
- 1341 Sage Ridge Rd. - BRAND NEW 3,464 SQFT, 3BD/2BA with stunning finishes! \$309,000
- 1055 Lance Cr. - Cute and tidy, ranch style 3BD/2BA home on a large lot. REDUCED TO \$229,000
- 1154 Mimi Cr. - Ideal 3BD/2BA two story home in a quiet cul-de-sac with custom finishes. REDUCED TO \$229,000
- 855 5th St. - Wonderful view over town from this 5BD/2BA home. New roof, siding, windows and flooring. \$200,000
- 1326 Sage Ridge Rd. - Large family home comprising of 4BD/3BA, office, full basement and excellent back yard with fabulous mountain views. \$199,000
- 1033 Main St. - Two-story, 3BD/2BA home, with a cottage in the back yard. \$172,000
- 545 3rd St. - Ideal location, smart use of space, tastefully remodeled 3BD/2BA. PRICE REDUCED! \$159,000
- 117 6th St. - Completely remodeled duplex, fully furnished, sleeps 12 people, within walking distance of downtown. REDUCED TO \$135,000

1112 Park Ave. - Fresh paint, new carpet, super cute 2BD, 1BA, plus den. Fenced yard, off street parking. \$129,000

1013 Hill St. - 2BD/2BA home with huge yard, family room, and extra room in the basement. Some remodeling, including floors. REDUCED TO \$122,900

RURAL RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES

- 1533 RBC Rd. 7- 977 acre ranch on Strawberry Creek with trees, rock outcroppings, outstanding water rights, hay meadows, brick home, multiple barns & corrals, numerous recreation amenities, including prime elk & deer hunting. \$3,750,000.
- 3900 RBC RD. 10 - 42.35 Acres in the South Fork of the White River. Log home, workshop, garage, corrals, spring water, Forest Service access. Privacy and views that can't be matched! \$800,000
- 945 RBC Rd. 14 - Sensational, beautiful 5BD/3BA log cabin with pristine setting, Creek & pond. The ultimate privacy in the White River National Forest. \$475,000
- NEW 269 RBC RD. 57. - Get out of town and into this 3BD/2BA home with over 1,100 sqft in garages alone, plus 1.37 pretty acres! \$339,000
- NEW 1601 White River Rd. - Brand new 3BD/2BA home w/ attached garage. 3.22 acres just south of the golf course. \$329,500
- 4637 RBC Rd. 8 - BACK ON THE MARKET - 4BD/2BA farmhouse on 6+ acres, shop, barn, and corrals. Close to town, no covenants. \$329,000
- 402 Sandstone Dr. - 10 country acres with a custom stock-built 3BD/2BA home with roping & riding arena, tack shed, carport, pasture, pond & views. Located about 4 miles from Meeker. \$298,000

NEW 346 N. Cross L Dr. - Adorable 3BD/2BA stucco home on 3 acres. Only minutes from town, miles of views. \$279,000

71855 Hwy. 64 - MILES OF VIEWS, 3BD/2BA home on 10 acres about 4 miles from Meeker. Stucco, covered porch, metal garage/barn. \$215,000

378 RBC Rd. 40 - Log cabin on 3 acres with spring. Located about 20 minutes drive east of Meeker. \$119,000

210 RBC Rd. 75 - Papoose Creek Cabin - Forest service leased land, your rustic cabin in enjoy! \$65,000

VACANT LAND

- 41 Vacant Lots - Sanderson Hills Subdivision. Located on the northwest side of the subdivision. \$250,000 for all 6th OWNER FINANCING
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- 499 Cross L Dr. - 3 acres in Cross L Estates, good building location on corner lot. \$80,000
- 50 Acres FOURTEEN MILE SUBDIVISION - Enjoy open space and wonderful views! \$67,500
- 688 Meath Dr. - 35 acre lot in Little Beaver Estates, cleared building pad. Will consider all offers! REDUCED TO \$65,000

6.79 Acres in Cross L Estates - Irrigated meadow with great hay production, nice lot, domestic water, electricity and views. REDUCED TO \$59,000

2.25 Acres off Hwy. 13, north of Meeker - Nice building location, close to town! \$45,000

2 lots on Silver Sage Rd. - Sage Hills. \$45,000 for both.

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COMMERCIAL PROPERTY

- 317 East Market - GREAT PROPERTY, GREAT LOCATION - 1.4 acres includes commercial building, newly built shop \$975,000. Also the adjoining 3 acre parcel is available for \$300,000 with highway access.
- 680 Water St. - Playa del Rio Apartments sits on 4 lots, feature 19 apartment units, 17 storage units, off street parking and park area. Buy before the market booms! \$875,000
- BE YOUR OWN BOSS - Thriving Ma Famiglia restaurant, business offered at \$475,000.
- 1107 Market St. - Commercial corner lot on Highway 13. Perfectly cleared and ready for a new business! Price reduced! \$199,000

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