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## Ibach, Wedding resign ...

At the trustee meeting Tuesday night, Meeker School Board members accepted the resignations of two prominent high school staff members, including Meeker High School Principal Dr. Kim Ibach.

Board President Bill deVergie said Ibach submitted her letter of resignation, effective at the end of the school year, to Superintendent Mark Meyer late last week.

The other resignation was from 26-year high school chemistry and math teacher Bev Devore-Wedding.

Devore-Wedding is on a year's leave-of-absence which, by board policy, could not be extended. She resigned in order to continue her pursuit of a doctorate in science education at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Meyer was not available for comment as he himself is away at a job interview.

## Man in fatal shooting identified; officers placed on paid leave

By JENNIFER HILL  
Special to the Herald Times

**DINOSAUR I** On March 9, Colorado Department of Parks and Wildlife District Wildlife Manager Nathan Martinez of Rangely told investigators that around 2 p.m. he was off Highway 40, approximately 10 miles east of the Utah border issuing a road kill permit when he took note that Moffat County Deputy Sheriff Brent Shock was just a few miles away, investigating a suspicious vehicle.

Once Martinez finished up his permit, he headed over to assist.

For Lou Dean Jacobs, the afternoon also started out like any other. She loaded her two dogs into her pickup at her home in Blue Mountain and headed out to take them for a walk. However, Jacobs' plans quickly took an

unexpected turn.

While Shock was inspecting the suspicious vehicle, a white Ford Explorer, Martinez noticed some footprints, which he followed to a nearby hill, approximately 200 feet away, where he reportedly found two individuals, later identified as Georgie Hand and James Damon, sitting on the ground.

Martinez reportedly asked the couple some basic questions about who they were and what they were doing. According to his statement, it was during this time that Damon drew his handgun, pointed it at Martinez' head and threatened to "blow his [expletive] head off."

Damon reportedly proceeded to disarm Martinez. Once disarmed, Martinez was reportedly led back toward their vehicle, where Shock was unaware of the situation.

Once the group reached Shock's location,

Damon reportedly told Shock to lay face down while Damon removed his service weapon, taser and handcuffs then handcuffed Shock's right hand to his service belt and forced both officers to the ground.

Martinez stated that when he was forced to the ground he felt certain he and Shock were going to die and that he decided to fight back.

The officers reportedly jumped at Damon, at which time Martinez was able to get ahold of a gun and shoot Damon, who died on the scene. Hand was then quickly disarmed and placed in handcuffs.

It was at this time that Lou Dean Jacobs heard the gunshots and noticed that Martinez was in the area.

"When I got there, I saw the game warden's truck," Jacobs said. "I saw him standing there with something on the ground in front of

him. I thought it was an animal at first. I was going to turn around. I was thinking, I'm not going to get in on this."

What she said she found was not an animal being put down, but a man laying face down on the ground, dead.

"I heard someone hollering my name, 'Lou Dean, I need your help,'" she said.

At this point, Jacobs said she noticed there was another officer, Deputy Shock, who was handcuffed.

"I don't know what all happened; I guess he was handcuffed by the assailants," she said.

At Martinez' direction, Jacobs said she went to assist Shock in removing his handcuffs.

"I'd never tried to do that before, so he was trying to talk me through getting the handcuffs off," Jacobs said.

Law enforcement records showed that Damon and Hand were wanted in Mississippi, Utah, Colorado and Wyoming.

Hand has been charged with two counts of first-degree attempted murder, four counts of second-degree kidnapping, four counts of aggravated robbery, two counts of disarming a police officer, two counts of felony menacing, one count of trespassing and one count of possession of a weapon by a previous offender.

Martinez and Shock have been placed on administrative leave for the time being.

"It was something, it's just unbelievable for out here," said Jacobs, adding that she is thankful that both officers are safe.

The district attorney's office in Moffat County said that the incident is being investigated by the Critical Incident Team from the 14th Judicial District.

## Meeker man, 19, killed in Hwy. 64 crash

By SEAN McMAHON  
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**MEEKER I** A Meeker man was killed early Saturday morning in a single-vehicle accident along Highway 64 between Rangely and Meeker, the public information officer of the Colorado State Patrol (CSP) released Monday morning.

According to the public information officer on duty, a 19-year-old man, tentatively identified as Tayler Slaugh of Meeker, died at the site of the accident at mile marker 45 on Highway 64, after his 1994 GMC pickup, being driven eastbound toward Meeker, failed to complete a right hand turn, proceeded to travel off the left side of highway, traveled down a steep embankment then hit another embankment head on.

The vehicle reportedly came to a rest on its wheels and was facing east. Meeker CSP officer Mark Patterson was the first officer to respond to the accident, reported at 3:58 a.m., and due to the nature of the accident, CSP officer Sgt. Aaron Lane of Fruita was called in.

Slaugh was the only person involved in the accident, and he was reportedly not wearing a seatbelt.

According to the PIO, neither drugs, nor alcohol, nor speed are considered to be factors in the accident.

A celebration of Slaugh's life will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at the 4-H building in Meeker.

## Two Meeker DI teams head to state next

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**MEEKER I** Meeker Elementary School had five teams participate in Destination Imagination on Saturday at the Western Slope Regional Tournament, and two of those teams will continue on to the DI State Finals in April.

From there, winning teams would continue on to the Global Finals in Tennessee.

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There is a large courtyard just outside the library's new computer room and it will feature tables and chairs for reading, studying and relaxing. There will be a stage back left and landscaping, including two trees to be placed on the right, next to the sidewalk.

## New addition to Meeker Library opens soon, offering new services

By SEAN McMAHON  
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**MEEKER I** The new 2,700 square-foot addition to the Meeker Library has been a long time coming, but library director Mike Bartlett is happy to say that the addition is now open.

"The minute the contractor is out of here, we will be open for business," Bartlett said in January. "It will be an exciting day when this is complete and we are fully operational."

"There are still some things to do," Bartlett said Monday. "But we now have the space to provide many more of the things the people of Meeker should expect from their library."

"One of those things is language instruction," he said. "We have three language labs that provide more than 80 languages with customizable methods of instruction and all on your schedule," he said. "There is a microphone to allow the program to check your pronunciation and the rooms are sound insulated, so you won't be embarrassed talking out loud to a computer. Learners can also down-

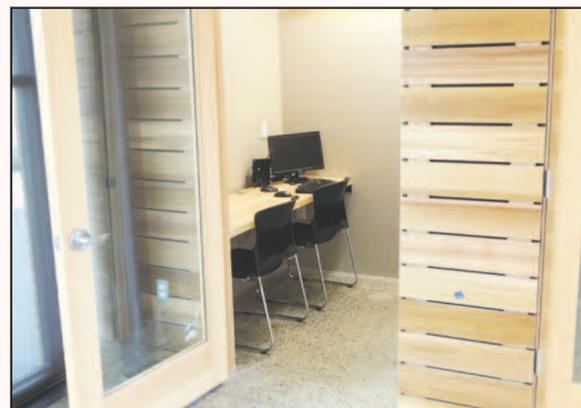
load lessons to their smart phones or tablets to practice between visits to the library."

The \$900,000 project adds roughly 2,700 square feet to the library, with the new area split into two areas of roughly 1,350 square feet each. One half is a general study room with four study labs and

the other half is an outdoor courtyard.

The general study room has four cubicles that serve as various labs, including those used for language learning, Bartlett said. One is

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One of the features of the addition to the Meeker Public Library is four new computer labs, one complete with a 3-D printer. Also featured in the main room are an in-ceiling projector with two screens, tables with added computer hookups in the floor and equipment that will enable the making of films.

## Game, especially deer, do well this winter; watch ice

By SEAN McMAHON  
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**RBC I** In Rio Blanco County, Colorado's big game ungulates are having a great winter, according to Bill deVergie, the Colorado Department of Parks and Wildlife's area wildlife manager in Meeker.

The elk and deer and the few moose in the area are really doing well, deVergie said Friday.

"The forage is in excellent shape, we have had really good moisture with roughly 85 to 95 percent of the normal moisture having fallen," he said. "A lot of the snow we have had has disappeared, but it has melted into the ground, which is a good thing."

"The forage seems a little higher than normal for this time of year," he said, "and this is the third year in a row that we have had very good conditions for the deer and elk."

deVergie was exceptionally happy with the outlook for deer, he said, noting that the survival rate appears to be the best in recent years.

"We have had good snow and even rain all around," he said. "We have had no really long cold spells. I'd say it really looks good toward adding to the existing population of the moose, elk and especially the

deer."

deVergie said it is a little bit early to speculate on what the spring and summer forage will be like with what could be another six weeks of winter.

"It's just a little bit early to tell, but we have had a lot of precipitation and a lot of that soaking into the ground, where we want it," he said. "We are certainly off to a good start."

"So much really does depend on what happens now through April," he said. "If we continue to have good snow and rainfall, then conditions could be ideal. If it gets really warm and we don't get much more precipitation, then there could be a few problems and the fire danger could get high."

He said it has been nice to see the amount of late snow and cooler temperatures during the last two springs and that he is proceeding with the expectation of the same this year.

"All I know for sure is that we have had a lot of precipitation and conditions are almost ideal right now," deVergie said. "There is a lot of moisture in the ground, the forage is high, the animals look good, the survival rate is good and it may even be that the predation by lions and

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RENE HARDEN

Bill deVergie, the Colorado Department of Parks and Wildlife District Wildlife Manager in Meeker, said winter conditions are currently looking good for the elk and deer in Rio Blanco County, such as these deer on the Colorado Northwestern Community College campus over the weekend in Rangely. DeVergie said there is still plenty of winter remaining and the hope is that it doesn't get too warm and rain and snow continue.

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# CPW: Licenses, permits and registrations now available for 2015-16

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**RBC** | Colorado Parks and Wildlife licenses, permits and registrations are on sale now for the 2015-16 season at licensing agents, CPW offices and online at [cpw.state.co.us/](http://cpw.state.co.us/).

■ **Big Game:** The big game application deadline is 11:59 p.m. on April 7. Check out [cpw.state.co.us/learn/Pages/PlanYourHunt.aspx](http://cpw.state.co.us/learn/Pages/PlanYourHunt.aspx) to find all the resources CPW has to offer hunters to complete their applications now.

■ **Fishing:** Anglers are reminded that they must purchase a 2015 fishing license in order to fish on or after April 1. A resident annual fishing license costs \$26. Youth 15 and under are not required to purchase an annual license; however, if they plan to fish with a second line, they must buy a second-rod stamp for \$5.

Resident senior annual licenses for those 64 or older cost just \$1. A resident combination fishing-small game license is available for \$41. A resident small-game license costs \$21, but only \$1.75 for those under 18.

Anglers should pick up a 2015 fishing brochure to check regulations and to see what's new. You must know the regulations for the waters you are fishing. Brochures are available at license agents or any CPW office and online at [bit.ly/coloradofishing](http://bit.ly/coloradofishing).

■ **Habitat Stamp:** License buyers between the ages of 18-64 also must buy a \$10 Colorado Habitat Stamp. Money collected from stamp purchases is used to preserve and protect wildlife habitat throughout the state. Learn more at [cpw.state.co.us/buyapply/Pages/HabitatStamp.aspx](http://cpw.state.co.us/buyapply/Pages/HabitatStamp.aspx).

■ **Mountain lion:** Mountain lion hunters also now have an extra month—through April—for hunting, but they must buy a new license for the season starting April 1. That license will be valid for all mountain lion seasons through March 31, 2016. Learn more at [cpw.state.co.us/thingstodo/Pages/MountainLion.aspx](http://cpw.state.co.us/thingstodo/Pages/MountainLion.aspx).

■ **Off-highway vehicle and boat**

registration: The annual registration fee is \$25.25. Registrations are valid from April 1 through March 31 each year. This is a flat administrative transaction fee—it cannot be prorated for a partial year's registration, and will not be subject to refund if the vehicle is sold or stolen. Learn more at [cpw.state.co.us/buyapply/Pages/RegistrationsOHV.aspx](http://cpw.state.co.us/buyapply/Pages/RegistrationsOHV.aspx).

Any boat with a motor or sail operated in Colorado on any public waters must be registered with the CPW. Fill out this boat registration form and return it to: Colorado Parks and Wildlife-Registration Unit, 13787 S Highway 85, Littleton, Colo., 80125 or stop in at any CPW location. CPW conducts mandatory boat inspections and decontaminations at 27 state parks and 58 other locations around the state. Information about the state's extensive boat inspection program can be found online at [cpw.state.co.us/thingstodo/Pages/BoatInspection.aspx](http://cpw.state.co.us/thingstodo/Pages/BoatInspection.aspx). Resources for boaters can be viewed at [cpw.state.co.us/thingstodo/Pages/boat.aspx](http://cpw.state.co.us/thingstodo/Pages/boat.aspx).

■ **Parks Passes:** Now is also a good time to buy a Colorado State Parks pass. A pass, good for entry at 42 state parks, costs \$70 and is good for a year from the date of purchase. Buy one at a Parks and Wildlife office or online at [parks-store.state.co.us](http://parks-store.state.co.us).

■ **Turkey:** Turkey season starts April 13. A resident license is \$21 and just \$11 for anyone under 18. Over-the-counter licenses go on sale March 11. Go to [bit.ly/coloradoturkey](http://bit.ly/coloradoturkey) for details. Resources for turkey hunting are available at [cpw.state.co.us/thingstodo/Pages/Turkey.aspx](http://cpw.state.co.us/thingstodo/Pages/Turkey.aspx).

CPW is purely an enterprise agency, relying primarily on license sales and state parks fees to support operations, including 42 state parks covering more than 220,000 acres, big-game management, hunting, fishing, wildlife watching, camping, motorized and non-motorized trails, boating and outdoor education. CPW contributed more than \$6 billion in total economic effect last year throughout Colorado.

## RANGELY WILD GAME DINNER ...



John Whipple, the outdoor leadership coordinator and challenge course manager at Colorado Northwestern Community College, filled the roles of cook, emcee and auctioneer Saturday night at the sixth annual Wild Game Dinner fundraiser for the *Spartan Times* and *Spartan Rock & Ice*. Dinner entrées featured bison, elk, deer and salmon cooked a variety of ways. Winners in the cooking contest were Alden Vanden Brink and his elk porcupine meatballs, which tied with for first place with Sue Forward's buffalo roast soup, followed by Whipple's buffalo pepper steaks.



A long line of hungry folks dug into nine entrées, elk dip, potatoes, salad and vegetables as part of the sixth annual Wild Game Dinner on Saturday night at CNCC-Rangely. The event included music by Rangely group Fiscus & Gravy and silent and vocal auctions. Roughly 100 people took part in the event.

## BOCES to offer new contract to director

By REED KELLEY  
Special to the Herald Times

**RBC** | The Rio Blanco Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES), which is composed of the combined Meeker and Rangely school board members, met March 12 in Meeker to review the preliminary budget for next year and to assess Executive Director Teresa Schott.

Rio Blanco County is one of very few in the state that has established its own, single-county BOCES program. The meeting was chaired by Meeker School Board Member Kurt Blunt.

The BOCES board reviewed Schott's evaluation in executive session and then announced unanimously that they will negotiate a new contract with her for the next school year, hoping she is willing to stay on.

Rio Blanco BOCES runs on an

annual budget of \$2.3 million. The preliminary budget for the 2015-16 fiscal year is nearly \$2.5 million. This slightly increased budget for next year includes a psychologist and a nearly full-time (four-day) nurse in Meeker and expanding the Rangely school nurse position to four days.

Other BOCES employees include the administrative staff of three in Rangely and the coordinator of student services located in Meeker. Support staff, typically shared between the districts, include occupational and physical therapists, speech and language professionals, special education teachers in each school, resource teachers in both high schools, gifted and talented coordina-

tors, two preschool teachers, a number of para-educators in each community and a School to Work Alliance Program (SWAP) coordinator.

The Meeker and Rangely districts jointly provide about \$1,587,000 of the county BOCES budget.

The board approved receiving its usual and critical grant monies from the Colorado Preschool Program (CPP), the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and SWAP.

The board wished to remind residents of the "birth to five-year-old" children's health fairs to be held at the County 4-H building in Meeker on April 10 and at the Early

Education Center administration building in Rangely on April 24.

These fairs provide early screenings, dental hygiene and county health vaccinations among other services. April is also the Month of the Child and Child Abuse Prevention Month.

The board accepted end-of-the-school-year resignations from Rangely employees school nurse Mary Ann Allred, para-educator Jen Fortunato and preschool teacher Nedra Sandels.

The next BOCES board meeting is May 21 in Rangely.

More information about BOCES, its services and resources, can be found at [www.rioblancoboces.org](http://www.rioblancoboces.org).

While quite a few folks gathered along Main Street in Meeker on Wednesday morning to send off the Meeker High School boys' basketball team to the state tournament in Pueblo over the weekend, Reagan Clatterbaugh demonstrated her own excitement by covering herself in MHS pompons at the intersection of Sixth and Main streets and cheering on the team as they left town.



SEAN MCMAHON

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**The Meeker Recreation Center will be closed April 5, for the Easter Holiday.**



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Chairman of the Board of Meeker Volunteer Fire and Rescue Wade Bradfield, right, presented retiring Meeker Fire Chief Steve Allen an award of appreciation for his long service to the town of Meeker and the department during the department's annual banquet on Saturday night. Allen served as fire chief in Meeker from 1999 to 2015.



COURTESY PHOTO  
At the annual Meeker Volunteer Fire and Rescue Banquet on Saturday night at the Fairfield Center in Meeker, retiring Fire Chief Steve Allen, left, recognized newly retired Vaughn Moodie for the 20 years of service with the department.



COURTESY PHOTO  
At the Meeker Volunteer Fire and Rescue Banquet on Saturday night at the Fairfield Center in Meeker, a cake-cutting ceremony was held for the oldest and newest members of the department. Dale Frisby, center, and Francis Sullivan (not pictured) are the longest-standing members with the same starting date, and Mark Rogers, left, and Carrie Cook are the newest members, starting in 2015.

## DI: Five teams to compete at state

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Destination Imagination is a worldwide program that encourages teams of learners to have fun, take risks, focus and frame challenges while incorporating STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics), the arts and service learning.

Participants learn patience, flexibility, persistence, ethics, respect for others and their ideas, and the collaborative problem-solving process.

Teams of seven students prepare a solution to a given challenge with no outside help, assistance or guidance, and they then showcase their solution at the tournaments.

The fifth grade team going to the Colorado State Finals in Denver captured third place at regionals. The team of "The Seven Geeky Marshmallows of Blooperginin Gizmo" includes Savannah Mendenhall, Regan Mobley, Gabriel Richardson, Gage Richardson, Shane Kobald, Aspen Merrifield and Hadley Franklin. Team managers are Stephanie Kobald and Nancy Richardson.

The fourth grade team going to the state finals in Denver who took

second place at regionals is the "SSJ Beans" and includes Kaden Franklin, Elijah LeBlanc, Ruby Holliday, Melayni Wangnild and Brealyn Garcia. Team managers are Amber Garcia and Shana Holliday.

The third grade team, the "Colorado Code Breaking Chompers," consists of Abbi Schwartz, Oliver Holmes, Gabe Smithers, Opal Munger, Allison Kobald, Eva Scritchfield and Elliot Steinacher. Team Managers are Lisa Belmonte and Heather Sauls.

The first first-grade team, the "Rocking Minions," is made up of Samantha Sevillano, Shailee Rundberg, Dillon Pretti, Augie Halstead, Sam Smithers and Lissbeth Sanchez. Team managers are Dilly Gutierrez and Mayra Sanchez.

The second first-grade team, the "First Grade Rock Stars," consists of Emma Bauer, Dublin Price, Hayden Garcia, Sage Preston, Matthew Willey and Sam Conrado. Team managers are Ellen Conrado and Becky Brennan-Bauer.

The Meeker Arts and Cultural Council, Meeker Embroidery and Meeker Sand and Gravel sponsored the teams and provided the team T-shirts.

## CDOT contract meeting set

**MEEKER** If you would like to do business with the Colorado Department of Transportation, there will be a workshop on Wednesday at Kilowatt Komer in Meeker specifically for area small businesses. From 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. will be a free workshop and lunch. From 1 to 4 p.m. will be one-on-one consulting with CDOT. This workshop will also include a discussion about CDOT's small business programs and how they can help you become more competitive at bidding on CDOT projects.

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FROM MY WINDOW...

Livestock association meetings great for area info; Congrats, Cowboys!

By SEAN McMAHON  
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My window was pretty clear regarding what is going on with the government agencies in and around Rio Blanco County after attending the Rio Blanco County Woolgrowers Association annual meeting on March 6 in Meeker.

If one really wants to find out where the bodies are buried, the county Stockgrowers' and Woolgrowers' association meetings are great because both groups bring in the county commissioners, the White River and Douglas Creek Conservation Districts, the U.S. Forest Service, the Bureau of Land Management, the Natural Resources Conservation Service, the Fish and Wildlife Service, Community Connections, among others, who take turns touching on what is going on, giving updates and answering questions offered from the association members.

It is an informative time that is open to the public; not just the members of the two associations.

Perhaps the most important information to be gleaned from these meetings is just how many of the major issues are intertwined between the agencies and how many of these various agencies touch everyone involved in ranching or farming.

For instance, one of the major issues to come out of these two groups' meetings is the wild horse

management issue.

Most of these wild horses are located on BLM land, and we all know that the BLM has not lived up to the Wild Horse and Burro Act, which specifies how many horses should be maintained where and how the excess should be handled.

The White River and Douglas Creek Conservation Districts are concerned about the high numbers, often more than double what there should be on these BLM lands, and what the horses are doing to the habitat "out there," particularly in relation to the Greater Sage Grouse.

The BLM, Colorado Parks and Wildlife, the county commissioners and several legislators in Colorado as well as most of the counties in Northern Colorado are trying to figure out what to do to keep the Greater Sage Grouse off the Endangered Species List, something the environmentalists are trying to have done.

So, many are trying to say that if the BLM would handle the wild horses, which do a lot of damage to Greater Sage Grouse habitat, then the grouse would likely be able to recover and the entire situation would be improved.

The BLM faces, according to Callie Hendrickson, the executive director of the White River and Douglas Creek Conservation Districts, one sentence in the Wild Horse and Burro Act, that states the wild horses that have been captured can't be sold commercially.

So the BLM can't act to round up many more horses because there is no place to put them, and they don't have room in the pens because they can't get rid of the horses they have.

This is a real Catch-22 because the only way that sentence can be removed is through an act of Congress, which doesn't seem very interested in dealing with the issue.

Predators are another subject that crosses many agency barriers.

Rio Blanco County has a predator problem with bears and lions.

Colorado Parks and Wildlife gets caught up with this problem because it is involved in mitigating the damages caused.

The Fish and Wildlife Service is involved because the area falls under that domain, and Mike Urie, who has been serving as director of wildlife services with APHIS, announced he is leaving with a promotion and that the current area trapper is leaving.

Dave Moreno, who will be replacing Urie, said a new trapper is desperately needed and that the current trapper will be replaced.

Livestock, be it calves or lambs, can be a serious expense when predation runs high.

Woolgrowers Association Secretary/Treasurer Connie Theos contends that the cost can be quite



high.

She said that in one recent year, a claim for \$14,533 was turned in for the loss of 43 lambs and 24 ewes that had been confirmed bear kills. She also said that in one year, claims were turned in for 77 lambs, confirmed as killed by lions.

"We are lucky to have a trapper," she said. "With our own trapper now, he gets there much quicker and can help eliminate the problem much sooner."

"Before we had our own trapper, there was one year when we reported sheep killings on June 5 and it wasn't until July 9 that the trapper showed up," Theos said.

There are a number of other instances in which issues involve several different agencies, such as future plans for Colorado River water, where a new dam may be placed along the White River in Rio Blanco County to help replace water that can no longer be stored in Kenney Reservoir. There is also the issue of how the number of animal unit measures (AUMs), which are the number of mother/calf or mother/lamb units will be allowed on the land, as well as, according to Mike Lopez of the BLM Grazing Board, who said that grazing fees are increasing but that 50 percent of the AUMs available in 2002 are no longer being utilized for grazing.

These are just a few of the topics that came up at the Stockgrowers' and Woolgrowers' meetings. It is good to know what is going on, and

there is no better place to learn what is going on than to attend one of these two groups' one day meetings.

As a person with only a rudimentary knowledge of the actual livestock business, it is frustrating to see what these stock and wool growers have to go through in dealing with state and federal government issues when the state and federal agencies (and a lackadaisical Congress) can't and won't take care of their own business.

Another of the major happenings right now is the BLM's Northwest Colorado Sage Grouse Environmental Impact Statement, which is pulling in almost every known regional entity, such as the conservation districts, who are participating as cooperating agencies. For instance, the conservation districts are working with the governor's office and monitoring the Colorado BLM Plan as it is being reviewed and amended by the Washington, D.C., BLM office.

The districts are actively engaged in the conversations regarding the top-down approach of management, the role of predator control in the grouse's protection and the BLM's lack of active management of feral horses that overlap the sage grouse habitat.

This by no means covers all the issues that area agencies are involved in, but suffice it to say that these agencies are staying busy—sometimes battling each other—but they are not just standing by in most

cases.

Thanks to the county stockgrowers and county woolgrowers for their annual information-filled meetings. They work hard to keep us up to date.

■ ■ ■  
Congratulations of the highest order go out to the Meeker High School boys' basketball team, which just wrapped up its season.

The boys never did get on a roll at the state tournament, and they lost to the Simla team in the first game.

The Cowboys, not a team to curl up and die, followed that loss, only the second of the team's season, with another victory. Then they entered the game to name the No. 5 and No. 6 teams in the state. The game went back and forth and was tied many times, including at the end of the third period.

Well, the Meeker boys lost that contest by a single point, ending up No. 6 in Colorado in their enrollment division.

Any way you look at it, ending up No. 6 in the state of Colorado is a darned exceptional accomplishment. The Cowboys and coach Klark Kindler have nothing to be ashamed of, and, I would say, quite a bit to be proud of.

They fought hard through league, division and region with only one loss all season, and to end up with a 23-3 overall record against the other seven best teams in the state makes for a darned good season.

Well done, gentlemen.

GUEST OPINION

Utah's federal lands not about to change over to the state

By HILLARY HOFFMAN  
Special to the Herald Times

**RBC** I Plenty of ink has been spilled lately over Utah's Transfer of Public Lands Act, the controversial law requiring the federal government to turn over 31.2 million acres of public land to the state of Utah without even a token payment to the U.S. Treasury. But should the American public take this proposal seriously?

The Utah Legislature's legal counsel noted that the transfer law was likely unconstitutional. After all, the federal government's right to retain and manage the federal estate is considered settled law,

according to a long line of Supreme Court cases, starting with *Kleppe v. New Mexico* in 1976. Nonetheless, state legislators have appropriated millions of dollars of Utah taxpayers' money to study the potential implications of state ownership and to litigate title to federal lands.

Utah Rep. Ken Ivory, the bill's lead sponsor, continues to press the discredited notion that certain states are somehow "entitled" to the nation's public lands. He's raised hundreds of thousands of dollars from his fellow county commissioners to form a nonprofit group, the American Lands Council, to push for state takeovers.

As a representative of the coun-

cil, he's traveled far and wide, trying to convince Westerners that their states are the rightful owners of America's national forests and Bureau of Land Management lands.

Despite drawing the attention of sagebrush rebels like Cliven Bundy in Nevada and right-wing think tanks like the American Legislative Exchange Council, or ALEC, Ivory's efforts have thus far failed to spur other states to pass similar legislation.

Rep. Ivory has also been stymied in Utah.

When his bill passed in 2012, it demanded that the federal government relinquish all federal lands in the state by the end of 2014. That deadline passed without any federal action, and Utah's attorney general has yet to file suit to force the issue. The issue remains alive, however; the Utah Legislature appropriated \$2 million dollars to hire outside

counsel to strategize and sue, if necessary.

Here's the basic question: Does Utah have a legal leg to stand on?

To seize federal public lands, Utah would have to file suit under the Quiet Title Act, which requires proof that the state has a valid claim of ownership. But the statute of limitations under this law ran long ago, with the passage of the Federal Lands Policy and Management Act in 1976.

Rep. Ivory's cause is not attracting much political support either. Staunchly conservative editorial boards at Utah's *Deseret News* and the *St. George Spectrum* recently editorialized against transferring federal lands to the state of Utah. Even Gale Norton, a former Interior secretary under George W. Bush, would not back Ivory at a recent conference he hosted on the issue in Washington, D.C.

Then, just before Christmas, a 784-page economic study of the state's proposed transfer found that the transfer failed to make sense financially for the state. According to the study, even if the state got to keep the public's mineral royalties, it would still come up short. Under the economic study's most optimistic scenario—based on consistently high oil prices—Utah's public education system would face a \$1 billion deficit in 20 years.

In order to make the numbers work at all, the state would have to aggressively drill for oil in many publicly valued places such as the region around Canyonlands National Park. And even doing that, the state would still face a \$100 million backlog in deferred maintenance costs for everything from roads to campgrounds.

So here's \$2 million worth of free advice to the State of Utah:

Stop the madness.

Congress has the exclusive authority to transfer public lands. The only viable path forward is to pass transfer legislation through Congress and obtain the president's signature, an approach that isn't going anywhere.

Remember, the American public hasn't responded well to past attempts to seize control of their public lands. In short, it's time for the backers of this doomed land grab to admit defeat and leave America's public lands alone.

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ONE PERSON'S OPINION

# Should we protect our federal lands for, or from, humans?

By MICHELLE NIJHUIS  
Special to the Herald Times

**RBC I** You may have heard that conservation biologists are arguing with each other. Some say nature should be protected “for” humans; others say it should be protected “from humans;” others say it’s possible to do both.

This may sound like an academic debate—and in many ways it is—but it has become a very nasty one, and over the past couple of years it has severely taxed an important field that has far too few resources to begin with.

I’ve written about the argument’s gory details elsewhere, but here I’d like to take a longer view. For this fight was, in its broadest sense, settled more than a half-century ago, and the referee is still relevant. His name was Aldo Leopold.

Leopold—considered the father of both the American wilderness system and the sci-

ence of wildlife management—is an icon in conservation circles. He was a talented and prolific writer, and he did much of his thinking in public, which means that today you can find a Leopold quote for just about any shade of green.

He was educated as a utilitarian conservationist—one who protects nature for humans, but he understood the need to protect nature from humans, too.

In Leopold’s time, as today, this philosophical divide was fuzzy but fierce, and he spent much of his career trying to resolve it. In his final collection of essays, “A Sand County Almanac,” he did.

When Leopold finished the collection, shortly before his death in 1948, he had long argued that wilderness was vitally important to protect both for and from humans. He had argued that humans could find both aesthetic beauty and practical use in what he called “land health.” And he had called for people to

exercise “voluntary decency” toward the rest of nature—to accept “obligations over and above self-interest” to nature just as they accepted similar obligations to their families and communities. In the foreword to “A Sand County Almanac” he brings these ideas together in one of his most famous passages:

We abuse land because we regard it as a commodity belonging to us. When we see land as a community to which we belong, we may begin to use it with love and respect.

There is no other way for land to survive the impact of mechanized man nor for us to reap from it the esthetic harvest it is capable, under science, of contributing to culture.

In 1985, nearly 40 years after Leopold wrote these words, biologist Michael Soule founded the “crisis discipline” of conservation biology. One of its principles, he wrote, was that “biotic diversity has intrinsic value, irrespective of its instrumental or utilitarian value.”

In 2012, in the paper that kicked off the current kerfuffle within the field, Nature Conservancy scientist Peter Kareiva and environmental studies professor Michelle Marvier wrote that “nature also merits conservation for very practical and more self-centered reasons concerning what nature and healthy ecosystems provide to humanity.” Both of these ideas are embedded in Leopold’s passage.

Despite the enormous and often destructive impact of humans on nature, Leopold argued, we aren’t in charge of nature and shouldn’t aspire to be. Neither should we air-breathing, water-drinking humans try to stand apart from it. (Leopold would have probably disliked both the extravagant utilitarianism of Stewart Brand, who opened his 1968 “Whole Earth Catalog” by proclaiming that “We are as gods and might as well get good at it;” and the misanthropic extremes of the environmental movement.) The proper role for humanity in nature, Leopold wrote, was neither conqueror

nor exile but “plain member and citizen.” To paraphrase another of his famous lines: We can tinker, but we’d damn well better save all the parts.

Leopold came to believe that through this kind of humble citizenship, our need to use nature and our desire to preserve it could be reconciled.

“Not easily, and not quickly,” his biographer Curt Meine writes. “But, in the end, Leopold was pragmatic enough to see that they had to be, and, idealistic enough, to believe that they could be.”

The world has changed dramatically since Leopold’s time, and our conservation problems are more wicked than ever.

Conservationists have plenty to argue about. But when it comes to the big question of why to protect nature? Aldo Leopold has already provided a very good answer.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Thanks for naming us Business of the Year

Dear Editor:

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### Church in Rangely thanks Episcopal church for help

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St. Timothy’s Episcopal will continue to have services the second Sunday at 4 p.m. and the fourth Sunday at 10 a.m. at 15 Kennedy Dr. New Creation Church will have our first service on Easter Sunday at 10 a.m.

The town of Rangely is invited to attend and celebrate our Risen Lord on Easter (April 5) with us. On the fourth Sundays of the

month, we will have “friendship Sundays,” and our service will begin at 4 p.m. with a pot luck or BBQ to follow. Yeah, dinner is done on the fourth Sunday, so come and join in and worship the Lord with either St. Timothy’s or NCCR’s bunch and enjoy the fellowship!

Pastor Mark D. Futch  
New Creation Church  
Rangely, Colorado

### Thanks for help with tournament

Dear Editor:

This past weekend, the 22nd annual Rangely Racquetball Tournament was held at the Western Rio Blanco Recreation Center. I would like to thank Camilla, Kirsten, Jessica and the rest of the WRBM staff for helping me put on this event.

Jeanne Smith did a great job rounding up door prizes for everyone, and thanks to all the downtown merchants (too numerous to list) who contributed those door prizes.

A special thanks goes out to Colorado Northwestern Community College, Ducey’s Electric, Bank of the San Juans, Colorado CPA, and State Farm Insurance for their monetary donations.

It was a great event, brought revenue into the community and had good local participation. Thanks to all of you who participated!

Shirley Parsons  
Tournament Director  
Rangely

## Court: BLM violated law in horse roundup

Special to the Herald Times

**WYOMING I** Last week, U.S. District Court of Wyoming Chief Judge Nancy D. Freudenthal issued an order stating that the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) violated the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) when it conducted a massive “Checkerboard Roundup” last fall, during which 1,263 wild horses were permanently removed from the range in southwestern Wyoming.

The court remanded the NEPA violation back to the BLM to “remedy the deficiencies” while at the same time denied the plaintiffs’ claims that the BLM, in the Wyoming roundup, violated the Wild Free-Roaming Horses and Burros Act and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA).

In this case, the American Wild Horse Preservation Campaign

(AWHPC), The Cloud Foundation, Return to Freedom and photographers Carol Walker and Kimerlee Curyl contended that the BLM violated federal law by proceeding with the roundup in the absence of any environmental analysis and public participation, and by reducing the populations in the Adobe Town, Salt Wells and Divide Basin Herd Management Areas below established “appropriate” management levels.

The massive roundup removed all of the wild horses from the private and public checkerboard lands within the Adobe Town, Salt Wells Creek, and Great Divide Basin HMAs. The BLM authorized this drastic manage-

ment action without analyzing any of the environmental consequences of a wild horse roundup of this magnitude, or reasonable alternatives to this action, as required by NEPA.

“We are disappointed that the court upheld BLM’s counter-textual interpretation of the Wild and Free-Roaming Horses and Burros Act, which allows the agency to disregard its own established wild horse minimum population levels,” said William Eubanks of the public interest environmental law firm Meyer Glitzenstein & Crystal. “However, the court vindicated our concerns with BLM’s complete failure to analyze the impacts of this action on wild

horses and the natural environment, as well as the agency’s failure to engage the public before pressing forward with this ill-advised decision.”

In 2013, the BLM entered into a consent decree with the Rock Springs Grazing Association, agreeing to remove all the wild horses from RSGA’s private lands on the Checkerboard and to consider, through the appropriate public process, zeroing out the wild horse populations in this area. These actions will essentially turn the public lands over to ranchers who graze livestock on these lands at taxpayer-subsidized rates.

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## I Am the Vine

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**Dr. J.D. Watson**

**I am the true vine. . . I am the vine, I ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing (Jn. 15:1a, 5).**

In light of the final words of the previous chapter, “Arise, let us go hence” (14:31), the setting of these verses is Jesus leaving the Upper Room, disciples in tow, moving through Jerusalem and the Kidron Valley, and heading for the Garden of Gethsemane. Prompted either by the fruit of the vine they just drank, or by the elaborate gold-engraved vines on the massive Temple doors, or simply by vines along the path they walked (perhaps even all three), our Lord declares His seventh and final “I Am” statement recorded in John’s Gospel: **I am the vine.**

**First,** He is the *authentic* Vine. **True** translates the common yet critically important Greek word *alēthinos*. The best way to understand this word in our day is its reference to “the genuine article,” in contrast to that which is in any way false, fake, or fabricated. Oh, how many false vines there are! Dionysus—the god of the grape harvest, winemaking and wine, and ritual madness and ecstasy in Greek mythology (Bacchus to the Romans)—reminds us of the fake vine of hedonism in our own day. All religions, in fact, are such fakes, even Judaism itself. While the vine was the historic and religious symbol of Israel (Isa. 5; Ezek. 19; Ps. 80), it ultimately proved itself false as it rejected the Messiah and persecuted His apostles. Christ alone, then, is the genuine article.

**Second,** He is the *animated* Vine. A vine is alive and vital, imparting nutrients to the branches so they can

grow fruit. Our Lord uses that very imagery of Himself. He is the Vine that gives and sustains our life so we can reproduce as we are designed to do. Without Him, in fact, we can do nothing and are in effect dead. Separated from the vine, the branch is lifeless (v. 4).

**Third,** He is the *abiding* Vine. **Abideth** translates *menō* (3306), which in Classical Greek literally means “to remain in one place, at a given time, with someone” and metaphorically “to remain in a particular sphere of life.” When used for the gods, it spoke of continuing existence. Those secular meanings are actually used in the NT, as graphically demonstrated here. Both the Vine and the branches continue. This is further emphasize by this verb being in the present tense, continuous action. Further still, it appears that the Apostle John was so captivated by this word that he uses it no less than twelve times in verses 4–16, where it is also translated “continue” (v. 9) and “remain” (v. 11).

And so it is in this image of the Vine that in Christ we find these three truths: reality, vitality, and fertility. He is the genuine Vine that gives life to the branches and the enduring blessing of fruit that is *rewarding* to the taste, *representative* of the Vine, and *reproduces* itself.

**Scriptures for Study:** What do the following verses tell us about fruit: Galatians 5:22–23; John 15:16?

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## Meeker cagers win one game at state, lose two; Cowboys are No. 6

By HALLIE BLUNT  
Special to the Herald Times

**MEEKER I** The Meeker High School boys' basketball team wrapped up a successful season in Pueblo with weekend play at the Class 2A State Basketball Tournament, where they ended up No. 6 in the state.

The boys gave themselves a chance in every game and represented the Western Slope well, in a competitive, spirited and classy manner. It was the first time Meeker had gone to state back to back since the 1950s.

"I thought we competed very hard; and our defense was outstanding," coach Klark Kindler said. "We struggled shooting it all three days. We would hit six- and seven-minute spans where we wouldn't score, and that made it real hard for us."

The team walked into the tournament as No. 5 seed and gave No. 4 Simla a tough game. Simla's height seemed to have an impact on Cowboy scoring in the first half and Meeker went into the locker room down 33-20. Adjustments at half with exceptional team defense in the third quarter led to an impressive 13-3 run by the Cowboys. Kash Atwood had a three in the quarter as well as a big basket from the two big men, Ty Dunham and Joe Newman.

The final period found the

Cowboys within three points in the final two minutes. The final score ended up 55-44, but it seemed closer throughout.

Ty Dunham led scorers with 11 followed by Kash Atwood with nine, Joe Newman with eight, Cade Rowlett had seven, Raul Lopez had three and Jake Phelan, Logan Hughes and Matt Frantz each added a bucket.

In the consolation game vs. Burlington on Friday for a chance to place, Meeker had to come out ready for a defensive battle, but that played in their favor. They held Burlington to just two points in the second quarter, taking an 18-13 lead at the half.

The Cowboys knew they would have to maintain composure and play outstanding defense, and that is what they did. They came out on top by two points, indicative of the tournament's heart, hustle and heroism.

The team was led by Dunham with 17 points in the low-scoring game, followed by Kash Atwood with nine, Raul Lopez and Jake Phelan each added four as well as tremendous passing throughout the tournament. Cade Rowlett had three and freshman Logan Hughes finished with two points.

The win kept the Cowboys alive in the hunt for fifth or sixth place.

The final game was against Holyoke and it was a game worth

price of admission. Both teams were well coached and played hard, although the final score found Meeker down by one, 48-47, and placing No. 6 in the state.

The tournament was one to be proud of for the Cowboys. Meeker jumped to a first-quarter lead behind aggressive play by Cade Rowlett and hot shooting by Kash Atwood, who hit two threes in the first eight minutes, giving MHS a 15-13 first-quarter lead. The Cowboys went cold in the second quarter and went into the locker room down 21-17.

Meeker made changes at half and executed their plan in the third quarter, outscoring Holyoke, 21-17, to knot the score going into the final eight minutes.

The Cowboys played outstanding team ball and gave themselves offensive opportunities, but the ball just didn't fall in the final two seconds, resulting in a 47-48 loss.

"I was very proud of how we played on Saturday," Kindler said. "Fifteen minutes before we took the court, we got some really bad news from home and our kids played with a lot of heart."

"I told them they may be disappointed by losing their last game, but in a couple days they will look back on the season and will be very proud of what they accomplished as a group," he said.

## RHS SENIOR ATHLETES...



COURTESY PHOTO

The spring sports season is cranking up at Rangely High School, and one of the teams rolling into action is the boys' baseball team. There are four seniors on the Panthers' baseball squad this year, including, from left to right: Josh Bolding, Lane Mecham, Manny Madrid and Kelton Elam.



COURTESY PHOTO

The Rangely Panthers track team got off to a good start last week at the Rifle Invitational meet. Seniors on this year's track squad are, from left to right, Christopher Vega, Dawn Stephens, Jessica Tolley, Marshal Way, Colt Allred, Ethan Allred, Mitchell Webber and James Scoggins.



COURTESY PHOTO

Jumping into soccer season, these four girls are the seniors on the Rangely High School girls' soccer team. From left to right are: Desiree Combs, Simone Heinle, Sierra Brannan and Dawn Stephens.

## Rangely tracksters begin season

Special to the Herald Times

**RANGELY I** The Rangely High School track and field team had its first meet of the season in Rifle on Friday, sporting 16 boys and 11 girls, who made a good showing against 20 other teams.

"We have been working hard for the last three weeks, so it was good to see what the team could do against some competition" said coach Beth Scoggins.

Colt Allred led the way in points for the boys with a first in the discus with a throw of 131 feet, 9 inches and a fourth in shot put with a throw of 42 feet, 2.5 inches.

Mitchell Webber received a sixth place in the 110 high hurdles and a sixth in the 300 hurdles with a time of 44.85.

Junior Kaulan Brady is returning after taking a couple years off, and he was able to place sixth in the triple jump with a leap of 37 feet, 1.25 inches. He also had a leap of 17-feet, 2 inches in the long jump. Brady also ran the 200-meter dash in a time of 25.85 seconds.

Allred also placed in the triple jump at seventh, with a jump of 36 feet, 8.5 inches. Troy also did the long jump and ended with his best jump of 16 feet, 7 inches and ran the 800 meters, placing 15th with a time of 2:20.82.

Freshman Brennan Noyes placed sixth in the high jump of 5 feet, 8 inches and Patrick Scoggins was also able

to place for the Panthers with a third-place finish in the 400 meters with a time of 53.19.

For the girls, Katelyn Brown was able to score a point in the triple jump taking eighth place with a leap of 30 feet, 4 inches, and she ran the 100-meter dash with a time of 14.37 and the 200-meter dash in 29.71.

With more athletes out this year, the Panthers harriers were able to put together several relays. The boys ran a 4x800 with Troy Allred, Ryan Barlow, Daniel Connor and James Scoggins, placing 11th with a time of 10:32.01. The 4x100 was ran with Zach Glasgow, Daniel Connor, Nych DeLeon and Marshal Way placing 13th in a time of 49.76. There was a 4x200 relay team of Kaulan Brady, Nych DeLeon, Kiki Ruiz and Patrick Scoggins turning in a time of 1:40.26 for a seventh-place finish.

On the girls' side there was the 4x100 made up by Lindzey Thacker, Sidney Shaffer, Antoinette Dorris and Katelyn Brown, placing 11th with a time of 57.76 and placing 11th. They also had an 800 medley relay with Sidney Shaffer, Meikka Peck, Dawn Stephens and Savannah Nielsen, placing 12th with a time of 2:19.21.

Other athletes who participated were:

Ethan Allred in the 400-meter dash with a time of 56.83 and the shot put with a throw of 33 feet, 3.5 inches; Marshal Way in the long jump with a jump of 16 feet, 3/4", the triple jump with the length of 35 feet and the high

jump with a leap of 5 feet, 2 inches.

Kiki Ruiz competed in the 100-meter dash, turning in a time of 12.64, the 200-meter dash in 25.75 and the shot put with a throw of 33 feet, 3.5 inches. Nych DeLeon ran the 10 meter with a time of 12.96, Chance Sheppard competed in the discus with a throw of 78 feet, 5 inches, Austin Ficken was also in the discus with a throw of 71 feet, 0.5 inch, and Zach Glasgow was in the 100-meter dash with a time of 13.05 and the 400 meters with a time of 58.07.

James Scoggins had a personal best in the 1,600-meter run with a time of 5:59.69 and then he ran the 800 meters with a time of 2:37.83. Ryan Barlow, out for his first time in high school, ran the 1,600 meters in 6:43.69 and the 800 meters in 2:59.84. Daniel Connor ran the 200-meter dash in 27.96.

Dawn Stephens threw the shot put for a distance of 24'6" while senior Jessica Tolley made her debut in the discus with a throw of 48 feet, 4.5 inches and the shot put with a toss of 17 feet, 11 inches.

Savannah Nielsen turned in a personal best in the 1,600-meter run with a time of 6:44.85 and in the 800 with a time of 3:00.56. Antoinette Dorris jumped her best in the long jump with an 11 foot, 9 inch leap, and she competed in the high jump, clearing four feet; and ran the 200-meter dash in 32.34.

The Rangely Panthers will be competing in Hotchkiss on Saturday.

## Cowboy harriers open season in Rifle

By BOBBY GUTIERREZ  
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**MEEKER I** The Meeker High School track and field team got off to a good start Friday with good weather and solid competition in Rifle. The Cowboys are looking forward to a

record-breaking season, returning several harriers with state experience.

"We are lucky to have so many state qualifiers returning," head coach John Strate said of the 12 state qualifiers on this year's team. "We have some great leaders that know how much hard work it takes to com-

pete at the top level."

The Cowboys will be led by seniors Sydney Hughes, Linda Olivas, Jake Phelan and Tristin Pelloni, all state qualifiers. Halle Ahrens, Peyton

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## Barone has two wrestling champs

By BOBBY GUTIERREZ  
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**MEEKER I** Three Barone Middle School wrestlers advanced to the championship match in a tournament held in Oak Creek on Saturday, and two seventh-graders won titles in their respective weights.

The young Cowboys will host the season-ending tournament on Saturday at Meeker High School.

Seventh graders Tevin Pelloni (115) and Ridge Williams (165) each won individual titles, and eighth-

grader James Amick finished second at 135.

"It was good to see them wrestle well," head coach J.C. Watt said.

The Cowboys finished sixth as a team and three other wrestlers placed in the top four in the Soroco tournament.

Codey Follman placed third in the 105-pound bracket while teammates Kale Burke (105) and Jake Shelton (135) placed fourth.

Gabe Gonzalez won two matches in the 145-pound bracket but did not place. Phil Arnold (85), Trapper

McGruder (90), Luis Villalpando (125), Kesston Hobbs (130), Jared Henderson (155) all won a match in their respective weights and Colby Shelton lost two matches, including a 1-0 decision in the heavyweight division.

Twelve teams, including the Cowboys, will wrestle in Meeker on Saturday.

"It's a big tournament," Coach Watt said. "We'll get to see some new competition, as Rifle, Grand Valley and Basalt will be here."

Wrestling starts at 9 a.m.



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### SIMONE HEINLE Rangely High School Soccer

The Rangely High School soccer team is preparing for its spring season, which will be starting soon, and one of the stalwarts of the team has been Simone Heinle, fresh off the RHS basketball season. She is the goalie for the girls' soccer team and is entering her final year. She has been an important part of the team since joining the squad.



### T.J. SHELTON Meeker High School Track

The Meeker High School track teams opened competition this past weekend in fine style. One of the top performances at the Rifle meet was turned in by Meeker's T.J. Shelton, who captured first place in the 100-meter dash and the 200-meter dash.

# MEEKER HIGH SCHOOL BOYS' BASKETBALL 2015




BOBBY GUTIERREZ PHOTOS  
The Meeker boys' basketball team (left) finished the season with a 23-3 record and a sixth place finish in the 2A Colorado State Basketball Championships held last week in Pueblo. It was the final game for eight Cowboy seniors: Kash Atwood, Tony Collins, Levi Dinwiddie, Matt Frantz, Raul Lopez, Joe Newman, Jake Phelan and Cade Rowlett; and senior managers Paige Dowker and Brittney Smith (above)



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Levi Dinwiddie



Jake Phelan



Cade Rowlett



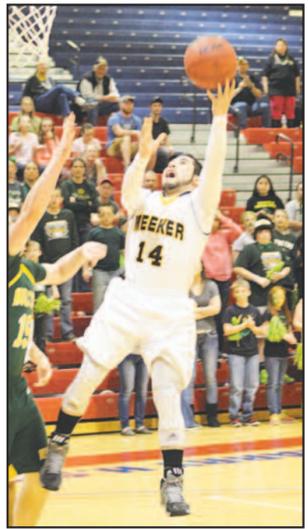
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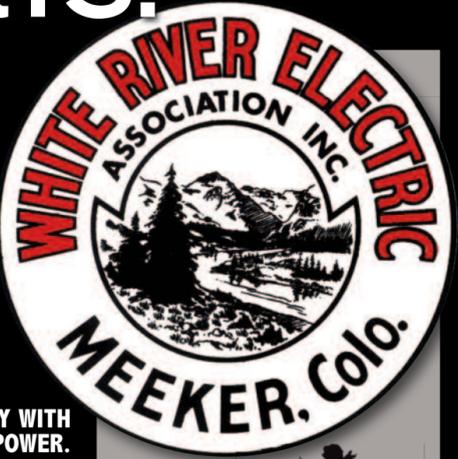
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Meeker head basketball coach Klark Kindler, pictured above during a timeout, will graduate eight seniors from his team but he will have a good nucleus to build from, including juniors Ty Dunham and Jake Smith, along with freshmen Doak Mantle and Logan Hughes, all with varsity and now state experience.

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Ty Dunham



Jake Smith



Above, Meeker High School cheerleaders Janeth Dominguez, Alondra Olivas, Linda Lombardi and Delenn Mobley led the cheers for the Cowboys.



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# Rangely Racquetball Tourney draws largest local crowd in event history

By **HEATHER ZADRA**  
Special to the Herald Times

**RANGELY I** The highest local participation the Rangely Racquetball Tournament has ever seen highlighted last weekend's event at the Western Rio Blanco Metropolitan (WRBM) Recreation Center.

Rangely residents made up half of the 26 players participating in the three-day tournament, with the majority of out-of-town players coming from Grand Junction. Other participants came from Thornton, Colo. and Vernal, Utah.

Colorado Northwestern Community College (CNCC) aviation instructor Jason Krueger, who learned the sport as a CNCC aviation technology student in 2004, began playing racquetball again after returning to Rangely in 2008. Having played in several local tournaments, Krueger said the event's camaraderie is a primary draw to sign up.

"It's a fun way to exercise, and I do enjoy the competition," said Krueger, who took first place in the Men's C Division. "But the fact that everybody gets along really well and has fun getting together is a big part of it."

He is not alone in the feeling. As

players gathered together in the center's upstairs hallway after hard-fought singles or doubles matches, one could overhear plenty of ribbing and good-natured congratulations. Left behind was the intense, focused competitiveness each player had felt on the courts below.

Longtime racquetball player and promoter Shirley Parsons, who has organized all 22 Rangely tournaments, introduced Krueger to the sport, just as she has formally and informally tutored dozens of others into racquetball for more than 30 years. She, too, looks forward to the tournament for the common ground players find there.

"I always feel that if people come once, they'll come again," she said. "And most do if their schedules allow it."

As is the case nearly every year at the Rangely tournament, players leave with not only wins and losses but goodies, too, ranging from sweatpants and WRBM-embroidered towels to stacks of door prizes donated by an array of local businesses. Everyone who played will soon receive custom-made plates by ceramic artist Elizabeth Robinson Wiley as one-of-a-kind trophies.

Parsons attributed the event's

continued success to the donors, supporter Jeanne Smith's help and the WRBM district and employees who host the event.

"I think what works is that we offer so much in the way of perks and the fact that it's a very locals-friendly tournament," Parsons said. "(Participants) get a good-quality souvenir, there's good food and plenty of it and families can come use the game room and the pool. It's the friendliness of everybody, not only the employees but everybody involved, that players find so appealing."

WRBM recreation and aquatics director Camilly Kennedy agreed that the tournament had a personal, hands-on feel.

"We were excited to see how many locals played this year," she said. "The atmosphere that these players generate is that of a family."

As Parsons returns to the game after undergoing shoulder surgery eight months ago, she is rallying local players to spend more time in the courts.

"I want to just keep growing the numbers back again, keep giving lessons and getting people to play," she said. "I want to spread my love of racquetball around."



COURTESY PHOTO

Pat Franz, left, and Tywayne DeCuir, both of Rangely, compete for first place in the Men's A Division during last weekend's Rangely Racquetball Tournament.

## 22nd Rangely Racquetball Tournament Results

Men's Open: 1st Ed Roffey (Grand Junction), 2nd Nick Brutosky (Grand Junction)  
Men's A: 1st Pat Franz (Rangely), 2nd Tywayne DeCuir (Rangely)  
Men's B: 1st Byron Corbett (GJ), 2nd Jay McLaughlin (Rangely)

Men's C: 1st Jason Krueger (Rangely), 2nd Clark Edwards (Rangely)  
Men's D: 1st Peter Larralde (Rangely), 2nd Kevin Dawson (Rangely)  
Women's A: 1st Sheli Bodily (Vernal), 2nd Lisa Burnett (Grand Junction)  
Women's B: 1st Ginny Brunetti (Thornton), 2nd Adena Duncan (Grand Junction)  
Women's D: 1st Heather Zadra

(Rangely), 2nd Brittanie Meinzer (Rangely).  
Doubles A/B: 1st Ed Roffey and Aiaga Roffey (Grand Junction), 2nd Andrew Rodriguez (Thornton) and Sheli Bodily (Vernal)  
Doubles C/D: 1st Tywayne DeCuir and Clark Edwards (Rangely), and 2nd Jay McLaughlin (Rangely) and Ginny Brunetti (Thornton).

## RECTOR MEMORIAL CRIBBAGE...



COURTESY PHOTO

The fourth annual Carl Rector Memorial Cribbage Tournament was held Saturday in Rangely with 16 players from around Northwestern Colorado. The winner was Jim Baffam of the Maybell/Craig area and second place went to Tim Webber of Rangely, both of whom won new cribbage boards. Also among the players was Rio Blanco County Sheriff Anthony Mazzola, second from right, and, according to Peggy Rector, front right, two women took part. Sitting next to the sheriff are, his wife, Cheryl of Meeker, and Margaret Slaugh of Rangely, back left, who agreed that the game is fun and that anyone can learn to play.

## TRACK: MHS planning competitive year

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Burke, Julia Eskelson, Maggie Phelan, Reese Pertile, Madi Russell, TJ Shelton and Cole Brown, all return with state experience.

Because of the state basketball tournament, some did not compete in Rifle, where the team was led by juniors Shelton and Jake Henderson. Shelton won the 100-meter in 11.48, and the 200 meter with a 23.56. Shelton also made his debut in the 400 meter, running 53.57 for fourth place.

"Henderson had a great day as well, earning points for the team in his career debut of the 110-meter hurdles," Strate said. "His time of 17.89 earned him eighth place and shows he has a large amount of potential in this very technical event."

Henderson also scored points in the triple jump with a leap of 38 feet 4.5 inches, earning fifth, and he wasn't done yet, placing eighth in the 300-meter hurdles.

In the throws, junior Noah

Overton led the way in the shot put with 38 feet 11 inches placing him seventh. Sophomore Caleb Bradford made his track and field debut in promising fashion, barely missing the finals in the shot put with his throw of 35 feet 9 inches.

Although the rest of the boys squad finished out of scoring, there were many promising finishes, Strate said.

"Junior Marshal Pool and sophomore Austin Russell will lead a young but strong distance team this season and sophomore Cole Brown earned career bests in each of his events, showing the benefit of off-season workouts."

There were also many promising performances from the girls. Junior thrower Sarah Gerloff hit 80 feet 6.5 inches in the discus, a mark eight feet better than her career best and good enough for seventh place.

The 4x100 meter relay of Linda Olivas, Sierra Williams, Avery Watt, and Madison Russell had an impressive outing, finishing in 54.48, tying them with Glenwood Springs for

second place. Freshmen Watt and Williams earned fifth and sixth place finishes, respectively, in the 400-meter, with Watt running 67.01 and Williams finishing in 67.24.

Strate said sophomore Julia Eskelson competed well in the 1600-meter and the 3200-meter after just a few practices.

"Overall the girls' team looks to be highly competitive this year after returning the majority of their state qualifiers," Strate said. "Both teams look forward to the return of the boys' and girls' basketball teams next week."

"Our team is fortunate to be under the tutelage of Kris Casey, Pat Ibach, Ben Quinn, Shane Phelan, Terrence Casias and Brittany Shubnell," Strate said. "Heather Burke is a welcomed addition to the staff and will be very beneficial for the hurdlers. Most of these coaches are volunteers and give an incredible amount of time to our kids. We are also very appreciative of the work Darby Finley put in to set up the team's weight room routine."

# RANGELY PANTHERS

**TRACK & FIELD**  
March 21 @Hotchkiss Invitational  
April 4 @Grand Junction  
April 10 @Coal Ridge High School

**BASEBALL**  
March 21 @Paonia  
March 28 @HOME vs. Hotchkiss  
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OBITUARIES

**Albert John Monson**

Nov. 1, 1932 ~ March 15, 2015

Albert John Monson, 82, was born Nov. 1, 1932, and he passed on Sunday, March 15, 2015, to his eternal home to be with the Lord Jesus in heaven.

He was a loving husband and devoted family man.

Albert was graduated from Meadow Grove (Neb.) High School in 1950 and he was an excellent student and athlete. He played baseball and was an all-star catcher. He was also a great golfer.

He farmed with his brother, Wayne, before serving three years in the United States Navy. After his service, he worked construction with a close friend, John Hughes. He then worked in Lincoln for many years at Norden Laboratories, then on to Meeker, Colo.

He faithfully served in the

Methodist Church, teaching Sunday School to adults and singing in the choir, each which he enjoyed greatly.

He retired in Mesquite, Nev., and returned to his birthplace in Meadow Grove for many years. His struggle with congestive heart failure caused his last move to Homestead Nursing Home in Lincoln in 2005. That is where he ended his days on Sunday March 15, 2015.

Albert is survived by: his wife, Blossom; son Matthew (Cynthia) Monson; stepchildren David (Cynthia) Epley and Mary Jo (David) Cassner; grandchildren Rachel Tomasek, Bobby Searcy, Michelle Maguire, Austin Cassner, Leah Cassner, Katelyn, Logan Monson and Chase Monson; and three great grandchildren, Penny



**Albert John Monson**

Rose, Cecilee and Oden. He is also survived by: his brother, Bob (Betsy) Monson, sister Jean (Doyle) Thompson, sister-in-law Ruth Kerstine and brother-in-law Ken Praeuner; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death were: his siblings, Ruth, Flora Mae and Wayne Kerstine; and stepdaughter Penny Lee.

A memorial service was held at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, March 18, 2015 at Lincoln Berean Church, 6400 S. 70th St. in Lincoln, Neb.

**Pauline Bateman McKean**

July 21, 1917 ~ March 9, 2015

Pauline Bateman McKean, 97, of Fort Collins, Colo., died Monday, March 9, 2015. She was born in Loveland, Colo., on July 21, 1917, the third of five children of Grace and Andrew Bateman.

She grew up in Loveland and was graduated from Loveland High School in 1935. Pauline earned bachelor of science (1939) and masters of education (1949) degrees in vocational home economics from Colorado A&M (now Colorado State University). During a 20-year period, she taught home economics, nutrition and chemistry courses in several high schools, Nebraska State Teachers College (Chadron, Neb.), and Mesa College (Grand Junction). Her unusual experiences as a young teacher in the Great Depression and World War II were the source of endless stories.

During and after her teaching career, Pauline's greatest professional interest was vocational education, and she was very active in the Colorado Vocational Association

(CVA). She served as its executive director for 15 years and published its newsletter for 25 years. She also served six years as a member of the Colorado Governing Board for Community Colleges and Occupational Education.

She received Outstanding Service awards from the American and Colorado vocational associations. She was a member of the CVA Hall of Fame. In 1980, she received the Honor Alumna Award from Colorado State University for Outstanding Professional Achievement.

Pauline married Bill McKean and his four children on July 25, 1959. Throughout their 48-year marriage, they were committed members of the United Methodist Church, first in Meeker and then Fort Collins. Pauline was active in the First United Methodist Vashti Circle for many years in Fort Collins.

With her death, her family has lost its matriarch, greatest character, story teller and historian.

Pauline was preceded in death



**Pauline McKean**

by: her husband, Bill, in 2008; two brothers, Andrew and Warren; and two sisters, Louise and Virginia.

She is survived by: sons Bill and his wife, Carol, Marty and his wife, Mary and Jim and his wife, Lina; daughter Mary Ann Wright and her husband, Wes; six grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. on March 31, 2015, in the Chapel of the First United Methodist Church, 1005 Stover St., in Fort Collins. A reception will be held at the church after the service.

Donations in Pauline's memory can be made to the Lucile Fee Scholarship Fund at Colorado State University or the First United Methodist Foundation, Fort Collins, Colo.

**FACELIFT...**



HEATHER ZADRA

Rangely's Bank of the San Juans building on Main Street got a facelift this week when Grand Junction's Calvin Stucco and Stone, Inc., applied a latex cement called Genesis to the building's cracked and shrinking stucco exterior. A fiberglass mesh was embedded over the existing stucco, followed by troweling on the cement over the existing stucco. Calvin Stucco owner Mark Calvin said the process creates a hard finish designed to last for 10 to 15 years.

**Museum seeks funds for military displays**

**MEEKER** The Rio Blanco County Historical Society has started a project to raise funds to improve the military uniform display at the White River Museum in Meeker.

The RBCHS is raising funds to purchase mannequins and enhance the exhibits for the military displays in the museum.

Marked change buckets will be distributed around Meeker in businesses that are willing to assist in this effort. Everyone is invited to drop your change in one of the buckets.

**LIBRARY: Addition funded by district**

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a complete audio/visual lab, equipped to enable the making of movies and contains a 3D printer and scanner and a green screen, which allows users to make full videos.

"I would like to make historical videos, like for the (Rio Blanco County) Historical Society," he said. "There is a lot of historical material around here, and this will help the historical society or other groups record that history so it isn't lost."

The other three labs off the study room are classified as computer labs, Bartlett said, adding that the labs will allow the users to download information onto iPhones or they can do the work in the library addition.

"Computer-aided design/computer-aided manufacturing (CAD/CAM) is used in every industry," he said. "The 3D printing is CAD/CAM. You can use it to prototype your new and better mousetrap or duplicate that unobtainable part for the old Hudson in the barn," he said, adding that the equipment in the new audio/visual room allows the opportunity to create and edit sound and video.

"Maybe we'll see the next Stephen Spielberg or Rick Burns come through here; there's talent all around," Bartlett said.

"The main study room floor offers

radiant heat and the floor is equipped with power outlets hooked to electrical sockets and to the Internet. The room also allows the programming and construction of computers.

There is also a large projector and two screens in the room, Bartlett said.

"On the horizon are fun classes in science and technology using, among other things, do-it-yourself computer-making kits," he said. "These tiny computers can be programmed by the builder to perform simple tasks of be combined with other tiny homemade computers to do more-complex tasks."

The courtyard is roughly 1,350 square feet and about half of that is covered. Between the courtyard and the study room is a wall of windows, which will serve as the entryway between the two areas. The windows completely retract into the wall, so the windows/wall can be open and closed to be used as a full wall or be completely opens to the courtyard.

The courtyard will feature a stage and there will be a large planter behind the stage that will be well landscaped by early summer, Bartlett said Monday, adding that there will also be two trees planted in the courtyard area.

"It is a good-sized stage, and it is my hope that it will be well used," he said. "It is there for nearly anyone's use; I would love to see jugglers, musicians and minstrels passing through utilize the stage. It has multiple uses and, hopefully, folks will find some creative activities to utilize it."

The courtyard will also have benches and tables and allow the users of the library to just go out and enjoy it.

"It should offer a great place to relax, to play games, to study and to talk," Bartlett said. "Libraries have a

tendency at times to make folks self-conscious or make talking and discussions a bit too restrained. We want the folks to feel comfortable and free to talk or hold discussions, and I think that will be a benefit of the finished areas.

"Our courtyard has a stage, and we hope to start a Lunch at the Library program with entertainment of all kinds," he said.

The library has roughly 50,000 volumes of books and periodicals on hand now, and the addition will not affect the existing library, he said.

"Public libraries have always been seen as free universities," Bartlett said. "Our website provides access to all kinds of electronic resources from books for Kindle or Nook to databases centered on everything from small engine repair to children's literature.

"You can learn anything here, and if we don't have whatever it is you want on the shelves, we can usually get it within a few days," he said. "Nothing will change in that regard, but now we have a hands-on component, too."

The \$900,000 addition is being funded totally within the library district, Bartlett said.

"This addition will be great for those who utilize the library, and we are quite confident that the new uses will bring in many more people. The library can be closed off from the addition to allow the addition to be used whenever the library is closed," he said. "And the best part is, the library district has the funding for the addition, so we will not need to ask for any added tax dollars."

Bartlett said "We hope our patrons will suggest new ways to use what we have or new things to get. This library is everyone's library."

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# Barone wins history contest and will send 16 students to state

By REED KELLEY  
Special to the Herald Times

**MEEKER** I At the regional National History Day competition in Grand Junction on March 7, Meeker's Barone Middle School beat out Olathe Middle School by one project, forwarding 16 students with eight projects to state competition, to be held in Denver on May 2.

To qualify for state, the students and their projects had to place in the top three of their category at the regional. Seven Western Slope schools involving 134 students competed in the middle school division.

Meeker competed in four of the possible nine categories, taking 25 students and 12 projects. Olathe advanced seven projects to state, Aspen and Delta middle schools advanced three projects each, while Orchard Mesa and Craig advanced two each.

Barone Middle School placed 16 of the 27 student qualifiers going to

state from the Grand Junction regional competition.

Those students who created an exhibit went through two rounds of judging. In the morning, they were interviewed by the judges, finalists were chosen and then, in the afternoon, just their exhibits were judged.

A few of the Barone students made the finals but then did not qualify for state.

Luis Villalpando and Victor Arias, with their "Pancho Villa" display, moved into the regional finals for group exhibit while Allison Moon was an individual finalist with her "Lewis and Clark" display.

The 16 Barone students moving on to the state competition and their subjects are:

Individual Exhibit: first place to Savana May for "Harriet Tubman," and third place to Allie Willey for "Emily Murphy."

Group Exhibit: first place to Gracie Bradfield, Kassie Luce and Charlie Day for "Anne Boleyn," and second place to

Krissie Luce and Lila Klinglesmith for "Florence Nightingale."

Group Website: first place to Kenzie Turner and Kale Burke for "General Patton;" and third place to Alex Murray and Kallie McCain for "Andrew Carnegie."

Group Documentary: first place to Briar Meszaros and Pake Burke for "The United Nations;" and second place to Tori Lasker, Abby Rosendahl and Kylee Bradford for "Nelson Mandela."

Barone teacher Kris Casey and several parents accompanied the Meeker competitors to Grand Junction.

"It was really fun to watch how proud each kid was of their project," Casey said.

The students are allowed to make improvements to their projects before going to state.

Vincent V. Patarino, Jr., an assistant professor of history at Colorado Mesa University, was coordinator of the Grand Junction regional competition.

## READ ACROSS AMERICA...



COURTESY PHOTO

Read Across America was celebrated the week of March 2-6 at Meeker Elementary School. During library, the students learned about Theodore Seuss Geisel and his love of illustrating and writing books for children. Seuss's birthday party was held on March 2. To start the day, 26 high school Life Skills students read a Seuss book to each class. Shana Holliday's marimba band performed as everyone came in and settled down and Kathleen Kelley's high school English literature class performed four Dr. Seuss books in reader's theater. Pictured above is Renay Moble's fourth-grade class in the library.



COURTESY PHOTO

Several Barone Middle School students in Meeker qualified at the regional History Day competition on March 7 in Grand Junction to compete at the state competition, which will be held May 2 in Denver. Pictured, in the back row, from left, are: Kassie Luce, Tori Lasker, Abby Rosendahl, Kylee Bradford, Alex Murray, Charlie Day, Krissie Luce and Lila Klinglesmith. In the front row, from left, are: Allie Willey, Briar Meszaros, Pake Burke, Kale Burke, Gracie Bradfield and Kenzie Turner. Not pictured are Kallie McCain and Savana May.

## WINTER: Caution urged on area lakes

Continued from Page 1A

bears has been quite low. Of course the bears are still in hibernation for up to another month.

"If the weather continues to cooperate, it should be an excellent year overall," he said.

DeVergie said the next hunting season of concern—Colorado's spring turkey hunt—is also expected to go well when it begins in April.

"There are amazing numbers of turkeys east of Meeker, which is part of the limited draw licensing area, and that application season has already closed," he said. "All you have to do is drive up County Road 8 or a couple of those roads up high and you can see turkey everywhere."

The areas west of Meeker are mostly unlimited quota hunt areas, and licenses for the turkeys there can be purchased at any licensing agent.

"I'd say the numbers are best east

of Meeker, but there are some very good pockets of turkeys, particularly down in Piceance Creek," he said. "It appears there was an excellent survival rate and there were quite a few chicks from last year, so there ought to be some pretty good numbers this spring."

deVergie also wanted to remind hunters and fishermen and women of two issues.

The first is to be very cautious of ice fishing in Rio Blanco County from here on with a week of temperatures in 60s predicated for this entire week.

"The three big lakes down low are worth a word of caution," deVergie said. "Rio Blanco Lake is wide open and there is no ice left, so that really isn't an issue."

"But Kenney Reservoir's east end is wide open and you can see the blue under the ice on the west end. I would issue a strong warning there, but cer-

tainly urge caution if someone is going out on the ice on the west end of Kenney," he said. "Lake Avery is also showing signs of thinning ice and I would strongly urge caution there as well. I certainly wouldn't want to drive a vehicle out on either one of those."

Some of the lakes that still have good ice for fishing and snow for snowmobiling, deVergie said, are Lake of the Woods, Aldrich Lake and Pagoda Lake, which still have good ice. He did say, however, that with the higher-than-normal temperatures predicated this entire week, it would be wise to monitor the ice in all area lakes quite closely before putting a lot of weight on it.

He also wanted to remind hunters and fishermen that the 2014-15 hunting and fishing licenses expire on March 31 and that all licenses, stamps and endorsements for 2015-16 are required by April 1.

## Pioneers Foundation offers scholarships

Special to the Herald Times

**MEEKER** I Pioneers Healthcare Foundation announced that the 2015 Healthcare Scholarship applications are now available.

The deadline for applying for the scholarships is April 10, and the applications are available at [pioneershealthfoundation.org/about-us/news/](http://pioneershealthfoundation.org/about-us/news/)

If you are a high school senior planning on pursuing a degree in a healthcare-related field; or if you are a continuing student working on your associate's or bachelor's degree in a healthcare field, we invite you to complete an application.

Additionally, the Kris Borchard

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

Almost \$35,000 in scholarships has been awarded since the program started in 2008. The program has experience many successful recipients such as certified nurse's assistants who have completed their bachelor of nursing degrees.

"We couldn't offer the scholarship

program without great community support," Margie Joy said. "We appreciate the support of the many organizations that have supported the program over the years."

Scholarships will be announced at the May 9 Spring Healthcare Gala. For more information about the scholarship program or the 2015 Spring Healthcare Gala, contact Margie Joy 970-878-9317.

## Comments sought on soda plant expansion

Special to the Herald Times

**RBC** I The Bureau of Land Management is now seeking public comments on a proposed sodium bicarbonate plant expansion 37 miles southwest of Meeker.

Natural Soda Inc.'s planned expansion of the Piceance Creek Basin processing facility would double its current 250,000 tons per-year production and add 30 full-time employees over the next four years.

The proposed plant expansion would involve 20 acres of surface disturbance as well as drilling and construction of new recovery wells.

The agency will now accept public comments for 14 days on a preliminary Environmental Assessment that evaluates the proposed expansion. The preliminary EA, which includes Natural Soda's proposal and maps, and the draft Finding of No Significant Impact are available on the BLM White River Field Office website at: [www.blm.gov/co/st/en/](http://www.blm.gov/co/st/en/)

fo/wrfo.html

Public comments regarding this proposal will be most helpful to the BLM if received by March 30. Written comments can be mailed to the White River Field Office, 220 E. Market Street, Meeker, Colo. 81641. Comments can also be submitted via email to [pdaggett@blm.gov](mailto:pdaggett@blm.gov).

General questions can be directed to Paul Daggett at 970-878-3819.

Before including any personal identifying information in your comment, be aware that your entire comment, including personal identifying information, may be made publicly available at any time.

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**WHAT:** March MANness Event

**WHEN:** Entire month of March  
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Friday: 8:00 am - 4:30 pm

**WHERE:** TMH Medical Clinic

**INFO:** 826-2400

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**LEGAL NOTICES**

**RIO BLANCO COUNTY**  
**2015 Weed & Pest - Helicopter**  
**REQUEST FOR BID**

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

Rio Blanco County is soliciting bids to aerially treat approximately 500 acres of noxious weeds utilizing a helicopter on BLM lands and for the Piceance Creek Weed and Pest District.

**CONTRACT DOCUMENTS**

Contract Documents are available on-line at the County website at www.rbc.us on the Public Announcements page, or at the Rio Blanco County Weed & Pest Dept. 779 Sulphur Creek Road, Meeker, Colorado 81641.

**BIDDER QUALIFICATIONS**

All persons spraying herbicides must be appropriately licensed by the Colorado Department of Agriculture for aerial application in the Rangeland Pest Control category. Appropriate proof of licensure must be submitted to the Agreement Administrator concurrently with execution of this Agreement.

**PROJECT COORDINATOR AND QUESTIONS**

Matt Scott, Weed Control Supervisor, (970) 878-9670. All Bidders are advised to review the specifications found on Exhibit A. Any questions regarding this Request are to be directed in writing to Matt Scott at P.O. Box 599, Meeker, CO 81641 or via email at matt.scott@rbc.us

**WORK SCHEDULE**

Estimated start date is June 1, 2015 and end date is August 15, 2015

**BID SUBMITTALS**

Bidder shall submit sealed bids for this request which shall include all information required. Bids shall have Bidder name and address and Sealed Bid-2015 Rio Blanco County Weed & Pest - Helicopter. Mailed bids must be received by the Rio Blanco County Board of County Commissioners, at P.O. Box I, 200 Main Street, Meeker, CO 81641 before 4 P.M. on April 9, 2015. No bids shall be received Friday April 10, 2015 through Sunday April 12, 2015, 2015. Hand delivered bids shall be received at 200 Main Street, Meeker, CO 81641 and will be accepted until 11:00 A.M. on the date of bid opening April 13, 2015.

**BID OPENING**

The Rio Blanco County Board of County Commissioners meeting will commence at 11 A.M. Bids shall be opened and read in public soon thereafter as listed on the agenda on April 13, 2015, 2014 at the Commissioners Meeting Room at 200 Main Street, Meeker, CO 81641. Bids received after 11:00 A.M. on the date of bid opening shall be returned unopened. Bids submitted and opened shall not be withdrawn for 30 days thereafter.

**BID AWARD**

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

RIO BLANCO COUNTY

Dated: By: Jeffrey Eskelson, Chairman  
Publish: March 19 & March 26, 2015  
Rio Blanco Herald Times

**BEFORE THE OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION**  
**OF THE STATE OF COLORADO**  
**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF GENESIS GAS & OIL COLORADO LLC FOR AN ORDER TO GRANT A VARIANCE TO RULE 326.b PURSUANT TO RULE 502.b.(1), FLETCHER GULCH FIELD, RIO BLANCO COUNTY, COLORADO**  
**CAUSE NO.**  
**DOCKET NO. 150300076**  
**TYPE: GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE NOTICE OF HEARING**  
**TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AND TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:**  
**APPLICATION**

On December 16, 2014, (Genesis or Applicant) filed a verified application pursuant to Rule 503.b.(5) and 502.b.(1) of the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission Rules and Regulations, for an order to:

1) Grant a variance to Rule 326.b allowing an extension through July 31, 2015 for Genesis to complete the required Mechanical Integrity Tests (MIT) for the wells listed below, located in Rio Blanco County, Colorado:

Well Name	API Number
Fletcher Gulch 3-13	05-103-10892
Fletcher Gulch 3-21 POW	05-103-10894
Fletcher Gulch 3-22	05-103-10893
Fletcher Gulch 34-41	05-103-10960
Fletcher Gulch 4-13	05-103-10895
Calamity Ridge II Unit #14-31	05-103-11880
Calamity Ridge II Unit #14-33	05-103-11879
Calamity Ridge Unit #14-15C	05-103-10462
Calamity Ridge Unit #4401D	05-103-10561

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN**, pursuant to: 1) the general jurisdiction granted to the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission of the State of Colorado under §34-60-105

**LEGAL NOTICES**

C.R.S.; 2) specific powers granted pursuant to §34-60-106 C.R.S.; 3) the State Administrative Procedures Act at §324-4-105 C.R.S.; and 4) the Commission Series 500 Rules at 2 CCR 404-1, that the Commission has scheduled the above-entitled matter for hearing on:

Date: Monday, April 13, 2015  
Tuesday, April 14, 2015

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Place:

Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission  
1120 Lincoln St., Suite 801  
Denver, Colorado 80203

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if any party requires special accommodations as a result of a disability for this hearing, please contact Margaret Humecki at (303) 894-2100 ext. 5139, prior to the hearing and arrangements will be made.

At hearing, the Commission will consider the Application and enter an order pursuant to its authority under the statute. Any interested party desiring to protest or intervene should file with the Commission a written protest or intervention in accordance with Rule 509, no later than March 30, 2015. Such interested party shall, at the same time, serve a copy of the protest or intervention to the person filing the application. One electronic (cogcc.hearings\_unit@state.co.us), one original and two copies shall be filed with the Commission. Anyone who files a protest or intervention must be able to participate in a prehearing conference during the week of March 30, 2015. Pursuant to Rule 511, if the matter is uncontested, it may be approved without a hearing.

**OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO**

By Jill Dorancy, Acting Secretary  
Date: March 6, 2014  
Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission  
1120 Lincoln Street, Suite 801  
Denver, Colorado 80203  
Website: http://cogcc.state.co.us  
Phone: (303) 894-2100  
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**BEFORE THE OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION**  
**OF THE STATE OF COLORADO**  
**IN THE MATTER OF ALLEGED VIOLATIONS OF THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE COLORADO OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION BY GENESIS GAS & OIL COLORADO LLC, RIO BLANCO COUNTY, COLORADO**  
**CAUSE NO. 1V**  
**DOCKET NO. 150400259**  
**TYPE: ENFORCEMENT**

**NOTICE AND APPLICATION FOR HEARING TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AND TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:**

Pursuant to Rule 522.c., the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission (Commission or COGCC) Staff will apply to the Commission at its April 13-14, 2015 hearing for an Order Finding Violation (OFV) against Genesis Gas & Oil Colorado LLC (Genesis) (Operator No. 10384). This Notice and Application is being served to adjudicate the allegations made in the below-described Notices of Alleged Violation (NOAV), the allegations of which are incorporated herein.

Genesis is the operator of the following wells, which have been temporarily abandoned and have never undergone Mechanical Integrity Testing (MIT).

Well Name	API Number
Fletcher Gulch 3-21POW	05-103-10894
Calamity Ridge Unit #14-15C	05-103-10462
Calamity Ridge Unit #4401D	05-103-10561

On February 23, 2015, Commission Staff issued Notices of Alleged Violation (NOAV) Nos. 200425172, 200425173, and 200425174 to Genesis citing violations of Rule 326.c.1 (Mechanical Integrity Testing, Temporarily Abandoned Wells) of the COGCC Rules of Practice and Procedure, 2 CCR 404-1 (Rule or Rules).

COGCC staff requests that Genesis be found in violation of the rules cited above and assessed a penalty pursuant to Rule 523.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN**, pursuant to: 1) the general jurisdiction granted to the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission of the State of Colorado (Commission) under § 34-60-105 C.R.S.; 2) specific powers granted pursuant to §34-60-106 C.R.S.; 3) the Colorado Administrative Procedures Act at § 24-4-105 C.R.S.; and 4) the Commission Series 500 Rules at 2CCR 404-1, that the Commission has scheduled the above-entitled matter for hearing on:

Date: Monday, April 13, 2015  
Tuesday, April 14, 2015  
Time: 9:00 a.m.

**LEGAL NOTICES**

Place: COGCC offices  
1120 Lincoln Street, Suite 801  
Denver, CO 80203

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if any party requires special accommodations as a result of a disability for this hearing, please contact Margaret Humecki at (303) 894-2100 ext. 5139, prior to the hearing and arrangements will be made.

Pursuant to said hearing in the above-entitled matter at the time and place aforesaid, or at any adjourned meeting, the Commission will enter such orders as it deems appropriate to protect the health, safety and welfare of the public and to prevent the waste of oil and gas, either or both, in the operations of said field, and to carry out the purposes of the statute.

In accordance with Rule 509., any interested party desiring to protest the granting of the application or to intervene on the application should file with the Commission a written protest or intervention no later than March 30, 2015, briefly stating the basis of the protest or intervention. One electronic, one original and two copies shall be filed with the Commission. Anyone who files a protest or intervention must be able to participate in a prehearing conference during the week of March 30, 2015. Pursuant to Rule 503.g, if a party who has received notice under Rule 503.b. wishes to receive further pleadings in the above-referenced matter, that party must file a protest or intervention in accordance with these rules.

**OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO**

By Jill Dorancy, Acting Secretary  
Date: March 9, 2015  
Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission  
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**Town of Rangely**  
**March 24, 2015 - 7:00pm**

**Agenda**

- Rangely Board of Trustees (Town Council)
- FRANK HUITT, MAYOR
- BRAD CASTO, MAYOR PRO TEM
- LISA HATCH, TRUSTEE
- ANDREW SHAFFER, TRUSTEE
- DAN EDDY, TRUSTEE
- JOSEPH NIELSEN, TRUSTEE
- ANN BRADY, TRUSTEE
- Call to Order
- Roll Call
- Invocation
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Minutes of Meeting
- Approval of the minutes of the February 24, 2015 meeting.
- Approval of the minutes of the March 10, 2015 meeting.
- Petitions and Public Input
- Changes to the Agenda
- Public Hearings - 7:15pm
- Final Plat - REPLAT OF WEST RANGELY SUBDIVISION IN C.E. Section 3, T1N, R102W of the 6th P.M., Town of Rangely Rio Blanco County, Colorado.
- Committee/Board Meetings
- Supervisor Reports
- Mike Englert - Bldg & Grounds
- Alden Vanden Brink - Utilities
- Reports from Officers - Town Manager Update
- New Business
- Discussion and Action on Ordinance No. 686 (2015); An Emergency Ordinance Approving the Vacation of Rio Mesa Drive and Rio Mesa Road Dedicated to the Town by the Plat of the West Rangely Subdivision Within the Town of Rangely.
- Discussion and Action to approve Resolution No. 2015-05, A RESOLUTION APPROVING A REPLAT OF WEST RANGELY SUBDIVISION.
- Discussion and Action to approve the First Amendment to the Subdivision Improvement Agreement West Rangely Subdivision between the Town of Rangely and Rio Mesa Resources, Inc., a Colorado Corporation.
- Discussion and Action to approve February 2015 Check Register.
- Discussion and Action to approve February 2015 Financial Statement.
- Discussion and Action to approve Special Event Permit for CNCC Foundation Dinner.
- Discussion and Action to approve Liquor License Renewal for Main Street Pub.
- Discussion and Action to approve Meter Reading Equipment & Meter Upgrades. Water fund budget for meter equipment upgrades is \$21,000.00 Gas Fund budget for handheld is \$5000.00.
- Discussion and Action to approve an Award to Alpine Pavement Maintenance for Crack Fill Bid in the Amount of \$20,000.00.
- Discussion and Action to Exercise the Duty of the Board of Trustees According to Municipal Code 2.08.030 Vacancy-Filling for the Purpose of Either Appointing a Candidate from the Duly Registered Voters or Holding a Special Election to Fill a Vacancy on the Board.
- Informational Items
- Rangely Water Treatment Plant Roof Replacement Grant Award
- Rangely Animal Shelter 2014 Annual Report
- RPD Dispatch Award - Mercy Mcalister
- Rangely - Most Affordable Small Town

**LEGAL NOTICES**

in Colorado  
•93rd CML Annual Conference June 16-19  
**Scheduled Announcements**

•Rangely School District board meeting is scheduled for April 7, 2015 at 6:15pm.

•Rangely District Library regular meeting April 13, 2015 at 5:00pm.

•Rangely District Hospital board meeting is scheduled for April 30, 2015 at 6:00pm.

•Rural Fire Protection District board meeting is scheduled for April 20, 2015 at 7:00pm.

•Western Rio Blanco Park & Recreation District meeting April 13, 2015 at 7:00pm.

•Rio Blanco Water Conservancy District board meeting is April 29, 2015 at 7:00pm.

•Rangely Chamber of Commerce board meeting is scheduled for April 16, 2015 at 12:00pm.

**Adjournment**  
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**INVITATION FOR BIDS**  
**CLOSING BID DATE- APRIL 2, 2015**  
**TOWN OF MEEKER**  
**345 Market Street**  
**MEEKER, CO 81641**

Sealed BIDS to furnish and install approximately 20,000 pounds of hot-pour, DeeryAmerican Super stretch 974, in the Town of Meeker (Please refer to Specifications). Please bid as follows: Clean cracks, furnish and install crack sealant all performed by bidder. The closing bid date is Thursday, April 2, 2015 at 2:30 p.m. at which time bids will be opened and read aloud. The Town Board of Trustees will award the bid on Tuesday, April 7, 2015, 7pm at Town Hall (basement) 345 Main Street, Meeker. The successful bidder must maintain workers compensation, general liability insurance in the amount of no less than \$1,000,000.00 during the project.

The Town reserves the right to reject any and all bids and waive any and all informalities, and the right to disregard all nonconforming or conditional bids or counter proposals. Contract award and preference will be based upon The Town of Meeker Personnel Policy and Procedures manual, entitled "Contracts-Award-Preference". More information is Available from Russell Overton (970)878-5530 or 878-5344.

Bids shall be mailed or delivered to Town of Meeker, 345 Market St., Meeker, CO81641 or faxed to (970)878-4513. Mailed bids shall be sealed and Meeker 2015 Hot Pour Crack Filling Project Bid shall be written upon the front of the envelope. Emailed and Faxed bids will be accepted as well. Specifications below, or available at Town Hall, 345 Market St., Meeker, CO 81641 or requested by telephone at (970)878-5344.

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF MEEKER

Scott Meszaros, Town Administrator  
FAX(970)878-4513  
scott@town.meeker.co.us

**CRACK SEALING SPECIFICATIONS**

Cracksealing Specifications:  
**DESCRIPTION**

The work of this section shall consist of furnishing and installing a pre-approved rubberized crack sealer in properly prepared cracks in bituminous paved surfaces.

**MATERIAL**

The material shall be hot poured rubberized crack sealer (Deery American 974 The material shall conform to the requirements of ASTM D-3407 for hot poured elastic type sealant.

The sealant shall be delivered in the manufacturers sealed containers. Each container shall be legibly marked with the manufacturer name and trade name of the material.

Materials from different manufacturers other than stated above shall not be allowed. The supplier shall issue a certificate of compliance stating that the material meets the requirements of this project.

**Construction Requirements**

**Equipment:** Heating pots for hot poured sealant shall be an indirect double boiler type using oil heat transfer medium. The heating pot shall be capable of controlling the temperature of the sealant within the manufacturers recommended application range. A thermometer calibrated within +/-5 degrees Fahrenheit for range of 200 to 500 degrees Fahrenheit shall be provided. The heating pot shall be capable of constantly agitating the material.

All cracks larger than 1/8 inch and less than one inch in width are to be sealed.

**Weather Limitations**  
Sealant shall not be placed when the weather is foggy, raining, or when the surface to be sealed is damp or wet.

Preparation  
Immediately prior to the placement of the sealant, the cracks shall be blown clean of dirt, debris, or foreign matter to a depth of at least twice the width of the crack but to a depth of no greater than the pavement thickness.

**Application**  
The sealant shall be heated according to the manufacturer recommendations, applied at the manufacturer temperature and installed flush with the pavement surface. Immediately after the crack is filled, excess material shall be leveled off of the surface by a squeegee, a shoe attached to the applicator wand, or other suitable means. The squeegee material shall be centered in the crack and shall not exceed 3 inches in width nor 1/16

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inch above the surface of asphalt. Any crack sealer showing settling, shrinkage, or a depression in excess of 1/4 inch below the pavement surface shall be re-filled.

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**NOTICE OF PROPOSED DECISION**

The Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety proposes to approve Technical Revision Application No. 104 (TR-104) for the Colowyo Coal Mine (Permit No. C-1981-019), submitted by Colowyo Coal Company L.P. To improve the long-term stability of East Taylor Ditch, Colowyo proposes to construct a two acre-foot impoundment in the channel of this ditch.

The Colowyo Coal Mine is a/an surface coal mine located in Moffat, Rio Blanco County, approximately 28 miles S of Craig, Colorado. Coal interest is federal, state and private, and the surface affected is federal, state and private land. The permit area encompasses approximately 29,075.74 acres.

This proposed decision is based on a finding that the proposed operation will comply with all requirements of the Colorado Surface Coal Mining Reclamation Act, Section 34-33-101, et seq., C.R.S., and the regulations promulgated thereunder.

Copies of the proposed decision, including stipulations, are on file for public inspection at the Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety, Room 215, Centennial Building, 1313 Sherman Street, Denver, Colorado 80203. Persons with an interest that may be adversely affected by the proposed decision may request a formal hearing before the Mined Land Reclamation Board on the proposed decision. Such request must be made within ten (10) days of the initial publication of this notice, must be in writing, and must state with reasonable specificity the reasons for the request and the objections to the proposed decision.

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The Town of Rangely will be conducting a Public Hearing on the Amended Final Plat for the West Rangely Subdivision pertaining to, among other things, the dedication of rights-of-way to Rio Mesa Resources, Inc. and a successor homeowners association who shall own and maintain such rights-of-way. If you have any questions please contact the Town of Rangely at (970) 675-8476.

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**TOWN OF RANGELY COUNCIL MEETING**

The Town of Rangely will hold a Public Hearing at 7:15 pm, Tuesday, March 24, 2015 in Council Chambers of the Municipal Building at 209 East Main Street, Rangely, Colorado on the following:  
**WEST RANGELY SUBDIVISION** Amended Final Plat in C.E. 950, Section 3 T1N, R102W of the 6th P.M., Town of Rangely Rio Blanco County, Colorado

The property is generally located north of River Road and west of Parkview Elementary School.

All interested citizens and groups are invited to attend and participate in the public hearings.

By: Lisa Piering, Town Clerk

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Board of County Commissioners  
Monday, March 23, 2015  
County Administration Bldg, 200 Main - Meeker, Colorado  
Tentative Board Agenda  
**MEETING CANCELLED**

**NEXT MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WILL BE APRIL 13, 2015 IN MEEKER.**

**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 APRIL 13, 2015 in Meeker at the County Administration Building. Please check the County's website for information at www.co.rioblanco.co.us/departments/commissioners If you need special accommodations please call 970-878-9573 in advance of the meeting so that reasonable accommodations may be made.

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**TOWN OF DINOSAUR**  
**DISBURSEMENTS FOR FEBRUARY 2015**

Gross Salaries, \$7,165.70  
PERA, Monthly Contributions, \$1,551.70  
FPPA & D & D,  
Colorado Dept of Revenue CWT, \$195.00  
IRS, FWT/Med, \$766.82  
CenturyLink Phone, fax, internet, \$309.96  
Moon Lake Electric, Electricity, \$1,134.62  
Rangely Trash Service, Trash Service, \$82.00

Rio Blanco Herald Times, Disbursement, Final settlement, \$20.64

Mesa County Health Dept, Water test, \$20.00

Caselle Inc, Support, \$251.00  
Grand Junction Pipe & Supply, Parts for water break, \$152.40

Sav on Propane, Propane, \$1,060.96  
Wal-Mart, Bleach, salt, super tech, Michelin hp, \$66.33

Zion's Bank, Tape recorder, UPS Sewer rods, \$71.01

Vernal Winnelson, Plug, \$7.21  
WestWater Engineering, Professional Services, \$691.85

International Code Council, Dues, \$125.00

Sands Law Office, Professional Services, \$605.00

Auto Tech, Repairs to Ford 150, \$2,538.19  
CIRSA, Insurance, \$9,522.52

Rangely True Value, Welding box, wipers, welding rod \$106.20

Town of Dinosaur, Petty cash, \$89.72  
Colorado State Patrol, Dispatch Service, \$37.50

**TOTAL ACCOUNTS PAYABLE, \$26,571.33**  
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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

**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.

**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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**FOOD BANK** of the Rockies mobile food pantry truck will be providing Food assistance to community members of Rio Blanco County. Scheduled Dates for 2015: March 26, April 30 & May 28. The Food Bank will be at the Meeker Fairgrounds from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Bring your own boxes to transport food. Seniors and handicapped served first. No qualifications or eligibility forms. Product distributed to anyone seeking food assistance on first come, first served basis. 40# senior box pickup at 10:30. Applications available for over age 60. FBR contact: Jill Heidel 877-953-3937. Sponsor contact: Debra Barney 970-878-9650.

**RADINO & CHUCKWAGON**

Please call before 9:00 a.m. day of meal

878-5627 or 675-8112

Senior Citizen Nutrition Program Meals served at noon. Reservations appreciated.

*Suggested Donation Over 60 - \$2.50. Under 60 - Guest Fee \$7. (Did you know? Homebound trays can be ordered for over 60, suggested donation \$2.50 - 12:10 p.m. pickup.)*

**\*\*MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE\*\***

**FRIDAY, March 20:** Chef salad, Wheat bread, Pears, No bake cookie.

**MONDAY, March 23:** Meatloaf, Carrots, Cauliflower, Wheat roll, Apple pie.

**TUESDAY, March 24:** Pulled pork sandwich, French fries, Coleslaw, Banana, Shortcake.

**WEDNESDAY March 25:** Beef Stroganoff, Spinach, Sweet potato, Bread, Cantaloupe.

**FRIDAY, March 27:** Chicken, Broccoli, Red peppers, Alfredo, Caesar salad, Bread, Fresh fruit.

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**CLOTHED FIGURE** drawing sessions Thursday evenings upstairs in Hugas Building. 6-9PM. Models needed - for information see Pat at The Upstairs Gallery.

**MEEKER STREAKER MONTHLY SCHEDULE MARCH 2015**

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.

- March 19, GRD JCT Medical No Town Bus
  - March 20, Bus in Town
  - March 21, No Bus
  - March 22, AM Bus
  - March 23, Bus in Town
  - March 24, Bus in Town
  - March 25, Bus in Town
  - March 26, Craig, Bus in Town
  - March 27, Bus in Town
  - March 28, No Bus
  - March 29, AM Bus
  - March 30, Bus in Town
  - March 31, Bus in Town
- Call Streaker for a ride 878-9368. Reservations for Rec. Center Trips should be made at 878-3403. Chuckwagon 878-5627.

**AUCTIONS**

**Annual Spring Consignment AUCTION**  
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**ESTATE AUCTION** Saturday, March, 28th, 10:00 AM, 589 Grand Valley Drive, Grand Junction, Colorado. This is a very clean auction of antique glassware, antique furniture, bedding, towels, lots of sewing items, hand power tools, wood tools, shopsmith, kid's saddle, steer hides, 40+ guns, ammo, bear trap and more. For more information call Steve Claypoole, CP Auction Service, (970)260-5577. Must see. web www.cpauction.com. "Call me about a sale for you".

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**HELP WANTED: GENERAL**

Early Childhood Special Education Teacher in Rangely  
Rio Blanco BOCES is currently accepting applications for an Early Childhood Special Education Teacher for the 2015-2016 school year. In addition to providing special education services to students ages 2.5-5, the position serves as the full-time teacher for a morning and an afternoon preschool class. The preschool program is an integrated setting that serves children with special needs, those that qualify

**HELP WANTED: GENERAL**

for the Colorado Preschool Program, and those that pay tuition. Job duties include providing special education services, weekly lesson planning and administration of the Colorado Preschool Program. Salary dependent on degree and experience. Prospective candidate must hold or be eligible for Colorado certification in Early Childhood Education. Salary range based on experience and years of education \$33,717 - \$42,669. Applications can be found on our website at www.rioblancooces.com

Please send applications to:  
Rio Blanco BOCES 402 W. Main Street Rangely, CO. 81648  
For more information please contact:  
Teresa Schott  
(970)675-2064 tschott@rangelyk12.org

**Lifeguards:** The ERBM Recreation & Park District is seeking applications for part time non-benefited, year round lifeguards, who could work up to 24 hours per week, and seasonal non-benefited lifeguards, who could work up to 40 hours per week from April 5 to October 3. 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

**HELP WANTED: GENERAL**

reports. Salary range \$9.73-\$12.91/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. 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 April 2, 2015.

**Recreation Coordinator** The ERBM Recreation & Park District is seeking one full-time benefited Recreation Coordinator. Salary range \$12.85-17.03/hr. Duties include, but are not limited to: assist in select phases of implementing and coordinating recreational programs and special events such as gym supervision, officiating, coaching, scorekeeping, etc. Requirements include, but are not limited to: applicant must be 18 years of age or older, be available to work early morning, evening, split and/or weekend shifts. 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 online, www.MeekerRecDistrict.com. Complete job description is available upon request and online. Applications will be accepted through March 23, 2015. ERBM Recreation & Park District is an equal opportunity employer.

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**Town of Rangely Operator 1 - Water & Wastewater**  
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This position would offer a salary that would be evaluated and commensurate with the candidate's qualifications. Benefits Health, Dental, Life Insurance, Short Term Disability, Credit Union Membership, WRB Park & Recreation Admission, and Retirement with matched contribution by Town of Rangely. Vacation, Sick, and Personal Days start accruing immediately.  
The Utilities department works a 40 hour work week with a rotating on call schedule covering evenings, weekends, and holidays.  
Applicants must pass pre-employment testing including drug screen, background search, and physical/function capacity test. For more information please contact Alden at 970-675-2221 or Lisa at 970-675-8476.  
Applications may be obtained from the personnel department or are available on our website at www.rangely.com. Position is Open until filled. EOE

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**HELP WANTED: GENERAL**

TEMPORARY LABORER Rio Blanco County is currently seeking applicants for a temporary laborer at the Meeker Road & Bridge Dept. Applicants must be able to perform manual labor, flagging (stand on hot pavement 8-10 hrs per day) and operate light construction equipment. Must have a valid Colorado Drivers License, be 18 years of age, have the ability to regularly lift 50lbs., be in good physical shape and have full range of motion. Rio Blanco County will train and certify for Flagger Certificate. \$15.71/hr. Applications can be obtained from the HR Dept, 200 Main Street, Meeker, or downloaded from our website at www.rbc.us. Application deadline: April 1, 2015. Job # 1507 EOE

**Kitchen Positions**

Looking for qualified individuals for kitchen positions. Must be able to communicate, be dependable, and able to put in a good day or night's work. Apply in person and ask for Henry at Ma Famiglia.

**HELP WANTED: GENERAL**

THE RIO Blanco Herald Times is looking for a part-time freelance reporter with newspaper experience to cover Meeker's school board and/or town board meetings as well as occasional county commissioners' meetings. If interested, call Editor-Sean McMahon at 878-4017 or 675-5033, or contact him at sean@theherald-times.com

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**RENTALS: MEEKER**

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- 286 Market St. - Unique 1916 4 BD, 2BA home with beautiful original kitchen cabinets, wood window trim, & 9ft ceilings. Forced air gas furnace, located at 3rd and Market Street. \$192,000
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- 1886 RB County Rd. 8 - New windows throughout, 3 BD, 2 1/2 BA Home, 6.8 acres with 2,000 SF. White River frontage, large deck and spectacular views! \$350,000 One of a kind property!
- 6255 County Rd. 7 - 4 BD, 3 BA home on 10 acres with detached 3-car oversized garage. Has water well. Needs TLC. Priced to sell. \$220,000
- LOT 6 Ridges Estate, Meeker - Nice 3.26 acre lot, with an even better price tag! \$53,500

- 201 Coal Rd. - 2200 sq. ft. home. 4 BR, 2 BA on 2 acres. Open floor plan includes 2 Living rooms. Large open Kitchen with lots of cabinet space. New FA gas furnace & garbage disposal. Pellet stove in one of the Living rooms. 24x24ft. detached garage and 24x36ft. Metal shop building. Excellent access to BLM. \$265,000
- 728 E. Rio Blanco Ave. - Nice Ranch style 4 BD, 1 1/2 BA, recently remodeled, w/ new appliances. SOLD!
- 216 Ridge Rd. - This is a nice 2856 SF two level house built in 1977. It's a well maintained house with new flooring upstairs and tile down stairs, custom kitchen cabinets, screened-in back porch with spectacular view, central air, FA gas furnace and woodstove, attached garage. \$219,900
- 300 4th St. East - 3 BD 2 BA on 3 lots in Dinosaur, 1744 SF built in 1981. Large garden space with water tap. Two large outbuildings. Lots of room to park toys. \$110,000
- 315 8317 N. Grand Ave. - Duplex. Attractively renovated. Each unit has 1,200 SF, 2 BD, 2 BA, W/D hook-up, carport for each side. Priced to Sell! \$139,500 Excellent income property.

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- HOMES IN MEEKER ...**
- NEW 1105 Mark Cr- 3BR, 3BA home, garage, fenced yard, RV parking, hardwood floors, deck \$169,000.
  - NEW 460 7th St- 3+ lots, beautiful 2 story log home, 2 shops, garage, privacy fenced, landscaped. \$625,200.
  - NEW 1287 Cleveland - Lg lot. Big beautiful 4 BR, log home, large metal shop. \$325,000. SALE PENDING!
  - NEW 265 Cedar- 5 BR, 3 BA on a fenced corner lot. Large shop/garage. Custom features. \$299,900.
  - NEW 1134 Park - Log home, 4 BR, 2 BA Newly remodeled. Fenced yard. \$169,000.
  - 295 Park Ave.- Nice lot, small log home. 1 BR, 1 BA. Great condition. Garage. \$139,900 REDUCED!
  - 835 Sulphur Creek Rd.- 3BR, 2 BA home by fairgrounds. Fenced backyard, landscaped. \$165,000
  - 1440 Mountain View Rd.-5BR, 4 1/2 BA, one of a kind custom home, panoramic views, outdoor entertaining area, lawn w/sprinkler system, home security system, A/C & more! \$375,000 REDUCED!
  - 112 Main St.- 3 BR, 2 BA historic home with a 426 sq. ft. cottage. Updated, large corner lot. \$219,000
  - 562 Larry Lane-Corner lot, 1 level, 3 BR 2BA, fenced yard, garage, deck. \$145,000 REDUCED PRICE!
  - 643 12th St- 4 BR, 2 BA bi-level home. Garage, carport, fenced back yard. \$115,000 REDUCED!
  - 1369 Juniper Rd.-Beautiful home in Sage Hills, on 2 large lots. Single level home & attached garage. \$250,000 SOLD!
  - 1109 Main St- 3 BR, 1 BA, new paint & flooring. Fenced yard, R.V. parking, 2 sheds. \$149,900. SOLD!

**RANCHES - RURAL RESIDENTIAL - HUNTING PROPERTIES...**

- CR 8 - 88 Acres just east of Meeker. Hunting, dry land pasture, development potential. \$450,000
- 8505 CR 8- 9 miles east. Nice 3 BR home, basement, garage, fenced yard, great views. \$325,000
- 970 Shaman Trail- 5 acres, beautiful newer 2 story home, top of the line. Big heated shop. \$545,000 REDUCED!
- 14970 CR 8- 14 acres on the River. Great fishing. Hay pasture, beautiful 2,500 sq ft home. \$1,995,000.
- 1758 CR 32- 3.3 acres, 4 BR, 3 BA modular home. Great views, outbuildings, fenced yard. \$194,900 REDUCED!
- 29100 CR 8- 12 Acres with River & fishing. Nice 1,252 sq ft 3 BR, 2 BA cabin, borders BLM. \$795,000.
- 13247 CR 8- 5 Acres 14 miles E of Meeker. Nice home, big shop, outbuildings. Horse setup. \$429,000.
- 2610 CR 33- 3 Acres 7 mi W of town. 4 BR, 3 BA home, full basement, shed, pasture. \$260,000. SALE PENDING!
- 13245 CR 8- 5 acres 14 miles up-river, well, trees, 3 BR, 2 BA home, decks, garage, shop. \$295,000 REDUCED!
- River Property- CR 12- 5+ acres 28 miles east, with 2 BR, 1 BA cabin, good well, fish pond. \$275,000 REDUCED!
- 1337 Meath Dr.- 35 Acres, 9 miles east with a nice 3 BR, 2 BA home, pastures, views. \$230,000 SOLD!
- 39087 Hwy 13- 2 miles west of town, 2 acres, 1,600 sq ft home or commercial building. \$42,000 SOLD!
- 180 N. Little Rancho Dr.- 36 Acres, newer 3 BR, 2 BA manufactured home, water well. \$198,500 SOLD!

**BUSINESS & INVESTMENT ...**

- 109 Market St.- 3+ lots on the corner of 1st & Market. Great location next to the Dollar Store \$275,000 REDUCED!
- Rio Blanco Store- Great potential. 3/4 acre on Hwy 13, 3,000 sq ft store, cafe, living quarters. \$130,000 REDUCED!
- 304 4th St. Commercial building on corner lot downtown, great office space, 4,437 sq. ft. \$220,000

**RAW LAND AND HOMESITES ...**

- NEW 5807 CR 7 - Vacant 20 acre parcel, 9 mi. North, on Strawberry Creek. Good home site & views! \$75,000
- NEW Large Vacant Lot in Sage Hills Subdivision. 11,514 sq. ft. Good home site with great views. \$300,000
- NEW 2-36 Acre Lots in Bull Mountain Ranch between Carbondale and Paonia. Beautiful country, high mountain views. Priced at \$85,000 and \$100,000.
- NEW CR 8 - 88 Acres just east of Meeker. Hunting, dry land pasture, development potential. \$450,000
- 71 Acres on CR 15, 11 miles NE. Private homesites, water, good hunting, borders public land. \$205,000.
- Ridge Estates- 2 to 9 acre lots. Community well, irrigation water to each site. Prices reduced, additional discount available. Prices starting from \$75,600. 1 mile south of town, off of CR 13, near golf course.
- 359 Love Lane- 5 acres, Cross L Estates, Lot 13, great horse property, well. \$100,000
- River Property- 19.6 Acres 12 miles west. Irrigated hay, good home sites, river. \$150,000.
- Little Beaver Estates- Lot 4, 35 acres, fenced, good pond, loafing shed, great home site. \$72,500 REDUCED!
- 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 REDUCED!
- 100 acres 29 miles east of Meeker, surrounded by Nat Forest, covered with Aspens. \$1,395,000.00.
- Several nice building lots on Mimi Circle and Michael Circle priced between \$22,500 and \$25,000.
- 20 Acres, Strawberry Creek Minor Subdivision, Lot 3, \$30,000 SOLD!
- 12926 CR 8- 5 Acres with River. Cabin sites, good water well, 1 room yurt. Views. \$165,500 SOLD!

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**RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY**  
NEW 1411 Silver Sage Rd - All you want for New Years is... this 4bd, 2.5ba, stunning home with rec-room, custom kitchen, open living room, beautiful master bedroom and large garage. \$305,000 Under Contract!

NEW 763 2ND ST. - 4 BD home in an extremely sought after location, with a fireplace, large lot, full basement and attached garage. \$285,000

979 8th St. - Unobstructed views, 3BD, 2BA home, 4,800 sq ft. shop/garage spaces. Worth coming to see! \$285,000

NEW 1104 JEANNETTE CR. - Newly constructed 3BD, 2BA, with large open dining room, large living room with lots of windows and fantastic views of the mountains & a oversize garage. If you like the smell & feel of NEW, look at this one. \$270,000.

HOT DEAL! 1455 Mountain View Road - Carefully tucked amongst native landscape, this wonderful 3BD, 2BA log home home is private, yet right in town! \$260,000

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

1045 Lance Cr. - SHOP SPACE GALORE! Well kept, 5BD, 2BA home with large rooms, smart floor plan and amazing shop. \$198,500 UNDER CONTRACT

NEW 754 HILL ST. - Cute, 3 BD, 2BA home with lots of character, huge master bedroom, full full basement and room to expand, plus large car port. \$185,000

NEW 681 Water St. - Freshly updated 4BD, 2BA two-story home, fenced yard, great deck with hot tub! \$185,000

117 6th St. - Completely remodeled duplex, fully furnished, sleeps 12 people, within walking distance of downtown. \$179,000

1060 Park St. - Great income producing duplex. Can also be converted to single family residential. 4BD/2BA. \$175,000

780 11th St. - Tastefully remodeled 3BD, 2BA bi-level home with a fantastic fenced yard. REDUCED to \$167,900

NEW 1013 Hill St. - 2BD/2BA home with huge yard, family room, and extra room in the basement. Some remodeling, including floors. \$128,900

760 11th St. - Good 3BD/2BA starter home with large back yard, deck, storage shed, built in 1996. \$110,000.

767 12th Street - Completely remodeled town-home includes 2 bedrooms, 2 baths. "Like New". \$65,000

**RURAL RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES**  
NEW 945 Rd. 14 - Sensational, beautiful 5bd, 3ba log cabin with pristine setting. Creek & Pond. The ultimate privacy in the White River National Forest. \$475,000

1751 Brightwater Ln. - Located 20 minutes west off Highway 64, this 39 acre property has income producing hay ground, river frontage and a new 5000+ SQFT metal shop. Electric, cistern and septic already installed. \$369,000

1161 RBC Rd 8 - This 3BD remodeled home sets across from the White River, includes 5 acres with trees. Large deck & great location, just a few minutes from town. \$330,000

NEW 17855 Hwy 64 - MILES OF VIEWS, 3bd, 2ba home on 35 acres about 4 miles from Meeker. Stucco, covered porch, metal garage/barn. \$300,000

320 Bugle Dr. CONSIDERING THE COUNTRY? 99 acres with comfortable home and outbuildings, tucked away in a private location with great views and good pastures. \$295,000 UNDER CONTRACT

264 Love Ln. - HORSE HAVEN - 5 stall horse barn, multiple fenced pastures and metal shop on 4.39 acres. Humans will equally enjoy the stucco 3BD, 2BA home and convenient location! \$275,000 UNDER CONTRAT

NEW 519 Rim Rock Dr. - Hilltop home on 5 acres with 4 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, fabulous views and an attached garage. Good floor plan, large family room. \$245,000

NEW 2378 Rd. 49 - Log cabin on 3 acres with spring. Located about 20 minutes drive east of Meeker. \$130,000

210 RBC Rd. 75 - Pاپose Creek Cabin - Forest service leased land, your rustic cabin to enjoy! \$65,000

**COMMERCIAL PROPERTY**  
1036 Shults Drive - Newly constructed 32 unit apartment complex located above Meeker Recreation Center. A nice investment at \$2,990,000

410 Market St. - Turnkey business, great location, quality inventory, experienced team, only thing missing is YOU! \$950,000!

317 East Market - GREAT PROPERTY, GREAT LOCATION - 1.4 acres includes commercial building, newly built shop \$975,000. Also the adjoining 3 acre parcel is available for \$300,000 with highway access.

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! \$650,000

624 Market St. - Large remodeled restaurant building with apartment space. Fantastic location! \$562,500

NEW Two 5 Acre Parcels and one 8 acre parcel on the intersection of Hwy 64 & Hwy 13. Commercially Zoned, Highway Frontage. Price: Lot 1: \$125,000. Lot 2: \$140,000 and Lot 3: \$200,000. Located 2 miles west of Meeker, CO.

NEW Package Deal & RV Park - 12 plus acres including 20 spaces with water/electric/septic and White River Frontage, plus the two 5 Acre Parcels and the 8 Acre Parcel, as described above. \$550,000. Contact Ousha Miller for details.

1107 Market St. - Commercial corner lot on Highway 13. Perfectly cleared and ready for a new business! \$250,000

975 Market St. - Restaurant building on two lots with off street parking along Highway 13. \$220,000.

**RANCHES**  
1560 RBC Rd. 15 - 390 acre ranch with cozy 3BD log home, well, ponds private setting, close to town, well, past & spring. \$995,000

**VACANT LAND**  
41 Vacant Lots - Sanderson Hills Subdivision. Located on the northwest side of the subdivision. \$250,000 for all OWNER FINANCING

48 Acres off County Road 13 - 5 miles south of Meeker, joins BLM, open to trades or offers \$235,000 UNDER CONTRACT

99 Acres off of County Road 60 - Secluded acreage with power, nice building areas, borders BLM. \$139,000

15,000 SQFT Lot at 6th & Water St. - Mixed zoning, cleared, READY FOR YOUR NEW BUILDING! \$120,000

4.5 Lots on 8th St. - Quiet location! \$100,000

182 Main St. - Commercial lot behind Family Dollar store. Busy location, cleared, ready to build! \$85,000

688 Meath Dr. - 35 acre lot in Little Beaver Estates, cleared building pad. Will consider all offers! \$85,000

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

4 Lots in Cross L Estates - OWNER FINANCING \$70,000 - \$75,000 for all

6.79 Acres in Cross L Estates - Irrigated meadow, domestic water, electricity and views. REDUCED \$65,000

23105 Highway 13 - 5.09 Acres with domestic well, electricity and views. REDUCED \$50,000

2.25 Acres off Highway 13, north of Meeker - Nice building location, close to town! \$45,000

2 Lots in Sage Hills - Gentle grade, for fantastic views. Time to build! \$35,000 each

NEW 1095 Pinyon Street - 3 sprawling lots at the top of 11th Street. Great views and amazing PRICE! \$29,000

41 Developed Lots in Sanderson Hills Re-sub-division - Streets, Curbs, Electricity and Gas installed. \$29,000 each or \$25,000 each in packages of 5 lots.

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