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## Chevron crews respond to oil spill

By JEN HILL

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**RANGELY** | This week Chevron Pipe Line Company is continuing their response to a crude oil spill which occurred at a collection station outside of Rangely on March 5.

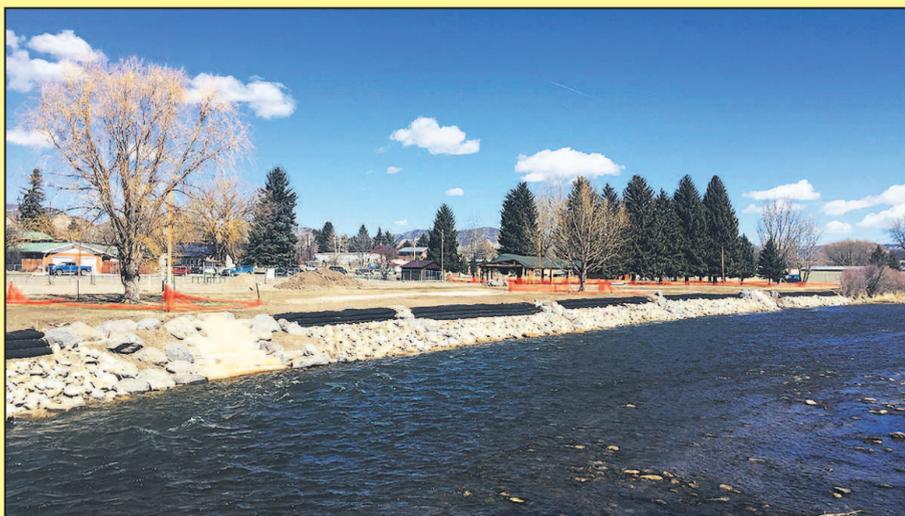
Following the spill of the 115 barrels (4,830 gallons) of crude oil, Chevron immediately shut down the line and sent a response crew to recover and contain the oil and begin the clean up process.

Chevron external affairs advisor Erika Conner said in an email that

Chevron is currently investigating the cause of the release and stating, "Health, environment and safety specialists are onsite and there are no public health concerns."

"At Chevron, we place the highest priority on the health and safety of our workforce and protection of the community, the environment and our assets. We have comprehensive plans and procedures in place to respond to situations like this one and are committed to working with local, state and federal agencies and authorities to respond to the incident and ensure its clean up and recovery," concluded Conner.

## PARK RENOVATIONS...



Work continues on the renovation of Meeker Town Park, including improving river access along the north side of the White River. The project, undertaken by the Eastern Rio Blanco Metropolitan Park and Recreation District, is expected to be completed by the end of July and will include improved parking, new basketball and volleyball courts, a hard-surface trail and more improvements. The areas under construction will be closed at the end of March while work is underway.

PAT TURNER PHOTO



COURTESY PHOTO

One of the Knouffs' recent projects was a remodel for the "Wish Room" of the Colorado chapter of the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

## Knouffs make things look like something they aren't

By DOC WATSON  
Special to the Herald Times

**MEEKER** | When most of us hear the term "artist," we immediately think of someone who draws or paints pictures, but Tim and Sandra Knouff are definitely a different kind of artist. They are experts in the field of "decorative paint and faux finishing," terms that describe decorative paint finishes that replicate the appearance of materials such as marble, wood or stone.

This is all about "making something look like something it isn't," Sandra said. One example is taking old furniture and making it look total-

ly different. "An artist doesn't see things the way they are; they see the way they can be," Tim added.

Faux finishing—faux is French for false and means imitation or artificial—is actually nothing new. It can be traced as far back as cave painting and the tombs of Egypt. While it has remained popular through the ages, it saw a major revival in the late 1980s and early 1990s as wallpaper began to fall out of fashion.

Using either plaster or glaze techniques, for example, faux marbling is used to make walls and furniture look like real marble.

Tim further complements all this with his prop building talents. With a

background as a set builder for both the film industry and commercials, he can visualize and build just about anything that's needed.

For one commercial, for example, he built a saguaro cactus. For another, he fashioned a "boulder" to hide the hydraulic system needed to control a special effects bridge over a stream. He worked extensively, in fact, in the Moab-Monument Valley area, where many movies and commercials have been shot.

One of their bigger projects as a team was for the Colorado chapter of the Make-A-Wish Foundation, whose mission statement reads: "We grant the wishes of children with life-threat-

ening medical conditions to enrich the human experience with hope, strength and joy."

The foundation commissioned the Knouffs to remodel their "Wish Room," where each child makes their wish known. They redid the walls, built a special throne for the child, pillars, a tree in the middle of a table, and other faux structures.

While Meeker is not an ideal place for the more high end work the Knouffs do, they still hope to get work here and surrounding areas through advertising and by word-of-mouth. They both are also licensed and insured professional painters so they can take on any job.

## Goshe speaks to state legislature

Special to the Herald Times

**RANGELY** | The Colorado Hospital Association's Rural Health and Hospitals Conference was held in Denver last week. Rangely District Hospital CEO Nick Goshe, Pioneers Medical Center CEO Ken Harman and board members from both local hospitals attended.

Goshe was asked to give a presentation to the legislatures at the capitol about the challenges facing rural hospitals. The conference presented a spotlight video created by Colorado Rural Health about RDH before Goshe took the podium. (See the video here: [bit.ly/2mjFg5k](http://bit.ly/2mjFg5k))

On March 7, the Colorado house

and senate unanimously approved resolution HJR17-1016 (Protecting Rural Hospitals) and gave a standing ovation in appreciation of rural hospitals and the needs they meet.

Members of the legislature and staff attended a working lunch afterward where Goshe spoke about the challenges facing Rangely District Hospital in particular, and the importance of the hospital and community.

"He spoke well and represented our town and hospital admirably," wrote Cynthia Stults, RDH human resource director, via email. "Many compliments were received about the hard work our whole hospital has done and the accomplishments that set us apart in our state."

Goshe has been asked to return to the capitol at a future date to speak with the legislatures again about the challenges rural Northwest Colorado is facing in healthcare.

"Without the extraordinary staff at our hospital, none of this would even be possible. Outside of our community it becomes even more obvious how truly rare it is to have a staff so devoted and heavily talented as ours," Stults said.

The resolution reads as follows: "WHEREAS, Nearly half of all Colorado hospitals are in rural areas; and WHEREAS, Vulnerable rural communities depend upon their rural

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COURTESY PHOTO

Attending the conference from Rangely District Hospital were Bernie Rice, chief compliance officer; E. Nick Goshe III, CEO; and Sharma Vaughn, chief nursing officer. Board president John Payne was also in attendance but is not pictured.

## BLM methane rule poised for repeal in U.S. Senate

By REED KELLEY  
Special to the Herald Times

**RBC** | The federal Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is responsible for the management of all mineral resources owned by U.S. Citizens—the taxpayers—and Indians on tribal lands. On Nov. 18, 2016, after deliberations with public and industry involvement that began in 2011, BLM promulgated its "Waste Prevention, Production Subject to Royalties, and Resource Conservation, Final Rule"

under the authority of the Mineral Leasing Act (MLA) of 1920, as amended. In short, the regulation is known as the BLM Methane Rule.

Specifically, the BLM Rule requires operators of crude oil and natural gas facilities on federal and Indian lands to take various actions to reduce the waste of gas, establishes clear criteria for when flared gas will qualify as waste and therefore be subject to royalties and clarifies which on-site uses of gas are exempt from royalties. According to the Congressional

Research Service (CRS), BLM estimates the rule will annually reduce methane emissions by 510,000 tons in 2025 and yield total benefits of \$690 million in that year, outweighing the estimated costs of \$530 million. Annual royalties to the federal government, tribal governments, states and private owners are estimated to increase by \$3 million to \$10 million per year.

In April last year, Shawn Bolton, chairman of the Rio Blanco County (RBC) Commissioners, testified to the

U.S. House Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources of the Committee on Natural Resources. His statement reads, in part, "The barrage of regulations coming out of Washington and our local (BLM) field office is negatively affecting Rio Blanco County's economy and directly affects the governmental services we provide to our residents."

Specifically, Bolton reported that the (then proposed) BLM Methane Rule was "an unnecessary, redundant policy which ignores current emission

reduction actions already being taken by our energy partners." He claimed that the rule would reduce revenue critical to the health and well-being of county residents.

Bolton further stated that during the preceding year, BLM had hit the county with "an onslaught of mandates, policies and directives." These included, he reported, "Sage grouse protection, endangered and threatened species such as the bladderpod, twinpod and beardtongue penstemon, wild horse management, cultural resource

protection and the 2.0 planning rule."

As part of a larger program to control air pollution with new technology, Colorado was the first state to regulate methane emissions from the oil and gas industry. In 2014, the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission adopted rules which require the capture of natural gas previously vented or flared, as well as the detection and repair of leaks. Further, the Colorado rule requires that opera-

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**COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

■ **Range Call meeting**  
March 16 at 7 p.m. in the OEH room at the Fairgrounds. We will be discussing and planning events for this year's Range Call and welcome any volunteers to participate.

■ **Spring Break Pool Party**  
March 22 from 2-7 p.m. at the Meeker Rec Center. Free pool party for all ages. Call 878-3403 or visit meekerrecdistrict.com.

■ **Mountain Valley Bank will be doing a "Lobby Blitz"** every Wednesday to provide customers with a one on one online banking and mobile banking mini course. Our staff are eager to assist our community and banking family with the information available to them 24/7.

■ **The Meeker Library Book Club** meets at 1 p.m. the second Monday of each month (excluding holidays). The next meeting will be April 10. We will be discussing "The Seventh Plague" by James Rollins. All interested readers are welcome. Stop by the Meeker Library for details.

■ **Community ladies are meeting** to make grocery bag

mats for the homeless. Mondays 1-4 p.m. at 600 Main St.

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

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

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

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

■ **Gentleman's Club** meeting at 10 a.m. each Thursday morning at the VFW, 290 4th St. in Meeker.

■ **Real-Tea Roundtable.** Join real estate expert Suzan Pelloni for helpful hints on buying and selling property. First Monday of the month, 7:30 a.m. at Wendell's.  
*Please send calendar items to calendar@theheraldtimes.com before 5 p.m. on Monday.*

**RDH: 'Rural Hospitals Day'**

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hospital as an important and often the only source of health care services; and WHEREAS, Rural hospitals often face workforce shortages, volatile economic conditions, and changing demographics; and WHEREAS, Rural hospitals are typically smaller and have fewer patients and resources, but still provide a broad range of services to meet the needs of their communities; and WHEREAS, Many rural Colorado hospitals face unsustainable and uncertain futures as a result of recent budget cuts, leaving their communities at risk for losing access to vital health care services; and WHEREAS, 17 of Colorado's 64 counties have no hospitals; and WHEREAS, Rural hospitals not only provide crucial health care services to their communi-

ties but also play a significant role in local economies, generating \$2.28 in economic activity for every \$1 spent; and WHEREAS, Viable options are needed if Colorado's rural communities are going to maintain access to the health care services they need in the long term; now, therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Seventy-first General Assembly of the State of Colorado, the Senate concurring herein: That we, the members of the Colorado General Assembly: (1) Express our appreciation and gratitude to all those Coloradans who dedicate their time and energy to providing access to health care services in rural communities; (2) Recognize the importance of protecting rural hospitals and health care; and (3) Declare March 8, 2017, to be "Protecting Rural Hospitals Day" in Colorado."

**WREA begins hydro project on Miller Creek**

*Special to the Herald Times*

**MEEKER** WREA began construction on the WREA Miller Creek Ditch Hydroelectric Plant this week after two years of planning and preparation. The WREA Miller Creek Ditch Hydro Project will be located at mile marker 4 on Flag Creek, RBC Road 13. The plant will utilize water from the Miller Creek Ditch to generate electricity. The hydro project is expected to generate about 464,500 kWh annually which will serve electricity to the equivalent of 55 homes based upon WREA's per home average of 700 kWh/month.

In 2015, the WREA Board established the goal of identifying local renewable generation projects that make both electrical and financial sense for WREA and its membership. This project met the board's criteria as

well as it assists WREA in its compliance with Colorado's local renewable generation mandates. WREA has agreements in place with the Miller Creek Ditch and the impacted landowners. The plant will be operational during the irrigation season and will return a production fee to the Miller Creek Ditch based upon total generation.

WREA retained Lindsey George with Small Hydro LLC to complete the feasibility analysis, design and engineering for the project. WREA went through a competitive bid process with several local and national contractors responding. Local contractor Rock Hawg Construction was selected. The project will be constructed in phases with the goal to be operational by early fall. WREA will continue to update its membership as the project progresses.

**BUY-FLY TOURNAMENT ...**



A total of eight teams competed last weekend in the 13th annual Buy-Fly fishing tournament on the White River. The purpose of the tournament is three-fold: raise money for the sustainability of the historic Buford School, secure the white fish for the annual White River Community Association Fish Fry and provide a fun, competitive opportunity for the community. Rio Blanco Abstract was the winning team this year, with a catch of 52 whitefish for a total of 30.61 lbs. of filets. Left to right: Erik Eckman, Dave Metrovich, Adam Parrett and Wayne Kirkpatrick.

**RDA grocery discussion continues**

By **JEN HILL**  
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**RANGELY** The Rangely Development Agency met last week where they heard updates on various economic activities around town including a potential end to the county oil and gas impact fee moratorium as well as entered into an occasionally heated discussion about the Rangely grocery situation.

RDA member Tim Webber informed the board that he and two other RDA members recently met privately with White River Grocery owner Darren Hill where Hill expressed concerns that the RDA and Town of Rangely were misinforming people that Hill intends to close the store. According to Webber, Hill said he doesn't want to close the grocery. However, Rangely Mayor Joseph Nielsen said that last fall Hill informed him and several other RDA members that he would be shutting down the store at the end of December at which time Nielsen asked Hill if he would be able to keep open a little longer, providing the town some time to work towards an alternative solution.

Several RDA members shared the opinion that the grocery store problem will never change if the community doesn't support it. Board member Lenora Smuts expressed concerns that bringing in a replacement for the current store such as Clarks Market (who met with the board at their January meeting) would not likely change any-

thing. After some discussion it was agreed that the board would ask Better City, the company currently contracted with the town to promote local economic development, to reach out to Hill and open up a conversation about what he believes he needs to be successful in the community. "This town cannot survive without a grocery store," said Mayor Nielsen.

County commissioner Jeff Rector let the board know that the commissioners are currently exploring ending the moratorium on oil and gas impact fees in 2018. Rector says he will be holding a small meeting with oil and gas producers regarding the issue where he will "sell and market" the reinstated taxes to them.

Colorado Northwestern

Community College President Ron Granger updated the board on potential changes at CNCC. Following up with some of Better City's suggestions, CNCC is seeking an increase in foreign students. According to Granger the Colorado Community College System is planning a recruiting trip to China where they could potentially bring in an additional 12-13 students. Additionally, Saudi Arabia has expressed interest in sending 10-12 students for the aviation maintenance program.

The dental hygiene program will benefit from a cash infusion in the coming year. Delta Dental, a dental insurance company, has given a donation of \$100,000 of immediate funds as well as a \$400,000 endowment for

scholarships to hygiene students. Granger expressed excitement over the donation, as CNCC is expecting a \$1 million loss in tax revenue this year.

With hopes of contributing more to the local economy, the college is planning to bring in more athletic tournaments next year, which could require two or three day stays in the town.

Rio Blanco County Economic Development Coordinator Katelin Cook is currently seeking grants that would allow the county to study ways to help local businesses utilize the new broadband capabilities.

The Rangely Development Agency typically meets on the second Thursday of the month at 7:30 a.m.

**SPRING BREAK**  
community pool party

**Wednesday, March 22**  
**Meeker Recreation Center Pool**  
**2:00pm-7:00pm**  
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**C. KENNETH SUTTON, MD**

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

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

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

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

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## NEWS BRIEFS

### Meeker Assembly venue change this week

**MEEKER** | Due to the stage floor being replaced in the high school auditorium, Meeker Assembly of God will be having its Sunday service at the church building March 19. There will still be only one service at 10 a.m. as usual.

### St. Pat's Day Festival to support MS

**MEEKER** | The first annual Saint Pat's Day Festival in Meeker is set for March 17. Enjoy dining specials at local restaurants all evening. Kids' activities at the Hugus Building from 6:30-8 p.m. Dance with drinks and dessert at the Hugus Building, 8-11 p.m. After party at Chippers, 10 p.m. to close. Raising money for the Meeker Multiple Sclerosis fund. Look for stickers and donation pots in local businesses. Call Pat at 970-948-7617 for more information.

### Weight and lifestyle management seminar

**MEEKER** | The Ideal You free weight and lifestyle management seminar at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 21 in the Hugus Bldg. seminar room. 970-824-0226 or 970-326-5269 for more information.

### Food safety classes in Meeker, Rangely

**RBC** | The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment is offering Food Safety Basics training for food employees. Managers, chefs and staff are encouraged to attend. Participation may qualify an establishment for one of its routine food inspections for the year. Meeker class: March 22 from 1-5 p.m. at Pioneers Medical Center; Rangely class: March 23 from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Rangely District Hospital. Register by March 20 for the free course as space is limited. To register call Matthew Brandt at 303-692-3637 or email matthew.brandt@state.co.us.

### CNCC Foundation banquet March 25

**RANGELY** | The 13th annual CNCC Foundation fundraising banquet and auction will be held March 25 at 6 p.m. in the Colorado Room at CNCC in Rangely. Funds raised from the live and silent auctions will go toward scholarships for CNCC students at all CNCC campuses. Tickets for the prime rib/chicken cordon bleu dinner are \$50 per person or \$275 for a table. For more information about contributing auction items or purchasing tickets, please call Ann Brady at 970-629-9749 or Becky Dubbert at 970-675-3301.

### Black Powder Blanket Shoot March 25

**MEEKER** | The Meeker Sportsman's Club annual Jim Harmon Memorial Black Powder Blanket Shoot will be Saturday, March 25. Sign up at 9 a.m., shotgun shoot starts at 10 a.m. Traditional muzzleloaders, black powder pistols and in-lines, iron sights only and patch and ball only. Traditional dress encouraged but not required. Open to the public, spectators are welcome. Prizes awarded for three classes: men's, women's, and youth 9-14. Call or email Dan Dewitt for info at 970-220-2202.

### CNCC culinary classes available

**MEEKER** | Chef Karla will be teaching several culinary classes this spring. They are one or two session classes on Thursday from 6-9 p.m. Spaces are limited so register early. March 30—Menu Planning For A Week (tips for busy families); April 6—Breakfast Surprises (for the most important meal of the day); April 13—Vegetarian Cooking (gourmet meals w/fresh produce); April 20, 27—Mexican Cooking; May 5—Lunch Specials (exciting new choices and ideas); May 11—Summer Main Dish Salads (entertaining ideas). For further information, call 878-5227 to get on a class list, stop by CNCC Meeker Center at 345 Sixth St. on Tuesdays or Wednesdays to register. Registrations may be mailed to CNCC, PO Box 1542, faxed to 878-4145, or emailed to iris.franklin@cncc.edu

### FFA hosts Mr. Meeker pageant March 30

**MEEKER** | The Meeker FFA Chapter will be hosting a Mr. Meeker Pageant on March 30 at 6:30 p.m. at the elementary school. The pageant is an all-men's beauty pageant that involves a variety of events. The theme for the boys will be Miss America and will include a gown and swimsuit event. Male Meeker FFA members will endure a talent show and an entertaining group dancing sequence. Tickets can be bought from Meeker FFA members. For admissions, an individual ticket is \$10 and late admissions are \$15. A family of four can get a group rate of \$35, with \$5 for each additional family member. Seniors 65+: \$5. Children under 5 are free. Each ticket includes a trip beef dinner with sides. \$1,000 of profits will go to Rodney Dunham donation.

### Cribbage tournament April 2 in Meeker

**MEEKER** | American Legion "Nicholas Goeder" Post 74 is holding a fundraising cribbage tournament on Sunday, April 2 at 2 p.m. at the VFW building at 290 Fourth St. across from Mountain Valley Bank. Meeker's American Legion post has come back from near extinction and would like to be able to continue to serve this fantastic community. Please come join us for an afternoon of cards and camaraderie with light snacks. There will be a \$20 buy-in to participate in the tournament.



## HEALING HANDS ...

Massage therapist Aimee Hernandez provided chair massages during the open house for her business, Humble Hands, LLC, last Friday in Rangely. For an appointment, call 970-817-4395.

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# St. Patrick's Day

# SAVINGS



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6-10 ct. Betty Crocker Gusher <b>FRUIT SNACKS</b> <b>\$2.25</b>	32 oz. Mountain High <b>YOGURT</b> <b>\$2.99</b>	1 lb. <b>STRAWBERRIES</b> <b>2 for \$4</b>
11-12 oz. Dunkin Donuts <b>COFFEE</b> <b>\$6.99</b>	24 ct. Western Family <b>STRING CHEESE</b> <b>\$5.99</b>	5.6 oz. <b>BLACKBERRIES</b> <b>2 for \$4</b>
4-4 oz. Dole <b>FRUIT CUPS</b> <b>2 for \$5</b>	8 oz. Cache Valley <b>SHREDDED CHEESE</b> <b>\$2.29</b>	Fresh <b>GREEN CABBAGE</b> <b>39¢/lb.</b>
4-3.2 oz. Dole <b>FRUIT POUCHES</b> <b>2 for \$5</b>	<b>FROZEN</b>	12 oz. Green Giant Fresh Green Beans or <b>BRUSSEL SPROUTS</b> <b>2 for \$5</b>
6 ct. Milky Way <b>BUNNIES</b> <b>\$3.99</b>	11.7 oz. Pillsbury <b>TOASTER STRUDEL</b> <b>\$2.25</b>	Bunch <b>GREEN ONIONS</b> <b>2 for \$1</b>
6 ct. Snickers <b>CARAMEL EGGS</b> <b>\$3.99</b>	8.9-11.88 oz. Banquet <b>MEALS</b> <b>\$1.19</b>	Red <b>ONIONS</b> <b>79¢/lb.</b>
6 ct. Almond Joy <b>EGGS</b> <b>\$3.99</b>	19.8 oz. Totinos <b>PIZZA ROLLS</b> <b>\$3.49</b>	16 oz. Baby Cut <b>CARROTS</b> <b>99¢</b>
6 ct. Hershey's Milk Chocolate Marshmallow <b>EASTER CANDY</b> <b>\$3.99</b>	<b>MEAT</b>	1 lb. Mini <b>SWEET PEPPERS</b> <b>\$2.49</b>
6 ct. Reese's <b>PEANUT BUTTER CUPS</b> <b>\$3.99</b>	Reuben <b>CORNER BEEF</b> <b>\$3.69/lb.</b>	Gala <b>APPLES</b> <b>99¢/lb.</b>
42 oz. Whoppers <b>ROBIN EGGS</b> <b>\$6.99</b>	Bone In Assorted <b>PORK CHOPS</b> <b>\$1.99/lb.</b>	Red Cluster <b>TOMATOES</b> <b>\$1.49/lb.</b>
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6.2-7.75 oz. Betty Crocker <b>SUDDENLY SALAD</b> <b>\$1.79</b>	Hormel <b>PORK LOIN FILLET</b> <b>\$7.49</b>	<b>3 lb. Mandarin Tangerines</b> <b>\$4.99</b>
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12 ct. Cottonelle <b>BATH TISSUE</b> <b>\$6.99</b>	16 oz. Bar-S <b>JUMBO FRANKS</b> <b>99¢</b>	
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EDITOR'S COLUMN...

# In support of open records

By NIKI TURNER  
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It's spring. Oh, not on the calendar quite yet, but I know it's spring because I have bug bites. I raked my flower beds last weekend and came inside with a dozen or so tiny yet interminably itchy bug bites. Trust me, when the first mosquito hatches this year, it will find me. I once got bitten *inside* a grocery store. If there's a biting insect in the vicinity, it will find me. Which must mean I'm sweet, right? (Ha!)

Do you know CORA? No, not someone's long lost great-aunt—CORA is the Colorado Open Records Act, which in the spirit of open government, requires that most public records be made available to the public upon request. CORA was formalized in 1969 and amended in 1996.

Senate Bill 17-040, currently up for debate, is intended to bring CORA into the digital age, clarifying the public's right to digitized government records in useful format. Some government agencies force people who request records to review them in person, on paper. Others have electronic records available only in formats that are difficult to search and understand.

Amendments to the bill address concerns about personal privacy, cyber security and safety and security of people. The bill passed the Senate Appropriations Committee Tuesday with a 4-3 vote.

This isn't just a bill for journalists, this is a bill for every citizen. As governments transition—along with the rest of us—to digitized records, it's important that those records continue to be available and accessible to the public. SB-40 doesn't change which records are open to the public, it just makes sure those records that are digitized are easily available to the public.

In the majority of cases, particularly in local government and special districts (which are also subject to open meetings and records laws), public access to agendas, minutes, workshops and so forth is welcomed and encouraged.

When a governmental entity—on any level—questions or denies the right or role of the press or the citizenry to be present at a public meeting, that's when rules like CORA are for our safety and protection. When a taxpayer-funded entity wants to conduct business behind closed doors, we need legislation like CORA in place. SB-40 brings a 47-year-old rule into the 21st century. Please consider expressing your support for SB-40 with our state senator, Randy Baumgardner, by phone at 303-866-5292 or email at randy.baumgardner.senate@state.co.us. The bill is expected to go before the full state senate for debate as early as Thursday.



In response to the Rangely Facebook follower who complained about the number of posts she had to scroll through to find a particular story: We schedule all our articles to post to our website throughout the course of the week, not all at once.

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So, if you're looking for coverage of a particular story, instead of waiting for it to appear on Facebook, I suggest looking in the actual paper, either the print version or the e-edition, which is available on our website.

I know it's going to snow again (current forecast says we'll see more of the white stuff by Wednesday), but this weekend looks to be a wonderful opportunity to get outside.

Friday is St. Patrick's Day, of course. Everyone is invited to come down to the Hugas Building at Sixth and Main for our first annual St. Pat's Fest to celebrate spring and to raise funds for MS. Kids' events, sponsored by the rec district, will take place from 6:30-8 p.m., followed by a dance/social from 8-11 p.m. It's a perfect opportunity to come out of our winter shells and visit with friends and neighbors, all for a good cause!

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### 'Oversized' local government may be hurting our economy

Dear Editor:

By all reasonable standards, it's more than unusual for a county like ours to collect (borrow) and spend tens of millions of tax dollars in the name of serving the people for such a small rural community as ours (around 8,000+ people). Compared to most counties throughout the good old U.S.A., we are rich here in Rio Blanco County with way more extra tax wealth than about anywhere! How else can a tiny community like ours afford the finest and nicest hospital, justice center, rec center, library, cemetery, remodeled ex-courthouse, with tax districts bursting at the seams with the taxpayer's money?

So what's making so many people concerned about the economy around here when we're rich in tax wealth? And why aren't some of the very businesses that pay for our local government seeing a direct return from their contributions that our local government has decided to spend millions and millions of our dollars on priorities that have resulted in absolutely no benefit too many local businesses, and owners and taxpayers.

Why has our large local government damaged the economy in Rio Blanco County? Because every single job that gets converted from private sector job in our community to become a taxpayer funded job takes away from local commerce. We have become way too top heavy in local taxpayer funded jobs and government.

Take for instance a small recreation ranch business like mine. Even though I make a meager wage at the end of the day my little business spends tens of thousands of dollars every year here in Meeker on local businesses. In fact I gladly do business with both auto parts stores, Northwest Auto and Tire shop, Family Auto, my wonderful accountants at Tax Time, Farm Bureau, State Farm, Joy Surveying, Abstract office, Go-Fer Foods, White River Convenience, Meeker Hotel, White River Inn, Flat Tops Fuel, Watts Ranch Market, both hardware stores, flower shop, Sizemore Welding, and among many others our wonderful feed store! Much of this commerce is lost in our county every time a private sector job like mine turns into a government job. That's what has happened here. There is lots of money in Rio Blanco County to support a very gifted tax base but, our local businesses need help and they don't get it.

I talked to one small business owner on Market Street. He told me that his \$12,000 tax bill this year was likely more than any annual profit he will otherwise gain. His neighbor a few doors down gets a \$14,000 tax bill for the privilege of doing business in Meeker. Can you believe that? That's ridiculous! In a county so rich they can afford the best of everything but can't figure out a way to help the very businesses that pay their bills. That's not helping local businesses!

In addition to massive over-spending at the local government level, our county is now facing a big reduction in property valuations thus contracting our annual tax revenue! Subsidies that fund rural hospitals like Medicare and Medicaid are also on the chopping block! To succeed, foresight is a must. I believe we all want what's best for the people of Rio Blanco County but we need to recognize when something doesn't work. That way we can go a direction that does.

On a good note, my hats off to the current cemetery district board! It's good to see awareness of huge taxpayer funded waste around here is getting some attention. Maybe that will spread!

Please voice your thoughts.

Thank you,  
Shawn Welder  
Meeker

## If it doesn't come out in the wash it will probably come out in print

By PAT TURNER  
pat@theheraldtimes.com

RBC I've learned that when you work at the newspaper a lot of extra information comes your way.

We try and keep conflicts "under the radar" and hope the powers that be will work them out. But when it comes to information that affects the community then it's our responsibility to report the facts. And fortunately, most things do work themselves out before they come to a head. Our intention is for good and we'll do our best to report the facts concisely with consideration and kindness.

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RIO BLANCO COUNTY DAYS GONE BY

*The Meeker Herald — 125 years ago*

■ Our experience has been that the man who claims to have been converted, and who needs a brass band and a press agent to inform the world what a sinner he used to be, isn't going to stay converted long.

■ The undersigned will exterminate your prairie dogs; no cure; no pay. Reasonable charges. W.T. Weatherford.

■ Man thinks he is going to solve the mystery known as woman after he is married. And then the plot thickens.

■ One citizen of Glenwood named Beasi Sota (maybe Beasi hadn't taken out his papers—hence he was not a citizen) was found one day last week with 108 quarts of alleged whiskey in his possession. Sota is now in the Glenwood jail, awaiting an investigation as to how he got it.

■ In the early part of the week Henry Wolcott—whose Chesterfield manners, handsome form and goodness of heart are the envy and despair of all the men in Meeker—sent a large black cat of the Thomas gender over from Axial by express (collect) to Al Strehlke, with instructions to have his (the cat's) tonsils removed (far back). The necessary surgical operation was successfully performed by Dr. Stedman, and Mr. Cat made comfortable preparatory to his return to Mr. Wolcott. The return express crate was consigned to Agent Salty, who through some unintentional carelessness, let "the cat out of the bag"—or box; and—he got away. Whether Mr. Cat concluded that his trip to Meeker had resulted in his impairment for future usefulness in Axial cat society, and made his getaway accordingly, we are not informed. But we feel assured that Mr. Strehlke will see to it that the genial and courtly manager of the Hugas store at Axial is supplied in a short time with another Thomas cat, duly caponized.

*The Meeker Herald — 50 years ago*

■ Meeker firemen, wives and guests celebrated the 34th birthday of the Meeker Fire Department Monday, March 13. Present for the occasion were charter members Loren Idol, Raymond Woolley, Edgar Peltier, Robert White and Melvin Holland. Recognized were present fire chief Stan Harp and past fire chiefs Melvin

Holland, Tom Murray and Meeker's first fire chief, the lat S. L. Peavy.

■ Tom Murray Market of Meeker is celebrating its 10th anniversary at their present location at 364 Seventh St. this weekend.

*The Meeker Herald — 25 years ago*

■ Stalled by the Federal government which hasn't approved Meeker's plans to improve Sulphur Creek, the Town of Meeker received more bad news Tuesday as Trustees learned that the majority of \$20,000 in engineering fees will probably be worthless to the project. It is estimated that another \$10-\$15,000 in engineering costs alone will be needed to revise the project.

■ New economic activity in Rio Blanco County during 1991 continued to drop off from the previous year as use tax revenues fell almost 27 percent.

■ The school district received a memo from the governor's office recently describing the educational funding shortfall in Colorado of \$168 million for the 92-93 school year and possibly more for the 93-94 school year, with the blame being placed on unexpected increases in student enrollment and a decrease in revenue at the state level. If there is no other funding determined by the legislature this spring, that deficit would be prorated out to each district in the state.

■ Add together 95 chickens, 170 lbs. of potatoes, mix in 20 dozen eggs and 50 lbs. Of flour for homemade noodles, toss in 13 gallons of beans and what do you get? The annual Holy Family Catholic Church St. Patrick's Day dinner. As always, the affair drew an excellent crowd which knew how to spend a Sunday night dinner, with an estimated 450 people attending this year's fundraiser.

*Rangely Times — 50 years ago*

■ The organizational meeting of a "Community Action for Beauty" campaign was held Monday night at the Reddy Room of Eddy's Restaurant with more than 20 in attendance. It was suggested that a block-by-block canvass be made of unclean, unsightly, unsafe or objectionable features in the town.

■ Gov. John A. Love will be host at a luncheon meeting in Denver

March 28 for a discussion of the proposed nuclear test shots in western Colorado and their possible impact on the state's economy.

■ A special late show has been scheduled at the Campus Theatre Saturday night, following the regular showing of "Last of the Secret Agents," MGM's "Night Must Fall," a horror picture, will start at 10 p.m.

■ We haven't heard very many wild tales about the earthquake on Feb. 14 which was felt by Rangely residents about 8:30 p.m. In fact, no one called the TIMES to report anything unusual that day.

■ Jeff Courtier won the top award at the Rangely science fair with his project "Microfossils: Collection and Preparation," also taking first place in the earth and space science division, then took third place at the regional science fair.

*Rangely Times — 25 years ago*

■ Chuck Rouse, a Rangely Elementary School teacher, reported being assaulted and robbed near the school bus barn in Rangely.

■ The RHS Lady Panthers ended the year with a third place finish at the state tournament in Colorado Springs last weekend.

■ Dennis Sims, mayor of Dinosaur, will be speaking on the Monday Night Forum, KVEL radio station. Topic: Gambling initiatives in Dinosaur.

OBITUARY

C.F. (Bud) Harvey

Feb. 19, 1931~March 9, 2017



C.F. (Bud) Harvey

Wash., his three children Barb Williams of Grand Junction, Brenda Nay of Meeker, Brett (Natalie) Harvey of Meeker, nine grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren, numerous nieces and nephews, and many, many treasured friends.

A memorial for Bud will be held in Grand Junction on June 3, 2017. Details will be announced at a later date. No flowers please, contributions may be made in Bud's honor to the Alzheimer's Research Foundation.

Carroll Franklin (Bud) Harvey, passed away on March 9, 2017, in Meeker, Colo. Bud, a long time resident of Grand Junction, Colo., was born on Feb. 19, 1931, in Jonesboro, Ark., to Loyce and Alma Harvey. After a childhood spent in Arkansas with his siblings Dorothy, Ann and Sue, at the age of 13, Bud ventured to the Little Snake River area of Wyoming to work on his uncle's cattle ranch. After he'd spent a few years growing up, in 1948, he entered the U.S. Navy, representing his country during the Korean War, spending his time on a destroyer as a torpedo man. After his stint in the Navy was over, Bud returned to Arkansas to start his life as a business man owning a pastry shop in Little Rock. Eventually Bud found his way to Colorado and held many positions working in the oil fields.

In 1957 Bud was introduced to Dorothy Rosenlund, eventually marrying Dorothy on Feb. 2, 1958, in Meeker. This union produced three children, Barbara, Brenda and Brett. Bud and Dorothy worked for Dorothy's father on the family sheep ranch for several years before moving the family to Leadville, Colo., where they owned several small businesses. Bud and Dorothy

divorced in 1973. Bud relocated to Grand Junction, continuing as a business man, and also working again in the oil industry.

Through Bud's many business ventures, extensive travel, Navy experience and years of working with his hands and mind, he became known for his tireless work ethic and was sought out for his ability to fix, engineer or problem solve many tasks. Bud built a life in Grand Junction, spending many years with his long time companion Susie Mizell. Bud's love of hunting and fishing led him to spend many treasured days in Meeker and Western Colorado, enjoying the outdoors with friends and family. Bud was preceded in death by his parents, his longtime companion Susie and his nephew Billy Stainton. He is survived by his three sisters Dorothy Stainton of DeQueen, Ark., Ann Mauldin of Ames, Iowa and M. Sue Hines DeFender of Bainbridge Island,



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**Clarification on Gardner position**

**RBC |** Senator Cory Gardner's office is seeking to clarify the Senator's position on the Bureau of Land Management's proposed oilfield venting and flaring rules.

According to Betsy Bair, regional director for Senator Gardner's Grand Junction office, the Senator has not declared a stance on the issue and is still in the process of taking comments. Bair was unsure when Senator Gardner would make his decision.

The proposed BLM rule was modeled after current State of Colorado regulations and thus Colorado is currently in compliance with the proposal.

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**The Law Concerning Property**

By Dr. J. D. Watson  
Pastor-Teacher, Grace Bible Church  
*Thou shalt not steal. (Ex. 20:15)*

**Dr. J.D. Watson**

WE cannot help but be amazed that God's Moral Law addresses even the rights of personal property. While Socialism is nothing more than *pilfering*—it is a forced redistribution of what some have worked for to others who have not—God's law *protects* such property. What utter folly was French anarchist Pierre-Joseph Proudhon's slogan (1840), "Property is theft!"

*First*, note the OT *commandment*. Running a close second behind lying, which is addressed in the ninth commandment, is stealing. It is a universal vice. "It is the smallest part of the thieves that are hung," Reformer Martin Luther said. "If we're to hang them all, where shall we get rope enough?" Indeed, to catalog all the ways one can steal would result in a long list. Such an exhaustive list is really not needed, however, simply because the definition of stealing is so simple. The Hebrew here (*gānab*), means "to take that which belongs to another without his consent or knowledge [and is] restricted to acts of theft done secretly." Everyone knows what stealing is, however they might choose to justify it in any given situation.

*Second*, the NT *counterpart*. Not only is stealing included in Paul's listing of the commandments in Romans 13:9-10, but he reiterates in Ephesians 4:28a: "Let him that stole steal no more." The Greek behind both "stole" and "steal" is *kleptō* (English, "kleptomania") and, like the Hebrew, pictures stealing by stealth, "the secrecy, craft, and cheating involved in the act." Knowing that stealing, like lying and unrighteous anger (vv. 25-26), are among the easiest for Christians to fall back into, Paul challenged these believers not to live accord-

ing to the culture.

*Third*, the combined *confrontation*. As serious as it is to steal from anyone, it is far worse to steal from God. As the last prophet of the OT recorded God's question to His people, "Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings" (Mal. 3:8). The Israelites, of course, were required to tithe, that is, give ten percent of their income and goods for religious purpose. This practice actually preceded the Mosaic Law (Gen. 14:17-20; 28:22), but that system went on to prescribe several tithes, which, when totaled, amounted to about 23 percent (Lev. 27:30; Deut. 14).

NT Christian giving, however, transcends such pre-prescribed percentages: "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him" (1 Cor. 16:2). "Prospered" (*euodoō*, 2137) literally means "to make good one's journey." What, then, is at the root of our giving? It is based upon the wonderful journey God has provided in Christ and flows from a thankful heart for all God has done.

We can also rob God in the area of time. God has made us stewards of time (Eph. 5:15-17), so we must use it wisely, advantageously, and faithfully.

**Scriptures for Study:** What do the following passages say about theft: Leviticus 19:11, 13; 19:35-37; Deuteronomy 24:7; 1 Thessalonians 4:6?

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ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT ...



MATT SCOGGINS PHOTO

On March 7, Rangely School District RE-4 held its first annual Superintendent Academic Awards Ceremony. Students 7th through 12th grade with a 3.6 GPA or higher over the last calendar year were invited, along with their parents, for a catered meal at the Colorado Room on the CNCC campus. A past salutatorian of Rangely High School and huge supporter of academic achievement, Sam Tolley covered the cost of the meal and was a guest speaker at the event. Each student received a medallion in recognition of their hard work and were encouraged to continue the trek they are on. Further, Superintendent Scoggins recognized those sophomores, juniors, and seniors who have maintained a 4.0 GPA throughout high school with the Distinguished Scholar Award.

WREA awards scholarships to outstanding seniors

Special to the Herald Times

**MEEKER I** White River Electric's philanthropic commitment to its community is best highlighted by WREA's annual scholarship program. Graduating high school seniors within the WREA service territory are eligible to apply for both renewable and one time scholarship awards.

"Interviewing graduating seniors is the highlight of the board's calendar," says WREA director Stan Wyatt. "These are no longer kids but young adults that our entire community can be proud of."

This year, the board increased the amount of the scholarships to coincide with the increasing cost of education.

"Education is an important part of a young person's life and we are pleased that WREA is able to provide some degree of financial support toward their educational goals," said WREA director Dick Welle.

This year, the board awarded a total of 17

scholarships including scholarships to technical schools, junior colleges and four year colleges or universities. "Meeker students tend to be so well rounded with academics, sports, 4H, dance, cheer, volunteer work etc. and this class set the gold standard," said WREA board president Bill Jordan. Applying seniors must submit an application, including an essay, and participate in an interview with the WREA board of directors. This year the WREA \$1,000 renewable scholarships were awarded to Madeline Amack, Sheridan Harvey, Delenn Mobley, Kendra Nelson, Meghan Smith and Casey Turner. The WREA \$500 renewable recipients included Cole Brown, Lori Ann Klinglesmith and Maggie Phelan. The WREA \$1,000 scholarships were awarded to Kinzy Burke, Peyton Burke and Reese Pertile. The WREA Basin Electric \$1,000 scholarship was awarded to Linda Lombardi. The WREA Tri-State \$500 scholarships were awarded to Nishiko Thelen and Anna Walsh. The WREA \$500 scholarships were awarded to Cody Nielsen and Patrick Williams.

The scholarship program is funded by WREA's unclaimed capital credits. Capital credits are paid out each year based upon allocated margins for a particular year. In August 2016, WREA paid out just more than \$1 million in capital credits based upon 2002 margins. Capital credit checks are mailed annually in August. Checks that are not cashed after a specific amount of time are categorized by statute as unclaimed capital credits. Colorado law allows for electric cooperatives to utilize unclaimed capital credits for specified purposes including educational scholarships. If unclaimed capital credits are not utilized in a timely manner the funds escheat to the State of Colorado.

The WREA scholarship recipients will be recognized during the Meeker High School senior assembly in May. "Our community can take great pride in its young people. The board left the scholarship interviews with a renewed sense of optimism as we recognize that the future is bright in the hands of Meeker's graduating seniors," Jordan said.

Meeker school board repeals extended leave policy

By REED KELLEY  
Special to the Herald Times

**MEEKER I** Due to spring break next week, the Meeker Board of Education (BOE) held their March meeting a week early. Again, the most discussed and somewhat contentious issue was whether or not the district should continue to have an unpaid extended leave of absence policy for teachers. Such a leave would be unrelated to any health or family matters, and be for further education or related purposes.

The current policy describes a one or two semester leave to be available to no more than one teacher per year after which that teacher can return to the district and expect to fill any open position for which he or she is qualified. This was the third and final reading on the policy which Superintendent Chris Selle recommended for repeal in January. Selle expressed concern about the difficult situation that could be created having to replace a teacher on leave and then being expected to hire that teacher back when they return. The board voted 4-2 to eliminate the policy on second reading in February.

Board member Kevin Amack made the motion to repeal the policy. Board vice-president, Tom Allen, who was chairing the meeting in the absence of board president Bud Ridings said he could go along with eliminating the current extended leave policy if they would all agree to revisit the matter. Allen has said that he feels providing the opportunity for an extended leave for teachers is an important possibility in the hiring and retaining good staff.

Board member Dr. Bob Dorsett, stated that he agrees with Allen, saying teachers he has talked with would like to have this opportunity. Dorsett suggested that concerns about adequate replacements for good teachers on leave and the possible disruption of students' logical educational progression were issues that could be satisfactorily addressed with good management. He also agreed that the current policy needs tweaking and suggested that here in Meeker the district wouldn't see the policy used that much anyway.

Selle clarified that in his view, if the board voted to repeal the policy then they ought to leave the issue lie for some period of time, i.e., it would

be a statement by the board that they did not wish to have an extended leave policy. If they wanted a revised policy, they should vote against the repeal and he would immediately start work on drafting an alternative for them to consider.

Dorsett suggested the board consider that the extended leave option could be used by the district to give a somewhat deficient teacher the opportunity to improve abilities and skills. Amack argued that he simply does not like the idea of promising a guaranteed job when a teacher on leave returns to the district. He said he foresees that it might be very difficult for the district to hire a qualified replacement to fill the role of a qualified teacher on leave.

In response, Dorsett indicated that at this point in time, Meeker was fortunate to have a half dozen highly qualified, respected retired teachers that could easily be brought in to replace a teacher on leave. Member Davey Smith expressed disappointment that the board had not heard from any teachers if they were in fact so interested in the extended leave option. When brought to a vote, the motion to repeal the policy passed 4-2

with members Amack, Bill deVergie, Todd Shults and Smith voting to repeal.

Other actions included approval of policies concerning the district's discrimination complaint and compliance processes; sponsoring foreign student travel; professional staff training; support staff vacations and holidays; and the use of retired staff. In addition, the board looked at some additional eight policies on first reading.

On the matter of the requirement that the school board have a representative on the Urban Renewal Authority board established by the Town of Meeker, the board unanimously chose Tom Allen.

Regarding personnel, the board approved Judy Kurth as a substitute; Jorgen Stagg as a student IT aide; Marty Casey, Greg Chintala and Samantha Wilson as middle school track coaches; and Hallie Blunt for the new elementary/middle school counselor position.

The board's agenda included an executive session for the review of superintendent Selle's evaluation. Due to the fact that the evaluation was not yet available, this item was postponed.

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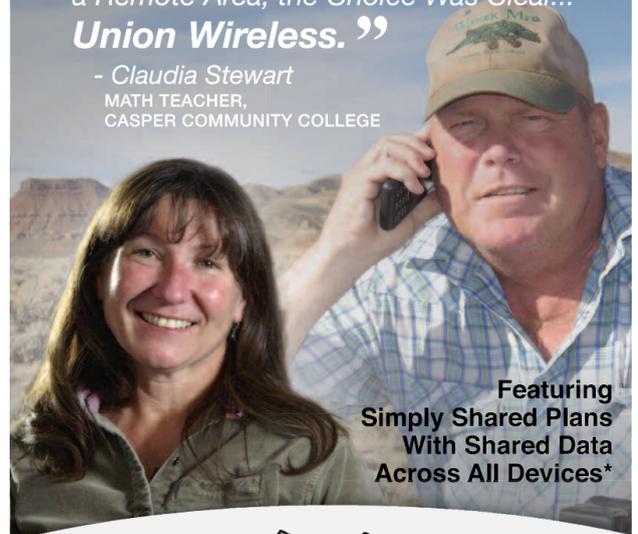
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# Town of Rangely preps for spring

By JEN HILL  
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**RANGELY I** The Rangely Town Council met on Tuesday in a short meeting where they approved a donation to Rowdy Worm and heard updates on upcoming projects from Town Manager Peter Brixius.

According to Brixius the town has received four resignations in the last six weeks, mostly in the gas and police departments. They are considering only replacing two of the positions to

provide a cost savings to the town. Brixius discussed the plans by Verizon to put in a new cell tower near town hall. Verizon is currently in Phase I of the study.

The town is gearing up for spring. This includes preparing the raw water system, which will be turned on April 15. The town is planning to check the entire raw water system this summer to ensure everything is functioning correctly. They are also currently accepting bids for the annual chip seal on the roads. Brixius is anticipating

slightly more than two miles of chip seal this year.

The new billboards on both the west and east ends up town went up this week. The new slogan for Rangely is "Rangely: Way Outside of Ordinary."

Rangely High School students Payton Myers and Alana Wiley approached the council to request a donation for Rangely's annual Rowdy Worm, an after prom event designed to keep kids out of trouble. The board agreed to give them \$750 but asked that they buy as much locally as possible.

The Rangely Town Council meets again on Tuesday, March 28 at 7 p.m.

# Agricultural water rights holders urged to attend workshop

By MARSHA DAUGHENBAUGH  
Special to the Herald Times

**RBC I** If you have agricultural water right, then the Colorado Ag Water Alliance (CAWA) workshop is for you. If you are concerned about the future of Colorado's water, then the CAWA workshop will be of interest to you. If you want to learn more water, then you might attend the CAWA workshop.

Currently CAWA is hosting a series of meetings throughout Colorado to allow and encourage agricultural producers to take an active role in the implementation of the Colorado Water Plan. A workshop for the Yampa-White-Green River Basins will be held in Steamboat Springs on Wednesday, March 22 from noon to 4 p.m. at the Steamboat Community Center at 1605 Lincoln Ave. The

workshop is free. Lunch, featuring locally produced food, will be served.

Discussion items will include the Colorado Water Plan, status of the Colorado River Basin, alternative transfer methods, water leasing, water banking, "use it or lose it" policies, water efficiency and waste, challenges of ditch renovations, collaboration opportunities and research results.

Colorado's population is predicted to double to 10 million people by 2050, bringing with it a water shortage of more than 500,000 acre feet per year. Agriculture water rights are being scrutinized as a potential solution to the deficit.

This is a close-to-home opportunity for Northwest Colorado agriculture to participate.

The event is free and includes lunch, but those planning to attend are encouraged to RSVP for a lunch count: www.yampaag.eventbrite.com

# Commissioners name Bolton to serve on Meeker URA board

By NIKI TURNER  
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**RBC I** The county commissioners named Shawn Bolton as their representative on the Meeker Urban Renewal Authority board at their March 13 meeting.

They also discussed problems between the road and bridge department and BLM regulations when it comes to maintaining various roads in the county.

The commissioners meet next in Rangely on March 20.

# THPK OPEN FOR BUSINESS...



THPK Accounting and the Meeker Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting ceremony March 3 to recognize the new THPK office in Meeker, which is open Mondays and Fridays. Left to right: Trudy Burri with the Meeker Chamber, Sean Durham and Pam Taylor from the THPK Craig office, Michelle Adams of Meeker's THPK and Meeker chamber director Stephanie Kobald.

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Rangely Middle School seventh-grader Zane Varner takes a knee and listens to long-time Panther coach Jeff LeBleu, during a recent tournament. Varner is currently undefeated in 14 matches at 130-pounds and will wrestle in Meeker this Saturday in the final tournament of the regular season. Varner and other young Rio Blanco County wrestlers will compete Saturday at Meeker High School against familiar and worthy opponents from Moffat County, Hayden and Steamboat Springs.

## Rangely's Varner remains undefeated

By **BOBBY GUTIERREZ**  
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**RANGELY I** Rangely Middle School seventh-grader Zane Varner remains undefeated (14-0) after he won the Soroco Invitational last Saturday in Oak Creek. The young Panthers will wrestle in Meeker this Saturday in the final tournament of the season for most.

"Zane has wrestled well all season long," Rangely coach Jeff LeBleu said.

Varner won the 130-pound

bracket and eighth-grade teammate Anthony Lujan won the 155-pound bracket for the Panthers.

"Anthony only has one loss on his record," Coach LeBleu said.

Anthony Dorris placed third at 75 and Dontea Pearce finished fourth at 125.

"This was the toughest tournament we have seen this year and I thought we wrestled fairly well," coach LeBleu said. "We are still making the little mistakes that are costing us some matches.

The team is young and if we can just keep them going, learning and showing effort, I am fine with the outcome."

Coach LeBleu said some of the wrestlers will compete in the state-qualifying regional tournament for Colorado's middle school students.

"The team would like to thank Ameer Pearce and Teresa LeBleu for supplying the fruit and meat trays for the tournament and all of the parents, grand parents and friends who traveled to support the team," coach LeBleu said.



BOBBY GUTIERREZ PHOTO

The Meeker High School track and field team will see its first action of the season Friday in Rifle and they will be led by senior thrower Caleb Bradford (back row, red shirt), who qualified for the state tournament in the shot put and discus, medaling in the latter. Pictured in front are: Ethan Quinn, Charlie Day and Ridge Williams. Back row: Brett McGruder, Caleb Bradford, Reese Harvey, Jake Shelton and Colby Shelton.

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## Spartans win three of four softball games against Utah

Special to the Herald Times

**RANGELY I** CNCC head softball coach Ysidro Jimenez gave CNCC faculty, staff and students an update on the tournament held this past weekend in Rangely with Utah State University-Eastern.

"A big congrats goes out to CNCC softball's Taylor Reidhead, voted Scenic West Athletic Conference

(SWAC) softball pitcher of the week," Jimenez said.

Reidhead earned two wins and zero losses, 13 innings pitched with 13 strike outs. She was also great at the plate batting .467, five runs scored, seven hits, eight RBIs, four BB, two doubles, two stolen bases and one walk off grand slam. The CNCC softball team won three games over Utah State University-Eastern. The Spartans had 34 hits and scored 37 runs in the four-game weekend.

## CNCC rodeo season underway

Special to the Herald Times

**RANGELY I** "CNCC Rodeo has returned from our first spring rodeo and it was a good one," said head rodeo coach Jed Moore.

Teague Crane highlighted the weekend placing second in the first round, second in the championship round and first overall. This perform-

ance boosted her into the No. 1 spot in the regional standings, and top 10 in the nation. Other Spartan cowgirls of note were Taylor Hunt who placed 10th in goat tying, Haylie Wright 11th in goats and Shawnie Stone 11th in barrels.

Johnny Pavkov had an outstanding weekend as well, placing second in both rounds of competition and

second overall in steer wrestling. The points earned this weekend are continuing to rank Pavkov among the top three steer wrestlers in the region (the top three cowboys/cowgirls in each event qualify for the College National Finals), as well as the regional all around standings. JP has moved into the top 10 in the nation as well.

## Sportsman's Club hosts 3-D Shoot



BOBBY GUTIERREZ PHOTO

Although not everyone competed, more than 60 archers from Grand Junction, Craig, Rifle, Silt and Carbondale, were in Meeker for the annual indoor 3-D Shoot, sponsored by the Meeker Sportsman's Club. "The weather was so nice, we set up a few targets outside," Zack Allen (above), who won the men's bowhunter competition, said. One of Allen's best friends, Jason Wheeler of Craig, won the freestyle competition. "Jason is shooting really well right now," Allen said.



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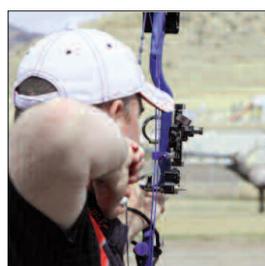
## Champions of the Week

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**Zane Varner**  
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Varner won the 130-pound bracket last Saturday in Oak Creek and he will put his undefeated (14-0) record on the line in the final tournament of the regular season, this Saturday in Meeker.



**Zack Allen**  
Meeker, Colorado

Allen scored a 222 to win the Men's Bowhunter division at the annual 3-D Archery Shoot and he finished fifth in the Freestyle division. More than 60 archers from Meeker, Craig, Rifle, Silt, Carbondale and Grand Junction, participated in the shoot, sponsored by the Meeker Sportsman's Club.

# White River Goat and Sheep Club update

By **ALLIE WILLEY**  
Special to the Herald Times

**MEEKER I** The White River Goat and Sheep 4-H Club met Feb. 28 at the fairgrounds in the OEH building. The meeting was called to order at 6:06 p.m. by the president Allie Willey. Followed by roll call, also performed by Willey. The pledges were then led by Melayani Wangnild. After pledges the group elected new officers for the year: president Sierra Gomez, vice president Dayton Willey; secretary Tatum Kennedy; treasurer Melayani Wangnild; reporter Allie Willey; pledge leaders Cori, Amy, Alivia and Kallynn; council reps Matthew Willey and Tatum Kennedy.

After elections, the new officers assumed their positions. Kennedy continued the meeting by doing the minutes and correspondence of the last meeting. The treasurer's report was given by Melayni Wangnild, which stated the group has \$307.06 currently in its account. Kennedy then gave a council report, and discussed the senior game day, mini trip and the new bylaws.

The group proceeded with discussing the new Bred and Fed program and talking about the Steer Feeder Show. They had a guest speaker for the kids to listen to, and every kid walked out with a cool prize in his or her hand and a smile on their face. The group brought up the topic of the guest speaker coming in

to talk about nutrition on April 22 and then established groups for demonstrations occurring in March and April.

The group also discussed upcoming meetings and activities from the newsletter. The butter braid sales are due by March 15 to the extension office, and a meat quality meeting mandatory to all first year livestock kids and first year seniors is on March 7 at 6 p.m. with parents. Also discussed were online enrollment and fees. All kids who were not already signed up needed to pay a \$10 late fee to the office.

The next meeting is Tuesday, March 28 at 6:30 p.m. The meeting was adjourned at 6:39 p.m. by new president Sierra Gomez.

# Update from Meeker VFW, Auxiliary and American Legion

By **DAVID COLE**  
and **ROB BAUGHMAN**  
Special to the Herald Times

**MEEKER I** It has been a little over a year since we were able to move into our VFW building located across from the Mountain Valley Bank at 290 Fourth St. This was made possible through a substantial anonymous donation. We are cooperating with your local Lions Club which also calls this building home.

About the time of that move, we realized that the American Legion Post 0074 in Meeker was on the verge of losing its charter, so some VFW members joined the American Legion in order to reactivate the organization. We operate the VFW, Auxiliary and American Legion jointly in our small community to more effectively utilize our resources. I am happy to report that that we now have 81 VFW members, 36 Auxiliary members and 32 American Legion members in our organizations.

These organizations exist to support our veterans, promote patriotism in our community and schools and serve our community. Examples of our service include:

- Providing rifle honor guards with taps and flag presentations to families of deceased veterans.

- Providing scholarships to students via the VFW Patriots Pen, Voice of Democracy and American Legion Boys and Girls State summer camp programs.

- Keeping donated medical equipment including crutches, bath lifts, electric scooters, electric wheel chairs, hospital beds and many other devices for any member of our community to borrow.

- Marching in high school homecoming, Fourth of July and other parades.

- Participating in sheepdog trials with flags at opening and closing ceremonies, maintain information booth.

- Memorial Day services, placing flags and markers upon veteran graves.

- Educational student program on Veterans Day.

- Hospital visits and care, transportation and assistance as needed to veterans.

- Video recorded histories of our local veterans' service to their country.

We have joint meetings every second Thursday of each month with our next meeting scheduled on April 13, 2017, beginning 5:30 p.m. where dinner is served.

Please consider this an open invitation to join our organizations and serve our community. Please call 970-878-3758 and leave your contact information.

# DISTRICT'S STAFF RECOGNIZED...



MATT SCOGGINS PHOTO

This past Friday, Rangely School District took time out to honor all staff members for the great work and effort they put in each and every day to make a positive difference in the lives of students. Along with a fantastic meal provided by Giovanni's, students from both the Junior/Senior High School and Parkview Elementary provided some amazing entertainment. Anna Byerly, Teresa Schott, Diana Sizemore (second time with us), Jeremy Lohry, Barbara Combes, Marie Varco, and Victoria Long were recognized for five years of service to the District. Linda Cox was recognized for 10 years of service while Steven Kraft, Alicia Cushman, and Tammie Stewart were recognized for 25 years of service. RSD then recognized Sharon Gilbert for her 30 years of service to the district. Left to right: Kraft, Byerly, Gilbert, Sizemore, Stewart, Varco, Combes, Lohry and Cox.



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# Snowpack conditions still good; runoff expected to be above normal

Special to the Herald Times

**RBC I** While February brought substantially less precipitation to Colorado than the previous two months, snowpack and precipitation accumulations were near normal, leaving us with well above normal snow water equivalent (SWE) and water year precipitation amounts. As of March 1, statewide snowpack was at 139 percent of the 1981-2010 median value. Mountain precipitation across Colorado SNOTEL sites

averaged out to be exactly 100 percent of the normal accumulation this February. This forced a drop in the percent of average water year to date precipitation over last month, from 129 to 123 percent, still well above normal values.

Reservoir storage experienced a small net gain over the past month across the state, with only the basins of Southwest Colorado experiencing any loss in storage, relative to normal. Percent of normal storage values range from a low of 91 percent in

the upper Rio Grande basin to a high of 127 percent in the combined Yampa, White, and North Platte River basins.

The combined Yampa, White, and North Platte River basins currently hold the lowest snowpack with respect to normal, but are still at a healthy 126 percent of the median.

Runoff this spring and summer is expected to be between 102 percent and 134 percent of average for the Yampa, White and North Platte River basins.

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## CNCC STUDENT ON ACADEMIC TEAM...



**Teague Crane, a student at CNCC, was inducted into the community college All-Colorado Academic Team. Students selected are considered the "best of the best" from their respective institutions for their academic achievements and community service. Left to right: CNCC President Ronald Granger; Rangely Phi Theta Kappa recipient Teague Crane; CCCS President Dr. Nancy McCallin; and Colorado Senator Randy Baumgardner.**

## Forest Service releases draft decision for Buford/New Castle Project

Special to the Herald Times

**RBC I** The White River National Forest has released a Final Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact (EA/FONSI) and draft Decision Notice (DN) for the Buford New Castle Project, located on the Rifle and Blanco Ranger Districts, in Garfield and Rio Blanco counties.

"This decision represents a unique opportunity to manage vegetation for a variety of benefits," said Sarah Hankens, Rifle District Ranger. "The Buford New Castle Project demonstrates how recreation management and vegetation management can work together for long-term benefits and how active forest management sets the stage for a healthy future forest."

The Final EA and FONSI describes the proposed activities in detail and analyzes the potential environmental effects of implementation.

The draft DN includes the District Ranger's Selected Alternative and a rationale for this decision. The Selected Alternative will authorize vegetation management treatments on 615 acres and a variety of silviculture methods will be used.

Additional activities authorized with the proposed action include installing interpretive signs along the road corridor, the development of 10-stock ponds, widening of the Buford New Castle Road to provide a more uniform width, improvements to create safer driving conditions on the Buford New Castle Road, and road maintenance through grading.

According to Doug Leyva, Timber and Fuels program manager for the White River National Forest, "The Selected Alternative gives the Forest Service an opportunity to actively manage aspen across the landscapes,

increase diversity to make ecosystems more resilient to natural disturbance processes and provides forest products to local businesses."

The Selected Alternative best meets the Purpose and Need of the project while balancing effects to natural and social resources. The Forest Service carefully considered comments from members of the public and developed site-specific design features to minimize negative effects associated with logging activities.

The release of this draft decision initiates the 45-day objections period. Individuals who submitted timely and specific written comments during the combined scoping and comment period (Nov. 19, 2015 through Dec. 18, 2015) will have eligibility to file an objection to the draft DN under 36 CFR 218.

Both documents are available for download on the White River National Forest website at [fs.fed.us/nepa/fs-usda-pop.php/?project=47451](http://fs.fed.us/nepa/fs-usda-pop.php/?project=47451). Hardcopies may be reviewed at the Rifle Ranger District, in Rifle, Colo.

Objections, including attachments, must be filed via mail, fax, email, hand-delivery, express delivery or messenger service (Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., excluding holidays) to: Reviewing Officer, Brian Ferebee, Regional Forester, USDA Forest Service, Rocky Mountain Region, 740 Simms, Golden, CO 80401; FAX: 303-275-5134, or email [r02admin\\_review@fs.fed.us](mailto:r02admin_review@fs.fed.us).

Objections must be submitted within 45 calendar days following the publication of a legal notice in the *Rifle Citizen Telegram*. The legal notice is anticipated to be published March 9, 2017. The publication date in the newspaper of record is the exclusive means for calculating the time to file an objection. Those wishing to object should not rely upon dates or timeframe information provided by any other source. The regulations prohibit extending the time to file an objection.

## BMS scores four History Day firsts

By REED KELLEY  
Special to the Herald Times

**MEEKER I** Seventeen students presenting nine History Day subjects from Barone Middle School (BMS) competed in the regional show-offs in Grand Junction last Saturday. Four of them placed first in their category and will be going to the state competition in early May.

The first place finishers were

Morgan Kehrig and Mikynna Molandes with a group website on Simone Liebster; Mason Holliday, Ryan Phelan and Braydon Garcia with a group performance on the Newsboys Strike of 1899; Sierra Gomez with an individual website on the Nat Turner Rebellion; and Chayton Bumgardner with an individual exhibit on the Stonewall Riots.

History Day sponsor, BMS social

studies teacher Kris Casey, reported, "I am very proud of all the kids that competed, those that are heading to state and those that aren't. It was a great experience for all of them."

The other 10 students who competed in Grand Junction were Carter Strate, Cooper Main, Spud White, Brandon Blaisdell, Colby Clatterbaugh, Kyle Wangnild, Junior Gaeta, Dax Sheridan, Bradey Potetz, and Abigail Moon.

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### Correction on AGNC article

**RBC I** In last week's *Herald Times* article about the Community Networking Group meeting, we incorrectly stated that the governments that make up the membership/associates of the Associated Governments of Northwest Colorado (AGNC) comprise 63 percent of the state's geographical area. According to Bonnie Peterson, AGNC executive director, the percentage should have referred to the state's population. AGNC members/associates make up 63 percent of the state's population. We regret the error.

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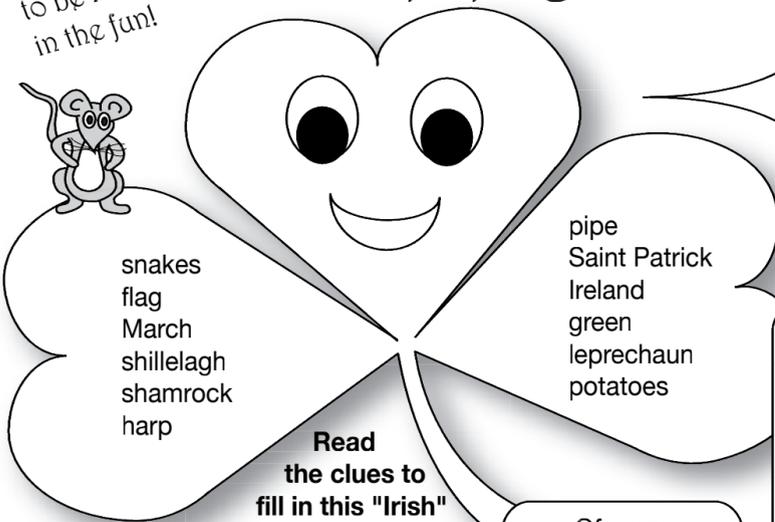
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# Happy St. Patrick's Day!

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- Across**
2. plant with leaves that have 3 small leaflets
  5. bishop in Ireland (2 words)
  6. large island west of Great Britain
  7. green, white and orange striped
  8. important food
  9. large, stringed instrument
  10. serpents



Of course, leprechauns can easily spot every shamrock with 4 leaves!

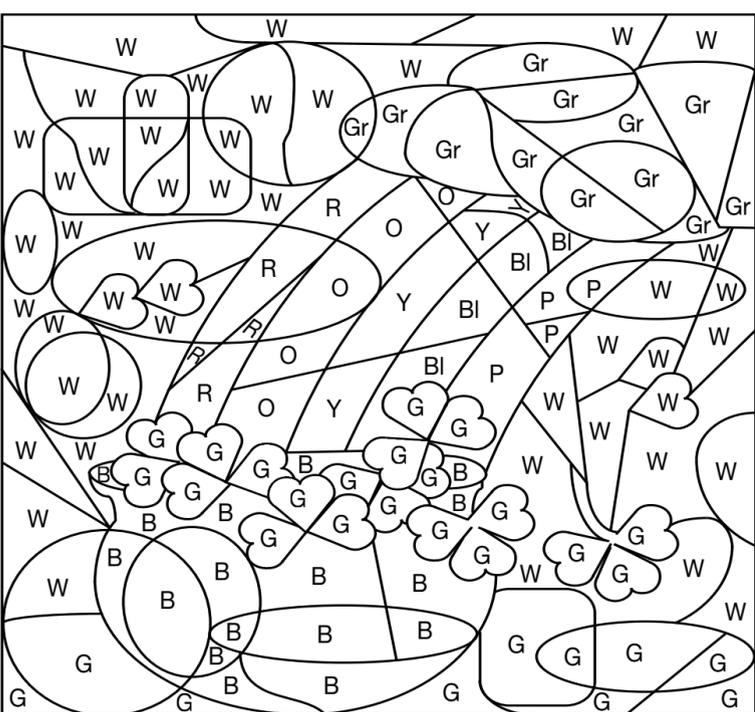
- Down**
1. color of spring leaves; grass
  3. holiday month
  4. will grant you a wish if you can catch it
  5. short oak club
  8. used for smoking

Every year the people of Ireland celebrate a special holiday in the early spring. Many go to church, visit family, attend dinners or dances, and march in parades. Across the ocean, in America, many people of Irish descent join in activities that show their pride in being Irish-Americans. Do you know the name of this holiday? If you are thinking of St. Patrick's Day, then you are right.

In the waters around Ireland there are seals, dolphins and killer whales. On land, there are red deer, badgers and lizards. But, there are no snakes to be seen anywhere!

Some people think I bring good luck because I have \_\_\_ leaves and am hard to find.

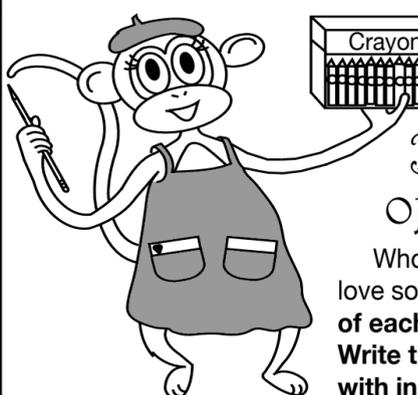
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**Bishop of Ireland** **10**

Who is the man the Irish love so much? **Say the name of each picture to yourself. Write the letter it begins with in the box next to it.**

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**St. Patrick's Day Pop Quiz!**

A **pop quiz** is a quick, little, surprise test. Can you answer this one?

Everyone has seen the "green" in the card shops and heard stories about leprechauns, but how much do you know about Saint Patrick? Are the statements below True or False? **Circle "T" for True. Circle "F" for False.**

**Saint Patrick:**

1. was born in Ireland	T	F
2. was a teenage slave in Ireland	T	F
3. escaped from Ireland and then went back years later to teach about God and the Christian faith	T	F
4. is said to have driven all of the snakes out of Ireland	T	F
5. has many Irish boys named after him	T	F
6. is a symbol of the Irish "spirit"	T	F

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# METHANE: Opponents of repeal say action will 'let the gas go up in smoke'

tors install devices that capture 95 percent of their emissions. Most states have not adopted such rules.

Consultations by BLM included reaching out through numerous forums and hearings across the country and receiving thousands of written public comments. The rule is effectively an update to the six-page "notice to leaseholders" issued in 1979, nearly 40 years ago.

Under the MLA, BLM is required to ensure that its lessees "use all reasonable precautions to prevent waste of oil or gas" and that leases include "a provision that such rules ... for the prevention of undue waste as may be prescribed by (the) Secretary shall be observed." Natural gas that has been vented, flared or leaked from crude oil and gas production, processing and transmission activities can be defined as both air pollution and undue waste.

In the meantime, Congress enabled itself, under the Congressional Review Act (CRA), to repeal any new federal regulations. Such action must occur within 60 legislative days of when the rule takes effect. For example, Congress used the CRA last month to reverse a

December 2016 Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) rule restricting coal mines from dumping debris and waste, including toxic heavy metals, into nearby waterways.

Under the CRA, once a regulation is repealed, the agency cannot (ever) reissue a substantially similar rule unless Congress has acted to authorize it. The House passed its resolution repealing the BLM Methane Rule on Feb. 3. Colorado's Western Slope congressman, Scott Tipton (R-Cortez), voted for the repeal. The repeal resolution passed the House on a 221-191 vote with three Democrats joining the Republicans in favor and 11 Republicans joining the Democrats in opposition.

The Senate now must consider this repeal. Due to the very few days Congress actually "legislates," the 60 day CRA deadline is not expected to occur until sometime in May, or later. Washington insiders report that we are now only at day 43 since the Rule's Nov. 18 inception.

The *Daily Sentinel* reported this week that while Colorado U.S. Senator Cory Gardner (R-Yuma) has not yet determined how he will vote

on the repeal, U.S. Senator Michael Bennet (D-Denver) has joined a group of 24 Senate Democrats in signing a letter of opposition to the repeal.

Bolton is joined in opposition to the rule by the oil and gas industry generally. There are those, however, that call the rule "tough but reasonable, as (it) improves air quality and enables responsible, economic energy development." This sector is composed, in part, of companies that provide gas capture technology and equipment.

According to Patrick von Bargaen, executive director of the Center for Methane Emissions Solutions, there are nearly 80 companies in the U.S. poised to help the industry meet the challenge of containing and using previously wasted natural gas. Von Bargaen also points out that last June, the U.S., Canada and Mexico signed an agreement to cut methane emissions by 40 percent before 2025.

The center commissioned a study based on in-depth interviews with 10 representatives of oil and gas companies, including large and small producers, and third-party service providers, regarding the impact of

methane regulation. Highlights of the study completed in January include agreement that the Colorado rule significantly reduces methane emissions, that in the long run companies are not incurring significant implementation costs and that the benefits to finding and fixing gas leaks outweigh the costs.

A group of more than 60 elected officials from Colorado, New Mexico, Utah and Nevada, mostly county commissioners, co-signed a letter to Congress stating that the rule would save more than \$330 million worth of gas annually, help clean up the air and assure a fairer return of royalty revenues to the U.S. Treasury. Plus, they wrote, it would put more entrepreneurs to work creating technologies to help producers comply.

In a March 2 letter, more than 60 western Colorado business owners and operators urged Gardner and Bennet to vote "no" on the methane rule repeal. They stated that the rule makes good business sense, preventing waste and protecting Colorado's western slope from needless pollution, keeping it a great place to live and visit. The businesses, from

Aspen, Carbondale, Grand Junction, and Delta to Durango, include restaurants, hoteliers, local food producers, healthcare and fitness centers and outdoor recreation concerns.

Rodger Steen of Steamboat Springs, chair of the Western Colorado Congress Oil and Gas Committee and a former air quality consultant to government and industry, told the *Herald Times*, "Everything is wrong about wasting natural gas when it can be efficiently captured and sold with royalty revenues returned to the citizens. Nothing is right about wasting the gas."

President and CEO of the American Petroleum Institute in D.C., Jack Gerard, claims the rule's "unnecessary requirements could result in the shut-in of a number of currently producing wells, reducing revenues to the federal treasury and the supply of affordable energy."

Similarly, Kathleen Sgamma, president of the Western Energy Alliance in Denver, has publicly thanked Utah Congressman Rob Bishop (R-Brigham City), who introduced the House resolution, for his

leadership in getting the repeal through the House. Bishop is chairman of the House Committee on Natural Resources.

Barry Russell, president and CEO of the Independent Petroleum Association of America, also in D.C., states that, "If not repealed, (the rule) will most certainly mean a decline in production on federal lands as marginal wells will be forced to shut-in which will also lead to a decline in revenue to the U.S. Treasury from royalty payments."

In contrast, Jesse Prentice-Dunn, advocacy director at the Denver Center for Western Priorities, noted that the repeal action "checks the box on another major agenda item for big oil and gas companies at the expense of American taxpayers ... and will simply let the gas go up in smoke."

Wyoming U.S. Senator John Barrasso, M.D. (R-Casper), who was unanimously elected chairman of the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works in January, has introduced the repeal's Senate resolution.



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DATE: 12/12/2016  
Karen Arnold, Public Trustee in and for the County of Rio Blanco, State of Colorado  
By: Karen Arnold, Public Trustee  
The name, address, business telephone number and bar registration number of the attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is:  
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Denver, Colorado 80203  
(800) 222-4444  
www.coloradoattorneygeneral.gov

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P.O. Box 4503  
Iowa City, Iowa 52244  
(855) 411-2372  
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DATE: 12/14/2016  
Karen Arnold, Public Trustee in and for the County of Rio Blanco, State of Colorado  
By: Karen Arnold, Public Trustee  
The name, address, business telephone number and bar registration number of the attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is:  
Robert Traylor #10730  
Traylor, Black & Kane, P.C. 751 Horizon Court, Suite 200, Grand Junction, CO 81506 (970) 242-2636  
Attorney File #  
The Attorney above is acting as a debt collector and is attempting to collect a debt. Any information provided may be used for that purpose.  
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## LEGAL NOTICES

**Lower White River  
Pest Control District  
Bid Request  
Aerial Spray**  
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Publish: March 9 & 16, 2017  
Rio Blanco Herald Times

Pursuant to the Rules and Regulation of the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Board published August 1980, and pursuant to the Colorado Surface Coal Mining Reclamation Act 34-33-101, et seq., notice is hereby given of the filing of an application for Phase II and III Bond Release of a portion of the Colowyo Mine site. The application pertains to the existing Colowyo Coal Mine, Permit No. C-1981-019, Colowyo Coal Company L.P., 5731 State Highway No. 13, Meeker, Colorado 81641, filed with the Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (CDRMS), Colorado Department of Natural Resources, 1313 Sherman Street, Room 215, Denver, Colorado 80203, and approved by the Division on April 5, 2013 (latest Permit Renewal). The Colowyo Mine is located approximately 28 miles south of Craig, Colorado.

The application areas for both Phase II and III bond release were reclaimed from 1993 through 1999. The Phase II areas total approximately 48 acres, and the Phase III acres total approximately 183 and all areas are shown in detail on Maps 1 and 2 within the application. The status of the reclaimed areas is consistent with the requirements of the approved reclamation plan which includes achievement of Phase I and in some cases Phase II bond release, establishment of vegetation that supports the post-mining land use, a reduction of contributions of suspended solids below pre-mining levels, a minimum of 5 years since the last seeding and fill and gully repair, and reclamation parcels have met the requirements of the revegetation success criteria for two years. Listed below is a general legal description of this area:

Phase II Areas  
Township 3 North, Range 93 West of the 6th P.M. Section 16 - W1/2NE1/4, E1/2SW1/4  
Section 15 - SE1/4NW1/4  
Phase III Areas  
Township 3 North, Range 93 West of the 6th P.M. Section 16 - S1/2NE1/4, E1/2SW1/4, SE1/4  
Section 15 - SE1/4NW1/4  
Colowyo currently holds a self-bond (Bond No. SB-010) in the amount of \$80,517,829. With this bond release application, the Colowyo Mine will be requesting relinquishment of 25% of the base bond held for the Phase II parcels, and relinquishment of 100% of the bond held for the Phase III parcels applied for under this application.  
A copy of the bond release application is on file at the Moffat Court Clerk and Recorder's Office located in the Moffat County Courthouse, 221 West Victory Way, Craig, Colorado 81625 and the Rio Blanco County Clerk and Recorder's Office in the Rio Blanco Courthouse located at 555 Main Street #303, Meeker, CO, 81641. Written comments, objections, and requests for a public hearing or informal conference concerning this bond release application should be addressed to the Colorado Division of Reclamation Mining and Safety, Colorado Department of Natural Resources, 1313 Sherman Street, Room 215, Denver, Colorado 80203. Comments must be filed within thirty (30) days from the last date of this publication, or within thirty (30) days of the completed inspection by the CDRMS, whichever is later.  
Publish: March 2, 9, 16, 23, 2017  
Rio Blanco Herald Times

## LEGAL NOTICES

**NOTICE TO SENIOR CITIZENS & DISABLED VETERANS**  
Rio Blanco County qualifying seniors and disabled veterans are urged to submit applications for their property tax exemption if they have not already done so. For more information please go to the Colorado Division of Property Taxation website at www.dola.colorado.gov/dpt, click on "Forms." If you have applied in the past and your application was approved for the exemption, you do not need to reapply. Deadline for filing for the exemption is July 15, 2017. Please contact the Rio Blanco County Assessor's Office at 970-878-9410 with questions. Published: March 16, 23 & 30, 2017  
Rio Blanco Herald Times

**PUBLIC NOTICE  
RIO BLANCO BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HEARING**  
Notice is hereby given that on Monday, April 17, 2017 the Rio Blanco Board of County Commissioners will hold a public hearing beginning at 11:15 a.m. at the Rio Blanco County Western Annex Building, 17497 State Highway 64, Rangely Colorado 81648 to consider the following:  
Chevron U.S.A. Inc. Limited Impact Review (PLIR) PLIR-0003-17. The applicant is requesting to replace a CO2 discharge pipeline with 380 feet of 16 inch carbon steel pipeline. Located in SW/NW Section 32, Township 2 North, Range 102 West. Copies of the documents may be obtained from the Community Development Department at 200 Main Street in Meeker, Colorado, or you may call (970) 878-9456 for more information between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.  
Published: March, 16, 2017  
Rio Blanco Herald Times

**Public Notice:  
Personal Property**  
Unless specifically exempted by law, all persons owning, possessing, or controlling taxable business personal property with a total actual value greater than \$7,400 (per business, per county) are required to report the personal property to the county assessor by April 15, 2017. Personal Property Declaration Schedules have been mailed to every business, or company known to own, possess, or control taxable personal property in the county. Non-receipt of a Declaration Schedule DOES NOT excuse taxpayers from declaring taxable business personal property to the assessor. Licensed equipment that has a SIMM tag or Z-tab is not required to complete a Personal Property Declaration Schedule. If you have not received a Declaration Schedule and own business personal property in Rio Blanco County, please contact the Rio Blanco County Assessor's office at 970-878-9410.  
Completed Declaration Schedules are due April 15, 2017. If you fail to file a Declaration Schedule, the assessor will establish a taxable value based on "best information available" and add a penalty of up to 25% of the valuation for the assessment of omitted property that is subsequently discovered. Colorado law requires that the county assessor to begin hearing objections to personal property valuations no later than June 15, 2017. Objections to personal property valuations must be postmarked, delivered or presented in person to the Rio Blanco County Assessor's Office no later than June 30, 2017. If you have questions concerning your Notice of Valuation(s), please contact the Rio Blanco County Assessor's Office at 970-878-9410.  
Real Property  
Colorado law, C.R.S. 39-1-104(10.2), currently requires a two-year reassessment cycle for all real property in the state of Colorado with 2017 being a reappraisal year. The 2017 Notices of Valuation (NOV) will be sent no later than May 1, 2017. The NOV describes the property you own, gives the actual (or market) value for the prior and current years and describes the process to present objections to the assessor. The Rio Blanco County Assessor will hear objections to the real property classifications and the 2017 valuations beginning no later than May 1, 2017. Objections to the valuation or classification of real property must be postmarked, delivered or presented in person to the Rio Blanco County Assessor no later than June 1, 2017. If you have questions concerning your Notice of Valuation(s), please contact the Rio Blanco County Assessor's Office at 970-878-9410.  
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**LEGAL NOTICES**

**Public Notice**  
A public hearing has been scheduled for March 21, 2017 at 7:00 pm at the Meeker Town Hall, 345 Market Street, to consider 2 Special Event Liquor License, requested by the Meeker Lion Club to be used at 200 Main Street, Meeker, CO 81641 for: RMEF BANQUET on April 1, from 3:00 pm to 12:00am After Birth Ball & Banquet on May 6, 2017 from 3:00 pm-12:00 am  
Information or questions please call Town Hall 970-878-5344.  
§ Kathleen Sizemore  
Liquor Clerk  
Published: March 16, 2017  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE  
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS  
PERSONAL TRAINER**

The EASTERN RIO BLANCO METROPOLITAN RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT, a political subdivision of the State of Colorado, is soliciting proposals from qualified Personal Trainers to provide personal training instruction at Meeker Recreation Center.

Trainers will book their own sessions and determine and collect session payments. ERBM will collect a monthly fee from trainers at \$50 per 5 clients and \$10 per client over 5 clients.

Interested parties are required to submit an organized letter which contains:

A history of experience and qualifications.  
Certification in personal training by ACSM, ACE, AFPA, NSCA or another qualified certifying organization.

Certification in CPR/AED/First Aid Training through AHA or ARC.

Selected candidates will be required to sign an Independent Contractors Contract, Declaration of Independent Contractor Status form, W-9 and provide proof of liability insurance with ERBM named as an additional insured.

For more information contact Shelly Rogers, Recreation Manager, at shellyr@meekerrecdistrict.com or 970-878-7415.

Proposals must be received by the District before 5p.m. on March 31, 2017 at the District's administrative office, Meeker Recreation Center, 101 Ute Road, Meeker, CO 81641.

EASTERN RIO BLANCO METROPOLITAN RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT  
By: Sean VonRoenn, Executive Director  
Published: March 9, 16 & 23, 2017  
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**TOWN OF MEEKER  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
Tuesday March 21, 2017**

**7:00 P.M. Regular Scheduled Board Meeting  
345 Market Street, Meeker, CO**

I. Call to Order  
A. Pledge of Allegiance  
B. Roll Call

II. Approval of the Agenda  
III. Approval of the Previous Minutes  
IV. Approval of Monthly Disbursements  
V. 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.

VI. Staff Updates  
VII. Public Hearing Items:  
Liquor Special Event Permits (200 Main Street Location):

1) April 1, 2017, (3pm to 12am) to serve during the "Annual Elk Foundation Banquet"

2) May 6, 2017, (3pm to 12am) to serve during the "Annual Afterbirth Ball";

VIII. New Business:

1. Renewal of Ute Park Lease Agreement with Mr. Davey Smith

2. Renewal of the Ute Park Lease Agreement with Meeker Classic Sheepdogs, LLC

3. Meeker Chamber- quarterly update and signage/AGNC Grant item

4. Service Agreement with RG and Associates, LLC for Planning Services

IX. Mayor's remarks

X. Town Manager's Report

XI. Town Attorney's Report

XII. Adjournment  
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**LEGAL NOTICES**

**2017 RIO BLANCO COUNTY  
FAIRGROUNDS RESTROOM REMODEL  
INVITATION FOR BID**

**PROJECT NAME, LOCATION AND GENERAL SCOPE OF WORK**

2017 Rio Blanco County Fairgrounds Restroom Remodel. Work includes but is not limited to the complete renovation of the Meeker Fairgrounds Restroom Remodel in accordance with the Project's Construction Documents and Project Manual dated January 27, 2017, including, State and local building code requirements.

**CONTRACT DOCUMENTS**

Contract Documents shall be available on-line at www.govbids.com/scripts/co1/public/home1.asp, or on the county's website at www.rbc.us on the Bid Postings page, or at the Rio Blanco County Administration Building, 200 Main Street, Meeker, Colorado 81641 on March 1, 2017.

**WORK SCHEDULE**

This project shall start March 27, 2017 and be completed by July 1, 2017.

**PROJECT SUPERINTENDENT AND QUESTIONS**

Eric Jaquez, County Project Coordinator, (970) 878-9583. Email address: eric.jaquez@rbc.us Mailing address: Rio Blanco County Administration Building, 200 Main Street, Meeker, CO 81641.

All Vendors must examine the site and become familiar with the site conditions. Any questions regarding this project are to be directed in writing to Eric Jaquez before March 15, 2017 at 5:00 P.M.

**MANDATORY PRE-BID MEETING**

Vendors must attend mandatory pre-bid meeting:

March 7, 2017 at 3:00 P.M. at the Rio Blanco County Meeker Fairgrounds Grandstands, 700 Sulphur Creek Road, Meeker.

**BID SUBMITTALS**

Bids shall have Vendor's name and address and "SEALED BID-2017 FAIRGROUNDS RESTROOM REMODEL PROJECT" written on the sealed envelope. All required documents shall be included with the bid or it shall be rejected.

Mailed bids are due no later than 5:00 P.M. on Friday, March 17, 2017. Do not depend on overnight delivery.

Hand delivered bids will be accepted no later than 11:00 A.M. on March 20, 2017.

Mailing: RBC Commissioners, P.O. Box i, 200 Main St., Meeker, CO 81641

Hand-delivery address: RBC Commissioners, 1797 HWY 64, Rangely, CO 81648

**BID OPENING**

Bids shall be opened and read in public at 11:15 A.M. on March 20, 2017 at the Commissioners' Meeting Room, 1797 HWY 64 RBC Annex Building Rangely, Colorado 81641. Bids submitted after 11:00 A.M. will be returned not opened. Bids submitted and opened shall not be withdrawn for 30 days thereafter.

**BID PREFERENCE**

C.R.S. 8-19-101, et seq, shall be observed on all construction contracts on public projects. The law states that when a construction contract for a public project is to be awarded to a bidder, a resident bidder shall be given preference against a nonresident bidder from another state equal to the preference given or required by the state in which the nonresident bidder is a resident.

**BID AWARD**

The Rio Blanco County Board of County Commissioners reserve the right to reject any or all bids; to waive any informalities in bids; and to accept the bid that, in the opinion of the Board, is in the best interest of the County of Rio Blanco, State of Colorado.

RIO BLANCO COUNTY, COLORADO  
Dated: March 1, 2017  
By: Shawn J. Bolton, Chairman  
Publish: March 9 and 16, 2017  
Rio Blanco Herald Times

**Board of County Commissioners  
Of Rio Blanco County, Colorado  
Monday, March 20, 2017  
Rio Blanco County Annex Building  
17497 Highway 64  
Rangely, Colorado 81648  
Tentative Board Agenda**

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

to action being taken by the Board on the Consent Agenda.

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

**11:00 a.m. Call to order:**

• Pledge of Allegiance

• Changes to the March 20, 2017 Tentative Agenda

• Move to Approve the March 20, 2017 Agenda.

**CONSENT AGENDA FOR MARCH 20, 2017**

• Move to Approve the below listed items of the Consent Agenda.

• Consent 1 Approval of the Board Minutes of March 13, 2017.

• Consent 2 Approval of the transfer of SUP 07-01 and SUP 09-02, from Connell Resources, Inc. to Oldcastle Materials SW Group Inc.

Consent 3 Approval of the transfer of SUP 8-04, SUP 08-14, SUP 09-11, SUPN 10-28, from Whiting Oil & Gas Corporation to Ursa Operating Company, LLC.

• Consent 4 Approval of Contract Modification No. 1 between the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado and Solany, LLC for the Records Digitization Project, expanding the scope of work, extending the contract period to July 27, 2017, and increasing the not to exceed amount by \$2,550.00 to \$145,395.00.

• Consent 5 Approval of Budget Variance Request - 029 between the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado and FCI Constructors Inc., for Innovative Painting Systems to re-prime all walls where control joints were added at the RBC Justice Center as described in BVR-025 in an amount not to exceed \$4,140.00.

• Consent 6 Approval of Budget Variance Request - 030 between the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado and FCI Constructors Inc., for Wilkie Sanderson to furnish a 41 5/8" 81" solid surface plan table countertop located in the Assessor's Office, in an amount not to exceed \$1,453.00.

• Consent 7 Approval of Budget Variance Request - 031 between the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado and FCI Constructors Inc., adding a door to Office 224 and a section of wall to enclose an office in the Clerk and Records section as described in RFI-111 in an amount not to exceed \$2,765.00.

• Consent 8 Approval of Budget Variance Request - C052 between the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado and FCI Constructors Inc., for Ambassador Blinds N Shutter to furnish and install (8) additional aluminum window blinds as requested by Rio Blanco County in RFI-110 for Rooms 132, 224, 229, and 320, in an amount not to exceed \$989.00.

• Consent 10 Approval of Budget Variance Request - C054 between the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado and FCI Constructors Inc., reallocating costs associated with BVR-C045 from 2H Mechanical's subcontract amount to Contractor's Contingency resulting in a credit of \$1,725.00.

**BUSINESS AGENDA**

General:

Business 1 Move to Void Contract Modification No. 1 between the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado and Reilly Johnson Architects from the November 21, 2016 Board Meeting.

**Bid Openings:**

• Bid Opening 1 2017 Piceance Creek Weed and Pest District Herbicide Hand Spraying Project.

• Bid Opening 2 2017 Piceance Creek Weed and Pest District Ariel Pesticide Spraying Project.

• Bid Opening 3 2017 Rio Blanco County Meeker Fairgrounds Restroom Remodel Project.

**Bids Awards:**

• Bid Award 1 Move to award the purchase contract for the 4-Wheel Drive Backhoe Loader to \_\_\_\_\_.

• Bid Award 2 Move to award the purchase contract for the Crawler Dozer to \_\_\_\_\_.

• Bid Award 3 Move to award the purchase contract of the three Wheel Loaders to \_\_\_\_\_.

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• Bid Award 4 Move to award the purchase contract of the All-Wheel Drive Motorgrader with Attachments to \_\_\_\_\_.

**MOU's, Contracts and Agreements:**

• MCA 1 Move to Approve a Service Agreement between the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado and ThyssenKrupp Elevator Corporation for the maintenance of the elevator equipment located in the Rio Blanco County Courthouse in an amount not to exceed \$269.18 per month beginning January 2017 through December 31, 2017.

• MCA 2 Move to Approve a Service Agreement between the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado and Ducey's Electrical, Inc., for the Columbine Park Jockey Shack Data Wiring Project, beginning March 20, 2017 through September 30, 2017, in an amount not to exceed \$7,500.00.

• MCA 3 Move to Approve an Agreement for Services between the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado and ProAcoustics for the Rio Blanco County Justice Center AV System Project, in an amount not to exceed \$7,500.00.

• MCA 4 Move to Approve Contract Modification 01 between the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado and Reilly Johnson Architecture for miscellaneous adjustments increasing the not to exceed amount by \$101,197.50 to \$558,347.10.

**Resolutions:**

• Resolution 1 \_\_\_\_\_

**Other Business:**

• Public Comments

• County Commissioners Updates

**11:15 Public Hearings:**

• Hearing 1 Applicant Rio Blanco County by the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado, is requesting approval of the Rio Blanco County Pollard Tower Limited Impact Review PLIR-0002-17, to upgrade the fenced tower site and an additional 95ft self-supporting tower for public and commercial telecommunications uses located in Rio Blanco County, Section 28, T1S, R92W.

**MOVE TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #2017-10. A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF RIO BLANCO COUNTY, COLORADO, APPROVING RIO BLANCO COUNTY POLLARD TOWER LIMITED IMPACT REVIEW PLIR 0002-17.**

**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 27, 2017, at the Rio Blanco County Justice Center, 455 Main Street, Meeker, Colorado. Please check the County's website for information at: <http://www.rbc.us/departments/commissioners>. If you need special accommodations please call 970-878-9683 in advance of the meeting so that reasonable accommodations may be made.

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**Lower White River  
Pest Control District  
Bid Request**

**Commercial Equipped Applicator**

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**LEGAL NOTICES**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Meeker Planning Commission will be holding a public hearing on Monday, April 3 at 7:00 P.M. at Town Hall, 345 Market Street, to consider a Minor subdivision request from Berry Bros./Adams. The applicant is requesting subdivision of the portion of land in Sections 18 & 19, T1N, R93W of the 6th P.M. (lots directly Northeast of Curtis Creek Industrial Park). The resultant configuration would be two lots.

The above request will also be heard by the Meeker Board of Trustees April 4th at 7:00 P.M. at Town Hall.

If you have comments for or against the application, you are invited to attend the hearing or submit written comments to Town Hall, 345 Market Street, Meeker, CO 81641. Further information is available at Town Hall or by telephone, 970-878-5344, Monday through Friday 8am to 5pm.

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

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

**SAFEHOUSE**

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

**878-3131**

**Alcoholics Anonymous**

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

**AA & Al-Anon Meetings - Rangely**

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

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

**Veterans Service Offices**

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

**Rangely:** Veterans Service Officer - Hoot Gibson, Tuesday and Thursday, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., County Annex, 17497 State Hwy 64, Rangely. 878-9695 office, 675-2669 home.

**MEEKER STREAKER MONTHLY SCHEDULE March 2017**

NOTE: Please call 878-9368 in advance to set up all medical appointment rides. Activities are subject to change. Bus available on dates noted below:

3/16 No Bus in town/Grand Junction medical  
3/17 Bus in town  
3/18 No bus  
3/19 Nobus  
3/20 Bus in town  
3/21 Bus in town  
3/22 Bus in town

Please call in advance for a ride to medical appointments (970-878-9368). Please schedule out-of-town medical appointments before 2:00 PM.

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

MEEKER HOUSING AUTHORITY Board of Directors meets the 3rd Thursday of the month at 9:00 a.m. at The Pines, 875 Water St., Meeker.

**Rangely Victim Services**

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

NEW EDEN PREGNANCY CARE SERVICES - pregnancy tests, emergency supplies, guidance by trained volunteers, classes on pregnancy and child care, post-abortion support, referrals. Thursdays, 12p-5p, 345 Main Street, Meeker. Email: newedenpcs@gmail.com or (970)878-5117 and Thursdays, 1p-6p, 219 Sunset Avenue, Rangely. Email: newedenrangely@gmail.com or (970) 675-2300. All services are confidential.

**AUCTIONS**

Annual Spring Consignment Auction, Saturday April 1st at 9:00 a.m., 2368 S. 1500 E. Vernal, Utah

Equipment of all kinds, Many Vehicles, Trucks, Trailers, Campers, ATVs, Motorcycles, Boats, Lawn and Garden Items, New and Used Tools, Generators, Air Compressors, Lumber, Pipe, Tack, Camping and fishing items, Guns, Ammo, Antiques & Collectibles, Coins, Household Items, and much more! For more information or to Consign to this Auction please call ZJ Auction Service, Inc. 435-828-7424. www.zjauction.com 3/2-3/30

3/16-3/23

**FARM AND RANCH**

Commercial Black Hereford bulls available. 18 months old, range ready, calving ease, growth, solid pedigrees, genetic defect free. Rangely area. Logan Hill (970) 629-8807.

3/2-3/23

**GUNS**

CCW Class coming to Meeker Saturday, March 25, 10:00 am 3467 F34 Road, Clifton, Colorado

1991 18' travel trailer, older Int M-H tractor, 2 tractors Farmall cub & M-400, NH self propelled swather, 4 wheelers, attachments, 3-30' trailer house I-Beams, 5-12" Alfa valves, fuel tanks, panels, scrap iron, lumber & firewood, hand & power tools, 2 A frames, steel posts, David Bradely attachments, wire, fishing items, dressers, couch, old cameras & camera items, 55" flat screen TV, trunks & old wood boxes, 3 glass oil lamps, other misc antiques.

For more info call Steve Claypoole CP Auction Service (970)260-5577 See web www.cpauction.com "Call us about a sale for you"

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**MISCELLANEOUS**

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**MOTORCADE: MISC.**

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- Caseworker
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- RANGELY**
- Human Services Admin Asst., Pt
  - Relief Cook
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**Employment Opportunities**

**District**

- Elementary/Middle School Counselor

- Barone Middle School
- Sixth Grade Teacher

- Meeker High School
- Head Volleyball Coach
- Assistant Volleyball Coach

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Lifeguards: The ERBM Recreation & Park District is seeking applications for part time non-benefited, year round lifeguards, who could work up to 30 hours per week, and seasonal non-benefited lifeguards, who could work up to 40 hours per week from May until the end of September. Lifeguards are trained professional rescuers who ensure the safety of patrons by preventing and responding to emergencies in and out of the aquatic facility. Applicants must be 15 years of age or older; know how to swim; be available for daytime shifts, early morning, evening, split and/or weekend shifts; and be available a minimum of 12 hours per week. As part of the interview process, candidates will be asked to swim 300 yards using crawl stroke and breast stroke, perform a brick dive in the deep end of the pool and tread water for 2 minutes. Candidates do not need to hold a lifeguard certification card as we will train selected candidates on site. Lifeguards are also responsible for performing maintenance and inspection of the facility on a daily basis; reporting any unsafe conditions or equipment to the supervisor(s); monitoring pool water chemistry and filling out required records and reports. Salary range \$9.73 - \$15.79/hr. A completed ERBM Recreation & Park District job application is required for consideration and should be returned to ERBM Recreation & Park District, Attn: Human Resources, 101 Ute Rd, Meeker, CO 81641. Applications are available at the Meeker Recreation Center and on the website, [www.MeekerRecDistrict.com](http://www.MeekerRecDistrict.com). Complete job description is available upon request and online. ERBM Recreation & Park District is an Equal Opportunity Employer. 970-878-3403. Applications will be accepted through Monday, April 3, 2017. 3/16-3/30

**LAND/LOTS**

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- ◆ NEW! White River Ranch Estates on Hwy. 64, Two 35 Acre Parcels — Both parcels have river frontage. Lot 12 has 3 phase electrical. \$225,000. Lot 13 is on South side of river. \$200,000.
- ◆ 345 Cleveland St. — GREAT POTENTIAL! A full City block, over 99,000+ square feet, offering 12 individual lots all being sold as one parcel. \$225,000.
- ◆ 1247 Garfield St. — Cute 3 BD, 1 BA ranch-style home w/ one car garage. Great starter home, large fenced backyard, big apple tree & two storage outbuildings. \$130,000. PRICE REDUCED!

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**585 Cleveland St.** - Picturesque 3,806 SQFT home in downtown Meeker. Beautifully landscaped private yard. **\$389,000**

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**855 5th St.** - Wonderful view over town from this 5BD/2BA home. New roof, siding, windows and flooring. **\$200,000**

**767 12th St.** - Two-story, 2BD/1.5BA Townhouse, well-kept and tastefully remodeled. Great fenced area for children or pets. **\$70,000**

**945 & 975 Cleveland St.** - Two older homes, great lot space and potential. **\$69,000**

**RURAL RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY**

**1972 RBC Rd. 36** - Well kept 16+ acres with over 6,500 SQFT in shop space. Hay sheds, spring water, 2,160 SQFT home and cabin. **\$589,000**

**1400 Flag Creek Dr.** - Stunning 4BD/2.5BA home moments from town. Pole barn, acreage and outstanding views. Price Reduced: **\$475,000**

**1601 White River Rd.** - Brand new 3BD/2BA home w/ attached garage. 3.22 acres just south of the golf course. Price Reduced: **\$299,900**

**8505 RBC Rd. 8** - Lovely up river home on 1.76 acres. Nice views, fenced yard and year round access. Price Reduced: **\$258,000**

**346 N. Cross L Dr.** - Adorable 3BD/2BA stucco home on 3 acres. Only minutes from town, miles of views. Price Reduced: **\$269,900**

**519 Rim Rock Dr.** - 4BD/2BA home on five acres, nice open floor plan with large family room, new carpet, and a new roof. Just a short distance from town, with outstanding views. **\$198,000**

**RANCH PROPERTY**

**River Ranch on Yampa:** 63322 W Hwy. 40 - 128.68 acres with over a mile of Yampa River frontage, senior water rights, partial mineral rights, and a beautiful 5BD/4BA home, plus a 2,160sq ft. metal barn. Perfect for a cattle ranch headquarters or an equestrian retreat. **\$1,250,000**

**NEW Baker's Peak Vista Ranch:** 2113 County Road 70, Craig - 506+ acres with 10cfs water rights, gravity flow sprinkler system or flood irrigation. Currently hay. Future expansion for grain possible. Several outbuildings outbuildings and a domestic well in place. BLM and State land on three sides.

**VACANT LAND**

**37 Vacant Lots** - Sanderson Hills Subdivision. Located on the northwest side of the subdivision. **\$29,000 each** or **\$25,000 each in packages of 5 lots.**

**459 Cross L Dr.** - 3 acres in Cross L Estates, good building location on corner lot. **\$80,000**

**New 49 Acre Lot** - off Highway 13 at Mile Marker 24 for **\$55,000**

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Ridge Estates Vacant Lots - Moments from town, great views, reasonable covenants! SPRING SALE, prices starting at **\$65,000**

**688 Meath Dr.** - 35 acre lot in Little Beaver Estates, cleared building pad. Will consider all offers! **SOLD!**

**2.25 Acres off Hwy. 113**, north of Meeker - Nice building location, close to town! **\$45,000**

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

**2 Beautiful Lots in Sage Hills** - Gentle sloping and panoramic views of the surrounding mountains. **\$30,000 each.**

**COMMERCIAL PROPERTY**

**NEW Gravel Pit for Sale** - WRC Wet Pit is located about 20 miles west of Meeker, containing approximately 110 acres, water rights, and an estimated 1,500,000 tons of gravel ready for extraction. **\$1,500,000**

**680 Water St.** - Playa del Rio Apartments sits on 4 lots, feature 19 apartment units, 17 storage units, off street parking and park area. Buy before the market booms! **\$950,000**

**Ma Famiglia Italian Restaurant**  
Business offered at **\$475,000**.  
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**HOMES IN MEEKER ...**

- \*1266 Cleveland-3BR, 2BA home on a quiet street. Detached garage, beautifully remodeled kitchen with S.S. appliances, updated bathrooms, A/C, fenced BACKYARD. \$207,000.
- \*125 Main St- Lg corner lot with an impressive 5 BR, 2.5 BA, 2 story home. Living room, dining room, family room, walk-in closets, large covered back patio, oversized 3 car garage, 2 kennels, beautiful yard. \$319,000.
- \*990 Main St- 3BR, 1.5 BA, lg home w/ attached 2 car garage. Updated and spotless. \$168,000 SALE PENDING!
- \*1111 Wall St- 3 BR, 2 BA one level home. Large master suite, storage shed. \$128,000 SALE PENDING!
- \*1134 Michael- 3BR, 2-1/2 BA home, attached garage. Built in 2006. \$210,000. SOLD!
- \*680 3rd St- Older home on two lots in good location. Needs work. \$64,900. SOLD!

**RANCHES — RURAL RESIDENTIAL — HUNTING PROPERTIES...**

- \*NEW 1560 CR 15- 390 acre ranch, 5 miles NE of Meeker. Fenced and cross fenced, well and spring, 1,412 sq ft lg home, storage shed, loafing shed. Great pasture. Secluded and private. \$995,000.
- \*210 CR 75- Papoose Creek Cabin in Forest Service lease land, lg cabin, outhouse. \$55,000.
- \*29100 CR 8- 12 Acres with River. 1.252 sq ft updated 3 BR, 2 BA cabin, borders BLM. \$529,000 REDUCED!
- \*6500 CR 7- 2 Acres NW of Meeker. 2,592 sq ft updated home, 4 BR, 2 BA, fireplace, well. \$265,000. REDUCED!
- \*CR 8- 88 Acres just east of Meeker. Hunting, dry land pasture, development potential. \$400,000 REDUCED!

**BUSINESS & INVESTMENT ...**

- \*108 Market St- 3+ lots on the corner of 1st & Market. Great location next to the Dollar Store \$250,000 REDUCED!

**RAW LAND AND HOMESTES ...**

- \*NEW 12924 CR 8- 5 Acres with Pivex, great fishing. Vacant land, good building site, 13 miles upriver, awesome views. \$148,000.
- \*NEW 8432 CR 15- 7.5 Acres, 10 miles NE of Meeker. Great home site with a creek flowing through with great fishing, water well, pasture. \$175,000.
- \*NEW 8432 CR 15- 18 Acres, 10 miles NE of Meeker. Great home site with a creek flowing through, great fishing and hunting, good pasture. \$185,000.
- \*5807 CR 7- Vacant 20 acre parcel, 9 mi. North, on Strawberry Creek. Good home site & views. \$75,000.
- \*CR 8- 88 Acres just east of Meeker. Hunting, dry land pasture, development potential. \$400,000 REDUCED!
- \*359 Love Lane- 5 acres, Cross L Estates, Lot 13, great home property, well. \$100,000.
- \*Little Beaver Estates- 35 acre lot bordering DOW hunting land. Lot 11- \$95,000.
- \*Little Beaver Estates- 35 acre lot bordering Division of Wildlife public land. Lot 14. \$93,000 REDUCED!
- \*Little Beaver Estates Lot 13- 35 acre lot bordering Division of Wildlife public land. \$89,000 SALE PENDING!
- \*100 acres- 29 miles east of Meeker, surrounded by Nat'l Forest, covered with Aspens. \$1,395,000.00.

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