

## READY, SET, RUFF ...



C Lazy S Ranch hosted sled dog races this past weekend. The races are put on by the Meeker Chamber of Commerce and the Rocky Mountain Sled Dog Club.

PETE GREGORY PHOTOS

# NRCS projects drought conditions for summer

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**RBC |** Precipitation exceeded the average across much of the state in February, but water users should still be planning for drought conditions this summer, according to the latest projections from the US Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS).

Colorado Snow Survey Supervisor Brian Domonkos said February storms helped to bring snowpack “more within the realm of normal” particularly in northern Colorado. (See GRAPH A.) The combined Yampa-White-North Platte river basins saw precipitation at 153% of average. Other basins with above average precipitation in February were the South Platte basin (140%) and Colorado (119%).

The Gunnison and Arkansas river basins saw near normal precipitation last month, while the Upper Rio Grande, San Miguel, Dolores, Animas and San Juan

basins were below average, ranging from 60-70% of normal. The statewide average for precipitation in February was 105%, bringing statewide snowpack to 85% of normal.

Though total snowpack levels have improved, hydrologists are still projecting below-average streamflows throughout the state, mainly due to dry soil moisture conditions and low base river flows. “These will have significant impacts on spring and summer runoff,” said Domonkos.

NRCS Hydrologist Karl Wetlaufer explained that soil moisture levels in particular are due to the “exceptionally warm and dry” summer and fall of 2020. “The expectation is that snowmelt runoff will produce lower volumes than would commonly be observed with a similar snowpack,” said Wetlaufer.

According to Brian Domonkos, the state would need continued precipitation at above average levels to make up for the soil-moisture and base streamflow deficits, in order for projected stream flows to be any-

where near normal.

In the Yampa/White River basin, snowpack is currently around the state average at 85%, an improvement from this time last year when it was at 74% (See MAP A.) Due to the increase in precipitation last month, the Colorado and Yampa-White river basins are also the only basins in the state with above average reservoir storage, at 103% and 113% percent respectively.

### SNOWPACK v. PRECIPITATION

Domonkos said it is important to note that snowpack is “highly dynamic” and distinct from precipitation. Referring to the snowpack measurement levels he said “portions of it can come and go with drifting, scouring, melting and freezing and other weather processes,” adding “total precipitation captured does not reflect the changes that snowpack often experiences.”

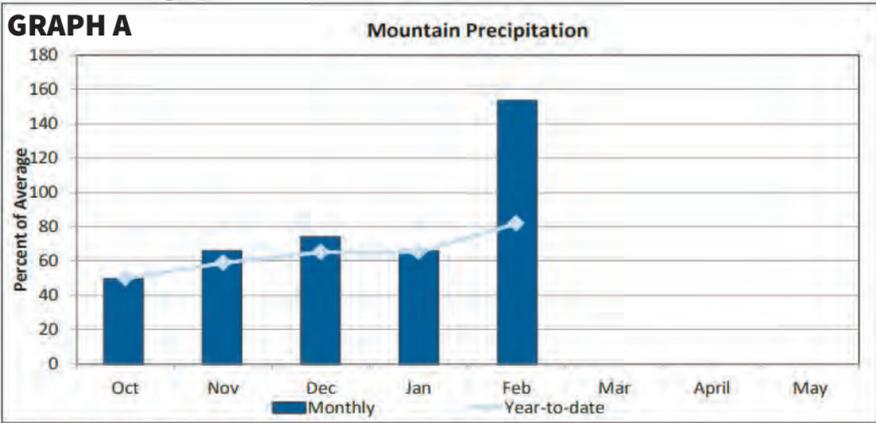
### STREAMFLOWS

Based on the latest data, water supply forecasts for

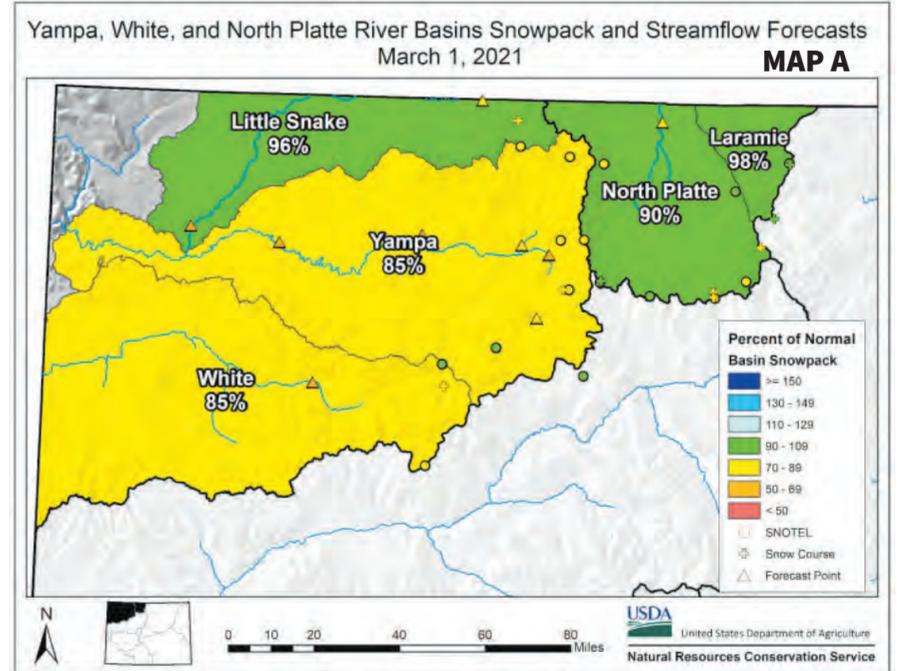
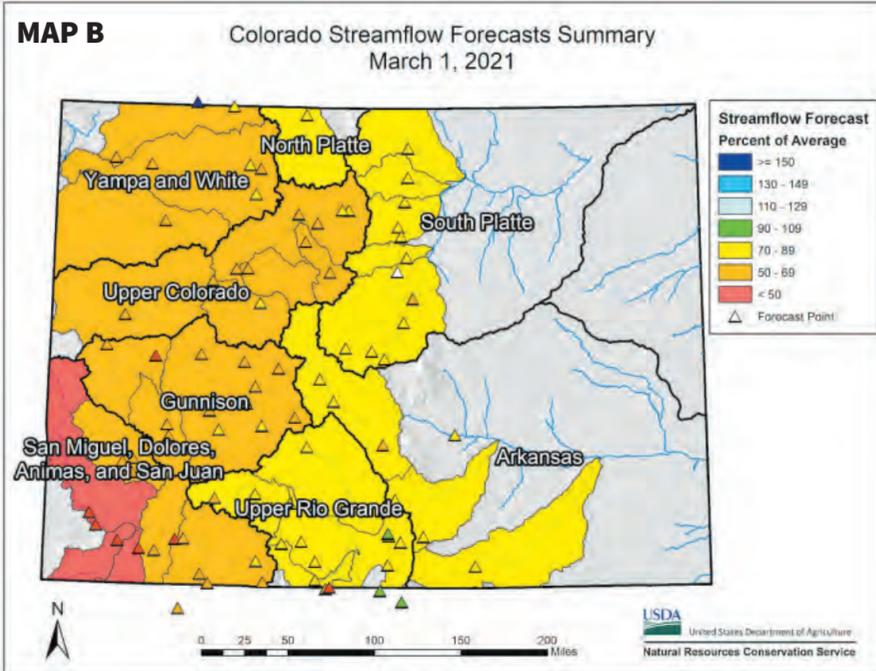
the state are well below average. The latest projected flows for the White River near Meeker are just 58% of NRCS’ 30-year average. Projections for other sites in the region are 71% for the Yampa River near Maybell, 48% for Elkhead Creek above Long Gulch, 58% for the Roaring Fork at Glenwood Springs, and 66% for the Colorado River near Cameo.

The lowest streamflow forecasts in the state are coming out of the Southern San Juan Mountains and the Gunnison River Basin. The average of forecasts in these basins is for 54 and 57 % of average volumes, respectively. The highest streamflow forecasts in the state are in the South Platte, with the average of forecasts being for 80 % of average streamflow volumes. (See MAP B.)

More details on water supply projections can be found in the March 1 Water Supply Outlook Report which will be available online at <https://www.wcc.nrcs.usda.gov/fipref/states/co/wsor/borco321.pdf>



\*SWE values calculated using first of month SNOTEL data and snow course measurements



## Drug bust in Rangely

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**RANGELY |** A traffic stop on I-70 March 5 resulted in the discovery of approximately 1.9 pounds of methamphetamine at a residence in Rangely.

According to a press release from the Rio Blanco County Sheriff’s Office, Colorado State Patrol officers stopped a rental sedan westbound near milepost 17 on I-70 Friday, March 5. The male driver “gave vague and

inconsistent statements about his travel,” and “exhibited behavior based on the troopers’ training and experience as being consistent with criminal activity.”

Personal use amounts of methamphetamine were found on the driver’s person during a weapons pat down, and a shipping label for a package sent from California to Rangely was found in the vehicle. The package was to be delivered March 5.

After obtaining a state warrant, a search of the residence list-

ed on the shipping label resulted in the discovery of the package, methamphetamine, a scale, packaging materials and a firearm.

According to the press release, the operation was a success due to the collaboration of multiple state and local law enforcement entities, including Colorado State Patrol, Rangely Police Department, Rio Blanco County Sheriff’s Office, Rio Blanco County District Attorney’s Office and Homeland Security Investigations.

While February precipitation was good, it will take significant above-average moisture over the next few monthsto make up for soil moisture and streamflow deficits from a dry 2020.

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**SUNSHINE WEEK**  
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Sun: 40s/20s

# COUNTY BEAT

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**RBC I** In work sessions Tuesday, the board of county commissioners heard a reopening plan for White River Roundup. The senior nutrition program will resume in-person meals for all but homebound clients and those who choose curbside pickup unless the county returns to Level Red on the COVID dial. The Meeker program will resume two weeks before the Rangely program at Radino by about two weeks, "to work out the kinks with opening." During the pandemic, home delivery has been provided. The commissioners were excited by the "return to normal" for the program.

In opposition to the governor's proposed "Meat Out Day" on March 20, where Colorado residents are encouraged to avoid eating meat, Rio Blanco County will celebrate "Meat In Day," working with local restaurants and local meat producers. The Colorado Cattlemen's Association is setting up donation jars at local restaurants and businesses to help support school backpack programs.

Various Meeker restaurants are participating in the Meat In event, while Rangely is planning a barbecue at the county's road and bridge shop. Commissioner Jeff Rector said he plans to prepare about 300 lbs. of beef.

The board passed a formal resolution supporting Meat In Day. Rector encouraged everyone in the county to "clean the shelves" at the local grocery stores and to each as much beef as possible that day. The governor's proclamation has been met with significant backlash around the state.

The board interviewed applicants for various open board seats. The appointments will be made at next week's meeting.

Former game warden and former county employee Jeff Madison presented a draft resolution to designate RBC a "sanctuary county" related to wolf reintroduction.

"I was a little flummoxed by the resolution itself in essence pitting east versus west Colorado," Madison said of the resolution passed in the general election. "I have watched with interest where cities and states across the country have established sanctuary in obvious violation of federal and state regulations."

Madison's proposed resolution would declare Rio Blanco a "wolf reintroduction sanctuary county" that would send a message to legislators that the county does not want to be included in the designated lands for wolves to be reintroduced.

The board agreed to have legal staff review Madison's draft resolution and revisit it next week. Rector said he believes there are multiple groups and counties that would sign on as well.

"I agree with being on the forefront of this," added Commissioner Ty Gates.

Commissioner Gary Moyer and newly hired Natural Resources Director Edward Smercina gave testimony to the Colorado Energy and Environment Committee late last month on two proposed bills associated with the wolf introduction plan. One bill, which would have limited where wolves could be released, failed in committee, the other, introduced by Rep. Perry Will, passed with bipartisan support. HB-1040 would require payments for livestock deprivation to

be paid from funds other than the sale of hunting and fishing licenses.

During the regular meeting, the commissioners approved a retail liquor license for Kum & Go; approved the 2021 Wildfire Operating Plan; approved FAA reimbursement for the Rangely Airport in the amount of \$7,572 and the Meeker Airport in the amount of \$5,250 from FAA and CDOT and sponsor commitment; and approved a recommendation from CDOT that the CR73 bridge replacement project be given to United Companies not to exceed \$1.933 million.

Rector commented on the CR 73 bridge project. "We've got minimal traffic down there, and what ended up making this decision for us is if we spend this month now or do we kick it down the road and it costs more."

Road and Bridge Engineer Van Pilaud said there has been an ongoing struggle for four years on this project, but is hopeful there will be a solution by this fall.

The board also approved an agreement for equipment location with Union Telephone for Douglas Pass Communication Facility not to exceed \$7,800; approved an agreement with Van Diest Supply for 2021 weed and pest herbicides in an amount not to exceed \$116,713; approved a temporary construction easement between the BoCC and Caerus Piceance LLC and Puckett Land Co for a CR5 stock pass project. Pilaud said the funding for this project to replace a small bridge on CR5 is DOLA funded. The project has to wait for BLM approval later this month.

In public comment, Meeker resident and former Town Manager Sharon Day offered suggestions for combating the threats to the local economy, including having a commissioners' column in the HT to let citizens know what is going on

at the state legislature, organizing once or twice a year with various agencies and groups to work together in reaching out to legislators, or inviting state legislators to spend a weekend here, for example.

"I believe those things really have an impact," Day said. "I think if we all get on board together ... we can make a difference."

Following commissioner updates, the board went into executive session to discuss legal matters. At the end of the interagency meeting later Tuesday, County Attorney Todd Starr announced that he has tendered his resignation to the board. Asked by Commissioner Moyer for "the logic" behind his decision, Starr replied, "I know what you'd like me to say, and so I will. It has nothing to do with any of the nonsense that you're reading about in the local paper." His original contract, Starr added, named him as the "interim" county attorney.

### PUBLIC HEALTH

Public Health Director Alice Harvey announced the third COVID-related death in Rio Blanco County occurred on Monday, March 8, saying, "We're not completely through this yet." However, as vaccinations increase and case counts continue to fall, the state is offering greater flexibility for rural counties when it comes to the COVID dial framework, which may allow RBC to go into Blue Level as early as this weekend.

The county also anticipates receiving the one-dose Johnson and Johnson vaccine from the state in the near future, which Harvey said "lots of people are waiting for."

Late Tuesday afternoon, the commissioners hosted the quarterly interagency meeting and heard from representatives of various local agencies and county departments with updates on projects and plans.

## Town of Rangely report

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**RANGELY I** Town of Rangely trustees met Tuesday evening and discussed the following.

### GAS DEPARTMENT

Rangely resident, business owner and former town board member Brad Casto voiced concerns about recent gas price increases. Gas Superintendent Kelli Neiberger provided further clarification on what led to the cost increases (read more on PAGE 8A). Casto expressed that he didn't think it was fair to some of the people who can't afford a major increase. Town Manager Lisa Piering responded, "We have told everyone we would work with them on payment plans," and reiterated that providers from around the state would also be passing on a percentage of the cost to customers in various ways.

### POLICE UPDATE

Rangely Police Chief Ti Hamblin shared a supervisor report with the board, noting an increase in "serious crime" including "sexual assault type cases" he said were taking a lot of time and resources to manage. Hamblin discussed recent personnel changes including the resignation of the dispatch supervisor/record manager. He also mentioned that Officer Connor has returned to work three months earlier than expected after a work-related injury last year. Hamblin noted the department is also in the process of hiring an additional officer. Another personnel change for the department is the loss

of part-time dispatcher Tracy Cook, who resigned Tuesday according to Hamblin. The board commended the department for their role in the March 5 drug bust, where law enforcement seized approximately 1.9 pounds of methamphetamine and other items from a residence in Rangely (see more on PAGE 1A). Hamblin said he couldn't disclose any details, but said "there's more coming, and we hope to continue with that type of work."

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Town Manager Lisa Piering noted two upcoming events. First is the CNCC Foundation Dinner on March 27, and the Rangely OHV Adventure Rally (ROAR) from April 30 to May 2. Piering also mentioned discussions about the potential for a community garden but said nothing was set in stone yet.

Public works has begun using street sweepers for some dust control, Piering noted that work could increase in the next few weeks.

The Town also submitted final applications for multiple grants to help fund a water line replacement project, street overlays and more.

Piering said the town and CNCC had met with a group called "Cogency" about "proprietary energy technologies." She said there was a potential for partnership with CNCC that could hopefully bring new educational opportunities and new jobs to the area.

Piering also commented on the gas price increases, noting that if the town was able to get "relief" they would pass it on to customers.

## Simonsen on U Wyo honor roll

Special to the Herald Times

**MEEKER I** Natalie E. Simonsen of Meeker has been named to the University of Wyoming's fall semester Provost's Honor Roll. The Provost's Honor Roll consists of undergraduates who have completed at least six but fewer than 12 hours with a minimum 3.5 grade-point average for the semester.

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**Community clinics are limited to Rio Blanco County residents\*. Phase 1.B.3 opened on March 5, 2021 and includes the following groups:**

- Individuals 60 and older
- Frontline essential workers in grocery and agriculture
- People 18-59 with 2 or more high risk conditions
- Those previously eligible but not yet vaccinated

*For more information about phases, please visit:*  
[covid19.colorado.gov/vaccine](https://covid19.colorado.gov/vaccine)

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[www.rbc.us/629/COVID-19-Vaccinations](https://www.rbc.us/629/COVID-19-Vaccinations)

\*Proof of residency required may include utility bills, lease, photo id, pay stubs or similar documentation.

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*BOOSTERS & FIRST DOSES*

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125 Eagle Crest St.

Walk-in Clinic  
**Thursday, Mar. 18, 3 to 5:30 p.m.**  
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints  
125 Eagle Crest St.

**Meeker Vaccine Clinics**  
*BOOSTERS & FIRST DOSES*

Walk-in Clinic  
**Thursday, Mar. 11, 2 to 6 p.m.**  
Fairfield Center  
200 Main St.

Drive-Through Clinic  
**Monday, Mar. 15, 4 to 6 p.m.**  
Rio Blanco County Fairgrounds  
700 Sulphur Creek Rd.

**Testing Schedule:**  
Free drive-up COVID testing is available at Meeker and Rangely public health from 10 to 11 a.m. Vehicles will be served in order of arrival. Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, no appointment is needed. Fridays are by appointment only, call the numbers below to schedule.

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# NEWS BRIEFS

## Peter Pan, Jr. this weekend

**MEEKER** | The Meeker Arts and Cultural Council is proud to present four showings of Peter Pan, Jr. at the Meeker High School auditorium on March 11, 12 and 13. Evening performances are at 7 p.m., and Saturday's matinee will be at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$5 at the door and capacity is limited to 100 people per performance. School policy requires all patrons wear masks and social distance in the auditorium. A livestream of the 7 p.m. Friday performance will also be available for viewing through the ShowTix4U platform. Purchase tickets for the livestream at <https://www.showtix4u.com/event-details/48938>

## Wagon Wheel OHV meeting April 7

**MEEKER** | The next meeting of the Wagon Wheel OHV Club will be April 7 at Kilowatt Korner at 7 p.m. (COVID-19 precautions observed). Officer and board elections will be held at the April meeting.

## Adults 60+ invited to provide input

**RBC** | The Aging Services Coalition of Northwest Colorado is seeking input from adults 60 and over, and their caregivers, through a survey. The coalition, consisting of organizations serving older adults and individual community members, was created in 2020 to implement strategies to resolve gaps in and barriers to services needed to allow older adults to live safely and with dignity in our communities. Covering Grand, Jackson, Moffat, Rio Blanco and Routt counties, the survey focuses on four areas: transportation, communication, social engagement and housing. Responses will inform local leaders on the desires and needs of older adults in our communities. Respondents have the opportunity to win one of several \$25 Visa gift cards by completing the survey before the Mar. 31 deadline. The survey is available in English and Spanish at [northwestcoloradohealth.org/survey](http://northwestcoloradohealth.org/survey). For more information, contact Leigh Hull, Aging Services Coordinator, at [lhull@northwestcoloradohealth.org](mailto:lhull@northwestcoloradohealth.org).

# VOLLEYBALL CHAMPS ...



WRBM COURTESY PHOTO

This year WRBM had four six-person volleyball teams and six four-person volleyball teams. Dynasty battled it out and ended the tournament undefeated in both four-person and six-person. Left to right are Brielle Smuts, Norian Edwards, Clint Hill, Angie Hill, Nate Terrin, and Clark Edwards. The WRBM Recreation and Park District is thankful for all the teams that made this season a success. See you next year.

## FIRST SIGNS ...



PAT DAGGETT PHOTO

Although we're all hoping for more snow to keep us out of drought and fire territory this summer, the first official signs of spring are beginning to pop up, and they are a welcome sight.

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EDITOR'S COLUMN

"Cancel culture" is nothing new

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I'm aging myself again, but I remember the tumult over the "Parental Advisory: Explicit Content" stickers slapped on cassette tapes and records in the 1980s in an attempt to protect the sensitive ears of children from hearing bad words and suggestive lyrics. The actions of the Parents Music Resource Center (PMRC), partly led by Second Lady Tipper Gore, prompted Congressional testimony by John Denver, Frank Zappa and Dee Snider. The PMRC's efforts backfired. Those bright yellow stickers were a purchasing prerequisite for many of us, making it much easier to pick music we knew our parents would hate.

Today's "cancel culture" arguments are less about free speech and more about the freedom of corporations to change their product branding.

The latest debacle is over the publication of a handful of politically-minded books by Dr. Seuss. His family owns the rights to those books and they do not wish to continue publication because they no longer agree with the sentiments presented. That's not censorship, that's their freedom as owner of the rights of publication. As an author, I've writ-



ten books containing sentiments I no longer agree with, and I've since removed those books from publication because I've grown, learned and changed. That's not censorship, either. That's my prerogative as an author.

And seriously, we're getting all discombobulated about syrup bottles and a plastic potato with interchangeable facial parts and a cartoon skunk?

Should we not be at least slightly more incensed by things like poverty and war and greed and racism and corruption and human trafficking, to name a few?

There are plenty of things that really should be canceled in our culture. When will we start showing the same level of outrage over the real ills that plague us?

SUNSHINE WEEK

Let government know who's boss

By KEN PAULSON  
Special to the Herald Times

**RBC I** When government fails, it's the rare public official who says, "Oops. My fault."

That's human nature, particularly for officials in the public eye who may have to run for office again. No one wants to be held directly responsible for letting the public down.

Case in point is the recent catastrophe in Texas, when unexpected winter storms left 4 million homes without power, ruptured pipes and tainted the water supply for many.

Texas' energy grid essentially collapsed. While Texas Gov. Greg Abbott was quick to blame frozen wind turbines, the cause was much more complex than that. To truly understand how things went so terribly wrong will require time, study and research.

So, too, with the coronavirus vaccine distribution. In this state



and others, residents are frustrated with the slow rollout of vaccines. Is it poor distribution? Politics? A flawed strategy? These are literally matters of life and death.

But how do you get to the truth when public officials so rarely step up to take direct responsibility for failures?

The answer is public records. And public meetings. And access to the information that taxpayers deserve.

States throughout the country have laws that guarantee access to government records and meetings. But the details vary widely and there are many statutory exceptions. New challenges to access emerge every year in virtually every state.

The need to fight for government transparency is reaffirmed each year during Sunshine Week, a national awareness event overseen by the News Leaders Association and keyed to the March 16 birthday of James Madison. The fourth president of the United States drafted the Bill of Rights — including the guarantee of a free press — in 1791.

That journalism connection reflects the role news media play in the free flow of information, but it unfortunately can also leave the public with a sense that Sunshine Week reflects the concerns of a single industry.

To the contrary, access to government information is critical to every American who cares about the quality of his or her community, state and nation.

It's important to see government employees — including elected officials — as the people we hire through our tax dollars to do a

good job for all of us. If you run a business or hire a contractor, you wouldn't hesitate to demand a full understanding of how something went wrong. That should be exactly our relationship with government.

Getting that information, though, requires public meetings where residents can ask questions. It also means access to the documents that led to a poor decision. Words on paper can be much more forthright than the dissembling of politicians.

It's critical that we hold government accountable, for better or worse. (It's also important to acknowledge when government leaders are doing a good job.)

How can you help? I have two suggestions.

First, keep doing exactly what you're doing at this moment. Read and support your local newspaper. Local journalists, more than anyone else, will stand up for your right to information. Facebook will not be going toe-to-toe with your mayor.

Second, when you believe government isn't doing its job, demand an explanation. Ask to see the documents. Attend public meetings. And above all, support legislative efforts to make government more transparent.

It's too easy for officials who have failed us to point fingers, blame the media and wait for their side of the partisan fence to rally to their defense. We deserve better. We all pay taxes to support the work of government. We should get our money's worth.

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LOOSE ENDS

New phone rules for wrong numbers

By DOLLY VISCARDI  
Special to the Herald Times

**MEEKER I** One of my favorite things about small town living has been the conversations that inevitably followed the words, "Sorry, wrong number." These misplaced calls were often the result of someone not paying close enough attention to their fingers. Those were the dinosaur-days of yore, when telephones were either attached to the wall or they were placed upon a bedside table or kitchen counter.

When mobile phone use overtook landline use, no one needed to apologize for disturbing anyone.

Pocket calls, more often dubbed with a four-letter word referring to the posterior, has taken the place of misplaced calls. No one says sorry much these

days, yet I continue to rely on it. It has come in very handy on both my landline and my cell. I found myself saying a version of that old saying, I received one of the more modern versions of reaching a wrong number. "I am so sorry your phone called me. Wrong number."

Facial recognition is now being used to unlock one's mobile phone, so any day I am sure I will be able to have my phone take care of the most recent development in misdirected calls. I answered two video calls on my cell phone recently and found myself struggling for words when the caller's face came into view. Both of us regarded one another incredulously. The first time this



Dolly Viscardi

happened, I could not see who was calling me well enough, as he was looking down. I remember telling him that I did not think I was the one he was trying to reach before hanging up. The second call I was even more surprised. I had glanced down to see which friend or family had time to take time

for a chat. I was so excited to see the familiar number of one of my closest friends. I thought she had finally joined the real world. Answering quickly, I started to greet her and congratulate her on joining me in one of my favorite pastimes during this pandemic.

My weekly chats with grandchildren, family and friends has helped to keep me sane. As

the face of the caller came into view, I realized my erroneous assumption. It was the second call from the unidentified stranger — a male of indeterminate age from this appearance. Stammering out the same old misplaced phone call mantra, I stopped when I realized my mistake. My brain took over, so I did not blurt out another inappropriate four-letter word standing for a second body part. "Sorry, wrong face," might not have sounded ruder than "Sorry, butt call," yet it sounded wrong somehow.

"Sorry, you called the wrong number," I heard myself say as I hit the red "end call" button. I walked into the kitchen to make myself a cup of tea or coffee. Getting a new-fangled version of one of the things I have always liked best about living in Meeker was oddly comforting somehow.

KAYE'S CORNER

What's new at the museum?

By KAYE SULLIVAN  
Special to the Herald Times

**MEEKER I** Think again if you feel a museum is just dusty old stuff and looks the same as the last time you visited. The White River Museum preserves our local history and is a fun outing for all ages plus a great opportunity for tourists. Said to be one of the largest curio museums in the nation, everything in the museum has been donated to the Rio Blanco Historical Society.

Recently, the museum has been revitalized, reorganized, and cleaned from top to bottom. Changes and improvements are ongoing. The lighting has been upgraded while exhibits continue to be improved with new layouts along with the installation of new, more readable labels.

Behind the scenes, staff and volunteers continue the maintenance and saving of archival records. Cataloging is being migrated to a digital format to ensure its preservation. Documents and photos are being scanned and then safely stored to archive as well. This is an ongoing endeavor and volunteers are welcome if you can help.

Executive Director Terri Rose Reed says improvements are going to be underway for a while. Even though it is history, it is truly a "living" museum with new activities all the time. "Visiting the museum should be an experience, a journey through time, not just

looking at old things." Founded in 1949, the museum has continued for over 70 years preserving the past. If you're not familiar with the museum, it includes a plethora of exhibits in multiple spaces, each devoted to a specific aspect of history. These include:

■ Home area – butter churns, typewriters, cooking utensils from the 1800s, and a Hoosier wood stove.

■ Gift Shop – over 25 book titles and many items related to our community are for sale with proceeds benefiting the museum.

■ Bedroom – historic beds, a Murphy bed, plus handmade and handwoven comforters.

■ Fashion, culture, music – instruments, garments, sewing machines, hats, and buttons.

■ Community activities – clubs, organizations, events, and memorabilia.

■ Outdoorsmanship – cowboys, sheep growers, sportsmen, homesteaders, tradesmen, ironworkers plus transportation including a 100-year-old stagecoach and 1940 Buick.

■ Garrison – Ute History, the Milk Creek Battle story, and a military honors room that celebrates our local veterans. The garrison also depicts how soldiers were housed during their deployment in Rio Blanco County.

■ Heritage Cultural Center – a meeting room available to the public for a small fee with surround sound and projection capabilities. Updates are in the works including a new stage curtain and improved snack bar, with a sink and stove. Local artists note: The art display fixtures and lighting are ideal for an art or quilt show.

■ Outdoors – look ahead to a new outdoor forge with ironworking

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Kaye Sullivan

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Concerns about recall skyrocket

Dear Editor:

I am writing regarding the official recall of one of our commissioners. I have some strong concerns. I have read Niki Turner's article titled, "What happens during a recall?" Although enlightening about the process, my concerns have skyrocketed and here is why.

1. (Herald Times quote)\*  
Commissioner Gary Moyer verbally abused and made unsubstantiated accusations against Public Health Nurse Alice Harvey in a public meeting on Feb. 9, 2021.

(My response) I have not witnessed Commissioner Moyer, whether in attendance of the county commissioners meeting or listening in by phone, abuse anyone. Has he been strong in getting his point made, yes, as he should be in his position especially when an employee argues and argues with the entire board about what she thinks her job should be instead of what it is. COVID and the tensions that have developed in its wake has made it difficult for the commissioners to conduct normal business. It has also made our public health nurse believe her knowledge of science should justify her disregard of what the commissioners require from her. The county health nurse works for the Rio Blanco County Commissioners with guidelines issued by the state of Colorado. Once she received her direction from the commissioners and the county attorney, the county health nurse should agree to disagree and fulfilled her duties as directed by the commissioners.

2. (Herald Times quote)\*  
Commissioner Gary Moyer misused his power by intimidating and terminating long-term, dedicated employees and department heads without prior notice, on impulse without having any plan in place to for replacing them, leaving County leadership void and creating fearful hostile work environment for all remaining employees.

(My response) All of the upper level employees whose positions were not renewed were voted on by three commissioners, not just one. So why recall only one? Commissioners cannot speak about confidential personnel issues. However, the employee can recruit any and all followers to justify her/his behavior. Dave Morlan can sign a waiver/ release giving the commissioners permission to explain why he was released from employment. It would certainly clear up misconceptions on both sides and I, for one, would like to see that

happen.

3. (Herald Times quote)\*  
Commissioner Gary Moyer was instrumental in the attempt to eliminate the RBC Dispatch Center without giving Citizens or the Sheriff the opportunity to voice their opposition or have any input on the decision.

(My response) This statement is blatantly wrong. There have been several meetings in which the sheriff, undersheriff, members of dispatch as well as the public were able to voice their concerns and thoughts regarding the county dispatch. I attended those meetings. The commissioners reiterated time and time again they were looking at options for funding dispatch as well as an alternate source for providing this service. No decision was made.

4. (Herald Times quote)\*  
Commissioner Gary Moyer has repeatedly demonstrated a total lack of transparency in the manner in which he has conducted County business.

I have seen no evidence during the time Commissioner Moyer has served Rio Blanco County Citizens that this is the case. This suggests he, alone, has conducted back room deals to the detriment of the county and its citizens. Three commissioners work for the county and if transparency was an issue, all three would be responsible. Commissioner Moyer has remained true to the strong conservative values he campaigned on.

I understand there are people who strongly disagree with me and that's okay. I am entitled to my opinions. What I hope to achieve with this letter is to provide factual information to any citizen who may be approached with the request to sign this petition. I am adamantly against this recall for many reasons but most importantly, is that one former and one current employee wants you, Rio Blanco County Citizens to recall only one commissioner when all three voted in the decisions that were made.

With many of us deeply concerned and uncertain about both state and federal issues, the strife this recall has created within our close knit community is most disheartening.

Thank you for your time.

Mona Avey  
Meeker

*\*Editor's Note: The quoted material in the letter above is taken directly from the circulating recall petition, as referenced in the March 4, 2021 HT article, "What happens during a recall?"*

## Recall election just another liberal scam

Dear Editor:

I, as well as many other individuals, find it funny, in that "WE" live in a county that votes 80% republican in local, state, and national elections would run a recall petition on someone who has stood for these values all along. I bet that the most of you were against the U.S. House of Representatives holding impeachment hearings (TWICE) against Donald Trump. THIS IS THE SAME THING. We have a vocal minority that thinks that they know best. Well, it also turns out that, unlike the Federal Government, Rio Blanco County cannot print more money so we have to cut accordingly. In case you missed it, the State of Colorado has gone to war on the oil and gas industry, as well as the all of rural Colorado. That means that our local government source of revenue has gone to almost nothing so they should be like the rest of us when our revenues do not meet our expenses, we have to CUT how much money is going out.

Matt Scott  
Meeker

## Commissioner recall

Dear Editor:

As the recall petition for Commissioner Gary Moyer moves forward, I just hope that people really think it through before they sign. There are details that you may not know so are only getting half of the story as many of the issues involve personnel, due to legal constraints the Commissioners are not able to tell the whole story.

Social media makes it easy to say things you would not say in person, please remember that the Commissioners are your neighbors and have a hard job to do. We may not always agree

with their thoughts or decisions and it is our right to speak with them about it but attacking them, in public, is doing just what you are saying they are doing.

I have been on a board before when a decision was made that was not popular with a lot of people in Rangely and the phone calls and personal visits I received from people was truly disheartening and made me know I would never serve on another board. Sometimes decisions are made and because of the legalities we cannot tell you why, but you elected us to make those hard decisions. I am just thankful that during my tenure there was no such thing as social media as this does not just affect the person you are writing about but their family as well.

Meeker and Rangely are great places to live and have great people in them and yes, we are going through hard times but know that we have been through hard times before and have come back stronger. Let us all work together to keep Rio Blanco County a great place to live.

Merrie Byers  
Rangely

## False picture of fellow commissioner

Dear Editor:

I'm writing in response to a combination of several articles and letters to the editor that have unfortunately given a false picture of the intentions of my fellow commissioner Gary Moyer. I have said it before, but want to reiterate that the difficult decisions that we as a board have been forced to make over the past year have been thought through thoroughly,

with due diligence, and with legal counsel when necessary. None of those decisions were a result of one man's forced agenda. We as the board have nothing to hide, and although we sometimes wish we could discuss details of personnel matters in order to defend ourselves, we are not legally able to unless we have appropriate waivers.

Singling out one member of a three person board will not solve the budget and political issues we are experiencing in Rio Blanco County. We are aware that the difficult decisions we have been elected to make will not satisfy everyone, but that's always the case no matter the topic. I would like to ask the taxpayers of Rio Blanco County to seek the facts for themselves and to be careful believing every rumor or letter that is circulated. The board members have always been available to answer questions and explain how and/or why we are discussing certain actions. I can tell you for certain that I have a clear conscience about the decisions that we've made as a board and that I truly believe the decisions are the best for the people of RBC, even though not everyone agrees with us. In regards to our decision to not re-appoint Morlan, we have offered to share the details if he were to sign a waiver, but we have yet to obtain permission. Thank you for allowing me to serve you and for understanding that the decisions we make as a board are not always pleasant or popular.

Thank you,  
Jeff Rector  
Rangely

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## CONSERVATION CORNER

### New Instream Flow Water Rights Proposed

Notice of 49 new instream flow (ISF) recommendations across the State of Colorado has been provided by the Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB). Twelve of these recommended ISF water rights are located in the White River drainage. The notice identifies the streams to be considered for ISF appropriations in 2022. Creek names include: Bear Creek, Big Fish Creek, East Marvina Creek, Hill Creek, Hauskins Creek, Lynx Creek, Mirror Creek, Paradise Creek, Piceance Creek, Picket Pin Creek, and South Fork White River.

The ISF information and recommendations are available online at: <https://cwcb.colorado.gov/2022-isf-recommendations>.

Timeline:

**March 31, 2022** - Any Notice to contest must be received at the CWCB office by this date.

**May 2022** - The CWCB may take final action on any uncontested ISF appropriations.

**September 2022** - Staff will provide its Final Staff ISF Recommendation to the CWCB concerning contested appropriations.

Note that section 37-92-102 (3) (b), C.R.S. (2020) provides: "Any such appropriation shall be subject to the present uses or exchanges of water being made by other water users pursuant to appropriation or practices in existence on the date of such appropriation, whether or not previously confirmed by court order or decree." For more information on whether this provision applies to specific undecreed uses of water in or above the proposed instream flow segments, and potential recognition of such uses in the CWCB's water court decree, contact Rob Viehl, CWCB staff, at [rob.viehl@state.co.us](mailto:rob.viehl@state.co.us).

Should you wish to comment on a proposed ISF Recommendation or request more information, you may do so by writing Rob Viehl, at the above email.

If you are not currently on the CWCB Board's ISF Subscription Mailing List and you would like to be, please contact sign up online at: <https://dwr.state.co.us/Portal/Login/>

For more information see: <https://cwcb.colorado.gov/2022-isf-recommendations> or scan the below Zapcode.



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**The Goals of the Moral Law (2)**  
By Dr. J. D. Watson  
Pastor-Teacher, Grace Bible Church

**C**ONCLUDING the fourth of five principles in this preface to the Moral Law, we consider again the *goals* of the Moral Law. Last time we noted that it is first a *mirror* to show us what we are and second a *map* to point us to Christ.

Third, it is a *mandate* on how we are to live. Again, the Law is not the *means of salvation*, but it is part of the *method of sanctification*. In other words, it is not the *path* to righteousness, but it is the *pattern* of righteousness. To put it another way, the Ten Commandments are not *prison bars*, but rather *protective boundaries*. They are the guardrail on a mountain road. They are the light that illumines our path and reveals the dangers. Still another way to understand this is that God's Moral Law is there not to *pound* us into *compliance*, but rather to *protect* us by our *conformity*. Puritan Samuel Bolton puts this masterfully: "The law sends us to the gospel that we may be justified; and the gospel sends us to the law again to inquire what is our duty as those who are justified. . . . The law sends us to the *gospel* for our justification; the *gospel* sends us to the *law* to frame our way of life."

The Moral Law is, therefore, our mandate. As Moses and the Levites declared to all the people in the restatement of the Law in Deuteronomy, "Take heed, and hearken, O Israel; this day thou art become the people of the Lord thy God. Thou shalt therefore obey the voice of the Lord thy God, and do his commandments" (27:9-10). Hebrews 5:9 likewise declares, "Being made perfect, [Christ] became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him." Why do we obey? There are at least two reasons. One writer well sums up the first reason: "Everywhere we find the footprints of God. Life is full of His

goodness and mercy. When we think of what He has done for us, we cannot but recognize His right to command us. All the hopes of the Israelites had come from God's deliverance. Once they were slaves, and He had set them free. Had it not been for His love for them, and His power put forth in their behalf, they would still have been slaves in Egypt! He had redeemed them, and now they were a free people."

God has likewise done all that for us in Christ. He delivered us from our bondage in sin, redeemed us, and made us free.

But there is another reason we obey, which is far deeper. Do we obey out of duty, dread, or drudgery? Is our obedience simply going through the motions, just mechanical, just mimicking what is expected of us? If so, it is empty and profits nothing. On the contrary, our Lord Himself provides us with the underlying motive to this mandate in His own summary of the Moral Law in Matthew 22:37-40, where he condenses all *ten* commandments of the Moral Law into *two*:

"Jesus said . . . Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

What should be at the root of our obedience? What is the new Law?—Love. We will continue this next time.

We hope you will visit our website [www.TheScriptureAlone.com](http://www.TheScriptureAlone.com), where you will find not only our podcast of these devotional studies but also other resources for Christian growth, including messages in MP3 media files. You are also invited to worship with us at Grace Bible Church (on the corner of 3rd and Garfield) at 10:30 A.M. each Lord's Day, where the ministry is: "continu[ing] stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers" (Acts 2:42).

# MUSEUM: historical resources

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displays plus new signage for all the outside equipment items.

Among the thousands of items is a 100-year-old stagecoach that ran between Meeker and Rifle for many years, before the days of cars. The stagecoach is still in astounding condition and reminds us of transportation back in the day. You may have observed it in a July 4 parade pulled by those magnificent Belgian horses.

Recently, a 1940 Buick joined the collection. It was the property of the T.L. and Emma Ruckman family over many generations and found a permanent home at the museum in 2019.

More simply, a cookbook full of humor and down-home advice from Maggie Cassidy is on display along with hats, buttons, dresses, and other feminine items of the past. The cookbook is fragile and locked up, but the pages inside will soon be on display in copied

format.

Our museum contains something of interest to everyone. My out-of-town friends were astonished at the range of exhibits and preservation of history. Even if you've visited before, I think you will enjoy something different every time.

Educational programs are held when COVID restrictions allow. School groups, senior citizen tours, and visitors from other historic groups visit routinely. The museum is truly an educational opportunity for everyone.

For anyone researching genealogy or historical information, the museum also offers research assistance for a small donation. Obituaries, burial records, genealogy data, and more can be pulled from sources such as "This is What I Remember" and other archives.

For further information, visit <https://www.facebook.com/preservingourpast> or [www.rbchistory.org](http://www.rbchistory.org) or call 970-



KAYE SULLIVAN PHOTO

**The stagecoach on exhibit is in great condition.**

878-9982. No admission fee is charged, although donations are certainly welcome. Current hours are Monday-Saturday 10-4 and Sunday 12-4. Private tours can also be scheduled.

Many thanks to Terri Reed for her contributions to this article.

# DORA denies variance for stadium

By NIKI TURNER  
[editor@ht1885.com](mailto:editor@ht1885.com)

**MEEKER I** Meeker School District's board met for a special meeting Monday, March 8.

The board tabled the first item on the agenda, a bid for fire and security alarm monitoring, to the March 29 meeting, and approved a contract for repairs to the existing bus barn with Renninger Construction for \$98,160. Repairs will include providing and relocating new roll up doors, roof replacement, ceiling insulation, gas and heat installation, etc.

The public portion of the meeting was followed by a work session, including a construction project update. Plans to improve the building design and restrooms at Starbuck Stadium were denied a variance request by the Colorado Department of Regulatory Affairs. The request was to reduce the number of restroom fixtures from the 40 toilets required for code compliance to 23.

The design team will "lead the charge" on getting in touch with the right people at DORA to revisit the request.

The board also discussed proposed changes to the entrance age requirement for kindergarten. Currently the date is Aug. 15. If approved, the date would change to July 1. A child would need to turn 5 on or before July 1.

While the state waits to see if there will be waivers on some federally mandated tests, most districts, including MSD, are planning on going ahead with testing.

"We may have to be relatively nimble and may have to communicate relatively quickly with parents," Selle said.

# Electric co-ops provide assistance to those affected by 2020 wildfires

Special to the Herald Times

**MEEKER I** Colorado's electric cooperatives recently presented several checks to those affected by last year's record-setting wildfires.

The Grizzly Creek Fire, the Cameron Peak Fire, the East Troublesome Fire and several other wildfires swept through parts of Colorado, affecting several electric co-ops, their employees and their members.

In light of the devastation suffered in electric co-op territory and by some co-op employees, CREA, the trade association for Colorado's electric

cooperatives, established a wildfire relief fund. This was done through its non-profit, philanthropic entity, the Colorado Electrical Educational Institute (CEEI).

Nearly \$125,000 was raised thanks to a \$50,000 donation from the CREA board, which was matched by Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association. Additional funds were donated by individual electric co-ops, including White River Electric Association, Inc. (WREA). As an organization WREA donated \$500 and WREA's employee charity committee donated an additional \$500 for a total

\$1,000 donation. Funds were distributed to the affected fire protection districts, cooperative employees who lost homes, and first responders including Eagle County Paramedic Services in Eagle, Colorado, impacted by the Grizzly Creek Fire. Alan Michalewicz, WREA's general manager, said, "Last season's wildfires were devastating across the state and in our area. WREA and our employees were happy to support CREA's efforts to give money to those directly impacted." Wildfires will be a threat again this summer and WREA encourages all its members to be vigilant.

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# OBITUARY

**Jean M. Welder**  
Aug. 30, 1929 ~ Jan. 22, 2021

Long time Meeker resident Jean Welder passed away while residing at the Walbridge Wing in Meeker, Colorado. Jean was born in Sault Ste Marie Michigan to William S. and Ethel M. Price, the middle of five children. She was a member of the Sault High School Choir and performed by invitation at the Atlantic City International Convention and Veterans Hospital in Washington, D.C. for President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

Jean earned her B.A. degree from Central Michigan University with a social studies/sociology major and psychology and speech minors. She received a secondary teaching certificate and completed course work for social workers. She began her teaching career in elementary schools and taught elementary and high school students in Michigan, Texas, Louisiana, and in Meeker from 1951 to 1996.

Jean met her husband, Frank Welder, while teaching sixth grade in Corpus Christi, Texas. They married on Dec. 31, 1955, in Sault Ste Marie and resided in Uvalde, Texas until Frank accepted a position in Monroe, Louisiana as head of the geology department and Jean continued teaching in public and private elementary schools.

Jean and Frank, along with their three children, spent a summer in Mexico City where Jean and Frank studied Spanish at the American Cultural Institute. They would return to Mexico many times to hike and explore areas of interest.

In 1964, Frank accepted a position at USGS in Lakewood, Colorado, and Jean returned to graduate school at the University of Colorado and earned her Master's degree in criminology and psychology. She then pursued graduate studies in health and fitness, a passion she developed from enduring a childhood illness. In 1969 she developed and taught the first yoga classes offered by the City of Lakewood and combining her education, she taught yoga classes in residence at the Jefferson County Youth Center in Golden, Colorado.

Jean continued to be an avid student, studying under a number of yoga masters, attending New Games workshops, Tai Chi, Tai Chi for Arthritis, Therapeutic Massage, completed graduate studies in stress management and many additional courses and workshops in health and wellness.

Jean and Frank moved to Meeker, Colorado in 1975 when Frank relocated to continue his USGS studies in the Piceance Basin. Jean continued to teach yoga, tai chi, and stress management classes and also organized and led weekend getaways at

their Welder Ranch property into her 80s.

After Frank retired in 1983, Jean and Frank spent a year in Oman where Frank was a hydrogeological consultant for the Sultanate of Oman while Jean organized social gatherings and team teaching with other residents in their compound. They enjoyed many progressive dinners and classes with residents from around the world during the time they were there.

Jean and Frank continued to be very active, hiking and biking in the area, and many Meekerites will remember them taking their daily walks through town. They enjoyed family visits to Texas and Michigan, and Jean would frequently teach weekend yoga and tai chi classes when they traveled. Jean will be remembered for her collection of jokes, adventurous spirit, and unconditional love for those around her.

In February 2019, Jean moved into the Walbridge Wing where she received excellent care from the wonderful staff.

Jean is survived by her daughter Maureen Mabrey, sons Brian and Shawn Welder, grandchildren Keegan, Kalin and Kolin Welder; step-grandchildren Amber and Rick Mabrey II, step-great-grandchildren Georgia, Kennedy, Easton and Cal Mabrey; son-in-law Rick Mabrey; daughter-in-law Nancy Welder; sister Lois Laundry; sister-in-law Sandra Price and many nephews, nieces, and extended family members. She is predeceased by her husband Frank Welder, parents William and Ethel Price, brothers James and Patrick Price, and sister Peggy Osborn, brothers-in-law Rod Osborn, Frank Laundry, brother-in-law Edward Welder and his wife Anne Welder.

Following her wishes, no services are planned. A celebration of Jean's life will take place at the Welder Ranch when family and friends are able to gather.

Friends and family may make memorial contributions to the Meeker Public Library if they choose.

"Do not stand at my grave and cry. I am not there. I did not die!" Anonymous



Jean Welder

## OBITUARY POLICY:

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# MACC's Peter Pan, Jr. set for Mar. 11-13

Special to the Herald Times

**MEEKER** The Meeker Arts and Cultural Council Center Stage Youth Theatrical Group proudly presents Peter Pan, Jr., on Thursday and Friday, March 11 and 12 at 7 p.m. and on Saturday, March 13 at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. at the Meeker High School auditorium, 550 School St.

Admission is \$5 per person. Seating is limited to 100 patrons per show. Tickets are available at the door. Meeker School District COVID prevention policy requires patrons to wear masks during the performance and to observe social distancing.

Peter Pan, Jr., is produced in collaboration with the ERBM Recreation and Park District and is the 12th musical production of a series that began in 2010 featuring elementary and middle school age youth. Cast members auditioned in December and began rehearsals thereafter with more than 40 youth cast and crew members. Meeker High School Drama Club members will assist with technical crew functions of lighting, sound, sets and stagecraft. Shana Holliday serves as director and music director. Nancy Richardson, MACC president, serves as producer and scenic designer.

For those who would prefer to watch from

home or do not reside in the area, a livestream of the 7 p.m. Friday performance will be available through a platform called ShowTix4U.

You can purchase a ticket to view the livestream by going to <https://www.showtix4u.com/event-details/48938>. Tickets are \$5 plus a \$2.72 fee required by the platform. Proceeds help support MACC.

The *Rio Blanco Herald Times* is donating time to set up and film the event for the livestream.

For more information, check the MACC Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/190366027641499> or call 970-529-6262.

Based on J.M. Barrie's classic tale and featuring an unforgettable score by Morris "Moose" Charlap and Jule Styne with lyrics by Carolyn Leigh, Betty Comden and Adolph Green, Peter Pan is one of the most beloved and frequently performed family favorites of all time. This high-flying Tony Award-winning musical has been performed around the world and delighted audiences for 60 years and is now adapted for young performers.

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## FAST FACTS

**WHO:** Meeker Arts & Cultural Council Center Stage Youth Theatrical Group

**WHAT:** Peter Pan, Jr.

**WHEN:** 7 p.m. March 11 and 12, 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. March 13

**WHERE:** Meeker High School; Friday performance will also be livestreamed at [showtix4u.com](https://www.showtix4u.com)

none of them will ever forget. In the adventure of a lifetime, the travelers come face to face with a ticking crocodile, a fierce Indian tribe, a band of bungling pirates and, of course, the villainous Captain Hook.

Featuring the iconic songs, "I'm Flying," "I've Gotta Crow," "I Won't Grow Up" and "Never Never Land," and a rousing book full of magic, warmth and adventure, Peter Pan, Jr. is the perfect show for the child in all of us who dreamed of soaring high and never growing up. Peter Pan, Jr. is a dream come true for groups looking to bring magic to their stage and entertain countless families.

Peter Pan, Jr. is produced by special arrangement with Music Theatre International.

# Fritzlan rides in The American Rodeo

## Takes home \$100K, sits atop 2021 PRCA ranks

By **ROXIE FROMANG**  
Special to the Herald Times

### RANGELY

Professional bull rider Colten Fritzlan of Rifle, Colorado, has done it again in Arlington Texas, this time at RFD-TV's The American. The American is an annual event that occurs each year at the Dallas Cowboys' AT&T Stadium in Arlington, Texas. The American is now "the world's richest weekend in Western sports" and paid out \$2.35 million through a series of qualifiers, the semifinals, and the final event, RFD-TV's The American. The top 10 from the previous year's final PRCA standings automatically qualify for the next year's American and they are pit-

ted against underdogs who advance from The American semifinals to battle for the biggest single paycheck of their lives.

This year, The American rodeo took place March 6-7, with the semifinals beginning on Feb. 25. Fritzlan won the long go on March 6 with an 89.75 ride and the short go second performance on March 7 with an 89.50. Fritzlan wowed the judges and crowd with a 90.25 ride in the final shoot out performance event last Saturday, earning a \$100,000 paycheck and loads of respect for the young cowboy. He is currently sitting atop the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association ranks as the world bull riding leader for 2021.

PHOTO COURTESY OF RFD-TV



# Potential grant funding available for child care programs

Special to the Herald Times

**RBC** The Colorado Department of Human Services' Office of Early Childhood (OEC) has announced the launch of the Emerging and Expanding Child Care Grant Program. During the special legislative session called by Gov. Jared Polis in November 2020, child care was recognized for the critical role it plays in supporting Colorado's economy. Out of this recognition, the governor signed House Bill 20B-1002, which created two grant programs to support child care businesses.

The first of these programs, announced Jan. 11, was the Child Care Relief Grant Program, which provided approximately \$35 million to licensed child care providers to support their businesses. Now, the Emerging and Expanding Child Care Grant Program will provide \$10 million to help licensed child care providers, or those actively pursuing a child care license, start or expand their businesses. This program will help create more licensed child care for

Colorado families, especially those in child care deserts, or communities where there is a lack of child care supply.

"Licensed child care provides a safe, nurturing environment for children, the Emerging and Expanding Child Care Grant Program will provide much-needed support to child care providers across Colorado looking to expand or start their business," said Mary Alice Cohen, director of OEC. "By increasing the availability of child care, especially in areas that lack child care, more families will be able to return to work."

Eligible programs include:

- Currently open and operating licensed programs, serving children birth to 5, with a permanent or provisional license which are expanding their current licensed capacity; OR

- An applicant actively pursuing a child care license through the Division of Early Care and Learning. This includes submitting an original application for new programs, or a request that increases capacity for existing programs. Programs that have not yet applied for a child

care license are eligible, but will need to begin their child care license application before submitting a grant application.

Programs that meet the criteria will be eligible for an Emerging and Expanding Child Care Grant award from \$3,000 up to \$50,000 in expenses related to the expansion of current capacity or the opening of a new child care program.

Those interested in receiving grant funds through the Emerging and Expanding Child Care Grant Program must complete the online application. Tips for completing a successful application may be found on the Office of Early Childhood's Emerging and Expanding Child Care Grant Program webpage, [https://www.coloradoofficeofearlychildhood.com/OEC\\_Resources?p=Resources&s=Child-Care-Relief-Grants&lang=en](https://www.coloradoofficeofearlychildhood.com/OEC_Resources?p=Resources&s=Child-Care-Relief-Grants&lang=en)

Programs looking for assistance can contact their Early Childhood Council, licensing specialist or the Colorado Shines help desk at 1.844.447.4441.

## Meeker Recreation Center UPDATE



While the Meeker Recreation Center remains in Level Yellow, beginning Friday, March 12,

## MRC POOL RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED

through Sunday, March 28, and then **all following weekends**, Friday through Sunday, until further notice.

Facility operation hours remain the same.

For more information, including reservation block times, or to make a reservation, please contact Guest Services at (970)878-3403.



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Tickets must be purchased by March 20<sup>th</sup>

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\*Dinner subject to cancellation/modification due to public health concerns\*

## Rio Blanco County 2021 Spring Load Restriction Schedule

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**RBC I** Pursuant to Resolution No. 2007-08 adopted by the Rio Blanco County Board of County Commissioners on February 20, 2007, the following weight restrictions will be imposed on the roads indicated:

**EFFECTIVE BEGINNING: MONDAY, MARCH 8, 2021 @ 12:01 A.M.**

**MAX. WEIGHT PER AXLE: 14,000 Lbs. Actual Axle Weight (total load weight divided by number of axles not allowed) MAX. WEIGHT PER "DROP" AXLE: 10,000 Lbs.**

**RESTRICTED ROADS:**  
 ■ COUNTY ROAD 5 (PICEANCE CREEK)  
 ■ COUNTY ROAD 7 (STRAWBERRY)  
 ■ COUNTY ROAD 21 (BONANZA)  
 ■ COUNTY ROAD 24 (RYAN GULCH)  
 ■ CR 5 & 24

**RESTRICTION ENDS: WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31 @ 12:01 A.M.**

**CR 7 & 21 RESTRICTION ENDS: TUESDAY, MARCH 23 @ 12:01 A.M.**

We appreciate your cooperation in our efforts to protect our paved county roads. For additional restriction information, call the Rio Blanco County Road & Bridge Dept. at 878-9590, or after hours call the Sheriff's Office at 878-9620. Web updates: [www.rbc.us](http://www.rbc.us) Road & Bridge page.

# Sisters Hendrickson, VanWinkle receive Denver Business Journal Trailblazer Awards

Special to the Herald Times

**RBC I** Callie Hendrickson, executive director of the White River and Douglas Creek Conservation Districts, and her sister, Janie VanWinkle, co-owner of the VanWinkle Ranch and head of the Colorado Cattlemen's Association, are the recipients of the Denver Business Journal's (DBJ) Trailblazer Award this year. The award is part of the DBJ's third annual "Who's Who in Agriculture" program.

According to the DBJ, "despite following different career paths within the indus-

try," the sisters "have together pioneered women's roles in the sector and led positive change."

According to an article in the San Juan Basin Forum, VanWinkle was nominated by the Grand Junction Economic Partnership, which noted her family's efforts to work together with cyclists to develop the Palisade Plunge bike trail while figuring out a way to protect the family's beef operation as well, stating, "Janie has been a leader and a spokesperson for the beef community in reaching out to find common ground."

Hendrickson has served as

executive director of the conservation districts in Rio Blanco County since 2010. She was nominated by a member of the Colorado Farm Bureau where she serves on an advisory committee. Hendrickson is active in land use policy for wild horse management, federal land use, and forest health.

The sisters will be honored with the Trailblazer Award during a virtual event on Thursday, March 18 from 1-2 p.m. An open house event is planned at the Meeker Firehouse during the same time, to celebrate the honorees.



COURTESY PHOTOS

Sisters Callie Hendrickson (left) and Janet VanWinkle (right) are the recipients of 2021 Trailblazer awards from the Denver Business Journal.

## Frigid midwest February impacts Rangely gas bills

By **LUCAS TURNER**  
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**RANGELY I** January started off 2021 with a bang, a trend that continued into February, as frigid temperatures blasted large swaths of the United States. The cold front, which blanketed much of the south and midwest triggered catastrophic power grid failures in Texas, shutting down not only power to homes but also oil/gas refineries and other natural gas infrastructure. Meanwhile, demand for natural gas increased rapidly, as millions of Americans cranked their thermostats to keep warm amidst the "once-in-a-decade polar vortex."

The combination of these factors contributed to a significant spike in natural gas prices nationwide, leaving many small private and public gas utility providers scrambling to cover their costs and saddling many Americans with large utility bills.

The Town of Rangely has operated its own gas utility service for decades and was also impacted by the price shock, albeit to a lesser extent than in some regions of the coun-

try. Still, at least some of those impacts reflected on the bills of residents, prompting a barrage of questions to town staff and officials.

With the help of Rangely Gas Superintendent Kelli Neiberger, Town Manager Lisa Piering shared details with the *HT* on some of the inner workings of the town's gas department, specifics of supply-side price increases, cost-mitigation efforts and more.

Piering said price fluctuations for natural gas are normal. As an example, from December to January the "index price" for the town to purchase natural gas from Summit Energy (the town's provider) increased by \$0.29 per MMBtu (1-Million British Thermal Units of natural gas) which Piering called a small and expected increase due to normal, seasonal shifts in temperature. However, the price increase that happened in February was not normal or expected.

From November to March, the town commits to pre-purchase a certain amount of gas at a contracted rate in increments of 5,000 MMBtu. This strategy allows them to lock in a set

index price with the supplier as one way to help mitigate the impact of sudden cost increases. The town typically aims to pre-purchase less gas than will actually be used, because "once we pre-purchase a certain quantity of gas, we must pay for that quantity in that month whether you use it all or not," said Piering.

Gas Superintendent Kelli Neiberger said she estimates how much gas the town should pre-purchase each month, based on a 10-year average of monthly usage records. According to Neiberger, usage has historically dipped below 15,000 MMBtu in February, so the town only pre-purchased 10,000 MMBtu to avoid a surplus. "The Town had 10,000 MMBtu in pre-purchased (contracted) gas at \$3.16 per MMBtu," said Neiberger.

Unfortunately the demand for natural gas this February ended up being much higher than expected, with customers using approximately 18,596 MMBtu.

The additional 8,596 MMBtu had to be purchased at abnormally high rates, costing the town \$25.49 per MMBtu, an eight-

times increase. Neiberger has seen price spikes before, but she said "I had not seen anything of this magnitude in the nearly 20 years I have worked in Rangely's Gas Department."

"If we had that 8,596 MMBtu at contracted price, it would have cost \$27,163.36. Because of the polar vortex situation, that same amount of gas cost \$219,112.04 so the net increase was \$191,948.68," said Neiberger, adding that number does not cover other parts of the Town's bill, including transportation, commodities and fuel charges.

Town Manager Lisa Piering says they are now working out ways to cover their own February gas bill. Unfortunately for residents, one way the town has chosen to cover their cost is sharing some of the burden with customers.

Piering said "customer's bills would have increased another 46% if we had not pre-purchased gas." She also emphasized the town's decision to reduce its "system operating charge" by \$0.15 per CCF for the month of February. "This saved cus-

tomers an additional 9.5% on their bills," she said, adding "the town will be lucky to cover costs for February as it has absorbed part of the increase to assist its customers." Both Piering and Neiberger emphasized that the town is not making money from the situation, much like many utility providers around the state and country.

One Rangely resident told the *HT* their February bill had more than doubled, an increase they said they could not afford. Rangely Town Manager Lisa Piering explained that the town is willing to discuss options with anyone unable to pay their bill. Options include setting up a payment plan and working with town staff to apply for financial assistance programs like the Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LEAP).

For more information Rangely residents can call the town at 970-675-8476 and ask to speak with Utility Billing Clerk Jennifer Osborne.

More information on utility price increases is available at [facebook.com/townofrangely](https://www.facebook.com/townofrangely) or by calling 970-675-8476

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## Six Cowboys headed to state wrestling tourney

By **TIFFANY JEHOEK**  
Special to the Herald Times

**MEEKER 1** Hosts of the CHSAA 2A Region 1 tournament, the Meeker Cowboys will send six boys to the "Big Show."

Ty Goedert (113 pounds), Trae Kennedy (120), Connor Blunt (145), Kelton Turner (160), Brendan Clatterbaugh (170), and Colby Clatterbaugh (195) are the 2021 Meeker Cowboy State Wrestling qualifiers.

"Generally we wrestled really really well," commented head coach JC Watt. "Some of our guys over performed but all of them wrestled well."

Meeker had seven kids in the finals, "in any year that is really good," said Watt.

If the wrestlers just win one match they will place as the state tournament will only have 8-person brackets.

"All of them have a chance to win it," said Watt, "it was hard to get here but they will go even further now that they did."

The state tournament will be a double elimination tournament and according to Watt, "it is as we expected" from the wrestlers attending from other regions.

To recap regionals and look forward to state:

Goedert, who placed second and then won the challenge match, will be making his third trip to state as a junior, "He has a really good chance of making it into the finals," said Watt.

Kennedy also took second and then won a really tough challenge match to take true second. Kennedy placed last year and is looking to do so again.

Owen Hanneman (126), did not place but wrestled two weight classes above normal.

Tyson Portwood (132) lost in a really tough match in round one to Chism from Rangely.

Kaden Franklin (138) had a bye round one then lost in round two placing him in the consolation bracket. He then won one round in that bracket before losing to Gardner from Lyons.

Blunt took first place in a bracket that consisted of four other boys ranked in the top 11 of the state.

"Connor has a returning state placer in his weight at state, but I expect he will wrestle really well," commented Watt.

Trinden Powell (152) wrestled Murphy from Hayden who ended up taking second in the tournament for his first match of the day. Losing to Murphy he moved to the consolation bracket where he went on in round one and then lost a tough match that went the full time, losing 6-0.

Turner will be making his first appearance at the state tournament.

"He wrestled tough and had a good wrestle back," said Watt.

B. Clatterbaugh had one of the toughest weight classes at regionals and faced number one Kody Logan in the finals. Clatterbaugh went the full distance losing by major decision 13-0. Clatterbaugh took second with no challenge match as he had already beat Mathews of Mancos 11-5.

Dax Sheridan took second but then lost in his challenge match to Fury from Mancos.

"It was heartbreaking to

have him lose," commented Watt, "losing in a challenge match after getting second is a hard way to finish."

C. Clatterbaugh will "hopefully be in his second state finalist match for his high school career," said Watt. Clatterbaugh's weight will definitely be a "good one to watch," according to Watt. There are two state finalists in his bracket at state. Clatterbaugh is ranked number two in the state. He went into regionals ranked number one in region 1 and ended in the top spot.

Judd Harvey was unable to wrestle due to a medical issue, but as a freshman has three more years to get there.

"It was too bad Judd wasn't able to wrestle," said Watt. "He has learned a lot and grown as a wrestler this year."

Tanner Musser (285) had a tough tournament. The heavy-weight bracket skipped round one as there were not enough wrestlers, Musser won round two but then in the semifinals he met Sanchez of Cedaredge who went on to win the tournament.

"Overall we had a great year and I expect a lot from the kids who are making the trip to state," wrapped up Watt.

The state tournament will be a one day tournament in Pueblo, Colorado. Each wrestler is allowed to have two family members attend, no other spectators will be allowed. The tournament will begin for class 2A on Friday at 9 a.m., and finals are scheduled for 7:15 with the parade of champions at 7. It will be broadcast on the NFHS Network.



TIFFANY JEHOEK PHOTO  
(Top) Colby Clatterbaugh (Bottom) Brendan Clatterbaugh.

## Panthers end wrestling season at regionals

Special to the Herald Times

**RANGELY 1** This weekend the Panther wrestling team competed in the regional tournament. This is the tournament that determines who makes it to state.

"In a "normal" year, the top four placers of this tournament qualify for the Big Show," commented head coach JC Chumacero, "and this year they only will be taking the top two. I think we have all realized that things just have not been normal and these young men have accepted that. We all knew coming into this tournament that we had to get into the finals to be comfortable in qualifying for the "Big Show."

Further complications to this year's wrestling season was the loss of the consolation side of the bracket in the first round of a 16 man bracket.

Sophomore Colton Stevens at 126 pounds was the first Panther to fall victim of this new rule. He drew the second seed right off the bat, Christian Keller, who is ranked number six in the state, and unfortunately was done after falling in the first period.

Junior Alex Black at 138 pounds also lost in the first round eliminating him from the tournament. Freshman Kobey Chism had to win his first match to keep out of the same boat, pinning his first opponent from Meeker, Tyson Portwood, Chism was able to make it past the single elimination round.

"Chism had a tough draw his second round losing to number seven ranked and second seed from Cedaredge, AJ Robidou,"

said Chumacero.

Chism lost his last match of the day to Carter Galloway from Mancos opponent taking him out of the tournament.

"He wrestled really hard all season and will be a force the next three years," commented Chumacero.

Junior Braxton Moore at 145 pounds had a bye his first round, but then lost two matches in a row taking him out. His first match was against number six ranked Reagan Todd from Paonia. "He did also lose his second match, but wrestled really hard," said Chumacero.

Moore suffered an injury early in the year and was unable to compete for more than half of it. Day two the Panthers entered six wrestlers. Junior Brent Cantrell at 170 pounds was unfortunately the only one to lose his first round eliminating him from the tournament.

"This young man has really come a long way," said Chumacero, "he is in the room all summer and never misses a practice."

Sophomore Kasen LeBleu (220) lost both of his matches.

"He wrestled hard all season," commented Chumacero.

Freshman Jaxon Torsell (195), "lost a very close first match in a weight where I feel like he could have made some serious noise," said Chumacero. Torsell suffered an injury where he was unable to finish the tournament.

Juniors Zane Varner (152) and Byron Mackay (285) both placed third.

Varner lost a tough match in the semi finals putting him in the consolation side of the bracket.

He pinned his next two opponents, getting him third place. Mackay took the same route, also getting third.

Varner and Mackay were both in a situation where they could have been in challenge matches depending on who won the first and second place match. Unfortunately there were no chances for wrestle backs.

In a "normal" year, they both would have made it to state.

Lone senior Anthony Garner did not place.

"This young man is the definition of heart," said Chumacero. "His first loss was to number six ranked Meeker wrestler Dax Sheridan." Garner was not willing to just give up and beat a very tough fight his next match winning 2-1. He lost his last match of his career which would have put him in the placing rounds.

"Anthony is someone I will truly miss. He has always been a young man who never quits. I am excited to see what his future holds," commented Chumacero.

Chumacero wrapped up by saying, "Every year I like to thank the team for sticking by my side. I couldn't emphasize this more with the crazy year we have had. Colton Stevens (126), Kobey Chism (132), Alex Black (138), Braxton Moore (145), Zane Varner (152), Brent Cantrell (170), Julian Pena (170), Anthony Garner (182), Jaxon Torsell (195), Kasen LeBleu (220), and Byron Mackay (285). I would also like to thank manager Kenzie Satterly and assistant coaches Mike Dillon and Jeff (Buck) LeBleu. Thank you all for sticking by my side once again."



TIFFANY JEHOEK PHOTOS  
(Top) RHS Senior Anthony Garner. (Bottom) Junior Byron Mackay.

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Updates at <https://chsaanow.com/coronavirus/>



# Rangely v. Meeker boys b-ball game a nail-biter

Special to the Herald Times

**RANGELY I** Rangely's 2-10 overall record did not portend a nail-biter prior to hosting the 9-3 Meeker Cowboys last Thursday. However, it was senior night for the Panthers and the intensity on defense was evident as the first quarter saw an 8-7 Panther advantage. The defensive battle continued through the half as Rangely held on to a 17-16 lead behind six points each from Gabe Polley and Sydney Cole. In the third quarter, Rangely tried pulling away, outscoring the Cowboys by six. Leading 31-24 at the start of the fourth, Rangely's lead was never safe as both teams sent the other to the

charity stripe multiple times. Meeker crept back, and with timely threes by Ethan Drake and Zagar Brown and a relentless attack by Ryan Phelan, secured a one-point victory, 44-43, over the Panthers. Gabe Polley, Sydney Cole, Keihlin Myers and Travis Coates led Rangely with 15, 12, eight, and five points, respectively. Cole pulled down 14 rebounds and Coates followed with nine boards. Prior to the varsity contest, the Panther JV team ended their season with a thrilling overtime victory over the Cowboys.

Rangely finished seventh in the North division of the 1A/2A Western Slope league and traveled to Paonia, the sev-

enth place finisher of the South division. The Panthers got off to a slow start leading 23-17 at halftime.

"We made some defensive adjustments at halftime and the boys executed very well on both ends of the floor," said coach Kyle Boydston. The Panthers held the Paonia Eagles to only eight points in the second half and cruised to a 56-25 victory to end their season. Cole put up 24 points to lead the Panthers and Polley chipped in nine. Cole and Polley also pulled down 15 and eight rebounds respectively. Rangely's guards dished out 11 of the team's 14 assists and were led in that department by Marstan Wagner with four.

"I'm extremely proud of this group. Their confidence grew by leaps and bounds and they should be proud of the improvement they showed over this COVID-shortened season," Boydston said.

**The varsity Panthers came up just a point short in a home game against county rival Meeker last Thursday, but the JV team beat the Cowboys in a thrilling overtime victory. The Panthers finished the season seventh in their division. (Left) Sophomore Kevin Wren will return next year for another season of Panther basketball.**

MATT SCOGGINS PHOTO

# Cowboys enter 'Sweet 16' basketball tonight

By TIFFANY JEHOEK  
Special to the Herald Times

**MEEKER I** Last week was a good week for Meeker Cowboy Basketball. They needed Vail Christian to beat Vail Mountain and come away with two wins in the final games of the regular season, and it all worked out in their favor.

The major 88-49 win over Hayden had the team ready to take on the Rangely Panthers Thursday.

Neither team came out strong and at the half Rangely was up one, 17-16. The Cowboys had a big fourth quarter that allowed them to come away with the win 44-43.

Ryan Phelan had a big night with 15 points and there was a lot of contribution from the team. Ethan Drake had nine, Zagar Brown had eight, and

Braydon Garcia had six to help the Cowboys beat the Panthers.

"Rangely played really well," commented head coach Klark Kindler, "it was a typical county rivalry game."

Defensively, Drake and Phelan were top rebounders and helped to lead the Cowboys to victory.

The wins for the Cowboys and Vail Christian meant the Cowboys sealed the number one spot in the north. The number one spot for the entire league was then to be played in a north vs south game where the Cowboys took on DeBeque.

The game, which was within two points at the end of the first had a dramatic change when DeBeque outscored the Cowboys 29-22 in the second quarter. In the fourth the Cowboys came back to tie it up by the end of regulation 73-73. Overtime was not

kind to the Cowboys once again and they lost a close and exciting game 85-78.

"It was an entertaining game, both teams played well and hard, they made a few more plays than we did," said Kindler.

Phelan led in stats offensively as the top scorer once again with 25 and seven rebounds and defensively with 16 rebounds. Spud White had 17 points, Liam Deming had 16, and Brown had 10 and off the boards Deming pulled down six rebounds and Drake and White each five.

The wins moved the Cowboys up in the rankings to 14, which is what they needed to be able to host a home game for the first round of playoffs.

Tuesday the Holyoke Dragons who were ranked 19 came to Meeker. The Cowboys only allowed the Dragons to outscore them in the first quarter and from there on Meeker dominated the game. The final score was 58-51 in front of a home crowd that was excited to be there for their team.

"The boys played really well together," began Kindler, "in the first half we were really close to

getting a seven to eight point lead and in the second half we were able to get over the hump and finish it with free throws."

The rest of the playoffs will find the Cowboys on the road. This Thursday they will play the Peyton Panthers in the Sweet 16. The Panthers are number one in the Black Forest District and number three in the state. Game time is 6 pm and will be broadcasted on the NFHS network. Opposite side of this game is Denver Christian ranked 6 vs Del Norte ranked 11. The winner of the Cowboys versus Panthers will take on the winner of this game Saturday in the Elite 8. The Denver Christian and Del Norte game is scheduled to start one hour before Meeker takes to the court and Meeker will know at the end of their game who their next opponent is.

**Liam Deming (right) contributed to a home court win against the Holyoke Dragons, which secured the Cowboys a spot in the Sweet 16. They will play tonight at 6 p.m., with the game broadcast on the NFHS network.**

TIFFANY JEHOEK PHOTO



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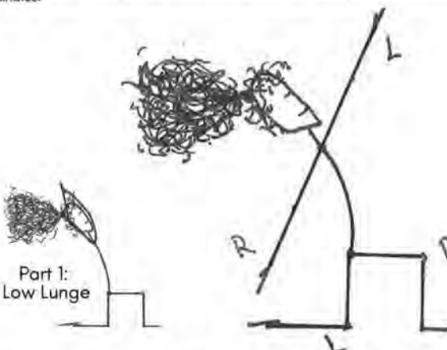
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This Pose is called Low Lunge Exalted Twist, and is the second in a three part series to awaken the deeper muscle layers of your body.

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Hold this pose for 3-5 breath cycles then release by inhaling to straighten up from your Exalted Twist and switch your legs to repeat Parts 1-2 on your other side.

Not only do these poses allow for deep stretching but they improve your balance and help train your various muscle groups to "work together."

# Lady Panthers end season fourth in league

Special to the Herald Times

**RANGELY I** Rangely's lady Panthers closed out their 2021 basketball season with a loss to the No. 6 Paonia Eagles. This game determined the third and fourth place teams out of the

2A Western Slope League. Since the league was split into two divisions this year, teams had to cross over and play each other to determine their final placings. Leading the Panthers in scoring for the game was junior Adelynn Halcomb, who had 13 points.

Following Halcomb in scoring was junior Mary Scoggins, who scored 12 points. Senior Maya Mercado added five points, freshman Ryann Mergelman and Anikka Cantrell added four points, senior Dixie Rhea added two points, and sophomore Kyrah Phelps added one point.

The Panthers overall record fell to 6-6 and 4-2 in league play with the loss. One more tough defeat from the Eagles was enough to knock the Lady Panthers out of the top 24 teams in 2A, which did not qualify the Panthers for the 2021 Colorado 2A State Basketball tournament. The Panthers found themselves sitting at 26th place in the final composite standings of rankings from the CHSAA RPI, CHSAA Now Coaches Poll, MaxPreps Rankings, and Packard rankings. The only automatic qualifiers into the state tournament are the teams who won their league outright, and the final teams were added based on the composite rankings stated earlier.

Moving forward, the Panthers will return four of five starters from the 2021 team. The team's top four scorers will return for the 2022 season, including Scoggins, who averaged 12 points, nine rebounds, two assists, and two steals a game; Halcomb, who averaged 10 points, four rebounds, one assist, and two steals per game; Mergelman with nine points, five rebounds, three assists, and two steals per game; and Cantrell with her team-leading nine rebounds per game. The future is bright for the Panthers in 2021 as they look to return with a vengeance to overcome the emotions of not making the

2021 Colorado 2A state playoff bracket.

2021 seniors that will be departing the team include Dixie Rhea, Maya Mercado and Janessa Mast. Rhea will be the lone starter departing the program and was always tasked with shutting down the opposing team's top offensive performer. Rhea accomplished this on every occasion and became known in the Western Slope League for her defensive prowess. Rhea closed her career out with 42 total points, 56 rebounds, 34 steals and 12 assists.

Maya Mercado moved to Rangely during the 2020 summer and immediately added depth to the Panthers roster. Mercado closed out her lone campaign with the Panthers with 22 points, 52 rebounds, two assists and two steals. Mercado added to the senior leadership with her excellent attitude and her refusal to accept defeat.

The last departing senior is Janessa Mast, who also moved to Rangely during the 2020 summer. Mast began the season as the team manager, but after watching the girls compete in games and practice she chose to lace up her basketball shoes one more time. Mast did not accumulate stats for the 2021 season but always added the senior leadership and kept the long bus rides fun with her bubbly personality.

The coaching staff and the underclassmen want to thank the departing seniors for their dedication and ability to adapt during 2020 and 2021. These three women are headed on to do great things with their lives, and their futures hold endless opportunities for them.



MATT SCOGGINS PHOTO

**Freshman Annika Cantrell put four points on the board against the Paonia Eagles and led the team in rebounds this season.**

# SWIM TEAM ...



**Meeker High School junior Hailey Knowles will compete with Moffat County 400-yard free relay teammates—Moffat County High School seniors Ellina Jones, Alexa Neton and Kelsey McDiffett (bottom) in Thornton this weekend at the Veteran's Memorial Aquatic Center (VMAC) for the 3A State Meet. At regionals last week the relay team dropped more than seven seconds for a finishing time 4:09:85. Five MHS girls competed on the Moffat County Bulldogs swim team this year: Kate Lockwood, Vivian Brown, Wagner Brown, Nora Gianinetti and Hailey Knowles (top).**

COURTESY PHOTO



# Hello from Alberta, Canada

By **MIKAYLA FILFRED**  
Special to the Herald Times

**RANGELY I** Hello Rio Blanco County! It has been awhile since I've been anywhere near our beautiful part of Colorado which I am proud to call home.

For the last year and half I have been living in Alberta, Canada. The literal great white north! I'm serving as a missionary for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. And what an adventure everything has been!

I wish everyone could experience the beauty of Canada, and feel the love and hospitality that the Canadian people have for everyone. I have driven hours on end on the Alberta plains and have been in countless homes and I let me tell you, I am going to miss this place! It has become my little heaven on earth, and home away from home.

Was winter all it was hyped up to be? Yes! Think of all the crazy things that people have told you and multiply that by 10! My first winter was tough. It got as cold as -56 with the wind. The sun would set at 3p.m. and would not rise again until 9 a.m. the next day. Cold snaps would last days or weeks on end. Which meant it was -30 or -40 on a daily basis. It was rough! This winter was no different. Add a pandemic on top of that and that equals lots of isolation.



**Mikayla Filfred is an LDS missionary currently serving in Alberta, Canada.**

What got me through that? The crazy winter temperatures, the pandemic, being away from my family, and what feels like never ending isolation. Let me tell you!

It has been wonderful serving people. Serving people like Christ would serve, whether it was simple volunteer work in the community or teaching people the gospel I believe in. That in turn gave my heart the capability to love others more than I thought possible. When I serve, my focus changes and it softens my heart. I know charity is alive and well. It has changed my heart forever. I will forever be grateful for the example the Canadian people have been to me and how they have forever changed my heart.

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Buyer: Douglas R Ebat  
Description: Stanolind Addition 98103 4 A 213 S Stanolind Ave  
Transaction Price: \$149,485.00

Seller: Michael W Gillard  
Buyer: Kaitlyn Alexandra Tredeaux  
Description: Ridges Subdivision 189335 10 1 120 Pinyon Cir  
Transaction Price: \$270,000.00

Seller: Daniel L and Desera D Lapp  
Buyer: Michael W and Wendi Gillard  
Description: Hazlewood Acres Minor Subdivision 279221 1 2534 E Main St  
Transaction Price: \$420,000.00

Seller: Jeffrey C and Shelly M Polley  
Buyer: Donald J II and Rhonda G Davidson  
Description: 6 A 226 Crest St Mesa Subdivision  
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Seller: Tyson L and Danielle M Hacking  
Buyer: National Residential Nominee Services Inc  
Description: La Mesa Subdivision 208675 10 1 1495 La Mesa Cir  
Transaction Price: \$217,000.00

Seller: Henry P Widmer  
Buyer: RND Properties LLC  
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Transaction Price: \$18,500.00

Seller: Glen Pennycuff  
Buyer: Colin B and Antonia Jane Phillippi  
Description: Little Beaver Estates #2 265431 14 2140 Meath Dr  
Transaction Price: \$92,750.00

Seller: Tyrone Bartlett

Buyer: Cylene Thompson  
Description: Ridges Estates 29684 30 1400 Flag Creek Dr  
Transaction Price: \$480,000.00

Seller: Jeris A Danielson  
Buyer: Jeris A Danielson Trust  
Description: 2N 088W 01 53098 County Rd 8 General Warranty Deed  
Transaction Price: \$10.00

Seller: Julie A Valentine  
Buyer: Guarantee Trust Life Insurance Co  
Description: Elk Creek Ranch PUD 288707 4  
Transaction Price: \$1,100,000.00

Seller: Edward J Matonich  
Buyer: Donald Paul Mersch, Deborah Mersch Delker, Dawn Mersch Jenkins  
Description: 1 N 093W 19 987 County Rd 8  
Transaction Price: \$800,000.00

Seller: Curtis W and Annette Cooper  
Buyer: Felix and Elizabeth Monteagudo  
Description: Sage Hills Subdivision 196641 30 3 1344 Sage Ridge Rd  
Transaction Price: \$275,000.00

Seller: Timothy B Cleary  
Buyer: Horseshoe Ranch LLC  
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Buyer: Justin W and Kimberly A Pretti  
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Description: 2S 097W 19 Oil Gas & Warranty Mineral Deed  
Transaction Price: \$10.00

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Seller: Golden Parachute LLC  
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Description: Sanderson Hills Re- Subdivision Phase 2 #1 284732 350  
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Seller: Article Fourth Trust, Sibyl H Levy Deceased  
Buyer: William G Levy Trust  
Description: 1S 092W 26 550 County Rd 54, 1S 092W 27 550 County Rd 54, Sibyl H Levy  
Transaction Price: \$2,175,000.00

Seller: JBR Corporation Inc  
Buyer: Duco Real Estate LLC  
Description: Poole & Pilcher Subdivision Replat Final Plat 283856 1 2403 1/2 E Main  
Transaction Price: \$10.00

Seller: Christopher E and Briana R Williams  
Buyer: Arturo Rodriguez Lopez and Tania Valeriano Estrada  
Description: Sage Hills Subdivision 196641 8 3 1304 Sage Ridge Rd  
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Seller: Cameron H and Patricia L Collett  
Buyer: Terry A and Brenda S Dahlberg  
Description: La Mesa Subdivision Replat #2 of Replat 289325 33 3 1218 Solar Cir  
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Seller: Sanmei Chen  
Buyer: Rio Bravo Land & Cattle Company LLC  
Description: Town of Meeker 7 2 975 Market St, Town of Meeker 8 82 975 Market  
Transaction Price: \$180,000.00

Seller: Dennis and Janet S Medina  
Buyer: Joseph T Medina  
Description: 1N 102W 01 513 Lake St  
Transaction Price: \$65,000.00

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*The Meeker Herald*  
125 years ago

■ The other day, a telegram was sent to Meeker from President Cleveland. It read, "We have 500 cowpunchers, ready at your call, for a fight with the 'cigarettes.' Reserve the right to furnish our own horses and grub. Signed, Dwight Edwin Ryland, president, and Harry French, secretary."

■ Travel has noticeably been on the increase.  
■ Cattlemen are very interested in exterminating the prairie dogs.

*The Meeker Herald*  
100 years ago

■ E. J. Wilson set out for lower Piceance Creek to test the oil shale which is producing an abundance of oil.

■ A call for a local bakery is in motion. The

county sends lots of wheat to Grand Junction and the Denver area and stores in Meeker are importing bread. A local bakery would solve these dilemmas.

■ Thieves broke into the Oldland store last Saturday, stealing items worth anywhere from \$50 to \$100.

*The Meeker Herald*  
50 years ago

■ The Meeker Fire Department celebrated their 38th Anniversary this week. They celebrated with a dinner at Elbert Hall.

■ The Herald received calls from the Denver area after last week's edition of the Rocky Mountain News. The calls were about ways to help the money of the Freeman Fairfield money get spent.

■ The Colorado Game, Fish and Parks commission passed a new regulation that would prohibit any other personal besides law enforcement acting in the line of duty to discharge a firearm or

release an arrow, intended to kill wildlife, 100 yards on each side of any public road.

*The Meeker Herald*  
25 years ago

■ The Meeker Board of Education voted 5-2 to return back to a five-day school week. Feedback from the community about the decision was apparent.

■ The Meeker Rec Center was awarded a GOCO grant for a new lightning system on the ballfield.

■ The season came to an end last week for Meeker's "Bowling Brats." All participants came home with many trophies.

*Rangely Times*  
50 years ago

■ The retail sales of Rangely increased 10.5%

in the fourth quarter of 1970.

■ In May, two vacancies on the Rangely College governing board will be filled at an election.

■ During the last part of March, the FAA will be administering flight instructor written examinations at Rangely College.

*Rangely Times*  
25 years ago

■ The Rangely Development Agency discussed different project bids at their regular meeting. The paving quote for Kenney Marina ended up being much higher than expected, totaling out at \$65,683.

■ Rio Blanco County Commissioners accepted a \$64,960 bid from Mesa Mack for a 1977 model Mack truck. They also accepted a \$22,851 bid for a bottom dump trailer from Transwest Trailer Sales.

■ The Board of Trustees discussed the property surplus and funding for a sampling program at their regular meeting.

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Public Notice of Petition for Change of Name  
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**The Petition requests that the name of CASEY CURTIS WILLIAMS be changed to CASEY DEAN PAMPERIEN.**  
Case No.: 21C30016  
By: JOAN GIBSON  
Clerk of the Court / Deputy Clerk  
Published: March 11, 18 and 25, 2021  
Rio Blanco Herald Times

County Court, Rio Blanco County, Colorado  
Corey Maxwell Russell FOR A CHANGE OF NAME  
TO: Maxwell Zollie  
**PUBLIC NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME**  
Public Notice is given on February 11, 2021 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 Corey Maxwell Russell be changed to Maxwell Zollie.  
By: Joan Gibson  
Clerk of Court  
Published: February 25, March 4 and 11, 2021  
Rio Blanco Herald Times

**DISTRICT COURT, RIO BLANCO COUNTY, COLORADO**  
Court Address: 455 Main Street, P.O. Box 1150 Meeker, CO 81641  
Phone: (970) 878-5622  
**PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO:**  
In the interests of: A.F. Minor Child and Concerning: JENNIFER FRENCH and DAVID LEE POLLARD, Parental Respondents and JERRY STEWART Special Respondent  
Case No. 20JV10

**STEERMAN LAW OFFICES, PLLC**  
Donald Steerman #23402  
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**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO: TO THE ABOVE-NAMED FATHER, DAVID LEE POLLARD, of the MINOR CHILD, A.F. YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED AND REQUIRED** to appear and defend against the claims of the Petition for Dependent or Neglected Child filed with the Court in this action. A copy of the Petition may be obtained from the Clerk of the Court.  
**YOU ARE NOTIFIED** that the Dependency and Neglect Petition filed with the Court alleges that the above-named child is dependent and neglected for reasons more fully set forth in the Petition.  
**YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED** that your parental rights may be terminated by this action.  
**YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED** that the Court has set said Petition for hearing on the 6th day of April, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. at the Rio Blanco County District Court, Meeker, Colorado.  
**YOU ARE NOTIFIED TO BE AND APPEAR BEFORE THIS COURT AT SAID TIME. DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC, ALL HEARINGS ARE BEING CONDUCTED VIA THE COURT'S WEBEX ONLINE SYSTEM UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. PLEASE CONTACT THE COURT TO OBTAIN CALL-IN INFORMATION.**  
If you fail to appear or answer, judgment by default may be rendered against you by the Court for the relief demanded in the Petition without further notice.  
Dated this 8th day of March, 2021.  
**STEERMAN LAW OFFICES**  
/s/ Donald L. Steerman  
Donald L. Steerman #23402  
ATTORNEY FOR RIO BLANCO COUNTY  
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES  
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The Rio Blanco County Fair Board is now accepting bids for the 2021 Livestock Sale Pictures at Fair. For a complete criteria packet please call the Extension Office at 970-878-9490, stop by the office at the Fairgrounds or email rcbfairboard@gmail.com. **Bid Deadline:** Monday, March 15th, 5 p.m. to the RBC Extension Office.  
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• MEETING AGENDAS •

**Notification of Public Hearing**  
**Rangely Planning and Zoning Commission**  
**March 16, 2021 - 9:00 A.M.**  
**Rangely Municipal Conference Room**  
The Rangely Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a Public Hearing to elect new officers and consider the rezoning of 2828 Shale Drive, being a change of zoning from Industrious to Country Zone of the 4.954 acre lot. Rio Blanco County Assessor's office describes the lot as: Cedar Ridge Subdivision Poole & Pilcher Resub Block 3 Lot 4 in Section 4, T1N, R101 W of the 6th P.M., Town of Rangely, Rio Blanco County, CO. Assessor's Parcel No. 139504203004.  
The 2828 Shale Drive Rezoning request can be viewed at the Main Office of the Town of Rangely at 209 E. Main Street in Rangely, Colorado.  
The Public is invited to attend the Public Hearing and provide written or verbal comment on the proposed 2828 Shale Drive Rezoning request.  
By: Marybel Cox, Clerk/Treasurer  
Publish: March 4 and 11, 2021  
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Board of County Commissioners of  
Rio Blanco County, Colorado  
Rio Blanco County Annex Building  
17497 Hwy 64  
Rangely, CO 81648  
To attend by phone, please call 970-878-9432  
**March 16, 2021**  
1. **11:00 a.m. Call to order:**  
A. Pledge of Allegiance  
B. Changes to March 16, 2021 Agenda  
2. **CONSENT AGENDA March 16, 2021**  
A. **Move to approve the below listed items**

**of the Consent Agenda.**  
B. Meeting Minutes of March 16, 2021.  
3. **BUSINESS**  
4. **MOU's, CONTRACTS, AND AGREEMENTS**  
A. Amendment #1 to Contract for the JBBS Mental Health Expansion Program.  
B. Cancellation of an Agreement for Services dated December 8, 2020 with Dr. Tonazzi for vasectomy services.  
5. **OTHER BUSINESS**  
A. Public Comment  
B. County Commissioners Updates  
**Adjourn**  
The agenda is provided for informational purposes only; all times are approximate. Agenda items will normally be considered in the order they appear on the agenda. However, the Board may alter the Agenda, take breaks during the meeting, work through the noon hour and even continue an item for a future meeting date. The Board, while in session, may consider other items that are brought before it. Scheduled items may be continued if the Board is unable to complete the Agenda as scheduled.  
The next regular Board meeting is tentatively scheduled for March 23, 2021 in the Rio Blanco County Historic Courthouse, 555 Main St., 3rd Floor Meeting Room, Meeker, CO. Please check the County's website for information at <http://rbco.us/186/Board-of-County-Commissioners>. If you need special accommodations please call 970-878-9431 in advance of the meeting so that reasonable accommodations may be made.  
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**TOWN OF MEEKER**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**Tuesday, March 16, 2021**  
7:00 P.M. Board Meeting  
Town Hall  
345 Market Street, Meeker, CO  
**Board workshop to be held at 6:00 p.m.**  
**Due to COVID-19 precautions, the public is invited to attend by calling 970-878-8091.**  
Call to Order  
Pledge of Allegiance  
Roll Call  
Approval of the Agenda  
Approval of the Previous Minutes  
Approval of Monthly Disbursements  
Public Participation *This is an opportunity for Citizens to bring comments and questions to the Board of Trustees not being addressed in the Regular Meeting Agenda. In consideration of other regularly scheduled agenda items, comments will be limited to 3 minutes or less. Citizens are asked to approach the podium state their name and address for the record.*  
Staff Updates  
New Business:  
a. Adoption of Resolution No. 03-2021 appointing Jared Harvey to serve on the Meeker Planning Commission.  
b. Bid opening for the 2021 Hot Pour Crack Filling Project.  
Mayor's Remarks  
Town Manager's Report  
Other Board Business  
Adjournment  
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• BID REQUESTS •

**TOWN OF RANGELY**  
COLORADO

**TOWN OF RANGELY, COLORADO**  
**ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID**

Sealed BIDS for construction of the Town of Rangely Main Street Improvements Phase 1 will be received by the Town of Rangely at Town Hall, 209 E. Main Street, Rangely, Colorado, 81648, until 3:00 pm, Monday, March 29, 2021, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Electronic bids will be accepted as long as they are received by bid opening deadline, and hard copies are postmarked by bid opening deadline.  
The project generally consists of concrete work on CDOT ROW on Main Street. Specifically, the work includes the addition of approximately 400 LF of new 7-foot wide concrete sidewalk, sections of vertical curb and gutter, and placing approx. 1300 SF of 6 inch reinforced concrete slab. Existing concrete will be removed and the sites prepared by others. The Town reserves the right to modify quantities or not award. Time is of the essence, so Contractor's estimated start and completion dates will be considered along with bid price. A Bid Bond will be required. If project price exceeds \$50,000, Performance and Payment Bonds equal to 100% of the bid amount will be required upon contract award. Successful bidder must have at least 10 years of experience providing concrete services for municipal projects, and provide General Liability insurance of \$1,000,000 each occurrence, \$2,000,000 aggregate, Umbrella Liability insurance of \$1,000,000 each occurrence, \$1,000,000 aggregate, and Workers Compensation of \$1.00 0,000/\$1,000,000/\$1,000,000. Please provide a partial portfolio with sealed bid, demonstrating requisite experience.  
One set of drawings and a Project Manual with specifications will be furnished electronically free of charge to potential bidders on March 10, 2021. Documents are also available for reviewing at Town Hall. A non-mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held at 11:00am, Tuesday, March 16, 2021, at the Town of Rangely Town Hall located at 209 E. Main Street (Hwy 64) in Rangely, Colorado. All questions pertaining to the project shall be directed to Jocelyn Mullen, PE through email at [jmullen@rangelyco.gov](mailto:jmullen@rangelyco.gov) no later than March 25, 2021 at 3pm.  
This project is being funded by the Town of Rangely, CDOT, and the Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) Main Street Grant Funding.  
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• ACCOUNTS PAYABLE •

**TOWN OF DINOSAUR**  
**DISBURSEMENTS FOR JANUARY 2021**  
Gross Salaries, \$ 23,795.74  
PERA, Monthly Contributions, \$ 2,320.09  
Colorado Dept of Revenue, CWT, \$ 786.00  
IRS, FWT/Med, \$ 2,299.06  
FPPA & D&D, Contributions, \$ 2,632.35  
Centurylink, Phone, Fax, internet, \$ 469.46  
Moon Lake Electric, Town Electricity & School, \$ 2,783.35  
Rangely Trash Service, Trash Service, \$ 92.00  
Caselle Inc, Support, \$ 340.00  
City of Grand Junction, Wastewater test, \$ 67.50  
Rio Blanco Herald Times, Disbursements, \$ 47.05  
Comdata, Gas, \$ 823.83  
County Health Pool, Insurance, \$ 3,063.20  
Walmart, Bleach, \$ 91.03  
Uintah Basin Overhead Door, Doors and Labor, \$ 5,984.00  
AGNC, Dues, \$ 600.00  
L. Elarton, Installed decals, \$ 159.53  
T. Long, Mileage, \$ 126.00  
CDW-G, Printer & office equipment, \$ 9,549.28  
Crozier Oilfield Services Inc, Porta pots, \$ 127.62  
Galls, Supplies, \$ 1,746.94  
Office Depot, Paper, envelopes, ink, toner., \$ 136.84  
Bankcard Center, Postage, XM radio, fence posts, water test, \$ 192.54  
Town of Dinosaur, Halloween & Christmas awards, \$ 285.00  
WestWater Engineering, Sewer project, \$ 39,965.77  
RCP, Pens, charts, \$ 433.29  
Colorado Rural Water, Membership fees, \$ 175.00  
SGS, Water test, \$ 746.92  
Cirs, Insurance, \$ 23,661.20  
Rangely Hardware, Broom, shovel, fit bar, wood for porch, \$ 176.12  
K-D Flags LLC, Flags, \$ 269.80  
**TOTAL ACCOUNTS PAYABLE \$ 123,946.51**  
**TOWN OF DINOSAUR**  
**DISBURSEMENTS FOR FEBRUARY 2021**  
Gross Salaries, \$ 24,209.33  
PERA, Monthly Contributions, \$ 2,278.77  
Colorado Dept of Revenue, CWT, \$ 828.00  
IRS, FWT/Med, \$ 2,265.08  
FPPA & D&D, Contributions, \$ 2,849.38  
Centurylink, Phone, Fax, internet, \$ 479.54  
Moon Lake Electric, Town Electricity & School, \$ 1,496.89  
Rangely Trash Service, Trash Service, \$ 92.00  
Caselle Inc, Support, \$ 340.00  
City of Grand Junction, Wastewater test, \$ 67.50  
Column, Disbursements, \$ 39.81  
Comdata, Gas, \$ 618.12

County Health Pool, Insurance, \$ 3,063.20  
UNCC, Locates, \$ 1.32  
Ducey's Electric Inc, Worked on well, \$ 261.97  
Sav on Propane, Propane, \$ 2,737.79  
CIRSA, Insurance on Police vehicle, \$ 107.32  
Kustom Signals Inc, Radar mount, \$ 154.00  
L. Elarton, Postage, dues, notary, \$ 300.70  
Crozier Oilfield Services Inc, Porta pots, \$ 127.62  
Galls, Supplies, \$ 183.51  
Zions Bank, Tools, water test, XM, \$ 2,219.12  
Sands Law Office, Professional services, \$ 1,554.48  
Napa Auto Parts, Battery, fuel line, filters, misc. parts, \$ 877.60  
Rangely True Value, Keys, valve, kraft roll, \$ 58.52  
Buck Stop, Installed gun racks, \$ 2,179.36  
Pinedale - Walden, Feasibility study, \$ 1,800.00  
Lexis Nexis, CO Revised Stats, \$ 29.60  
T.J's Tire Pros, Battery, running boards, \$ 649.35  
S. Swofford, Taser, ID cards, \$ 315.09  
Psychological Resources, Psychological evaluation, \$ 135.00  
Inventory Trading Company, Jackets, Polos, \$ 224.00  
**TOTAL ACCOUNTS PAYABLE \$ 52,543.97**  
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**TOWN OF RANGELY**  
**Check Register**  
**February-21**  
**VENDOR, AMOUNT, DESCRIPTION**  
AFLAC, 332.51, Payroll Deduction  
ALL COPY PRODUCTS INC, 897.67, Expenses  
ALL WATER SUPPLY LLC, 3089.13, Expenses  
ARAMARK, 480.16, Expenses  
BADGER METER, 48.31, Expenses  
BOY-KO SUPPLY CO, 33.00, Expenses  
BUD'S SIGNS, 198.00, Expenses  
CALDWELL, JEANNIE, 40.00, Expenses  
CASELLE, INC, 1418.00, Software Support  
CCNC INC, 100.00, Expenses  
CEBT, 32848.66, Life Insurance  
CED GRAND JUNCTION, 145.00, Expenses  
CENTURY EQUIPMENT, 958.78, Expenses  
CENTURYLINK, 1709.12, Communication  
CIMARRON TELECOMMUNICATIONS LLC, 55.00, Communication  
CITY OF GREELEY/POLICE DEPARTMENT, 200.00, Expenses  
CNCC FOUNDATION, 300.00, Expenses  
CO LAW ENFORCEMENT DRIVING SKILLS ASSO, 850.00, Expenses

COLORADO MOUNTAIN NEWS MEDIA, 255.00, Expenses  
COLUMN SOFTWARE PBC, 60.49, Expenses  
COMMUNITY COUNTS OF COLORADO INC, 100.00, Expenses  
COUNTRYSIDE VETERINARY CLINIC, 37.00, Expenses  
COX, MARYBEL, 40.00, Expenses  
CREATIONS BY JA-MEL, 423.84, Expenses  
DAN E WILSON, ATTORNEY AT LAW LLC, 690.00, Services  
DIRECTV, 453.00, WRV Expenses  
DON'S DIRECTORY, 64.50, Expenses  
DUCEY'S ELECTRIC, 225.56, Expenses  
ELK MOUNTAIN TECHNOLOGY LLC, 5875.00, Expenses  
ELLIS, KEELY, 100.00, Council Stipend  
EMC PLUMBING & HEATING INC, 1312.41, Expenses  
FBI-LEEDA, 350.00, Expenses  
FIDELITY ADVISOR FUNDS, 18141.97, Payroll deduction  
FIRST BANKCARD, 3130.04, Expenses  
FPPA, 705.18, PD Insurance  
GALLS LLC, 35.49, Expenses  
GARNER, JR RICHARD E, 100.00, Council Stipend  
GEER, LUKE D, 100.00, Council Stipend  
GRANGER, ALISA, 100.00, Council Stipend  
HACH, 460.27, Expenses  
HAMLIN, TIRYNN, 40.00, Expenses  
HIGHLANDS RANCH LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING, 2400.00, Expenses  
J.BOWER PSYCH SVS & CONSULTING LLC, 125.00, Expenses  
JP COOKE COMPANY, 64.50, Expenses  
LEXIPOL LLC, 450.00, Expenses  
MAIL SERVICES, 837.89, Expenses  
MASTER PETROLEUM, 1166.88, Expenses  
MCDONALD, CHERYL, 118.57, Expenses  
MOON LAKE ELECTRIC ASSN, 16595.98, Electricity  
NETWORKS UNLIMITED, 2896.33, Support/ Services  
NEWMAN SIGNS, 156.37, Expenses  
NICHOLS STORE, 103.90, Expenses  
PIERING, LISA, 40.00, Expenses  
PINNACOL ASSURANCE, 5556.00, Expenses  
PIPELINE TESTING CONSORTIUM, 1190.00, Services  
POLICE LEGAL SCIENCES, 600.00, Expenses  
PROFESSIONAL TOUCH, 175.78, Expenses  
QUILL CORPORATION, 1280.54, Expenses  
RANGELY AREA CHAMBER, 20000.00, Expenses

RANGELY AUTO PARTS & SUPPLY, 437.09, Expenses  
RANGELY DISTRICT HOSPITAL, 300.00, Expenses  
RANGELY HARDWARE, 1793.02, Expenses  
RANGELY SCHOOL FOUNDATION INC, 15000.56, Sales Tax Funding  
RANGELY TRASH SERVICE, 815.00, Services  
RANGELY, TOWN OF, 8574.84, Utilities  
RESPOND FIRST AID SYSTEMS, 41.35, Expenses  
RIO BLANCO COUNTY, 16452.97, Expenses  
ROBIE, TREY, 100.00, Council Stipend  
SBT INTERNET, 45.00, Expenses  
SENERGY BUILDERS LLC, 3914.00, Expenses  
SGS ACCUTEST INC, 678.73, Expenses  
SHAFFER, ANDREW, 150.00, Council Stipend  
SOUND MARKETING INC, 642.98, Expenses  
STANDARD INSURANCE COMPANY RC, 543.35, Life Insurance  
SUMMIT ENERGY LLC, 90251.34, Gas  
Transmission/Transport  
THATCHER CHEMICAL CO, 5691.65, Expenses  
TRANSON RISK & ALTERNATIVE, 75.00, Services  
UNCC, 29.04, Services  
VERIZON WIRELESS, 864.08, Communication  
WEBBER, TIMOTHY, 100.00, Council Stipend  
WEST, ANTHONY J, 250.00, Expenses  
WEX BANK, 3561.66, Fuel  
WHITE RIVER MARKET, 172.86, Expenses  
WILCZEK, KAREN, 300.00, Judge's Fee  
WRB REC & PARK DISTRICT, 79.50, Expenses  
**Total: 281,124.85**  
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**PAYROLL ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**  
**TOWN OF MEEKER**  
**1/31/21**  
**GENERAL FUND**  
Town of Meeker, Payroll, \$47,041.73  
CRA, Emp. Retirement - PD, \$2,806.12  
CRA, Emp. Retirement, \$6,757.28  
CRA, Emp. Loan Payments, \$1,284.09  
CEBT, Health, Dental, Vision & Life Ins., \$21,509.92  
Emp. Withholding, Federal Withholding, \$4,557.96  
Emp. Withholding, State Withholding, \$1,820.05  
Emp. Withholding, Medicare Withholding, \$1,831.06  
Emp. Withholding, SS Withholding, \$4,697.82  
MHRC, Emp. Donation, \$27.00

Standard Ins. Co., Life/AD&D Ins., \$942.82  
Washington National Ins., Cancer Ins., \$173.22  
Petty Cash, Recording / CD, Pstg. / PD, \$60.21  
All Copy Products, Copier Lease & Maint., \$958.10  
Also, Coveralls, \$21.71  
Atmos, Natural Gas, \$1,190.66  
Century Link, Phone Svc., \$270.45  
CMRS, Reimb. Pstg., \$54.28  
Colo. Municipal Judges Assoc., Membership Dues, \$60.00  
Column Software, PBC, Legal Publications, \$74.43  
Community Counts, Annual Memb., \$100.00  
Curtis Blue Line, Tactical Equip., \$611.16  
Curtis Blue Line, Hand Cuff Pouch, \$32.80  
Curtis Blue Line, Holster, \$201.81  
Ducey's Elec., Ballasts & Bulbs, \$111.95  
Edwards, Jay Atty., Muni Judge Svc., \$325.00  
Gall's, Uniform's, \$264.12  
Gall's, Headset, Boots, \$344.64  
Jason's Automotive, 2016 Explorer Brakes, Tires, \$1,407.66  
Jean's Printing, Business Cards, \$82.34  
Kuston Signals Inc., Radar Unit for New PD Veh., \$2,758.00  
McGuire Auto, Motor Oil, Fuel Filters, \$486.34  
Meeker Auto, Motor Oil, Fuel Filters, \$188.12  
Meeker Sportsman's Club Inc., Yearly Membership, \$600.00  
MGM\*, Safety Boots, \$185.50  
MVB-VISA, Ammo, Trng, Meals & Lodging / PD; Webinar / Cook; Office Supplies, \$1,110.39  
Networking of the Rockies, March Monthly IT Support, \$1,666.67  
Northwest Auto, Injection on GMC, \$508.84  
Olszewski, Massih & Maurer, Feb. Legal Fees, \$2,091.00  
Overton Recycling, Trash Svc & Recycling Contrib., \$1,362.00  
Pioneer's Medical Center, DOT Exam, \$105.00  
RB Herald Times, Business Cards, \$37.50  
RBC Fleet Mgt., Feb. Fuel, \$1,316.78  
RBC ICT Dept., Internet Service, \$164.00  
RBC Sales & Use Tax, Sales Tax Adj. Jan. Distributions, \$12,236.23  
RBC Sheriff's Office, 1st Quarter Dispatch Svc., \$20,000.00  
Rocky Mountain Reserve, Feb. Monthly Admin Fee, \$66.45  
Samuelson's, Bolts, Paint, Pipe, \$156.17  
The Emblem Authority, Patches, \$277.00  
Union Telephone, Cell Phone Svc., \$559.26  
Valley Hardware, Bridge Timbers Deposit, \$6,526.13  
Valley Hardware, Saw Blade, Wire Wheel, \$122.52  
Vet Clinic, Spay / Neuter / AC, \$596.44  
Watt's, Dog Food / AC, \$33.98  
WCPOA, Membership Dues, \$15.00  
Western Slope Consulting, Phase 1 & 2 Comp Plan Update, \$19,088.00  
Western Slope Consulting, Planning Services Dec. - Feb., \$2,845.84  
**White River Elec., Electric, \$2,086.91**  
**Total General Fund, \$176,884.89**  
**WATER FUND**  
Town of Meeker, Payroll, \$14,658.98  
CCOERA, Emp. Retirement, \$2,451.34  
CCOERA, Employee Loans, \$653.47  
CEBT, Health, Dental, Vision & Life Ins., \$7,104.76  
Emp. Withholding, SS Withholding, \$2,541.06  
Emp. Withholding, Medicare Withholding, \$594.30  
Emp. Withholding, Federal Withholding, \$1,482.22  
Emp. Withholding, State Withholding, \$547.95  
MHRC, Employee Donation, \$18.00  
Standard Ins. Co., Life/AD&D Ins., \$307.10  
Washington National Ins., Cancer Ins., \$102.18  
US Postmaster, Water Billing Pstg., \$207.94  
All Copy Products, Copier Lease & Maint., \$290.73  
Also, Coveralls, \$21.71  
American Water Works Assoc., Membership Dues, \$344.00  
Atmos, Natural Gas, \$601.66  
Century Link, Phone Service, \$18.23  
CMRS, Reimb. Pstg., \$120.36  
Column Software, PBC, Legal Publications, \$54.32  
Column Software, PBC, egal Publications, \$54.32  
Craig Colo., Water Test, \$90.00  
Ducey's Elec., Ballasts & Bulbs, \$111.95  
Gould Construction, Final Payment Water Supply Imp., \$59,337.47  
Instrument & Supply West, Solenoid Valve, \$340.20  
McGuire Auto, Motor Oil, Fuel Filters, \$283.97  
Meeker Auto, Motor Oil, Fuel Filters, \$237.65  
Mtn. Cross Engineering, Chlorine System at Pump House, \$650.94  
MVB-VISA, Webinar, Office Supplies, \$127.34  
Northwest Auto, Injection on GMC, \$508.84  
Olszewski, Massih & Maurer, Legal Fees, \$782.00  
RB Herald Times, Business Cards, \$12.50  
RBC Fleet Management, Fuel, \$390.24  
RBC ICT Dept., Internet Service, \$36.00  
Rocky Mountain Reserve, Monthly Admin Fee, \$18.55  
Samuelson's, Bolts, Paint, Pipe, \$187.16  
Union Telephone, Cell Phone Svc., \$90.60  
Utility Notification Center, Line locates, \$38.28  
Valley Hardware, Saw Blade, Wire Wheel, \$75.67  
Valley Hardware, Elec., Electric, \$2,931.39  
**Total Water Fund \$98,425.38**  
**Total All Funds \$275,310.27**  
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## HOW TO READ A LEGAL NOTICE

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
Notice is hereby given that

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**Title**  
*This is the easiest way to pinpoint the purpose of a notice. Sometimes this will be very general, maybe even just "PUBLIC NOTICE". Keep reading for the ...*

**Description**  
*This is the 'meat' of the legal notice, telling you what it's about. For agendas, it's what will be discussed in the meeting. Other types of notices vary.*

**Publication Date**  
*This is the date the notice is scheduled to be published. Many public notices have requirements for publication set by state statute.*

**Newspaper of Record**  
*A newspaper of record must meet certain requirements to be able to publish public notices.*  
  
*Public notices keep you informed of government actions and provide a third-party transparency check. They are a permanent record of government actions and cannot be easily altered like digital records. They are readily available to each and every citizen, regardless of digital know-how.*

**FUN FACT:**  
Publication prices for legal notices are set by state statute and have not changed since 1993!  
  
(For reference, a first class stamp in 1993 cost just 29 cents!)

**INFORMED**  
**CITIZENS ARE**  
**THE BEST**  
**CITIZENS.**  
**READ YOUR**  
**PUBLIC**  
**NOTICES!**

# CLASSIFIEDS

## HELP WANTED

**PIONEERS MEDICAL CENTER**  
With the growth of Pioneers Medical Center & Colorado Advanced Orthopedics Sports Medicine & Spine, we are excited to fill the following positions:

**FULL TIME (Eligible for Benefits)**

- Patient Care Tech
- Development Coordinator
- Registered Nurse Acute Care/ED
- Certified Nurse Aide - Home Health
- Home Health Care Services Director
- Meals on Wheels Volunteers
- Medical Laboratory Technician
- Pharmacy Technician
- Central Sterile Processing Tech
- Registered Nurse - Surgical Unit

To see full list of open positions, see our website or scan the code below:



Complete an application online by scanning the code above or by navigating to [www.pioneershospital.org](http://www.pioneershospital.org)

**RECREATION & PARK DISTRICT**

**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

**Lifeguards**  
- \$12.32 - \$15.60/hr  
- part-time, non-benefitted  
- work up to 24 hours/wk

**Custodian**  
- \$13.40 - \$17.78/hr  
- part-time, non-benefitted  
- work up to 24 hours/wk

**Seasonal Park Laborers**  
- \$13.20 - \$20.78/hr  
- 40 hours/wk  
- April 1 - Aug. 31

**Guest Services Representative**  
- Part-time, leave benefitted  
- Eligible for PTO, Sick Leave & Holiday Pay  
- \$14.52 - \$20.78/hr

For details and an application, go to [www.ERBMRec.com](http://www.ERBMRec.com) or 101 Ute Road, Meeker CO. 970-878-7417 EOE

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Delivery of meals for senior meals Meeker and Rangely 11:00 - 1:30 M, T, W, F Contact White River Roundup, 878-9652

**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

- Case Aide, part-time
- Caseworker
- Detentions Deputy
- Dispatcher
- Family Engagement Facilitator
- Patrol Deputy
- Relief Control Room Operator
- Relief Dispatcher
- Relief Radino Driver, Rangely

For details and a Rio Blanco County application, please go to [www.rbc.us](http://www.rbc.us) or Rio Blanco County HR at 555 Main St., Meeker, CO. 970-878-9570. ADA/EOE

**BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS Volunteer Opportunities**

The following Boards have positions available. If you are interested in serving on one or more of the following Boards, please complete an [Application for Board or Commission](#) and return to: HR, PO Box 1, Meeker, CO 81641 or [hr@rbc.us](mailto:hr@rbc.us), 970-878-9570. The Application can be found at the rbc.us website under Elected Offices & Boards.

- Building Board of Appeals (Min. requirements)
- Citizens Review Panel
- Columbine Park Board
- Community Services Block Grant Board (Min. requirements)
- Extension Advisory Board
- Fair Board
- Fairgrounds Board
- Health Board
- Historic Preservation Board
- Lodging Tax Board (Min. requirements)
- Meeker Cemetery
- Meeker CO Civic Improvement Corp
- Meeker Library Board
- Planning Commission
- Weed Management

The Meeker Cemetery District is seeking seasonal, non-benefitted laborers who can work outdoors 32-40 hours per week. Duties include: perform manual labor, maintenance and repair of sprinkler hoses and systems, grounds maintenance and mowing. Must be able to lift, pull and carry 50lbs. Experience in small equipment like lawn mowers, weed eaters, and small landscaping equipment is a plus. Hiring range is \$14-\$18 DOE. You can pick up an application at the Meeker Highland Cemetery, 265 County road 4, between the hours of 8-5pm Monday through Friday. Applications will be accepted through April 5th

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