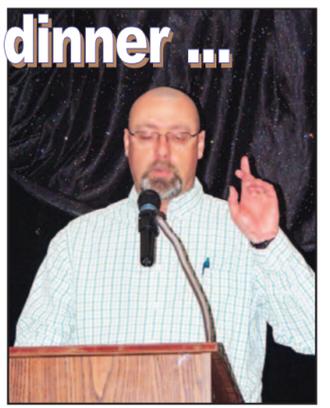


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Chamber dinner ...

Leif Joy, president of the board of the Meeker Area Chamber of Commerce, welcomed roughly 100 local and area business men and women to the annual chamber meeting Friday night at the Fairfield Center. Joy spoke of his hopes for the chamber and how the chamber wants to do more for area businesses in an effort to foster growth. For more, see Page 3A.



Rangely's Huitt unopposed; four vie for town board seats

By HEATHER ZADRA
Special to the Herald Times

RANGELY I On April 1, Rangely residents will elect three of four candidates running for seats on the Rangely Town Council. Incumbent Lisa Hatch will run for her second four-year term, with candidates Ann Brady, Andy Shaffer and Dave Way running for her seat and two others vacated by trustees Elaine Urie and Clayton Gohr, both of whom are term limited. Current council members Brad Casto, Dan Eddy and Joe Neilsen have two years remaining in their terms.

The four town council candidates, along with current Rangely Mayor Frank Huitt, who is running for a second two-year term

unchallenged, will be the names on the ballot unless write-in candidates register or current candidates withdraw by Friday.

Huitt, the former owner of KR Fishing Services and a town council member before being elected mayor in 2012, said he is running again because he believes town employees, under the direction of Rangely Town Manager Peter Brixius, are providing necessary services while keeping costs down.

"One of the things I feel is so important is that government be run like a business," Huitt said. "Our goal should be to provide as good service as possible to our customers; in government, those are the residents. We're doing that without adding a lot of cost to the services we provide."

Huitt said that in the next two years, the

boom or bust, we can find something that would fill that gap," she said. "With the county starting an economic development program, I see momentum going that way, and I'd like to work with that while it's primed to be successful."

Hatch said if she is re-elected, her role would be to continue addressing local issues like providing workforce housing and promoting new and existing businesses in the area. She said the council is also among the voices that speak out on regional concerns, among them keeping severance tax dollars in the communities that generate them and water rights issues coming to the forefront this year.

Hatch believes a council member's responsibilities include listening to residents

and responding to their concerns fairly.

"I do talk to people and ask how they feel things are going," Hatch said. "That's partly why I'm looking at economic development. People I've talked to express concerns about the community getting smaller and smaller... I think the other thing is that people want someone who isn't going to be afraid to speak up and who will do everything with absolute truth and honor."

Ann Brady, a Rangely resident since 1979, has held various positions on local and regional boards, most recently as a Rangely Junior College District Board of Trustee member and, in the last decade, as a town council member and Rangely's mayor. She

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April election unlikely for Meeker voters

By SEAN McMAHON
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MEEKER I If the situation remains unchanged as of the candidate deadline on Friday, there will be no need for a Meeker town election.

According to statutes, if there is one candidate for each position, then those candidates would be automatic winners, so there would be no need to carry out an expensive town election in April.

As of the 5 p.m. deadline on Friday, there were single candidates to fill each of the vacancies on the Meeker Town Board.

The only candidate for Meeker mayor is incumbent Meeker Town Board trustee Regas Halandras. There are four vacancies on the town board, and the four candidates to fill those seats are incumbents Danny Conrado, Rodney Gerloff and Bryce Ducey (who has to run for office since he was appointed to the seat last year), and newcomer candidate Scott Creecy, who would fill Halandras' vacant seat.

Current Meeker Mayor Mandy Etheridge was termed out as mayor and could not by statute seek re-election, and Halandras was termed out as a town board member and he could not seek re-election to the board.

Meeker Town Clerk Lisa Cook said that even though the official date to file paperwork for office was Friday, there is still a possibility for write-in candidates.

Write-in candidates must file their paperwork by March 11. Their names would not be included on the ballot, so those candidates must urge their supporters to literally write in the candidate's name on the ballot.

To become a write-in candidate, Cook said the candidate must go to the town clerk's office and fill out an affidavit of intent to run for the office.

Meeker will save roughly \$5,000 this year if there is no election.

"We have budgeted \$10,000 for elections this year, but this town election would cost about \$5,000," Cook said. "We budgeted \$10,000 just in case something else came up during the year and we had to have a second election."

"If there are no elections, then we would save the entire \$10,000," she said. "That would certainly help the town out."



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Classic Lifeguard air helicopter will join in Rio Blanco County service.

New air ambulance to join Rio Blanco County service

Special to the Herald Times

RBC I The Yampa Valley and Rio Blanco County have a new air ambulance service that will give local hospitals and search and rescue teams quicker access to a medical chopper during emergencies.

Classic Lifeguard landed a newly outfitted medical helicopter Friday at Bob Adams Field in Steamboat Springs to set up the company's first home base in Colorado, serving the three bases of Meeker (Rangely included), Craig and Steamboat Springs, according to Zack Henderson, the director of jet management in Steamboat Springs for Classic Lifeguard.

"We were surprised there wasn't one here already," company vice president Jason Atkins said shortly before the flight crew took the Bell 407 helicopter for a quick spin around Steamboat.

The helicopter will be on call at all times at Bob Adams Field in Steamboat Springs and will be staffed by a pilot, a nurse and a medic. The Utah-based company will offer an insurance buy-in program that costs \$60 annually, and the first hour of a flight that assists a search operation will be provided for free.

"The more we looked into it, the more we thought it would significantly improve patient care in

this area to have a helicopter here," Atkins said.

"We have dealt with St. Mary's (Flight for Life), which is out of Grand Junction, and with Classic, which was out of Vernal but is now out of the Steamboat Springs airport," said Ken Harmon, chief executive officer at Pioneers Medical Center in Meeker. "We will continue to work with both, and both offer good services. They've done a wonderful job."

In recent years, Northwest Colorado has relied on Flight for Life helicopters that are based out of Frisco and Grand Junction, and delays can come from the distance choppers having to travel and the weather between hospitals. Response times also depend on other calls coming from other communities on the Western Slope.

Atkins said his company started talking with administrators at Yampa Valley Medical Center and The Memorial Hospital in Craig about six months ago about the possibility of bringing a new air ambulance to the area.

The company officially started service March 1. A training event and ribbon cutting at the airport was held Wednesday.

Michael Boatwright, vice president of Routt County Search and Rescue's board of directors, welcomed the news there would be a

new air ambulance stationed in Steamboat.

"We're excited about the possibility of having this closer resource," Boatwright said Friday. "We're thrilled they're going to give it a go. The optimum time frame right now for Flight for Life is 22 minutes, and that's if (the helicopter) in Frisco is available. Otherwise it's 45 minutes out, and that can be a big deal for us."

Atkins said the new air ambulance in Steamboat will take off within 10 minutes of being called.

Boatwright and Harmon said they don't view the new service as a replacement for Flight For Life, which they said is very dedicated to the communities, but Classic Lifeguard will be another option.

Boatwright added the air ambulance company met with Search and Rescue in January and talked about the possibility of training together.

"We think it should be nothing but a positive for the community, and communities out west of here," Boatwright said.

Yampa Valley Medical Center spokeswoman Rosie Kern said Friday morning the hospital and the new air ambulance do not have an official relationship yet, but they have been discussing how the service might be utilized in the

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Town of Meeker will address closure of one block of Fifth Street

By SEAN McMAHON
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MEEKER I The topic of closing Fifth Street in Meeker between Park and Main streets goes back to June 2013, when the town conveyed ownership of the "Main Street Building," formerly the old Meeker Elementary School, to Rio Blanco County. The potential street closure is on the agenda for a Town Planning Commission hearing on March 17 and for the Meeker Board of Trustees to consider on March 18.

If approved by a new town ordinance, the street between the existing Rio Blanco County Courthouse and the old elementary school would be closed and vacated to enlarge the area to hold community events and outdoor venues.

Meeker Town Administrator

Scott Meszaros said the process to close off the street by state statute only requires that an ordinance be approved by the Town Board of Trustees.

"The Meeker Town Code does not specify or require a land-use code process to accomplish vacating the roadway," he said, adding that the county now owns the parcels on both sides of the street.

Meszaros said the town staff has requested that the county provide a vacation plat, a legal description of the parcel and that the process go through the "usual" town process of approving Land Use Code items, which include posting and noticing of the request.

The Meeker Planning

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SMALL BUSINESS ...



SEAN McMAHON

During the annual Meeker Area Chamber of Commerce dinner on Friday at the Fairfield Center, Kacey's Kiosket, owned by Jackie and Kurt Pozorski, was honored by the chamber as Meeker's Small Business of the Year for its activities locally as well as the efforts the business put forth to help those who were victims of the floods on the Front Range of Colorado in 2013, including the collection and delivery of blankets, supplies and clothing. For more chamber awards, see inside today's edition.

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Hunter education is offered this weekend

Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER Residents of Meeker and nearby communities will have an opportunity to earn their Hunter Education card by attending a two-day class offered by Colorado Parks and Wildlife at the ERBM Recreation Center.

The class will take place this coming Saturday and Sunday, and students must attend both days.

Anyone interested in attending must pre-register for the class by calling 970-878-3403.

Hunter Education is required for those born after Jan. 1, 1949, who plan on purchasing a hunting license. However, the class may be taken by anyone, whether they plan to hunt or not.

"The course teaches aspiring hunters a variety of very useful information that will keep them safe and help them become responsible and ethical sportsmen and women," said district wildlife manager Mike Grooms. "However, any outdoor recreationist can benefit from the variety of topics covered, including

basic navigation, survival and wildlife species identification."

Grooms, who will serve as class instructor, stresses that there are only a few chances to take the course locally each year and he encourages everyone to take advantage of the opportunity.

There is no age limit, however younger pupils must be able to read and understand the material and test and must be able to handle a firearm safely.

Upon successful completion of the course, students will receive their hunter safety card and will be able to purchase a hunting license.

Hunter Education has been required in Colorado since 1970 in response to a significant number of hunting-related injuries and deaths in the prior decade. Today, the class is required in all 50 states and hunting is considered one of the safest of all outdoor activities.

Call 970-878-3403 to register. For more information about Hunter Education, go to www.wildlife.state.co.us/Hunting/HunterEducation/Pages/HuntEd.aspx

Annual Buy-Fly fishing tournament March 15-16

Special to the Herald Times

RBC The White River Community Association is hosting its 10th annual Buy-Fly White Fish Tournament on March 15 and 16, and organizers are seeking teams of interested fisher-folks to join fun.

The purpose of the tournament is three-fold: raise money for the sustainability of the historic Buford School; secure the white fish for the annual Community Fish Fry held in June each year; and to provide a

fun, competitive opportunity for the community.

There is a 12-team limit for this two-day event, and prizes are awarded to the first-, second- and third-place teams in addition to the high-point individual.

Teams consist of four persons and the entry fee is \$100 per person.

To sign up, contact tournament coordinator Jeanne Horne at 970-878-0663 or email jeanneh@jbarh.outfitters.com.

ENJOYING THE ARTS ...



These Meeker students took part in the Meeker Arts and Cultural Committee (MACC) Outreach Program for Meeker High School and Barone Middle School. The group attended the Colorado Mesa University theater arts departments production of 'Legally Blond' on Saturday. From left to right are: Lily Munn, Sam Balie, Delenn Mobley, Sena Zellers, Bruno Juarez, Annelise Amack, Mariah Jensen, Maddie Kummer (hidden), Savana May, Layton Bair and McKenna Kummer.

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AIR: Service won't change CLOSURE: Plan uncertain

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area. "We will continue to have dialog with them to better understand the components of their air ambulance service," she said in an email.

Classic Lifeguard started in 1988 to transport sick and injured patients from Lake Powell to medical facilities. In recent years, it quickly has expanded its reach with new home bases in Moab, Utah, and Riverton, Wyo. The company has a fleet of helicopters and fixed wing aircraft that operate out of four bases in Arizona, Utah and Wyoming.

Steamboat's previous air ambulance service, which was run by the hospital, stopped in 2005 following a fatal crash of a Yampa Valley Air Ambulance in Wyoming during wintry weather. A pilot and two hospital employees were killed in the crash.

That year, the National Transportation Safety Board launched a study of medical flights because of a high number of crashes. Nine years later, medical choppers and planes continue to play an important role in

the region.

Longtime Search and Rescue volunteer Darrel Levingston said having a helicopter based out of Steamboat would be a "tremendous asset."

"Having that 20-minute time difference could definitely make the difference of life and death in many situations," Levingston said.

When Levingston started with Search and Rescue more than 20 years ago, medical choppers only came from Denver. He said even the switch from Denver to Frisco, about 92 miles southeast of Steamboat, has made a big difference in response times. Having a medical chopper at Bob Adams would further improve the outlook for patients, he said.

"There have been times we call Frisco first, but if they don't have one available and there's weather issues, then we're going to Grand Junction and that flight time is much longer," Levingston said. "Having one here to assist with backcountry rescues certainly would cut down time. That would make a dramatic difference for someone who is hurt in the backcountry."

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Commission will hold a public hearing on March 17 at 7 p.m. in Meeker Town Hall, 345 Market St., to consider the request and will make a recommendation to the town board. The Town Board of Trustees will conduct a public hearing on the ordinance at its meeting at 7 p.m. on March 18, also at Meeker Town Hall.

"The Meeker Planning Commission is an advisory board, so the Meeker Town Board is not required to adhere to the Planning Commission's recommendation," Meszaros said. "The board could go ahead on March 18 and approve or deny the request based upon the hearing." Meszaros stated that staff is recommending approval.

The planning commission packet, prepared by town staff, states that all traffic levels for Meeker, including Highway 13 accesses, are a service level "A" and that the grid layout of the downtown streets accommodates travel with the removal of the single block of Fifth Street. Parking requirements will be reviewed for compli-

ance with the town code at the time Rio Blanco County submits the building plan for the property/properties.

The county will unveil its justice center and courthouse improvement plans on March 11 and 12 in Meeker and Rangely, respectively.

Meszaros stated, "The decision for vacating the roadway should be based upon the application and discussions heard at the public hearing." And that is why, he said, the town hearing is scheduled after the county has released its formal plans for the project publicly.

When asked, Meszaros said he did not know how many parking spaces will be lost on Fifth Street, but he pointed out that new parking will be picked up in the spaces on both ends where the street will be vacated, making for two full blocks of parking on the north side of Main Street, and the south side of Park Avenue from Fourth to Sixth streets. He said he has not seen the county site plan for the project but that he has heard that off-street parking will also be included.

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The salary for the DLF shall be commensurate with experience and mutually agreed upon by the applicant and the Land & Livestock Manager. Regardless, all pay rates for starting associates are reviewed in 90 days.

Wyatt Ranches provides a late model take-home truck for the DLF; accordingly, a valid driver's license is required. In addition, housing and paid utilities are provided to the DLF. In this case, the residence will be located at the Borregos Ranch at the White River Division. Wyatt Ranches operates a radio system reaching their ranches from Rio Grande River in Texas to properties in Utah; accordingly, the applicant will need to communicate by radio for instructions and daily reporting.

Applicants should apply at the Colorado Workforce Center, located at 345 Market Street in Meeker. Applications should be returned to the aforementioned location or they may be given to any Wyatt Ranches associate.

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Kathy and Mike Sizemore were presented with the award for Meeker Non-Profit Group of the Year for establishing and three years of running the annual "I Ride with James" Snowmobile and Poker Run benefit each February in memory of their son, James, who was killed in an avalanche in February 2011. With the plaque signifying the honor are, from left, Jake Welle, Abby Welle, Kathy Sizemore and Mike Sizemore. Funds from the run support two scholarships at Meeker High School and benefit search and rescue.



More than 100 attendees at the Meeker Area Chamber of Commerce annual dinner on Friday night watched as Meeker's Jean Gianinetti was presented with the Citizen of the Year Award. Gianinetti works at the Walbridge Wing and is always there when needed to lend a soft shoulder and a caring ear.



Bryce Ducey (left) accepted the Meeker Area Chamber of Commerce award for Large Business of the Year on Friday night at the annual chamber dinner on behalf of Ducey Electric and the Ducey family. The dinner brought out 100 local and area business people to the Fairfield Center for good food, friendly awards and audience participation with magician Keir Royale.



Robert and JaNae Shelton, owners of Shelton Welding Service LLC, were presented with the Meeker Energy Industry Partner of the Year award by the Meeker Area Chamber of Commerce at the chamber's annual dinner on Friday night. The Sheltons were honored for their unflinching support for local children, students and athletics.



CHAMBER BANQUET ...

Mike Jones of Meeker Drug had a difficult time following magician Keir Royale during the entertainment following the Meeker Area Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner on Friday night at the Fairfield Center. Top citizen and business awards of the year were presented as well. Roughly 100 people attended the dinner, awards, the 'Tour of Meeker' game and audience participation with magician Royale.

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FROM MY WINDOW...

Living here for a year now; potential tremendous for area

By SEAN McMAHON
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Saturday is my one-year anniversary in Rio Blanco County — or at least the day I started working as editor of the *Herald Times*.

It has truly been an enjoyable, if not “interesting,” year for me and my wife, Cris.

Cris grew up in northern Wyoming’s Big Horn Mountains, and I figured she’d fit right in with the winters we had heard about around here. Maybe it was the 18 years in Arizona that turned her into a desert rat, but she has had a tougher time than I have.

I grew up in Boulder but spent 14 years in the mountains of Wyoming — up north and along windy I-80 — but I loved this past winter. Don’t mind snow; don’t mind cold. Don’t like wind at all, but that hasn’t been a problem in the past year.

The people here have been great. They have been cordial, polite and friendly.

A Meeker woman stopped in the office the other day and, after doing her business in the front office, she asked if I was in. I was.

She greeted me with the saluta-

tion that “I have lived here my whole life and I don’t agree with you that the people of Meeker are unfriendly.” I was a bit taken back.

“I have never said that the Meeker people are unfriendly or anything else negative about the residents of Meeker,” I responded.

I continued, “I have said since shortly after I moved here that here in Rio Blanco County are some of the friendliest people I have ever met. I said this is a friendly town and everyone has been most cordial without exception. But I do believe it will take years to become a real fully accepted member of the community, where the residents in the town and surrounding area would accept one as a local and invite me into their social circle.”

She said, “Well, that’s true. But I still don’t think we are an unfriendly town.”

She proceeded to give me her theory on why it takes so long to be welcomed into the community.

I have broached the subject with a number of old-timers here and if I say I’ve spoken with 30 long-term locals, I have had probably 25 explanations as to why it takes the locals a long time to warm up to new residents.

I have never had one tell me that they disagreed with the statement that if you haven’t lived here for a long time, you are still considered an outsider. Honestly, most have stated that between 20 and 30 years is about right.

That is further reinforced through such events as the old-timers’ annual dinner and dance, the publicity for which says all those who have lived here for at least 30 years are welcome. I understand that a few years ago that was opened to “and the direct descendants of those who have lived here 30 years.”

Exclusivity is not a good thing for any town, company, family, business, etc.

One thing I have noticed also is an absolute abyss separating two factions of the “locals.” There are those who want the White River Valley to stay as it has been for the past 100 years. And there are those who want to see the town and county grow.

Rio Blanco County is a microcosm of what Colorado was like in the ‘60s, ‘70s and early ‘80s.

There were those who moved here from out of state and then wanted to immediately slam the gate behind them, wanting no more newcomers because Colorado was growing too fast.

Even the older old-timers and the



younger old-timers have two quite different ideas.

Where they do agree and should agree is that Rio Blanco County is a good place to live and often they don’t leave. And it is, undeniably, a darned good place to raise a family.

The younger old-timers are faced with the problem of how to make a living. Most of the businesses in town are “making” it but few of the small businesses are thriving.

The only way more businesses are going to thrive is for Meeker (and Rangely) to grow, bringing in more people and more businesses, and that trend feeds upon itself.

Many years down the road, Meeker might become a Rifle or a Craig, although I don’t see that happening in my lifetime.

Any way one looks at it, some growth is good. Some growth is vital to a town’s survival. Controlled growth is a great thing; uncontrolled growth, like happened on the Front Range from the ‘60s to the ‘80s, is not good.

When there is growth and competition, gasoline is cheaper, food is cheaper, clothing is cheaper, rent is cheaper and homes become more affordable. What brings competition is new people and new businesses.

But what do the people in Rio Blanco County really want?

As a person who has lived here only a year, it didn’t take any more than a month for me to see there is a real division in the minds of the “locals.”

The hiring of Katelin Cook to the position of Rio Blanco County economic development director is one of the most positive moves this county has seen in a long time to bring about planned and controlled growth.

The county can now work as a clearinghouse of effort alongside the towns of Rangely and Meeker and hand in hand with the chambers of commerce in both towns to coordinate one effort to bring business and perhaps light industry to the county. Hopefully the area won’t again have to rely so heavily on the boom-bust cycle of oil and gas production so familiar to this area of the state.

Business retention is also a major part of economic development. It is just as important to support and strengthen those businesses that are already here and to help them grow strong and expand.

I believe the business sense of residents in Rio Blanco County is such that they would truly like to

shop more locally and to support the businesses that are here. However, it is the law of supply and demand that pushes residents to shop out of town as much as some do.

Growth in a controlled manner can help ease that pain.

Meeker and Rangely are friendly towns. The newcomers are increasing and are actually forming their own groups, which makes the “social” scene and assimilation into the communities easier on themselves.

Rio Blanco County has a world of potential to grow smoothly under control and to make for an even greater place to live and raise a family — and for more families to make better incomes.

I have been here for a year. I plan on being here for a number of years more, and I look forward to the day when the term “a united community” means everyone — young and old, old-timer and newcomer — in Rio Blanco County.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dorsett on Ibach doctorate

Dear Editor:

I believe the letter from Meeker High School Principal Kim Ibach in your Feb. 27 edition requires a response.

Mrs. Ibach presented herself as “Doctor” to the interview committees when she applied for the position as principal of Meeker High School last summer. That misrepresentation very likely prejudiced the hiring decision in her favor. Since her appointment, she introduced herself to staff and students as “Doctor,” used the title in her representations to the public and the title remains on high school letterhead.

She has acknowledged that she was mistaken to use the title and that she was reprimanded by Pepperdine University for doing so.

Normally, misrepresentation of a

title would result in substantial penalties, especially in cases of military and professional credentials, but also in academia.

Those of us who worked long and hard to complete the requirements for a degree — and for that matter anyone who qualifies for a license, certification or other title — might take exception to Mrs. Ibach’s claim that “It’s only a formality” and her dismissal that a title is “Not something I live by or enforce.”

By her logic, we might as well just hand our juniors their high school diplomas, trusting that they will by and by finish the work required in the senior year.

Mrs. Ibach’s misrepresentation of title credentials is only part of the concern. During the application process, at presentations to the Meeker School Board and in presentations to the high school staff, she has claimed outstanding achievements

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LETTERS: Opinions differ over principal's letter; track funding questions answered

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at her previous employment in North Carolina, including remarkable and continuing improvement in test scores at a struggling school.

Those claims do not hold up. In fact, scores on North Carolina End of Course tests and SAT scores at her school dropped during her tenure. Mrs. Ibach has previously indicated that ACT scores dropped at that school also.

Finally, Mrs. Ibach labels Meeker High School as a "failing school," requiring implementation of her "continuous improvement model" in order to succeed.

This is mythology. Certainly, there is room for improvement, but Mrs. Ibach is comparing apples to oranges in her report of ACT scores. As documented in Calvin Shepherd's article, which you vetted and published in the *Herald Times* edition on Jan. 16, and as documented also by data published by the Colorado Department of Education, Meeker High School ranks in the top 25 percent of all high schools statewide, based on a variety of measures including test scores, and we rank in the top few among high schools with similar demographics.

(There are many other issues that should be investigated related to the present "test and punish" system of education, with inordinate time devoted to standardized tests at the expense of learning, and I hope you might address those issues in your pages in the future.)

Among the mantras in education today is that education practice should be "evidence based."

I hope your readers will take a close look at actual evidence. I have provided you with documentation for the statements above, and I hope you will share that documentation with your readers.

Bob Dorsett, MD
Meeker

Regarding Kim Ibach

Dear Editor:
I read with interest the letter to the

editor from Meeker High School Principal Dr. Kim Ibach in last week's edition of the *Herald Times*.

My first impression and question was "Why would anyone, by their actions or statements, have the audacity and temerity to make it necessary for Dr. Ibach to have to respond publicly in such a way? As a member of the MHS Accountability Committee, I had the honor to serve on the selection committee when Dr. Ibach was interviewed for her position, and I can state without reservation that she is by far the most exceptionally capable and highly qualified educator selected as a principal for Meeker High School that I have ever known.

I believe that impression was shared by most if not all of the other panelists. It is highly unusual to have an administrator with a doctorate in education serving in such a capacity in a small rural school.

Such highly qualified professionals often are sought by much larger and more lucrative schools, and Dr. Ibach could easily be selected for many prestigious positions, if she chose to seek them.

Moreover, since Dr. Ibach has been serving as principal, I have found her to be a strong advocate for the students. As a quintessential cheerleader for her students, she is tirelessly and creatively devoted first and foremost to their needs, concerns and best interests.

She is very proactive and supportive of performing and fine arts programs that are shown to have a direct impact on improved academic skills and proficiency. This has not always been the case.

Dr. Ibach is always present for school activities and constantly involved in the many essential administrative duties. Moreover, she is intensely involved in a results-based approach to teaching and learning for each student, and her enthusiasm is contagious for all with whom she works and impacts.

It was highly serendipitous that in 2013, the Meeker School District and the students, teachers, faculty and staff had the great fortune to be served by the selection of both Dr.

Ibach as MHS principal and by Superintendent Mark Meyer. These two professional and eminently qualified educators have responded extraordinarily well and in a very short time to very daunting tasks, despite serious challenges of school finance and a shortage of faculty and staff, due to ongoing budget reductions. Every effort must be made to ensure that the district retains and supports such capable professionals to keep the momentum going.

In early 2013, a community consortium of residents from many disciplines and backgrounds met with school district officials and faculty to develop a strategic master plan for the direction of the district. Over a period of many weeks, this plan was modified and refined to a point where an extraordinarily well-conceived document with an implementation schedule was produced. Many of the concepts are already being implemented and planning for future goals are under way.

However, the financial crisis is not yet resolved and will require the support, dedication and participation of the entire community to effectively utilize the resources and contributions of us all if it is to succeed. The future of our most valuable and important students is largely dependent on the actions and creativity that we, by working together, can provide, and they certainly deserve the best that is humanly possible.

It is often said that "If you are not a part of the solution, then you are a part of the problem." Let us all pull together to individually and collectively do everything possible to be a part of optimal solutions for our school district and most of all for our

students

An old adage suggests that "It takes an entire village to raise a child." And so it does. Share your praise and appreciation with teachers, faculty, administrators, staff and, most of all, your students. Then volunteer to help in any way you can!

Bob Amick
MHS Class of 1961
Meeker

Understanding MEF funding for track

Dear Editor:

This is an open letter to the residents of Meeker School District to better help them understand the Meeker Education Foundation funding for the school district track at Meeker High School.

The Meeker Education Foundation (MEF) chose to pursue the replacement of the school district's track for multiple reasons — and to do so without school district money. The much-needed project will be primarily funded with dollars that cannot go into the classroom, and the balance will come from private donations.

The 30-year-old facility has exceeded its life expectancy by 10 years and is beyond repair. It sees wide community use and, most importantly, our students' safety is at risk while they continue to practice on the site.

Liability issues increase as the track's condition worsens and, without such an overhaul, the school district's track and field programs will be in jeopardy. It should be noted that our schools' track and field programs have the largest participation

of any school activity.

It is a known fact that students who participate in activities perform better in the classroom. Additionally, Meeker will be able to host track meets if it has a safe facility. This, in turn, benefits our local economy.

The ERBM Recreation & Park District is a major partner in the project and has committed \$400,000 to the construction of this new facility. Like all special tax-supported districts, they can only legally contribute to those undertakings which fit their mission statement. Therefore, recreation district dollars cannot go to supplement the Meeker School District's General Fund and its academic pursuits.

Also, a Great Outdoors Colorado LPOR grant application was submitted for the project on March 5. GOCO grant dollars are only awarded for parks and recreation, a classification for which the track qualifies.

It is difficult for a school district to adequately maintain its taxpayers' assets when budgets are in distress, but when there is an opportunity to do so with dollars which cannot be used otherwise, it is a benefit to all.

The new track will serve our schools and our community for another 20 years — the projected life of a track's asphalt base. Every effort has been made to ensure the project demonstrates good stewardship of taxpayer assets and revenues

invested. For these reasons, the project has earned broad support.

The Meeker Education Foundation provides many ways to support their mission to "support and enhance educational opportunities for the Meeker School District by providing independent resources."

Donations can be made to the MEF's Endowment Fund (in time it will lend a degree of security to the school district), directly to the School District General Fund budget through the Donate School program, or to the track project — the Foundation's 2014 Annual Fund project. Please go to www.meekereducationfoundation.org for more information.

Thank you for your understanding and consideration.

Becky Hughes, Mandi Etheridge,
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Our Omnipresent God (2)
By Dr. J. D. Watson
Pastor-Teacher, Grace Bible Church


Dr. J.D. Watson

WHITHER shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence? . . . (Ps. 139:7-12). "If a man owes a debt to another, he may make his escape and flee into another land where the creditor cannot find him," wrote Puritan Thomas Watson, "but 'whither shall I flee from thy presence?'"

God is infinite, He is in all places; so that He will find out His enemies and punish them." Our text tells us more.

Second, God is present in any situation. His presence is in the wings of the morning (v. 9). Here is a beautiful metaphor of the morning light. Think of it! If we could fly at the speed of light (app. 186,000 miles per second), we still could never escape God's presence. David then adds that God's presence is in the uttermost parts of the sea. According to ancient geography, this describes the far Western side of the Mediterranean Sea. So a deserted island isn't really deserted at all.

Speaking of the sea, does not Jonah come to mind? He tried to run away from God's command and away from his responsibilities, and we all remember what happened to him. This should challenge each of us when we are tempted to shirk the responsibilities God has given us. What will God have to do to bring us back to where we should be?

Third, God is present regardless of our disposition (vv. 11-12). Men in their rebellion try to hide in darkness, for they "[love] darkness rather than light because their deeds [are] evil" (Jn. 3:19), but God "will bring to light the hidden things of darkness" (1 Cor. 4:5). But ponder David's deeper thought: When the believer is oppressed by darkness (anxiety, depression, discouragement, and the like), then the night shineth as the day because of God's presence.

Consider also Jeremiah 23:23-24: "Am I a God at hand . . . and not a God afar off? Can any hide himself in secret places that I shall not see him? . . . Do not I fill heaven and earth?" The surrounding context speaks of certain false prophets who opposed Jeremiah's prophecies of coming judgment, proclaiming peace and that no harm would come to Judah. But Jeremiah declares that these prophets deluded themselves into thinking that God could not see their deceit.

Of those words "fill heaven and earth" Puritan Stephen Charnock well says: "God is essentially everywhere present in heaven and earth. If God be, He must be somewhere; that which is nowhere is nothing. Since God is, He is in the world; not in one part of it, for then He [would be] circumscribed by it: if in the world, and only there, though it be a great space, [He would still] be limited. . . . He is everywhere, because no creature, wither body or spirit, can exclude the presence of His essence."

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LETTERS: Hearings are last chance to save old school

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Why tear down old elementary school?

Dear Editor:
I was born in Meeker, but moved away after high school and marriage. I moved back to Meeker several years ago and now live at the Fairfield Apartments.

In the past year or so I have attended several meetings concerning the Old Elementary School with my friend, Sally Wilson. I had mainly just listened and observed.

It has become clear to me that the county commissioners, although they appear to listen to the public, seem to have made up their minds what they are going to do with the school, which they/we own.

Tear it down or leave a little part of it and stick a jail and sheriff's office on to it, but we'll tear most of it down and haul it off!

As a former building contractor, this makes no sense to me.

Why would you spend a sizable sum of money to tear down this building? This building that contains asbestos, which will be stirred up in downtown Meeker and hauled away, when that money could be used to refurbish this building and put it to use.

Why not place prisoner housing units alongside of the building or behind the courthouse or use the school building for the sheriff's offices?

I have also heard in several meetings that the Meeker Post Office was looking for more space. Has this been checked out?

I have also heard that the Rio Blanco County Historical Society is looking for space. This school building would be right across the street from the museum.

Another thought that I had was to give or sell the school to the Utes for an Indian Cultural Center and/or casi-

no, but maybe that would bring in too many people and money.

Charlie Brown Meeker

Last chance to save old school

Dear Editor:

The citizens of Meeker and Rio Blanco County have been informed by the county commissioners that there will be "public hearings" about the proposed design of the "justice center," which they propose to locate where the historic Meeker Elementary School now stands.

The county has recently posted a description of the design proposals on their website, which, of course, is couched in glowing terms of how such a structure will "benefit" the downtown area and the county. See www.co.rio-blanco.co.us/information/justicecenter.html

Sadly, this project will, in fact, forever destroy any semblance of the historic old school other than the stone facade on the south side of the school. This is their interpretation of "repurposing and preserving" the structure.

Despite the efforts and expressed wishes of more than 400 Rio Blanco County residents who signed a petition opposing this destruction, the project is moving forward as planned.

The county has a viable alternative by building north of the courthouse, as originally planned and at less cost since no abatement of asbestos is required before demolition can even occur.

Remember that once the school is gone, it cannot be replaced. A jail in the heart of the downtown historic district is not "compatible" with efforts to designate the downtown area as a national historic district to promote tourism.

If you are opposed to this imminent tragic loss of an historic part of Meeker's history, which could easily

be preserved and repurposed for a community center as it now stands, and funded by grants and self-sustaining business incubators, conference and performing arts center, and much more to foster economic development through heritage and agri-tourism, you are urged to attend the hearings in Meeker this next Wednesday at 6 p.m. at the Fairfield Center and on Tuesday in Rangely at 6 p.m. at the Weiss Center on the Colorado Northwestern Community College campus.

Please participate, speak out and express your opposition to this unnecessary and inappropriate demolition of a landmark historic structure. There are much better options for a win-win solution.

Bob Amick Meeker

Thanks for help and support

Dear Editor:

I would like to thank all of my family and friends (Rangely and Meeker) school staff, hospital staff and ambulance staff for all the help and support for helping me get back on my feet.

It is great to live here among friends and family.

I am very thankful for all that I do have and I am sorry I scared so many people. After I heard what happened it scared me too.

Thank you for all the visits, phone calls, cards and food brought to the house for me.

Shirley Sinclair Rangely

Thanks for Girl Scout cookie support

Dear Editor:

I would like to say thank you to all area persons who supported the local Girl Scouts during their recent cookie-selling season.

If you didn't get the cookies you

wanted or if you are in need of more, please contact Cheryl Mohr at 878-3798.

Cheryl Mohr Meeker

Thanks to RB Quilters from HopeWest-Meeker

Dear Editor:

Many thanks to the RB Quilters, who recently completed and lovingly donated 10 lap quilts to HopeWest-Meeker to be given to patients upon intake.

The group is passionate about quilting and join weekly to cut, sew and piece their talents together.

"Quilts Because We Care" is the name of their project, and they would like to invite participation from anyone who is interested. Batting and material donations of 100 percent cotton would be greatly appreciated, and can be dropped off at St. James Episcopal Church at Fourth and Park streets in the Richards Hall entrance. A box will be clearly marked just inside the door, and the material will be stored safely until used.

Anyone interested in helping is invited to their meeting on the last Tuesday of the month. You do not have to know how to sew, just lend a hand cutting, ironing or pinning. I can bet there will be laughter and fellowship included in the evening.

If, by chance, you are interested in learning to quilt for the project, there is a wealth of knowledge in the room as well as extra machines to get you started.

The group meets faithfully from 6 to 9 p.m. on Tuesdays at Kilowatt Korner.

Again, many thanks for the quilts being donated in the spirit of comfort and warmth.

Toby Smith
Advisory Board Chairman
HopeWest-Meeker Meeker

Herald Times corrections

MEEKER I Two bits of information were incorrectly reported in the Feb. 27 edition of the *Herald Times*. The Rio Blanco County Sheriff has announced that a \$500 scholarship, not a \$5,000 scholarship, will be given to a student in Rio Blanco County through the state sheriff's organization; and the front page photo of the "I Ride With James" Snowmobile and Poker Run featured Chad Shepherd and Trysta Welle, not Trysta Sizemore, as reported. We regret the errors.

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WPX to invest heavily in Piceance field

Special to the Herald Times

TULSA, OKLA. | WPX Energy (NYSE: WPX) has announced its 2014 capital plan of \$1.47 billion (midpoint), with approximately 85 percent of spending allocated to Williston, Piceance and San Juan Gallup development.

The 2014 highlights are scheduled to include: 39 percent planned increase in domestic oil volumes; 62 Williston Basin oil wells (gross) planned — an increase of 25 percent versus 2013; 29 San Juan Gallup oil wells planned — nearly doubling 2013 activity; Recent transactions increase Gallup oil acreage by 40 percent to 43,000 acres; 285 natural

gas wells (gross) planned in the Piceance field, including up to 10 Niobrara wells; and 6 percent expected exit rate growth in the Piceance field versus the 2013 exit rate.

WPX expects these investments to drive an estimated 2014 December exit rate of 1,310 MMcf/d in total production, which is 5 percent higher than its 2013 exit rate. Oil and liquids are expected to account for 25 percent of WPX's 2014 exit rate.

The 2014 plan represents a 20 percent capital increase versus 2013 spending, driven by larger investments in domestic oil drilling. More than half of WPX's planned 2014 investments are in domestic oil prop-

erties. WPX expects to drill 376 gross operated wells in 2014 by deploying an average of 15 to 16 rigs. Compared with 2013, this represents a two-rig increase in the Piceance field for a total of nine rigs, an increase of one rig in the Williston for a total of five, and an increase of one rig in the San Juan Gallup for a total of two.

"Increased oil volumes, efficient development of our resource base and enhanced balance sheet flexibility will help drive increased cash flows and better overall results," said Jim Bender, president and chief executive officer.

"As for our production outlook,

we plan to grow domestic oil by nearly 40 percent and our Piceance exit rate by 6 percent. However, this is offset by the production decline in long-lived natural gas assets and the impact of lower ethane recovery rates on NGL volumes," Bender said.

WPX is forecasting total production on an equivalent basis of 1,246 MMcf/d to 1,259 MMcf/d for full-year 2014, with a December exit rate that represents a 5 percent increase over the 2013 exit rate.

While total production levels for 2014 are expected to remain flat compared to total 2013 production levels, domestic oil volumes are expected to increase nearly 40 percent.

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Perfect Attendance: Ethan Byers, Del Garner and Katelyn Willis.

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Eighth Grade
Straight A: Katelyn Brown, Sarah Connor, Elsie Flores, Vanessa Hamilton, Grace Kenney, Kaylee Mecham and Patrick Scoggins.

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Ninth Grade
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10th Grade
Straight A: Courtney Bell, Echo Campbell and Kristen Coleman.

A-B Honor Roll: Daniel Connor, Justyne Dembowski, Rebecca Gillard, Carrie Goddard, Scott Henson, Chris Hogan, Dean Irwin and Marielle Ivie.

Perfect Attendance: Kaulan Brady and Chris Hogan.

11th Grade
Straight A: Ethan Allred.

A-B Honor Roll: Joey Aguilar, Colt Allred, Zach Bean, Caitlyn Ducey, Robert Dunker, Michelle Gohr, Simone Heinle, Manny Madrid, Layne Mecham, Tiffany Record, Dawn Stephens, Jessica Tolley, Marshal Way and Mitchell Webber.

12th Grade
Straight A: Chelsea Ficken, Aimee Hogan, Tanner Nielsen, McKale Pennell and Tessa Slagle.

A-B Honor Roll: Mandy Duong, Wesley Goddard, Lucas Heinle, Kymberlie Hempil, Kyrstin Hoggatt, Qyrnton Larson, Dale Nielsen, Connor Phalen, Blade Rose and Taran Smedley.
Perfect Attendance: Aimee Hogan and Tessa Slagle.

RANGELY: Candidates feel town on the right track

► Continued from Page 1A

and her husband, Rick, own the Rangely Liquor Store.

Brady said that, if elected, she hopes to play a part in rejuvenating and growing business in Rangely.

"As you see (various local businesses) close down, I'm concerned with the direction the community is going," Brady said. "We used to be really vibrant, with a lot of stuff going on. But right now you've got Chevron cutting back and Encana cutting back... I would just like to see if I could help in bettering our community."

Brady said that while dwindling federal and state support for oil, gas and coal-based energy development factors into Rangely's economic picture, the town has tools to help stimulate business growth, from offering incentives for start-ups to investing in business owners who have invested in the community.

Brady believes the town council and chamber are essential to people recognizing what's available to do in Rangely—from college offerings to outdoor opportunities and family activities—and marketing those resources to others.

"We are a fantastic community for our size," Brady said. "Because of our special districts, the things that we have—a lot of towns don't have those. We have so many wonderful opportunities here and so many things to do and see and participate in. It's getting people to realize what we have and what we have to offer."

For a town council to operate effectively, she added, it needs to understand its purpose and carry it out as a whole unit.

"When it comes right down to it, the council is policy and procedure," Brady said. "It's not day-to-day operations, it's not one council member wanting something done. You operate as a board, and the board functions as a whole. It doesn't function in pieces."

Andy Shaffer, a Rangely resident since coming to Colorado Northwestern Community College as an aviation technology student in

1990, has been a system operator for Summit Midstream Partners for 15 years.

He said he's running for the council to add to the number of those willing to do this kind of public service.

"It seems like ... there's just a handful of people in town who are on local boards," Shaffer said. "It just feels like it's time for some other people to start stepping up to these positions."

Shaffer has been a firefighter for the Rangely Rural Fire Protection District for 21 years, 11 of those as assistant chief and the last four as the department's chief.

Shaffer said that, if elected, he hopes to keep the town going in what he believes are positive directions and to speak up for what residents want.

"It happens all the time where people who get on these boards have a political agenda, but that's not my deal at all," Shaffer said. "I would like to be a voice for the citizens of Rangely."

He believes his time working with an elected board in an elected position may prove instructive if he wins a council seat.

"Working with an elected board, actually working underneath them, I'm able to...justify everything that goes on day-to-day with them," Shaffer said. "And then, as the in-between guy working with the board and with the firefighters as a group, it's about translating our wants and needs at the department to our leadership, making sure they know what's going on."

Candidate Dave Way, a hydro-electric operator with the Rio Blanco Water Conservancy District for seven years, has lived in Rangely for

the last decade.

Way has been vice president of the Northern Nevada Trout Unlimited group and worked on the Delta County Tourism Board. He ran for the Rangely Town Council four years ago, narrowly missing a seat won by council member Joe Neilsen by a margin of a few votes.

"I got approached by a lot of people who asked if I was going to run again," Way said. "Until Feb. 27, I wasn't going to do it. Then I got approached again and I thought, 'OK, I guess I will.'...We're losing some really good people in Elaine (Urie) and Mr. (Clayton) Gohr. They've kept everything going in a good direction, and I want to follow up in their footsteps."

Way said that if he is elected he would like to focus particularly on the town's economic growth and development.

"I still see a problem in the growth of the town," Way said. "Everybody is always talking about increasing our economic strength, getting people to come to Rangely, but nothing ever really gets done."

Rangely hasn't grown for I don't know how many decades... We have the pipelines and the oil industry, but there's a lot of transient people in town. They're here for three or four months and they're gone. If we want to keep people here, we need to have something for those people to do as

far as jobs and industries that are more stable."

Way said he would also like to see housing needs addressed and attract businesses that would provide competition to drive the local economy.

His role as a board member, he added, would be to stay focused on what residents want and to let the town manager and employees do their jobs.

"I will always be interested in opinions and what people think needs to happen," Way said. "That's why we're here — to get input from the town of Rangely. But I am not going to be controlled by people's personal agendas. I want to make sure everybody in the town who's paying taxes is treated the same."

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Colorado Northwestern Community College rodeo coach Jed Moore added a new component to the annual winter festival tradition in Steamboat Springs. He invited several cowboys and cowgirls with spinal cord injuries to join the competition. From left to right, Amberley Snyder, Billie Sutton and Jed Moore pose on the mono Sit Skis provided by Steamboat STARS Adaptive Skiing Program.

Injured cowboys up on skis

Special to the Herald Times

RANGELY | Colorado Northwestern Community College

rodeo coach Jed Moore took a new approach to the recent winter carnival that has become an annual tradition in Steamboat Springs

Moore invited several cowboys and cowgirls who have spinal cord injuries to join them in the 40th anniversary of the Bud Light® Cowboy Downhill.

Amberley Snyder and Billie Sutton accepted the challenge.

Jed Moore has been going to the Cowboy Downhill for 16 years.

"I first came to the idea of having

some of my injured cowboy and cowgirl friends join me at the Cowboy Downhill a few years ago," he said. "This winter I decided to make it happen."

Moore said he contacted Traci Allen with the Cowboy Downhill committee and Craig Kennedy with Steamboat STARS Adaptive Skiing Program.

"My goal for having these guys here is to give them some recognition for all of the hard work that they put in even after a life-changing accident and to also possibly inspire someone who may have been in a (similar) accident."



COURTESY PHOTO

From left to right are members and instructors with the Colorado Northwestern Community College Horse Show team in Rangely and their winnings over the weekend: Dustin Davis (equine program director and instructor), Courtney Hibbs, Amanda Witcher, Tasha Gibson, Amber Parmley, Jamie Levin, Cristy Brinkley and Stacey Bailey (equine instructor and IHSA Horse Show team coach).

CNCC Horse Show Team places at IHSA competition in Montana

Special to the Herald Times

RBC | Five members of the Colorado Northwestern Community College Horse Show Team placed recently in an Intercollegiate Horse Show Association (IHSA) competition in Billings, Mont.

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This was the CNCC Horse

Show Team's first-ever show weekend, in which there were three recognized shows.

The CNCC students who placed were: Amanda Witcher: first, second and sixth places; Amber Parmley: fourth, second and second places; Courtney Hibbs: fifth, second and second places; Jamie Levin: sixth, fifth and sixth places; and Tasha Gibson: fifth, seventh and second places.

The next show is scheduled for fall 2014.

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Lady Cowboys win 2A district championships

By HALLIE BLUNT
Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER I The Meeker girls are district champions!

The Meeker High School girls' basketball team scored an impressive 117 points in two games and held two teams to a combined 84 points to win the team title in Oak Creek.

The lady Cowboys began their run Friday night against South Routt County (Soroco) on their home court in the semifinal game of the tournament.

"The Rams came out fighting, and we started a little slow Friday against Soroco," coach Greg Chintala said. "We trailed by three at half but ratcheted up the defense in the second half and ended up winning by 17."

The third quarter has been a strong point for the lady Cowboys all season and that remained the case as Meeker stormed to a 19-6 third quarter, taking the lead into the final period. Meeker kept the tempo up and the pressure on as they scored another 19 points in the fourth quarter giving them the 62-45 win.

Chintala said, "Offensively, if we were patient and moved the ball, got a few passes and found the open player, we were successful."

The pace of the game and aggressive play was led by senior Taylor Neilson with 23 points and 11 rebounds while junior Sydney Hughes also had a double-double with 22 points and 11 rebounds.

Rebounding was the key to the game as Piper Haney and Aly Ridings each had boards, and Deena Norell pulled down eight. Rounding out the scoring for the lady



The Meeker girls' basketball team won the district championship and will take a 20-2 record and the No. 1 seed into the state-qualifying regional tournament in Palisade, starting Friday, when they play Nucla at 3 p.m. Pictured with the district championship team plaque are, in front: Sydney Hughes, Piper Haney, Aly Ridings, Taylor Neilson, Deena Norell and Megan Parker. In back: head coach Greg Chintala, Taylor Morris, Reece Pertile, Anna Walsh, Alex Duell, assistant coach Julie Bowman, Jamie McLaughlin and assistant coach Karen Dinwiddie.

Cowboys were Ridings with four, Norell with four and Megan Parker with two.

The win Friday night set up the championship game against Paonia on Saturday.

Meeker took control of the game early and showed they are a team ready for big games.

Chintala said, "We put together a very nice game. We had great effort and very good execution. We realize that if we play as a team we are a very good squad."

Once again pressure defense and transition baskets gave the lady Cowboys a 13-5 first-quarter lead. Holding Paonia to just five points in any eight-minute span speaks volumes of the defense, and the girls maintained the intensity for 32 minutes, keeping the Eagles far below their season scoring average. They only had 39 points at the end of the game.

Meeker won 55-39 behind the always-exciting Hughes, who had another big game, scoring 23. Haney played very well, adding 13 points and eight rebounds, followed by Neilson with 11 points and seven rebounds. Ridings and Norell each added six points and Reese Pertile had two.

The total team effort was outstanding, finding six players scoring and three in double digits.

Meeker will play Nucla at Palisade High School on Friday at 3 p.m., and the winner of that game will play Saturday against the winner between Soroco and Sangre de Cristo.

The regional tournament looks to be a great draw for the lady Cowboys as they are playing their best ball down the stretch.

The winner of the regional tournament earns a spot in the 2014 Colorado state basketball championships, set for next weekend.

Lady Panthers end basketball season in pig-tail round

By HALLIE BLUNT
Special to the Herald Times

RANGELY I "Overall, this is a great group of young women who have outstanding character," Rangely High School girls' basketball coach Quinton Kent said of his team, which concluded its season Feb. 25 in Hotchkiss.

He went on to say, "While there were many disappointments on the season, we were proud of our girls for sticking with it."

The season for the Panthers was plagued with injuries and resulted in several freshmen finding a great deal of varsity playing time. This time will pay dividends for the team in the future, the coach said.

"We feel like with what we have returning and the group that is coming in, we will be a better team next year. In two or three years, we have the potential to be a great team," Kent said, in reference to the undefeated eighth-grade team and a seventh-grade team that is very competitive as well.

The team will miss the leadership of seniors Tessa Slagle, who provided consistent play on both sides of the floor, Chelsea Ficken, who was

injured but was the team leader to that point in rebounds, and Aimee Hogan, who led the team in scoring all season.

Rangely ended its season in the pig-tail round of the district tournament against Hotchkiss 34-69.

Kent said, "I was proud of our effort."

The Rangely team found itself in a hole early as the Bulldogs jumped to a 19-6 lead after the first period. The lady Panthers went into the locker room down 35-14, but were doing some good things against a bigger Hotchkiss team.

"We did a good job rebounding as we were almost even on rebounds, which was not an easy task considering they were much bigger than us," Kent said.

Lindzey Thacker led the team in rebounds with seven, followed by Simone Heinle with six and Slagle with four.

The Panthers found much more productivity out of their offense in the final quarter and outscored Hotchkiss 14-11. It was not enough to take the lead, but a positive way to end.

The coaches said they look forward to working hard over the summer, playing a lot of basketball and coming back ready for next year.

Cowboys finish second at districts

— Play Resurrection Christian on Friday in Palisade —

By HALLIE BLUNT
Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER I The Meeker High School boys' basketball team is heading to the regional tournament after a big win Friday night in the semi-finals of the district tournament in Oak Creek.

Meeker finished second in the tournament and earned a spot in the regional games to be held at Palisade High School on Friday and Saturday.

"We played well Friday night against West Grand," coach Klark Kindler said. The team came out strong and never looked back. The Cowboys looked like a team well prepared and well rested after their break.

"It was nice to get control the way we did after a 10-day layoff," Kindler said.

This was the third time Meeker played the Mustangs this season and

the Cowboys showed they were up for the challenge as they walked away with an impressive 70-46 win.

Meeker had very balanced scoring in the game, led by Jeremy Musgrave and Ty Dunham with 17 points each. Dylan Mobley added 11, Raul Lopez was back in the lineup and added nine, Joe Newman had two and Kash Atwood added one.

The win qualified the Cowboys for the district championship game Saturday against the Paonia Eagles.

The Cowboys did not come out like they wanted to, and Kindler said, "We were not ourselves Saturday."

Paonia took control of the pace and Meeker did not rebound as well as they have in previous games.

"When we went press in the third quarter, we made a nice run and got the lead down to seven with plenty of time left, but they hit a couple big shots and made their free throws," Kindler said.

Meeker battled hard but could not get closer then seven despite winning the final period, 26-24.

Mobley led all scorers with 19 points, followed by Musgrave with 18, Lopez had nine, Atwood with eight, Dunham and Matt Frantz each added six and Jake Smith and Tom Chitwood each had two.

The Cowboys may get another shot at Paonia. If they do, it will be in the regional championship game and for the chance to advance to the state tournament. The two teams have gone back and forth all season.

Meeker will play Resurrection Christian on Friday at 7:30 p.m. Paonia also ended up in the Grand Junction region, playing against Mancos earlier Friday. Winners of both games advance to the finals Saturday for the opportunity to play in the 2014 state basketball championships.

Panthers finish fourth, play in Durango

By BOBBY GUTIERREZ
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RANGELY I The Rangely boys' basketball team finished fourth at the district tournament held in Oak Creek and now advance to the state-qualifying Region 3 tournament in Durango.

The Panthers lost to Paonia (57-46) and West Grand (54-52) in district play to determine they would travel to Durango and play Sangre De Cristo in the first round of the regional tournament, where only the champion advances to the 2014 Colorado State Basketball Championships.

In the district tournament, the No. 3 Panthers played the No. 2 Paonia

Eagles, and, although Rangely led at halftime, they could not shut down the Eagles in the third quarter.

"We just had too many stretches where we didn't play well as a team," Rangely head coach Eric Hejl said.

Rangely led 11-6 at the end of the first period, then 21-19 at halftime, but the Eagles scored 19 in the third quarter, compared to the Panthers' nine, then Paonia scored 19 again in the fourth to win the game.

Cameron Enterline led the Panthers with 17 points, including two three-pointers against Paonia, he pulled down 13 rebounds and blocked two shots. Mitchell Webber scored 12 points and finished with seven

rebounds and three blocked shots. Connor Phelan scored nine for the Panthers, Colt Allred added six and Kaulan Brady made a basket.

"Connor was sick as a dog all weekend and was able to tough it out, but you could tell he was hurting," Hejl said of one of his seniors.

The loss to Paonia would match the Panthers against the West Grand Mustangs in the consolation championship, but this time it would be the Panthers trying to catch up in the second half.

Rangely trailed the Mustangs 19-12 after the first quarter and 36-23 at halftime. The Panthers would pull within eight after scoring 15 points in

the third quarter and they scored 14 in the fourth but it wouldn't be enough.

"They kept fighting until the end," Hejl said of his team's play against the Mustangs. "For the most part, I was proud of the effort our kids gave."

Enterline again led the Panthers with 15 points, 11 rebounds and six blocked shots.

"Cameron gave us good minutes all weekend on both ends of the court," Hejl said of another of his seniors.

Phelan finished with 14 points, Brady had nine, Allred seven, Webber

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The Rangely Panther boys' basketball team will play Sangre de Cristo on Friday in the first round of the state-qualifying regional tournament, held in Durango. Playing for the Panthers this season are, in front: Cameron Enterline, Andrew Morton, Connor Phelan and Mitchell Webber. Second row: Kaulan Brady, Kelton Elam, Troy Allred and manager Daniel Connor. Third row: Layne Mecham, Colt Allred, Freddie Ruiz and Chance Sheppard. Back row: coaches Eric Hejl, Cody Brunton and Chris Hejl.



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Enterline led the Panthers in scoring, rebounds and blocked shots in the district tournament. Enterline scored 32 points, 24 rebounds and had eight blocked shots in games against Paonia and West Grand. Enterline and the Panthers will play in the state-qualifying regional tournament in Durango.

MHS GIRLS' BASKETBALL TEAM Meeker High School

The Meeker High School girls' basketball team won the district tournament held in Oak Creek and will enter the state-qualifying Region 5 tournament as the No. 1 seed, with a 20-1 record. Only the regional champion will advance to the 2014 Colorado State Basketball Championships.



Racquetball tourney results released

By SEAN McMAHON
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RANGELY I The 21st Rangely Racquetball Tournament was held this past weekend with players coming from as far away as Denver, Hotchkiss, Grand Junction and Vernal, Utah.

Tournament director Shirley Parsons said in addition to the competition, everyone enjoyed the food, door prizes and, most of all, the camaraderie. Ceramic mugs, provided by local artist Beth Wiley of Elizabeth Robinson Studio, were the "trophies" for first and second places, and they were a big hit.

There was some great racquetball played in the upper divisions, Parsons said, as well as friendly competition for those just learning the sport.

Sponsors were Colorado Northwestern Community College, Blue Mountain Inn & Suites and Western Rio Blanco Recreation District. The staff of the recreation center, Jeanne Smith and the local merchants all contributed to make the event a great success.

Singles:
Women's Open 1st - Sandy Ranch (Hotchkiss); 2nd - Sheli Bodily (Vernal).
Men's Open 1st - Dan Lonquist (Grand Junction); 2nd - Ed Roffey (Grand Junction).
Women's A 1st - Aiaga Roffey (Grand Junction); 2nd - Shirley Parsons (Rangely).
Men's A 1st - Byron Corbett (Grand Junction);



COURTESY PHOTO

Aiaga Roffey of Grand Junction won the Women's A division and Rangely's Shirley Parsons finished second.

2nd - Andrew Rodriguez (Thornton).
Women's C/D 1st - Adena Duncan (Grand Junction); 2nd - Colleen Corbett (Grand Junction).
Men's C/D 1st - Jason Krueger (Rangely); 2nd - Kevin Dawson (Rangely).
Doubles:
A 1st - Sheli Bodily and Dan Lonquist; 2nd - Aiaga Roffey and Ed Roffey.
B 1st - Charlie George (Aurora) and Andrew Rodrigues; 2nd - Lisa Burnett (Grand Junction) and Kevin Dawson.

BMS wrestlers open season in Gypsum

By BOBBY GUTIERREZ
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MEEKER I One week after the Meeker High School wrestlers ended their season competing in the Colorado State Wrestling Championships, the Barone Middle School Cowboys were opening theirs in Gypsum, wrestling more than 50 matches. The young Cowboys, which featured 13 seventh- and eighth-graders, finished third as a team in a field of 13 teams.

"We were happy with how they performed," head coach Lee Overton said. "Some of the seventh-graders really surprised me and did well. I was also surprised we placed so high for the first time wrestling in Gypsum."

When the BMS team travels to Steamboat Springs on Saturday, they

will, for the first time, be joined by several sixth-graders.

"I like having sixth-graders on the team," Overton said. "They go to school and hang out with the seventh- and eighth-graders, so I think they should get to wrestle with them. There are more than 20 weights to fill in middle school and it is good to have more kids in the wrestling room. This way we can help more kids, with more than wrestling. I believe the more time they spend in the wrestling room the better off they will be."

Meeker advanced four wrestlers into the championship match and BMS eighth-grader Jacob Pelloni (90) was the only champion. Seventh-graders Kale Burke (85), Tannen Kennedy (105) and Luis Villalpando (110) all finished second in their respective weights.

Eighth-grader Garrett Frantz

wrestled six matches and only lost one, to finish as a consolation champion in the 95-pound bracket. Frantz's classmate Logan Hughes also won a consolation championship at 150.

Eighth-grader Eli Hanks (145) and seventh-graders James Amick (115) and Miguel Lopez (heavy-weight) all finished fourth in their respective brackets.

Seventh-grader Pake Burke (110) and eighth-graders Daylon Nielsen (120) and Christopher Strate (125) each won two matches but did not place, neither did seventh-grader Jared Henderson at 140.

The young Cowboys will wrestle in Steamboat Springs on Saturday and then host a triangular with Rangely and South Routt County (Soroco), Tuesday, Mar. 11 at 5 p.m., at Meeker High School.

RMS wrestlers finish fourth

By BOBBY GUTIERREZ
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RBC I Only seven Rangely Middle School boys are out for wrestling this season, but the total includes one of the most outstanding wrestlers in the area.

The young Panthers opened the season Saturday in Hayden and finished fourth as a team.

Rangely seventh grader Calvin Bishop won the championship in the 80-pound bracket, and coaches voted

him the tournament's "outstanding wrestler."

For the first time in school history, the sixth-graders are allowed to wrestle on the middle school team.

Rangely Middle School sixth-grader Tytus Coombs won the 85-pound bracket and classmate Mark Mecado was third in the 100-pound bracket.

Rangely seventh-grader Lane Gillard was a runner-up in the 90-pound bracket and classmate C.J. Lucero was fourth at 95.

Sixth-grader Justin Rusher (85) and seventh-grader Devon Ramirez (110) wrestled but did not place in Hayden.

"We are a young, small team, but we have talent at every weight class," said Derek Stolworthy, who, along with Jeff LeBleu, coaches the team. "I am very proud of this group of wrestlers for their hard work inside the practice room and their tenacity at the Hayden tournament."

Rangely will wrestle in Steamboat Springs on Saturday.

RHS PANTHERS: Headed to regionals

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and Kelton Elam each added three and Andrew Morton made a free throw.

The Panthers currently have a

record of 15-7 and will play Sangre de Cristo (14-8) in the first round of the Region 3 tournament, where Ignacio (21-0) will play Del Norte (8-14) in the other semifinal game. Only the regional champion will advance to the

state tournament.

"We'll get refocused this week and go in with a nothing-to-lose mentality that will hopefully keep our guys relaxed going in," coach Hejl said.

MEEKER
School Lunch Menu

WEEK OF MARCH 10-14, 2014

Mon. March 10 - Breakfast Burrito, Tator Bars, Pears

Tues. March 11 - Chicken & Rice Soup, Deli Sandwich, Fruit

Wed. March 12 - Ground Beef Stroganoff, Garden Salad, Peaches, Homemade Roll

Thurs. March 13 - Cheeseburger, Carrot Coins, Seasonal Fruit

Fri. March 14 - Baked Potato Bar, Broccoli & Cauliflower, Applesauce Brownie

RANGELY
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March 8 @ Steamboat Tournament - 9am
March 13 @ Meeker Dual - 4pm
March 15 @ Soroco Tournament - 9am



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3/7-8 @ Regional Tournament - Palisade
3/12-15 @ State Tournament - Pueblo

MHS TRACK & FIELD
3/14 @ Rifle Invitational
3/22 @ Hotchkiss Invitational

MHS BASEBALL
3/22 @ Rangely Scrimmage - 4pm
3/29 @ Hotchkiss DH - TBD

BMS WRESTLING
3/8 @ Steamboat Tournament
3/13 @ HOME Duals - 4pm



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OBITUARIES

Helen Bonnell Halcomb

May 20, 1932 ~ Feb. 28, 2014

Helen Bonnell Halcomb, lovingly called Grandma Bunny Rabbit, passed away peacefully in her sleep at Rangely District Hospital on Feb. 28, 2014.

Although we are going to miss our sweet Bunny Rabbit, we know she is no longer burdened with earthly illnesses. She is now able to breathe God's heavenly air, sing, yodel and play as much as she wants.

Most of all, she can be with her loved ones who have been patiently waiting for her. For those who loved her, we shouldn't be sad, but celebrate that she is breathing the air of our heavenly father and of her new

eternal life. For if you believe, then you know she will patiently be waiting for us one day.

Bonnell was born on May 20, 1932, to Wilk and Velma Covington in Ada, Okla. She spent her childhood in many locations throughout Oklahoma including Ada, Oil Center and Headricks, where she attended and was graduated from high school.

She married Bluford Halcomb on July 5, 1950. Because of Blu's work in the oil fields, they spent many of the early years of their marriage living in different states including Oklahoma, California, Montana, North and South Dakota, Wyoming

and finally settling in Rangely, Colo., in 1961. After the move, she enjoyed golfing, crafting, decorating her house for Christmas and, most of all, her children and grandchildren.

She leaves behind a husband, Bluford; a brother, Ronald Gail Covington; and seven adoring kids, Brenda and Rob Fairchild, Steve and Kim Halcomb, Debbie and Jim Chaffee, Alvin and Glenda Halcomb, Jerry and Lisa Halcomb, Ronnie and Cindy Halcomb and Jackie and Terry Huckins; 16 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

Our thanks to Callahan Edfast Mortuary in Grand Junction and



Helen Halcomb

81648. A reception will follow services at the church.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to The Rangely Animal Shelter Furry Friends.

Bible Baptist Church in Rangely.

Memorial Services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, March 8, 2014, at Bible Baptist Church, 1402 E. Main St. in Rangely, Colo.,

James Allen Cook

Feb. 18, 1929 ~ Feb. 13, 2014

James Allen Cook was born Feb. 18, 1929, in Yuma County, Colo., and he passed from this life peacefully on Feb. 13, 2014, in Meeker.

A celebration of his life and birthday was held Feb. 18 at the Freeman E. Fairfield Center, and he was laid to rest in Highland Cemetery on Feb. 20, 2014. He was the fourth of 13 children born to Robert James Cook and Daisy Margaret Cook.

Jim is survived by: his wife, Patty; four daughters; nine grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; one brother; and two sisters.

Jim Cook and Patty Rector were married in Meeker on May 9, 1950.

They raised four daughters; Dona (Ron) Hilkey, Barbara (Ken) Pelloni, Jamie (Carl) McGruder and Marty (Butch) McAlister. A son, Kenneth Allen Cook, lost his life in a tragic accident in 1965 at the age of 8 years.

Early to bed, early to rise; always looking forward to a new day and to hard work.

Jim Cook is well known for his hard work and honesty. He was a genuinely generous person and was willing and helpful to others. He and Patty and their kids built lots of fence in this area.

Jim and Patty cut and supplied firewood to many of us. Jim operated

road machinery for the Wilson Creek oil field operators and for Rio Blanco County.

Jim Cook's greatest love was for his family and grandkids. He enjoyed holidays, birthday parties and any family get-together. He loved to see the grandkids and their kids wrestle, play football, and do other sports. He took much pleasure at watching the kids at play.

In his younger days, Jim enjoyed playing baseball, did a little boxing and other sports. He loved watching the boys play football and went to their wrestling matches when he could.



James Cook

Jim Cook's passion was hunting; particularly elk hunting. Jim took a record-book bull elk and a record mule deer buck. Jim's daughters share his love of the outdoors and most of his grandchildren inherited his passion for elk hunting.

Cards may be sent to Patty Cook, c/o The Walbridge Wing, 345 Cleveland St., Meeker, Colo., 81641.

RBC Woolgrowers' annual meeting is Friday in Meeker

RBC I The Rio Blanco County Woolgrowers Association will hold its annual meeting on Friday at Kilowatt Korner, beginning at 9 a.m. with the White River Trail LLC meeting, followed at 10 a.m. with general business.

Lunch will be served and is being catered by Holliday's. Presentations will be given by the Colorado Woolgrowers, American Sheep Industry, Wildlife Services, Colorado Parks and Wildlife, the Bureau of Land Management, the U.S. Forest Service and the Meeker Classic to follow lunch.

Angelo Theos is president of the local group, Tony Theos is vice president, Connie Theos is secretary/treasurer, Ila Sturgeon is chair of the 4-H awards Committee, Jeanne Jones is chair of the Scholarship Committee and Olga and Phil Jannus are joint chairs of the Rio Blanco County Fair Displays and public information.

Anyone interested in sheep or goats is invited and encouraged to attend. Whether you have sheep or goats now or did in the past or are planning to get into the business in the future, all are welcome.

Meeker 4-H Beef Club has weigh-ins; awards are given

By KINZY BURKE
4-H Beef Club Reporter

MEEKER I Feb. 23 was the Meeker Beef Club's weigh-in and prospect show.

Ed Coryell was nice enough to volunteer his services at the scales.

The Rio Blanco County Extension Office provided pizzas for lunch and hired a judge for the show. This is a good chance for 4-H and FFA members to gain experience showing their calves.

Samantha Lapp from Rangely had the champion prospect steer and Anna Walsh from Meeker had the reserve champion. Samantha also won the Senior Showmanship and Kolbi Franklin was the winner of the Junior Showmanship.

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at the District Administration Office, or mailed to P.O. Box 1089 no later than 12:00 noon on March 14, 2014. To be eligible, persons must be a citizen of the United States, must reside within the Meeker Re-1 School District and must be a registered elector in the District. Publish: February 27, 2014, March 6, 13, 2014
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Lower White River Pest Control District Bid Request

Commercial Equipped Applicator
The Lower White River Pest Control District is accepting bid proposals for commercial equipped applicators to spray herbicides on private land located within the District. Bids will be opened by the Board of County Commissioners on March 17, 2014, County Annex, 17497 State Hwy 64, Rangely, Colorado at 6:15 p.m. For bid specifications and time line details contact Wade Cox (970)574-7299 for bid packets. If mailed, bid packets are due to the Board of Commissioners, Box i, Meeker, Co 81641 no later than March 13, 2014 at 4:00 p.m. If hand delivered the day of the bid opening (March 17), the bids must be received no later than 6:00p.m. to the Board of County Commissioners, County Annex, 17497 State Hwy 64, Rangely, Colorado. Bid packets must be clearly marked **Herbicide Spray** on the outside of the bid packet. Publish: February 27 & March 6, 2013
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AMENDED NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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

Deceased,
Case Number 14 PR 30000
All persons having claims against the above-named estate are required to present them to the undersigned or to the District Court of Rio Blanco, Colorado, on or before July 8, 2014, or said claims "may forever be barred".
Reida M. Coulter, Personal Representative
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NOTICE OF CANCELLATION and

CERTIFIED STATEMENT OF RESULTS
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the Meeker Sanitation District, Rio Blanco County, Colorado, that at the close of business on the sixty-third day before the election, there were not more candidates for director than offices to be filled, including candidates filing affidavits of intent to be write-in candidates; therefore, the election to be held on May 6, 2014 is hereby canceled pursuant to section 1-5-208(1.5), C.R.S.
The following candidates are hereby declared elected:
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to Title 34, Article 33, Paragraph 118, of the Colorado Revised Statutes, the Colorado Division of Minerals and Geology hereby issues notice that an application to renew the Deserado Mine Permit No. C-1981-018 for a five-year term, submitted by Blue Mountain Energy, Inc., 3607 CR 65, Rangely, CO 81648, was deemed complete for the purpose of filing. All review and comment periods as provided in the Act and Regulations promulgated thereunder initiate from this day of filing.
The permit area contains some 12,770.76 acres of federal coal lease and 13,645.01 acres of surface area. These areas are situated in T2N, R101W and T3N, R101W, 6th P.M. in Rio Blanco County about 8 miles northeast of the Town of Rangely. It includes lands containing all of RBC Road 65, eastern part of RBC Road 96, and western portions of RBC Road 78, and southern end of MC Road 61. The Deserado Mine Permit area lies within USGS 7.5 minute Quadrangle maps entitled "Rangely NE" and "Cactus Reservoir". A copy of the permit revision application is available for public inspection at the Town Clerk's office, Town Hall in Rangely. Written comments, objections, or requests for a public hearing held in the locality of the proposed mining operation for the purpose of determining whether the interests of the public and affected landowners will be protected concerning this application must be submitted to Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety, 1313 Sherman Street, Room 215, Denver, Colorado 80203, (303)866-3567 within thirty (30) days of the last publication.
Published: February 20, 27, 2014 and March 6 and 13, 2014

NOTICE OF HEARING BY PUBLICATION INTERESTED PERSONS AND OWNERS BY INHERITANCE

In the matter of the Determination of Heirs or Devises or Both and of Interests in Property of S. Alan Francis a/k/a Stanley Alan Francis, Deceased, Case No. 2014 PR 030007, District Court, Rio Blanco County, Colorado.
To all interested Persons and Owners by Inheritance:
Rita Jeanne Francis,
Steven Alan Francis
Michael Alan Francis
A Petition has been filed alleging that the above Decedent died leaving the following property:
W1/2W1/4 of Section 25, Township 3 North, Range 91 West of the 6th P.M., Rio Blanco Colorado
The hearing on the Petition will be held at the following time and location or at a later date to which the hearing may be continued.
Date: May 2, 2014
Time: 2:00 P.M.
Address: 555 Main Street, Meeker, CO 81641
Publish: March 6, 13, 20, 2014
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PUBLIC NOTICE
TOWN OF MEEKER
MUNICIPAL ELECTION
April 1, 2014

TO: REGISTERED ELECTORS OF THE TOWN OF MEEKER, COLORADO
NOTICE is hereby given that a registered elector of the town who has attained the age of eighteen (18) years or older on the date of the election and has resided in the town for a period of at least twelve (12) consecutive months immediately preceding the date of election, who desires to be a write-in candidate in this election, must complete and file an Affidavit of Intent with the Town Clerk at Town Hall, 345 Market Street, Meeker, Colorado, by 5:00 P.M. on Tuesday, March 11, 2014, in order to be eligible for such office.
IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have here unto set my hand and official seal at Meeker, Colorado this 31st day of January, 2014.
TOWN OF MEEKER
Lisa Cook, Town Clerk
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RANGELY JUNIOR COLLEGE DISTRICT
Board of Trustees
Regular Session
Johnson Banquet Room
Monday, March 10, 2014
12:00 noon
AGENDA

1.0 Call Meeting to Order
1.1 Changes to the Agenda
2.0 Consideration of Previous Minutes
2.1 Approval of the Monday, February 10, 2013 RUCD Regular Session Minutes
3.0 Action/Discussion Items
3.1 Business
a. Rector renovation discussion
3.2 New Business
4.0 CNCC College Report Russell George
5.0 Payment of RUCD Bills Linda Gordon
6.0 Other
7.0 Adjournment
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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Meeker Planning Commission will be holding a Public Hearing on Monday, March 17th, 2014 at 7:00 PM at Meeker Town Hall, 345 Market Street, Meeker, Colorado, to consider a request by Rio Blanco County Board of Commissioners, for the Town to Vacate Fifth Street between Main Street and Park Avenue for use of the property in the Justice Center Expansion Project. The Vacation would encompass all that portion of 5th Street as shown on the Official Revised Map of the Town of Meeker Map adopted 1919 lying between the North Right-of-Way Line of Main Street and the South Right-of-Way Line of Park Avenue. The Meeker Board of Trustees will be holding a Public Hearing on Tuesday, March 18th, 2014 at 7:00 PM at Meeker Town Hall, 345 Market Street, Meeker, Colorado, to consider the above request.
A copy of the application is available for public review at Town Hall 345 Market Street during regular business hours or questions can be directed to 970-878-5344.
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Lower White River Pest Control District Bid Request Aerial Spray

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School Board Vacancy Notice
Board of Education
Meeker RE-1 School District

Persons interested in serving on the Meeker Re-1 School District Board of Education to fill the vacant seat on the Board until the November 2015 Election should contact the Meeker School District Administration Office, 555 Garfield for more information and to pick up an application.
Completed applications should be returned to Bill deVergie, Board President

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TOWN OF DINOSAUR DISBURSEMENTS FOR FEBRUARY 2014
VENDOR DESCRIPTION TOTAL
 Gross Salaries, \$6398.17
 Contract Labor, \$-
 P.E.R.A., Monthly Contributions, \$1385.15
 Colorado Dept. of Revenue, CWT, \$171.00
 IRS, FWT/Med, \$640.56
 Centurylink, Phone, Fax, Internet, \$239.89
 Moon Lake Electric, Electricity, \$1,222.60
 Rangely Trash Service, Trash Service, \$84.50
 Rio Blanco Herald Times, Disbursements, \$36.96
 Mesa County Health Dept, Water test, \$20.00
 Caselle Inc., Support, \$251.00
 LR Gateway Services LLC, Gas, Oil, grease, \$599.87
 Rangely Auto Parts, Fuel filter & tarp, \$47.16
 Rangely True Value, Paint & Tile restrooms, \$39.87
 Heritage Building & Home Center, Sealant, toilet, rings, trim, \$89.70
 Office Depot, Toner, paper, calendar, \$197.60
 Sands Law Office LLC, Professional Services, \$88.00
 Zions Bank, Vac Bags, pledge, thermocouplers, fan, wax ring, \$98.96
 Walmart, Bleach, \$31.50
 Personal Concepts, Fed. & State posters, \$9.95
 Identity Graphics, \$491.00
 Town of Dinosaur (petty cash), postage, wind shield wipers, trash can, soap, \$88.61
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS \$12,232.05
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**Board of County Commissioners
Monday, March 10, 2014
County Administration Bldg, 200 Main
Meeker, Colorado**

Items of routine and non-controversial nature are placed on the consent agenda. Any Commissioner or member of the audience may request an item be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered separately on the regular agenda prior to action being taken by the Board on the Consent Agenda.

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

11:00 Call to order:
 Pledge of Allegiance
 Changes or additions to the March 10, 2014 Board Agenda

Approval of the March 10, 2014 Agenda
Consent Business agenda for March 10, 2014
 Consideration of the Board Minutes of February 24, 2014
 Motor Vehicle Publication List for February 2014
 Treasury Publication List for February 2014
 Financial Management Report for February 2014
 Financial Transactions for DHS for February 2014
 Ambulance Licensing for 2014

General Business:
 2014 Rio Blanco County General Operating Plan
 Request for money from the Ecology Group
 Bids: Road & Bridge
 2014 Rio Blanco County County Road 72 Paving Project
 2014 Rio Blanco County Chip Seal Project
 Rio Blanco County Quinn Draw Pit Crushing Project
 2014 Rio Blanco County Road 1 Overlay Project

Resolutions:
 Contracts and Agreements:
 2014 Dust Control Project
Other Business:
 County Commissioners Updates
 Public Comment

ADJOURN:
 The agenda is provided for informational purposes only; all times are approximate. Agenda items will normally be considered in the order they appear on the agenda. However, the Board may alter the Agenda, take breaks during the meeting, work through the noon hour and even continue an item for a future meeting date. The Board, while in session, may consider other items that are brought before it. Scheduled items may be continued if the Board is unable to complete the Agenda as scheduled.

The next regular Board meeting is tentatively scheduled for March 17, 2014 in Rangely at the County Annex Building. Please check the County's website for information at www.co.rio-blanco.co.us/departments/commissioners If you need special accommodations please call 970-878-9573 in advance of the meeting so that reasonable accommodations may be made.
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NOTICE OF CANCELLATION

and
CERTIFIED STATEMENT OF RESULTS
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the Douglas Creek Conservation District, Rio Blanco County, Colorado, that at the close of business on the sixty-third day before the election, there were not more candidates for director than offices to be filled, including candidates filing affidavits of intent to be write-in candidates; therefore, the election to be held on May 6, 2014 is hereby canceled pursuant to section 1-13.5-513(6) C.R.S.
 The following candidates are hereby declared elected:
 Anne Urie 4 year until May, 20 18
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NOTICE OF CANCELLATION OF ELECTION and CERTIFIED STATEMENT OF RESULTS
 Eastern Rio Blanco Metropolitan Recreation & Park District
TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, and particularly, to the eligible electors of the Eastern Rio Blanco Metropolitan Recreation and Park District ("District") of Rio Blanco County, Colorado.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at the close of business on the sixty-third day before the regular District election to be held on May 6, 2014 ("Election") to fill director positions that have become vacant through expiration of the term of office or otherwise, there were not more candidates for director than offices to be filled at the Election, including candidates filing affidavits of intent to be a write-in candidate. There are no other District matters before the electors at the Election. The Election is hereby canceled pursuant to C.R.S. 1-13.5-513 and the following candidates are hereby declared elected by acclamation:
 Kent E. Walter 2 Year Term until May 2016
 Kris M. Arcolesse 4 Year Term until May 2018
 Zach Clatterbaugh 4 Year Term until May 2018
 Chris Lockwood 4 Year Term until May 2018
EASTERN RIO BLANCO METROPOLITAN RECREATION & PARK DISTRICT
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NOTICE OF CANCELLATION

and
CERTIFIED STATEMENT OF RESULTS
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the White River Conservation District, Rio Blanco County, Colorado, that at the close of business on the sixty-third day before the election, there were not more candidates for director than offices to be filled, including candidates filing affidavits of intent to be write-in candidates; therefore, the election to be held on May 6, 2014 is hereby canceled pursuant to section 1-13.5-513(6) C.R.S.
 The following candidates are hereby declared elected:
 Gary Moyer 4 year until May, 2018
 Neil Brennan 4 year until May, 2018
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AGENDA

RANGELY BOARD OF TRUSTEES (TOWN COUNCIL)
Regular Meeting of March 11, 2014
*******7:30 P.M.******
 Council Chambers - Municipal Building
 Lisa Hatch, Trustee Joseph Nielsen, Trustee
 Clayton Gohr, Trustee Elaine Urie, Trustee
 1. Call to Order
 2. Roll Call
 3. Invocation
 4. Pledge of Allegiance
 5. Minutes of Meeting
 A. Approval of Minutes of February 25, 2014. (Submitted)
 6. Petitions and Public Input
 7. Changes to Agenda
 8. Public Hearings (7:45)
 A. Public Hearing Liquor License renewal Mini Mart Inc.
 9. Committee/Board Meetings
 10. Supervisor Reports - See Attached
 11. Report from Officers -Town Manager Update
 12. New Business
 A. Discussion and Action to approve Liquor License renewal Mini Mart Inc
 B. Discussion and Action to Approve the February 2014 Check Register.
 C. Discussion and Action to Approve Direct TV Lease Agreement for 24 units at White River Village. This agreement would replace the current supplier for TV services, Charter Communications.
 D. Discussion and Action to approve Resolution 2014-03 Authorizing the Town Clerk of the Town of Rangely, Colorado, to appoint election judges and additional election personnel for the regular municipal elections on April 1, 2014.
 13. Informational Items
 A. IMPORTANT MEETING ATTENDANCE REQUEST: Justice Center unveiling at the Weiss Conference Center on March 11th at 6:00 PM.
 B. Understanding Water Law - Monday March 3, 2014, 6-8 PM at the RBC Fairgrounds, 4-H Bldg
 C. EIAF Grant Hearings March 18-20, Grand Junction, CO
 14. Scheduled Announcement - Local Meetings - March 2014
 A. Rangely School District board meeting is scheduled for March 18, 2014 at 6:15 p.m.
 B. Rangely District Library regular meeting March 17, 2014 at 5:00 p.m.
 C. Rangely District Hospital board meeting is scheduled for March 27, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.
 D. Rural Fire Protection Dist board meeting is scheduled for March 17, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.
 E. Western Rio Blanco Park & Recreation District meeting March 10, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.
 F. Rio Blanco Water Conservancy Dist board meeting is March 26, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.
 G. Rangely Chamber of Commerce board meeting is scheduled for March 20, 2014 at 12:00
 15. Adjournment
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TOWN OF RANGELY Check Register FEBRUARY-14
VENDOR AMOUNT DESCRIPTION
 A NUVIEW AUTOGLASS, \$45.00 Expenses
 A WORLD OF TILE GRAND JUNCTION, \$6295.93 Expenses
 ACCUTEST MOUNTAIN STATE, \$1871.00, Chemicals
 AFLAC, \$379.16, Payroll deduction
 AIR LIQUIDE, \$24.18 Cylinder Rental
 ALEXANDER CLARK PRINTING, \$671.14, Expenses
 AMERICAN BACKFLOW PREVENTION ASSC, \$75.00, Training
 AMERICAN PUBLIC GAS ASSN, \$680.00 Training
 ARROWHEAD VETERINARY HOSPITAL, \$19.41 Animal Shelter Expenses
 ASHLEY VALLEY ANIMAL HOSPITAL, \$1249.34, Animal Shelter Expenses
 BALBOA CAPITAL CORP, 306.00, Expenses
 BRASFIELD, JOE, \$380.00 Benefit Reimbursement
 CAACO, \$120.00, Expenses
 CASELLE, INC., \$799.33, Services
 CASTO, BRAD, \$100.00, Council Stipend
 CENTURY EQUIPMENT COMPANY, \$33.05, Expenses
 CENTURYLINK, \$2,601.81, Telephone/Services
 CERTIFIED BUSINESS SVC, INC., \$177.89, Expenses
 CHARTER COMMUNICATION, \$200.07, WRV Cable
 CHEMATOX LABORATORY, ICN., \$620.00, Services
 CHILLSON, MARK, \$30.00, Expenses
 CIRSA, \$22558.59, Insurance
 CMCA, \$174.00 Services
 CMI, INC., \$35.86, Expenses
 CO DEPT OF AGRI ANIMAL IND DIV, \$350.00 Services
 CO MUNICIPAL JUDGES ASSN, \$80.00 Expenses
 COLO DEPT OF HUMAN SRV BITF, \$20.00 Brain Injury Trust
 COLORADO CPA SERVICES, P.C., \$75.00 Services
 COLORADO MUNICIPAL LEAGUE, \$1190.00 Expenses
 COLORADO RURAL SERVICES, \$325.00 Expenses
 COMMERCIAL SPECIALISTS INC., \$360.00 Expenses
 CONNETT, TERESA, \$26.90 Expenses
 COUNTRYSIDE VETERINARY CLINIC, \$159.96 Expenses
 CUMMINS ROCKY MOUNTAIN LLC, \$54.08

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Expenses
 CUSTOM COUNTERFITTERS, \$1900.00 Expenses
 DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY, \$186.12 PR Taxes
 DETRIOT INDUSTRIAL TOOL, \$224.82 Expenses
 DUCEY'S ELECTRIC, \$6345.62, Expenses
 ECONOMY FLOOR COVERING, \$1489.00 Expenses
 EDDY, DAN \$100.00 Council Stipend
 ELSTER AMERICAN METER COMPANY \$164.53 Expenses
 EMC PLUMBING, \$989.85 Services
 FAMILY SUPPORT REGISTRY, \$737.96, Payroll deduction
 FIDELITY ADVISOR FUNDS, \$21322.18, Retirement funds
 FPPA, \$518.14 PD Insurance
 FRESH EXPRESS CLEANING, \$63.00 Expenses
 GALLS, AN ARAMARK COMPANY, \$36.99, Uniforms
 GET YOUR STITCH ON, \$360.00, Uniforms
 GLACIER CONSTRUCTION CO, INC, \$52250.00, WTP Expense
 GOHR, CLAYTON, \$100.00, Council Stipend
 GOULD CONSTRUCTION, INC., \$141322.00 Expenses
 GRAINGER, \$133.92, Expenses
 GRAND JUNCTION PIPE & SUPPLY, \$1679.86, Expenses
 GRAND VALLEY IMAGING, \$559.42, Copier maint agree
 GREAT AMERICAN LEASING COMPANY, \$691.30, Lease
 GRIFFIN, JASON, \$50.00 Animal Surcharge
 GROUND ENGINEERING CONSULTANTS, \$238.50 Services
 GUBKIN, MARC, \$50.00 Animal Surcharge
 HACH, \$446.08, Chemicals
 HANMLIN, TIRYNN, \$449.00 Benefit Reimbursements
 HATCH, LISA, \$100.00, Council Stipend
 HERITAGE BUILDING & LUMBER, \$1357.86, Supplies
 HUITT, FRANK, \$150.00, Council Stipend
 INDUSTRIAL ELECTRIC MOTOR SVCS, \$1375.56, Services
 J'S TIRE AND AUTOMOTIVE, \$100.00, Expenses
 KANSAS CITY LIFE, \$1,821.72, Life & STD Insurance
 KANSAS STATE BANK, \$14700.50 Expenses
 L.A.W.S., \$580.00, Expenses
 LEAVENWORTH CONSULTING, LLC, \$650.00, Services
 MAIL SERVICES, \$1204.43, Services
 MANSFIELD PRINTING, INC., \$34.08 Fuel
 MASTER PETROLEUM, \$3,293.50, Fuel
 MASTERCARD, \$5006.32, Expenses

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MCALLISTER, MERCY, \$214.00, Benefit Reimbursement
 MESA COUNTY HEALTH DEPT, \$40.00, Services
 MICROSEARCH LABORATORY, INC, \$325.00 Chemicals
 MINDS SPRING HEALTH, \$210.00 Training
 MOON LAKE ELECTRIC, \$12093.49 Electricity
 MYERS, AARON, \$1031.00, Benefit Reimbursement
 NAPS-COLORADO, \$300.00 Expenses
 NATIONAL ANIMAL CONTROL ASSOC, \$105.00 EXPENSES
 NEIBERGER, KELLI, \$1000.00, Benefit Reimbursement
 NETWORKS UNLIMITED, \$1844.40, Support
 NICHOLS STORE, \$18.00, Expenses
 NIELSEN, JOSEPH, \$100.00, Council Stipend
 NOBLE INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY CORP, \$404.78 Expenses
 ONYX, \$237.00 Expenses
 ORKIN PEST CONTROL, \$746.27 Expenses
 OUTWEST DRYWALL SUPPLY, INC., \$537.60
 PIERING, LISA, \$40.00 Expenses
 PINNACOL ASSURANCE, \$424.24, Expenses
 PINNIT ROOFING & CONSTRUCTION, \$5350.00 Expenses
 PIPELINE TESTING CONSORTIUM, \$2335.45, Services
 PITNEY BOWES INC, \$104.83, Services
 PRATER'S PLUMBING & HEATING, \$3526.81 Services
 PRESTIGE FINANCIAL SERVICES INC, \$300.00, Payroll deduction
 PROFESSIONAL TOUCH, \$274.41 Expenses
 QUILL, \$320.66, Supplies
 RANGELY AREA CHAMBER, \$425.00
 RANGELY AUTO PARTS, \$1473.62 Services
 RANGELY HARDWARE, \$3685.09, Supplies
 RANGELY MUSEUM, \$25.00 Expenses
 RANGELY SCHOOL DISTRICT, \$684.21
 RANGELY SCHOOL FOUNDATION, \$19604.85 Sales Tax Funding
 RANGELY TRASH SERVICE, \$821.85, Services
 RANGELY, TOWN OF, \$10822.75, Utilities
 RAVEN REALTY, \$79.86, Utility Clearing
 REED, DONALD, \$210.00 Benefit Reimbursement
 RIO BLANCO COUNTY, \$203.87, Fuel
 RIO BLANCO HERALD TIMES, \$250.98, Expenses
 ROCKY MOUNTAIN HEALTH PLANS, \$27626.85, Heath Ins
 ROCKY MOUNTAIN SUPPLY CO, \$2133.22 Expenses
 ROMNEY, SHERMAN, \$1807.00, Services
 SCHMEUSER GORDON MEYER, INC, \$25009.75, Services
 SENERGY BUILDERS, \$5144.50, Housing Rental Fee

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SOUTHWEST CONTRACTING, INC., \$47.26 Utility Cleaning
 STRATA NETWORKS, \$500.00, Services
 SUMMIT ENERGY, \$142216.45, Gas Transmission/Transport
 TEMPLETON, JON, \$850.00 Benefit Reimbursement
 TLO LLC, \$22.00, Services
 TUCKER, PAUL, \$1333.00, Benefit Reimbursement
 ULINE, \$136.68 Expenses
 UNCC, \$24.45, Services
 URIE, ELAINE, \$100.00, Council Stipend
 USA BLUEBOOK, \$205.13 Expenses
 VERIZON WIRELESS, \$1093.11 Cell Service
 VET CLINIC, THE, \$298.15 Animal Shelter Expenses
 WAGNER EQUIPMENT COMPANY, \$104.70 Expenses
 WALTER ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP LLC, \$2805.95, Services
 WEX BANK, \$6070.76, Fuel
 WHITE RIVER MARKET, \$111.05, Supplies
 WILCZEK, KAREN, \$300.00, Judge Fee
 WILCZEK, VINCENT, \$300.00 Benefit Reimbursement
 WRB REC & PARK DISTRICT, \$91.50, Fee's
 TOTAL, \$593040.65
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

PIONEERS MEDICAL Center, Haselden Construction and the Meeker Workforce Center are hosting a Job Fair. We are looking for a variety of workers for the construction phase of the new medical facility.
Date: March 6, 2014
Time: 12:00pm-4:00pm
Location: Kilowatt Komer 233 6th Street Meeker, Colorado
 Sponsored by the Meeker Workforce Center. Must be registered with the Workforce. Must be a Rio Blanco County Resident! For more information Call Cathy Caldwell 970-878-4211

DUI? MEEKER Collision now offers Smart Start which is an interlock device service center. Installation, Removal and Monitoring. If you are currently with another provider, no cost to switch to Smart Start. Call (970) 878-0000.

Give Us Your Best Shot.



The Rio Blanco Herald Times is interested in local hunting photos for our annual hunting guide. If you have photos to share, please stop by the Meeker office or call Tonya at 878-4017.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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

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

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 402 W. Main Street Room 171 Rangely. Email: newedenrangely@gmail.com or (970) 620-7096. All services are confidential.

Rio Blanco Fire Protection District EMT-Basic class will begin April 1, 2014 at the Rio Blanco Fire Protection Station. Call 970-878-3443 for more details and sign up.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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

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

Veterans Service Offices

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

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

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

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

Rio Blanco Fire Protection District is now offering CPR/FIRST AID Classes at the fire station located at 236 7th Street, Meeker, CO. Call 970-878-3443 for more information.

THANK YOU to friends and family for the kindness, sympathy cards and donations in memory of James A. Cook. Thank you to each who joined us to celebrate Jim's life on the day that would have been his 86th birthday. Patty Cook and family.

Rangely Victim Services

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

RADINO & CHUCKWAGON MENU

MARCH 7-14, 2014
Please call before 9:00 a.m. day of meal 878-5627 or 675-8112
Senior Citizen Nutrition Program
Meals served at noon.
Reservations appreciated.
Suggested Donation Over 60 - \$2.50.
Under 60- Guest Fee \$7
(Did you know? Take out trays can be ordered for age over 60, suggested donation \$3. Pick up at 12:10 p.m.)
MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE
FRIDAY, MAR. 7: Pork ribs, coleslaw, corn, peach cobbler
MONDAY, MAR. 10: Salisbury steak, whipped potatoes with gravy, cauliflower, tossed salad, banana pudding
TUESDAY, MAR. 11: Oven-fried chicken, scalloped potatoes, beets, cinnamon apples, cheesecake
WEDNESDAY, MAR. 12: Stuffed peppers, spinach, fruit, applesauce cake
FRIDAY, MAR. 14: Minestrone soup, grilled cheese, tossed salad, strawberry & banana fruit cup, sugar cookie

MEEKER STREAKER

MONTHLY SCHEDULE MARCH 2014
NOTE: Please call 878-9368 in advance to set up all medical appointment rides. Activities are subject to change. Bus available on dates noted below.
Mar 1, No Bus
Mar 2, AM Bus
Mar 3, Bus in town
Mar 4, Bus in town
Mar 5, Bus in town
Mar 6, Bus in town, Grand Junction
Mar 7, Bus in town
Mar 8, No Bus
Mar 9, AM Bus
Mar 10, Bus in town
Mar 11, Bus in town, Foot Clinic
Mar 12, Bus in town
Mar 13, Bus in town, Rifle
Mar 14, Bus in town
Mar 15, No Bus
Mar 16, AM Bus
Mar 17, Bus in town
Mar 18, Bus in town
Mar 19, Bus in town
Mar 20, Bus in town, Grand Jct Medical
Mar 21, Bus in town
Mar 22, No Bus
Mar 23, AM Bus
Mar 24, Bus in town
Mar 25, Bus in town
Mar 26, Bus in town
Mar 27, Bus in town, Craig
Mar 28, Bus in town
Mar 29, No Bus
Mar 30, AM Bus
Mar 31, Bus in town
Call Streaker for a ride 878-9368. Reservations for Rec. Center Trips should be made at 878-3403. Chuckwagon 878-5627.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pistol River Leather
"Man is a strange animal, he doesn't like to read the handwriting on the wall until his back is up against it". Adlai Stevenson
785 Park Avenue 878-4346
www.pistolriverleather.com

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

ANNUAL SPRING Consignment Auction, Saturday April 12th at 9:00a.m. 2368 S 1500 E. in Vernal, Utah. Equipment of all kinds. Many Vehicles, Trucks, Trailers, Campers, Boats, ATV's, Motorcycles, Pipe, new and Used Tools, Lumber, Tack, Camping & Fishing items, Guns, Antiques & Collectibles, Coins, Household Items and much more! If you would like to consign please call now so we can advertise your items. For more information or Consign, call ZJ Auction Service, Inc. 435-789-7424 or go to www.zjauction.com

Pioneers Medical Center Home Health will be offering the monthly Foot Clinic on Tuesday, March 11, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. at the Pines Apartments, 875 Water St. A certified nurse assistant will TRIM TOENAILS, provide skin care, and check blood pressures. Persons found to have circulatory or foot problems will be referred to a physician. Please call 878-9265 to schedule an appointment.

CLEANING

NEW LIFE CARPET CARE
Carpet cleaning, air duct cleaning and cleaning services provided by certified carpet technicians. A great job at a great price. (970)824-1017.

FARM & RANCH

Huberwoods in Lapoint, UT
Corral Poles 8'-20', Fence Stays Posts 8' (pine & cedar), Line and Corner Teepee poles and Small Logs (will deliver 1.00/loaded mile)
Call Brad: (435) 790-3038 or (435) 247-2481

FURNITURE & HOME FURNISHINGS

LARGE OAK table and six chairs. Has extra leaf. \$50. See at 606 School St., Rangely, Colorado. 970-675-8971.

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GUNS

KELLEY'S GUNSMITHING
Would like to buy quality guns and optics
878-4582

HUNTING

PETSKA FUR
Paying top prices for Fur, Antler, Deer & Elk Hides.
In Rangely and Dinosaur
December - March.
(308) 870-4887. www.petskafur.net

LOST & FOUND

Found: Older iphone with HanzSolo frozen in kryptonite on the back. Call 878-4482

PIONEERS MEDICAL CENTER,
a community oriented medical center with high patient standards, is hiring for the following positions:

- PRN:**
- Certified Nursing Assistant - Walbridge Wing
 - Patient Care Tech
 - RN - Acute/E.D.
 - RN - Walbridge Wing
 - LPN - Walbridge Wing
- FULL-TIME (eligible for benefits):**
- Physical Therapist
 - RN - Acute / E.D.
 - Certified Nursing Assistant - Wing
 - Patient Financial Services Billing Tech
 - Environmental Services Tech
 - RN - Walbridge Wing
 - Cardiopulmonary Manager
 - Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist

Submit Resume and/or Application to:
Pioneers Medical Center, HR,
345 Cleveland St., Meeker, Colo., 81641
Visit our Web site at:
www.pioneershospital.org

Pioneers Medical Center
Phone: (970)878-3389 Fax: (970)878-3389
345 Cleveland, Meeker, CO 81641
Eastern Rio Blanco County Health Service District

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.

YARD SALES

MEEKER: MOVING Sale, inside. Pretty much everything for sale. March 8th and 9th, 8 A.M., 1062 Main St. House may be seen or early sales by calling (970)620-0779.

MULTI-FAMILY Garage Sale in Rangely, CO. March 15, 9 to 1. One block west of animal shelter.

LARGE INDOOR Yard Sale @ Fairgrounds. Friday 3/7 8am-6pm Saturday 3/8 8am-noon. Furniture, jewelry, cookbooks, bedding, winter boots, gooseneck hitch, carpet, gently used paintball gun, hunting equipment.



Meeker

- Registered Nurse
- Technical Support Specialist

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

Rio Blanco County HR at
200 Main St., Meeker, CO
970-878-9570
ADA/EOE



**GENERAL LABOR I
RANGELY CAMPUS**

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Town of Rangely
Municipal Regular Election
April 1, 2014

The Municipal Election to be held on April 1st will pose a question to the voters of Rangely asking for approval for the transfer of parks and improvements from the Town to the Western Rio Blanco Parks and Recreation District. The District was created by the voters of Western Rio Blanco County with a voter approved mill levy for the purpose of managing parks and recreation on this end of the county. The District has been maintaining the Town parks, golf course, Elks Park and the recreation center for many years, and in many ways it makes sense to streamline the process of maintenance and improvements by transferring the Town parks and improvements to District ownership.

With the transfer of these properties the District is looking at a number of future capital improvements to these areas that will benefit tourism and the citizens of our community. As part of the process of transferring these properties the Town and the District will sign an Intergovernmental Agreement that ensures that these lands will remain for the purpose of parks and recreation. Within the Agreement the Town will also provide a grant of \$75,000 to the District for help in completing some of the capital improvements being proposed for 2014 and 2015. After execution of the Agreement the District will take on all expenses of operating the parks including utilities and capital improvements.

The April ballot question for this transfer will be the following:

SHALL THE TOWN OF RANGELY BE AUTHORIZED TO SELL OR OTHERWISE CONVEY ITS INTEREST IN ANY OR ALL OF THE PROPERTIES COMMONLY KNOWN AS CAMPER PARK, ENERGY PARK, HEFLEY PARK, AND EAST ENTRANCE PARK (THE LEGAL DESCRIPTIONS FOR WHICH ARE AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION AT THE TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE) UPON TERMS AND CONDITIONS APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES IN THEIR SOLE DISCRETION?

___ YES
___ NO

Should you have questions or concerns about this transfer of property, please contact the Town of Rangely at (970) 675-8476 and ask for Peter Brixius or Lisa Piering.



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RURAL RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES
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- ◆ Garfield St Townhouses - 5 units, back on the market, buy 1 or all ... \$29,900-\$49,900
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HOMES IN MEEKER ...

- *NEW 1393 Ridge Rd.-5 BR, 3 BA home, fenced yard, attached garage, hot tub, fireplace, great views! \$229,000
- *NEW 825 2nd St.-4+ BR, 2 BA home, fenced yard, 3 car garage & heated shop. \$235,000 **SALE PENDING!**
- *NEW 1425 Mountain View Rd.-4 BR, 3 BA home on a private lot with amazing views. Well maintained. \$169,900.
- *NEW 146 Garfield- Unique commercial property or ? Loading dock, workshop, small apartment, storage. \$100,000
- *560 5th St- Great Rental Property -Lg family home or can be a 2, 3, or 4 plex, big shop. \$175,000.
- *910 Water St, Space 6- Very nice 3 BR, 2 BA, double-wide trailer. \$59,000 **Sale Pending**
- *1369 Juniper Rd.-Beautiful home on 2 large lots, 3 BR, 2 1/2 BA, attached garage, landscaped w/ sprinkler system, covered patio. \$275,000 **Also a 3rd adjacent lot available @ \$35,000.**
- *917 4th St- Beautiful 5 BR, 3 BA home on 2 quiet, private lots. Basement, garage, trees. **Reduced to \$260,000.**
- *830 Water St.-3 BR, 2BA one level home, fenced corner lot. Garage. Move in ready. \$175,900
- *585 Cleveland St.-3BR 3BA home like no other in the heart of Meeker, attention to detail in every area! Private fenced back yard, shop, big carport, trees. **SCHEDULE A SHOWING. \$448,000**
- *970 9th St.- 4 BR 3-1/2BA two story log home, large lot, carport. \$169,000 **REDUCED!**
- *11 East Main St- 3 to 4 bedroom log home, 1.75 baths, living & family rooms, oak floors. **REDUCED \$193,500**
- *562 Larry Lane-Corner lot, 1 level, 3 BR 2BA, fenced yard, garage, deck. \$149,000 **MAKE AN OFFER!**
- *643 12th St- 4 BR, 2 BA bi-level home. Garage, carport, fenced back yard. \$129,000. **REDUCED!**
- *939 Park Ave.-4BR, 4BA home. Updated kitchen, granite countertops, new S.S. appliances, new flooring, new jettied bathtub, new deck, attached garage and a huge heated shop. \$234,900 **SOLD**

RANCHES — RURAL RESIDENTIAL — HUNTING PROPERTIES...

- *NEW 1190 CR 63 -376 Acre Hunting & Grazing Property-12 mi. E. of Meeker, 3 BR, 2 BA home, borders Oak Ridge state hunting land. Cattle grazing land. Creeks, ponds. \$1,100,000.
- *1161 CR 8- 5 acres, river view, remodeled 2+BR 2 BA, carport, deck, A/C, new heating system. \$349,000
- *950 CR 14- Mountain cabin 26 miles up river, 2 BR, 1 BA with great views, in the woods. \$289,000.
- *13245 CR 8- 5 acres 14 miles up-river, well, trees, nice 3 BR, 2 BA home, decks, garage, shop. \$360,000.
- *4637 CR 8- 77 irrigated acres, 2 story home, barns, shop, sheds, hay pastures, good water. \$690,000.
- *River Property- CR 12- 5+ acres 28 miles up river, with 2 BR, 1 BA cabin, good well, fish pond. \$295,000
- *2000 County Rd. 119 Forest Service cabin on Ute Creek, 1BR,1BA, Beautiful setting! \$65,000 **REDUCED**
- *7100 Shaman Tr.- 3+ BR,4BA, Custom built 4,534 sq ft home on 5 acres, great views, garage. \$448,000
- *24530 County Rd. 8- A-frame cabin on small acreage, up-river, vacation home, views! \$169,000
- *40 Acres up South Fork- Lots of trees, water, 4 BR, 2 BA lodge, Nat. Forest access, **HUNTING. \$585,000.**
- *13051 CR 8- 52 Acres, 14 miles up river, 2 living quarters buildings, garage, hunting. \$435,000. **SALE PENDING!**

BUSINESS & INVESTMENT ...

- *NEW 145 Garfield- commercial building w/ apartment, loading dock, over 3,000 sq. ft. \$100,000
- *109 Market St.-3+ lots on the corner of 1st & Market. Great location Next to new Family Dollar Store \$299,000.
- *Rio Blanco Store- Great potential, 1/4 acre on Hwy 13, 3,000 sq ft store, café, living quarters. **Reduced \$130,000.**
- *304 4th St. Commercial building on corner lot downtown, great office space, 4,437 sq. ft. \$220,000

RAW LAND AND HOMESITES ...

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

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

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

1153 & 1163 Market Street ~ SOLD | 208 E. Rio Blanco ~ SOLD | 1025 Jill Drive ~ SOLD
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- 307 & 311 S. Sunset Ave. Duplex on large lot 2 bed 1 bath each \$40,500
- 924 Tropic Sweet 3 BD/2 Bath Manufactured Home on large lot w/garage \$80,000
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