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It's that time of year again.  
Set your clocks one hour forward Saturday, March 10.



## Bear predation becoming a greater problem for livestock

By JEN HILL  
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**RBC I** The issue of increasing livestock predation by black bears has left Colorado officials looking for solutions to protect both livestock and wildlife. However, lawsuits filed by environmental activist groups are challenging Colorado's predator control tactics.

According to a presentation given by USDA Wildlife Services at Rangely and Meeker town council meetings, bears are quickly becoming the greatest threat to Colorado livestock. Ten years ago the threat of livestock loss to bears was minimal, with so few deaths reported that bear predation was statistically unimportant. It wasn't until 2010 that black bears quickly became a major threat to livestock with more than 1,000 cattle and 3,920 calf deaths reported in 2015, second only to coyotes. A similar trend has been noted in sheep and lambs.

The increase in bear predation is linked to an increase in bear population which comes from a variety of factors. The Colorado Constitution prevents spring bear hunts or the use of dogs when hunting bears. Increased prey population including elk and cattle calves, fawns and lambs and the relocation of urban problem bears are also contributing factors.

In order to combat the problem, the USDA and Colorado Parks and Wildlife have increased predator control activities, taking more than 120 bears in 2017 and developing a three-year plan aimed at reducing mountain lion and bear populations in the Piceance and Arkansas River Basins.

Last spring WildEarth Guardians and the Center for Biological Diversity filed a lawsuit to stop CPW's plans. WildEarth Guardians have also filed a separate suit against CPW alleging their use of traps is a violation of the Colorado Constitution which prohibits trapping.

## Bighorn sheep, wolves topics of discussion for woolgrowers

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**RBC I** Colorado lamb is considered the "gold standard" in American lamb, according to Rio Blanco County Woolgrowers Association vice-president Tony Theos at the annual RBC Woolgrowers meeting March 2, and the price of wool continues to climb. But most of the discussion in the meeting revolved around other species: bighorn sheep, wolves, bears and wild horses.

Every federally-funded agency that reported to the association said their budgets have been cut, from Colorado Parks and Wildlife to the U.S. Forest Service to the Bureau of Land Management. Colorado Parks and Wildlife and the USDA Fish and Wildlife Service focus on predation problems, the U.S. Forest Service

and BLM deal with grazing permits. "Healthy rangelands is a common goal," said BLM director Kent Walter.

Colorado Wool Growers Association Executive Director Bonnie Brown said the "biggest ticket" item she's working on revolves around bighorn sheep and grazing allotments. There are concerns that Colorado's bighorn sheep are potentially at risk for a communicable disease transmitted by domestic sheep if they come into contact. In those areas, determined by computer modeling, allotments could be restricted.

According to USFS Wildlife Biologist Mary Gillespie, "We feel like we're doing the best we can for separation. We have really extensive

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BOBBY GUTIERREZ

Meeker local Kerri Schwartz was one of several mushers competing in the second annual Meeker Sled Dog Race last weekend at the C Lazy S Ranch next to the White River. The two-day event was sponsored by the Rocky Mountain Sled Dog Club and the Meeker Chamber of Commerce. Four, six and eight-dog sled races were held Saturday and Sunday, along with one- and two-dog Skijor races.

## Wildlife Services could provide help with nuisance wildlife in county

By NIKI TURNER  
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**MEEKER I** Meeker's trustees heard a presentation regarding nuisance wildlife and predator control efforts at the regular meeting Tuesday. County Commissioner Si Woodruff introduced David Moreno, the district superintendent for USDA Wildlife Services, and two Wildlife Services specialists: Justin Ewing who is contracted with Rio Blanco County Woolgrowers for predator control, and Tad Lee, who held the same position for Routt and Moffat County Woolgrowers until they decided to end the contract. That leaves a partially federally-funded position available for Rio Blanco County, if funding can be found.

"We have an opportunity," Woodruff said. "The feds have

\$34,000 to help this county hire Wildlife Services to deal with animals—vultures, ground squirrels, ravens." The cost for the position annually is \$70,000.

"Speaking with Si and some of the local producers in the county, it seems like there's an opportunity to assist all the county residents. We can manage a variety of species," Moreno said.

The specialist could assist animal control officers in both towns with problem wildlife like skunks, raccoons, northern flickers, bats and more. "We can go specifically go out and target animals that are causing damage."

In Craig, for example, the specialists worked with the town to relocate a flock of turkey vultures that were causing property damage and safety issues.

RBC Public Health Director Julie Drake said she would be in support of funding the position as a way to reduce risks to public health.

"We do not have terrestrial rabies in our county or on the Western Slope yet. We do have rabies in bats, but not in on-the-ground animals. Post-exposure prophylaxis for rabies is \$5-8,000, and is not covered by insurance," she said, by way of example.

"We (the county) might potentially finance it for one year. We might be coming back to you in a year during your budget session to see if it was worth it."

In other business, the board:

■ Awarded the bid for a new street sweeper to Faris Machinery for \$207,101. It was the sole bid, but was within budget.

■ Awarded the bid for a new salt/sand spreader to Auto Truck Group

for \$14,625. It was the low bid out of two that met specifications.

■ Adopting the 2018 Board of Trustees Strategic Plan, establishing current priorities and projects.

■ Renewed the Ute Park Lease Agreement with Smith Ranches with some changes.

■ Renewed the hotel/restaurant liquor license for Holliday's.

## Snow pack update for NW Colo.

By KENDALL SMITH  
Special to the Herald Times

**RBC I** Your local NRCS offices (Steamboat Springs, Craig, and Meeker) work hard to collect data from four different snow courses that effect the Yampa/White River drainage area. These include Butterhill (north of Columbine, Yampa View, 3/4 of the way up Rabbit Ears), Columbine Lodge (East Rabbit Ears Pass), and Rio Blanco (four miles before Trappers Lake). At the end of January the overall percentage compared to normal (average) for

Snow Water Equivalent (SWE) on all snow courses and SNOTEL sites was approximately 65 percent.

However, things have improved for the month February. Listed below is the detailed information for the snow courses and SNOTEL sites:

Butterhill – depth 34", 9.3" SWE and 80 percent of average

Tower – depth 85", 27.1" SWE and 77 percent of average

Columbine Lodge – depth 50", 15.3" SWE and 80 percent of average

Yampa View – depth 34", 9.6" SWE and a 72 percent of average

Ripple Creek – depth 64", 17.4" SWE and 84 percent of average

Rio Blanco – depth 32", 8.2" SWE and 67 percent of average

As of March 6, the SWE is now at an 80 percent average for the Yampa/White River Basin. For more information please call the Craig NRCS field office at 970-329-3156 or stop by the office located at 145 Commerce St., Craig, CO 81625. To locate up to date information on current snowpack depth, SWE, and water supply outlook please refer to the NRCS Colorado Snow Survey Program online.

## STATE AWARD ...



COURTESY PHOTO

Rio Blanco County Emergency Manager Ty Gates received the Northwest Region Emergency Manager of the Year award from the Colorado Emergency Management Association. Present for the awards ceremony in Denver were Chuck Vale, regional field manager for the Department of Homeland Security Office of Emergency Management; Rachel Gates, Ty Gates, and Rio Blanco County Sheriff Anthony Mazzola.

WEATHER



Saturday: 49/26 Mixed



Sunday: 51/28 Mostly sunny



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

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

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

■ **Adult drop-in sports:** **Dodgeball** Mondays at 7:30 p.m. in the MES gym. For 18 and older. **Volleyball** Tuesdays from 7:30-9 p.m. in the MES gym. **Basketball** Wednesdays from 7:30-9 p.m. in the MES gym. **Pool Volleyball** Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. at the MRC pool. Call 878-3403 for details.

■ **The Meeker Library Book Club** meets at 1 p.m. the second Monday of each month (excluding holidays). The next meeting is March 12. We will be discussing "Princesses Behaving Badly: Real Stories From History Without the Fairy-Tale Ending" by Linda Rodriguez McRobbie All interested readers are welcome. Stop by the Meeker Library for details.

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

■ **Quilting Group.** Tuesdays

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

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

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

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

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

■ **Community Enrichment Series** at Mountain Valley Bank monthly, on the second and fourth Tuesday. Watch for posted fliers, Chamber of Commerce texts and Facebook postings for event specifics. RBC Small Business Development Center available for guidance at MVB on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. MVB mortgage lender available on the fourth Tuesday of each month to answer questions and assist with your mortgage needs.

■ **The annual St. Patrick's Dinner** hosted by Holy Family Catholic Church will be held on Sunday, March 25.

■ **Hunters Education deadline** for the March 16-18 class is March 12. Register today for \$10 at the Meeker Recreation Center or by calling 970-878-3403.

SEUSS CELEBRATION ...



REED KELLEY PHOTO

March 2 was the birthday of Theodor Seuss Geisel, otherwise known as Dr. Seuss. He was born in 1904 and died in 1991. In celebration of Dr. Seuss' birthday last week, readers' theater productions by Kathleen Kelley's Meeker High School speech class were presented to students at the Meeker Elementary School. According to Ann Franklin, MES librarian, who hosted the event along with National Honor Society members, the high school students put on wonderfully entertaining performances of *The Sneetches*, *Horton Hears a Who!*, *Green Eggs and Ham*, and *Mr. Brown Can Moo, Can You?* The younger students were brought into interactive performances and really enjoyed Dr. Seuss as usual. Kristin Luce, Kassie Luce, Sydney Main, Eli Hanks, Addie Joy and Lila Klinglesmith, dressed for *The Sneetches* were in two performances.

Board talks bonds, guns at work session

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**MEEKER** | Meeker's Board of Education held a work session Monday to discuss a variety of items, but the meeting was dominated by the two main topics: an upcoming bond issue and school safety.

The meeting began with a presentation by two Denver-based investment bankers from George K. Baum and Company, who presented three plans for a potential bond issue to pay for a new high school. They claim their four-step, multi-tiered process has an "86 percent track record if you jump through all these hoops." The process begins with voter analysis and a mail survey. Paul Hanley, a senior vice-president for the firm, said the process is "not scientific but can help read the tea leaves on 'do you have a chance?' and 'does it need to be modified?'" and added approximately eight to 17 percent of surveys are returned.

"It's all about respecting the taxpayer," Hanley stated. "The key is that you need to do your homework." Board member Tom Allen pointed out the school district is "on a bad road; we've lost our last two attempts at an override." District Superintendent Chris Selle added, "I think we have to have a bond campaign within the next few years."

The expertise of George K. Baum and Company comes with a \$25,000 price tag, as well as approximately \$5,000 in hard costs for printing and postage of the survey and other mailers. "We mail it because we gotta break through the clutter," Hanley said.

Much of the proposed bond's legalities and technicalities are tied to whether the district's BEST grant is approved, but that decision will not be finalized until mid-June. The firm's public policy development timeline would need to begin no later than the end of this month.

The district will hold a special meeting Monday, March 12 at 7 p.m. to determine whether to move forward with the company, with or without BEST grant monies.

The board reviewed and discussed a letter written by board member Dr. Bob Dorsett. The letter, if approved, would be sent to the state legislature and calls on representatives to intercede against the "known threat" of school shootings, outlining measures such as banning assault-style weapons and high capacity magazines, strengthening

requirements for background checks, providing for restraining orders if there is imminent threat, requiring waiting periods after application for a gun purchase, and removing restrictions on research into gun violence.

Dorsett elaborated on his position: "I think it's worthwhile for people to speak up, and particularly school districts, and I would recommend to you that it is important. Not necessarily from the likes of a political issue or from the likes of the Second Amendment issue but from a public health perspective and student safety perspective. From the evidence, it is absolutely clear. These are problems, these are problems of magnitude."

Dorsett continued, "It is not acceptable that this many people die in this country from these causes. I think there are some things that can be done. There's evidence. There's a big hole in the capacity to study this problem. A hats off to the students at the high school in Parkland to try to speak up. I think it would be worthwhile to follow their lead."

Dorsett also contended the school

district could perhaps be liable if a tragedy were to occur.

Selle elaborated on what is known as the Claire Davis law, which he described as having "a lot of vagueness in it." The law removes some of the governmental immunity surrounding school shootings, but "nothing has been tried with it yet," according to Selle.

Dorsett was met with stout opposition from other board members.

"As a board member, I don't feel comfortable at all. If we write a letter like this about firearms, then we better be writing a letter about Budweiser and we better be writing a letter about Chevys. I personally cannot support a political statement which I feel this is," Bill deVergie said.

David Smith also had "a little trouble" with the letter's contents. "We get the gun stuff taken care of so then they start running kids over with cars. To me a lot of it is the mental state of these people. I don't know where it's coming from and what we're going to do about it."

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CNCC flight team seeks donations to attend national competition

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**RANGELY** | Following a strong performance at regionals Colorado Northwestern Community College is preparing to send their Flight Team to the National Intercollegiate Flying Association Competition in Indiana this spring.

Earlier this fall the team placed second at the regional competition coming in behind the U.S. Air Force Academy team. They also earned a safety trophy. Team captain Will Drbohlay received the top pilot award scoring more points during the competition than any other competitor, the first CNCC pilot to do so

since 2010.

The national competition is made up of nine different events, both in the air and on the ground. Airborne competition includes spot landings, navigation and message drop. Ground events include flight simulators, aviation knowledge testing and aircraft preflight.

CNCC has not been to the national competition since 2014 when the finished second amongst two year schools.

In order to cover competition expenses the team must raise \$25,000. Donations can be made at [weblink.donorperfect.com/CNCCFlightTeam2018](http://weblink.donorperfect.com/CNCCFlightTeam2018) or by mailing a check to the CNCC Foundation.

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## NEWS BRIEFS

### Meet the Rangely candidates tonight

**RANGELY** | Meet the candidates for Rangely Town Council at 7 p.m. at Town Hall today.

### Democratic County Assembly March 11

**RBC** | The two Democratic candidates, Diane Mitsch Bush and Karl Hanlon, vying to oppose Third District Congressman Scott Tipton, R-Cortez, will be in Meeker this Sunday, March 11. They will attend the Rio Blanco County Democratic Assembly to be held at 1 p.m. at the Meeker Public Library, 490 Main St. Also attending will be Glenwood Springs attorney Colin Wilhelm who has announced to run for the State House District 57 seat currently held by Rep. Bob Rankin (R-Carbondale). Interested parties are welcome to attend the Assembly in which selected delegates will also determine the county Democrats' preference for their gubernatorial candidates prior to April's state assembly.

### Meeker candidate forum March 13

**MEEKER** | The Chamber of Commerce is hosting a forum open to the public to meet the town board candidates Tuesday, March 13 at the Fairfield Center at 6 p.m. The candidates will each give a brief presentation and answer questions provided to them before the forum. The Chamber is currently gathering questions to ask the candidates. If you have questions you would like the candidates to address, please call 970-878-5510 or respond to this email. There will be time after the presentation to speak with the candidates individually.

### 'Screenagers' documentary March 12

**MEEKER** | Meeker School District will host a special screening of the documentary "Screenagers" on March 12 at 7 p.m. in the MHS auditorium. All parents and community members are invited. Screenagers reveals how tech time impacts kids' development and offers solutions on how adults can empower kids to best navigate the digital world and find balance. Please pass the word.

### St. Patrick's Day MS fundraiser March 16

**MEEKER** | It's time for the second annual St. Patrick's Day Celebration. This year's event, with proceeds once again going to the Meeker Multiple Sclerosis Fund (administered by the Meeker Ministerial Alliance), will be held on Friday, March 16 at 7 p.m. in the Buffalo Room at Chippers, 285 Sixth St. Live Irish music and a corned beef cook-off will be part of this year's celebration. More details to come. Mark your calendars to get your Irish on for a good cause.

### Rangely Racquetball returns March 9-11

**RANGELY** | The 25th annual Rangely Racquetball Tournament will be held March 9-11 at the Rangely Recreation Center. Call tournament director Shirley Parsons, 970-675-5360, or call the rec center at 970-675-8211 for details.

### CNCC Foundation dinner March 31

**RANGELY** | The 14th annual Colorado Northwestern Community College Foundation fundraiser dinner will be held Saturday, March 31 at 5:30 p.m. in the Colorado Room at CNCC Rangely. Live and silent auctions, dinner, beer and wine available for purchase. Tickets are \$50/person or \$275/table of six. Contact Sue Samaniego at 970-675-3216 for tickets.

### Register for community ed classes now

**MEEKER** | Spring CNCC Community Education Classes starting late February through March are open for registration. Don't miss these opportunities to learn or create something new. Microsoft PowerPoint, March 27 and April 3; create dynamic presentations. Mexican cooking, March 28 and April 4; Chef Karla will spice up your Mexican dishes. Senior tuition discounts available. For further information, call 878-5227 to get on a class list, or stop by the CNCC Meeker Center at 345 Sixth St. on Tuesday or Wednesday to complete registrations. Registrations may be mailed to CNCC, PO Box 1542, faxed to 878-4145 or emailed to iris.franklin@cncc.edu.

### Mental health first aid training March 28

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

### Learn to cook well on a budget

**MEEKER** | Need help preparing healthy meals on a limited budget? Sign up for Cooking Matters, a free class held once a week for six weeks. Chefs and dietitians will answer your questions, you'll eat in class, go home with groceries and have childcare provided. Classes held April 3-May 8 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. or April 6-May 11 from 10 a.m. to noon. For more information contact Janelle Borchard at 970-878-9528.

### Children's Chorale in Rangely April 27

**RANGELY** | Since 1974 the Colorado Children's Chorale has delighted audiences across the globe with their voices, choreography and enthusiasm. They're coming to Rangely for a free performance Friday, April 27 at 6:30 p.m. at the high school auditorium.

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## STUDENTS OF THE MONTH ...



Two Rangely High School students were honored with January "Student of the Month" accolades at the district's Board of Education meeting on Feb. 20. Principal Crandal Mergelman said the honorees were seniors Linsley Morrill and Patrick Scoggins. During their high school careers, these two individuals have taken on a couple roles that will be hard to replace. Morrill has developed and published almost every program for athletic events, music concerts and any other activity that our school has hosted. Scoggins has developed his skills in the digital design world including the artwork on programs, the Bleed Green posters, the senior posters in the gyms and multiple designs on T-shirts. "These two young people have brought their skills to our school and have helped to make a positive difference for anyone attending our activities. Both Linsley and Patrick will make an impact in the world," Mergelman said. As part of this new program, each month Rangely High School will honor two students from the high school for hard work and dedication to the school and the community. Mergelman said he will be working with local agencies to help honor our students and in the first presentation, Jeff LeBleu of the Benevolent and Protective Order of the Elks was there to present the award.

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EDITOR'S COLUMN...

# How to kill your newspaper

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Most everyone I talk to agrees with me (at least to my face) about the importance of having a local newspaper, yet we're often guilty of systematically destroying the very thing we say has value to our towns. I'm not talking about the mainstream media entities recently threatened by a major lobbyist group in an advertisement (if you want details you have to come to the office and take a test), I'm talking about the local, community paper... many of which have shuttered. To be fair, I'm painfully well-acquainted with the ways a newspaper can destroy itself from the inside out... lousy content, unfair reporting, poor customer service, late delivery, etc. This is about the things we all do (I'm guilty, too) that are killing local papers.

**1. Be too cheap to pay for your news.**

Oddly, in an economy where we cheerfully pay \$4 for a cup of coffee and buy air—yes, air, for future generations reading this via hologram—at the gas station, we expect news coverage to arrive in our homes for free. Subscriptions, online and in print, are what keeps the regular flow of real news (not the cheesy online stuff paid for by PACs, Russian trolls and conspiracy theorists) coming to you.

**2. Advertise everywhere else.**

We're in constant competition for your ad dollars with fancy advertising agencies from out of town who swoop through with marketing plans that promise you the world, other publications, and sometimes our own chambers of commerce. Your advertising dollars, spent in the local paper, support the freedom of the press. Newspaper advertising is statistically one of the most effective and affordable advertising methods out there. Think about this: people who pay for their

news aren't so likely to throw it in the trash on the way out of the post office, which means your ad actually makes it to their home.

**3. Rely solely on the internet for information and commerce.**

Believe it or not, everyone is not on the internet. (I know, shocker to all of you reading the print edition). Also, everything on the internet is not true. Abraham Lincoln said so, according to a popular meme. Facebook and Twitter and Snapchat is not a substitute for news coverage, unless you're a sheeple and want the "news" Facebook's money-making algorithms think will earn the most revenue. There. I said it. Stop treating social media like a legitimate news source... it's not. And plus, the Russians have invaded both venues, and you don't want to be on the wrong team in the next Bond movie.

**4. Trust the government to tell you what you need to know.**

The relationship between the press and government tends to be strained for a reason, and that's OK. We print things the government would rather keep to themselves. Public notices are a perfect example. When you support your local paper, you support the freedom of information and the freedom of the press to hold government accountable for their actions, particularly their actions with your tax dollars. On that note, please email or call Rep. Bob Rankin and urge him to vote no on SB 18-156, which passed the state senate last week and is now in committee in the state house. On that note, please call Rep. Bob Rankin at 303-866-2949 and urge him to vote no on SB 18-156, which, to my dismay, passed the state senate and has been

sent to a house committee.

**5. Remain ignorant of local issues.**

Some folks simply don't care what's going on at town council, or in their taxing districts. Those are people who have never paid enough attention to their tax bill. They're also the people who complain the loudest when those in authority make decisions they don't like, but by then it's often too late to change anything. By reading the newspaper, and, again, those pesky public notices, you'll find out all kinds of interesting things going on while there's time to speak up and make a difference.

I realize I'm "preaching to the choir" for the most part here, but maybe some of our faithful subscribers and readers who do understand the importance of having a local newspaper can use this information to gently nudge friends and family members to follow your example.

MILLENNIAL MUSINGS

# Shanghaied by the attention engineers

By CAITLIN WALKER  
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Caitlin Walker

**RBC I** Have you ever heard of attention engineers?

They are technological geniuses hired by big tech companies like Google, Facebook and Twitter whose sole purpose is to get you to spend as much time as humanly possible using their product.

As the adage goes, nothing is really free. We pay to use social media with our time, our search history, and our personal information, and we pay big. The average person swipes or taps on their smart phone 2,617 times a day.

Social media seems innocuous, and we love to tout the "benefits", but when we get down to brass tacks what we see in our feeds is nothing more than a carefully crafted illusion designed to get us hooked, make us spend money, and fracture our attention until we feel like a tiny ADD monkey has taken over our brain's control center.

It's disproportionately like-

ly your social media feeds will include just as many provocative "news" stories and ads pulled directly from your search history as actual updates from friends and family.

This seemingly harmless form of entertainment is expressly designed to wage war on our psyche while increasing company profit, and we can't expect ourselves, no matter how strong we think we are (or how many annoying people we block), to stand up to the onslaught indefinitely.

Silicon Valley has seen an exodus of early attention engineers who fear what they've created. The inventor of Facebook's like button calls them "bright dings of pseudo-pleasure" and posits that a well-intentioned idea has come with a bevy of nega-

tive consequences.

One important instance of this is the temporary hit of dopamine your brain receives with every notification, which can easily become addictive. Those who already suffer from an imbalance that causes depression or anxiety are much more likely to use social media to temporarily self-medicate, depriving themselves of sleep, exercise, fresh air, healthy food choices and social interaction, all of which have been proven to actually improve symptoms.

Which is why (I heard this in a TED talk a few days ago) there are two people who call their consumers "users"—drug dealers and technologists.

If you can't seem to put down your phone, think of it in terms of cutting the marionette strings—no one wants to be a puppet. Then lock your screen, put your phone in a different room—maybe even delete those apps first, you rebel, you—and remember:

You are supposed to use social media, it's not supposed to use you.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

**Piceance Mustangs group encourages dialogue**

Dear Editor:

The expansive statistics and detailed history of the land cited in Feb. 22 Letter to the Editor from Marybeth Devlin in Miami include good insights for consideration. Perhaps it will invigorate dialogue among concerned interests.

However, the new Piceance Mustangs group is a volunteer 501(C)3 organization made up

diverse citizens from across Colorado and of course Rio Blanco County. As such, the group does not have authority to hold another group or agency accountable.

The 34 charter members include wild horse supporters, ranchers, government employees, and other concerned citizens. Some of us are quiet, some are outspoken, some focus on problems to be overcome while others' sights are on the solutions. Diversity of thought, philosophy, background, and tradition are welcome in the Piceance Mustangs herd because all of us are traveling in the same direction: to assist in fulfilling BLM's goal to provide long term maintenance of a viable, healthy wild horse herd on healthy rangelands for the Piceance East-Douglas Horse Management Area.

Like members of a viable healthy wild horse family band, we each have a role to serve in the spirit of cooperation and best interest of all. After all, it's safest when we go together.

Blaine Scott  
Piceance Mustangs

**Caseys grateful for community support**

Dear Editor:

Marty and I are more grateful than ever to call Meeker our home.

Twelve years ago when Marty and I chose to move to Meeker we never imagined how much we would be embraced by the community.

The past several months have shown that coming to Meeker was the right choice. Our community has been incredible and we are so grateful to be a part of this amazing town. I'm not sure I can fully express how thankful we are for all the support and comfort we have received over the past several months. From well wishes and cards, to the FCCLA pink pumpkins, the Football team's Touchdowns For Kris, and just the many people who stop to ask how I'm doing—all of your encouragement has not gone unnoticed.

We want to thank Meeker for embracing us and helping make this experience bearable.

Thank you,  
Kris and Marty Casey  
Meeker

**Republican County Assembly March 17 in Meeker**

Dear Editor:

We would like to thank those in Rio Blanco who took time out of their busy schedules to attend their caucuses on March 6. We know that people are inherently busy and a meeting that may last an hour or more isn't always the ideal way to spend an evening. We are grateful to those people who set aside their busy lives to attend to the needs of representation and their community.

Unfortunately, turnout in Rangely was quite low, however participation in Meeker was robust. We encourage anyone interested in the future of Rio Blanco political leadership to attend the County Assembly on March 17 at the Meeker 4-H Building at 1 p.m. Remember, the world is run by those who show up.

Thank you,  
Logan and Jennifer Hill  
Rio Blanco County Republican  
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RBC WEEKLY CALL REVIEW

The following information is a weekly review of the calls for service that were reported to the Rio Blanco County Sheriff's Communications Office. If you have any questions or would like an explanation of the call types listed please call 878-9600. We will not regularly post any information as to the names or addresses on any incident.

**Feb. 26-March 4, 2018**  
The dispatch center processed 397 phone calls, receiving 13 911 calls, answered 62 calls for Meeker Police Department (MPD) and placed 84 out-going phone calls. A total of 172 calls for service were created, 113 for the Sheriff's Office, 62 for MPD and four calls for Meeker Fire and Rescue. (Please note the department breakdown of calls reflects a different number because of incidents with multiple agency response). There were eight auto crashes reported throughout the county, one involving a deer or elk.

The Sheriff's Office conducted 71 traffic stops issuing 13 summons, while MPD had seven stops issuing one citation.

Other calls for the Sheriff's Deputies included nine agency assists, two animal

calls, three civil papers served, four motorist assists, two traffic accidents, three traffic complaints and three VIN inspections. One each: alarm, business check, domestic violence, fraud, juvenile problem, property, RO violation, traffic hazard.

MPD calls included four agency assists, three 911 misdials, four animal calls, 15 business checks, two citizen assists, four civil, two juvenile problems, three property calls, four suspicious incidents, two traffic accidents, two traffic hazards, three VIN inspections and two warrant arrests. One each: alarm, domestic violence, parking violation, restraining order violation and traffic complaint.

There were four calls for Meeker Fire and Rescue two medical transports and two ambulance requests.

There were three assists with Colorado State Patrol.

Rio Blanco Detentions facility booked in eight and released 11, one by the Sheriff's Office, five by MPD, two by Rangely Police Department and are currently housing eight inmates. There were two inmates transported to or from another facility.

There were no DUI arrests.

MEEKER PD REPORT: FEB 2018

■ A Meeker man is out about \$10,000 on a scam starting with a caller wanting to reduce interest on victim's credit cards.

■ A Meeker woman is out \$300 on an IRS scam. Caller threatened her arrest if she did not pay. Woman was asked to purchase Apple cards from Wal-Mart and send codes from cards to caller, which she did.

■ Montrose man arrested on burglary and theft charges. Suspect entered residence of Meeker man he knew and took items while homeowner not at home.

■ After investigation, 50-year-old Meeker man was arrested for domestic involving criminal mischief and harassment.

■ Meeker landlord summoned into court for harassment for pushing renter.

■ Vandalism report at Fourth and Water street park restrooms. Ongoing problem with suspect(s) damaging and writing graffiti on walls.

■ Male, 44, arrested on domestic violence, third degree assault and criminal mischief.

■ Brothers, 19 and 20, summoned for minor-in-possession. 19-year-old male was later arrested for second degree assault and felony menacing for allegedly cutting brother's hand with a machete.

■ Report received of a male and female party arguing. Upon further investigation a 21-year-old male was arrested for criminal mischief (domestic). The suspect was destroying property around the room where the victim retreated. He punched holes in the wall and door in the same area.

■ Female, 58, was issued a summons for false reporting. Female called 911 more than 20 times over the last six months. Some of the calls involved her refrigerator making strange noises. Intoxication is suspected.

■ Meeker man arrested after 911 call of a man with a gun as part of a domestic dispute.

■ Summons issued for minor in possession. Minor possessed marijuana substance.

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OBITUARIES

Kris Plate

Nov. 15, 1979 ~ Feb. 11, 2018

Kris Plate always seemed to have a smile on his face, a man who really enjoyed life. He was a UPS driver who delivered up the river for many years.



He was an avid outdoorsman who loved to hunt, fish, snowboard, or just spend time in the mountains. Many a day, people would see him fly fishing the White River on his lunch break. Kris passed away suddenly in February, tragically taken too soon, he was 38. There will be a memorial service for him March 17 at noon at the Faith Lutheran Church in Craig, 580 Green St. A fund has been set up for his daughter at Mountain Valley Bank. If you would like to contribute, it is under the Kylie Plate fund.

Tommy Brister

Feb. 24, 1941 ~ Feb. 28, 2018

Tommy Brister, 77, a former resident of Grand Junction and Meeker, passed away quietly at his home in Rangely, Colo., on Feb. 28, 2018. He is survived by his wife, Angela, of Rangely, and one son, James, of Bena, Va. Cremation has taken place. No services are planned.

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26. House music
27. Between ids and super-egos
28. 100%
29. Beware of these in March
30. Shoshonean
31. \*Winningest NCAA basketball coach
32. \*Game tracker
33. Slight amount
34. One of a set of dice
35. Garlic unit
36. Curl one's lip
37. South American edible tuber
38. Curly-leaf and Plain-leaf \_\_\_
39. Mannequin Challenge state
40. Kind of nurse
41. \*Jump ball, e.g.

DOWN

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4. Brooke or John Jacob, of New York
5. Tilted
6. Head of family
7. U.N. workers' grp.
8. Chip dip
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  36. Dee of "Twisted Sister"
  37. Percy Bysshe Shelley's poem
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  52. Furnish with a fund
  53. "Bravo! Bravo!"
  54. Lush
  55. \*Top seeds in each NCAA basketball region
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**MON. MAR. 12**  
Taco Salad, Salad Bar w/ Fruit, Milk/Water  
JR/SR A LA CARTE: Ham Sandwich

Grilled Chicken/Bun, Baked Beans, Cowboy Cookie, Fresh Fruit, Zucchini Bread, Milk  
**TUES. MAR. 13**  
Macaroni & Cheese, Hot Dinner Roll, Carrots, Salad Bar w/Fruit. JR/SR A LA CARTE: Hamburgers

Pizzeria Day OR Yogurt Special, Fruit Cup, Apple Crisp, Milk  
**WEDS. MAR. 14**  
Chicken Alfredo Pasta, Hot Dinner Roll, Salad Bar w/ Fruit, Milk/Water. JR/SR A LA CARTE: Baked Potato Bar

Mac 'n' Cheese, Homemade Roll, Chef Salad w/ Dressing, Fresh Fruit, Milk  
**THURS. MAR. 15**  
Chili Dogs, Potato Chips, Salad Bar w/ Fruit, Milk/Water. JR/SR A LA CARTE: Pepperoni Pizza

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Grounded or Moved?

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

If ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the hope of the gospel, which ye have heard, and which was preached . . . (Col. 1:23)



Dr. J.D. Watson

THE word **faith** here, of course, is a noun, not a verb. Paul is not referring to the act of believing rather **the** (definite article) Christian **faith** itself, the body of revealed truth that constitutes Historical Evangelical Christianity. He encourages us with four attitudes we must have concerning that faith.

**First**, we are to be *steady*. To **continue** (*epimēnō*) simply means to stay in one place, so in this context that place is the Christian **faith**. We don't jump in and out of the **faith** or move to another for awhile and then come back to this one later. We remain always in this one, in its doctrinal truths and godly living. An authentic believer never leaves **the faith**.

**Second**, we are to be *stable*. **Grounded** is especially profound. It is *themeliōō*, which in both Classical Greek and NT Greek means to lay the foundation of anything, such as a building. It comes from the root *thēma* (English "theme"), that which is laid down in the sense of being a fundamental

Perhaps you have noticed how often the word "doctrine" has appeared in these weekly studies, about 60 times, in fact. That is not an accident, for it is the inevitable result of any sincere pursuit of biblical Truth. After all, the word "doctrine" appears no less than 45 times in the NT, 11 of which refer to Jesus' own emphasis, four to what the apostles declared in Acts, two specifically to the Apostle John, and most of the rest to the ministry of Paul. Why? Because it is the only thing that will ground us in the Truth (2 Tim. 4:2, etc.). Puritan Thomas Watson wrote, "It is the duty of Christians to be settled in the doctrine of faith. The best way for Christians to be settled is to

be well grounded. . . . As feathers will be blown every way, so will feathery Christians" (cf. Eph. 4:14-15; Titus 1:9).

**Third**, we are to be *settled*. Perhaps so there would be no mistaking his meaning, Paul adds this word, which is *hedraios*, firm, unshakable, and stable. Oh, how we need stability in the shifting sands of our wobbly world!

**Fourth**, we are to be *steadfast*. The words **moved away** translate a single Greek word (*metakinō*), which is used metaphorically here to picture wavering. The danger was the wavering that is caused by false teachers and the danger of being seduced by them. Even more subtle, however, is what we often hear nowadays from those who say that such and such a thing "moved them." There are conferences, conventions, and even churches dedicated to "moving" people emotionally through music, motivational talks, and all manner of other things. We must, therefore be ever vigilant that we are **not moved away** from the faith, away from the doctrine in which we are **grounded and settled**. Let us each ask ourselves regularly, "Am I grounded or just moved?"

**Scriptures for Study:** How do the following verses encourage us: John 8:30-32; 1 Corinthians 15:58; Ephesians 3:17?

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50 YEARS ON THE JOB ...



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**Stan Rasmussen started work on the maintenance crew for Rio Blanco County Road and Bridge in the Rangely division on March 8, 1968. He was promoted to lead operator in March 1994, and to his current position, district maintenance supervisor in January 1997. His historical knowledge of the Rangely area is invaluable. Congratulations on your 50th anniversary with Rio Blanco County, Stan!**

# Five candidates vying for three seats on Meeker Board of Trustees

By REED KELLEY  
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**MEEKER** I There are five candidates for three four-year terms on the Meeker Town Board of Trustees: incumbent Scott Creecy and challengers Joe Beck, Bob Dorsett, Pat Turner and Scott Nielsen. The board has six members plus a mayor, with three trustees and the mayor up for election every two years.

Mayor Regas Halandras is running unopposed for a third two-year term. (His interview was published last week.) The hold-over trustees whose terms will expire in 2020 are Travis Day, Wendy Gutierrez and Melissa Kindall. Current trustees Rodney Gerloff and Danny Conrado are term-limited. The Meeker Chamber of Commerce has scheduled a public forum for the five candidates on March 13 at 6 p.m. at the Fairfield Center. Candidates will each give a brief presentation and answer questions provided to them before the forum. Mail ballots are expected to go out March 14 and must be returned by April 3.

*Q. Please write a brief bio: how long in Meeker; work; experience related to town council service.*

**Beck:** I moved here with my wife and two sons in August 2006, coming in at the tail end of the boom. I was working for Exxon at the time doing fracs and completion work. Two years later, I began my career with BLM as a petroleum engineering technician providing oversight and enforcement of federal law in the oil and gas industry. You could say we moved here for a job but stuck around because this

is the community where we wanted to raise our children.

**Creecy:** I've lived in Meeker for 10 years, six of those in town. I have worked for Elk Creek Ranch that entire time. I am currently a trustee on the town board, and I sit on the board for the FACS advisory board, am a participant in the Main Street program and am a former board member of Meeker Education Foundation.

**Dorsett:** I am a Colorado native and have lived in Meeker for 35 years. I came here as a family practice physician but later transitioned to full-time teaching. Early in my career I served briefly on the town planning board and I serve presently on the Meeker School Board.

**Nielsen:** I was born in Meeker and graduated from Meeker High School. I joined the Army and left the area until 1993 when I returned to Meeker. I returned to Meeker for the hunting and fishing opportunities. In 1994 I started working for Rio Blanco County Road and Bridge Dept. where I tried to be a good public servant and save taxpayers' dollars.

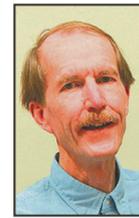
**Turner:** I was born and raised in Glenwood Springs. My wife and I and our four children moved to Meeker in 1998. I ministered in a church here from 1998-2011 and worked other jobs to make ends meet. Initially, I worked at the gravel pit and then went into building trades. In 2005, I started my own construction business. In



Joe Beck



Scott Creecy



Bob Dorsett



Scott Nielsen



Pat Turner

2012, we moved back to the Rifle area and I worked for Pepsi as a driver and then sales representative until 2016. In 2016, our family had the opportunity to buy the *Herald Times*, which we did, so we moved back to Meeker.

*Q. What is the primary reason you're interested in being a town council member and what is your definition of public service?*

**Beck:** After the boom started to fade and work was drying up, our family was faced with the decision of following the work or staying to try and make it work here. My wife and I based our decision on what would be best for our children. We found in Meeker a community of hard working, down to earth people with the core values and principles that we wanted to instill in our boys. I guess my definition of public service is pretty simple: listen to and represent the people you serve and if it isn't broke, don't try to fix it.

**Creecy:** I'm running again to see things through, to stay informed and to continue to support my community. My definition of public service is using my time to hopefully aid my fellow people in my community.

**Dorsett:** Public service is a person's best effort to foster public

safety and welfare. Public service, I believe, includes thoughtful measures to inform the public, invite open debate, and to protect the community heritage. Meeker is fortunate to have dedicated public servants on its town council, administration, staff and crews. I see a number of issues confronting the Town, and I hope this election generates useful discussion to help resolve them. Our regional environment is deteriorating, as reflected, particularly, in the poor health of the White River. That concern relates, also, to the question of economic growth. Do we want to stimulate greater tourist visitation, which would further impact the river and the Flat Tops, or do we want to try to protect our outdoor heritage?

**Nielsen:** In the last couple of years there have been a couple of issues (the Outdoor Adventure Center and establishing an Urban Renewal Authority) that I'm not sure that I agree with. Then I read an article in the local paper that said to "get engaged in local politics." So I decided that I should run for town council and if nothing else I could at least be on the front row of some of the decisions

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There are 5 candidates running for 3 open board seats, and the Mayor position: Bob Dorsett, Joseph Beck, Pat Turner, Scott Creecy, and Scott Nielsen  
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# CANDIDATES: Public forum to be held March 13 at the Fairfield Center

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being made. My definition of public service is to be a good steward of the money paid by taxpayers. Quality of life is most important. That means security, as in a well equipped police force, comfort, smooth streets, snow being plowed and clean running water which all contribute to quality of life.

**Turner:** I'm interested because I love our town and want to do what I can to make it a better place to live for everyone. Public service is doing our best to serve needs of the people individually while being diligent to make decisions that are best for the majority. Practically, it's helping people when you can with what you currently have.

**Q:** What are a few of the most concerning issues within the community you see the council needing to address?

**Beck:** During my tenure at the BLM I have seen the revenue that comes out of our county and very little of it returned. Our community lives within our means all the while pouring millions into the coffers of the Front Range where we fund programs that are not in our best interest and benefit rural communities little.

**Creedy:** The government's role in economic development, is more of a "should we or should we not," and if we should, to what extent.

**Dorsett:** I see three general issues of importance: effective governance, environment and our local economy. With regard to the first, I would encourage increased public participation and awareness, including disseminated information and public meetings early in any consideration of major development projects and followed by frequent public updates. I will encourage the council to base policy decisions on the best available evidence, not just marketing projections. Certain public safety issues, such as safe highway crossings for children, deserve immediate attention, and the town should develop a visionary strategic plan for the long term.

Our environment is at risk. We must recognize that we are a gateway to the original and perhaps last remaining relatively untrammelled wilderness in Colorado. It is our responsibility to help protect it. An immediate problem is the health of the White River, about which I make further comments below. More generally, and over the long term, the town should plan for a changing environment. Snowpack and runoff are decreasing, and we can expect greater variability in temperature and precipitation and increasingly long fire seasons with attendant deterioration of air quality, habitat and wildlife. Those will affect our agricultural base, tourism and indirectly the viability of the fossil fuels industries.

**Nielsen:** There are issues currently being addressed by the council like the recycling center, the animal control building and town shop that need completed. Another issue is trying to entice new businesses to come to Meeker and how best to do that with the least amount of money.

As I mentioned above, I didn't agree with the Adventure Center idea. I didn't think the town should loan \$2-3 million for a venture that I, as an outdoor enthusiast, thought would fail. If it were to fail, the town would own a very large, expensive, empty building. As for the URA, I think it was established without a clear objec-

tive and for now, is not needed. It is almost impossible for the taxpayers to access information on what the URA is currently doing.

**Turner:** We need to continue to address economic development and what we can do to make our community stronger financially: housing, wages, resident retention, lack of day-care providers, etc. Meeker is a relatively safe place to live and a great place to raise kids. We need to talk about how to keep that as a legacy.

**Q:** Regarding recreational marijuana: do you believe this is an issue that should be decided by ballot question or town ordinance/resolution by the board of trustees? What are the benefits and/or downsides you see to allowing marijuana businesses in Meeker?

**Beck:** If the community decides we would like to have a marijuana dispensary, I don't think the board should stand in the way of the people. We are elected to represent the people of this community, not to dictate our personal desires as law or policy. With that said, I have witnessed the beneficial use of marijuana with a member of my family who had seizures and other maladies that were aided by the use of marijuana. We had to drive to Silt to get the oils, which was inconvenient at the time, but I wouldn't try to make the town of Meeker allow marijuana sales just for my convenience. If the town decides to allow marijuana sales and a business wants to set up shop, we should not stand in the way nor should we spend taxpayer dollars to subsidize the business.

**Creedy:** I feel like it's a non-issue at this point. It hasn't come back before the board. Should it go to a vote of the people? Yes, when it is presented by a citizen. I do think town staff should explore the possibility, so that if it is presented it's not a knee-jerk reaction.

**Dorsett:** The medical evidence is clear. Marijuana use is a health risk,

especially for children and adolescents. I would oppose efforts to bring retail or marijuana grow facilities to town.

**Nielsen:** Recreational marijuana is and will be a divisive issue. I believe that it should go to a ballot of local taxpayers. The downside is it will most likely bring increased social problems like increased crime and health care. The upside is it could bring more tax dollars. I don't think it will bring tourist dollars due to the fact that Rio Blanco County is, or will soon be, surrounded by pot shops. Maybe growing operations or commercial hemp facility would be positive things to look at. Marijuana is still illegal nationally and if we were to build an economy around it and the federal government was to flex their muscles we'd lose again.

**Turner:** The ballot would probably be best to represent the desires of the majority. But if that's impractical for some reason, then I think the board should do their best to represent the views of the people. Some of the business owners I've talked to are opposed to a store in the downtown core, saying it would negatively affect their businesses. Others are in favor, if it's elsewhere in town, saying that it would help business. Many people I've talked to have very strong opinions on this subject, but not many seem to be well informed. So, I think we need to have a more in-depth discussion and decide what is best for our community in the long run. Downsides, it stinks—literally—so communities that have made it work have had to wrestle with that issue. Benefits would be financial. The people who use it do so anyway and leave town to buy it, so we lose any potential tax revenue on that as well as everything else they buy while they are out of town and that hurts our local economy.

**Q:** Regarding economic development, what do you believe is the role

of town government? For example: hiring consultants, promoting local business development and entrepreneurship, or what?

**Beck:** I think the role of government in economic development is to stay out of the way. Having witnessed the boom and bust cycle of the oil and gas industry, we see what businesses endure here. According to the census numbers in 1980 vs. 2010, we lost four people with fluctuations in-between. We have to temper growth with infrastructure. We could have a bunch of new stores show up tomorrow, but if there is no support from the community, they (the stores) will fail.

**Creedy:** I think we should constantly be supporting economic development. I do believe in bringing in an outside person because if economic development was that easy we'd already be doing it. I don't see a problem hiring a professional service to aid us.

**Dorsett:** It is a mistake to recruit outside corporate managers to stimulate the local economy. Rather, the Town should create conditions for core growth built on the skills and interests of people already in the community while protecting our community values. Broadband provides a springboard for web-based entrepreneurs including software developers, database systems, and small-scale manufacturing, e.g. of outdoor products. The town should work with our schools and community college to develop the necessary skills for a web economy; the greatest resource we have is in our own people. The town should review the purpose and composition of the Urban Renewal Authority (URA) in order to increase citizen representation and to make sure any public funds are directed to improve public services, not private development.

Most citizens of Meeker choose

to live here because we appreciate the quiet, the outdoors and the marvelous community spirit. The citizens of Meeker have generated a unique culture and heritage including the sheep dog trials, Range Call, Plein Air Art and countless other events large and small. Our community is exceptional in reaching out to help those in need. Let's plan wisely to retain those traditions and values.

**Nielsen:** I believe that the town government should explore all options for increasing economic development. I believe hiring consultants and promoting Meeker to the outside world are great ideas. I don't think that tax dollars should be spent to enrich any individual or company. Possible tax credits or other incentives might work.

**Turner:** The local government needs to make sure the town gets taken care of and continue to work to make it an excellent place to live and do business. We have lots of good ideas and intelligent people locally and we should involve them as much as possible. As well, outside resources can provide funding, help us avoid pitfalls and streamline the process. The town should do what it can to help local businesses with the understanding that strong local businesses help the town.

**Q:** Do you feel the Town should be actively involved in helping solve the concerns about water quality and algae bloom issues in the White River? How?

**Beck:** This community should be concerned with the quality of the water and algae bloom issues but ultimately it should be investigated by experts with the state and once a determination is made, the parties that created the problem should be responsible for fixing it.

**Creedy:** I feel like it is a responsibility for the town because it is one of our economic drivers. My job is supported by that river. I see the difference and hear the complaints from people who put in significant time fishing on the river.

**Dorsett:** I have helped monitor the White River for over 15 years with the River Watch program. Changing flow regimes due to cli-

mate change and development along the river upstream from Town are causing problems. Algae growth is only the most obvious sign of trouble. The Town should collaborate with the County and with landowners to effect remediation plans including cessation of insecticide spraying along the river and elimination of excess nutrients entering the river from defective septic systems, pond and field runoff and fish feeding. In particular, the town must protect its municipal water supply, which is sourced from the river.

**Nielsen:** As a fisherman and a person that drinks town water, the algae in the river is a concern to me. But I think that the EPA or state water quality is better equipped to resolve the issue. If we can determine the cause of the algae and we have a definite remedy, we should do our best to clean the river up. I would not like to spend a lot of money on possible solutions. If the cost is great we should look into grants or federal money for help to clean it up.

**Turner:** Yes, the river is one of our greatest assets. We need to be involved in the discussion, share information and have our voices heard in regard to any proposed solutions.

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## Cowboys win region, advance to 'Elite Eight'

By **BOBBY GUTIERREZ**  
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**MEEKER I** March Madness for the Meeker Cowboys boys' basketball team tips off tonight at 8:30 p.m., when the Region 5 champion Meeker Cowboys will play the Region 3 champion Highland Huskies (20-3) in the Budweiser Event Center in Loveland. For a fifth time in his 20-year coaching career in Meeker, Klark Kindler has coached a regional championship team, qualifying his team for the 2018 2A Colorado State Basketball Championships.

As Western Slope District champions, the Cowboys used their home court advantage in the Region 5 tournament they hosted and won by beating the Telluride Miners 73-42 in the first round, then defeated the Simla Cubs 56-46 in the championship game in front of a full gymnasium.

"We jumped on Telluride quickly," coach Kindler said of the first-round game, where his team took a 25-5 lead into the second quarter. "We went inside continuously and they could not guard us."

Meeker's big men, Zach Dinwiddie and Eli Newman, led the Cowboys with 22 and 19 points respectively and senior classmate Logan Hughes had 10 assists and nine points of his own against the Miners.

The Cowboys led 46-22 at half time and extended their lead by 10 more in the third quarter. Brennan Jensen finished the game with seven points against the Miners, senior Doak Mantle added six, freshman Ryan Phelan

made both of his free throws, while junior Kale Burke and senior Trapper Merrifield both scored two.

The Cowboys used their experience to beat a younger Simla team, playing the Cubs close in the first quarter then expanding their lead in the second.

"They reminded me a little of us last year in the fact they had no seniors," Kindler said. "It was tight and then we got a couple of steals and got up nine or 10 points."

The Cowboys led 12-9 after the first quarter and 29-20 at half. The Cowboys took a 10-point lead into the final period and finished the game with the same margin.

"Simla is a good, well coached team," coach Kindler said. "We had to answer a couple of runs and we did."

Mantle led the Cowboys with 15 points, including shooting six-for-six from the free-throw line, while Dinwiddie and Hughes each scored nine, Newman finished with seven, Stephen Walsh and Jensen each added five, while Phelan scored four and senior Valentin Rosas made a basket in the championship game.

Win or lose at state, the Cowboys will play a game Thursday, Friday and Saturday. A win Thursday guarantees Meeker a top-four finish. The Cowboys are on the same side of the bracket as No. 1 seeded Crowley County and No. 8 seed Sanford. Byers (No. 3) will play Ignacio (No. 6) on the bottom side of the bracket, along with No. 2 Yuma and No. 7 Ellicott.

"Highlands has some quick guards and they like to create tempo," coach Kindler said of his first round competition.



BOBBY GUTIERREZ

The Meeker boys' basketball team won the Region 5 tournament they hosted last weekend with a 56-46 championship win over the Simla Cubs to advance to the Elite Eight. The Cowboys (20-4) will play the Highland Huskies (21-3) tonight at 8:30 p.m., in the first round of the 2A Colorado State Basketball Championships in the Budweiser Event Center in Loveland, Colo. Playing on the regional championship team are: (front) Brennan Jensen, Trapper Merrifield, Cole Rogers, Valentin Rosas and Ryan Phelan. (Back) Jonathan Lopez, Kale Burke, Doak Mantle, Stephen Walsh, Eli Newman, Zach Dinwiddie, Logan Hughes and Andy Kracht. The Cowboys are coached by Klark Kindler, who has coached five state-qualifying teams in his 20-year career and is assisted by Matt Dupire and Trey Morris.



MATT SCOGGINS

The lady Panthers won the regional tournament on their home court and will be playing in Denver at the state championship tournament today. (Front) Miekka Peck, Halie Elam, Katelyn Brown, Sarah Connor and Linsley Morrill. (Back) Jeremy Lohry, Adam Dahl, Kassidee Brown, Makenza Cochrane, Phalon Osborn, Alanna Wiley, Raelynn Norman, Marlena Miller, Skylar Thacker, Kacie Lapp, Susan Gillard, Zoey Peck, Jimmy Mergelman and Danielle Dahl.

## Lady Panthers headed to state

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

**RANGELY I** The lady Panthers basketball team pulled off a couple big wins last weekend as they hosted the regional tournament. The Lady Panthers were matched up with Norwood to start and the Panthers came out swinging. In the first half, the Panthers jumped to a big 30-12 lead over Norwood. The Panthers continued to roll through the second half, never letting Norwood score double digits in any given quarter.

The lady Panthers got the players off the bench some time, playing the whole fourth quarter. The Panthers won 63-25, led by Katelyn Brown who had 24 points and Skylar Thacker who added 16. Saturday the Rangely girls met Daysprings Christian Academy for the regional championship and a state tournament spot. The game was fast from the jump, Daysprings got a little bit of a lead at the beginning, but the Panthers shot their way into the lead at the

end of the first quarter. The rest of the half would also prove to be high scoring. The lady Panthers were scoring from the post almost at will, and the Panther squad took advantage of their inside game. Going into the locker room at halftime the Panthers held a six point lead. The second half of the game was dominated by the Rangely girls, holding Daysprings to seven points in the third quarter while scoring 17.

The Panthers extended their lead through the fourth quarter until the girls off the bench were put in to finish out the game. The Panthers won 65-40, and clinched their first state tournament qualification since 2002.

The Panthers were led by Katelyn Brown who had 19 points. She was followed by her younger sister Kassidee Brown who added 16 and Skylar Thacker also had a double digit game with 12. The lady Panthers go into the state tournament the No. 3 seed, and will match up with the No. 6 Wray Eagles on Thursday, March 8 at 4 p.m.

## Lady Cowboys end season at regionals

By **BOBBY GUTIERREZ**  
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**MEEKER I** "The game was fast and exciting to the last second," Meeker girls' head coach Jamie Rogers said of the Region 7 championship game, where the lady Cowboys, for a second week in a row, lost the team title by one-point, this time to the Clear Creek Goldiggers.

"I'm so proud of our girls," coach Rogers said. "I have told them all season, they are a beautiful team. Everyone has done their job and taken care of each other."

For a second year in a row, the lady Cowboy basketball team advanced to the 2A round of Sweet 16, this year, by beating the Lyons Lions 54-36 in the first round. After a loss in the championship game, Meeker ended the season with a 18-6 record.

The lady Cowboys trailed the Lyons 9-10 at the end of the first quarter but took a 22-14 lead into the locker room at halftime. Meeker took

control in the third quarter, scoring 16 points while holding the Lions to seven, then scoring 16 more in the fourth.

"Lyons was a strong post team and bigger than anyone we had seen before," Rogers said. "The girls kept great rebounding position and didn't give their posts a lot of down low shots. We moved the ball well on offense, finding the open shots and used a lot of defensive pressure on the guards to create turnovers."

Sophomore Julia Dinwiddie scored 17 points, including nine free throws, to lead all scorers, while junior Tori Lasker scored 14 and pulled down 12 rebounds. Junior Megan Shelton added 10 points and nine rebounds, while classmates Gracie Bradfield scored 6, Kenzie Turner score four and senior Sierra Williams added three to the total.

Both teams came out shooting in the championship game, as the Cowboys took a 24-23 lead into the second period, only to be outscored by three. Meeker trailed 47-50 at the end of the third quarter and battled

hard in the fourth, outscoring the Goldiggers 12-10, to come up one point short.

"Clear Creek was a really well balanced team and they were shooting exceptionally well from the outside, then got some second attempts on offensive rebounds," coach Rogers said. "We had some big rebounds, big baskets and critical steals to make it exciting."

Dinwiddie again led the girls with 21 points, including three from behind the three-point arch. Shelton hit two, three-pointers and finished with eight. Lasker scored 15 points, had nine rebounds and five steals, while Bradfield scored six, Turner four and Williams scored five in her final high school game.

Meeker will graduate Williams, Brittney Adams and Riley Pertile this year and return with several players with two years of regional tournament experience.

"Sierra, Brittney and Riley were great senior leaders this year, each offered something unique and wonderful to our team," Rogers said.



BOBBY GUTIERREZ

The lady Cowboys loaded up on the Cowboy bus and played their final games of the season in the regional tournament held at Clear Creek High School, where they finished second to the host school and the season with an 18-6 record. Playing into the Sweet 16 round for Meeker were: (front) Tori Lasker, Matilda Brown and Ellie Anderson. (Back) Madison Kindler, Gracie Bradfield, Megan Shelton, Kenzie Turner, Julia Dinwiddie, Denise Brown, Kolbi Franklin, Sierra Williams, Riley Pertile and Makenna Burke.



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**The Barone Middle School wrestlers won four dual meets and the Gypsum Creek Dual Tournament last Saturday, beating teams from Eagle Valley, Summit, Fruita and the host team. BMS had 16 varsity wrestlers and five who wrestled on other teams and all of them won at least one match, including 35 by pinfall. The young Cowboys will wrestle in Craig today at 5 p.m., then in Oak Creek Saturday.**

## Barone wrestlers win dual meet tourney

By **BOBBY GUTIERREZ**  
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**MEEKER I** Sixteen varsity Barone Middle School wrestlers won four dual meets Saturday to win the team title for the Gypsum Creek Dual tournament. Five JV BMS wrestlers got matches by wrestling on other teams and all BMS varsity and JV wrestlers won at least one match. The young Cowboys will wrestle another dual today in Craig at 5 p.m., then wrestle in a bracketed tournament Saturday in Oak Creek.

“We wrestled extremely well and had 35 pins on the day,” coach Todd Morris said. “It was a long day but it

didn’t seem to phase the boys, they came out firing on all cylinders for each dual.”

Meeker beat Eagle Valley 77-15, then Summit 67-22 before wrestling and beating Fruita 54-38 in the semi-finals and Gypsum Creek 64-37 in the championship dual.

Trae Kennedy (80), Porter Hossack (120), Tyson Portwood (130), Kelton Turner (140), Tanner Musser (165) and Parker Pontine (185) all won four matches, as did Connor Blunt, who also lost one at 115. Rowdy Rosendahl (85), Ty Goedert (90), Kaleb Nielson (95), Kaden Franklin (100) Zagar Brown (125), Dalton Portwood (135) and

Zach Eskelson (155) all won three matches. Damon Dade (110) won two matches and varsity wrestler Robert Foster won one at 105.

Morris said Elijah LeBlanc won four matches for Steamboat Springs and the Sailors’ coach “wanted to take him home.”

Liam Deming (115) and Dagan Dade (20) both won three matches, while Ivan Carrillo (115) won two and Damick Chintala gave up 10 pounds to wrestle and still won two matches.

“We have some things to work on but we can see major improvement from week to week,” Morris said.

## Pearce undefeated for RJHS wrestling team

Special to the Herald Times

**RANGELY I** The Rangely Junior High School wrestling team had a busy week of wrestling this past week. They traveled to Meeker and had a triangular meet with both Moffat County and Meeker.

“In our first dual with Moffat County I thought we wrestled aggressively,” said coach Jeff LeBleu.

Winning matches for the Panthers were Mariah Hensen, Braxton Moore, Jaxon Torsell, Kasen LeBleu, Zane Varner and Donte Pearce.

“After a long wait the Panthers dualled Meeker and we just flat out got it handed to us. Donte Pearce was the only Panther to win his match,” LeBleu said.

Saturday the Panthers left town early and headed to Kremmling, where LeBleu said, “We wrestled much better most of the day.”

Champions Saturday were Kobey Chism (90), Donte Pearce (140) and Zane Varner (150). Pearce remains the Panthers lone undefeated wrestler, his record stands at 10-0. Placing second were Anthony Dorris (85) and Braxton Moore (95), placing third was Jaxon Torsell and placing fourth was Kasen LeBleu. Mariah Hensen (90) and Brent Cantrell (150) both were one match away from placing. Chase Dowlen (125) is a first year wrestler who works very hard in practice and is getting better each week, “Chase will be leaving us after next week, we wish him the best of luck in Kentucky and I hope he continues wrestling,” LeBleu said.

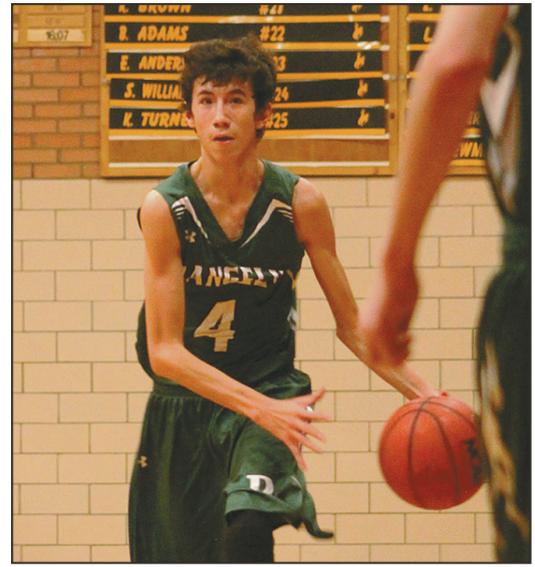
The team competes in Soroco this week and next week Rangely will host the season ending tournament. “The team would like to thank all of the parents and grandparents for traveling and supporting the team, and also to Dalton Dembowski for helping us out,” LeBleu said.

## Season ends for RHS boys with a 15-8 record

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

**RANGELY I** Rangely Panthers boys’ basketball season came to an end Friday against Simla during the regional tournament in Meeker. The game started very fast both ways, but the Simla Cubs got a four point lead early in the game. The Panthers kept their heads and started to gain on the Cubs. By the start of the second quarter, it looked like the Panthers had settled into a rhythm. Devin Ramirez hit a couple three point shots and the Panthers were scoring at will in the post.

At the end of the half, Patrick Scoggins went coast to coast for a bucket that put the Panthers up 31-28. Coming out at halftime, the game turned into a defensive battle. The game was tied at 33 until there was less than four minutes left in the third quarter and Simla started to pull away. The Panthers struggled to score, even though they were taking open shots. In the fourth quarter, Simla continued to score while the Panthers still could not seem to buy a bucket. The Panthers were only able to score nine points in the second half, leading to an eventual 40-59 loss. The Panthers were led by junior Devin Ramirez who had 13 points. He was followed by Patrick Scoggins who added 11. Doug Denison and Cameron Filfred both had six points. With this loss, the Panthers season is over. This was the first time that the Panthers had been to the regional tournament since 2014. The Panthers closed their season with an overall record of 15-8.



BOBBY GUTIERREZ

**Rangely senior Kobe Broome ended his high school basketball career in the first round of the Region 5 tournament held last weekend in Meeker, when they lost to Simla. The Panthers finished with a 15-8 record and Broome played in all 23 games, scored 334 points, including 228 of them from 76 shots taken behind three-point arch. Broome also recorded 80 assists, 63 steals and 56 rebounds in his senior season.**

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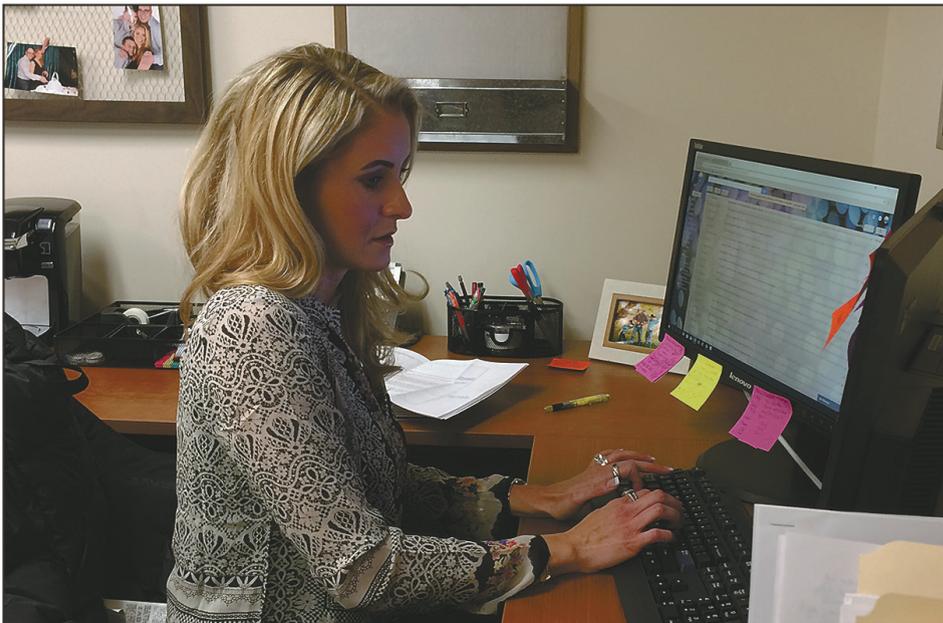
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Rachel Gates is settling in to her new role as the Rio Blanco County Planner.

NIKI TURNER

# County's new planner settles in

By NIKI TURNER  
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**RBC** It's been "about a month" since the Rio Blanco County Board of Commissioners named Rachel Gates as the new county planner. The county has contracted with Phil Vaughan of Rifle for several years to fulfill its planning needs and will retain his services as needed to assist Gates.

Gates moved to Meeker with her husband, Ty, a Meeker native and the Rio Blanco County Emergency Manager, six years ago. She holds a degree in communications from Denver University. She worked in real estate, finance and investment, and in 2012, she and Ty started 5280 Meats, supplying high quality, organic beef. All of those experiences combined give her a different perspective.

"I've been in the private sector and I can bring different ideas to the

table," she said. "Now in the public sector I'm working for the taxpayer. As a fiscal conservative, I take that very seriously."

Her real estate experience has supplied her with knowledge of master plans and zoning regulations, particularly for residential properties. For large industrial projects, she'll have access to Vaughan's expertise as needed.

"Customer service was how we set 5280 apart—not letting things fall through the cracks, answering emails, responding to phone calls, letting people know if we don't know the answer we'll find it." She intends to bring that same spirit of service to her work as planner.

"I love our community, more now than ever," she said. The last six months have been fraught with turmoil for the Gates family. Ty suffered a table saw accident to his hand, one of their children required

knee surgery, and last weekend the family's century-old barn burned to the ground. Thankfully, none of their almost 50 goats were injured, and Ty, who ran into the burning building to rescue the animals, came away unscathed. The caring and support they've received from friends and neighbors during a difficult season has fired a greater desire to give back and do well for the community.

Asked about potential conflicts of interest with both herself and her husband working for the county, Gates said she doesn't foresee a problem.

"There isn't a whole lot of crossover. He reports to the sheriff's office, I report to the commissioners."

From a personal point of view, she said, "As a team we care a lot about our entire county. We want to do well, to the very best of our ability. We don't take our responsibility lightly."

# WOOL: Wolf return just a matter of time

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monitoring here. We're 25 air miles from closest mapped herd."

Gillespie said the overall summer range for bighorns is mapped across the Flat Tops.

"Some other forests haven't taken a collaborative approach, so this is appreciated," Brown said.

The push for reintroducing wolves to western Colorado was a major topic again.

"I don't think you're going to see a lack of pushing for this to happen," said Justin Moreno from USDA

Wildlife Services. "Western Colorado is the last link from the Arctic to the southern tip of Mexico. It has as much biomass as Yellowstone did before reintroduction. If they establish here, there is no reintroduction with management authority."

Moreno urged ag producers to "get on board" with so-called "10J" designation.

"It's not a matter of if (wolves return to Colorado), it's when. It's just a matter of time whether they're established as a pair or a pack, either naturally or through designation. Going through the process of getting

a 10J designation could take 3-4 years," Moreno said.

The species of wolf being reintroduced to the North American landscape are not indigenous to the region, they're Canadian wolves, which are significantly larger than the wolves which originally inhabited Colorado.

In other business, the association will continue to sell lamb kabobs at the fair and at the Meeker Classic as fundraisers for its scholarship program, and is considering a way to add some goat meat, since the organization represents both goats and sheep.

# SCHOOL: Divided opinions on armed school officials

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Tom Allen stated, "I certainly agree that something needs to be done. I agree with all the issues in the letter. For me, it's a societal issue, it's not a gun issue. I feel better about our preparedness after having heard the discussion at the last meeting and after reading Chris's updates on what's being done in our district and identifying our weaknesses and plans to address those. Recognizing threats, to me that's the absolute crux of the matter right there. I probably

couldn't support it for those reasons. If there were something we could do as a board or something I could do personally to address the readiness I'm all over it. I'm a little uncomfortable about the political nature of the letter."

"I would hope people take time to read the references also. A lot of questions would be answered," Dorsett said, referring to the materials he put together.

Board President Bud Ridings said, "I don't think the gun's the problem. We're all spun up, the whole nation's spun up over these school shootings and I get that. I think it's important because if that was a gun laying there it's not going to do anything but lay there. It will never move unless someone picks it up and starts using it." He then touched on traffic accident statistics. "I don't think the gun's the issue. I think it's the society and that's where I'll leave it."

Dorsett countered, "The evidence is clear that it's the availability of guns, that it's the number of guns, that correlate very strongly with the numbers of deaths and injuries. Certainly those that pull the trigger, many of them are mentally incapacitated or out of their minds, but the evidence is that without the availability of guns a lot of those things would not happen."

"I can't disagree with that, not at all. Absolutely not," Ridings said. Allen added, "I'd have to say this. Legality and availability aren't necessarily coincidental."

Smith thanked Dorsett for his extensive research, but added, "It's the mentality of our society that increasingly breaks the dang law. It seems like every time we get more laws, we have to write more laws."

Dorsett concluded, "I'm fine if there's no support for it, but I really do hope people think about it and I think it is an important consideration for the community. Are we going to accept this? I don't think that's right."

"I don't think we should," Smith agreed. "We can't accept it."

This conversation then segued into school safety, with Selle touching on an upcoming threat assessment and safety plan as well as the recent success of the Safe To Tell program. The district has had more safety tips come in the past two weeks than in the past six years combined, according to Selle.

The board also discussed a potential armed school resources officer, which will cost around \$35,000 a year. Board member Kevin Amack expressed concerns. "If we have three buildings and one officer I'm a little skeptical they can respond as

quickly. I think he'd be hard pressed to be in the right place at the right time. If I knew there was one guy with one gun, I'd sneak up on him first. I'm a little skeptical."

"A psycho high school kid isn't thinking that way," Ridings countered.

"You sneak up on the guy with the gun," Amack reiterated.

"What can we do to ensure student safety? That's what we have to focus on. We can control that stuff," Selle said.

Amack asked, "How does that \$35,000 potentially compare to the cost of arming volunteer administrators or teachers?"

"Most teachers don't want the responsibility," Smith stated.

"We'd have to open that conversation up to staff," Selle added. "My guess is it's probably a five digit figure so you're not too far off."

"I'd be absolutely adamant that it be voluntary," Allen stated.

"Do we want to put our staff, even when we say it's completely voluntary, in that position?" Selle asked. "(They say) 'Just give guns to teachers.' It's not that black and white."

"I'm just skeptical that one guy in one building is going to get there any faster than a 911 call," Amack said.

Smith chimed in, "When you pull a gun on somebody you're not playing around. The mental preparations for that take a hell of a lot of training. That's not what teachers are trained to do. Teachers are trained to teach."

Amack ceded that those were good points.

deVergie added, "Presence. That's a deterrent. You gotta hope that you're gonna deter somebody and you hope it makes them think."

Allen stated he was troubled by how the shooter in Parkland got into the building with a rifle, and Selle added, "I would say our high school is a frightening building when you think of it in school safety (terms)."

Dorsett then said, "I think it would be worthwhile to inquire of the staff what they think about it also (on the resources officer and potentially arming staff)."

In other discussion, Selle reported there were currently no updates on the BEST grant, that his superintendent evaluation is in the works, and that he'd like to find a way to reallocate a small monthly health insurance subsidy received only by employees with family plans to everyone on staff, perhaps through a higher cost of living increase than the one percent originally budgeted.

The next regular board meeting is Monday, March 26.

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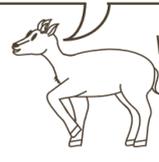


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Read a book about the science of physics!



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It's the study of the properties of the universe, such as light, electricity, magnetism and motion.



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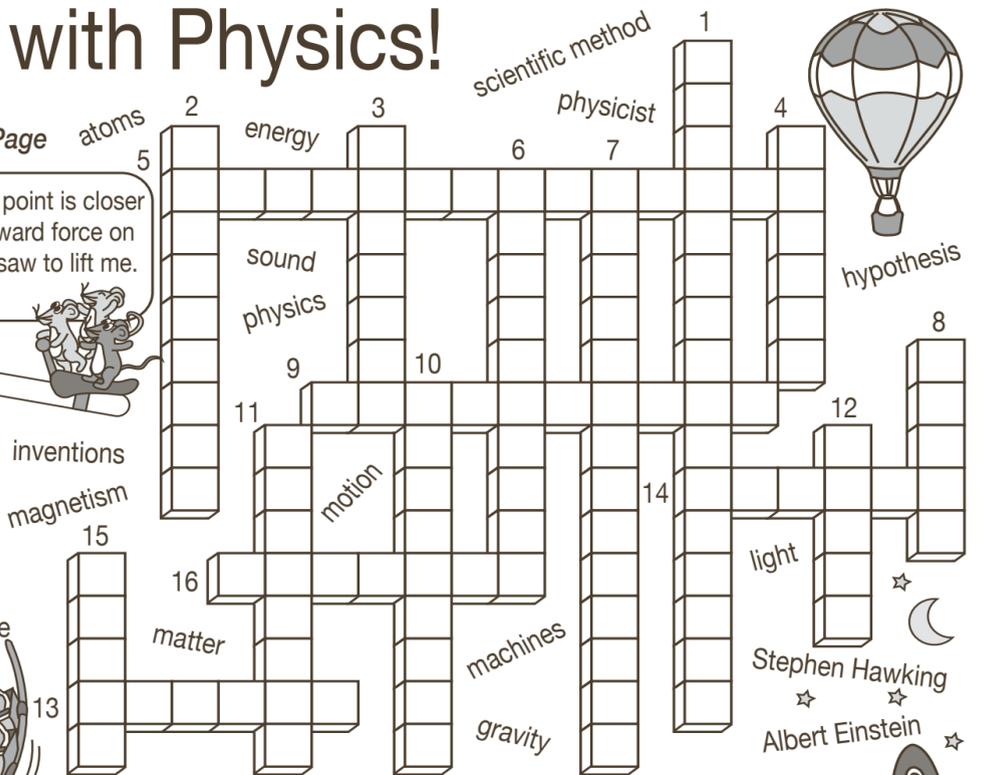
Yay! Now that the pivot point is closer to me, it takes less downward force on the mice's end of the seesaw to lift me. This is much more fun!

## Fun with Physics!

A Fun with Science Page

### Read the clues to fill in this crossword puzzle about physics:

- step-by-step process used to generate new knowledge: observe, ask a question, form a hypothesis, run experiments and gather data to test the hypothesis, study the results – and start over again
- force that pulls some metals together (or pushes them apart)
- this force pulls matter toward other matter; keeps us on Earth's surface
- matter in motion has this; can be stored too (e.g., within chemicals in a battery)
- German physicist famous for developing the theory of relativity and the equation  $E = mc^2$  (known for his "crazy" hair)
- using what we've learned from science, we create these (new equipment or systems to make lives better)
- British physicist who studies black holes; beginnings of universe
- vibrations in air pressure that your ears "hear" (slow vibrations create low-pitched noises and fast vibrations produce higher pitches)
- an "educated guess" about how something works
- scientist who uses scientific method to add to our knowledge about the universe's basic properties

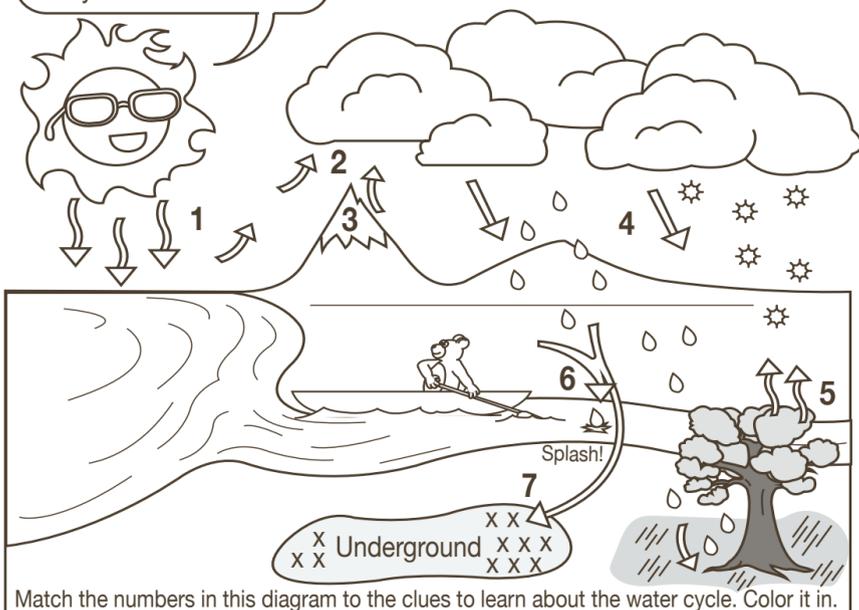


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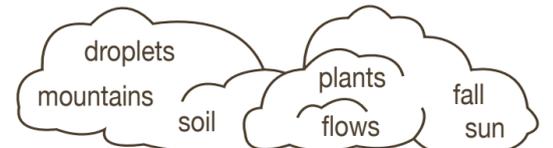
### The Water Cycle

Have you ever thought about the Earth's "water cycle"? It may seem to you that rain is "new" water, but every drop of water on Earth has already been here – it just cycles around and around. **Read the sentences below and fill in the blanks to show the main steps of the water cycle.**

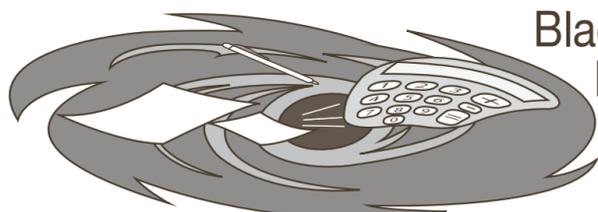
Yikes! What big words, but you can do this.



Match the numbers in this diagram to the clues to learn about the water cycle. Color it in.



- Evaporation** – the \_\_\_\_\_ heats the water in the ocean, rivers, etc. The water changes into water vapor and rises into the atmosphere.
- Condensation** – the water vapor cools and condenses, forming tiny \_\_\_\_\_. The droplets collect to form clouds or fog.
- Sublimation** – ice from polar regions and ice caps from \_\_\_\_\_ slowly change directly from ice to water vapor (skips the liquid stage).
- Precipitation** – when drops become bigger and heavier they \_\_\_\_\_ to the earth. On the way down, they may form into solids such as sleet or snow if air temperature is cold enough.
- Transpiration** – some fallen precipitation goes into the ground to be absorbed by the roots of \_\_\_\_\_; it then goes into the leaves where it is used in photosynthesis; any extra water rises from the leaves as water vapor.
- Runoff** – rain falls onto the earth, "runs" over it into brooks and rivers, then \_\_\_\_\_ into the oceans (snow can melt and do the same).
- Infiltration** – some water seeps into the \_\_\_\_\_, adding to the water table underground (this is how homes with wells get water).



### Black Holes

A black hole is formed in space when a star's gravitational pull becomes stronger than its thermal pressure (energy it produces) and the star collapses onto itself. Its gravity is so strong that nothing can escape. Scientists study black holes for many reasons, including to understand how gravity works.

Does your homework fall into a black hole sometimes?

Read each clue about black holes and then circle whether it is TRUE or FALSE:

- a black hole is created when a star changes color  
A. TRUE - the star's color turns to black  
B. FALSE - a dying star collapses to form a black hole
- the gravity of a black hole is so strong that nothing can escape, not even light  
A. TRUE - light can't escape, that's why it's "black"  
B. FALSE - gravity doesn't affect light
- scientists know everything about black holes  
A. TRUE - we know everything there is to know  
B. FALSE - black holes are still a great mystery
- In 1916, Albert Einstein predicted black holes, but they weren't observed until decades later  
A. TRUE - his theory of relativity predicted them  
B. FALSE - black holes came to him in a dream

RIO BLANCO COUNTY DAYS GONE BY

The Meeker Herald — 100 years ago

- Trot out your candidates for mayor and alderman.
- Snow is almost all gone in this section; and, unlike in other seasons, it didn't run off into the river. It went into the frost-free ground.
- Tom Ruckman of the

Park, looked the town people over, Thursday.

- Whereas complaint has been made before the Board of Trustees, that the brick public school building of School District No. 1, situated in the town of Meeker, is in an unsafe condition and whereas the School Board of said District No. 1, admit the unsafe condition and whereas there is a popular demand that said building be condemned and taken down.
- The use of tobacco by our troops in the trenches plays no small

part in the conservation of food, say Marine Corps officials here, who estimate that from 25 to 40 percent of food is saved daily in this manner. While the authorities admit the detrimental influence of narcotics, they assert that tobacco relieves the nervous tension of soldiers who are under continual shell fire.

The Meeker Herald — 50 years ago

- An attempted burglary of the First National Bank of Meeker was thwarted around midnight last night, Wednesday. The out-of-town

suspect was taken into custody and placed in county jail.

■ M.A. "Dusty" Rhodes, local angler, went fishing Sunday, and after he caught a 24-inch Brown, decided he couldn't do much better that day.

■ Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Joslin are the proud parents of an 8 lb., 5-1/2 oz. baby girl born at Pioneers Hospital, Sunday, March 3 at 7:13 a.m. They have named her Dena Ann.

■ Brick by brick the old Colorow Hotel is coming down. Built more than 60 years ago by Mr. and Mrs. John Davitt, the old

landmark was recently purchased by Independent Lumber Co., who will use the land for an extension of their lumber yard facilities on Main Street.

The Meeker Herald — 25 years ago

■ The MHS girls' basketball team will go to state, but without the company of the boys' team. The Cowgirls advanced to the state tournament quarterfinals after a 53-49 win at Eaton on Friday, while the Cowboys suffered a heartbreaking 68-65 loss to Salida on Saturday in front of a sold-out home crowd.

Rangely Times — 50 years ago

■ Walter Deacon, 58, a local rancher, was found dead early Wednesday morning by searchers in the Waterhole Canyon area south of Rangely. He had been missing since late Tuesday. Cause of death was unknown but a heart attack was indicated.

Rangely Times — 25 years ago

■ The Rangely Panther girls' team is statebound after their win this past Saturday. RHS seniors Rosa Lopez, Jamie Kurrasch, Jennifer Filener and Cori Ducey will head to the state tournament for the last games as Panthers.

■ "People, the raw material from which pilots are made, are still the most inexpensive, nonlinear, all purpose computing system capable of being mass produced by unskilled labor. They're also the hardest to program." ~Mr. Andrews of the Rangely Aerospace Department.

■ The Rangely Town Council denied a claim by Gamble's for \$511.50 for paint frozen during the extreme cold weather. Owner Ray Carnes said that about 103 gallons of paint were damaged because of improper pressure on the gas meter, which caused the furnace in his store to go out.

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**PUBLIC NOTICES**  
**Rangely Foundation for Public Giving 6:50pm**  
Town of Rangely  
March 13, 2018 - 7:00pm  
Agenda  
Rangely Board of Trustees (Town Council)  
Ann Brady, Mayor  
Andrew Shaffer, Mayor Pro Tem  
Tyson Hacking, Trustee  
Trey Robie, Trustee  
Lisa Hatch, Trustee  
Andrew Key, Trustee  
Matthew Billgren, Trustee  
1.Call to Order  
2.Roll Call  
3.Invocation  
4.Pledge of Allegiance  
5.Minutes of Meeting  
a.Approval of the minutes of the February 27, 2018 meeting  
6.Petitions and Public Input  
7.Changes to the Agenda  
8.Public Hearings - 7:15pm  
a.Public Hearing Second and Final Reading Ordinance 688 (2018) An Ordinance of the Town of Rangely, Colorado eliminating and reducing the liquor related distance restrictions imposed by C.R.S. 12-47-313, relating to schools and campuses within the Town  
9.Committee/Board Meetings  
10.Supervisor Reports - See Attached  
11.Reports from Officers - Town Manager Update  
a.Don Reed - Utilities Dept. Update  
b.Vince Wilczek - PD Update  
12.Old Business  
13.New Business  
a.Discussion and Action to approve Ordinance 688 (2018) an Ordinance of the Town of Rangely, Colorado eliminating and reducing the liquor related distance restrictions imposed by C.R.S. 12-47-313, relating to schools and campuses within the Town  
b.Discussion and Action to approve the February 2018 Check Register  
14.Informational Items  
15.Board Vacancies

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16.Scheduled Announcements  
a.Rangely District Library Board meeting March 12, 2018 at 5:00pm  
b.Rangely Junior College District Board meeting is scheduled for March 12, 2018 at 12:00pm  
c.Western Rio Blanco Park & Recreation District Board meeting March 12, 2018 at 7:00pm  
d.RDA/RDC Board meeting scheduled for March 15, 2018 at 7:30am  
e.Rural Fire Protection District Board meeting is scheduled for March 19, 2018 at 7:00pm  
f.Rio Blanco County Commissioners Board meeting is scheduled for March 19, 2018 at 11:00am  
g.Rangely Chamber of Commerce Board meeting is scheduled for March 22, 2018 at 12:00pm  
h.Rangely School District Board meeting is scheduled for March 27, 2018 at 6:15pm  
i.Community Networking Meeting is scheduled for March 27, 2018 at 12:00 noon.  
j.Rangely District Hospital board meeting is scheduled for March 29, 2018 at 6:00pm  
k.Rio Blanco Water Conservancy District Board meeting is scheduled for March 28, 2018 at 7:00pm  
l.Adjournment  
Published: March 8, 2018  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME**  
In the Matter of the Petition of:  
**Angel Brianna Hall Case No. 18C3**  
Public Notice is given on February 20, 2018 that a Petition for a Change of Name of an Adult has been filed with the Rio Blanco County Court. The Petition requests that the name of Angel Brianna Hall be changed to Eowyn Brianna Larson SUSAN MILLS Clerk of Court (SEAL)  
Joan Gibson  
Deputy Clerk  
Published: March 1, 8, 15, 2018  
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**MEEKER SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1**  
**Board of Education Special Board Meeting**  
555 Garfield Street, Meeker, CO 81641  
March 12, 2018 - 6:00 p.m.  
1. Call to Order and Roll Call  
2. Pledge of Allegiance: Mr. Ridings will lead the Pledge of Allegiance  
3. Welcome of Guests  
4. Approval of Agenda  
General Public Comment Session: (comments limited to three minutes)  
Action Items:  
1. Acceptance: Bond Election Public Policy Services Agreement  
2. Acceptance: Bond Election Underwriting Engagement Agreement  
Other BOE Information  
Executive Session (if needed)  
Adjournment  
Published: March 8, 2018  
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**A CALL FOR NOMINATIONS (NOTICE BY PUBLICATION OF)**  
§1-13.5-501, 1-13.5-1102(3), 32-1-905(2), C.R.S.  
TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, and, particularly, to the electors of the Mesa View Estates Water District II of Rio Blanco County, Colorado.  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an election will be held on the 8th day of May, 2018, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. At that time, 3 directors will be elected to serve 4-year terms, and 2 directors will be elected to serve 2-year terms. Eligible electors of the Mesa View Estates Water District II interested in serving on the board of directors may obtain a Self-Nomination and Acceptance form from the District Designated Election Official (DEO):  
Mike Mungas  
439 Agency Drive  
Meeker, CO 81641  
(970) 379-8857  
The Office of the DEO is open on the following

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days: Mon-Sat from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.  
The deadline to submit a Self-Nomination and Acceptance is close of business on March 2, 2018. If the DEO determines that a Self-Nomination and Acceptance form is not sufficient, the eligible elector who submitted the form may amend the form once, at any time, prior to 3:00 p.m. on the day of the deadline.  
Affidavit of Intent To Be A Write-In-Candidate forms must be submitted to the office of the designated election official by the close of business on Monday, March 5, 2018.  
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, an application for an absentee ballot shall be filed with the designated election official no later than the close of business on Friday, March 2, 2018.  
Mike Mungas  
Designated Election Official Signature  
Published: March 1 & 8, 2018  
Rio Blanco Herald Times  
**NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**  
**Meeker Trails / China Wall System Expansion**  
**A Public Works Project**  
**Eastern Rio Blanco Metropolitan Recreation and Park District**  
101 Ute Road  
Meeker, Colorado 81641  
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Eastern Rio Blanco Metropolitan Recreation and Park District ("ERBM"), a political subdivision of the State of Colorado, is inviting proposals from qualified General Contractors for the Meeker Trails/China Wall System Expansion located on Bureau of Land Management ("BLM") managed parcel named Lobo Mountain-Lion Canyon-China Wall. Qualified contractors must submit their bid proposals before 5pm on March 16th, 2018, at ERBM's administrative office located at 101 Ute Road, Meeker, Colorado 81641; or via email at Sean@ERBMrec.com. Bids must be clearly marked "Meeker Trails/China Wall System Expansion". This is a guaranteed maximum price construction

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project. The project is comprised of approximately 4.54-miles of new trail construction over mountainous terrain as approved in the BLM-White River Field Office Environmental Assessment and corresponding Decision Record and Finding of No Significant Impact documents. The approved trail corridor is 50 feet wide from either side of the mapped trails. Trail construction will not commence before July 15th, 2018. A copy of the full scope of work documents, maps, and Owner-Contractor Agreement template can be found at www.ERBMrec.com.  
ERBM reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids. Each proposal shall be reviewed and considered consistent to adopted ERBM Fiscal Policies and Procedures.  
Publish March 1st and March 8th, 2018  
Rio Blanco Herald Times  
**RIO BLANCO COUNTY**  
**NOTICE OF ROAD VACATION HEARING**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado will conduct a public hearing on the 19th day of March, 2018 at 1:15PM at the Rio Blanco County Annex Building located at 17497 Highway 64 in Rangely, Colorado for the purpose of considering and acting upon a petition it received calling for the vacation of the following described road:  
That Portion of Rio Blanco County Road 84 described below  
All persons interested in this matter are encouraged to attend the hearing.  
The tracts of land through which said road passes and owners and occupants thereof, as nearly as can be determined are as follows:  
Owner Shirley F. Cox  
Description of County Road to be considered for Vacation  
All that portion of Rio Blanco County Road No. 84, lying in Section 30, T2S, R94W of the 6th P.M., Rio Blanco County, Colorado.  
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**TOWN OF MEEKER, COLORADO**  
**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS FOR THE ANNEXATION AND INITIAL ZONING OF BELLAND/FITZGIBBONS ANNEXATION**  
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN of a public hearing before the Meeker Planning Commission (April 2nd) and Meeker Board of Trustees (April 3rd) at the following time and place:  
Planning Commission meeting 2nd day of April 2018  
Board of Trustees meeting 3rd day of April 2018

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7:00 P.M.  
Meeker Town Hall  
345 Market Street  
Meeker, Colorado  
The hearing is for the purpose of taking public comment on a Petition for Annexation of property known as Belland/Fitzgibbons Annexation which has been presented to the Town Board of the Town of Meeker, Colorado and found to be in apparent compliance with the applicable provisions of law. The Town Board has adopted a Resolution setting a public hearing to be held to determine if the proposed annexation complies with the applicable requirements of law. The Applicants have additionally requested a zoning designation as Highway Commercial (HC).  
Any person may appear at the hearing and present evidence upon any matter to be considered by the Board or Commission.  
Lisa Cook, CMC  
Town Clerk  
Published in the Rio Blanco Herald Times on:  
First Publication: March 1, 2018  
Second Publication: March 8, 2018  
Third Publication: March 15, 2018  
Fourth Publication: March 22, 2018  
Rio Blanco Herald Times  
**NOTICE OF CANCELLATION and CERTIFIED STATEMENT OF RESULTS §1-13.5-513(6), 32-1-104, 1-11-103(3) C.R.S.**  
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 8, 2018 is hereby canceled pursuant to section 1-13.5-513(6) C.R.S.  
The following candidates are hereby declared elected:  
There were no candidates.  
Gail Frantz  
(Signature of the Designated Election Official)  
Gail Frantz  
(DEO's Printed Name)  
Contact Person for the District: Gail Frantz-Telephone Number of the District: 970-878-4158  
Address of the District: PO Box 417, 265 8th Street, Meeker, CO  
District Facsimile Number: 970-878-5988  
District Email: gail@meekersanitation.org  
Published: March 8, 2018  
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Public Notice

A public hearing has been scheduled for March 20, 2018 at 7:00 pm at the Meeker Town Hall, 345 Market Street, to consider a request by Meeker Lions Club, for a Special Event Liquor License for the following at 200 Main Street, Meeker CO; April 14, 2018 from 4:00pm to 12:00 am After Birth Ball – Fundraiser for Meeker FFA Club § Kathleen Sizemore Liquor Clerk Published: March 8, 2018 Rio Blanco Herald Times

NOTICE OF CANCELLATION and CERTIFIED STATEMENT OF RESULTS

§1-13.5-513(6), §2-1-104, 1-11-103(3) C.R.S. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the Mesa View Estates Water District II, Rio Blanco County, Colorado, that at the close of business on the sixty-third day before the election, there were no 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 8, 2018 is hereby canceled pursuant to section 1-13.5-513(6) C.R.S.

The following candidates are hereby declared elected: Ronald K Spencer - Chair (4 year term) until May, 2022. Mike Mungas (4 year term) until May, 2022. Gene Mintz (4 year term) until May, 2022. Steve Wix (2 year term) until May, 2020. Terrell Matlock (2 year term) until May, 2020. Mike Mungas (Signature of the Designated Election Official) Mike Mungas (DEO's Printed Name) Contact Person for the District: Gloria Mintz Telephone Number of the District: (970) 878-4225 Address of the District: PO Box 2325, Meeker, CO 81641 District Facsimile Number: NA District Email: hughmungas1@msn.com Published: March 8, 2018 Rio Blanco Herald Times

RIO BLANCO COUNTY

NOTICE OF ROAD VACATION HEARING NOTICE IS HEARBY GIVEN that the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado will conduct a public hearing on the 19th day of March, 2018 at 1:15PM at the Rio Blanco County Annex Building located at 17497 Highway 64 in Rangely, Colorado for the purpose of considering and acting upon a petition it received calling for the vacation of the following described road:

That Portion of Rio Blanco County Road 60 described below All persons interested in this matter are encouraged to attend the hearing. The tracts of land through which said road passes and owners and occupants thereof, as nearly as can be determined are as follows: Owner Shirley F. Cox, Wade Ray Cox Description of County Road to be considered for Vacation All that portion of Rio Blanco County Road No. 60, lying in the NW1/4SE1/4 and the SW1/4NE1/4 of Section 36, T2S, R95W of the 6th P.M., Rio Blanco County, Colorado. Published Date: 3/8/2018 Rio Blanco Herald Times

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Registers February 2018. Consent 2c\_ Motor Vehicle Publication Report February 2018. Consent 2d\_ Treasurer's Publication List February 2018. Consent 2e\_ Treasurer's Monthly Report February 2018. Consent 3\_ Approval of Bureau of Land Management Form 299, Right of Way Application for 145 miles of existing BLM Routes, with a width of 50 feet for the Wagon Wheel West Project. Consent 4\_ Approval of Contract Modification No. 1 to the Agreement between the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado and Frontier Paving, Inc. adding anti-strip additive to the asphalt material, increasing the not to exceed amount by \$17,206.56 to \$1,602,783.06. Consent 5\_ Approval of a letter from the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado to Representative Bob Rankin supporting HB18-1249 concerning the distribution of Anvil Points Federal Mineral Lease funds to local governments of impact. Consent 6\_ Approval of 2018 Kum & Go Fermented Mall Beverage License #2925. Consent 7\_ Approval of Contract Modification No. 2 to the Agreement between the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco, Colorado and Phil Vaughan Construction Management Inc. correcting the not exceed amount by \$91.00 to \$51,323.00. Consent 8\_ Approval of Contract Modification No. 1 to the agreement between the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco, Colorado and ValueWest, Inc. correcting the start date from January 1, 2017 to January 1, 2018 and the completion date from December 31, 2017 to December 31, 2018 with no change in the not to exceed amount. Consent 9\_ Approval of the execution by the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado of the Programmatic Agreement between the Bureau of Land Management – White River Field Office and the Colorado State Historic Preservation Office regarding the Wagon Wheel West Trail System in Rio Blanco and Moffat Counties, Colorado. Consent 10\_ Approval of Contract Modification No. 1 to the agreement between the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado and Oldcastle SW Group, Inc. dba United Companies, for the 2018 Chip Seal Project, increasing project length by 3.36 miles on County Road 5, increasing the contract completion date from June 8, 2018 to June 13, 2018, and increasing the not to exceed amount by \$87,624.70 to \$833,510.70. Consent 11\_ Approval of the Permission Letter from the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado to the Mayor and Board of Trustees of the Town of Meeker authorizing the Lions Club to provide malt, vinous, and spirituous liquor on April 14, 2018, at the Fairfield Community Center for the Afterbirth Ball. Consent 12\_ Approval of a letter from the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado to Jeffrey P. Ackerman, Chairman of the Colorado Public Utilities Commission, in support of Northwest Colorado as a viable location for the upcoming decision on the Xcel Energy natural gas electric generation facility location. Consent 13\_ Approval of a support letter from the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado to Patrick Waggoner, with the US Economic Development Administration, in support of the Associated Governments of Northwest Colorado pursuing regional designation for an Economic Development District by the Economic Development Administration. Consent 14\_ Approval of Meeker Airport annual Stormwater report for 2017. Consent 15\_ Approval of Rangely Airport annual Stormwater report for 2017.

BUSINESS: Business 1\_ Move to approve/deny the Notice of Final Contractor Settlement between the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco, Colorado and Long Wave Inc. and Advanced Wireless Solutions, Inc. for the Rio Blanco County's Primary Tower Construction Project in an amount not exceed \$224,258.00. BID OPENINGS: Bid Opening 1\_ None. BID AWARDS: Bid Award 1\_ Move to award the Rio Blanco County Senior Transport Rebid to \_\_\_\_\_, in the amount not to exceed \$\_\_\_\_\_.

MCA's, CONTRACTS AND AGREEMENTS: MCA 1\_ Move to approve/deny an Agreement for services between the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado and Van Diest Supply Company, for the 2018 Rio Blanco County Weed and Pest Herbicides Project in an amount not to exceed \$116,749.44. MCA 2\_ Move to approve/deny an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado and the State of Colorado, Department of Higher Education, by and through the State Board for Community Colleges and Occupations Education, for the use and benefit of Northwestern Colorado Community College for joint funding and cooperation in providing services and functions at Columbine Park. MCA 3\_ Move to approve/deny an Agreement between the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado for the use and benefit of the Rio Blanco County Sheriff's Office and Axon Enterprises, Inc. for the resupplying of Taser cartridges and batteries on an Unlimited Cartridge Plan, in an amount not to exceed \$12,600.00. MCA 4\_ Move to approve/deny the 2018 Rio Blanco County Annual Operating Plan between the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco, Colorado, the Colorado Division of Fire Prevention and Control Regional Fire Management, United States Forest Service-White River National Forest, United States Forest Service-Medicine Bow-Rout National Forest, Bureau of Land Management and the National Park Service – Dinosaur National Monument.

RESOLUTIONS: Resolution 1\_ Move to approve/deny Resolution No. 2018-08, a resolution of the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado establishing a Road Improvement Fee made necessary by new natural resource development in Rio Blanco County. OTHER BUSINESS: Road and Bridge Report - Dave Morlan Public Comment County Commissioners Updates RECONVENE AT 1:15 PM - PUBLIC HEARINGS: Public Hearing 1\_ 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

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continued if the Board is unable to complete the Agenda as scheduled. The next regular Board meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, March 19, 2018, in the Rio Blanco County Annex Building, 17497 Highway 64 in Rangely, Colorado 81648. Please check the County's website for information at http://www.rbc.us/departments/commissioners. If you need special accommodations please call 970-878-9431 in advance of the meeting so that reasonable accommodations may be made. Published: March 8, 2018 Rio Blanco Herald Times

PUBLIC NOTICE TOWN OF MEEKER MUNICIPAL ELECTION APRIL 3, 2018 NOTICE TO VOTERS

To be eligible to vote in the Municipal Election, you must be a U.S. citizen, at least eighteen years of age, a resident of the Town of Meeker and have resided in the State of Colorado twenty-two (22) days prior to the date of the election. You may register to vote online at www.govote-colorado.com prior to March 14, 2018 and afterwards at Town Hall, 345 Market Street, Meeker, CO or at the County Clerk's office, Rio Blanco County Courthouse, 555 Main Street, Meeker, CO during regular business hours. Dated this 1st Day of February 2018. TOWN OF MEEKER By: Lisa Cook, Town Clerk Publication Date: March 1st and March 8th, 2018 Published in: Rio Blanco Herald Times

NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS ERBM Meeker Recreation Center Parking Lot Asphalt Project A Public Works Project Eastern Rio Blanco Metropolitan Recreation and Park District 101 Ute Road Meeker, Colorado 81641

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Eastern Rio Blanco Metropolitan Recreation and Park District ("ERBM"), a political subdivision of the State of Colorado, is inviting proposals from qualified General Contractors for the Meeker Recreation Center Asphalt Project, located at 101 Ute Rd. in Meeker, Colorado. Contractors must submit their bid proposals before 5pm on Friday, March 30th, 2018 at ERBM's administrative office located at 101 Ute Road, Meeker, Colorado 81641; or via email at rodney@ERBMrec.com. Bids must be clearly marked "Meeker Recreation Center Parking Lot Asphalt". A pre-bid walkthrough of the site is highly recommended and can be scheduled by contacting Rodney Gerloff at 970-878-7420. This is a guaranteed maximum price construction project. Bids shall designate separate costs for: (1) milling and overlay of upper parking lot (19,196 square feet); (2) milling and overlay of facility drive (11,263 square feet); and, (3) crack spot milling and overlay of lower parking lot. Construction timing to be negotiated with contractor, ideal schedule to include recreation center maintenance week closure May 9th – 13th. ERBM reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids. Each proposal shall be reviewed and

considered consistent to adopted ERBM Fiscal Policies and Procedures. A copy of the Request for Proposal and Owner-Contractor Agreement template can be found at www.ERBMrec.com. Published March 8th, 15th, 22nd, 2018 Rio Blanco Herald Times

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PUBLIC NOTICE TOWN OF MEEKER MUNICIPAL MAIL BALLOT ELECTION April 3, 2018 TO THE ELECTORS OF THE TOWN OF MEEKER, COLORADO: NOTICE is hereby given that a regular municipal election for the Town of Meeker will be held on Tuesday, April 3, 2018 between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. The polling place for all electors of the Town for the election shall be at the Town Hall, 345 Market Street, Meeker, Colorado: The following town officers will be elected at such election: a Mayor (two-year term), and three members of the Town Board of Trustees (four-year term). The following are the candidates to be voted upon and their terms of office:

MAYOR Two-year term Candidate One Position REGAS K. HALANDRAS BOARD OF TRUSTEES Four-year term Candidates Three Positions SCOTT CREECY SCOTT B. NIELSEN BOB DORSETT JOSEPH BECK PAT TURNER

Qualifications for persons to vote in the Municipal Election are: attain the age of eighteen (18) years on the date of the election; be a citizen of the United States; a resident of the State of Colorado and the Town of Meeker twenty-two days prior to the date of the election, and registered to vote within the Town of Meeker. A completed mail ballot package or replacement ballot package may be returned by US mail by affixing the proper postage or by walk-in at Town Hall, 345 Market Street, Meeker, Colorado on any regular business day between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., except for Election Day, April 3, 2018, then between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have here unto set my hand and official seal at Meeker, Colorado on this 1st day of February 2018. By: LISA COOK, Town Clerk PUBLISHED: March 8, 2018 and March 15, 2018 Published in: The Rio Blanco Herald Times

RIO BLANCO COUNTY 2018 CATTLEGUARDS AND WINGS REQUEST FOR BID PROJECT NAME

2018 Cattleguards and Wings. THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF RIO BLANCO COUNTY is soliciting bids for supplying 21 each 16-foot Cattleguard Sections and 15 pair of Cattleguard Wings. BID DOCUMENTS Bid Documents shall be available March 1, 2018 at the Rio Blanco County Road and Bridge Dept., 570 Second St., Meeker, CO 81641, at www.rbc.

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us, Public Announcements Page, and www.gov-bids.com/scripts/co1/public/home1.asp. COUNTY REPRESENTATIVE Clint Chappell, Road & Bridge Coordinator, (970) 878-9590, Fax (970) 878-3396. Any questions regarding this bid are to be directed in writing to Clint Chappell before Tuesday, March 20, 2018 at 4:00 P.M. at the above fax number.

DELIVERY AND PAYMENT Material shall be delivered by May 25, 2018. Alternate delivery schedules will be considered. Bid price shall be F.O.B. Meeker, Colorado. Payment shall not be made upon delivery. The county's regular accounts payable schedule shall be followed.

BID SUBMITTALS Bids shall have Vendor's name and address and "2018 Cattleguards and Wings Bid" written on the sealed envelope. Mailed bids are due no later than 4:00 P.M. on Friday, March 23, 2018. Do not depend on overnight delivery. Hand-delivered bids will be accepted until 11:00 A.M. on Monday, March 26 (date of bid opening). Mailing and hand-delivery address: Rio Blanco County Commissioners, P.O. Box i, 555 Main St., 3rd Floor BOCC Meeting Room, Meeker, CO 81641.

BID OPENING Bids shall be opened and read in public at 11:15 A.M. on Monday, March 26, 2018 at the Commissioners' Meeting Room, 555 Main St., 3rd Floor BOCC Meeting Room, Meeker, CO 81641. Bids submitted after 11:00 A.M. shall be returned unopened. Bids submitted and opened shall not be withdrawn for 30 days thereafter.

BID AWARD The Rio Blanco County Board of County Commissioners reserve the right to reject any or all bids; to waive any informalities in bids; and to accept the bid that, in the opinion of the Board, is in the best interest of the County of Rio Blanco, State of Colorado. RIO BLANCO COUNTY Dated: February 26, 2018 By: Shawn Bolton, Chairman Published: March 1, & March 8, 2018 Rio Blanco Herald Times

NOTICE OF FILING OF VERIFIED SUPPLEMENTAL PETITION TO DETERMINE HEIRSHIP AND NOTICE OF HEARING IN THE MATTER OF THE DETERMINATION OF HEIRS OR DEVISEES OR BOTH, AND OF INTERESTS IN PROPERTY, OF LU DICK, a/k/a LUCIUS A. DICK, Deceased; RUTH ROBERTS DICK, Deceased; ARCHIBALD E. ROBERTS, a/k/a ARCHIBALD EDWARD ROBERTS, Deceased; and DORIS W. ROBERTS, a/k/a DORIS WHITE ROBERTS, Deceased. District Court, Rio Blanco County, Colorado 455 Main Street PO Box 1150 Meeker, CO 81641 (970) 878-5622, Option 1 Case # 2017PR30017 To All Interested Persons: This Notice of Hearing is filed pursuant to C.R.S.

COMBINED NOTICE - MAILING

CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 17-24 To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust: On December 28, 2017, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Rio Blanco records. Original Grantor(s)

Original Beneficiary(ies) Current Holder of Evidence of Debt

Date of Deed of Trust County of Recording Recording Date of Deed of Trust Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/Page No.) Original Principal Amount Outstanding Principal Balance Pursuant to CRS §38-38-101(4)(i), you are hereby notified that the covenants of the deed of trust have been violated as follows: failure to pay principal and interest when due together with all other payments provided for in the evidence of debt secured by the deed of trust and other violations thereof. THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN. LOT 24 BLOCK 4 SAGEWOOD WEST SUBDIVISION ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED JUNE 27, 1979 AS RECEPTION NO. 189097 TOWN OF RANGELY, COLORADO Also known by street and number as: 881 HalfTurn Road, Rangely, CO 81648. THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED OF TRUST.

THE CURRENT HOLDER OF THE EVIDENCE OF DEBT SECURED BY THE DEED OF TRUST, DESCRIBED HEREIN, HAS FILED NOTICE OF ELECTION AND DEMAND FOR SALE AS PROVIDED BY LAW AND IN SAID DEED OF TRUST. THEREFORE, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT I WILL AT PUBLIC AUCTION, AT 10:00 A.M. ON WEDNESDAY, 05/02/2018, AT OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC TRUSTEE, RIO BLANCO COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 555 MAIN STREET, MEEKER CO 81641, SELL TO THE HIGHEST AND BEST BIDDER FOR CASH, THE SAID REAL PROPERTY AND ALL INTEREST OF THE SAID GRANTOR(S), GRANTOR(S)'S HEIRS AND ASSIGNS THEREIN, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING THE INDEBTEDNESS PROVIDED IN SAID EVIDENCE OF DEBT SECURED BY THE DEED OF TRUST, PLUS ATTORNEYS' FEES, THE EXPENSES OF SALE AND OTHER ITEMS ALLOWED BY LAW, AND WILL ISSUE TO THE PURCHASER A CERTIFICATE OF PURCHASE, ALL AS PROVIDED BY LAW. First Publication 3/8/2018 Last Publication 4/5/2018 Name of Publication Rio Blanco Herald Times

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

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

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

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

Colorado Attorney General 1300 Broadway, 10th Floor Denver, Colorado 80203 (800) 222-4444 www.coloradoattorneygeneral.gov Federal Consumer Financial Protection Bureau P.O. Box 4503 Iowa City, Iowa 52244 (855) 411-2372 www.consumerfinance.gov

DATE: 12/29/2017 Karen Arnold, Public Trustee in and for the County of Rio Blanco, State of Colorado By: Karen Arnold, Public Trustee The name, address, business telephone number and bar registration number of the attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is: Courtney Wright #45482 Eve Grina #43658 Holly Shilliday #24423 Jennifer Cruseturner #44452 Jennifer Rogers #34682 McCarthy & Holthus, LLP 7700 E Arapahoe Road, Suite 230, Centennial, CO 80112 (877) 369-6122 Attorney File # 17-801548 The Attorney above is acting as a debt collector and is attempting to collect a debt. Any information provided may be used for that purpose. ©Public Trustees' Association of Colorado Revised 1/2015

COMBINED NOTICE - MAILING

CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 17-23 To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust: On December 12, 2017, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Rio Blanco records. Original Grantor(s)

Original Beneficiary(ies) Current Holder of Evidence of Debt

Date of Deed of Trust County of Recording Recording Date of Deed of Trust Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/Page No.) Original Principal Amount Outstanding Principal Balance Pursuant to CRS §38-38-101(4)(i), you are hereby notified that the covenants of the deed of trust have been violated as follows: failure to pay principal and interest when due together with all other payments provided for in the evidence of debt secured by the deed of trust and other violations thereof. THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN. LOT 42 HILLCREST SUBDIVISION ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED SEPTEMBER 3, 1974 AS RECEPTION NO. 162563 TOWN OF RANGELY, COLORADO. Also known by street and number as: 230 RIDGE RD, RANGELY, CO 81648. THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED OF TRUST.

THE CURRENT HOLDER OF THE EVIDENCE OF DEBT SECURED BY THE DEED OF TRUST, DESCRIBED HEREIN, HAS FILED NOTICE OF ELECTION AND DEMAND FOR SALE AS PROVIDED BY LAW AND IN SAID DEED OF TRUST. THEREFORE, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT I WILL AT PUBLIC AUCTION, AT 10:00 A.M. ON WEDNESDAY, 04/11/2018, AT OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC TRUSTEE, RIO BLANCO COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 555 MAIN STREET, MEEKER CO 81641, SELL TO THE HIGHEST AND BEST BIDDER FOR CASH, THE SAID REAL PROPERTY AND ALL INTEREST OF THE SAID GRANTOR(S), GRANTOR(S)'S HEIRS AND ASSIGNS THEREIN, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING THE INDEBTEDNESS PROVIDED IN SAID EVIDENCE OF DEBT SECURED BY THE DEED OF TRUST, PLUS ATTORNEYS' FEES, THE EXPENSES OF SALE AND OTHER ITEMS ALLOWED BY LAW, AND WILL ISSUE TO THE PURCHASER A CERTIFICATE OF PURCHASE, ALL AS PROVIDED BY LAW. First Publication 2/15/2018 Last Publication 3/15/2018 Name of Publication Rio Blanco Herald Times

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

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

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

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

Colorado Attorney General 1300 Broadway, 10th Floor Denver, Colorado 80203 (800) 222-4444 www.coloradoattorneygeneral.gov Federal Consumer Financial Protection Bureau P.O. Box 4503 Iowa City, Iowa 52244 (855) 411-2372 www.consumerfinance.gov

DATE: 12/13/2017 Karen Arnold, Public Trustee in and for the County of Rio Blanco, State of Colorado By: Karen Arnold, Public Trustee The name, address, business telephone number and bar registration number of the attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is: Lauren Tew #54041 Monica Kadmas #34904 Nichole Williams #49611 Randall M. Chin #31149 Weldon P. Phillips, Jr #31827 Barrett Frappier & Weisserman, LLP 1199 Bannock Street, Denver, CO 80204 (303) 350-3711 Attorney File # 6800502 The Attorney above is acting as a debt collector and is attempting to collect a debt. Any information provided may be used for that purpose. ©Public Trustees' Association of Colorado Revised 1/2015

PUBLIC NOTICES

§15-12-1303. The Petitioner is Christopher C. Roberts, 7588 Greenough Road, Falcon CO 80831. The property, located in Rio Blanco County, Colorado, is as follows: 2.50% perpetual non-participating royalty interests in the following-described real property situated in Rio Blanco County, Colorado: Township 2 North, Range 97 West, 6th P.M.: Section 36: Lot 8 of Resurvey Tract 49, Rio Blanco County, Colorado Decedent Lu Dick passed away on April 21, 1957. Ruth Roberts Dick passed away on October 11, 1980. Archibald E. Roberts passed away on July 25, 2006. Doris W. Roberts passed away on October 26, 2015.

The individuals named in the Verified Supplemental Petition to Determine Heirship as having an interest in the above-described royalty interests are as follows: Guy A. Roberts, 5567 Seven Lakes West, West End NC 27376 (1/3 interest); Charles R. Grey, 2802 SW Beaverton Hillsdale Hwy, Apt. B, Portland OR 97239 (1/3 interest); and Christopher C. Roberts, 7588 Greenough Road, Falcon CO 80831 (1/3 interest). These individuals are the grandsons of Lu Dick and Ruth Roberts Dick, and the children of Archibald E. Roberts and Doris W. Roberts.

Should you object to the relief sought in the Verified Supplemental Petition to Determine Heirship, you must file an Answer to the same within thirty-five days of the date of the publication of this Notice, in any event, no later than the date set herein for the Hearing scheduled in this matter. All objections to the Verified Supplemental Petition to Determine Heirship must be filed in writing with the Court and the appropriate filing fee must be paid within the time period for answering. All objections to the Petition must be served on the Petitioner, Christopher C. Roberts, through his attorney at the address set forth below. The hearing will be limited to the objections timely filed and the parties timely answering the Verified Supplemental Petition to Determine Heirship. If no objections are timely filed and served as specified in this Notice of Hearing, the Court may enter a decree without a hearing.

A hearing on the Verified Supplemental Petition to Determine Heirship will be held at the following date, time, and location: Date: April 20, 2018 Time: 3:00 p.m. Courtroom/Division: B Address: 455 Main Street, Meeker, CO 81641 Respectfully submitted this 2nd day of March, 2018 by: John D. Aylward Attorney for Petitioner 417 W. Mountain Avenue Fort Collins CO 80521 Telephone: 970-493-6556 Facsimile: 970-493-6928 E-mail: johnaylward@msn.com Atty. Reg. #: 7471 Publish: March 8, 15, 22, 2018 Rio Blanco Herald Times



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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

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

**SAFEHOUSE**

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

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

Holy Family Catholic Church St. Patrick's Day dinner will be March 25 this year. 3/8-3/15

**MEEKER STREAKER MONTHLY SCHEDULE**  
March 2018

NOTE: Please schedule out-of-town appointments before 2:00 PM and call-in advance to set up all medical appointment rides. 970-878-9368 or Cell# 970-456-7701. Activities are subject to change. Bus available on dates noted below:  
3/8 - Bus in town/Rifle trip  
3/9 - Bus in town  
3/10 - No bus  
3/11 - AM bus  
3/12 - Bus in town  
3/13 - Bus in town  
3/14 - Bus in town/BP Clinic  
3/15 - Bus in town/Grand Jet medical  
3/16 - Bus in town  
3/17 - No bus  
3/18 - AM bus  
3/19 - bus in town  
3/20 - Bus in town  
3/21 - Bus in town  
3/22 - Bus in town/Craig trip

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

**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.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Rangely Food Bank is open on Saturdays from 12 to 2 p.m. at 204 E. Rio Blanco. To donate, please call 970-620-2407.

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

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

**AUCTIONS**

AUCTION: Annual Spring Consignment Auction Saturday April 14th at 9:00 a.m., 2368 S. 1500 E. (just off Hwy. 40) in Vernal Utah.

Equipment of all kinds, Many Vehicles, Trucks, Trailers, Campers, ATV's, Motorcycles, Boats, Lawn & Garden items, New and Used Tools, Generators, Air Compressors, Lumber, Pipe, Tack, Camping and Fishing Items, Antiques & Collectibles, Household items, and much more! For more information or to Consign to this Auction please call ZJ Auction Service, Inc. at 435-828-7424. www.zjauction.com 3/8-4/12

Moving Auction, Saturday, March 17th 10:00 AM  
864 Behrman Street, Craig, Colorado  
10'x12' shed, 40' sea container, 2005 International 26' box truck, 35' 5th wheel travel trailer, Jeep, 4 post hydrolic lift, Ram Charger (no motor), Brush Hog, log splitter, 3 gas engines, water tanks, hand & power tools, car and how to do books, guns, camp items, cinder blocks, shelving, coins, stamps, black bear rug, deer head, dinner bell, cats, dogs, old gas pump, saddles & tack, queen log bedroom set, furniture, desks, book shelves, statues, santa-M&M-Bronco, race car collections,

**AUCTIONS**

glassware, antiques, china, weight machine, front load washer & dryer, freezer, 5 sewing machines, jewelry and more.  
For more info call Steve Claypoole, CP Auction Service 970-260-5577. See web www.cpauction.com  
"Call us about a sale for you"  
3/8-3/15

Estate Auction  
Saturday, March 10th, 10:00 a.m.  
206 Easter Hill Drive,  
Grand Junction, Colorado

Hand & power tools, floater boat, 100's of fishing poles, camp items, guns, crossbows, pottery, 150+ knives, jewelry, cast iron, antique & modern furniture, 10 runner sleds, stoves, 3 slot machines, cash register, foos ball table, lots of clocks, Indian items, musical instruments, Colorado maps, saddles-tack-spurs, traps trunks, milk bottles, many unpacked boxes. Estate of Pat Inscho. For more info call Steve Claypoole, CP Auction Service 970-260-5577. See web at www.cpauction.com  
"call us about a sale for you"  
3/1-3/8

**BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY**

Colorado Camo Clothing LLC will have an open house/investor meeting on March 15, 2018 in the top of Hugs Building at 6 p.m. to explain a little about what they're going to do and what opportunity there might be for residents of Meeker. Thanks. Call Randy with any questions 970-433-1448. 3/1-3/8

**ELDER CARE SERVICES**

Would like to provide in home care service, to include personal care, light housekeeping, appointments and shopping. (970)620-0917. 3/8

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

**HELP WANTED: PART TIME**

Wanted: Library assistant. Comfortable with Windows, wi-fi, patrons of all ages, cats and Story Time. 24 hours per week. Meeker Public Library 878-5911 3/8-3/15

**HELP WANTED: GENERAL**

The Rangely Outdoor Museum is looking to fill 2 positions; an Executive Director and a seasonal Staff Member. The Director answers to the Board and handles the running of all buildings, office duties, including setting up meetings, and displays, maintains the grounds and park restrooms along with the Staff members. Knowledge of the town, surrounding areas and its history recommended. The Staff members work under the director and carry out a variety of duties. Must be able to work independently and handle sales. Cleaning and some physical labor required.  
Applications can be picked up and returned to the Rangely Area Chamber of Commerce at 255 E. Main St, Suite A. For information, call: Brenda at 970-675-8097 or 970-675-2612 and leave a message. Deadline for Applications is: March 15th. 3/1-3/8

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

**HELP WANTED: SEASONAL**

The Meeker Cemetery District is seeking seasonal non-benefited laborers. 32 hours per week. May 1st - Sept 30th. Duties include perform manual labor, grounds maintenance and mowing. Must be able to lift, pull and carry 50lbs. Experience in equipment operation and small landscaping equipment a plus. Hiring range \$16-\$18/hour DOE.

**HELP WANTED: SEASONAL**

Pick up an application at the Meeker Cemetery District 265 County Rd 4, Meeker M-Th 8-12pm. 3/1-4/12

**LAND/LOTS**

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

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Contact Phil at Family Automotive and Machine. (970)878-5606.

**RENTALS: MEEKER**

STORAGE DEPOT 10x25 unit. 878-4808.

FOR RENT: 5 BDR House, 2-1/2 BA, 2 car garage/shop, large fenced yard, deck. \$950/\$500 deposit. 970-629-8779 3/8

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Clean, quiet, 2 BDR, 1 BA includes washer & dryer. No pets. \$475 per month + deposit. 970-260-8844 or 970-878-5265.

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

AVAILABLE NOW: retail space in the center of Meeker at 6th and Main in the historic Hugs Building. Includes over 5000 square feet and loading dock in the alley. This former general store has Main Street display, windows, an antique ceiling, freight elevator, built-in cupboards and 1910 era show cases. Call 970-878-4138 for details.

**RENTALS: MEEKER**

**Main Street Building Office Space for Rent:** Suite 4, large updated office with 3 interior offices, conference and reception area. Monthly rent includes utilities. Call 970-683-1875 for more info. 2/22-3/22

Commercial office space available in Hugs Building, downtown Meeker. 878-4138.

CLEAN REMODELED 2BD APARTMENTS, in-house laundry, storage units available, close to shopping and the downtown area & more. \$575 to \$595/month. Western Exposures Realty LLC (970) 878-5877.

Cute 1 BDR/1 BA house w/ knotty pine living room, private small yard. \$675/mo Water & Sewer included. 970-878-5858

**RENTALS: RANGELY**

2 BDR , full bath, washer/dryer, utilities not included, no smoking/no pets, fenced yard. 306/308 South White Ave, Rangely. \$425 deposit/\$425 per month. 970-261-5634. 3/8-4/5

2 BDR house upstairs, 3 rooms downstairs, fenced in yard, 1 car garage, central heating and a/c. 970-629-3605

Rangely Duplex for Rent 1 or 2 bedroom duplex -Newly remodeled & landscaped. Please contact Rodney 970-462-6538 or Dan 970-462-6858.

**SILVER SAGE RV PARK**

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 ■ Certified Nursing Assistant - Nights - LTC

- PART-TIME:** (eligible for benefits):  
 ■ Pharmacy Tech  
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Submit Resume and/or Application to:  
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 100 Pioneers Medical Center Dr.,  
 Meeker, Colo., 81641  
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 www.pioneershospital.org

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- GIS Manager, Meeker
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- Relief Control Specialist
- Relief Dispatcher

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- NEW! 1083 Laurie Circle - Priced to Move! East side of duplex home. 3 BD/2 BA, updated kitchen, new carpet & paint, attached two car garage. \$109,900
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- NEW! 18,775 SF Lot on Robert Street — Great view and building site with plenty of room to build your dream home. Water and sewer taps in place! PRICE REDUCED! \$33,000.
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 NEW! 825 3rd St. — 4BD/2BA, excellent starter or family home. \$165,000.  
 482 12th St. — 2BD/1.5BA, townhouse. \$47,500.  
 780 5th St. — 4BD/2BA, 2 separate living spaces. \$158,000.  
 880 Main St. — 4BD/2BA, oversized lot w/ sm. cabin off the alley. \$155,000.  
 264 9th St. — 2BD/1BA, mobile home w/ owned lot. \$43,000.  
 1010 Hill St. — 2BD/1BA, corner lot w/ sm. cabin off the St. \$139,000.  
 873 Market St. — 3BD/1BA, utility shed, alley access. \$119,000.  
 893 Market St. — 2BD/1BA, corner lot, alley access. \$127,000.  
 959 Garfield St. — 4BD/2.5BA, 1Yr. Home Warranty Av. \$252,500 REDUCED!  
 855 5TH St. — 5BD/2BA, new roof, siding, windows & flooring. \$200,000.  
 767 12th St. — 2BD/1.5BA, townhouse, well kept. \$70,000.

**RURAL RESIDENTIAL**  
 1083 Boulder Dr., Craig — Wilderness Ranches cabin, turnkey. \$169,000.  
 73209 Hwy 64 — 5BD/2BA, heated shop & out-buildings on 11.02ac. \$350,000 REDUCED!

**RANCH PROPERTY**  
 281±ac. Ranch — Located in Lion's Canyon, well present, adjoins BLM. \$422,000.  
 River Ranch on the Yampa, Maybell — 5 BD/4BA, Lg. Barn/Shop on 128.68±ac., senior water rights w/ Yampa River frontage. \$998,000 REDUCED!  
 Baker's Peak Vista Ranch, Craig — 506±ac., outbuildings, water rights & domestic well, adjoins BLM & Nat. Forest. \$1,300,000.  
 Four Springs Ranch, Maybell — Great Ranch setup on 343.98±ac. w/ water rights & Yampa River frontage. \$1,250,000.

**VACANT LAND**  
 1031 CR 36 — 5ac. w/ electricity & well. \$54,500.  
 2 lots, Sage Hills — Building sites. \$30,000 ea. or \$58,000 for both.  
 Two 5ac. lots, Strawberry Patch Rd. — Ponds, fence & electricity. \$56,500 ea.  
 35 lots, Sanderson Hills — Great building sites. \$29,000 ea. or \$25,000 ea. in packages of five.  
 459 Cross L Dr. — Great building site, 3ac. corner lot. \$69,500.  
 50ac. lot Off Hwy. 13 — Near mile marker 24, views. \$55,000.  
 2 lots, Silver Sage Rd. — Two building sites. \$45,000 for both.

**COMMERCIAL**  
 Brontosaurus (Hwy. 40), Dinosaur — Lg. Building. \$155,000.  
 60240 Hwy. 40, Maybell — Wildgame meat processor, business & real estate. \$280,000.  
 335 6th St. — Multipurpose building, multiple units, downtown. \$310,000.  
 1120 Cleveland St. — 6 2BD/1BA apartment units, 2 buildings, paved parking. \$299,500.  
 1020 Hill St. — Triplex building, 2BD/1BA in ea. unit. \$277,000.  
 101 E. Main St. — Brothers Property, Lg. Building w/ paved parking on 0.43±ac. \$375,000.  
 Gravel Pit, WRC Wet Pit — 20 miles W. of Meeker, 110±ac., water rights & ~150,000 tons of gravel to extract. \$1,500,000.  
 Playa Del Rio Apartments, 680 Water St. — 19 2BD/1BA apartment units, 17 storage units, Coin op. laundry room. \$950,000.  
 Ma Famiglia Italian Restaurant, 410 Market St. — Business & Real Estate offered together or separate. Turnkey & Profitable. \$900,000 REDUCED!

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**Real-Tea Roundtable**  
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Moffat County - Elk Springs 1.280 +/- Acres - SOLD!  
 1163 Rd. 53 - 4BD/3BA Cabin in Morapos Creek. \$395,000  
 NEW 369 Love Ln. - UNDER CONTRACT!  
 8617 Rd. 8 - 4BD/2BA Log Home on 2.85 acres. \$359,000  
 NEW 730 3rd St. - 5BD/2BA Freshly Remodeled, Garage, Large Lot. \$279,000  
 NEW 564 7th St. - 5BD/2.5BA, Large Fenced Yard, Garage. \$266,000  
 TBD E. Market St. - 7.46 Acres at the Intersection of HWY 13 & Rd 8. \$249,000  
 345 Cleveland St. - 2.28 Acres, Potential for 12 Building Lots. \$216,000  
 1164 Hill St. - 3BD/2BA, Central Air, Garage, Fenced Yard. \$212,000  
 533 Cleveland - UNDER CONTRACT!  
 NEW 1246 Cleveland St. - Excellent Condition 3BD/1BA, Fenced Yard. \$169,000  
 1140 Cleveland St. - 100% Remodeled 2BD/2BA Duplex. REDUCED \$159,000  
 1105 & 1107 Market St. - Large Commercial Lot. \$149,900  
 870 Water St. - 3 BD/1BA, Fenced Yard, \$145,000  
 211 Morrison - Rangely - 2+BD/1.75BA, Garage/Workshop. \$115,000  
 Yoleta Lane - East of Craig, 40 Acres. \$77,000