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LeBlanc debuts Gnar Bike prototype in White River Rumble

By **BOBBY GUTIERREZ**
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MEEKER I God and gnarly are not usually used in the same conversation, unless you are conversing with Barney LeBlanc about his patent-pending Gnar Bike. LeBlanc rode the snow bike competitively for the first time in the third annual White River Rumble cross country snowmobile/snow bike race held last Saturday starting at Yellow Jacket Pass.

LeBlanc, who has an engineering management degree from Fort Lewis College in Durango, used to joke with his college buddies about "Shredding the gnar-gnar," so he used "gnar" (short for gnarly) in the naming of his patent-pending design of an adapted motorcycle frame to sit atop a snowmobile-style tunnel, the Gnar Bike.

"It has been awesome to see how God has directed me," LeBlanc said before the start of the race last Saturday. "Seeing God's hand, knowing all of my inabilities and him redeeming my inabilities, has been awesome."

LeBlanc, who has had a construction business for more than 13 years, has been working on snow-bike prototypes for more than six years and he has been working on the prototype since last May.

"I love dirt biking and I have been watching snow bikes, riding each of the new versions," LeBlanc said. "Their handling is more intuitive than a snowmobile and I wanted to be able to jump like a dirt bike."

LeBlanc said he first built a prototype of a dirt bike on top of snowmobile tunnel but it was too tall and unridable. He put one on two tracks but it lost the agility of a snow bike. Then he built a snowmobile-powered one and got the weight more on the track but the transmission was too wide.

Last March, LeBlanc applied for a patent for his design, then built a prototype last May, in line with the one he raced Saturday and received notice in

November of his patent-pending status.

LeBlanc said some of the patented pieces are the direct drive from the transmission of a dirt bike to the drivers of the track, the handle bars are within a foot of the track vertically and it is a tubular frame with a tunnel.

"A lot of others don't have snowmobile-style tunnels," LeBlanc said.

LeBlanc was "encouraged" by his fifth place finish in a field of 10 snow bikes entered in the White River Rumble. He is also ready to start selling them, hoping to produce 10 to 20 of them this winter, while gearing up for mass production later in 2018. LeBlanc would like to manufacture the Gnar Bike in Meeker.

"I was encouraged with the fifth place finish," LeBlanc said. "About five miles into the race, I wrecked super hard and broke the main bolt in my suspension, which caused me to lose time, trying to go too fast when my machine was broken. It was a great learning experience and I glad it happened in Meeker and not on a bigger stage."

LeBlanc would like to get on a bigger stage by finding "a better rider" to race his Gnar Bike and have it compete in national snow cross races, while he works on production.

He is also working on a CVR 1000, with 160 horsepower, which he said is fast "but kind of heavy," and he is most excited about new Pantera 550 two-stroke engine he will install in March, which he says is the "latest, greatest technology and it makes 100 horsepower."

"The next piece to develop is a ski with a wheel to make it dirt worthy and ultimately making it amphibious," LeBlanc said.

His wife Kelly is supportive of her husband, calling herself the "cheerleader."

"I'm the encourager, I love watching him go after his dreams," she said.

To learn more about the Gnar Bike, please visit the website at www.gnarbike.net or email LeBlanc at gnarbike@yahoo.com.



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More than 50 riders competed in the third annual White River Rumble cross country snowmobile/snow bike race, organized by Mountain States Snowmobile Racing, held on Yellow Jack Pass last Saturday, including Meeker's Barney LeBlanc, who debuted his patent-pending Gnar Bike in the snow bike division, finishing fifth in a field of nine. LeBlanc was encouraged by his finish and he hopes to sell and produce 10 to 20 of them this winter. For race results, please visit MSSR on Facebook and for more information the Gnar Bike, please check out the website at www.gnarbike.net.

Stockgrowers discuss business

By **REED KELLEY**
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RBC I The Rio Blanco County Stockgrowers Association (Stockgrowers) held their annual business and information gathering in the commissioners' meeting room at the county courthouse Saturday. Elections were held resulting in the following office holders: Todd Shults, president; Brian Collins, vice-president; Dan Johnson, second vice-president; and Lenny Klinglesmith, treasurer. Teresa Anderson continues to serve as the administrative assistant.

One-year representatives on the stockgrowers board are KC Burke, Eleanor Carter, and Dean Mantle; two year representatives are Daniel Lapp, Chad Carter, and Logan Hill; three year representatives are Neil Brennan, Coley Turner and Coe Uphoff. Andy Coryell is a board alternate.

In business matters, Johnson expressed concern about the county commissioner hearing to be held Feb. 12 regarding the elimination of agricultural land exemptions in the county floodplain regulations. Commissioner Shawn Bolton explained that this was coming down as a requirement from the Federal Emergency Management Agency and that the state had not supported the counties' resistance to this action. Bolton urged the group to look at who holds the enforcement power, i.e., the county, which, he implied, was not going to be doing aggressive enforcement. Attendance and testimony at the 1 p.m. hearing Feb. 12 is encouraged.

County Assessor Renae Neilson reported assessed valuations have

dropped 7 percent countywide. Ag land valuations, based on commodity prices, have risen some. Residential property values are up but taxes are down due to the requirements of the Gallagher Amendment of 1982 which allows only 45 percent of assessed valuation to come from residential property. She reminded county residents that her office now has an interactive parcel map on the county website.

Justin Ewing of Meeker and Dave Moreno of Grand Junction, both from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection

Service, Wildlife Services, shared information about predator control, local efforts in that regard, impacts to livestock and possible increased services. Much discussion ensued about the likelihood of wolves arriving on the Colorado scene. Both men said bear activity and damage was requiring much more of their time and effort than it used to.

On wolves, Moreno reported that an associate of his who spent time in Wyoming and Montana said the elk herds, in the presence of wolves, are

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No operators come forward for Meeker Adventure Center

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MEEKER I The much contested Meeker Adventure Center seems to have fizzled out after a second request for qualifications for a general operator failed to return any official responses. However, that doesn't mean the process hasn't created forward momentum that could greatly benefit the community's economic development goals.

"It's just going to take longer," said Kelby Bosshardt of Better City, the consulting firm contracted by the towns and county to further economic development. "Interested parties have described a 'walk before you run' progression. They haven't thrown out the idea, but it would be taken at a more long-term trajectory because of the lack of the public funding component," he said.

The work Better City has accomplished has generated progress that can

be used to attract other business opportunities and industries. Two companies which started working in the Flat Tops last year as a result of Better City outreach on the project have expressed a desire to return and increase their services.

"This is new business and new people coming to the area as a direct result of the adventure center," Bosshardt said.

With the lackluster response for a general operator, Rio Blanco County Economic Development Coordinator Katelin Cook has proposed a "pivot" to the plan, which would redirect the energy and momentum from the Meeker Adventure Center to the creation of a Meeker outdoor recreation incubator, a way for all the parties who expressed interest in being service providers for the proposed Adventure Center to expand and grow their current busi-

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REED KELLEY PHOTO

Victor Parker, with his back to the camera, holds down one of two poker tables at Saturday night's RBC Stockgrowers Association dinner. Other players around the table are (clockwise) John Portwood, Mark Etchart, Chad Carter (who organized the poker effort) and Kelcee Milton Vroman with her aunt, Connie Theos, giving advice over her shoulder. The game was a fundraiser for the Stockgrowers' scholarship program.

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Sunday: 41/18 Ptlly. Cloudy



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

■ **Itty-Bitty Sweetheart Pool Party** Feb. 9 from 1-3 p.m. at the Meeker Recreation Center. Kids 7 and under are invited to this pool party! \$2 per person. All pool rules apply. Visit www.ermrec.com for details, or call 970-878-3403.

■ **Projects in Grocery Sacks** Feb. 9 from 1-4 p.m. at the Meeker Recreation Center. Bring those crochet projects you just can't seem to finish and let us help you get back on track. An expert volunteer will be available to teach the art of crocheting. Visit www.ermrec.com for details, or call 970-878-3403.

■ **Tootsie Care Day** at 290 Fourth St., Feb. 10 from 12-3 p.m. Open to anyone 74 and under who has trouble with toenail trimming. Donations go the VFW and Auxiliary Scholarship fund.

■ **The Rangely Moms Group** meets the first Thursday of each month from 9-11 a.m. at First Baptist Church (207 S. Sunset Ave.) to help connect moms in our community. Any moms who have newborn through elementary aged children are welcome to join us for food, fellowship and fun. Childcare is provided. The first meeting is free. Subsequent meetings are \$5. Scholarships are available if needed.

■ **Real-Tea Roundtable.** Join real estate expert Suzan Pelloni for helpful hints on buying and selling property. The first Wednesday of the month at 7:30 a.m. at Wendell's.

■ **Adult Open Gym pickleball** Mondays at 7:30 p.m. in the MES gym. For 18 and older. Volleyball Tuesdays from 7:30-9 p.m. in the MES gym. Adult open gym basketball Wednesdays from 7:30-9 p.m. in the

MES gym. Call 878-3403 for details.

■ **The Meeker Library Book Club** meets at 1 p.m. the second Monday of each month (excluding holidays). Feb. 12 we will be discussing "The Other Einstein" by Marie Benedict. All interested readers are welcome. Stop by the Meeker Library for details.

■ **Storytime at the Rangely Regional Library** Tuesdays at 10 a.m.

■ **Quilting Group.** Tuesdays from 1-9 p.m. at the Meeker Public Library. All are welcome. Come during hours that fit your schedule. Bring your sewing machine and project. Making quilts for the Walbridge Wing and hospice care.

■ **Gentleman's Club** meeting every Tuesday at 9 a.m. at the Meeker Recreation Center and each Thursday at 9 a.m. at the VFW, 290 4th St. in Meeker.

■ **Game Day** for adults 50-plus on Wednesdays at 9 a.m. in the Meeker Recreation Center lounge. Call 878-3403 or visit www.ermrec.com.

■ **Children's Story Hour** Wednesdays at 10 a.m. at the Meeker Public Library.

■ **Free Community Dinner** every Thursday at 5:30 p.m. at St. James' Episcopal Church—Richards' Hall, Fourth and Park.

■ **Frontier Fellowship** gathering Fridays at 7 p.m. in the upstairs meeting room at 592 Main St. (Hugus Building) in Meeker. Email rev712@gmail.com for more information.
5 p.m. on Monday.

Paranormal investigative team returning to Meeker

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MEEKER | A team of paranormal investigators is returning to Meeker for another round of investigations.

Last weekend Hector Zeferino, the founder of Hotchkiss Paranormal Investigators (HPI), returned to Meeker to investigate potential paranormal activity in some of Meeker's buildings. The HPI team last visited Meeker in 2016 for an investigation of the Meeker Hotel and Cafe.

The HPI team was founded in June 2012 by Zeferino and co-founder Ethan Coe. In September, the Travel Channel's "Ghost Adventures" program spent three days working with HPI filming an episode at the Museum of the Mountain West in Montrose which aired Nov. 11, 2017.

"Once they (Ghost Adventures) left, they told us that they want to work

with us from now on with locations in Colorado," Zeferino said.

The team uses thermal imaging, night vision cameras, a "spirit box," K2 meters and voice recorders in the research.

The full HPI team will be returning to Meeker the weekend of Feb. 23 to investigate the Hugus Building, the White River Museum, the Heritage Culture Center and two other Meeker locations to be added.

"We are looking forward to this huge event and can't wait to see what these locations have in store for us," Zeferino said.

Homeowners and business owners who have or know about sites with paranormal activity and would be interested in working with HPI are encouraged to send a private message to the team's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/Hotchkiss-Paranormal-Investigators-339572346112279/>.

FOOD BANK HELPERS ...



RENE HARDEN PHOTO

The RHS basketball team unloaded a trailer of food for the Rangely food bank Friday, Feb. 2 for families in need. The food bank team extends its thanks to the basketball players for their hard work and to Laura's Corner for its generous donation last Wednesday. The Rangely food bank, located at the Assembly of God church at 204 E. Rio Blanco Ave., is open on Wednesdays from 4:30-6 p.m. Call 970-675-2113 for more information.

Ranchers now required to report livestock gas to EPA

By JEN HILL
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RBC | Beginning on May 1 ranchers and livestock producers will be required to report releases of ammonia and hydrogen sulfide from animal waste as they are mandated to participate in the Environmental Protection Agency's Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) and Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA).

Livestock regularly produce ammonia as they are releasing body gases.

The rules were initially adopted by the EPA in the 1980s, however according to the EPA's website, in 2008 an animal agriculture exemption was carved out "if the farm had fewer animals than a large concentrated animal feeding operation."

Last year the rule was challenged by Waterkeeper Alliance and in April the court agreed, striking down the exemption. The new rule, which will take effect on May 1 includes a reportable quantity of the gases at production levels of 100 lbs within a 24-hour period. However, how many animals it takes to produce that level of ammonia or hydrogen sulfide is large-

ly unknown. According to University of Nebraska Associate Professor Rick Stowell it is unlikely that any beef operation with less than 200 cattle will reach this ammonia production threshold. Very little data currently exists on the amount of ammonia produced by range cattle, with most research being conducted in feedlots and confined facilities.

On their website the EPA acknowledges the question now facing ranchers in determining whether or not they are required to follow the reporting rules. "EPA recognizes that it will be challenging for farmers to estimate releases from animal wastes because

there is no generally accepted methodology for estimating these emissions at this time. EPA is working on developing methodologies to estimate emissions from a wide variety of operations and thus better inform emission estimates from animal waste. However, that work will not be completed prior to the Court's mandate that farms report."

Most grazing operations will be required to use the Continuous Release Reporting Process, which includes reviewing the emissions once annually. Any "statistically significant" changes in the operation during that time will require a new report.

Thelen named to dean's list at Fort Lewis College

MEEKER | Nishiko Thelen was named to Fort Lewis College's dean's list for the Fall 2017 semester. Thelen's major is business administration. To be eligible for the dean's list, a student must carry a semester GPA of 3.6 or better in no fewer than 15 credit hours of graded college level work and have completed all work for which they are registered by the end of the semester.



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Mecham is a Boettcher finalist

RANGELY | Rangely's Kaylee Mecham has been named one of 100 finalists for the Boettcher Scholarship out of 1,500 highly qualified applicants. Mecham will be interviewed for the scholarship in March in Denver.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Rangely photo contest entries due Feb. 9

RANGELY | The Rangely Area Chamber of Commerce has decided to purchase a billboard on I-70 West, just outside of the Denver area. The Chamber is holding a photo contest for the billboard so "we can put our best foot forward." In particular, family or action photos showing Kenney Reservoir, the White River, the Rock Crawling Park or OHV/ATC photos are needed. The deadline for the contest is Feb. 9 at 5 p.m. All submissions are to be made via email. Please call 970-675-5290 or email rangelychamber@gmail.com.

Crab Crack to be held Feb. 10

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

First aid class Saturday, Feb 10 in Meeker

MEEKER | The ERBM Recreation and Park District will be hosting two First Aid/CPA/AED classes on Saturday, Feb. 10 from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Meeker Recreation Center multipurpose room. Interested individuals 12 years of age and older may register by calling the Meeker Recreation Center at 970-878-3403. If space allows, registration up until the day of the class will be allowed for \$35. This class teaches participants to recognize and respond appropriately to cardiac, breathing, and first aid emergencies. This class teaches participants the skills needed to give immediate care to an injured or ill person until more advanced medical personnel arrive and take over. A First Aid/CPR/AED certification card is included in the price of the class.

Register for community ed classes now

MEEKER | Spring CNCC Community Education Classes starting in February are open for registration. Don't miss these opportunities to learn or create something new. Feb. 16, 17, mosaic garden stone workshop, 2-5 p.m. Friday and 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Saturday; learn this exciting craft to decorate surfaces and make gifts. Feb. 19-March 12, basic social media marketing, 6-8 p.m.; develop marketing strategies to market your business on social media sites. Senior tuition discounts available. For further information, call 878-5227 to get on a class list, or stop by the CNCC Meeker Center at 345 Sixth St. on Tuesday or Wednesday to complete registrations. Registrations may be mailed to CNCC, PO Box 1542, faxed to 878-4145 or emailed to iris.franklin@cncc.edu.

Meeker: Project 45 meeting Feb. 13

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

Waving Hands Review seeks submissions

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

Smoking River Open House Feb. 17

MEEKER | Smoking River Studio Arts is hosting an Open House Saturday, Feb. 17 from 4 to 6 p.m. at 627 Main St. Entertainment will be provided by Mountaintop Sound and refreshments and appetizers will be served.

Meeting for wild horse enthusiasts Feb. 17

MEEKER | We need you! Calling on all wild horse enthusiasts! Join us for an organizational interest meeting to support the Piceance-East Douglas Wild horses and the BLM White River Field Office. Date Saturday Feb. 17 at noon, address 220 E. Market St. Meeker, Colo., at the BLM office. For additional information please contact Tracy Scott at 970-241-0939 or Kathy DeGonia at 928-707-1236.

Rangely Racquetball returns March 9-11

RANGELY | The 25th annual Rangely Racquetball Tournament will be held March 9-11 at the Rangely Recreation Center. Entry fees must be received by noon Monday, March 5. Sign up early, as participation is limited. Call tournament director Shirley Parsons, 970-675-5360, or call the rec center at 970-675-8211 for details.

Mental health first aid training March 28

RANGELY | Mental health first aid training will be held Wednesday, March 28 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the CNCC Weiss Conference Room at 500 Kennedy Dr. in Rangely. Registration is required for this free class and space is limited. Mental health first aid is an evidence-based, public health training program that teaches participants the signs and symptoms of mental health challenges or crisis, what to do in an emergency, and where to turn for help. Topics include depression, anxiety, suicide, panic attacks, psychosis and substance use disorder. MHFA is implemented around the U.S. and the world. This class is open to the public, and is appropriate for individuals who work in health care, human services, education, and anyone wishing to learn more about mental health. Register online at <http://www.mhfacolorado.org/findclass/attend/244>. Contact svalentino@ncchealthpartnership.org with any questions.



WEATHER OBSERVERS ...

John Kyle (right), from the National Weather Service (NOAA/NWS) office in Grand Junction presented the Meeker BLM a 25-year length of service award to mining engineer and official weather observer Paul Daggett (left) and BLM field manager Kent Walter (center). The BLM office in Meeker has been taking daily weather observations of maximum and minimum temperatures, precipitation in the form of rain or snow and snow depth since June 20, 1992. According to the NWS, Meeker has some of the longest weather history in all of eastern Utah or western Colorado, dating back to Jan. 1, 1891.

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EDITOR'S COLUMN...

Gov't transparency and public notices

By NIKI TURNER
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Would you rather be tickled to death, sneeze yourself to death or choke on your own spit and die?

Why do I ask? Because for the last few years I've been afflicted by regular sneezing fits that leave me weak and watery-eyed, with a stuffed up nose. But I'll take sneezing over tickling any day. Tickling puts someone else in charge, and that's not OK. And then there are those awkward moments when I randomly choke on my own saliva and wonder if that's going to be my cause of death. Also better than tickling, but maybe not better than sneezing.

I may, or may not, get a choice in the matter. Most of us don't. I read enough obituaries to know I want to have my own written and edited (by myself) before my time comes. The whole obit thing is a source of terrible stress for the family left behind. It's better to write your own. Do it now, update it annually so it's current. Tell the stories you've kept secret all these years. Say what you really want to say about your relatives. Above all, pick your own photo... not the one of you with three chins, a hairy tongue and an oxygen tube in your nose (the most recent one anyone can find of you because you haven't digitized and of your good ones). Let's be proactive about our own demise, because we can't (legally) be proactive about anyone else's, no matter how tempting.

For as long as I've been with the paper the towns and the county have faithfully published their monthly expenses in our public notices section, giving

the public convenient access to government spending practices.

The Town of Meeker stopped publishing its check register in 2011, when the board and staff decided to stop sharing that information with the taxpaying public for a variety of reasons (to save a few bucks, to preserve the privacy of public employee payroll, etc.) Apparently, no one noticed until a few weeks ago. Shame on us, as the newspaper, for not paying more attention.

Town Administrator Scott Meszaros explained via email that the majority of towns in Colorado simply don't bother to publish their monthly expenses, while some say they fulfill the requirement for publication by posting the information on their web-

sites. What does it accomplish to publish those kinds of notices in the newspaper of record, as has been the traditional practice since 1665?

1. It provides accountability. Having a third, independent party publish the information gives the government the appearance of transparency and openness.

2. It provides permanence. Electronic documents can easily be altered or lost... as in the case of some very famous emails we're all tired of hearing about.

3. It provides accessibility to all, since everyone isn't on the internet. Shocking, I know.

Meszaros and town attorney Melody Massih have assured me the town will be revisiting the issue in the near future. I trust the current board and staff will make the right decision for the sake of the public good.

Meanwhile, here's a round of applause for Rangely, Dinosaur and the county for remaining compliant for all these years.

Thank you.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Hoops for Science a success for Pioneers Healthcare Foundation

Dear Editor:

Pioneers Healthcare Foundation would like to thank everyone that made the Hoops for Science events so successful. A total of \$1800.00 was raised for the Meeker High School Science programs. We would like to

thank Pioneers Healthcare Foundation, Pioneers Medical Center and the Meeker Education Foundation, and especially Sam and Mike Lopez for donating to the program.

The concept was that for every free throw made during the varsity games the science programs would earn \$50. The Lopez's matched that gift making free throws worth \$100. We appreciate Mike and Sam's generosity.

Additionally, we would like to thank Mrs. Selle and all of her science students for hosting the science fair during Saturday's games. There is a direct correlation between good science students and great healthcare workers. Thank you Mrs. Selle, for creating scientists and maybe future healthcare workers.

Sincerely,
Margie Joy

Pioneers Healthcare Foundation

GUEST COLUMN: MEEKER SCHOOL DISTRICT

District plans to apply for BEST grant

By CHRIS SELLE
Special to the Herald Times



Chris Selle

unusable for educational purposes.

BEST grants require a matching portion from the school district. A formula is used to calculate the match on a district-by-district basis, which currently calculated that the Meeker School District would need to provide 70 percent of the funding for a BEST project. BEST provides a process for school districts to submit a waiver and have their matching percentage adjusted. While there is no guarantee districts will receive the waiver, the Meeker School District intends to submit a waiver in an effort to reduce the school district's matching portion.

The match can be provided through a number of methods. For cash grants, districts may often use funds in their capital reserve account or from the reserves in their general fund. Because the projects are much larger in scope, lease-purchase grants generally require a bond election. The grant we are submitting falls into the lease-purchase category, and thus, would require a matching bond election. We should know by the middle of May if we will receive a grant, and the subsequent bond election would occur in November if our grant application is successful.

BEST has a limited amount of funds with which they can award grants. The number of schools submitting grants and the amount of money BEST has available to award will impact whether or not we are awarded a grant. Failure to receive a grant does not mean our project is not worthy. As previously mentioned, millions of dollars still need to be invested for renovation and/or replacement of Meeker High School. Unfortunately, BEST simply does not have enough funds to meet the all the public school capital construction needs in the state.

As of right now, applying for a BEST grant is the only decision the school district has made. Submitting this application in the current grant cycle was determined to be a priority as the funds available for lease-purchase grants will be significantly limited, if not eliminated, in the foreseeable future. If our grant application is successful, we will then engage in discussions about a bond election. If we do not receive a BEST grant, we will still need to engage in a bond election at some point in the next few years. The needs associated with the high school and bus garage are significant and remain in place, regardless of the outcome of the BEST grant application.

Chris Selle is the superintendent for the Meeker School District.

GUEST COLUMN: HEALTH & WELLNESS

Myths and facts about sexual abuse

EDITOR'S NOTE:
Warning: The subject matter and content of this article may be a trigger for individuals who have suffered sexual abuse.

By JULIE DRAKE
Special to the Herald Times



Julie Drake

were eye-opening. I attended a course called "Myths and Facts about Sexual Abuse." Definitely not a light topic. Read the following scenarios and see if you bump into some shocking topics, myths and biases.

Opening scene: A 15-year-old girl arrives at a college party. She is underage, but proceeds to get drunk. She drinks so much that she vomits down her clothes. The smell of vomit is repulsive, so she takes her clothes off and passes out on a bed in the party house. She is nearly naked, unconscious and defenseless.

Scenario 1: A male from the party comes into the bedroom and beats her with his fists until she has lost some teeth, her eyes are swollen shut and she is bleeding about the face and head. He then leaves her to suffer the consequences.

Scenario 2: A male from the party comes into the bedroom and rapes her. She loses her virginity in a violent manner and is left bruised and bleeding. Instead of his fists, he beats her sexually and leaves her to suffer the consequences.

How did you feel about scenario 1? Most males who are told this scenario are upset, angry and feel that this was totally wrong, it "crossed the line." No way should a helpless, defenseless person be beaten.

Scenario 2? Many males (and some females) in this scenario blame the girl. She shouldn't have been at the party, she was underage. She shouldn't have

gotten drunk. She should have vomited in a trash can. She shouldn't have undressed anywhere around a group of males. She brought this on herself, she invited this situation.

Beating a defenseless person with fists as opposed to beating a defenseless person sexually... Society often views each scenario differently, when really they are the same. I find this disturbing.

We all need to learn more about sexual assault and the societal biases we harbor. Taking advantage of someone sexually has very little to do with how they look; it's mostly about how well the perpetrator thinks the victim can keep a secret because he or she is too ashamed, or afraid, to admit what has happened.

Don't let yourself get caught thinking women bring this kind of assault on themselves.

Making excuses for men doesn't help them out. It paints them as dumb, controlled only by instinct and willing to drop their morals (and pants) at a moment's notice.

The men in my life are good, kind and moral. I believe both scenarios would sicken them. They would defend, fight for and prevent the helpless persons from being violated. They would have protected the girl, called for help and defended her dignity, maybe even going so far as talking to her the next day about her drinking and helping her get help. They just wouldn't allow that kind of violence to happen.

There are a lot of myths and bad behavior out there that need to be shattered, and accomplishing that is going to require strong men willing to boldly demonstrate morality, kindness and love.

Julie Drake is the director of Rio Blanco County Public Health.

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Meeker school board accepts Hemingson's resignation; approves replacement plan

By REED KELLEY
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RBC I At a special meeting held prior to their work session Tuesday night, the Meeker Board of Education accepted the resignation of Barone Middle School and Meeker High School choir and band director Jeff Hemingson. Hemingson delivered his letter of resignation, "effective immediately," on Jan. 24.

Hemingson, who is from Woodland Park and studied music education at Western State Colorado University in Gunnison, indicated he had been

dealing with health issues. He said he was "deeply saddened to have to leave Meeker schools. I have appreciated the support from the administration, staff, students and community. It was a privilege to work for such a fine school district."

Hemingson is especially known for the fine results he produced with small numbers in the high school choir. Last June he took a group of 12 Meeker choir members to join a choir of some 180 others from two other high schools and two colleges to perform a concert in New York City's Carnegie Hall.

Retired long-term district music

instructor and school board member Tom Allen has been filling in for Hemingson. Brianna Williams, the annual community Christmas choir director, and now one of three sixth-grade classroom teachers, has accepted the appointment to replace Hemingson. She has been orienting her replacement and is expected to make the transition by next week. The BOE approved former Oklahoma teacher and long-time Meeker resident Georgann Amack, to replace Williams until the end of the school year.

The BOE also approved Matt Gregory as the new district food services director.

State Sen. Randy Baumgardner could face disciplinary actions

By NIKI TURNER
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RBC I Colorado State Sen. Randy Baumgardner (R) could face disciplinary action for sexual harassment allegations made by a legislative aide. The aide, who wishes to remain anonymous, filed a formal complaint in November 2017. On Feb. 1 the *Denver Post* reported that an outside investigation deemed the complaints "credible" and suggested there should be a consequence.

An intern who came forward first with allegations of inappropriate comments and behavior in November, as reported by public radio station KUNC, declined to file a

formal complaint.

It will now be up to Senate President Kevin Grantham, Senate Majority Leader Chris Holbert and Minority Leader Lucia Guzman to determine any disciplinary action, a process which could end with a reprimand, censure or expulsion. Complaints have been made about three other state legislators, prompting leaders of the General Assembly to order a review of workplace policy on sexual harassment.

Baumgardner represents Senate District 8 which encompasses Garfield, Grand, Jackson, Moffat, Rio Blanco, Routt and Summit counties. He was elected to the Colorado House of Representatives in 2008, to the State Senate in 2012, and lost a primary bid for the U.S. Senate in 2014.

RIO BLANCO COUNTY DAYS GONE BY

The Meeker Herald — 100 years ago

■ The Meeker School Building is again in dangerous condition, and it is likely that when school assemblies again it will be in temporary quarters downtown. It is going to be a big burden on the taxpayers of the district to put up a new building, but that seems to be what will have to be done.

■ A destructive fire broke out on the Baer block about half past one o'clock last Monday morning, and before it was brought under control it completely destroyed the interior of the Tobe House pool room, together with a large stock of soft drinks and other goods; also the Charlton & Gribble barber shop where fixtures and personal property were completely destroyed.

■ Scarlet fever, in mild form, prevails in Meeker now, and as a result both the grade and high schools have been closed. Last Sunday the churches were closed, and the moving picture show was closed during the week. It seems the disease was brought here by a family who recently arrived from Oklahoma. The health authorities are taking strong means to stamp out the disease, and all known cases are quarantined.

The Meeker Herald — 50 years ago

■ A surprised and happy Susan Sprod, MHS wrestling cheerleader, needed the steady arm of the tournament director after she was named one of four district tournament cheerleaders at Steamboat Springs last Saturday following the championship and consolation matches. The next two girls, Ellen Edwards and Cindy Clare, both of Rangely, and Marilee Tomlinson of Kremmling round out the all-tourney sections.

■ Two members of the Meeker High School band have been selected to play in the all-state high school band at Colorado State College in Greeley. Selected from Meeker were Phil Jensen who plays the trumpet and Mary K. Villa who plays the French horn. Phil is a senior and Mary K. is a junior.

The Meeker Herald — 25 years ago

■ Calls to 611 are posing a problem for the Sheriff's Office. Once

upon a time, before the town went to seven-digit dialing, homeowners could make another phone in the house ring by dialing 611. Not so anymore. Now 611 accesses the Sheriff's Office because their sensitive new communications system translates 611 as 911.

■ Humphrey the Camel has been a landmark in Meeker since 1979. He is a dromedary, a one-humped Arabian, native to the Middle East. He moved to the Bar Bell Ranch from the Salt Lake City Zoo which ran out of funds to support him.

■ An animated personification of a cassette being dubbed, rewound and eaten by a tape player earned MHS student Amy Dupire the 1993 state championship gold medal for creative storytelling at the state speech festival and tournament in Denver.

Rangely Times — 50 years ago

■ With the advent of 1968, prospects for the growth and development of Rangely appear bright. This year we'd like to see: 1. A Conservancy District formed for the lower White River area and definite steps taken toward building the proposed dam near Rangely. 2. A new sanitation system in operation for the district, enabling the town to comply with state pollution regulations and lowering operating costs of the system by eliminating most of the lift stations now in use. 3. A genuine interest and sympathy in the problems of the town, soft pedaling the faults and praising the progress of Rangely. Prophets of gloom and doom should compare our situation with that of other towns and they would see that our future is very bright indeed by comparison. 4. More money spent at home instead of out of town. This is where you make your living, not in Vernal or Grand Junction or Denver. Those merchants couldn't care less what happens to your town, your schools, your hospital, etc.

■ The Rangely Panthers qualified two boys for the state wrestling tournament: Doug Dunn (127) and Jay Rector (hvy).

Rangely Times — 25 years ago

■ Wendy Marie Butcher, age

15, has been accepted as a state finalist in the Miss American Coed Pageants, Teen Division. She is the daughter of Jerry and Carol Cragun of Rangely.

■ David and Carol Morton of Rangely wish to announce the birth of their daughter Marie Nichelle. She was born Feb. 4, 1993 at 2:48 p.m. at Ashley Valley Medical Center in Vernal, Utah. Paternal grandparents are Carol Morton and Clarke Morton and maternal grandparents are Louis and Glenna Brunner.

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Wed. Feb. 14 - Chicken, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Salad Bar with Fruit, Milk/Water. JR/SR HIGH A LA CARTE: Hot Dogs

Thurs. Feb. 15 - Chicken Alfredo with Pasta, Mixed Vegetables, Salad Bar with Fruit, Milk/Water. JR/SR HIGH A LA CARTE: Hamburgers

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The Pilgrim's Life (2)

By Dr. J. D. Watson
Pastor-Teacher, Grace Bible Church

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



■ Dr. J.D. Watson

DEAR Christian Friend, should not this world become more of an alien place to us each and every day? As wonderful as life is, it pales to insignificance in light of the fact that we are only temporary residents of this earth. We're just passing through. Our citizenship is in the Heavenly City. That is why Paul emphasizes that we are **fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God.** Fellowcitizens is *sumpolitēs*. The root *politēs* referred to a citizen, an inhabitant of a city, a freeman who had the rights of a citizen. Adding the prefix *sum* ("together with") yields the idea of a citizenship "with others."

While it's nice to be fellow citizens with other like-minded Americans, it is immeasurably more important that we are fellow-citizens of Heaven. As Paul tells us, we are fellow citizens **in the household of God**, an extremely significant term. **Household** is *oikeios*, which means "belonging to the house, member of the household." The word from which it is derived, *oikos* (house, dwelling place) goes back 1600 years before Christ. Besides the literal idea of a house, it was also used in the metaphorical sense to denote the family, the property, and other similar concepts connected with the house itself. This makes Paul's point in our text wondrously clear—the Christian is a member of **the household of God**, His family, and enjoys the full fellowship of His house.

As Paul mentioned earlier in Ephesians 2:6, we are already "[sitting] together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus." Think of it! We are already there! Have you ever gone to a banquet and seen your name on a place card on a table, your place reserved as if you were already present? Likewise, everything

in Heaven is already reserved for us. That is why our Lord said to His disciples, "I go to prepare a place for you" (Jn. 14:2). The table is set, our place card is positioned, and spiritually we are already there.

So, in light of *that* citizenship, how important is an earthly one? Sadly, while many preachers today put their emphasis on political reform and social change, we thank God for such stalwarts of the Truth as 17th-century English churchman Jeremy Taylor: "Faith is the Christian's foundation, hope is his anchor, death is his harbor, Christ is his pilot, and heaven is his country."

Or as Vance Havner put it: "We are not citizens of this world trying to get to heaven; rather, we are citizens of heaven just trying to get through this world." We are already citizens of Heaven, our reservation has been confirmed, our place setting is on the table, and spiritually we are seated there. We are just trying to get through this foreign land on our way to our home country. So, with our "Passport" in hand (God's Word), let that be our desire. When we are tempted to get caught up in the world's philosophies and politics, let us remember where our true citizenship is.

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Museum curator retires after 19 years



DOC WATSON PHOTO

Ardith Douglass is retiring as curator of the White River Museum at the end of February after 19 years. One of the items that stands out for her is this 1867 wood high chair that breaks down into a stroller.

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

MEEKER | After 19 years as the curator of the White River Museum, Ardith Douglass is retiring at the end of February.

Having moved to Meeker from Yuma, Colo., in 1970 and raising her family here, she started working at the museum in 1999. Her responsibilities have been many through the years. Besides showing people through both buildings that comprise the museum and visiting with them, she has kept the museum itself looking nice. She said she “cleans and oils furniture in the fall, and all those things that go along with keeping house.”

While Douglass couldn’t say that there are items she could really call her “favorites,” she did mention several that obviously stand out for her. Topping the list is a wood high chair dated 1867 that actually transforms into

a stroller.

Other items she noted were a folding bed, guns, needle point and crocheting, medical items, and others.

“I have really enjoyed working here all these years,” she immediately added. “I think our history needs to be preserved so others can come along and see what it was like, how people had to live. It’s something I think you should know.”

Retirement will give Douglass more time to take care of her house and yard and see her family—one daughter and family lives near Omaha and the other in Vernal. She might even be able to do something specific for her church.

The historical society has not yet named Douglass’ replacement, but it sounds like she will be a hard act to follow.

There will be an afternoon tea in Douglass’ honor on Saturday, Feb. 23 from 3-5 p.m. at the Heritage Culture Center on Park Ave.

MEEKER: Better City to start working on other parts of scope of work

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nesses and a way to bring in new providers, and potentially an educational component with CNCC or Colorado Mountain College.

“We need to take advantage of and capitalize on the momentum that was made by Better City. Through all of this the state is seeing Meeker. We need to make

it keep going,” said Mayor Regas Halandras.

“There’s not a \$10 million price tag with this and I think that will be a lot more palatable for the community,” said MURA chair Shawn Bolton.

The MURA board also talked about the housing component in the Better City proposal. The board asked Better City to continue pursuing solutions to the shortage of “first-time homebuyer turn-key

option” housing, potentially by using the URA incentives to encourage developers to come in and build homes and businesses.

The board also encouraged Better City to reach out to broadband-related tech companies and industry.

Bosshardt said they will present a revised scope of work for 2018 to determine their priorities.

STOCKGROWERS: More discussion about wolves

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definitely leaner, faster and harder to hunt.

Colorado Parks and Wildlife Area Manager Bill deVergie called attention to the Future Generations Act, Senate Bill 143, introduced in the Colorado Legislature to improve CPW funding, primarily for ongoing operations. The bill is being carried by Senators Don Coram, R-Montrose, Stephen Fenberg, D-Boulder and Representatives Jeni Arndt, D-Ft. Collins, and Jim Wilson, R-Salida. deVergie said the license fee increases are aimed at resident licenses which will each increase about \$8 each if the bill passes.

On chronic wasting disease (CWD)

in the local deer and elk herds, deVergie said CPW obtained over 1,000 samples from mule deer in the Flat Tops herd and that whereas 10 years ago, or so, the CWD occurrence rate was 2 to 3 percent, it’s now 15 to 20 percent. The Piceance area (unit 22) rate was still down at 3 to 4 percent, but the rest of the herd had the higher rates. He said that CPW hopes to develop a plan of action over the next three to five months.

Bolton and Si Woodruff reported for the county commissioners. They’re working to find solutions on the need for greater predator management. Bolton also said they are attempting, through the National Association of County Officials, to make sure the use of electric time logging devices required of

commercial drivers and related regulations make sense, especially for livestock transportation. Bolton also said he is again the elected chair of the public lands committee for Colorado Counties Incorporated.

Bolton also said they’ve been working on the Jordan Cove pipeline delivery system. He said there are no pipeline infrastructure problems here in Colorado where we have an abundance of dry gas, but the problem is getting the pipeline completed in Oregon. He expressed optimism that our four north-west Colorado counties would finally be getting the significant Anvil Points oil shale reserve dollars which have been delayed since the late 1980s.

Woodruff mentioned the county’s

efforts to find a solution to the White River algae bloom problem as well as cooperative asbestos abatement.

Announcing that he was not going to run for another term, Bolton thanked everyone for the chance he’s had to serve as a commissioner, saying, “He’s had some fun.”

The group also heard from BLM Field Office Manager Kent Walter, White River National Forest range conservationist Jake Lewis, Tom Herrington of Carbondale on the Colorado Cattlemen’s Association, RBC Sheriff Anthony Mazzola, White River and Douglas Creek Conservation District executive director Callie Hendrickson and the relatively new local state brand inspector Casey Griffith.

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County, historical society receive state award for preservation of Coal Creek School

Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER | On Jan. 31, 2018, at History Colorado in Denver the 2018 Stephen H. Hart Award for Historic Preservation was presented to the Rio Blanco County and Rio Blanco County Historical Society for the restoration of Coal Creek School. The room was packed with a couple hundred people. History Colorado showed a video of the Coal Creek School restoration before the following people received certificates for Coal Creek School at the Stephen H. Hart ceremony: Eric Jaquez for Rio Blanco County; Ellene Meece and Janet Clark for the Rio Blanco County Historical Society; Joede Schoeberlein, architect, Civic Forum Assoc., Inc.; and Trevor Everett, MM-Eight Construction. The Stephen H. Hart awards are given to outstanding projects and individual achievements in archaeology and historic preservation throughout Colorado.

Patience and perseverance are necessary to restore historical buildings. It has taken more than five years to restore the Coal Creek School, buildings and property. It is still a work in progress. The Hart award never would have happened if we hadn't worked with and hired people dedicated and passionate about preserving a historical building to its original appearance. The Coal Creek School restoration started in 2013 with the expertise of architect Joede Schoeberlein, Civic Forum Associates,

who had seen the school about 13 years ago and started drawing plans to restore Coal Creek School to its original appearance. Those plans sat in his office until 2013 when he was contacted by the Rio Blanco County Historical Society - Rural School Committee of Marge Rogers, Martha Cole, Ellen Reichert and Janet Clark. Joede introduced us to History Colorado. Joede and History Colorado helped us navigate through the process of having Coal Creek School listed on National and Colorado Registers, obtaining a Historic Structural Assessment grant, and the State Historic Fund grant in 2016 for the exterior restoration of the school.

The Rio Blanco County Historical Society believed in this project. They helped with numerous fund raisers and signed numerous papers to secure grants and funds for the project. Rio Blanco County who owns the property on behalf of the Rio Blanco County Historical Society was instrumental in guiding us through the bid process, with legal documents, overseeing the construction, grading, listing Coal Creek School on the Rio Blanco County Historic Preservation Register, as well as giving us grants to do the project.

MM-Eight Construction from Glenwood Springs helped our very inexperienced Rural School team understand the construction process and saved much of the original exterior and interior trim and wainscot. What they couldn't

save they rebuilt as close as possible to the original pieces. They hired the best area craftsmen for each specialty area and used local people, stores and businesses as much as possible for supervision, labor, materials and supplies.

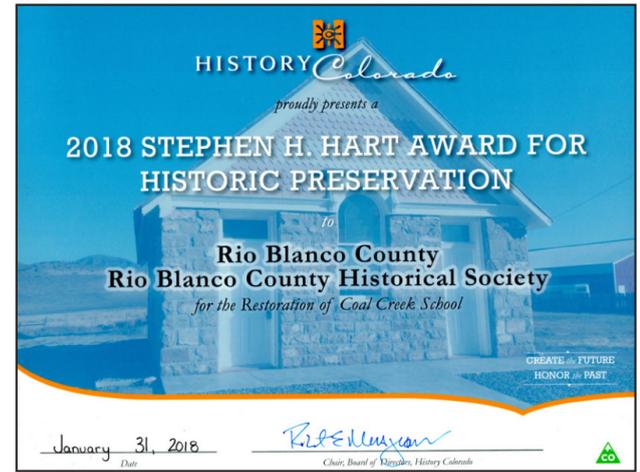
This was truly a state and community effort. History Colorado helped us with over \$185,000 in grants to see the Coal Creek School restored. Numerous other grants, businesses, organizations and individual donations helped us raise matching money for the project. The people of Meeker and Northwest Colorado supported the project from the beginning. Who would have thought that a dessert auction, yard and bake sales, spaghetti dinner, a rubber ducky race and selling lots of root beer floats could help raise enough money to restore this 125-year-old historical building to its original appearance? The people of Rio Blanco County all deserve an award for trusting and supporting us in turning a neglected rural school into an award-winning building.

The belfry is in the process of being built and should be in place this summer. In 2018 the completion of the property, privy/coal shed and horse shed will make Coal Creek School a place for people of all ages to learn about Rio Blanco County rural schools. Coal Creek School may also be rented for small events. Any rental fees will help us maintain this historical award winning building as it was in 1892.



COURTESY PHOTOS

Those present to receive the Stephen H. Hart Award for Historic Preservation in Denver for the restoration of the Coal Creek School included Joede Schoeberlein, architect; Amy Jo Everett, Trevor Everett, Josh De Berge, MM-Eight Construction; Janet Clark, Ellene Meece, Martha Cole, Rio Blanco County Historical Society-Rural School Project team; Eric Jaquez, Rio Blanco County; and Alan Nielsen, MM-Eight Construction.



RANGELY ELKS CHILI COOKOFF ...



Ross Alire and Don Reed, pictured with long-time Rangely Elks Lodge member Larry Yardley (center), won the annual Rangely Elks Lodge Super Bowl Chili Cookoff. Yardley awarded Alire a check for winning the "Hot" division, with his New Mexico red chili with deer, pork sausage and beef, while Reed won the "Open" division. The annual event started in 2008.

COURTESY PHOTO

Scholarships for students pursuing a healthcare career available through Pioneers Healthcare Foundation

Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER | Pioneers Healthcare Foundation is excited to announce the 2018 Healthcare Scholarship Applications are available. Deadline for Healthcare Scholarships is Friday, March 30. Applications are available at <http://pioneershealthfoundation.org/about-us/news/>

There are several scholarship opportunities; if you are a high school senior starting your college career and are pursuing a degree in a healthcare-related field, or you are a

continuing student working on your Associates for Bachelors in a healthcare field, we invite you to complete an application.

Additionally, the Kris Borchard Strive for Excellence Scholarship application is available. If you have completed your bachelors and are working on an advanced degree, or masters, or medical school (for example: nursing, physical therapy, pharmacy, medical school, etc.) we invite you apply. This scholarship is a renewable scholarship for up to four years.

"We are thrilled to be offering

\$3,500 dollars in healthcare related scholarships this year," says Margie Joy, Executive Director, Pioneers Healthcare Foundation. "The program has helped many Meeker residents get started in their healthcare career. We couldn't offer the scholarship program without great community support, we appreciate the support of the many organizations that have supported the program over the years," continued Joy.

For more information about the scholarship program contact Margie Joy at 970-878-9317.

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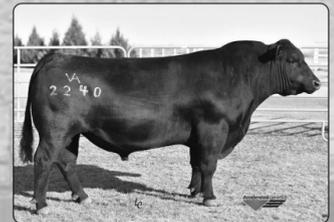
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Panthers take out Bulldogs on home court; lose to Saints in Vail

By COLT ALLRED
Special to the Herald Times

RANGELY I The Rangely Panthers had a couple big matchups on the weekend of the Feb. 2 and 3. First the Panthers had to play the Hotchkiss Bulldogs at home in an important league game. From the jump, the game was fast paced and high scoring. The Panthers were able to edge a little bit of a lead and at the end of the third quarter the Panthers were up 16-12. The Panthers continued to attack the basket and work defensively to set up their offense. The game was still pretty close

but the Panthers were still in the lead going into the locker room for half time. The third quarter was not the quarter that the Panthers wanted. They turned over the ball several times which lead to Hotchkiss putting points on the board. The Panthers were able to weather the storm however and maintain a one point lead going into the fourth quarter, where the Panthers would have their best quarter of the game by far, scoring 26 points. In the end the Panthers were able to shoot free throws and increase their lead, eventually winning 64-54. Kobe Broome led the team in scoring with 21 points, including five three-point

buckets. Behind Broome were Patrick Scoggins with 13 and Cameron Filfred with 12 points.

The next night at Vail Christian did not fare so well for the Panthers. The Panther squad was rearranged a little due to sickness in the team, but the Panthers were ready to make the necessary adjustments. The Vail Christian Saints took the lead very early in the game and from that point forward the Panthers found themselves playing catch-up. The Saints made it difficult for the Panthers to get in a groove shooting from the three-point line, but Patrick Scoggins was able to keep the

Panthers in the game by getting to the rim from inside the paint. At the half the Panthers were down 15-25, but came out of the locker room ready for another half of basketball. The Panthers were able to match the Saints in scoring in the third quarter, but were again outscored at the end of the game. The Panthers lost 47-64 at the final buzzer. Scoggins was responsible for more than half of the team's overall score, putting up 28 points by himself. Kobe Broome scored 10, and Austin Ficken earned six. The loss to Vail Christian is the Panthers' first league loss. They will play Caprock and West Grand on Feb. 9 and 10.



RHS junior Riley Boydston goes up for a shot during the Panthers game against Vail Christian.

MATT SCOGGINS PHOTO

RHS CHEER SQUAD GOES TO DENVER...



The Rangely High School cheerleaders attended the Denver Nuggets game in Denver on Jan. 27, 2018, to perform a dance for the pregame. The cheerleaders earned most of the money for their trip by putting on a bake sale and a 50-50 raffle at the home basketball game against Meeker. Most of the goodies for the bake sale were made by the parents of the girls. There were also some donations from other community members to help with the bake sale. The rest of the money that the girls did not earn was donated by our Rangely booster club. It helped pay for the team dinner the night of the game and some of the room fees. When the girls arrived in Denver they unpacked and ate before heading over to the Pepsi Center to have a three hour practice. The girls' practice was put on by the NCA who were gracious enough to help the girls work on the dance and perfect it to the best of their abilities. After the girls ran through the dance they went back to the hotel to eat and get ready. All the cheerleaders had to return to the stadium by 5:15 p.m. to be lined up for the performance. After the performance the cheerleaders got to enjoy the Denver Nuggets game against the Mavericks. It was a great experience for the girls and a wonderful weekend.

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STORY BY RHS SENIOR DESTINEE ORTEGA

Lady Cowboys win three more

By BOBBY GUTIERREZ
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MEEKER I The lady Cowboys' basketball team improved its record to 10-4 after winning three more games last week, including two Western Slope League contests. Meeker will host Paonia Friday, then play in DeBeque Saturday against the IA Dragons.

Meeker needed overtime to beat the Little Snake Rattlers when they played in Baggs, Wyo. in January but they played together and bit the Rattlers 50-33 before pounding Caprock Academy 66-16, both in front of hometown fans. The lady Cowboys traveled to Hotchkiss last Saturday and won a hard-fought league game by two points (43-41) against the Bulldogs.

"The Snake River game was another game where the girls played well as a team," Meeker head coach Jamie Rogers said. "They were shooting smooth and their defensive rotations were not allowing the Snake River girls very many open shots."

Sophomore Julia Dinwiddie led her team with 16 points, six rebounds and she stole the ball five times. Junior Megan Shelton scored 13 points, including three three-point shots and she pulled down nine rebounds, while Gracie Bradfield scored five, Kirsten

Brown and Kenzie Turner each added four and Tori Lasker made a free throw and recorded seven rebounds.

Nine varsity players scored in the 50-point rout of the Caprock Academy Eagles. Shelton finished with 10, Dinwiddie and Bradfield each had nine, Lasker finished with eight, Sierra Williams had seven, Matilda Brown scored six, while Brown, Riley Pertile and Karlee Nielsen, each added four.

The league game in Hotchkiss was not as easy, with Meeker trailing after the first quarter but coming back to take a one-point lead at halftime and an eight point lead into the fourth quarter.

"At Hotchkiss, we didn't shoot as well from the outside and had some foul trouble," Coach Rogers said. "It was a hard-fought game, where the girls had to really pull together and focus mentally."

Lasker scored 14 points, pulled down nine rebounds and had six steals, while Shelton score four, recorded 17 rebounds and finished with eight steals. Turner scored eight for her team, Bradfield finished with seven, while Dinwiddie and Brown both score five.

"Right now we are third in the league, with us and Rangely both having one loss but they get us in the head to head," Coach Rogers said. "Soroco is first with no league losses."

Cowboys win 4 of 6 duals, ready for regional tourney

By BOBBY GUTIERREZ
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MEEKER I The Cowboys' varsity wrestling team ended the regular season last weekend, winning four of six duals wrestled all in front of hometown fans. They will now enter the state-qualifying Region 5 tournament starting Friday in Delta.

Meeker fans were given the opportunity to watch the boys and girls play

basketball last Friday against Caprock Academy, then Meeker's wrestling team took on 2A's second ranked Cedaredge Bruins the same evening.

"It was nice for the fans to have wrestling after the basketball games," Meeker head wrestling coach J.C. Watt said of the dual against the Bruins, which the Cowboys lost 19-58. "Our kids wrestled hard, Cedaredge is just a really good team this year."

Meeker won four of nine match-

es wrestled, including two pins from Tannen Kennedy and Tevin Pelloni (145), along with a major decision from Ridge Williams at 195 and senior Garrett Frantz won his match by decision at 132.

Saturday the Cowboys hosted the Meeker Duals and won four of five duals wrestled, beating Coal Ridge, 45-21, Basalt 40-39, Summit 54-18 and Grand Valley 36-34 but losing to Palisade 27-36.

Frantz won all of his matches wrestled last week, as did Kennedy, who is currently the number one ranked 2A 138-pounder according to On the Mat Rankings. Jacob Pelloni won all four of the matches he wrestled Saturday, James Amick pinned all three of his opponents, while Colby Clatterbaugh (170), Kesston Hobbs, (182) and Williams all got a pin Saturday. Jake Shelton lost the only match he wrestled Saturday at 152.

"We wrestled good Saturday too, all the kids got matches and all of our seniors got a win in their final home matches," Coach Watt said of seniors Jacob Pelloni, Frantz and Christopher Strate at 145. "It feels like the kids are wrestling with confidence, which is one of the goals of the program, to get our kids wrestling their best at the end of the year."

The Cowboys will need to wrestle their best this weekend, in arguably the toughest 2A region in the state, featuring four of the top 10 teams, including No. 2 Cedaredge, No. 4 Paonia, No. 6 Hotchkiss and No. 8 Soroco. The top four wrestlers in each weight will qualify for the 2018 Colorado State Wrestling Championships, held in the Pepsi Center in downtown Denver.

"We always have a strong region and I think that's good because if you qualify for the state tournament, chances are good of placing," Coach Watt said.

Meeker's regional tournament will be held at Delta High School and start Friday at 5 p.m., then continue Saturday at 9 a.m.



BOBBY GUTIERREZ

Meeker junior Tannen Kennedy won all three of the matches he wrestled last week by pin fall. He will enter the 2018 state-qualifying Region 5 tournament starting Friday in Delta with a 36-4 record and is currently ranked the number one 138-pounder in 2A by On the Mat Rankings. Meeker coach J.C. Watt said one of the goals of the program is to "get our kids wrestling their best at the end of the year," and he believes his team is wrestling with confidence. Wrestling starts at 5 p.m. Friday and 9 a.m. Saturday.

Young Panthers ready to wrestle with heart at regionals

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RANGELY I "We are a very young team with only freshmen and sophomores but I look for us to enter the regional tournament, ready to battle," Rangely head wrestling coach J.C. Chumacero said.

Because of illness and injury, the Panthers were idle the final weekend of the regular season and will enter the Region 5 tournament Saturday in Delta with three wrestlers.

Freshman Anthony Garner will represent the Panthers at 120, sophomore Tytus Coombs will wrestle in the 132-pound bracket and sophomore Dalton Dembowski will enter the 195-pound bracket.

Coach Chumacero said sophomore Justin Rusher's injury "resulted in a cast and he will be unable to finish the season."

"This was a tough injury, because Justin has been working so hard all year and was having a successful season," Coach Chumacero said. "Thankfully he is young and we look forward to a very strong next two years out of him."

Coombs will enter the regional tournament with a 22-4 record and as the seventh ranked 2A 132-pounder in the state by On the Mat Rankings.

"I am very happy with how we have progressed this season," Coach Chumacero said. "We are a small team but with our lack of numbers, we make up for with heart."

Cowboys win two of three games

By **BOBBY GUTIERREZ**
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MEEKER I The Little Snake Rattlers from Baggs, Wyo. bit the Cowboys last Thursday in a non-league game played in Meeker but the Cowboys rebounded and won two Western Slope League (WSL) games against the Caprock Academy Eagles and the Hotchkiss Bulldogs the next two days. The Cowboys are currently tied for first place in the WSL, with Paonia and Rangely all having one league loss, and the Cowboys have an opportunity to break the tie when they host the Eagles Friday.

The Cowboys had beat the Rattlers by 10 (55-45) in Baggs earlier in January but lost 53-42 at home last Thursday before rebounding to pound the Eagles from Caprock Academy 63-24, then defeat the Bulldogs in Hotchkiss 66-58.

“We had an awful shooting night against Snake River,” Meeker head coach Klark Kindler said. “We got down in the second quarter, made a run in the fourth but couldn’t get over the hump.”

The score was tied at nine after the first quarter but the Rattlers took a 12 point lead into the locker room at half-time, allowing the Cowboys only five points in the second quarter. The Cowboys outscored the Rattlers by one in the third quarter but both teams scored 17 in the fourth to give the Rattlers the win.

Doak Mantle led the Cowboys with 11 points against the Rattlers, Eli Newman scored 10, while Zach Dinwiddie and

Logan Hughes both added eight. Valentin Rosas and Ryan Phelan each added a basket.

Dinwiddie, Hughes and Newman all scored 15 points, each against the Eagles, last Friday. Andy Kracht came off the bench to score six, while Mantle and Phelan each added four and Kale Burke made a three-pointer.

“Against Caprock, we played well and our starters shot the ball well,” Coach Kindler said. “We took control early and got to play our younger players quite a bit, to give them some good minutes.”

The Cowboys scored more than 60 points the next night in Hotchkiss to give them their eighth WSL victory and 12th win of the season.

Meeker scored 20 points in the first quarter, two more than the Bulldogs, who outscored the Cowboys by two in the second period to tie the score at halftime. The Cowboys came out in the third quarter and put 17 more points on the scoreboard while holding the Bulldogs to seven, giving them a comfortable 10-point lead going into the final period.

“We played well in an exciting conference basketball game,” Coach Kindler said. “It was a high-scoring first half but we guarded much better in the second half.”

Mantle led the team with 18 points against the Bulldogs, including two from behind the three-point arch. Newman scored 14, Hughes finished with 12, Rosas also made two three-pointers, finishing with eight, while Dinwiddie had seven, Phelan five and Stephen Walsh made a basket.

The Cowboys will host the Paonia Eagles (12-5) Friday, then play in DeBeque Saturday against the Dragons.



BOBBY GUTIERREZ

Meeker junior Andy Kracht (20) shoots a free throw in a game against Caprock Academy which the Cowboys won 63-24 last Friday in Meeker. Kracht scored six points in the game, helping his team increase its record to 12-4 and in a three-way tie for first place in the Western Slope League with Paonia and Rangely, with an opportunity to break the tie when they host the Eagles on Friday.

Lady Panthers get three more wins

By **COLT ALLRED**
Special to the Herald Times

RANGELY I The lady Panther basketball team was able to get two big wins against the Hotchkiss Bulldogs and the Vail Christian Saints on Feb. 2 and 3. The girls started by hosting the Bulldogs at home and the game started as a defensive dogfight.

At the end of the first quarter the Panthers were up 6-4 in the low scoring matchup. However, in the second quarter the Bulldogs were able to fight back and gain a two point lead over the Panthers.

Coming out of the locker room at the end of half time the game continued to be neck and neck, and at the start of the fourth quarter the game was all tied up. That’s when Skylar Thacker came to life, scoring 12 points in the fourth quarter alone. This helped pull the Panthers a safe distance ahead of the Bulldogs and win the game 46-37.

Thacker was the leading scorer for the Lady Panthers with 15 points. Thacker was followed by Katelyn and Kassidee Brown who had 14 and eight points respectively.

The next night in Vail Christian the lady Panthers came out swinging. At the end of the first quarter, the Panthers were up 18-2 against the Saints. In the second quarter the Saints would regroup and start to score for themselves, but the Panthers were able

to not only maintain their lead, but improve it.

The Panthers were up 36-23 at the final buzzer of the first half. In the third quarter the Panthers had their lowest scoring quarter of the game but were still able to outscore the Saints, topped off with another half court buzzer beat-er from Katelyn Brown.

The fourth quarter was hard fought, but the lady Panthers were able to hold off their opponent for a 68-50 win

over the Saints. For the second night in a row Thacker was on top of the Panthers scoring charts, this time with 22 points. Thacker again was followed by Katelyn Brown who had 19, and Kassidee Brown who had 13.

The Panthers are now 13-3 on the season and 7-1 in league play after the weekend. The Panthers will play in Caprock on Feb. 9, and will then play their final home game of the regular season against West Grand on Feb. 10.

8TH GRADE PANTHERS...



MATT SCOGGINS PHOTO

The eighth-grade lady Panthers team includes (back row) Chloe Goshe, McKinley Winkler, Norrah Patch, Shauna Lapp, (front row) Kashealee Ekker, Mary Scoggins, Angelina Peck, Adelynn Halcomb, Rayna Robertson and Bailey Tucker. Not pictured: Elyssa Byers.



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Rangely High School junior Kassidee Brown earned 14 points in the game against Vail Christian.

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Western Slope Club 20 attends annual Denver meeting

By REED KELLEY
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RBC I The Western Slope's association of counties, municipalities, businesses and interested residents—Club 20—held its annual trip to the state capitol last Thursday and Friday. Club 20 joined forces with two other rural regional associations, Action 22 for 22 southern Colorado counties and Pro*15 for 15 northeastern counties, calling themselves “Voices of Rural Colorado.”

Governor John Hickenlooper, now in the last year of his two terms, welcomed the group of nearly 150 people who gathered in the old Supreme Court Chambers. According to Club 20 administrative assistant Jordyn Kallsen, 104 of those were Club 20 people. Recognizing the small town nature of the communities represented by the crowd, Hickenlooper emphasized the importance and value of the “love of place. “Topophilia,” he called it. He also addressed a loophole in Colorado's severance tax law recognizing that many of the communities represented deserve a meaningful portion of significant severance tax. He underscored the fact that we're now hardly charging the oil and gas industry anything by way of severance tax. “We're now collecting less than \$25 million (per year)” for all the mineral wealth taken out of the ground here.

Hickenlooper said the weaknesses in Colorado severance tax law are something the collective lawmakers at the Capitol “should study and correct, not next year, but in the next six weeks. We need to push Republican legislators on this!” He went on to talk

about the importance of the habitat protection work some of the severance tax revenues have supported. He also touted how the National Outdoor Recreation Trade Show, held in Denver last month, has relocated to Colorado because of the state's public support for the value of outdoor recreation, unlike Utah where the show was held for many years.

So many companies, the governor added, want to be located in small towns and that, he said, underscores the importance of getting broadband infrastructure built across the state. He said a few years ago we had about 50 percent of the state served with broadband, now we've got it up to about 80 percent and may soon be able to get it to 95 percent. With the help of some of the legislative efforts underway, he's looking forward to the successful state-wide completion of broadband access in the near future.

On water, Hickenlooper hailed the changes that have occurred in Denver over the last several years, seriously reducing per capita consumption. He underscored the importance of follow-through on the Colorado Water Plan that was put together through the efforts of the state's nine basin roundtable groups involving more than 30,000 people.

He also stressed the importance of rural health care and the work in that regard that's been done through the Department of Local Affairs in overcoming the urban/rural health care divide.

State Senate President Kevin Grantham, R-Canon City, told the group that it's been a good year in the legislature so far. Grantham reported,

“We have a heavy emphasis on rural Colorado this year, trying to even out the best in getting government help to the right places while also getting government out of the way. We're focusing on infrastructure needs including our crowded interstate highways, and getting our own tax dollars back here where we can get them invested in our own futures. Broadband deployment is important to the state's future and Senate Bill 002 (which made it through its first committee hearing in the Senate last Wednesday), for example, will go a long way in enabling funds for broadband.”

In Q & A, former Montrose county commissioner Bill Patterson, now on the board of the Delta Montrose Electric Association (DMEA), which just recently garnered a large grant for broadband development, expressed his concern about amendments made in committee to that SB 002, the day before, which would undermine the bill's intent and prevent others from getting the kind of funding DMEA has obtained.

The associations also arranged a panel discussion aimed at the high costs of pharmaceuticals and the lack of transparency in drug pricing. Insulin was cited as an example of an old line drug that has still risen unconsciously while such drug cost increases keep a lot of folks from getting the care they need. Club 20 executive director, Christian Reece, a member of the drug panel, pointed out that many folks are struggling to pay insurance premiums for policies that still don't cover the expensive drugs. She pleaded that this has to be a non-party issue, one that cannot continue to get lost in all the political debate.

Reece recently returned from an ambassadorship program to Germany for several weeks and related her experience in discussions with a German hospital administrator. She found costs there much less onerous and feels we must bring some of their ideas and concepts to the U.S. “We need more conversation on these issues. We can't wait, expecting Congress or the fed-

eral government to bail us out,” she implored.

Two measures in the legislature addressing drug costs and availability are a bill requiring that an insured patient be assured they are able to choose the pharmacy at which to fill a prescription by Rep. Mark Catlin, R-Montrose, and Rep. Jessie Danielson, D-Wheat Ridge; and a bill concerning transparency in diabetes prescription drugs pricing by Rep. Dylan Roberts, D-Steamboat Springs, and Sen. Kerry Donovan, D-Wolcott.

A panel on the Education and Economic Development Nexus ensued where the importance of engaged learners was discussed as well as students learning the importance of time management, as in having to actually show up at eight in the morning and other workplace skills. A model of paid high school business internships that has been established by Pinnacle Assurance, a part of Colorado Succeeds—business leaders for education, was reviewed and recommended.

House Speaker Crisanta Duran, D-Denver, emphasized rural needs in her remarks, as did Colorado Secretary of State Wayne Williams, Connecticut Health Director Kevin Patterson, and Colorado Tourism Office Director Cathy Ritter.

Rachel Nance of Xcel Energy presented the value and foresight of the Colorado Energy Plan which was filed last August. Nance pointed out that due to better power distribution including more efficient appliances, customers' electric bills have decreased four percent over the last four years. She added that renewable resources are becoming more and more market competitive.

The representatives of 57 of Colorado's 64 counties also heard from Colorado Parks and Wildlife Director Bob Broscheid, Treasurer Walker Stapleton, Department of Transportation Director Michael Lewis, Department of Natural Resources Director Bob Randall, Agricultural Commissioner Don Brown, and Department of Local Affairs Director Irv Halter.

OBITUARIES

James 'Jim' E. Norcross

Jan. 7, 1929 ~ Feb. 28, 2018

James (Jim) E. Norcross, 89, of Chandler, Ariz., passed away peacefully at his home on Sunday, Feb. 28, 2018.

Jim and his wife Jeannine moved to Glenwood Springs in 1980 where he was the western sales representative for the National Federation of Independent Business. They later purchased The Gift Shop located in the Hotel Colorado. They changed the name to Teddy's Corner and relocated the shop to downtown Glenwood Springs where it operated there for many years.

When Jim's health turned, he and Jeannine moved to Chandler, Ariz., where they resided until his death.

Survivors include Jeannine, his wife of 52 years; sons, Barry (Jane) of



James 'Jim' E. Norcross

Jean Coffier (Dub) of Yucaipa, Calif., along with numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

A private memorial will be held in California later this summer.

Redlands, Calif., Danny (Kathy) of Yucaipa, Calif.; daughters, Jill Dunbar (Dale) of Meeker, Colo., and Toni Hanson (Clark) of Chandler, Ariz.; sisters Wonlyn Chapman (Ron) of Cottage Grove, Ore., and Weltha

Doyle Galloway Berry

July 5, 1930 ~ Feb. 5, 2018

Doyle Galloway Berry passed away peacefully at his home in Berwick, La., on Feb. 5, 2018. The 87-year-old Christian and businessman was surrounded by his loving family, faithful caregivers and his trusted dog and companion, “Biscuit.”

There is no question that July 5, 1930, was a significant day in the life of Doyle Berry, as that was the day he was born in Norfolk, Va. More importantly, however, were the days filled and lived after that day. For those were the days that formed and molded the man best known to most as Doyle, Dad, Granddad, Chief and Boss. Most would agree that Doyle not only burned the candle from both ends, but from every angle possible and lived his life to its fullest.

Doyle spent his formative years in Mendenhall, Miss., where he formed life-long childhood friendships. In 1948, he joined the Navy, spending most of his time on the island of Guam and was honorably discharged in 1952. From there, Doyle went on to attend the University of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg. In 1955, Doyle took a summer job in South Louisiana and took note of the countless opportunities in the burgeoning oilfield.

In 1956, Doyle moved to Berwick, La., and co-founded Berry Bros. General Contractors, Inc. with his brother Everett. Since that time, Doyle has been involved in countless other business ventures, numerous civic organizations, as well as politically appointed posts. He was a director for Katy Industries, chairman of the LA Wildlife and Fisheries, director for the M.C. Port and Harbor Commission, director of First National Bank, King of Hephaestus, King of the Mystic Krewe of Louisianans in Washington D.C.

and was a fellow Mason at numerous lodges. Doyle never met a stranger in his life and was friends with people from all ends of the spectrum. He was particularly fond of law enforcement and politics and therefore counted many congressmen, mayors, lawmen, senators, governors and even presidents as friends. Doyle truly was a larger than life figure in the glory days of the



Doyle Galloway Berry

South Louisiana oil boom.

Doyle loved fishing on Creole Bayou, playing golf on the Meeker Course and spending time with family and friends on the White River. Those who knew him best will forever remember his

love of God and country, a pocket full of cigars, a phone in his ear, a glass of iced tea, a strong desire to help others and a spirited game of gin rummy. We will forever miss and never forget those warm greetings of “Pal” and “Sugar.”

Doyle is survived by his sons Brian Berry, Bert Berry and his wife Wendy, Scott Berry and his wife Shanna; his grandchildren, Caitlin Berry, Eleanor Berry, Dillon Berry, Julia Berry, Isabella Berry, Kaylee Champagne and Cullen Champagne; great-granddaughter Charlotte Arceneaux; brother Dr. Gene Berry and his wife Jolie; and sisters-in-law Iris Berry and Mickey Pearson.

Doyle is preceded in death by his wife Dawn Wilson Berry; his father and mother, Buford and Katherine Berry; stepmother Alleyne Berry; and brother, Everett Berry.

The family is forever thankful for the caregivers and friends who were there for him through the years.

Visitation will be held at Hargrave Funeral Home at 10 a.m. on Friday, Feb. 9, 2018, with services starting at 1 p.m. officiated by Reverend Bert Langley. Doyle will be laid to rest privately at a later time.

Pallbearers are Dillon Berry, Troy Lombardo, Raymond Michel, Ron Coleman, Michael Bourgeois and Bill Dukes. Honorary pallbearers are Mac Wade, Melvin Bourgeois, Mike Hillman, Jim Dukes, Andy Lawrence and Howard Parker.

Memorial donations may be made to the “Buford E. Berry Scholarship Fund” at Mississippi College, P.O. Box 4005, Clinton, Miss., 39058.

Meeker board gets Classic stats

By NIKI TURNER
niki@theheraldtimes.com

MEEKER I The Meeker Town Board of Trustees held a brief regular meeting Tuesday in which they approved the preliminary step toward annexing property east of town along Hwy. 13 that currently houses Valley Hardware and the former BLM building. There will be an April 3 public hearing on the annexation.

The trustees also approved the renewal of a 3.2 beer liquor license for Watt's Ranch Market, and renewed the annual Ute Park lease agreement with the Meeker Classic.

Classic director Maym Cunningham thanked the town for their help, and shared statistics about the annual event. “We had a new app this year for tracking our attendance, we had 6,700 come through for the trials.”

According to the statistics, the Meeker Classic consistently brings in spectators who stay in town for 2-3.5 days and participate in two to three additional activities outside the Classic. According to their figures, the Classic generates between \$750,000 and \$900,000 for the community.

“We're trying to bring people downtown and help local businesses,” Cunningham said. This year they added an art, wine and cheese event and the Jammin' Lamb Festival. “People came for the Jammin' Lamb Cookoff,” she said, “without knowing anything about the Classic. It could be huge.”

This year's trials will be held Sept. 5-9. Kelby Bosshardt with Better City said they will be developing the consulting firm's 2018 work plan to include suggestions and direction received from the town and county.

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The Rio Blanco Herald Times chooses not to charge a publication fee for obituaries or death notices with a local connection to the county. It is our opinion that publishing obituaries is a matter of public record and part of our responsibility as a newspaper to maintain a living record of our local history. If you need to submit an obituary or death notice, please stop by the office or email editor@theheraldtimes.com

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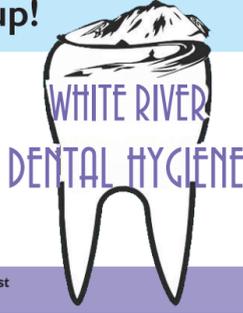
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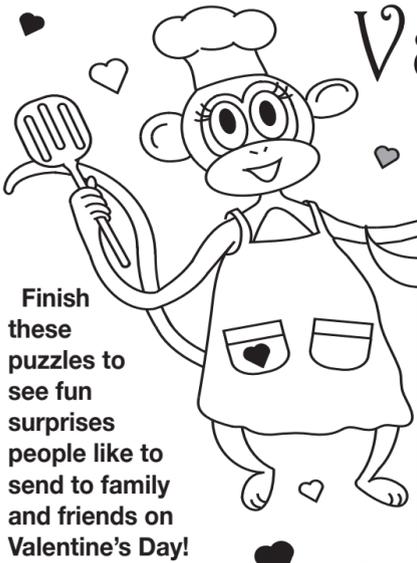
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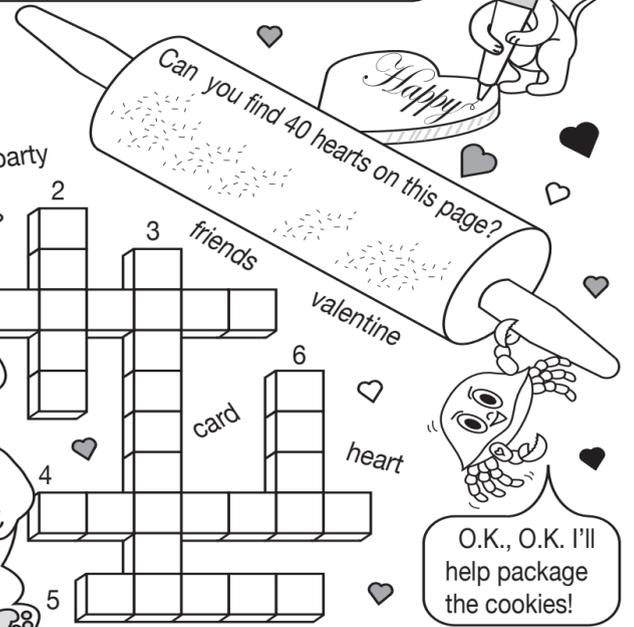
Finish these puzzles to see fun surprises people like to send to family and friends on Valentine's Day!

Valentine's Day Gifts of Love

What are **you** cooking up for Valentine's Day surprises? How about a poem of pretty words? Two lovebirds in a cage or a puppy...oh, all that's too much! But, you can use your imagination and things around the house to create fun and heart-warming gifts like cards and cupcakes. Take time to show someone that you care.

- Read the clues to fill in the crossword:**
- special snacks for everyone to share
 - get-together to exchange valentines
 - card shaped like a heart
 - people you know and like
 - feelings may come from this
 - made of stiff paper, carries message

Chatter and I are **cooking up a storm** in the kitchen for Valentine's Day!



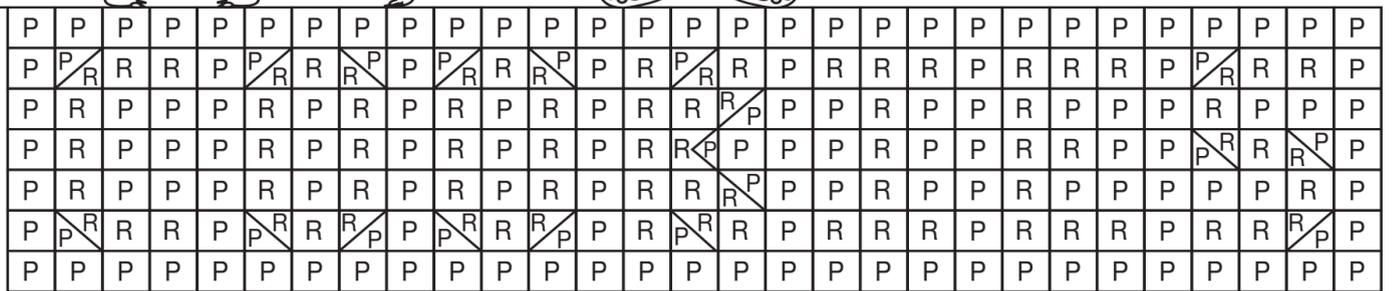
Can you find 40 hearts on this page?

The Icing On The Cake

Chatter has finished making the candy and cupcakes for the Valentine party. She just has to bake "the icing on the cake" for the dessert table, her special...

Color in this puzzle to see what she is baking:

R = Red P = Purple



Use the Secret Alphabet Decoder to fill in the blanks:

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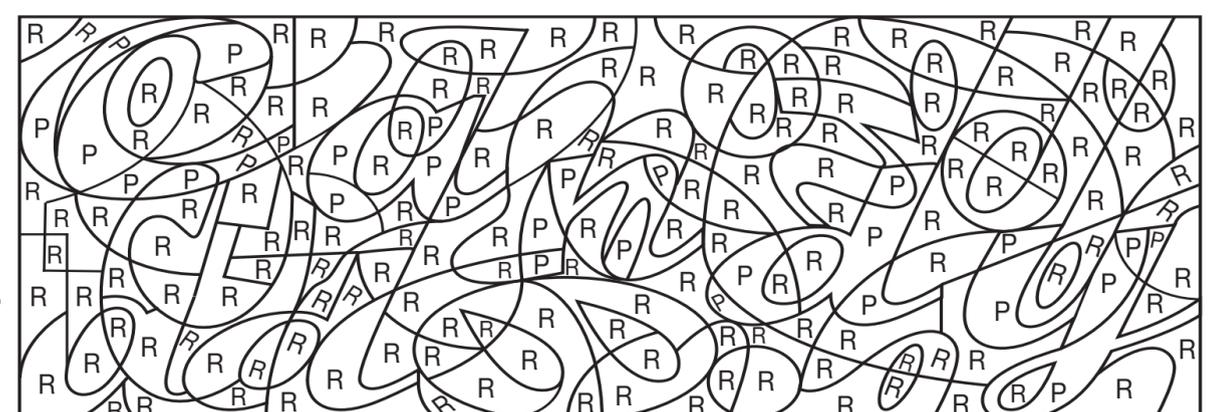
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Plaintiff: TRANS-VAIL, INC., a Colorado corporation
v.
Defendants: PUBLIC TRUSTEE OF RIO BLANCO COUNTY, COLORADO; BERISLAV K. SEPIC, SJURDJICA A. SEPIC, MOUNTAIN VALLEY BANK, PACIFIC WESTERN BANK and all other persons who claim any interest in the subject matter of this action.

DISTRICT COURT, RIO BLANCO COUNTY, CO
Case No. 17CV30037

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO, TO ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS: You are hereby summoned and required to appear and defend against the claims of the Complaint filed with the court in this action, by filing with the clerk of this court an answer or other response. You are required to file your answer or other response within 35 days after the service of this summons upon you. Service of this summons shall be complete on the day of the last publication. A copy of the Complaint may be obtained from the clerk of the court.

If you fail to file your answer or other response to the Complaint in writing within 35 days after the date of the last publication, judgment by default may be rendered against you by the court for the relief demanded in the Complaint without further notice.

This is an action to quiet title to the property described as follows:

Lots 3 and 4
Sanderson Hill Subdivision according to the Plat thereof filed December 19, 1978 as Reception No. 185454

Town of Meeker, Colorado
LESS AND EXCEPTING THEREFROM that property conveyed by Quit Claim Deed recorded March 3, 1980 in Book 399, Page 397 of the public records of Rio Blanco County as Reception No. 194475.

Lot 5
Sanderson Hill Subdivision according to the Plat thereof filed December 19, 1978 as Reception No. 185454

Town of Meeker, Colorado
LESS AND EXCEPTING THEREFROM that property conveyed by Quit Claim Deed recorded March 3, 1980 in Book 399, Page 397 of the public records of Rio Blanco County as Reception No. 194475.

LESS AND EXCEPTING THEREFROM that property conveyed by Warranty Deed recorded May 21, 1981 in Book 410, Page 250, Reception No. 201072 in the records of Rio Blanco County.

COMBINED NOTICE - MAILING

CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 17-22

To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust: On November 20, 2017, 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)
Original Beneficiary(ies)

Current Holder of Evidence of Debt
Date of Deed of Trust
County of Recording
Recording Date of Deed of Trust
Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/Page No.)
Original Principal Amount
Outstanding Principal Balance

Pursuant to CRS §38-38-101(4)(f), 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 22, TAMARRON SUBDIVISION, TOWN OF RANGELY, COLORADO, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED APRIL 10, 1980 AS DOCUMENT NO. 194871

Also known by street and number as: 227 E. Raven Avenue, 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, 03/21/2018, 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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NOTICE OF RIGHTS

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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;

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• 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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DATE: 11/20/2017
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:
Courtney Wright #45482 Eve Grina #43658 Holly Shilliday #24423
Jennifer Cruse #44452 Jennifer Rogers #34682
McCarthy & Holthus, LLP 7700 E Arapahoe Road, Suite 230, Centennial, CO 80112 (877) 369-6122
Attorney File # 17-786431
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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LESS AND EXCEPTING THEREFROM Paintbrush Ridge Subdivision - Filing No. 1, according to the Plat thereof filed May 17, 2002 as Reception No. 272416, Town of Meeker, Colorado.

LESS AND EXCEPTING THEREFROM that property conveyed by Warranty Deed recorded April 30, 2010 as Reception No. 298444 in the records of Rio Blanco County.

Dated this 15th day of January, 2018.
Melody D. Massih, #24683
P.O. Box 916, Glenwood Springs, CO 81602
(970) 928-9100, melody@ommpc.com

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Last Publication: February 22, 2018.

PUBLIC NOTICE INVITATION TO BID SALT / SAND SPREADER

Notice is hereby given that bid proposals, for a new 2018 Henderson 10' FSH-III salt / sand spreader, will be accepted by mail or delivered to Town Hall, 345 Market Street, Meeker, CO until Tuesday, February 20, 2018 at 7:00 P.M. at which time the proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud. The bid will be awarded at the March 6, 2018 Board Meeting to be held at 7:00 P.M. at Town Hall, 345 Market Street in Meeker. Specifications are available upon request at Town Hall or by calling 970-878-5344 or on the Town's website www.townofmeeker.org.

The Town reserves the right to reject or accept any and all bids. All bids for goods shall be based on delivery F.O.B. Meeker. Each proposal shall be reviewed and considered consistent with the provisions of the Town of Meeker Personnel Policy and Procedures Manual.

The bid proposal must be placed in an envelope, securely sealed and labeled "Meeker 2018 Henderson spreader bid" and be received no later than Tuesday, February 20, 2018 at 7:00 P.M. Contact Russell Overton, Public Works Superintendent at 970-942-7555 or Scott Meszaros, Town Administrator, 970-878-4960 for additional information.
Published: February 1st, 8th and 15th, 2018
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RIO BLANCO COUNTY NOTICE OF FINAL CONTRACTOR SETTLEMENT

2018 RIO BLANCO COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE BACKUP GENERATOR PROJECT
NOTICE is hereby given that on the 12th day of February, 2018 at Meeker, Colorado, final settlement will be authorized by the Rio Blanco County

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Board of County Commissioners with Ducey's Electric, Inc. of P O Box 606, Rangely, CO 81648 for all work done by said CONTRACTOR on the project known as 2018 Rio Blanco County Backup Generator Project.

• Any person, co-partnership, association, or corporation who has an unpaid claim against the said project may at any time, up to and including the date specified in item 2 below, file a VERIFIED STATEMENT of the amount due and unpaid on account of such claims.

• All such claims shall be filed with Eric Jaquez, Project Coordinator, Rio Blanco County Facilities Department, 555 Main Street, Meeker, Colorado 81641 on or before February 12th, 2018.

• Failure on the part of a creditor to file such a statement will relieve Rio Blanco County from any and all liability for such claim.

Dated at Meeker, Colorado this 25th day of January, 2018.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF RIO BLANCO COUNTY

BY SHAWN J. BOLTON, CHAIRMAN

Published: February 1, and February 8, 2018

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A CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

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

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, and, particularly, to the electors of the Rangely Rural Fire Protection District of Rio Blanco County(ies), Colorado.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an election will be held on the 8TH day of May, 2018, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. At that time, 3 directors will be elected to serve 4-year terms and 1 director will be elected to serve 2-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 through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. If the DEO determines that a Self-Nomination and Acceptance form is not sufficient, the eligible elector who submitted the form may amend the form once, at any time, prior to 3:00 p.m. on Friday, March 2, 2018. The deadline to submit a Self-Nomination and Acceptance is close of business on Friday, March 2, 2018 (not less than 67 days before the election). Earlier submittal is encouraged as the deadline will not permit curing an insufficient form. Affidavit of Intent To Be A Write-In-Candidate forms must be submitted to the office of the designated election official by the close of business on Monday, March 5, 2018 (the sixty-fourth day before the election).

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that applications for absentee ballots may be filed with the Designated Election Official of the District at the above address between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., until the close of business on the Tuesday, May 1, 2018. Rangely Rural Fire Protection District Designated Election Official Signature

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PUBLIC NOTICE

INVITATION TO BID ELGIN PELICAN BROOM

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on delivery F.O.B. Meeker. Each proposal shall be reviewed and considered consistent with the provisions of the Town of Meeker Personnel Policy and Procedures Manual.

The bid proposal must be placed in an envelope, securely sealed and labeled "Meeker 2018 Henderson spreader bid" and be received no later than Tuesday, February 20, 2018 at 7:00 P.M. Contact Russell Overton, Public Works Superintendent at 970-942-7555 or Scott Meszaros, Town Administrator, 970-878-4960 for additional information.
Published: February 1, 8, 15, 2018
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NOTICE OF FINAL PAYMENT

Pursuant to Section 38-26-107, Colorado Statutes, 2013, amended, notice is hereby given that Rio Blanco County has accepted the work on the Meeker Coulter Field Airport Beacon and Fence Project as substantially completed according to the plans and specifications and rules set forth in the Contract and that Flat Rock Construction, Inc. of Vernal, UT is entitled to final settlement therefore.

Upon the 10th day, after the second publication of this notice, Rio Blanco County, under whose direction of supervision the work has been carried out will pay to Flat Rock Construction, Inc. of Vernal, UT the full amount due under the Contract.

All persons, firms, or corporations who have any claims for work done or materials furnished on said public work are hereby notified that final payment will be made to Flat Rock Construction, Inc. of Vernal, UT in accordance with the terms of the Contract not before February 18, 2018. This section does not relieve Flat Rock Construction, Inc. of Vernal, UT and the sureties on their bond from any claims of work or labor done or materials or supplies furnished in the execution of the Contract.

Published: February 1, and February 8, 2018
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Public Notice

A public hearing has been scheduled for February 20, 2018 at 7:00 pm at the Meeker Town Hall, 345 Market Street, to consider a request by Meeker Lions Club, for 3 Special Event Liquor License for the following at 200 Main Street, Meeker CO; Fireman's Banquet, March 10, 2018 from 4:00pm to 12:00 am

RM Elk Foundation, April 7, 2018 from 3:00 pm to 12:00 am

Old Timer's Annual Meeting, June 2, 2018 from 3:00 pm to 12:00 am

§ Kathleen Sizemore
Liquor Clerk

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BID REQUEST

PICEANCE WEED AND PEST DISTRICT Hand Spraying of Herbicide and Ariel Spraying of Herbicide

The Piceance and Weed and Pest District is soliciting bids for Herbicide hand spraying and herbicide ariel spraying. Bid packets are available by calling Chris Uphoff at 970-379-9244. Mailed bids are due to the Board of County commissioners, P.O. Box 1, Meeker, Co 81641 no later than 4:00 p.m. on March 13th, 2017. If hand delivered the bids are due no later than 11:00 a.m. on February 26, 2018 to the County Commissioners, Rio Blanco County Historical Court House, 555 Main St., 3rd Floor, BOCC room, Meeker, CO. The bids will be opened after 11:00 a.m. or as listed on the agenda on the 26th of February. All bids must be clearly marked "Herbicide Hand Spraying" or Herbicide Ariel Spraying" on the outside of the bid.

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Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado Rio Blanco County Historic Courthouse 555 Main Street, 3rd Floor Hearing Room Meeker, Colorado 81641

PUBLIC NOTICE PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2018-01

NOTICE

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

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

STONEMAN, NEVA

MEEKER RANCHING COMPANY RIO BLANCO COUNTY TREASURER

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

5,000 MINERAL INTEREST IN:

W1/2NE1/4, NW1/4SE1/4, NE1/4SW1/4 LESS 1 ACRES SEC. 27 T1S R92W
NW1/4, S1/2SW1/4, NWSW SEC. 27 T1S R92W
NE1/4NW1/4 SEC. 34 T1S R92W
SW1/4NW1/4, SE1/4NW1/4, SW1/4NE1/4, W1/2SE1/4 SEC. 34 T1S R92W
S1/2NE1/4, NE1/4SE1/4 SEC. 33 T1S R92W

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

That said mineral rights were taxed or specially assessed in the name of **STONEMAN, NEVA**, for said year 2013;

That on **AUGUST 24, 2017**, said **MEEKER RANCHING COMPANY, INC C/O MARCUM LLP**, the present holder of the Certificate of Purchase, have made request to the Treasurer of said County for a deed to said mineral rights;

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

Said mineral right may be redeemed from said sale at any time prior the actual execution of said Treasurer's Deed.
Tax Lien Sale Date: **November 19, 2014**
Treasurer's Deed can be issued after **November 19, 2017**
Date Deed Scheduled to issue: **April 25, 2018**
Redemption Period expires **April 25, 2018, PRIOR** to 10:00 A.M

Schedule	TLSC	ASSD Value	Assessed Name
N5000504	2014-00046	1,160	STONEMAN, NEVA

Witness my hand this 16TH day of **JANUARY, A.D. 2018**.
/S/ Karen Arnold, Rio Blanco County Treasurer
Published: **JAN 25, 2018; FEB. 1, 2018; FEB 8, 2018**
Published in the Rio Blanco Herald Times

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THE FIRST READING OF A PROPOSED ORDINANCE FOR THE REGULATION OF TRAFFIC BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF RIO BLANCO COUNTY, COLORADO, ADOPTING BY REFERENCE THE 2010 EDITION OF THE "MODEL TRAFFIC CODE" AND AMENDING SAID MODEL TRAFFIC CODE AS SET FORTH THEREIN; ADOPTING BY REFERENCE THE PENALTY ASSESSMENT PROCEDURE OF § 16-2-201 C.R.S., AS AUTHORIZED BY § 30-15-402(1) C.R.S.; PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF; IMPOSING COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE SURCHARGES AND STATE SURCHARGES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF, AND ESTABLISHING A LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING AND EQUIPMENT ACCOUNT TO WHICH SAID COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE SURCHARGES WILL BE PAID; AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH WILL OCCUR DURING THE REGULAR BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING ON FEBRUARY 2, 2018, AT 11:00 AM. COPIES OF THE FULL PROPOSED ORDINANCE AND THE 2010 MODEL TRAFFIC CODE ARE AVAILABLE ON THE WEBSITE AT <http://www.rbc.us/186/Board-of-County-Commissioners-Under-Section-Documents-Open-For-Public-Comment>. THREE COPIES OF THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE AND THE 2010 MODEL TRAFFIC CODE ARE AVAILABLE AND MAY BE REVIEWED AT THE RIO BLANCO COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER'S OFFICE DURING REGULAR BUSINESS HOURS.
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Tentative Agenda February 12, 2018

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

11:00 a.m. Call to order:
Pledge of Allegiance
Changes to February 12, 2018 Tentative Agenda

1) Move to Approve the February 12, 2018 Agenda including any changes.

CONSENT AGENDA FOR FEBRUARY 12, 2018

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.

Move to Approve the Below Listed Items of the Consent Agenda.

Consent 1_ Consideration of the Board of County Commissioner Meeting Minutes of January 22, 2018.

Consent 2a_Financial Management Report January 2018.

Consent-2b_ DHS EBT Register and Warrant Registers January 2018.

Consent 2c_ Motor Vehicle Publication Report January 2018.

Consent 2d_ Rio Blanco County Public Trustee's Yearly Report - January through December, 2017.

Consent 2e_ Rio Blanco County Public Trustee's Quarterly Report - October, November, and December 2017.

Consent 2f_ Treasurer's Publication List January 2018.

Consent 2g_ Treasurer's Monthly Report January 2018.

Consent 3_ Approval of a letter from the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County,

Colorado to Governor John Hickenlooper supporting the Western Rural Natural Gas Initiative / Excel Energy Natural Gas Electric Facility.
Consent 4_ Approval of a letter from the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado to various Colorado Congressmen, Senators, and the Governor, supporting the Secure Rural Schools (SRS) Legislation.

Consent 5_ Approval of the Permission Letter from the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado to the Mayor and Board of Trustees of the Town of Meeker authorizing the Lions Club to provide malt, vinous, and spirituous liquor on March 10, 2018, at the Fairfield Community Center for the Fireman's Annual Banquet.

Consent 6_ Approval of the Permission Letter from the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado to the Mayor and Board of Trustees of Town of Meeker authorizing the Lions Club to provide malt, vinous, and spirituous liquor on April 7, 2018, at the Fairfield Community Center for the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation.

Consent 7_ Approval of the Permission Letter from the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado to the Mayor and Board of Trustees of Town of Meeker authorizing the Lions Club to provide malt, vinous, and spirituous liquor on June 2, 2018, at the Fairfield Community Center for the Old Timers Annual Meeting.

Consent 8_ Approval of an agreement between the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado and the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management approving the relinquishment of the old Stadman Mesa Communications Site #COC2422.

Consent 9_ Approval of a proposed change to the CTO Marketing Matching Grant FY18 modifying the Marketing Budget Worksheet by reallocating funds within different categories, no change in the grant amount.

Consent 10_ Approval of a Modification to the Agreement for Services dated October 23, 2017, between the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado and Ute Crossing Counseling, modifying Exhibit B, by changing "Family Engagement/Administrative Reviews \$40.00" to "Family Engagement/Administrative Reviews \$40.00 per hour".

Consent 11_ Approval of the final settlement payment between the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado and the Colorado Fiber Community, LLC in the amount of \$89,447.89.

Consent 12_ Approval of a Request for Reimbursement for the Meeker Coulter Field Airport Beacon Project, CDOT Reimbursement Grant #3-08-0041-012-2017 in the amount of \$621.76 and FAA Reimbursement Grant #17-EEO-01 in the amount of \$11,191.68, Rio Blanco County Commitment \$621.76, for a total amount of \$12,435.20.

BUSINESS:
Business 1_ First reading of the Rio Blanco County Ordinance No. 2018-01, adopting by reference portions of the 2010 Model Traffic Code.

BID OPENINGS:
Bid Opening 1_ Rio Blanco County Senior Transport Van Rebid.

Bid Opening 2_ Rio Blanco County 2018 Fairfield Center Fiber Data Cabling.

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Town of Rangely
February 13, 2018 - 7:00pm
Agenda
Rangely Board of Trustees (Town Council)
Ann Brady, Mayor
Andrew Shaffer, Mayor Pro Tem
Lisa Hatch, Trustee
Trey Robie, Trustee
Lisa Hatch, Trustee
Andrew Key, Trustee
Matthew Billgren, Trustee
1.Call to Order
2.Roll Call
3.Invocation
4.Pledge of Allegiance
5.Minutes of Meeting
a.Approval of the minutes of the January 23, 2018 meeting
b.Approval of the minutes of the January 30, 2018 meeting
6.Petitions and Public Input
7.Changes to the Agenda
8.Public Hearings - 7:15pm
a.Public Hearing First Reading Ordinance 688 (2018) An Ordinance of the Town of Rangely, Colorado eliminating and reducing the liquor related distance restrictions imposed by C.R.S. 12-47-313, relating to schools and campuses within the Town
9.Committee/Board Meetings
10.Supervisor Reports – See Attached
a.Don Reed & Jocelyn Mullen = Update regarding warranty work progress at the WTP
b.Vince Wilczek & Roy Kinney = PD Complaint process discussion item
11.Reports from Officers – Town Manager Update
12.Old Business
13.New Business
a.Discussion and Action to Authorize the Mayor or Town Manager to participate as a signatory to the programmatic agreement between The Bureau of Land Management – White River Field Office and the Colorado State Historic Preservation Officer regarding Wagon Wheel West Trail System in Rio Blanco and Moffat counties, Colorado and; whereas, the BLM-WRFO has invited the following local governments to participate in the development of this agreement and to be concurring parties: Rio Blanco County, Moffat County, Garfield County, Town of Rangely, Town of Meeker, Town of Dinosaur, White River and Douglas Creek Conservation Districts.
b.Discussion and Action to award the bid for the White River Village Laundry Capital Improvement Project to Muller Building Services Inc. (See bid information)
c.Discussion and Action to approve the preliminary December 2017 Financial Summary
d.Discussion and Action to approve the January 2018 Check Register
e.Discussion and Action to approve the quote of \$12,200 to complete the 2017 Financial Audit by ColoCPA Services, PC.
f.Discussion and Action to approve the Special Event Permit for the CNCC Foundation Dinner
g.Discussion and Action to approve the renewal of the liquor license for Kum and Go
h.Discussion and Action to approve the renewal of the liquor license for the Rangely Liquor Store
i.Discussion and Action to approve the renewal of the liquor license for Loaf N Jug
14.Informational Items
15.Board Vacancies
16.Scheduled Announcements
a.Rangely District Library Board meeting Febru-

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ary 12, 2018 at 5:00pm
b.Rangely Junior College District Board meeting is scheduled for February 12, 2018 at 12:00pm
c.Western Rio Blanco Park & Recreation District Board meeting February 12, 2018 at 7:00pm
d.RDA/RDC Board meeting scheduled for February 15, 2018 at 7:30am
e.Rangely Chamber of Commerce Board meeting is scheduled for February 15, 2018 at 12:00pm
f.Rural Fire Protection District Board meeting is scheduled for February 19, 2018 at 7:00pm
g.Rio Blanco County Commissioners Board meeting is scheduled for February 19, 2018 at 11:00am
h.Rangely School District Board meeting is scheduled for February 20, 2018 at 6:15pm
i.Rangely District Hospital board meeting is scheduled for February 22, 2018 at 6:00pm
j.Community Networking Meeting is scheduled for February 27, 2018 at 12:00 noon.
k.Rio Blanco Water Conservancy District Board meeting is scheduled for February 28, 2018 at 7:00pm
17.Adjournment
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A CALL FOR NOMINATIONS (NOTICE BY PUBLICATION OF)

§1-13.5-501, 1-13.5-1102(3), 32-1-905(2), C.R.S. TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, and, particularly, to the electors of the Douglas Creek Conservation District of Rio Blanco County, Colorado. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an election will be held on the eighth day of May 2018, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. At that time, two directors will be elected to serve 4-year terms. Eligible electors of the White River Conservation District interested in serving on the board of directors may obtain a Self-Nomination and Acceptance form from the District Designated Election Official (DEO):
Tristan Nielsen
351 7th Street
Meeker, CO 81641
(970) 878-9838
The Office of the DEO is open on the following days: Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
The deadline to submit a Self-Nomination and Acceptance is close of business on March 2, 2018 (not less than 67 days before the election). Affidavit of Intent To Be A Write-In-Candidate forms must be submitted to the office of the designated election official by the close of business on Monday, March 5, 2018 (the sixty-fourth day before the election).
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, an application for an absentee ballot shall be filed with the designated election official no later than the close of business on Tuesday preceding the election, May 1, 2018.
Designated Election Official Signature
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ATV, Boat and Snowmobile Owners! You can now renew your Colorado OHV registrations on line at: www.parks.state.co.us

The Rio Blanco Herald Times accepts all major credit cards. You can fax your classified ad or subscription to (970)878-4016 or email to: debbiew@theheraldtimes.com

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

SAFEHOUSE

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

Rangely Victim Services

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

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

Alcoholics Anonymous

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

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

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

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

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

The Rangely 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.

RADINO & CHUCKWAGON

Please call before 8:00a.m. day of meal 878-5627 or 675-8112
Senior Citizen Nutrition Program Meals served at noon. Reservations appreciated. (Did you know? Homebound trays can be ordered for over 60, suggested donation \$2.50 - 12:10 p.m. pickup.)
Friday, 2/9/18, Hungarian goulash, pasta, California medley, biscuit w/jelly, grapefruit
Monday, 2/12/18, French dip w/Auju, oven browned potatoes, mixed vegetables, orange, chocolate pudding
Tuesday, 2/13/18, Sloppy Joe w/bun, tator tots, scalloped corn, peaches.
Wednesday, 2/14/18, Oven fried chicken potatoes/gravy, beefs, WW bread, pears & cottage cheese, Valentine cookies
MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE
Milk, Tea and Coffee are offered with all meals. Menu subject to change.
Food Bank of the Rockies Mobile Food Pantry, Meeker Fairgrounds, Thursday, 2/22, 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. .

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

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VALENTINES DAY DINNER FOR TWO WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14TH \$60.00/COUPLE INCLUDES DINNER & BABYSITTING
All proceeds to benefit student Ecological Trip to Costa Rica
You and your sweetheart will each enjoy 16 oz. ribeye steak, loaded baked potato, sauteed mushrooms, veggie, roll, salad & dessert
Now reserving tables for 4:45 or 7:30 p.m. at the Elk Mountain Inn Restaurant
Space is limited. To purchase dinner & reserve your table by Feb 9th call or text Stacie Kincher 970-755-5506 or Meredith Deming 970-942-3370

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

AUCTIONS

County Estate Auction
Saturday, February 17th @ 10:00 AM
1355 20 Rd, Fruita, Colorado
Backhoe, small baler, swather, stackwagon, rake, car, pickup, 40' storage trailer, 16' enclosed trailer, 16' stock trailer, drill stem, pipe, cable, stock panels, 4 wheeler, riding and push mowers, 3 welders, oxygen & acetylene bottles, 2 gas sets - big & small, hand & power tools of all kinds, 6' brush hog, post hole digger, swivel blade, anvil, 250 gallon propane tank on trailer, fencing, 7 guns, antiques and collectables, tool box, upright air compressor, 3 pc couch set, appliances, cement hitching posts, Meeker CO #4 school bell, patio furniture, yard art and more. Estate of Jim Lang. For more info call Steve Claypoole, CP Auction Service, 970-260-5577.
See web www.cpauction.com
"Call us about a sale for you" 2/8-2/15

CARS: DOMESTIC

2013 Silverado LT Z71, camper shell, custom grill guard, new tires, leather interior, 108,000 miles, excellent condition. Best offer over \$19,000. Call 970-629-1380 2/8-2/15

ELDER CARE SERVICES

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

Would like to provide in home care service, to include personal care, light housekeeping, appointments and shopping. (970)620-0917.

HELP WANTED: GENERAL

Hiring Immediately!!
Field Mechanic
Redi Services, LLC is seeking an Experienced Field Mechanic for the Rangely, Colorado area. Must have experience working on oilfield Pumps and Air Compressors. Must be willing to work nights and weekends as required. We offer a competitive benefits package. Wage DOE.
Apply NOW: email resume to jobs@rediservicesllc.com (reference Rangely Mechanic in subject line of email) 2/7-2/8

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

Museum curator at the White River Museum in Meeker. Full-time position with hourly wage. Pick up a complete job description at the museum, 565 Park Ave., Mon.-Sat. between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., or Sun. from 12-5 p.m.
2/8-2/15

The Rangely School District RE-4 currently has an opening for a Food Service Helper/Cook and Substitute Teacher openings for all grades, plus more; please refer to www.rangelyk12.org for job description and application.
2/8

Museum curator assistant at the White River Museum in Meeker. Part time position. Pick up a complete job description at the museum, 565 Park Ave., Mon.-Sat. between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., or Sun. from 12-5 p.m.
2/8-2/15

HOMES: MEEKER

Mobile home for sale. 16x56, 2 BDR/2BA, quiet park. Call 970-220-0001
2/7-3/1

LAND/LOTS

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

MISCELLANEOUS

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

PIONEERS MEDICAL CENTER

A community oriented medical center with high patient standards, is hiring for the following positions:
PRN:
■ Patient Care Technician
■ RN - Acute/ED
■ RN or LPN - LTC
■ Certified Nursing Assistant - LTC
■ Food Service Tech
FULL-TIME: (eligible for benefits):
■ LPN or RN - Wing LTC
■ RN - Acute/ED - Nights
■ RN - Acute/ED - Days
■ RN or LPN - Wing LTC - Nights
■ Occupational Therapist
FULL-TIME: (eligible for benefits):
■ Food Service Tech/Cook
■ PCT - Days
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
Pioneers Medical Center
Phone: (970) 878-5047 Fax: (970) 878-1885
100 Pioneers Medical Center Dr., Meeker, CO 81641
Eastern Rio Blanco County Health Service District

MEEKER SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1
MEEKER COWBOYS
Employment Opportunities
• Food Services Cook
ADA/EOE
Subject to change at any time!
For details and an application, please visit our website at Meeker.k12.co.us
or Meeker School District Administration at 555 Garfield St., Meeker, CO
970-878-9040

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Colorado Statewide Classified Advertising Network
To place a 25-word COSCAN Network ad in 91 Colorado newspapers for only \$300, contact your local newspaper or call SYNC2 Media at 303-571-5117.
VACATIONS WANTED
BUFFALO'S HISTORIC OCCIDENTAL HOTEL: "GET AWAY PACKAGE" for 2. Suite, champagne, dinner, breakfast. Come. Stay. Enjoy. \$175.00
Snowmobiling, skiing, ice skating, shopping, & hiking 1-307-684-0451
Cash for Mineral Rights
Free, no-risk, cash offer. Contact us with the details:
Call: 720-988-5617
Write: Minerals, PO BOX 3668, Littleton, CO 80161
Email: opportunity@ecmresourcesinc.com
SYNC2 MEDIA
Buy a 25-word statewide classified line ad in newspapers across the state of Colorado for just \$300 per week. Ask about our frequency discounts! Contact this newspaper or call SYNC2 Media, 303-571-5117

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES
• Patrol Deputy, Rangely
• Relief Control Specialist
• Relief Dispatcher
• Relief Landfill Clerk
For details and a Rio Blanco County application, please go to www.rbc.us or Rio Blanco County HR at 555 Main St, Meeker, CO. 970-878-9570.
ADA/EOE

RECREATION & PARK DISTRICT
EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES
Full Time Positions
Recreation Coordinator (Athletics/Aquatics) - Benefits
For details and an application, go to www.meekerrecdistrict.com or 101 Ute Road, Meeker CO. 970-878-7417
EOE

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RENTALS: MEEKER

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

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C:
You make my heart race and I feel so alive when I see you. You're my reason for waking up.
M

F: You're the queso to my chips and the peanut butter to my jelly. We are and will always be perfectly matched. I love you! T

S, I love you so much. I can't wait to see you when I get back.
B

A Cinderella story, former greens keepers are about to become Masters champions. Name that movie.
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"Once upon a time there was a boy who loved a girl, and her laughter was a question he wanted to spend his whole life answering."
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- ◆ 1135 Michael Circle - Newer home, views and close to walking trails and park..... SOLD
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8617 Rd. 8 - 4BD/2BA Log Home on 2.85 acres. \$359,000
TBD E. Market St. - 7.46 Vacant Acres at the Intersection of HWY 13 & Rd 8. \$249,000
345 Cleveland St. - 2.28 Acres, Potential for 12 Building Lots. \$216,000
1164 Hill St. - 3BD/2BA, Central Air, Garage, Fenced Yard. \$212,000
533 Cleveland - UNDER CONTRACT!
1140 Cleveland St. - 100% Remodeled Duplex, 2BD/2BA per Side. \$\$\$ Producer! \$169,000
1105 & 1107 Market St. - Large Commercial Lot. \$149,900
870 Water St. - 3 BD/1BA, Fenced Yard, \$145,000
211 Morrison - Rangely - 2+BD/1.75BA Home, Garage/Workshop, \$115,000
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- ◆ NEW! 1032 Jennifer Dr. — Opportunities are unlimited for this great building with lots of paved parking! Over 4800 sq. ft of interior space, fenced yard on south side, handicap accessible state of the art fire suppression system. Trees, landscaped and ready for your new business. \$460,000.
- ◆ NEW! 18,775 SF Lot on Robert Street — Great view and building site with plenty of room to build your dream home. Water and sewer taps in place! \$38,000.
- ◆ White River Ranch Estates on Hwy. 64 Lot 12 — 35 acres with White River frontage, private fishing area, 3 phase electrical in place. \$225,000.

Happy Valentine's Day!
Wednesday, February 14, 2018

WESTERN EXPOSURES REALTY, LLC Fall in Love with a NEW Home!

● **RESIDENTIAL**
482 12th St. - 2BD/1.5BA, townhouse. \$47,500.
780 5th St. - 4BD/2BA, 2 separate living spaces. \$158,000.
880 Main St. - 4BD/2BA, oversized lot w/ sm. cabin off the alley. \$155,000.
264 9th St. - 2BD/1BA, mobile home w/ owned lot. \$43,000.
1010 Hill St. - 2BD/1BA, corner lot w/ sm. cabin off the St. \$139,000.
873 Market St. - 3BD/1BA, utility shed, alley access. \$119,000.
893 Market St. - 2BD/1BA, corner lot, alley access. \$127,000.
959 Garfield St. - 4BD/2.5BA, 1Yr. Home Warranty Av. \$252,500 REDUCED!
855 5TH ST. - 5BD/2BA, new roof, siding, windows & flooring. \$200,000.
767 12th St. - 2BD/1.5BA, townhouse, well kept. \$70,000.
945 & 975 Cleveland St. - SOLD!

● **RURAL RESIDENTIAL**
1083 Boulder Dr., Craig - Wilderness Ranches cabin, turnkey. \$169,000.
73209 Hwy 64 - 5BD/2BA, heated shop & outbuildings on 11.02ac. \$350,000 REDUCED!
● **RANCH PROPERTY**
281±ac. Ranch - Located in Lion's Canyon, well present, adjoins BLM. \$422,000.
River Ranch on the Yampa, Maybell - 5 BD/4BA Lg. Barn/Shop on 128.68±ac., senior water rights w/ Yampa River frontage. \$998,000 REDUCED!
Baker's Peak Vista Ranch, Craig - 506±ac., outbuildings, water rights & domestic well, adjoins BLM & Nat. Forest. \$1,300,000.
Four Springs Ranch, Maybell - Great Ranch setup on 343.98±ac. w/ water rights & Yampa River frontage. \$1,250,000.
● **VACANT LAND**
NEW! 1031 CR 36 - 5ac. w/ electricity & well. \$54,500.

2 lots, Sage Hills - Building sites. \$30,000 ea. or \$58,000 for both.
10ac. lot, Strawberry Patch Rd. - UNDER CONTRACT!
Two 5ac. lots, Strawberry Patch Rd. - Ponds, fence & electricity. \$56,500 ea.
100ac. Off Hwy. 13 - UNDER CONTRACT!
35 lots, Sanderson Hills - Great building sites. \$29,000 ea. or \$25,000 ea. in packages of five.
459 Cross L Dr. - Great building site, 3ac. corner lot. \$69,500.
49ac. lot Off Hwy. 13 - UNDER CONTRACT!
50ac. lot Off Hwy. 13 - Near mile marker 24, views. \$55,000.
2.25ac. lot Off Hwy. 13 - North of Meeker, nice building location. \$45,000.
2 lots, Silver Sage Rd. - Two building sites. \$45,000 for both.
● **COMMERCIAL**
Brontosaurus (Hwy. 40), Dinosaur - Lg. Building. \$155,000.
NEW! 60240 Hwy. 40, Maybell - Wildgame meat processor, business & real estate. \$280,000.
335 6th St. - Multipurpose building, multiple units, downtown. \$310,000.
1120 Cleveland St. - 6 2BD/1BA apartment units, 2 buildings, paved parking. \$299,500.
1020 Hill St. - Triplex building, 2BD/1BA in ea. unit. \$277,000.
101 E. Main St. - Brothers Property, Lg. Building w/ paved parking on 0.43±ac. \$375,000.
Gravel Pit, WRC Wet Pit - 20 miles W. of Meeker, 110±ac., water rights & ~150,000 tons of gravel to extract. \$1,500,000.
Playa Del Rio Apartments, 680 Water St. - 19 2BD/1BA apartment units, 17 storage units, Coin Op. laundry room. \$950,000.
Ma Famiglia Italian Restaurant, 410 Market St. - Business & Real Estate offered together or separate. Turnkey & Profitable. \$900,000 REDUCED!

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In *Good* Health

News from Pioneers Medical Center

January 2018

PMC Recognized as a Most Improved Critical Access Hospital

Pioneers Medical Center received the title 2017 Most Improved Critical Access Hospital based on operational excellence. Pioneers has worked hard over the past decade to offer great patient care, that is appropriate for a rural community, and to operate the enterprise as a business. Pioneers has taken three critical steps to help attain operational excellence. 1) In 2010, Pioneers received Critical Access Hospital Status. This helped to improve reimbursements and payments from Medicare and private insurances. 2) The Billing Office is constantly streamlining processes and negotiating with insurances for the best rates, and 3) Pioneers has implemented several new services to meet the growing healthcare needs of area residents.

"We are honored to receive this award," says Ken Harman, CEO. "This is a reflection of a full team effort, from the leadership level all the way through the staff level, giving great care, and the administrative functions working well."



PMC Board of Directors accepts Most Improved Critical Access Hospital Award from QHR

Patient Portal Arrives

You can Access your Medical Records - In November 2017, Pioneers launched a new electronic medical records system. Although many of the benefits of this new system streamlines the documentation used by your clinical team; as the patient, you now have online access to your medical records through the Patient Portal. With the portal you can make Prescription Refill requests (these take about 72 hours to process). You can review test results, email your provider with NON-urgent questions, and you can pay your bill online . . . all in one place. To get registered call Kim Warren at 970-878-9707.

Message From the Desk of Ken Harman, CEO

Pioneers Medical Center is honored to be your local healthcare provider. We recognize that you have choices to receive your personal and family healthcare. Our number one goal is to provide the best care possible. This means every step of your experience from your initial check in, your clinical care and through navigating insurances and payment options, should be the best experience possible. Improvement is a continuous goal, so please let us know how we can make your healthcare experiences better.

The move into the new medical facility positioned PMC to better serve our community and we are excited that over the past two years, we have added a variety of enhanced services. Please take a few minutes to read through this newsletter to learn a few of the programs we have put in place to improve your experience and care at Pioneers Medical Center.




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PMC Quick Stats

In 2017 Pioneers Medical Center:

- ◇ Served **12,810** patient visits through the Emergency room, hospital and family clinic.
- ◇ Performed **162** Orthopedic and Revision Surgeries
- ◇ Performed **151** General, Gastroenterology, and Urology Surgeries
- ◇ Provided **4,374** Physical, Occupations and Speech therapy sessions
- ◇ Ran **107,110** Lab tests

Orthopedic Care Draws Patients from Across Colorado

The Pioneers Orthopedic Program boasts two fellowship trained Orthopedic Surgeons. Dr. Kevin Borchard and Dr. Dan Ward, and the surgery team are building a reputation, for great surgery outcomes delivered with skill and compassion. Patients are coming to Meeker to receive a variety of knee, hip, wrist, ankle, shoulder and procedures. Additionally, our surgeons offer revision care, which very few orthopedic surgeons across the Western Slope offer.



In 2018, we are looking forward to expanding the orthopedic care with Dr. Wade Ceola to perform neck and spine surgery care Pioneers.

Nuclear Medicine to be Offered in late 2018

Pioneers will be adding Nuclear Medicine, which is a type of medical imaging used to diagnose and treat a variety of diseases, including many types of cancers, heart disease, heart attacks, gastrointestinal, endocrine, neurological disorders and other abnormalities within the body.

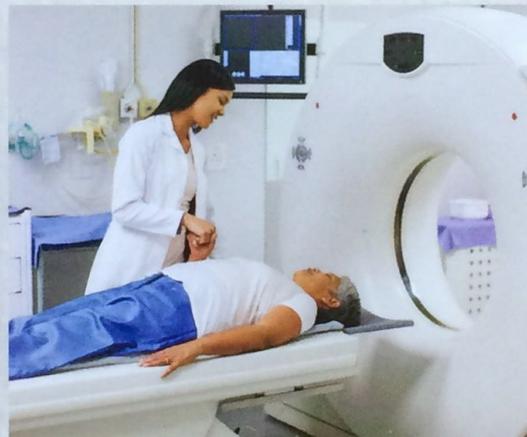
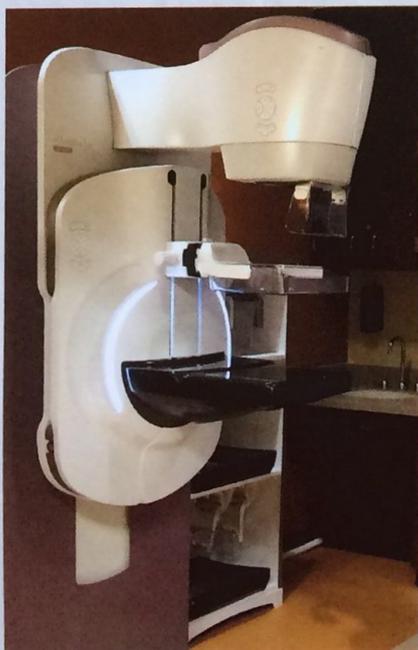


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Pioneers Healthcare Foundation Works to Fund Critical Healthcare Equipment

Throughout 2018 Pioneers Healthcare Foundation will work to secure grants and donations that will support many of the services offered at Pioneers Medical Center. Investing in Capital Equipment and technology is paramount to our local hospitals ability to provide primary and emergency care. PHF will seek funding opportunities to invest in EKG and Ventilator Machines, Critical Laboratory Equipment, Nuclear Medicine and local Infusion Pharmacy Equipment.

In 2017, Pioneers Healthcare Foundation supported many programs such as Meals on Wheels, Healthcare Scholarships and raised monies for 3D Mammography Machine and a Patient Monitoring System at PMC.



3D Mammography

Now Available in Meeker at PMC

It is said that 1 in 8 women will be diagnosed with breast cancer, the better the screening opportunities the better chance we have of early detection. Pioneers has installed the new 3D machine. With 3D Mammography the clarity of the image is much improved and will allow for a better read of the images. Additionally, the patient will be exposed to about 50% less radiation exposure.

Pioneers Healthcare Foundation received over \$135,000 in donations and grants which funded 50% of the new 3D System. We felt that bringing the 3D technology to our community was critical for cancer screenings. Our community members and businesses have been very supportive of this undertaking, contributing to the Mammography Machine. We appreciate everyone's generosity.