

# Herald Times



## Proposed Rio Blanco County Justice Center Complex



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### County presents justice center concept plan

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**MEEKER** I Roughly 90 people were present the evening of March 12 as the Rio Blanco County commissioners unveiled their concept drawing for turning the old Meeker Elementary School into a new justice center, which would hold the county jail, courts, sheriff's office, county attorney and staff and court-related offices.

Those present heard a 90-minute presentation by the commissioners and former commissioner Ken Parsons regarding the entire history of the need for a new justice center, starting when Parsons was on the board in 2005.

Commission Chairman Jon Hill started by stating that the county has had the money set aside for the project and that there will be no need for a bond issue. He also stated that the board has been serious about moving forward with the new center for about nine months, when the board put out a call for architects for the project.

Initially, 14 architects responded, then the number was dropped to 10, then narrowed to four, then Reilly Johnson was chosen.

#### Center Bulletin:

**RANGELY** I The Rio Blanco County Board of Commissioners on Monday in Rangely gave unanimous approval to a concept plan for the new justice center in Meeker, utilizing the site of the old Meeker Elementary School as well as incorporating the front of the old school into the design.

Commissioner Shawn Bolton said Wednesday that the interior layout as presented on March 12 at the Fairfield Center will likely remain as presented at the meeting but that adjustments are possible to the entryways and pavilion to be placed on the lawn.

Former commissioner Parsons said that in 2005 if someone had told him it would be 2014 before anything was done, he would have been very surprised. Archetype was originally hired to build the new jail in 2005, but then an energy company tax lawsuit came up. The county lost the litigation and had to use the set-aside building funds to pay off the energy company.

After the suit was worked out and the county had the necessary funds again, the same four sites considered for the justice center in 2005 were the same sites looked at this time: Curtis Creek, the old elementary school, behind the current courthouse and the old Bureau of Land Management building.

Commissioner Shawn Bolton said the original 2011 plans called for construction on the back of the current courthouse. It was originally 75,000 square feet but had "a tremendous amount of wasted space," he said, and Archetype was asked to cut it down to 50,000 feet. The current project will entail 20,000 feet, he said.

Originally, Bolton added, the forecast cost was \$20 million to \$23 million and that was agreed to as way too high.

The current plans call for expenditures of \$14,186,000 with 10 percent or \$1,418,600 set aside for cost overruns, bringing the total to \$15,604,600.

"It is important we get on with this project because we don't want what happened in Routt County to happen to us," Bolton said. "The state went in there and told them what they had to do, and that ended up costing \$40 mil-

lion. That could very easily be us if we don't do something soon."

County Planner Eric Jaquez said the county is using a four-pronged process on the project: evaluate the project team; evaluate the historic information; evaluate the possible sites and solutions; and evaluate the proposed conceptual designs.

Asked why not use the courthouse, Jaquez said that would require the county to put the geothermal heating/cooling system in front of the current courthouse, there would be no room for growth down the line, the courthouse is currently short on the requirements for the new building and there is no place for enough specific cells.

He said the goals of the project are to build a "safe and secure" facility, to find the most fiscally sound solution to taking care of the needs at the courthouse, to expand to afford more county usage, to design and construct a building with the opportunity to expand in the future and to make certain traffic flow meets state standards and requirements.

Bob Johnson of Reilly Johnson, which specializes in justice center

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### Variety of comments made by residents

By SEAN McMAHON  
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**RBC** I Nineteen residents of Meeker and the surrounding area spoke Wednesday evening to the Rio Blanco County Board of Commissioners after county officials spent nearly two hours explaining the history of proposed new county justice center and how it came to the point it is now — with concept drawings and plans.

Each speaker was given three minutes to make a statement or ask questions although many on both sides of the issue were allowed to go another two or three minutes. Most of those who spoke, spoke in favor of the justice center as presented Wednesday evening. Below is a

summary of what most of the speakers had to say:

Scott Mobley: Mobley said he wants to see the justice center placed behind the existing courthouse or to the west, between the existing courthouse and the location of the Meeker Post Office. Commissioner Shawn Bolton explained the problem with that would come in the future — that if there was another boom, which he said he believed would happen again, there wouldn't be any room for expansion as there is with the proposed center.

Tony Weiss: Weiss praised the county for the job done of drawing up the project and he urged the commissioners to proceed with the justice center as proposed.

Sally Wilson: Wilson wanted to

know why 44 parking spaces were taken away along Fifth Street and why Rangely wasn't considered for the justice center. Commissioner Shawn Bolton explained that under the proposed justice center, 10 additional parking spaces will be gained overall, and he said that he spoke with Rangely Mayor Frank Huit, who told him that the Rangely people would love to have had the center but that they realized it should stay in the county seat, which is Meeker.

Charlie Brow: Brow complimented the architects for the proposed plan but added that it doesn't look like much of a historical building. Bolton said that the cost of an entirely new building out of the old sandstone would be cost prohibitive

but that the entire front facade of the old elementary school will be utilized.

Rio Blanco County Sheriff Si Woodruff: Woodruff pointed out that there is little parking use on Fifth Street now and the day-to-day business at the courthouse doesn't not require all the existing parking now. On those special occasions when the courthouse lawn and school property are busy, the overall gain of 10 spaces is a benefit. He said he will stand behind the commissioners' plan now because there could be another boom that would require the larger jail.

"We have five to 10 prisoners

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### CNCC Foundation Dinner

**RANGELY** | The Colorado Northwestern Community College Foundation will host its annual dinner dance March 29 at 6 p.m. in the Weiss Colorado Room on the Rangely campus.

The event raises funds for scholarships, facility improvements, program enhancements and special projects. More than \$39,000 raised at last year's dinner dance helped fund the college's Rector Building remodel and expansion. The use of this year's funds will be determined by an executive committee.

The dinner dance features musician Shae Bramer and will recognize the Foundation's Supporter of the Year. Caterer Sodexo will provide appetizers, a prime rib or chicken dinner and dessert, with beer or wine available for purchase. Tickets are \$35 each or \$200 for a table of six and can be purchased at the Rangely recreation center, Sweetbriar Gifts, First National Bank of the Rockies, the Rangely Liquor Store or by contacting Amy Deese at 675-3219 or Becky Dubbert at 675-3301 in Rangely, or from Iris Franklin on CNCC's Meeker campus at 878-5227.

### Town OKs closure of block of 5th Street

By SEAN McMAHON  
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**MEEKER** I The Meeker Town Board on Tuesday gave unanimous approval to an ordinance requested by Rio Blanco County to close Fifth Street from Main to Park streets to allow the courthouse and old elementary school to encompass the two-block area.

All town board members agreed to the ordinance except Katelin Cook, who was not present. No one in the audience spoke in opposition.

The topic of closing Fifth Street between Park and Main streets goes back to June 2013, when the town conveyed ownership of the "Main Street Building" to Rio Blanco County ownership.

The street between the Rio Blanco County Courthouse and the old elementary school would be vacated to enlarge the area to hold community events and outdoor venues.

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

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

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

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

Rio Blanco County Planner Eric Jaquez said Tuesday night that roughly 14 parking places will be lost, changing the county's statement at its justice center meetings last week, when they said 10 parking spaces would be gained.

"While we will lose a few parking places overall, we will be able to increase parking in the future, if needed," Jaquez said.

### Rangely blood drive to commemorate infant's life

By HEATHER ZADRA  
Special to the Herald Times

**RANGELY** I On March 23, 2010, Kathy and Ian Kottenstette met their infant daughter, Makayla Jane. She weighed 4 pounds, 11 ounces, and she was perfect.

"She was a very mellow little girl," Kathy Kottenstette recalled. "The few times she would get fussy, Ian or I would say something, and it would calm her down. One time, when I got to hold her in the NICU (newborn intensive care unit), I watched her heart rate lower as I held her on my chest."

Within a day of Makayla's birth, Kathy and Ian knew their newborn daughter was ill. What they didn't know was that Makayla had volvulus, a twisting of the intestine that can happen at any life stage and for a variety of reasons. In Makayla's case, the twisting was cutting off the blood supply to Makayla's small intestine, effectively killing the organ's tissue.

For the next three days, as Makayla was put on observation at Saint Mary's Hospital and then, on March 26, flight-for-lifed to Denver's Children's

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### DONATION TO MEF ...



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**Davie Brooks, the land and livestock manager for Wyatt Ranches of Colorado, LLC, recently presented a check for \$15,000 to Meeker Education Foundation (MEF) President Mary Strang for the MEF Endowment Fund.**

### WEATHER



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## Teacher evaluations may get a mix of reviews

By **BOB LANGE**

Special to the Herald Times

**MEEKER** Colorado educator perceptions about teacher evaluations declined between 2011 and 2013, according to the Teaching, Empowering, Leading and Learning (TELL) Colorado survey. However, pilot studies of the evaluation system in Denver have shown improvements in educator perceptions during implementation.

The TELL survey is an anonymous statewide survey of teachers, principals and other certificated educators in our public schools. The 2013 TELL survey results had 60 percent of Colorado educators reporting that the teacher evaluation process improves teachers' instruction in 2013 as compared to 74 percent in 2011.

Eighty percent of Colorado educators think evaluations are fair and only 62 percent agree that the teacher evaluation process accurately identifies effectiveness.

Meeker School District RE-1 (MSD) is implementing the Colorado Department of Education (CDE) model for teacher evaluations this year. Full implementation will begin next year. Ineffective ratings this year won't count against a teacher but effective scores will start to accrue.

The next TELL survey will be in 2015 and will be closely watched to see what educators think of the evaluation process and its implementation within the MSD. If the trends for MSD hold true, the survey results won't improve. But if trends follow the pilot study model, survey results may improve.

In Spring 2013, only 49 percent of MSD teachers agreed that the evaluation process was effective and only 69 percent of MSD educators thought the process was fair. These results are much lower than the state-wide numbers.

Based on the CDE teacher evaluation model, teachers can earn non-probationary status after three consecutive years of effective ratings. Two years of ineffective ratings erase the non-probationary status and could lead to dismissal.

The rating system is based on five standards: content knowledge, establish an environment, facilitate learning, reflect on practice and demonstrated leadership. Each standard has three to eight specific elements.

Teachers receive a final rating of ineffective, partially effective, effective or highly effective.

Each performance standard can be scored from 0-4 by an evaluation team based on the number of elements observed.

The basic, partially proficient and proficient categories are a measure of the teacher performance and the accomplished to exemplary categories are based on student interviews. The

evaluation is done by a team of evaluators of five or more during class time.

Many of the evaluation criteria are subjective. For example one of the elements in the first quality standard says that a proficient teacher must be able to "clarify and elaborate on interdisciplinary connections for students."

However, a teacher that is rated as basic would only be able to "emphasize key concepts and connect them to other powerful ideas within the content area." If this element was the decisive element, the difference in numerical rating would be 2 versus 0 for the standard.

Parents with kids in the elementary or junior high schools may have seen a similar evaluation system.

They may recall that a "pp" or partially proficient rating is not good. In this teacher evaluation model, the basic rating scores zero and a partially proficient scores one. Ratings of accomplished and exemplary are difficult to achieve. For example, during the Denver pilot study, more than 87 percent of the teachers received a proficient or higher score for every standard.

In this system, an ineffective numerical rating for teachers or principals would correspond to a basic to low partially proficient evaluation rating averaged over the standards and much less than expected student testing result. Expected student testing is determined at the district level.

The spring 2013 TELL survey showed some striking differences in rating for educators in the MSD as compared to Colorado educators statewide and showed steep declines from ratings in 2011. The TELL survey had an 85 percent response rate in 2013 and therefore is likely accurate for assessing educators' attitudes and morale within the MSD.

Only 33 percent of MSD educators felt there was an effective process for making group decisions compared to 46 percent in 2011 and 66 percent for Colorado educators. Another question in TELL was about if teachers were recognized for their accomplishments, and only 31 percent of MSD educators felt this was the case as compared 62 percent in 2011 and to 75 percent of Colorado educators.

The amount of time for professional development is an issue for teachers since only 38 percent of the MSD educators in 2013 thought there was sufficient time. In 2011, 57 percent of MSD educators thought there was enough time, as did 62 percent of Colorado educators.

## BLOOD: Donations needed

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Hospital, Kathy, Ian, family and friends waited and prayed for answers that failed to come in time. On March 27, 2010, Makayla passed away from complications resulting from the volvulus.

In the aftermath of shock and grief, Ian and Kathy tried to cope with how little time they'd had with their daughter. They would never teach Makayla her first words, know her passions or personality or the color of her eyes. The few precious days with her simply hadn't been enough.

Which is why, each year, around the anniversary of Makayla's birth and brief life, the Kottenstettes remember their daughter's life by helping others live theirs. In 2011, they established the Makayla Jane Kottenstette memorial blood drive. That first year, more than 100 people donated blood in her name — not just friends and family — but strangers from Glenwood Springs, Denver and Colorado Springs who had learned Makayla's story and knew the importance of giving blood for the estimated five million people who need transfusions each year.

To the Kottenstettes, the annual event is a fitting way to remember Makayla, who was herself the recipient of a blood transfusion.

"Because someone else was selfless enough to donate their blood, it gave us a little more hope for and time with our child," Kathy Kottenstette said.

This Wednesday, March 26, the Kottenstettes will host the fourth annual Makayla Jane Kottenstette memorial blood drive from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the St. Mary's Blood Mobile in Colorado Northwestern Community College's Weiss Center parking lot. Donors can reserve a time by calling 970-261-4626 or come during open hours to give blood.

People who wish to donate in Makayla's name but who live outside of Rangely can contact the Saint Mary's Regional Blood Bank in Grand Junction at 970-298-2555 or, on the

## BAND PIE SOCIAL ...



Meeker High School band director Bob Eggebraten talks about the next music arrangement to be performed by the Meeker High School Band at Sunday afternoon's second annual Band Pie Social. A dessert auction was used to raise money for band equipment.

BOB LANGE

## Barone students look forward to testing

By **BOB LANGE**

Special to the Herald Times

**MEEKER** When standardized testing comes to Barone Middle School, students look forward to learning active and hands-on skills like archery, knitting or building model rockets.

This week, Barone Middle School students will take the Transitional Colorado Assessment Program (TCAP) standardized test in the morning and then go to TCAP Academies in that afternoon to learn active and hands-on skills.

TCAP is a state-mandated test for basic skills in reading, writing and math. The TCAP will be replaced next year by the Colorado Measures of Academic Success (CMAS), which is based on common core standards.

"It is a great opportunity for students to get experience and learn some new things," said Jim Hanks, the principal of Barone Middle School. The TCAP Academies have been offered for at least the last six years, he said.

The TCAP Academies are organized and taught by teachers and community members. There are nine TCAP testing sessions in the mornings, with two 1-hour and 40-minute sessions each day except Friday. The afternoon academies offer two sessions, each an hour long, that allow

students to pick from school-based activities such as marching band, reading and yearbook in addition to activities like knitting, archery, model rockets, braiding crafts, roping, cribbage, geocaching and sports skills.

"It is a good opportunity to learn something different from teachers and community members," eighth-grade teacher Kris Casey said.

District Accountability Committee (DAC) President Georgann Amack teaches braiding crafts at the TCAP Academy. In addition to braiding crafts, she has recently learned to knit thanks to her daughter, who had learned during a previous academy. Amack said her daughter always looks forward to TCAP week.

"People should know the positive things that happen every day in our schools," Amack said.

This has been a big year for the DAC. In February, a fiscal advisory team was formed with 21 community members responding to a web survey implemented after Meeker School

District (MSD) Superintendent Mark Meyer declared a fiscal emergency in January.

The DAC and fiscal advisory team have met several times to discuss budget concerns. Typically, it meets twice per semester.

In a report presented by Amack at the March 4 meeting of the Meeker Education Board, the DAC identified the following priorities: 1) pass a new mill levy override, 2) develop great teachers and staff, 3) look into adjusting transportation, 4) continue to offer electives and 5) develop other revenue streams.

The DAC studied specific cuts to be recommended to the board but kept running into negative impacts on individual kids. At the end of the day DAC wanted what was best for all students.

School and district-level advisory committees are required under MSD policies and federal and state law. The DAC and accountability committees for the elementary, middle and high

schools meet to review curriculum, review budgets and recommend improvements. The principal at each school is part of the committee.

School-level committees should have seven members, including the principal, one teacher elected by other teachers, three parents elected by a vote of parents, one member designated by an organization recognized by the school and one business person appointed by the principal.

No more than three members of the committee should be school district employees or their families, and members can serve from two to four years. There are some variations in practice, such as the high school committee having students, and, typically, board members are not elected.

Interest and effectiveness of the accountability committees "has its ups and downs, but they do a lot for our kids," said Principal Hanks. Hanks has organized the Barone Middle School accountability committee and the DAC for the last six years.

### Pioneers Medical groundbreaking Friday at 3 p.m.

**MEEKER** On Friday, the Pioneers Medical Center community will break ground on the new medical center that will replace the current 65-year-old facility.

The groundbreaking ceremony will be held at 3 p.m. on the west side of Highway 13, across the highway from Samuelson's True Value Hardware.

The new Pioneers Medical Center will include the existing core services currently provided by PMC as well as new services to expand and fill some of the healthcare voids in the community.

The public is invited to attend the groundbreaking.

The Meeker Streaker will be offering shuttle rides to the groundbreaking site from the LDS Church parking lot at 903 3rd Street.

### DEATH NOTICE

#### Vern A. Amick

May 4, 1925 ~ March 17, 2014

Vern A. Amick of Meeker, born May 4, 1925, and the uncle of Diana Watson, passed away Monday, March 17, 2014. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. on Friday, March 21, 2014, at the Methodist Church.

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# Six DI teams from Meeker headed to state

By HALLIE BLUNT  
Special to the Herald Times

**MEEKER** Meeker was well represented with 10 teams at the 2014 Western Slope Regional Destination Imagination Tournament in Rifle during the past weekend. Six of those teams will be going to the state competition in April.

In the introductory level, there were two Rising Stars teams, the Silly Superstars (Tyler Sanders, Will Schwartz, Landin Lopez, Natalie Knight, Austin Aven, Taylor Garcia, Harrison Foreback, Josh Harman, TM Leslie Harman, TM Janae Sanders) and the Meeker Minions (Reese Clatterbaugh, Valentina Sevillano Gutierrez, Rhiwan Williams, Montey Franklin, Clay Stewart Randall, Cade Blunt, Alan Rivera, TM Natosha Clatterbaugh and TM Dilly Gutierrez). Both teams had performances about a circus, geometric shapes and balances.

In Dig In, the technical challenge, teams had to develop equipment to detect and remove hidden items. The Pug Warriors (Oliver Holmes, Opal Munger, Eva Scritchfield, Abbi Schwartz, Alison Kobald, Elliot Steinacher, Gabe Smithers, TM Lisa Belmonte, TM Heather Sauls) and The Black and Blue Atomic Smurf-A-Sheeps (Ridge Williams, Sierra Williams, Zach Harman, Derek Neilsen, Brandon Lozano, Kolbi Franklin, Jake Shelton, TM Briana Williams) were both successful with this challenge.

Both teams placed first in their age divisions and qualified for state.

The Seven Mischief Minions of the Mind (Rainier Foreback, Shane Kobald, Regan Mobley, Savannah Mendenhall, Gabriel Richardson, Hailey Knowles, Kate Lockwood, TM Stephanie Kobald, TM Nikki Foreback) and the Super Silly Jelly Beans (Brealyn Garcia, Elijah LeBlanc, Ruby Holliday, Melaynie Wangnild, Kaden Franklin, TM Amber Garcia, TM Kelly LeBlanc)

took on the scientific challenge, Going to the Extremes.

In this challenge, teams have to explore an extreme environment and develop extreme gear to survive. Both teams did a great job in this challenge, and the Seven Mischief Minions placed second, earning them a trip to the state tournament.

One team, the Shooting Stars (Brendan Clatterbaugh, Allie Sanders, Adrianna Price, Noah LeBlanc, Micah Crowe, Ethan Quinn, Isabella Blazon, TM Natosha Clatterbaugh, TM Janae Sanders), participated in the theatrical Laugh Art Loud, "wowing" the judges with their presentation of a comic strip depicting a work of art from another country.

The Hepta-tectives (Porter Hossack, Colton Nielsen, Aspen Merrifield, Tatum Kennedy, Hadley Franklin, Connor Blunt, Kelton Turner, TM Kellie Turner, TM Hallie Blunt) and Delta Iota (Gracie Bradfield, Charlie Day, Kenzie Turner, Makenna Burke, Kale Burke, TM Marnell Bradfield, TM Travis Day) were successful in the structural challenge, The Tension Builds, where they build structures that held weight and stood on a pyramid. Both teams placed first in their age divisions and will be going to state.

Meeker's final team, the Snack Attacks (Mason Holliday, Braydon Garcia, Sophia Goedert, Ryan Phelan, Brynlee Williams, Lane Anderson, Colby Clatterbaugh, TM Shana Holliday) placed first in Pitch and Play, the service-learning challenge. They will be taking their presentation about their reading program to state.

In addition, Meeker had two teams, The Seven Mischief Minions of the Mind and Snack Attacks, receive Da Vinci awards, given to those teams who have a unique approach to a solution. The Hepta-tectives team received the Renaissance Award, which is given for outstanding skill in the areas of design, engineering or performance. The six teams will head to the state tournament in April.



# STATE BOUND ...

Six Destination Imagination teams from Meeker qualified in Rifle recently for the state competition. In addition, The Seven Mischief Minions of the Mind and the Snack Attacks received Da Vinci awards, given to teams who have a unique approach to a solution. The Hepta-tectives team received the Renaissance Award, given for outstanding skill in the areas of design, engineering or performance. The six teams will head to the state tournament in April.

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Meeker Fire Chief Steve Allen, left, and Meeker Emergency Medical Services Director Matt Lyons, right, presented Deby Merriam with an award of recognition on Saturday night at the 81st annual Meeker Volunteer Fire and Rescue Banquet at the Fairfield Center. She served as EMS interim director twice, when two past EMS directors passed away. Music for dancing was provided by Two Rivers Production and the dinner was catered by Ma Famiglia. Roughly 100 people attended the annual banquet.

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FROM MY WINDOW...

# Congrats MHS cagers; A busy week regarding justice center

By SEAN McMAHON  
sean@theheraldtimes.com

Congratulations go to the girls' and boys' basketball teams at Meeker High School, both of which made it to the Colorado Class 2A State Basketball Championships in Pueblo over the weekend.

The girls finished third in the state, missing the championship game by a one point loss to the eventual No. 1 team.

That is a pretty staunch accomplishment and everyone on the team deserves credit for it. It was a total team effort that brought them to No. 3 in Colorado.

The boys also made it to the state tournament. While they came up short in both of their games, they were one of only eight teams to make it that far. That is a huge accomplishment as well, and the team should be proud from the top scorer to the bench as, again, it was a team effort that brought them

there. The girls' coach Greg Chintala and boys' coach Klark Kindler did great jobs this past season, and they should be congratulated as well for doing great jobs.

While I have no problems with the Rio Blanco County commissioners' concept for the new justice center in Meeker, I do think it was a bit tacky to hold the vote for the center in Rangely.

Certainly, the justice center is a county facility, and that includes Rangely, it was demonstrated by the attendance at the hearings on the justice center held in both towns, the main interest remains in Meeker, where the building will be located.

It seems only right that the commission could have held off long enough to vote on the issue during one of their two monthly meetings in Meeker instead of their meeting in Rangely.

On Tuesday evening, the Meeker Town Board, with the absence of Katelin Cook, gave approval to the closing of Fifth Street between Main and Park streets at the request of Rio Blanco County to consolidate the county courthouse and old elementary school into one large property.

That vote may have closed the door on the discussion of the old elementary school for a community center, an arts facility, senior housing, a performing arts theater, etc., all part of the ideas that have been tossed around for the past year.

The hopes for such things in downtown Meeker need not be dashed. There are still buildings in the downtown area that can be utilized for some of these visions and certainly there are buildings—his-



toric buildings—such as the Meeker School District administrative building, that can be considered for some of these other ideas. It will require some more research to find out what can be done where, but none of the ideas that were proposed for the old school were bad ideas.

Three enlighteners have become immediately obvious to me regarding the fight over the past year.

1. While those who wanted to keep the school intact were dedicated to their cause, they couldn't or didn't get enough people involved with their cause. If we count those who were physically and visibly involved with saving the school at 50 persons, that is not much of a significant number to represent the entire county. Remember, this was never just a town decision.

2. To quote Rebecca Goodwin of LaJunta, chairman of the board of Colorado Preservation, Inc., "I hope the people of the Town of Meeker maintain a sense of com-

munity. Don't let this issue tear the town apart."

3. I don't believe those who tried to save the school were spinning their wheels on ice. They have offered good ideas, good plans and should continue their efforts toward the same accomplishments in other parts of Meeker and possibly joining efforts with those of the same thinking in Rangely.

I want to clear up one thing.

I received a phone call Wednesday morning from a Meeker woman who was quite a bit upset. She said she sat behind me last Wednesday night, March 12, as the Rio Blanco County commissioners set out for the public their plans for the new justice center that is likely to go in downtown Meeker.

She said she was really angry that since I had been there at the meeting that she thought it unconscionable that there was nothing in last Thursday's edition of the *Herald Times*.

Then I told her that the Thursday edition had gone to press about six hours before the Wednesday night meeting even began at the Fairfield Center.

So, just to clarify for the readers, the *Herald Times* is printed on Wednesday afternoons at a printing plant in Gypsum, which is well on the other side of Glenwood Springs. That printing plant publishes a number of the newspapers between Glenwood Springs and Silverthorne, and we have the Wednesday afternoon printing slot.

After the paper is printed, the entire printing job has to be driven back to Meeker so the people who take care of the *Herald Times* circulation have the paper on the streets and to the post office by early morning. That means that after a couple-hours drive they have to work early mornings or very late nights to get the newspapers ready and on the streets in Meeker as well as deliver papers to Rangely and other drop spots by sunrise.

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ONE MAYOR, SERVING A 2-YEAR TERM  
and  
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Each position shall be voted upon by the entire electorate of the Town.

The person receiving the greatest number of votes for the Mayor, 2-year term shall be elected.

The first three people receiving the greatest number of votes for the Council member 4-year terms shall be elected.

There will be one question that will be placed on the ballot at the time of this release.

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The polls will be opened at 7:00 a.m. on the day of the election and will be closed at 7:00 p.m. April 1, 2014 at Town Hall, 209 E Main, Rangely Colorado, 81648.

Ballot's will not be mailed to electors unless you fill out an absentee ballot request application. Your application must be returned to the town clerk's office on/or before March 28, 2014. You can download absentee ballot applications at [www.rangely.com](http://www.rangely.com) or come into the Town of Rangely offices at 209 E Main for blank forms. This application is necessary even for voters who were previously on Rio Blanco County's permanent mail-in voter list, which was recently eliminated as part of the state's election law adopted last legislative session.

\*NOTE: The First day that nomination petitions maybe circulated is February 10, 2014.

Lisa Piering  
Town Clerk/Treasurer

**OFFICIAL BALLOT FOR  
TOWN OF RANGELY  
REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTION  
APRIL 1, 2014**

Lisa Piering  
Town Clerk

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<input type="radio"/> Frank Huitt	Shall the town of Rangely be authorized to sell or otherwise convey its interest in any or all of the properties commonly known as camper park, energy park, heffley park, and east entrance park (the legal descriptions for which are available for inspection at the town clerk's office) upon terms and conditions approved by the board of trustees in their sole discretion?
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thanks to those who joined Poker Run

Dear Editor:  
Members of the Sizemore Family would like to express their heartfelt thanks and appreciation to all who attended and participated in the annual "I Ride With James" Snowmobile and Poker Run.

Without all of your love and support, this event would not be the success it has become.

Again, thank you,  
Mike, Kathy and Sarah Sizemore  
Abby, Jake, Sarah and Trysta Welle  
And many other family members  
Meeker

Halcomb family says thank you

Dear Editor:  
The family of Helen Bonnell Halcomb would like to thank everyone from friends to family who sent flowers, cards, phone calls, food donations and furry friend donations. Thanks also to Callahan Edfast Mortuary, Pastor Jasper Winston and the Bible Baptist Church for the service.

Such acts of kindness are truly appreciated.  
Brenda Fairchild (Halcomb)  
The Halcomb Family  
Rangely

The railroad finally made it to town

Dear Editor:  
After more than a century of waiting, the "railroad" finally arrived in town pulling the circus train. The smoke and whistle were notably loud and clear during the past week.

In a carefully choreographed circus side show termed "public hearings" by the county on March 11 and 12 in Rangely and Meeker, respectively, the county "dog and pony show" was rolled out for all to behold in "shock and awe."

The "ringmasters" unveiled at long last, after months of secrecy, their plan to demolish most of the historic old elementary school and, as a token to "historic preservation," to save only the classic art deco portion

of the old school to fill it up with court offices. Their redesign was complete with "ski area-style" sloped roofs and an entrance that is completely incongruent with the classic art deco architecture of the historic school and of the downtown buildings, all of which have flat roofs that have worked very well for many decades.

To make sure that there would not be too much said in opposition to the grand plan, the "ringmasters" announced that there would only be three minutes allowed per person for public comments and were most efficient in cutting off any member of the audience who might have had the audacity and temerity to speak longer than their "allotted time." They did a similar maneuver when the cell tower hearings were held a year ago in January, cutting off a number of folks who had some important information to share. So much for the First Amendment.

Most public hearings in other communities simply provide a sign-up list for anyone wishing to speak and do not limit the time for public to have input, particularly since this was the first and only opportunity for anyone having an opinion to express it. The county presentation took about 90 minutes. By contrast, the time allotted for public input amounted to about 45 minutes. Curiously there were about 14 folks who spoke in opposition to destroying the school for a jail/courts/sheriff's office in the heart of the downtown historic district. Only about eight spoke in favor of the jail project.

An audience member asked for a show of hands for how many favored and how many opposed destroying the school, and the straw poll was fairly close.

Not that it would have made any difference, as this whole project has been a done deal since last spring when the Town of Meeker, in its infinite wisdom, gave the school to the county for their jail project — again despite a large turnout of more than 70 citizens at the town meeting who opposed the maneuver.

This was followed closely by the effort of concerned citizens to circulate a petition for referendum of the town ordinance to allow the citizens to vote on whether the school should

be given to the county to tear down and build a jail.

It is also curious that the former town attorney ruled in 2010 that under Colorado law, Title 31-15-713 that any decision to give the school to the county would have to go to a vote of the citizens since it had been used for public purposes.

The town refused to allow the referendum petition to be circulated so that the citizens could exercise their right to vote on the matter. When the town gave the school to the county, the commissioners were requested to permit a ballot issue to again allow the voters to decide on whether the school should be destroyed for a jail. The county's response was that "They did not have to allow an initiative for a ballot question to go forth because they are not required to permit initiatives by their constituents," even though the Colorado Constitution, Article 5, provides that right to all of the citizens.

How very convenient for the county in depriving citizens of their constitutional right to vote on issues. Colorado and Oregon are the only two states that deprive county citizens of their constitutional right to initiatives. Could it be that they knew they would lose if the matter were put to a vote? Sure couldn't let that happen, now could they?

Then there was the matter of more than 400 Rio Blanco county citizens who signed a petition delivered to the Rio Blanco County commissioners in November that opposed destroying the school. Did that have any impact? Not hardly. That's about 8 percent of the registered voters of the county. It only takes 5 percent on a petition to get an item on the ballot (If the county would allow that to happen. Not likely).

As has been previously reported, citizens feel helpless because the elected officials are not accountable to their constituents nor do these officials seem to put any stock in what those who elected them have to say, unless of course it agrees with their position.

One of them said in a recent meeting, "We were elected by the citizens to make decisions, and that's what we are going to do..." conveniently forgetting that government is supposed to be (in the words of Abraham Lincoln) "...of the people, by the people, and for the people." Perhaps a remedial course in civics would be in order, but then it probably wouldn't do any good when minds are already made up and don't want to be confused with the facts.

Enjoy the old school while you can because it will soon be destroyed and replaced by a tacky-tacky brick jail building. That sure will attract heritage tourism to downtown Meeker and greatly improve the economy, now, won't it?

Bob Amick  
Meeker

Fifth Street closing hearing a farce

Dear Editor:  
And now, the "rest of the story." The Town of Meeker held a planning

commission hearing Monday to determine whether Fifth Street between Main and Park streets should be closed so the county can "create a park" between the school and the courthouse."

After considerable testimony by concerned citizens who opposed closing the long-standing street due to cutting off access to one of only two remaining streets that are through routes to the hospital and hill area and direct access to the museum, which is a magnet for heritage tourism, the commission in its infinite wisdom endorsed the county's request to close the street.

This, of course, will likely have been rubber stamped last night by the Meeker Town Board in passing an ordinance to close the street. Again, all part of the glorious plan to make the classic downtown area into a penal institution.

"You can put lipstick on a pig, but the fact remains that it is still only a pig."

Sadly, the building design will be mostly brick and little if any red sandstone masonry, as is the current soon-to-be-demolished classic art deco WPA-built school. Worse yet, the design has a bunch of sloped ski-area-

style roofs and an entrance tacked onto the front of the old school that hides the classic art deco design.

It is tragic that elected officials have no vision or concept for the future of the downtown area. Suggestions were made to bring in experienced urban planners to make recommendations, as was done nearly four years ago, when the University of Colorado at Denver School of Architecture came in and provided an excellent plan that would have provided a number of options for the downtown area that would have provided economic development, assisted-living for seniors, an arts and cultural center for the youth, adults and seniors, a conference and performing arts center, a startup incubator for small businesses and so much more to bring much-needed heritage and agritourism to the town and county.

That plan sits on the shelf gathering dust. A great effort but sadly

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Our Holy God (1)

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Dr. J.D. Watson

HOLY, holy, holy, is the LORD of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory (Is. 6:3). Holiness is the most sparkling jewel of His crown," wrote Puritan Thomas Watson, "it is the name by which God is known." While many think love is the great shining jewel of God's nature, the angels around His throne indicate otherwise. They exalt Him not by shouting, "Loving, loving, loving," rather, **Holy, holy, holy**. While He is certainly loving, that attribute is not the "crown jewel" of His character. More than all else, *God is holy*.

First, then, we see the *magnitude* of God's holiness. The three-fold repetition of an idea is one of the ways of indicating the superlative in Hebrew (as we would add "est" to a word). So, God is not just *holy*, or *holier* than anyone else, rather He is the *holiest* that is possible (or even impossible). There is "a continuous and unbroken antiphonal song" of God's holiness around His throne. This is the only attribute of God, in fact, that is presented in this way. God is not just righteous, rather He is "plus-righteous," not just pure but "beyond pure."

Second, we see the *mightiness* of God's holiness. He is the **LORD of hosts** (*Jehovah-Sābā'ōi*), that is, Ruling Jehovah of the Universe (Gen. 2:1). He governs everything according to His sovereign will.

Third, we see the *manifestation* of God's holiness. The **whole earth is full of His glory**. Giving God glory is the

immediate response to understanding His holiness, for holiness deserves glory. There is nothing else in the universe worthy of praise than is God in His perfections. His holiness is everywhere we look and is demonstrated in all He does. "The LORD is righteous in all his ways," the psalmist declares, "and holy in all his works" (Ps. 145:17).

Fourth, we also see the *majesty* of God's holiness in that final word **glory**. The Hebrew here (*kābôd*) is derived from the verb *kābēd*, "to be heavy or weighty," so to speak of God's glory is to speak of His "weight," His quality, and therefore His majesty and splendor.

Holy, Holy, Holy, His greatest name,  
The name by which God's glory is best known.  
From beginning to end always the same,  
He's seated upon His heavenly throne.  
Holy, holy, holy, is Jehovah,  
Giving praise to His holy name. Selah.

**Scriptures for Study:** Read Psalm 148:1-14, listing all the ways God is to be praised.

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# LETTERS: Writer says conservatives will restore the U.S. to greatness

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ignored. But no. It is far more important to have a jail in the middle of the downtown historic area that could easily have been built north of the courthouse or at the Meeker Terrace. When the commissioners were asked repeatedly at the hearings and most recently at their Monday meeting in Rangely where they approved the jail project to go forth, "...why they didn't have the architect design a parallel plan for a building north of the courthouse or at Meeker Terrace?" they declined to answer. Just as they declined to answer a number of other important questions unless they were favorable to their mission.

Make no mistake, Meeker, Rangely and unincorporated Rio Blanco County is in desperate economic condition and is getting worse by the day. If something that is highly likely to bring heritage and agri-tourism to the county very soon is not implemented, it is not at all unlikely that the tumbleweeds may start rolling through what was a beautiful town.

Other Colorado communities have made great progress with tourism, but Rio Blanco County is still waiting and waiting and waiting.

Are the inmates running the asylum? Something has got to be done, but it can only be done if the citizens stand up for their rights and compel their elected officials to serve their interests and needs, or find candidates who will serve their needs since the current incumbents clearly have no intention of doing so.

Remain silent and you will get to live with the product of your inaction and complacency. You may not like it very much, but you will only have yourself to blame for the end result.

Mary Ann Wilber  
Meeker

## Dog vs. deer in Rangely, who pays?

Dear Editor:

I am a resident of Rangely, living in White River Village. I pay rent, and I believe that entitles me to use the property as mine.

That means my dog is allowed to go in my yard, where she is under my supervision.

So when wildlife comes into my yard and breaks up my bird feeders and eats the tops off my flowers and destroys my property, my dog can't chase them?

The Colorado Parks and Wildlife folks think they are above all. Well, they need to pay attention to the people who pay the taxes that pay their enormous wages and benefits package.

Most of the time when a wildlife cop is needed, they are nowhere to be found.

And try to get these CPW folks to pay for damages? That will be the day.

Ed Ballegeer  
Rangely

## Conservatives restore greatness of U.S.

Dear Editor:

Our grandchildren and great-grandchildren are going to ask, "Grampy, Grammy, why did you do this to us?"

They'll be talking about our nation's debt passed on to them. How could this happen to a great nation such as ours?

The answer lies with gutless politicians who care more about getting re-elected than about what is best for our country.

How do we get out of the mess we are in? Not by taxing the rich (or

the poor).

Two actions need to be taken. First, the size and cost of the federal government must be reduced.

Agencies which have proven to be of little benefit must be abolished. The Department of Education, Department of Energy, Department of Commerce and others fall into this category. Also, agencies such as the Federal Highway Administration, which spends billions passing federal gas tax money back to states from whom it is collected. Eliminate the federal gas tax and have the states collect their own money.

Second, economic growth must be encouraged by elimination of many federal governmental regulations that are blocking the full development of our energy resources. Despite what some shallow-sighted letter writers are saying about new coal mines, coal and natural gas offers us the opportunity to develop energy exporting industries that would solve our problem with balance of payments to foreign countries and create thousands of good-paying jobs.

There are many ways to eliminate dusty roads and I have yet to see a train trailing a cloud of dust. Approve the Keystone pipeline!

Voting true conservatives into

political offices will restore the greatness of our country.

Dick Prosenice  
Meeker

## In support of state over feds

Dear Editor:

The White River and Douglas Creek conservation districts of Rio Blanco County support the State of Colorado pushing back against the federal agencies as they develop land-use plans and consider listing the greater sage-grouse.

The land is within the state and the wildlife is the property of and managed by the state, therefore it is time the state takes back the control of our land and our wildlife issues.

The Endangered Species Act (ESA) has been hijacked by some so-called "environmental" groups at the national level as a way to stop all activities they don't like on public and private lands. This will continue until the states stand up and say enough is enough.

We appreciate Gov. Hickenlooper recognizing that local landowners, counties, ranchers and the energy industry in northwest Colorado can and will protect these species while continuing to utilize the land and resources.

The groups that abuse the ESA as a tool to stop production are not truly concerned with protecting the species or they would recognize and support the value of the work the locals have done to protect the species without listings. Listing a species as threatened or endangered does not put habitat conservation on the ground like the local landowners and partnerships do.

As a partner in the on-the-ground conservation efforts, the state has contributed \$40 million to conservation easements. As partners, the landowners have contributed additional dollars through time and actual conservation

projects such as installing miles of stock water lines to improve grazing management and deferring grazing near leks (mating areas) for the benefit of the grouse.

They have also forgone valuable property improvements and structures that could be detrimental to grouse or their habitat.

Landowners and industries will gladly work with partners to help protect the species as long as they are free to do it in the way that works for them and the grouse. While federal agencies have specialists, they don't live on the land so they don't know the all the aspects to truly managing the land and wildlife.

Local landowners are the ones who know the history and what the land and wildlife really need.

Leonard Thompson  
President

White River Conservation District  
Rio Blanco County

## County looking for agreement, not input

Dear Editor:

This is an open letter to the County Commissioners,

I attended the presentation in Meeker last Wednesday on the proposed new justice center on the assumption you wished input from the public. I intended to speak, opposing putting it on Fifth Street, but by the time the presentation was over, it was clear to me that you were not asking for input, only agreement. Your decision had already been made.

Gentlemen, (and I use the term grudgingly) be aware that the public will be heard from. It may not be in time to save the school, but we will be heard loud and clear at the next election! I challenge you to put this matter to a vote before you destroy something you can never rebuild.

Dixie Jones  
Meeker



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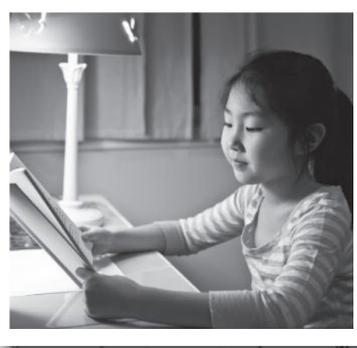
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# COMMENTS: Ellis calls for united community over project

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now, but we have had as many as 33," he said. "This jail will be there for when that happens again and that won't require us to build a larger jail later. This is not an extravagant jail. The plans make the building much safer for staff, officers and the inmates, and it brings people into the downtown area to eat and shop when they are at the courthouse for their court cases or when visiting friends or relatives who are inmates. And it gives us an attractive, vibrant building that is being used instead of just standing there."

Gus Halandras: "I love the school, I have carved on it, I graduated from it, but an unused building doesn't bring revenue, only cost." He complimented the county on a sound plan for the building and he felt the plan as presented will work toward bringing an active economy back to the downtown area.

"We may have already lost a

good chance to fix the downtown as empty old buildings don't help," he said. "Empty building don't pay bills and a dead downtown is not a viable downtown."

Sparky Pappas: Pappas said she doesn't want to see Fifth Street closed. She said she believes there is too much pressure on Sixth Street now and that a closure of Fifth Street would hurt Fourth and Sixth streets by putting more pressure on them.

Brian Conrado: Conrado spoke of all the hard work done by the Meeker group that wants to save the old elementary school. He said the people with HistoryColorado have been "enthralled" with the old school. Conrado also said that there is no questions there are structural problems with the newer L-shaped portion of the old elementary school, but he urged the commissioners to give the closure of the school more thought since it could be used as a community center.

LaTone Mangus: Mangus made

the comment that she just doesn't want the justice center downtown and that it should be built "out of town, where it belongs."

Quentin Smith: Smith said he wanted to commend the commissioners on their efforts to enhance Meeker's environment and community.

"You have done that with this project," he said.

Bob Amick: Amick reminded the commissioners and the audience that many refurbished buildings around Colorado have brought money into those towns and that agri-history is a huge money maker in the state. Amick has long been one of the leader of the local group to "repurpose" the old elementary school for a variety of community projects such as meeting rooms, a community center, a cultural arts center, for partial use as senior housing and a variety of uses — with the potential of turning the building into an income-producer. Amick did commend the commissioners for their openness and the openness of the county staff.

Mark Hafkenshiel: "I believe the commissioners have made their decisions in backdoor meetings and

that they have ignored and mocked the citizens of this community. I believe this is an ill-conceived and ill-planned project."

Mary Whalin: Whalin said she thought the project didn't need to be so big as to take up two full blocks of downtown Meeker and she added that she believed there was no way that such a small town needed to spend so much money for the courthouse and a justice center.

Whalin asked for a show of hands of those in the audience in favor or against the project. A majority of those who raised their hands were in favor of the justice center proposal.

(Editor's Note: Of the roughly 90 people in the audience, a guesstimate would be that 30 people didn't vote either way and that it was a 60 percent/40 percent split, with the 60 percent of those who did vote voting in favor of the justice center.)

Carol Parr: Parr said the most important thing is to be certain that the officers are safe and that the design of the proposed center does that. She also said that she is not in favor of tearing down the old school, "but compromise is needed." She also said she is very concerned with

with all of the heavy traffic using Third Street and would like to see something done there, then preserve Fifth Street to help take the pressure off Third Street, preferring to see that traffic funneled up Fifth.

Jim Ellis: Ellis called for a united town over the project and said the commissioners did a great facilities plan for low costs and for blending the original and the new by utilizing the front of the old school.

"We need to maintain the downtown, and the hospital leaving its location won't help," he said. "If we move the justice center out of town, then we have two empty buildings. The courts and the jail do bring a lot of people to town and they do go to the restaurants in town and do some shopping — and all that income does go into the town's coffers."

Jackelin Hafkenshiel: Hafkenshiel said she just wanted to inform the commissioners that many of the elderly in town are afraid of having the jail and prisoners in the downtown. She also said she was very upset that the commissioners limited the amount of time people could speak at the public meeting, which was set up to hear input from the public.

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OBITUARIES

**Mary Arlene Brown**

Oct. 29, 1935 ~ Feb. 25, 2014

Mary Arlene Brown passed away Feb. 25, 2014, in Las Vegas, Nev., due to complications from emergency surgery. Her children, Marlin Brown, Marilee Rippey (both of Glenwood Springs, Colo.) and Melissa Kindall (of Meeker, Colo.) were at her side.

Arlene was born at the family home in New Castle, Colo., on Oct. 29, 1935. She attended school and was graduated from high school as a New Castle Tiger. She spent countless days as a child on a ranch in Piceance Creek with the Busby family.

She met Marvin Robert Brown at the Silt Bar and Café and danced him off of his feet. They were married Jan. 10, 1953, and had three children over the next six years. They lived as a couple in the house in which she was born, raising their family.

In 1966, when RE-2 schools consolidated, necessitating students being bused to Rifle to attend high school, they decided to move to Glenwood Springs. Arlene got a job as the secretary of the middle school and worked

during the summer months as a Mountain Bell telephone operator. She was active in the Democratic Party, acting as a precinct committee-woman. She campaigned hard for Gov. Dick Lamm, Sen. Gary Hart and Lt. Gov. Nancy Dick.

After Marvin's death in 1976, Arlene went to college, studied her first year at Colorado Mountain College then moved on to the University of Northern Colorado, where she earned a degree in psychology. She tried her hand at social work when she returned home taking in a group of foster children but soon discovered her psychology skills were put to better use in the hospitality and retail arenas. She worked at Marc's Toys and Pets, Sioux Villa Curio, Village Inn, K-Bob's Steakhouse, and Buffalo Valley. She began snow birding to Bullhead City, Ariz., and working at the casinos across the river in Laughlin, Nev. Eventually, she made the move to the warm climate permanent. In 2003, she moved to Las

Vegas and began working in the gift shops at the Excalibur Casino, chatting with every customer who walked through the door. After her retirement in October 2012, she spent her time sending surprise packages to her seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren, putting together photo albums and organizing family reunions. She will be remembered as woman always full of vim and vigor, strength and great self-will from having been widowed at age 41.

Memorial services were held at the New Castle Recreation Center in downtown New Castle, Colo., on Sunday, March 16, 2014, at 12:30 p.m. A wonderful crowd of old and new friends and family celebrated her life. The afternoon was complete with an extra-special lunch provided by Halandras Catering.

**JUSTICE: 'Compromise is a strong reality'**

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construction and has completed projects in Nebraska, Louisiana, Wyoming and Montana, but works mostly in Colorado, said the justice center in Meeker will hold nothing more than courts, related offices, the sheriff's office and jail.

He said that utilizing the old school offers several advantages in that: there is no significant dirt work needed; 10,000 square feet of the project will be reused because of the old school; the site already has all utilities; no road work needs to be added; parking is already in place and 10 additional parking places will be added with the project; and the sandstone that will be utilized in the front of the center is already there and it fits in with downtown architecture.

Johnson added that the center offers a good way to separate staff, the public and the inmates from each other, making it safer for all.

Also, a 1,500 square-foot gazebo will be located about 50 feet north of the intersection of Fifth and Main streets, if that road is closed, Johnson pointed out on the drawing.

Jaquez said, "We consider this whole thing still in the concept stage and what we have is still subject to change. The key now is to offer an idea, and these drawings are currently what we feel is best for the county."

Bolton also reported that the county is talking with the Colorado Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) on a possible \$4 million to \$6 million grant and with HistoryColorado for money to help pay the costs of doors and windows, which would help defray some of the overall costs.

"We will also strongly pursue grants," he said. "That would hopefully save the county more money."

Bolton also pointed out that the new justice center will be for Rio Blanco County inmates and that prisoners from other counties will not be

accepted. The last speaker before the meeting was opened for public input was Rebecca Goodwin of LaJunta, chairman of the board for Colorado Preservation, Inc.

She said that every 10 years the state does a comprehensive study of needs and that many of the older schools have been lost in the past 10 years.

"I also recognize that the jail is aging and that there are a lot of problems," she said.

"I'm not here to tell you what to do, but I have learned that compromise is a strong reality of life," Goodwin said. "I am impressed with the courthouse drawings, particularly with the commissioners' intent to keep the front of the school and to keep the flat roof or appearance of the flat roof."

"But most importantly, I would urge everyone in town to maintain a sense of community," she said. "Don't let this issue tear the townfolks apart."

**Clayton Claude Graham**

Dec. 20, 1934 ~ March 10, 2014

Clayton Claude Graham passed away March 10, 2014, in Meeker, Colo. He was born Dec. 20, 1934, in Rifle, Colo., to Elmer and Hazel Graham, the youngest of five children. He was raised in Rifle.

On July 13, 1957, Clayton married Bonnie Johnson. Shortly after getting married, Clayton spent some time in the Army, serving in the eastern states and in Germany.

Together, he and Bonnie had two children, Kirk and Lora. After having children, he worked in the natural gas field. The family spent a few years living in Wyoming, but they spent most of their time living in the Piceance Creek and Meeker areas. Clayton also spent a few years working at ColoWyo Coal Co.

Bonnie passed away in August 2002.

Family was very important to Clayton, and he will be greatly



Clayton Graham

missed by them. He loved being outdoors. He enjoyed spending time riding his horses, camping and gardening. And his grandchildren loved doing these activities with him.

Clayton is survived by: his son, Kirk Graham of Parachute, Colo.; his daughter, Lora (Maurice) Henschel of Grand Junction, Colo.; nine grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and his sister, Velma Hopper of Sacramento, Calif.

Services were held at 11 a.m. on Saturday March 15, 2014, at Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Rifle, Colo. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery in Rifle.

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## STEM VISITS MEEKER ...



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On Feb. 28, the mobile field trip known as the STEM Museum arrived at Meeker Elementary School. Stem stands for Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. All elementary students and Barone Middle School sixth-graders enjoyed the day with hands-on demonstrations. They had an opportunity to experience robotics, 3D printer mathematic shapes, gears, etc. Meeker's Parent-Teacher Organization sponsored the program. The man in charge of the STEM Museum has taken this museum all over the country and he said the Meeker students are very well mannered and followed directions very nicely. Pictured above are Jacob Palmer, Narely Oliva, Ryan Sullivan, Judd Harvey and Stephen Koenig.

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# Youngest team wins Buy/Fly Fishing Tournament

Special to the Herald Times

**MEEKER** | The 10th annual White River Community Association Buy/Fly Fishing Tournament brought out six excellent teams who competed for some great prizes and enjoyed good food and community hospitality.

The purpose of the tournament is three-fold: to raise money for the sustainability of the historic Buford School; to secure the whitefish for the annual Community Fish Fry held in June each year; and to provide a fun, competitive opportunity for the community. Folks can mark their calendars for this year's Fish Fry, set for June 14, 2014.

Even with bad weather for the first day of the tournament, the teams fished hard, and Sunday turned in to a very productive day with plenty of bright sunshine and hungry whitefish. Final weigh-in was Sunday afternoon followed by a delicious chili dinner complete with jalapeno cornbread prepared by Boots Campbell, Dean Hubbell and Arlene Fritzlan. Delectable desserts were also on hand, prepared by association members.

Topping the prize table was Orvis Mirage Big Game Fly Reels for the first-place team, which was also the youngest team. Co-Sponsored by Sable Mountain Outfitters and the K Bar T Ranch, locals Daylon Nielsen, Dayton Willey, Jake Edinger and Codee Woodward took top honors and each received an Orvis fly reel. Fly boxes with fishing accessories, donated in part by Wyatt's Sports Center, were also awarded to this team.

The second-place team, calling themselves "Better Lucky than Good," came all the way from New Mexico. They also garnered the high point individual award. The team was comprised of Duane Baker, Victor Sanchez, Jeff Warren and H. Warren. Second-place winners all received



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Orvis Fully Loaded Trout Flats Pack, and Baker was awarded the high point individual prizes of a \$150 gift certificate donated by Elk Creek Fly Fishing Shop and a pair of wading boots donated by the Rio Blanco Ranch.

For the third year in a row, the third-place team hails from Castle Rock, Colo., calling themselves "The Mustangs," consisting of Tom Brauch, his son Hayden, Carlos Aragon and Tanner Capulong. This team received heavy-duty Leatherman tools from Wyatt's Sports Center.

There were three other teams. Most notable for their "getting wet" style of fishing, and calling them-

elves "The Commish Team," were Rio Blanco County Commissioners Shawn Bolton and Jeff Eskelson, Jeff's son Zach, and Quentin Smith.

The two other teams were "The Princess Team" headed up by Mark Scritchfield, Mason Scritchfield, Dakota Docheff and Pat White. Sable Mountain sponsored another team that put out a great effort and are to be commended on their dedication to the Meeker High School girls' basketball team. They competed at the State Basketball Tournament in Pueblo this past week, waited to cheer on and support the girls' team on Friday night, then drove all night from Pueblo to be at the up-river location of the

Buford School for the early start of the tournament on Saturday morning. This Sable Mountain team was made up of Ty Dunham, Noah Overton, Kash Atwood and Jake Smith.

The White River Community Association thanks the judges for this year's event: local Colorado Parks and Wildlife District Wildlife managers Bailey Franklin and Jeff Goncalves, Shawn Welder, Kent Nielsen and Tony Weiss. The association also thanks the community for its continued support of the Historic Buford School, looking forward to seeing everyone at the annual Community Fish Fry on June 14 at Buford School.

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## 2014 2A CONSOLATION CHAMPIONS

By **HALLIE BLUNT**  
Special to the Herald Times

**MEEKER I** The seniors on the Meeker girls' basketball team ended their high school basketball careers with a win Saturday, finishing in third place in the 2014 Colorado State Basketball Championships.

"There are 67 2A teams in the state and three win their last game, less than five percent," head coach Greg Chintala said.

The team sealed their place in the history books with the best finish in Meeker girls' basketball in 19 years. The competition in Pueblo was extremely tough but the Cowboys proved they belonged there with the best.

Meeker came out Thursday night against Akron and had another huge first quarter outscoring the Rams 23-16 in the first quarter. Meeker cooled off a little in the second quarter but held their lead to go into the half up one.

Akron was not going to back down and kept the score close trailing by one going into the final eight minutes. The incredible rebounding of Deena Norell, (six in the first quarter alone), kept the Cowboys in control.

The defensive pressure increased in the last quarter and the aggressive drives by Sydney Hughes and shooting by Taylor Neilson gave Meeker a spot in the final four with a 52-47 win over Akron.

Neilson led the team in scoring with 17, followed by Hughes with 13, Piper Haney with 10, Norell finished with seven and Aly Ridings had five.

The semifinal game proved to be one that could very well have been played Saturday night, as it was the closest and arguably the most exciting game of the tournament. Hometown fans that could not make the trip heard it all on their radios, and it was obvious Meeker was out-sized but certainly not out-worked.

Lutheran had a 6-foot post underneath, quick guards and a long bench. They were the number one seed but Meeker was not intimidated.



The Meeker High School girls' basketball team ended its season on a winning note with a 62-56 victory against Peyton in the consolation championship of the 2014 2A Colorado State Basketball Championships in Pueblo. The lady Cowboys finished with an impressive 23-3 record. Pictured with the third place trophy are, in front: Piper Haney, Sydney Hughes, Taylor Neilson, Aly Ridings, Deena Norell and Megan Parker. In back: assistant coach Karen Dinwiddie, Taylor Morris, Reece Pertile, head coach Greg Chintala, Jenna Walsh, Alex Duell, Jamie McLaughlin and assistant coach Julie Bowman.

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"We were the smallest team there but out rebounded all the teams," Coach Chintala said.

The lady Cowboys came out matching the level of play and finished the first quarter down two, behind Haney's four points. The second quarter was no doubt the best defense Lutheran had seen all season as they were only able to score two points. Meeker used the momentum from their defense to get their offense going and a three-point shot by Norell gave the Cowboys the lead. Hughes played like only she can, getting steals and increasing the tempo as she had two assists to Ridings, increasing Meeker's lead.

Neilson had a 3-pointer with a little over three minutes in the second quarter and the Cowboys went into the locker room up six points.

The second half was a fight throughout and Lutheran closed the gap to be within one going into the final quarter. In the last eight minutes, the game was back and forth, both teams fighting for the chance to play in the championship game.

The work ethic of the Cowboys made them a "crowd favorite," Chintala said.

Hughes continued to drive to the basket and draw fouls forcing foul trouble for Lutheran and putting Meeker in the double bonus early.

Neilson, Ridings, Haney and Norell played together, out-rebounding the bigger girls and making plays that could only be learned from hours and hours on the elementary courts growing up.

Ridings had a 3-point play late in the quarter and the Cowboys took a four point lead with just over a minute to play.

Lutheran hit a big three to get the game back to one. The last 30 seconds seemed to last forever, and a heartbreaking shot fell in the final seconds to give Lutheran a 1-point lead 39-38.

The loss set up a Saturday game against a tough Peyton team for third

place. The consolation championship is won by the team that can come back from a loss, determined to end their season on a win.

Meeker came out a little cold in the first quarter and were down 7-19 after the first eight minutes. The fight the girls have shown all season came back in the second quarter and they roared to 24-9 second quarter score, going into half up three.

A questionable foul called on Hughes gave her four fouls and unable to play in the third quarter. Meeker kept their composure but were down two after three quarters.

Behind the confident, ball handling and shooting of Neilson,

Meeker put together a very impressive fourth quarter, outscoring Peyton by eight points and winning the game 62-56.

Meeker once again had balanced scoring and found different players stepping up at different times as they did the entire tournament and year. The girls put together an impressive 23-3 season and a third place finish.

Chintala said, "I am extremely proud of what this team did, they were incredible."

Congratulations to the team and coaches of the 2014 third place team, you have left a mark greater than any in nearly two decades, and represented Meeker well on and off the court.

## MHS Cowboys end season as an "Elite Eight" team

By **HALLIE BLUNT**  
Special to the Herald Times

**MEEKER I** The Meeker High School boys' basketball team played two very tough games in the 2014 Colorado 2A Basketball Championships in Pueblo over the weekend, finishing their season as one of the top eight 2A teams in the state.

"I am very proud of what we accomplished this year," head coach Klark Kindler said of his team, "We faced some adversity with injuries, but our kids didn't make excuses and just went out and played hard and won the big games that we needed."

Meeker won several big games throughout the season, including the very exciting double overtime win in the regional finals. The team gained a great deal of experience at the state tournament, and Kindler said, "The experience is something the kids will always remember."

The Cowboys began their tournament against the Akron Rams and the state's all-time leading scorer in Brady Baer.

Kindler said, "He was better than advertised."

Meeker came out battling, but the

team was down 13-18 after the first quarter. The Cowboys knew they needed to shoot the ball well against the very tough zone defense of Akron but could not get shots to fall.

The team was led by Joe Newman who had an outstanding game, scoring 21 points. Jeremy Musgrave had 20 points, Dylan Mobley had nine, Ty Dunham eight, Raul Lopez came away with four and Kash Atwood added two.

Meeker outscored Akron by nine points in the final period, 26-17, but it was not enough to overcome a second quarter run by the Rams. The final period proved the Cowboys had tremendous heart and would not go down easy.

Next, Meeker was paired against Holyoke on Friday night for a chance to play again Saturday.

Kindler said, "We competed very hard."

The team came out showing, once again, that they were an elite-eight team. At the end of the first period, the score was tied 19-19. The second quarter showed the defense on both ends of the floor tightening up, and Meeker went into the locker room down just two.

Holyoke made a run in the third



The Meeker High School boys' basketball team ended its season as a member of the "Elite Eight," qualifying for the 2014 2A Colorado State Basketball Championships in Pueblo. The Cowboys will return several players, all of whom played and got state experience, hopeful for a return trip to the "Big Dance" next year. Pictured are; assistant coach Matt Dupire, Kash Atwood, Matt Frantz, Jeremy Musgrave, Ty Dunham, Dylan Mobley, Joe Newman, Tony Collins, Cade Rowlett, Jake Smith, Raul Lopez, Lane Anderson, Tommy Chitwood and head coach Klark Kindler.

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quarter, and that was the difference in the game. Meeker was led in scoring by Mobley with 17, followed by Newman and Musgrave with 11 each, Lopez had eight, Dunham had three

and Atwood added three. Meeker played extremely hard for 32 minutes but fell to Holyoke 64-54 in the end.

The boys had an outstanding season, with a team that found different

individuals stepping up at different times to find ways to win. The Cowboys have several returning players who gained great experience and confidence over the year and the

seniors proved to be outstanding leaders for the team.

League and state awards will be given at the end-of-year banquet and then released.



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### RHS BASEBALL TEAM Rangely High School

The Rangely Panther varsity baseball team opened the season at home, winning a doubleheader against South Park, winning the first 19-9 and the second 5-4. The Panthers will host Meeker on Saturday, starting at 1 p.m.

### MHS GIRLS' BASKETBALL TEAM Meeker High School

The Meeker girls' varsity basketball team won league and regional championship titles this season and capped off a 23-3 season with a victory in the consolation championship game in the 2014 2A Colorado State Basketball Championships.





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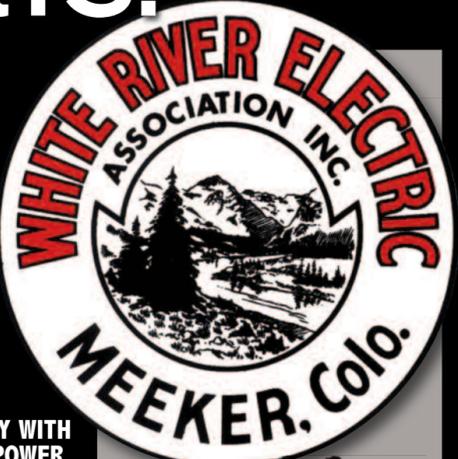
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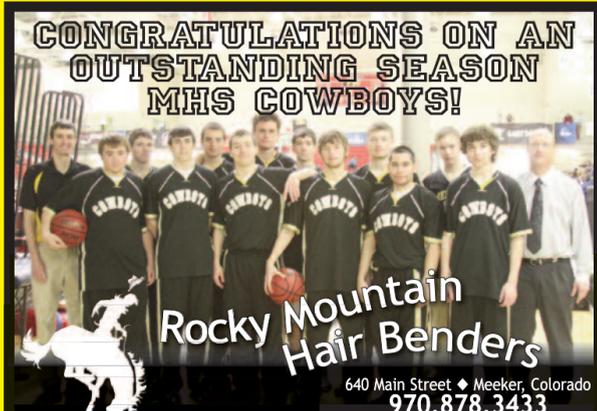
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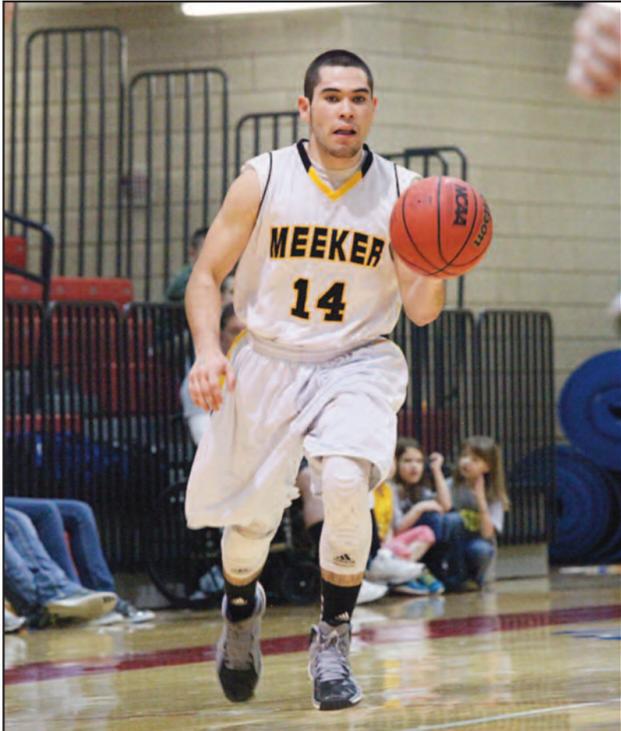
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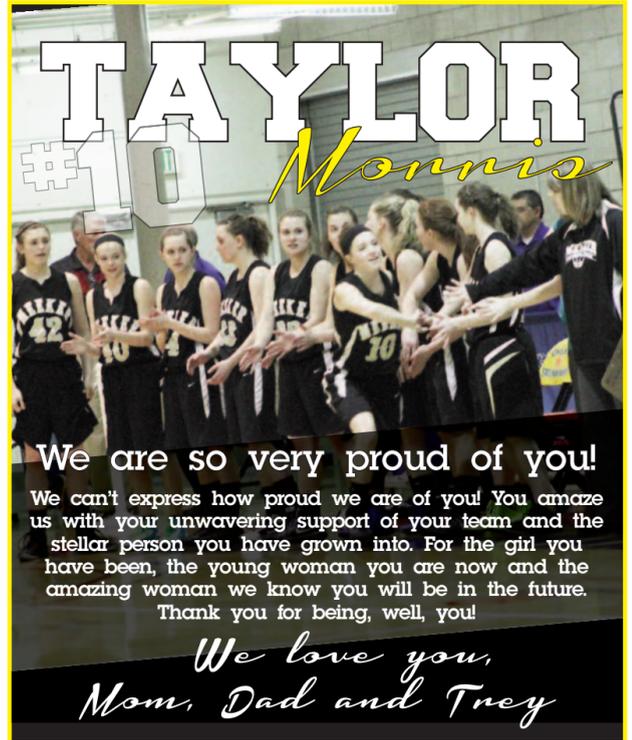
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The Meeker boys' varsity basketball team was led by seniors Dylan Mobley and Jeremy Musgrave to a regional championship and was one of the state Class 2A "Elite Eight" teams, playing in the 2014 Colorado State Basketball Championships. The senior duo was supported by junior starters Raul Lopez and Joe Newman and sophomore Ty Dunham. Sophomore Kash Atwood played quality minutes all season, and although the starting five will graduate two, juniors Cade Rowlett, Tony Collins and Matt Frantz, sophomores Jake Smith and Tom Chitwood and freshman Clay Anderson will return with state experience. Junior Jake Phelan, who was injured in football, missed the entire basketball season but is also expected to return.

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# MHS Cowboys open track season in Rifle

Special to the Herald Times

**MEEKER** I The Meeker Cowboys Track and Field team had a solid start to their season at the Rifle Invitational on Friday. The team was fortunate enough to take 45 hard-working athletes to the meet despite the fact that many team members were still playing basketball at the state tournament in Pueblo.

There were certainly some bright spots for the boys' and girls' squads. The trio of Halle Ahrens, Linda Olivas and Madison Russell took fourth, sixth and ninth places, respectively, in the 100-meter dash.

"Against the 4A and 5A high schools at this meet, shows there are great things to come for this group of sprinters," head coach John Strate said.

The same group, with the addition of Taylor Ahrens, took second place in the 4x100-meter relay with their impressive early season time of 52.96. Hallie Ahrens also ran her way to second-place finish in the 200-meter dash with her time of

27.41.

Senior Ohana Mataia had a strong first outing for the Cowboys in the discus. Mataia was able to earn second place honors with her throw of 102 feet 3 1/2 inches, matching her career best.

For the boys' side of the team, TJ Shelton brought home top honors in the 100-meter dash.

"His goal starting the year is to defend his title from last year in this event," Strate said.

Among other returning state qualifiers are Aaron Cochran, Anthony Watt and Caleb Lange. Watt brings versatility to the table as last year he competed at the state meet in three relays, placing in two of them. Cochran and Lange should be able to lead a mid-distance group back to the state meet this year with their work ethic and dedication.

The next meet for the Cowboys is Saturday in Hotchkiss.

"It should be interesting to see how the team matches up with teams of similar size at this meet," coach Strate said.



Meeker's defending Class 2A 100-meter dash state champion T.J. Shelton, right, is pictured running the 100 in the first track meet of the season in Rifle. Shelton won the race, then traveled to Denver to wrestle in the Rocky Mountain Nationals, where he finished seventh in the 18-and-under division. Sheridan Harvey was a runner-up in the 15-under division and Casey Turner placed fifth at Rocky Mountain Nationals.

# BMS wrestlers host tournament Saturday

By **BOBBY GUTIERREZ**  
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**MEEKER** I Because of other extracurricular activities, a smaller number of Barone Middle School wrestlers competed in Oak Creek but several placed in the top four and the team finished fourth.

BMS seventh-grader Tannen Kennedy and eighth-grader

Jacob Pelloni both advanced to the championship match but only Kennedy was victorious.

"We have some really aggressive kids and Tannen is one of them," head coach Lee Overton said of Kennedy, who won the 105 pound bracket. "I was glad to see Tannen win it, he's directing his energy in the right direction and he gets after it."

Trapper McGruder finished third in the 80-pound bracket and the young Cowboys had three others finish fourth; Codey

Follman (85), James Amick (115) and Christopher Strate (125).

Meeker will host the final tournament of the regular season Saturday, starting at 10 a.m. Overton said the team will have some wrestlers in the Middle School regional tournament in Grand Junction, where the top eight wrestlers in each weight, will qualify for the middle school state tournament the following week.

## BATTER UP!...



The Rangely Panther baseball team opened their season at home against South Park and won the double header. Staggered on the field for the National Anthem are; sophomore **Jessy Powell (6)**, seniors **Lucas Heinle (4)** and **Ryan Wilczek (18)**, sophomore **Kaulan Brady (7)**, junior **Kelton Elam (1)**, senior **Cameron Enterline (12)**, sophomore **Jimmie Sherman (5)**, sophomore **Kiki Ruiz (2)** and freshman **Nych DeLeon (3)**. The Panthers will host Meeker for a doubleheader Saturday, starting at 11 a.m.

TRACY ENTERLINE

# Rangely youth wrestlers get started with 2014 season

By **BOBBY GUTIERREZ**  
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**RANGELY** I Many youth wrestlers from Rangely have already wrestled in two tournaments, with 20 traveling to Vernal, Utah, two weeks ago for a pre-season tournament and several more competing in the Little Warrior tournament on Saturday in Grand Junction.

"The youngsters wrestled very well," coach Jeff LeBleu said.

The young Panthers crowned 12 champions in Vernal, including Eric Petrocco, Carmella Fortunato, Jaden Heredia, Landon Carlson, Breckin McElhaney, Marcos Quintanna, Kobey Chism, Anthony Dorris, Corbin Lucero, Donte Pearce, Zane Varner

and Anthony Lujan.

Kenney Hensen Jr., Gage Nielsen, Stephen Koenig, Colton Stevens and Jonas Saunders finished as runners-up. Levi Petrocco and Wyatt Wiley finished fourth and Izaih Moody wrestled but did not place in the top four.

Rangely took eight wrestlers to Grand Junction and three were crowned Little Warrior champions. Braden Lucas, Kobey Chism and Zane Varner all won gold medals. Marcos Quintanna and Corbin Lucero placed second and Kenney Hensen Jr., placed third. Steven Koenig and Donte Pearce both placed fourth.

Ella Fortunato was the only Rangely youth wrestler to compete in Roosevelt, Utah, and she returned home a champion.

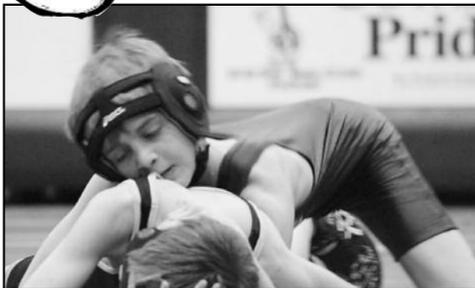
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3/22 @ Rangely Scrimmage - 4pm  
3/29 @ Hotchkiss DH - TBD  
4/5 @ Paonia DH  
4/10 @ HOME vs. Rangely DH  
4/15 @ Basalt DH - 2pm, 4pm  
4/17 @ HOME vs. Grand Valley - 11, 1pm

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Subdivision Exemption 14-01, Coal Creek Partnership is requesting a determination from the Board of County Commissioners that the portions of land involved do not meet the statutory definition of "subdivision", under Colorado Revised Statutes 30-28-101 (10)(d), allowing the applicant to divide the property that will create two separate parcels at 438 Market Street, Meeker, CO in Section 23, 24, 25 & 26, T1N, R94W 6th P.M. Copies of the documents may be obtained from the Community Development Department at 200 Main Street in Meeker, Colorado, or you may call (970) 878-9580 for more information between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.  
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### PUBLIC NOTICE RIO BLANCO COUNTY BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS HEARING

Notice is hereby given that on Monday March 24, 2014, the Rio Blanco County Board of Adjustment will hold a public hearing beginning at 1:15 p.m. at the Rio Blanco County Administration Building, 200 Main Street, Meeker, Colorado to consider the following:  
Variance 14-01, Jeff Musgrave representing Shay Wangnild seeking a variance from the setback requirement to allow addition of an extension on an existing garage to be within 3.1 ft. of property line at 75 County Rd 43, Meeker CO, Section 4, T1S, R93W.  
Copies of the documents may be obtained from the Community Development Department at 200 Main Street in Meeker, Colorado, or you may call (970) 878-9580 for more information between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.  
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### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The Estate of Doris L. Weller also known as Doris Louise Weller, Doris Weller, Doris Louise Zink, Doris L. Zink and Doris Zink, Deceased,  
Case Number 2014 PR 30009  
All persons having claims against the above-named estate are required to present them to the Personal Representative or to: District Court of Rio Blanco, County, Colorado at PO Box 1150, 555 Main St., Meeker, CO 81641, on or before July 24, 2014, or the claims may be forever barred.  
Linda Hinmon, Personal Representative  
2210 Dubois Circle  
Marshalltown, IA 50158  
641-751-2951  
FJ Fennessy  
Attorney  
PO Box 1518  
Meeker, CO 81641  
970-878-4783  
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### Board of County Commissioners Monday, March 24, 2014 County Administration Bldg, 200 Main Meeker, Colorado Tentative Board Agenda

Items of routine and non-controversial nature are placed on the consent agenda. Any Commissioner or member of the audience may request an item be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered separately on the regular agenda prior to action being taken by the Board on the Consent Agenda.  
**Public Comment:** Any member of the public may address the Board on matters which are within the jurisdiction of the Board. If you are addressing the Board regarding a matter listed on the Agenda, you are requested to make your comments when the Board takes that matter. Please limit your comments to three minutes per member or five minutes per group. The public comment time is not for questions and answers. It is your time to express your views.  
11:00 a.m. Call to order:  
Pledge of Allegiance  
Changes or additions to the March 24, 2014 Tentative Agenda  
Approval of the March 24, 2014 Agenda  
Consent Agenda for March 24, 2014  
Consideration of the Board Minutes of March 17, 2014  
Ambulance Licensing  
**Business Agenda:**  
Request for approval to submit DOLA Grants  
Request for approval to submit Fairfield Grant  
**Bid Award and Contract:**  
2014 Dust Control Project, GMCO Corporation in the amount of \$273,863.47  
Lower White River Pest Control District Commercial applicator and Aerial Spray  
2014 Rio Blanco County CR 72 Paving Project.  
Bids:  
2014 RBC Crackfill Project  
**Resolutions:**  
Consideration of a Resolution on the appointment of Workforce Members for

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All real estate advertised herein is subject to the Federal Fair Housing act, which makes it illegal to advertise "any preference, limitation, or discrimination because of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status, or national origin, or intention to make any such preference, limitation, or discrimination." This newspaper will not knowingly accept any advertising for real estate which is in violation of the law. All persons are hereby informed that all dwellings advertised are available on an equal opportunity basis.

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2014  
**Other Business**  
BLM Kent Walter Monthly Update  
County Commissioners Updates  
Public Comment  
Break  
1:15 p.m. Hearing: Development/Planning RE-Plat 14-01, Alan Nielsen Minor Subdivision Boundary Line Adjustment at 75 CR 43, Sec 4, T1S, R93W  
Variance 14-01, Shay Wangnild setback requirements at 75 CR 43, Section 4, T1S, R93W  
**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 14 in Meeker at the County Administration Building. Please check the County, website for information at www.co.rio-blanco.co.us/departments/commissioners  
If you need special accommodations please call 970-878-9573 in advance of the meeting so that reasonable accommodations may be made.  
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**Public Notice** is hereby given that Technology Vendors are invited to submit a Statement of Interest for consideration of Pioneers Medical Center, Meeker, Colorado regarding the Technology Systems of the replacement hospital.  
**REQUIREMENTS:** Candidates must submit a Statement of Interest and respond to a Request for Proposal (RFP) including a certified Qualifications Statement to be considered. Inquiries regarding the RFP and submission of Statements of Interest should be directed to the Technology Consultant: Brian Johnson, RCDD Senior Technology Designer Mazzetti 320 Seven Springs Way, Suite 115 Brentwood, TN 37027  
Phone: 615-312-6484  
Email: bjohnson@mazzetti.com  
**PROCESS:** Interested candidates must submit three (3) copies of the Qualifications Statement as described in the RFP by 5:00 MDT on March 26, 2014 to the above address in order to be considered in the selection process. Short-listed firms will then be issued a Request for Proposal and finalists will be subject to a reference check and interview.  
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**Bid Request**  
**Piceance Weed and Pest Control District Hand Spraying of Herbicide and Ariel Spraying of Herbicide**  
The Piceance Weed and Pest Control District is soliciting bids for Herbicide hand spraying and Herbicide ariel spraying. bid packets are available by calling Chris Uphoff at 87-5130. Mailed bids are due to the Board of County Commissioners, P.O. Box i, Meeker, CO 81641 no later than 4:00 p.m. on April 10th, 2014. If hand delivered the bids are due no later than 11:00 a.m. on April 14th, 2014 to the County Commissioners, County Administration Building, 200 Main, Meeker, CO. The bids will be opened at 4:15 on the 14th of April. All bids must be clearly marked "Herbicide Hand Spraying" or "Herbicide Ariel Spraying" on the outside of the bid.  
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### NOTICE TO CREDITORS BY PUBLICATION PURSUANT TO § 15-12-801, C.R.S.

Estate of Davie D. Robertson, also known as Dave Robertson,  
Deceased  
Case No. 2014 PR 30011  
All persons having claims against the above-named estate are required to present them to the Personal Representative or to the District Court of Rio Blanco County, Colorado, on or before July 21, 2014, or the claims may be forever barred.  
Cheryl D. Robertson, Personal Representative  
c/o David J. Turner  
Turner & Perry, P.C.  
300 Main Street, Suite 202  
Grand Junction, Colorado 81501  
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### PUBLIC NOTICE TOWN OF DINOSAUR MUNICIPAL ELECTION APRIL 1, 2014

TO: THE ELECTORS OF THE TOWN OF DINOSAUR, COLORADO:  
NOTICE is hereby given that a regular municipal election for the Town of Dinosaur will be held on Tuesday, April 1, 2014, between the hours of 7:00 A.M. and 7:00 P.M. The polling place for all electors of the Town for the election shall be at the Town Hall, 317 Stegosaurus Freeway, Dinosaur Colorado.  
The following Town officers will be elected at such election: a Mayor (two-year term), three members of the Town Board of Trustees (four year terms) and one member of the Town Board of Trustees (two year term).  
The following are the candidates to be voted upon:

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**MAYOR**  
Two-year term  
One position  
Candidates:  
Mike Allen Sr.  
Richard A. Blakley  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
Four-year term  
Three positions  
Candidates:  
Toby Cortez  
David Heinrich  
Two-year term  
One position  
Qualifications for person to vote in the municipal Election are: attain the age of eighteen (18) years of age; be a citizen of the United States; be a resident of the Town of Dinosaur on or before February 28, 2014 and registered to vote for the Municipal Election by February 28, 2014.  
Any registered elector of the Town of Dinosaur, who, on the date of the Municipal Election, may be absent from the Town, may cast a ballot at such election by an absentee voter's ballot. Application for an absentee voter's ballot may be made orally or in writing to the Town Clerk from this date forward until 5:00 o'clock P.M. on Friday, March 28, 2014. All absentee voter ballots to be cast in the Municipal Election must be received by the Town Clerk on or before 5:00 o'clock P.M., Tuesday, April 1, 2014, Election Day.  
**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** I have hereunto set my hand and official seal at Dinosaur, Colorado this 10th day of March, 2014.  
Tamara Long  
Town Clerk/Treasurer  
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**RIO BLANCO COUNTY  
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE PUBLICATION REPORT  
FEBRUARY 28 2014**  
**FUND: GENERAL**  
**VENDOR NAME, ACCT NAME, AMOUNT**  
MEEKER DRUGS, VC-PRCH SVCS, (20.00),  
GLOBAL KNOWLEDGE,MC-TRAIN/DVLP, \$3,652.75  
ALSCO INC,PRCH SVCS, \$1,079.59  
APPLE INC.,SPLY, \$9,897.00  
ATMOS ENERGY,UTIL, \$3,137.19  
AVFUEL CORP,AV GAS, \$20,504.08  
BOY-KO SUPPLY,SPLY, \$1,086.96  
CO ASSOC OF TAX APPR,PRCH SVCS, \$125.00  
CDW GOV'T,SPLY, \$16,090.72  
CENTURYLINK,PRCH SVCS, \$184.06  
CENTURYLINK-LAND LINES,PRCH SVCS, \$30.94  
CHAPPELL CLINT (PLAN COMM),PLAN COMM, \$50.00  
CNMC,CNCT SVCS, \$3,500.00  
CO ASSESSORS' ASSOC,TRAIN & DVLP, \$40.00

### PUBLIC NOTICE TOWN OF MEEKER MUNICIPAL ELECTION April 1, 2014

Cancellation of Municipal Election  
To: The Electors of the Town of Meeker, Colorado  
Please take notice that the regular Municipal Election of April 1, 2014 has been cancelled by resolution of the Town Board of Trustees. As provided by the laws of the State of Colorado and ordinance of the Town of Meeker, the Town Board of Trustees has determined to cancel the election since there are no more candidates than offices to be filled at the municipal election, including write-in candidates filing affidavits of intent to hold office.  
If you have any questions regarding the cancellation of the municipal election, you may contact the Town Clerk, Lisa Cook, at the Meeker Town Hall, telephone number (970) 878-4962.  
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### COMBINED NOTICE - MAILING CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 14-01

To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust:  
On January 8, 2014, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Rio Blanco records.  
Original Grantor(s)  
Original Beneficiary(ies)  
Current Holder of Evidence of Debt  
Date of Deed of Trust  
County of Recording  
Recording Date of Deed of Trust  
Recording Information (Reception Number)  
Original Principal Amount  
Outstanding Principal Balance  
Pursuant to CRS §38-38-101(4)(i), you are hereby notified that the covenants of the deed of trust have been violated as follows: failure to pay principal and interest when due together with all other payments provided for in the evidence of debt secured by the deed of trust and other violations thereof.  
**THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN.**

### LEGAL DESCRIPTION

THE LAND REFERRED TO HEREIN BELOW IS SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF RIO BLANCO, STATE OF COLORADO IN DEED BOOK 524, AT PAGE 318, AND IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:  
A PARCEL OF LAND LYING IN H.E. 177 (HOMESTEAD ENTRY 177 (LYING IN SECTION 1, TOWNSHIP 1 NORTH, RANGE 102 WEST OF THE 6TH P.M., TOWN OF RANGELY, STATE OF COLORADO, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:  
**BEGINNING AT A POINT 1360.4 FEET WEST OF AND 469 FEET SOUTH OF CORNER NO. 1 OF SAID H.E. 177;**  
**THENCE SOUTH, 100 FEET; THENCE WEST, 38 FEET; THENCE SOUTH, 10 FEET; THENCE WEST, 124 FEET; THENCE NORTH, 10 FEET; THENCE EAST, 100 FEET; THENCE NORTH, 100 FEET; THENCE EAST, 62 FEET TO THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING.**  
The property to be foreclosed is:

Also known by street and number as: 244 S BIRCH AVE, RANGELY, CO 81648.  
THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED OF TRUST.

### NOTICE OF SALE

The current holder of the Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, described herein, has filed Notice of Election and Demand for sale as provided by law and in said Deed of Trust.  
THEREFORE, Notice Is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, 05/07/2014, at Office of the Public Trustee, Rio Blanco County Court-house, 555 Main Street, Meeker CO 81641, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s)' heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale and other items provided by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as approved by law.  
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### NOTICE OF RIGHTS

YOU MAY HAVE AN INTEREST IN THE REAL PROPERTY BEING FORECLOSED, OR HAVE CERTAIN RIGHTS OR SUFFER CERTAIN LIABILITIES PURSUANT TO COLORADO STATUTES AS A RESULT OF SAID FORECLOSURE. YOU MAY HAVE THE RIGHT TO REDEEM SAID REAL PROPERTY AND/OR YOU MAY HAVE THE RIGHT TO CURE A DEFAULT UNDER THE DEED OF TRUST BEING FORECLOSED. A COPY OF CERTAIN SAID STATUTES, AS SUCH STATUTES ARE PRESENTLY CONSTITUTED, WHICH MAY AFFECT YOUR RIGHTS SHALL BE SENT WITH ALL MAILED COPIES OF THIS NOTICE. HOWEVER, YOUR RIGHTS MAY BE DETERMINED BY PREVIOUS STATUTES.  
\*A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE FILED PURSUANT TO SECTION 38-38-104 SHALL BE FILED WITH THE PUBLIC TRUSTEE AT LEAST FIFTEEN (15) CALENDAR DAYS PRIOR TO THE FIRST SCHEDULED SALE DATE OR ANY DATE TO WHICH THE SALE IS CONTINUED;  
\*IF THE SALE DATE IS CONTINUED TO A LATER DATE, THE DEADLINE TO FILE A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE BY THOSE PARTIES ENTITLED TO CURE MAY ALSO BE EXTENDED;  
\*A NOTICE OF INTENT TO REDEEM FILED PURSUANT TO SECTION 38-38-302 SHALL BE FILED WITH THE PUBLIC TRUSTEE NO MORE THAN EIGHT (8) BUSINESS DAYS AFTER THE SALE;  
DATE: 01/09/2014  
Karen Arnold, Public Trustee in and for the County of Rio Blanco, State of Colorado  
By: Karen Arnold, Public Trustee  
The name, address, business telephone number and bar registration number of the attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is:  
David R. Doughty #40042  
Lynn M. Janeway #15592  
Matthew B. Peters #41905  
Janeway Law Firm 9800 S. Meridian, Suite 400, Englewood, CO 80134 (303) 706-9990  
The Attorney above is acting as a debt collector and is attempting to collect a debt. Any information provided may be used for that purpose.  
Attorney File # 13-000132  
(c)Public Trustees' Association of Colorado Revised 9/2012

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CO ASSR ASSN-DIST 5,PRCH SVCS, \$10.00  
 CBI,PRCH SVCS, \$39.50  
 CO COUNTY ATTY'S ASSN, DUES,\$500.00  
 CO MOUNTAIN COLLEGE,PRCH SVCS \$100.00  
 CO SECRETARY OF STATE,PRCH SVCS, \$135.00  
 STATE OF COLORADO,PRCH SVCS, \$213.30  
 COMPASSTOOLS,OHV TRAIL, \$2,443.90  
 CONSOLIDATED ELECTRICAL,SPLYS, \$238.70  
 COUTLER AVIATION,PRCH SVCS, 304.66  
 CREDIT UNION OF CO,PRCH SVCS,\* 4,217.64  
 DAY TRAVIS,PLAN COMM, \$50.00  
 DIST ATTORNEY OFFICE OF,PRCH SVCS, \$17,012.58  
 DUNGAN JOSEPH,PRCH SVCS, \$54.00  
 EKSTROM WILLIAM A.,4-H/P. SVCS, \$373.05  
 ELECTION CENTER THE,PRCH SVCS, \$200.00  
 ENTENMANN-ROVIN CO.,UNIF/CLOTH, \$168.00  
 EXTENSION PROGRAM,4-H, \$150.00  
 GALL'S INC.,UNIF/CLOTH, \$509.44  
 GRAINGER,SPLYS, \$122.85  
 HART INTERCIVIC,PRCH SVCS, \$20,506.40  
 HILL LOGAN D.,PLAN COMM, \$50.00  
 HOPKINS OAKLEY,PLAN COMM, \$50.00  
 IMPACT PROMO PRODUCTS,OHV TRAIL, \$592.40  
 INTERN'L ASSN PROPERTY,DUES-CSOC, \$50.00  
 JEAN'S PRINTING,PRCH SVCS, \$335.48  
 JOHNSTONE SUPPLY-G.J.,SPLYS, \$61.00  
 JOY J. LEIF (SURVEYOR),PRCH SVCS, \$3,350.00  
 LEWIS JAYDA,PRCH SVCS, \$52.68  
 LOPEZ SAMANTHA,TRVL, \$312.21  
 LOVE VIRGINIA L.,PLAN COMM, \$50.00  
 MA FAMILIA,PRCH SVCS, \$34.90  
 MAC VITTIE CECELIA,PRCH SVCS, \$1,278.69  
 MASTER'S TOUCH,PRCH SVCS, \$2,186.22  
 MASTER'S TOUCH,PRCH SVCS, \$24.38  
 MCGUIRE AUTO PARTS,SPLYS, \$17.9  
 MEEKER AIRPORT - CNTCT,CNTCT SVCS, \$3,500.00  
 MEEKER CHAMBER DUES, \$500.00  
 MEEKER SANITATION DIST,UTIL, \$438.00  
 MEEKER TOWN OF,UTIL, \$255.00  
 MID-AMERICAN RESEARCH,SPLYS, \$402.21  
 MOON LAKE ELECTRIC,UTIL, \$2,542.36  
 NAT'N'L 4-H COUNCIL-S 4-H, \$102.60  
 PEPPERDINE'S,PRCH SVCS, \$99.92  
 PIONEERS MEDICAL,PRCH SVCS, \$349.00  
 PITNEY BOWES RESERVE,PRCH SVCS, \$867.84  
 PROVANTAGE LLC,SPLYS, \$513.18  
 QUILL CORP,SPLYS, \$58.31  
 RANGELY CHAMBER,DUES, \$500.00  
 RANGELY TOWN OF,UTIL, \$691.27  
 RANGELY TRUE VALUE,SPLYS, \$1,819.92  
 REDI SERVICES,PRCH SVCS, \$1,130.00  
 RESPOND FIRST AID,PRCH SVCS, \$49.28  
 RIO BLANCO HERALD TIMES,PRCH SVCS \$611.30  
 ROCKY MTN FORENSIC SVCS,PRCH SVCS, \$1,360.00  
 RR DONNELLEY,PRCH SVCS, \$1,141.22  
 SALSBURY INDUSTRIES,SPLYS, \$26.65  
 SIDWELL COMPANY,PRCH SVCS, \$1,200.00  
 SILICON MECHANICS,PRCH SVCS, \$5,353.00  
 SPECTRUM TECHNOLOGIES,SPLYS, \$253.25  
 STAPLES ADVANTAGE,SPLYS, \$776.68  
 STRATA NETWORKS,UTIL, \$1,081.76  
 SWANSON SERVICES,SPLYS, \$52.30  
 TELEWEST,INMT PHONE, \$504.2  
 UNION TELEPHONE CO,PRCH SVCS, \$1,605.88  
 U.S. POSTAL SERVICE,PRCH SVCS, \$200.00  
 USIC LOCATING SERVICES,PRCH SVCS, \$51.04  
 VALLEY HARDWARE,SPLYS, \$557.90  
 VALUE WEST INC,PRCH SVCS, \$2,680.00  
 VERNON COMPANY, 4-H, \$246.27  
 VOIANCE LANGUAGE SVC,PRCH SVCS, \$50.00  
 WATT'S RANCH MARKET,SPLYS/FOOD, \$868.62  
 WEATHERFORD ELECTRIC,RPR/P. SVCS, \$696.51  
 WENDLL'S ,PRCH SVCS, \$21.23  
 WESTERN SLOPE INFO SYSTMS,PRCH SVCS, \$487.11  
 WESTERN LIVESTOCK JOURNAL,PRCH SVCS, \$45.00  
 WHITE RIVER DIST,SPLYS, \$279.75  
 WHITE RIVER ELECTRIC,UTIL, \$5,752.13  
 WHITE RIVER ENERGY,PRCH SVCS, \$297.43  
 WHITE RIVER MARKET,SPLYS, \$46.42  
 WINKLER TIMOTHY W.,PLAN COMM, \$50.00  
 WIRELESS ADVANCED,PRCH SVCS, \$66.95  
 US DEPT. TREASURY,FED W/H, \$37,326.42  
 US DEPT. TREASURY,FICA W/H, \$54,062.84  
 CO DEPT OF REVENUE,STATE W/H, \$11,333.52  
 GREAT WEST,RETIREMENT, \$41,815.24  
 COUNTY HEALTH POOL,INSURANCE, \$100,186.37  
 CO DEPT OF REVENUE,WAGE ASGNMT, \$224.00  
 GENERAL FUND TOTAL, \$400,283.13

**FUND: CAPITAL EXPENDITURES**  
 VENDOR NAME,ACCT NAME, AMOUNT  
 ALSCO INC,PRCH SVCS, \$105.10  
 CENTURYLINK,PRCH SVCS, \$107.00  
 CREDIT UNION OF CO,PRCH SVCS, \$309.08  
 JSC INC.,PRCH SVCS, \$650.00  
 KENDALL DARRELL,TRAIN & DVLP, \$71.64  
 MEEKER SAND & GRAVEL,RD MTRL, \$676.88  
 NICHOLS STORE,SPLYS, \$52.00

**FUND: ROAD & BRIDGE**  
 VENDOR NAME,ACCT NAME, AMOUNT  
 ALSCO INC,PRCH SVCS, \$105.10  
 CENTURYLINK,PRCH SVCS, \$107.00  
 CREDIT UNION OF CO,PRCH SVCS, \$309.08  
 JSC INC.,PRCH SVCS, \$650.00  
 KENDALL DARRELL,TRAIN & DVLP, \$71.64  
 MEEKER SAND & GRAVEL,RD MTRL, \$676.88  
 NICHOLS STORE,SPLYS, \$52.00

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OFFICE DEPOT INC.,SPLYS, \$223.39  
 PITNEY BOWES RESERVE,PRCH SVCS, \$47.74  
 RANGELY TRUE VALUE,SPLYS, \$189.97  
 RESPOND FIRST AID,SPLYS, \$28.75  
 RIO BLANCO HERALD TIMES,PRCH SVCS, \$148.22  
 SAMUELSON'S TRUE VALUE,MTRLS, \$208.00  
 UNION TELEPHONE CO,PRCH SVCS, \$402.97  
 VALLEY HARDWARE,SPLYS, \$72.93  
 WATT'S RANCH MARKET,SPLYS, \$107.41  
 WHITE RIVER DIST,SPLYS, \$50.00  
 WHITE RIVER ELECTRIC,UTIL, \$275.09  
 US DEPT. TREASURY,FED W/H, \$14,120.26  
 US DEPT. TREASURY,FICA W/H, \$20,663.52  
 CO DEPT OF REVENUE,STATE W/H, \$4,704.00  
 GREAT WEST,RETIREMENT, \$16,226.16  
 COUNTY HEALTH POOL,INSURANCE, \$43,421.94  
 ROAD & BRIDGE FUND TOTAL, \$102,862.05

**FUND: PUBLIC HEALTH**  
 VENDOR NAME,ACCT NAME, AMOUNT  
 CREDIT UNION OF CO,SPLYS, \$857.15  
 GLOBALSTAR USA,PRCH SVCS, \$56.06  
 KRAMES STAYWELL,SPLYS, \$20.94  
 METRO STATE UNIV,PRCH SVCS, \$36.00  
 MOORE MEDICAL,SPLYS, \$212.56  
 PIONEERS MEDICAL,PRCH SVCS, \$100.00  
 PITNEY BOWES RESERVE,PRCH SVCS, \$2.40  
 R & S NORTHEAST,SPLYS, \$468.78  
 RANGELY DIST. HOSPITAL,PRCH SVCS, \$49.85  
 RANGELY FAMILY MEDICINE,PRCH SVCS, \$965.00  
 RBC TREASURER,PRCH SVCS, \$84.64  
 THERACOM INC.,SPLYS, \$1,905.60  
 UNION TELEPHONE CO,PRCH SVCS, \$26.07  
 WHITE RIVER DIST.,PRCH SVCS, \$21.25  
 US DEPT. TREASURY,FED W/H, \$1,686.81  
 US DEPT. TREASURY,FICA W/H, \$3,314.16  
 CO DEPT OF REVENUE,STATE W/H, \$570.47  
 GREAT WEST,RETIREMENT, \$2,594.04  
 COUNTY HEALTH POOL,INSURANCE, \$4,063.50  
 PUBLIC HEALTH FUND TOTAL, \$17,035.28

**FUND: DEPT OF HUMAN SERVICES**  
 VENDOR NAME, ACCT NAME, AMOUNT  
 US DEPT. TREASURY,FED W/H, 3,968.36  
 US DEPT. TREASURY,FICA W/H, 6,176.46  
 CO DEPT OF REVENUE,STATE W/H, \$1,387.75  
 GREAT WEST,RETIREMENT, \$4,110.52  
 COUNTY HEALTH POOL,INSURANCE, \$15,963.67  
 DHS ACCOUNTS PAYABLE TOTAL, \$6,598.65  
 DEPT OF HUMAN SERVICES FUND TOTAL, \$38,205.41

**FUND: CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT**  
 VENDOR NAME,ACCT NAME, AMOUNT  
 RBC TREASURER,RETAINAGE, \$2,582.80  
 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND TOTAL, \$2,582.80

**FUND: USE TAX**  
 VENDOR NAME,ACCT NAME, AMOUNT  
 EXCEL FIRE PROTECTION,MC-PRCH SVCS, \$415.00  
 BOY-KO SUPPLY,SPLYS, \$63.00  
 CENTURYLINK,PRCH SVCS, \$205.74  
 CNCC,CNTCT SVCS, \$2,000.00  
 CREDIT UNION OF CO,SPLYS, \$52.44  
 GIANT STEP PRESCHOOL,GRANT, \$2,128.48  
 HERITAGE BUILDING,SPLYS, \$85.32  
 MOON LAKE ELECTRIC,UTIL, \$1,800.78  
 NICKSON ANNALEE,PRCH SVCS, \$58.61  
 PITNEY BOWES RESERVE,PRCH SVCS, \$22.29  
 RANGELY TOWN OF,UTIL, \$1,252.68  
 RANGELY TRASH,PRCH SVCS, \$328.00  
 REDI SERVICES,PRCH SVCS, \$312.00  
 UNION TELEPHONE CO,PRCH SVCS, \$26.02  
 WHITE RIVER MARKET,FOOD SPLYS, \$161.63  
 WILLIAMS TAMRA,PRCH SVCS, \$15.00  
 US DEPT. TREASURY,FED W/H, \$1,663.63  
 US DEPT. TREASURY,FICA W/H, \$2,688.08  
 CO DEPT OF REVENUE,STATE W/H, \$588.76  
 GREAT WEST,RETIREMENT, \$1,917.10  
 COUNTY HEALTH POOL,INSURANCE, \$4,730.33  
 A-1 COLLECTION AGENCY,WAGE ASGNMT, \$673.53  
 USE TAX FUND TOTAL, \$21,188.42

**FUND: IMPACT FEES**  
 VENDOR NAME,ACCT NAME, AMOUNT  
 JSC INC.,JSTC CNTR, \$4,500.00  
 IMPACT FEES FUND TOTAL, \$4,500.00

**FUND: SOLID WASTE**  
 VENDOR NAME,ACCT NAME, AMOUNT  
 CAROLINA SOFTWARE,PRCH SVCS, \$115.07  
 CO DEPT PUBLIC HEALTH,CLSR/PST CLSR, \$1,000.00  
 PITNEY BOWES RESERVE,PRCH SVCS, \$8.10  
 UNION TELEPHONE CO,PRCH SVCS, \$52.04  
 UNITED SITE SERVICES,PRCH SVCS, \$155.46  
 WHITE RIVER DIST.,PRCH SVCS, \$15.00  
 WHITE RIVER ELECTRIC,UTIL, \$1,184.07  
 US DEPT. TREASURY,FED W/H, \$1,262.11  
 US DEPT. TREASURY,FICA W/H, \$1,759.50  
 CO DEPT OF REVENUE,STATE W/H, \$409.00  
 GREAT WEST,RETIREMENT, \$1,673.14  
 COUNTY HEALTH POOL,INSURANCE, \$2,796.02  
 SOLID WASTE FUND TOTAL, \$10,429.51

**FUND: WEED & PEST**  
 VENDOR NAME,ACCT NAME, AMOUNT  
 RIO BLANCO HERALD TIMES,PRCH SVCS, \$77.84  
 US DEPT. TREASURY,FED W/H, \$588.34  
 US DEPT. TREASURY,FICA W/H, \$638.38  
 CO DEPT OF REVENUE,STATE W/H, \$173.00  
 GREAT WEST,RETIREMENT, \$250.35  
 COUNTY HEALTH POOL,INSURANCE, \$173.00

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\$721.40  
 WEED & PEST FUND TOTAL, \$2,449.31

**FUND: FAIRFIELD**  
 VENDOR NAME,ACCT NAME, AMOUNT  
 ATMOS ENERGY,UTIL, \$1,413.10  
 JAY-MAX SALES,SPLYS, \$32.00  
 MARATHON SYSTEMS,SPLYS, \$598.69  
 MCGUIRE AUTO PARTS,SPLYS, \$8.61  
 MEEKER SANITATION DIST,UTIL, \$114.00  
 MEEKER TOWN OF,UTIL, \$588.00  
 PINE VALLEY ECO PRDCTS,SPLYS, \$978.00  
 REDI SERVICES,PRCH SVCS, \$610.00  
 SAMUELSON'S TRUE VALUE,SPLYS, \$178.58  
 SCHINDLER PLUMBING,P. SVCS, \$1,300.55  
 TRANE U.S. INC.,P. SVCS, \$446.15  
 UNION TELEPHONE CO,PRCH SVCS, \$26.02  
 VALLEY HARDWARE,SPLYS, \$269.42  
 WATT'S RANCH MARKET,SPLYS, 85.32  
 WEATHERFORD ELECTRIC,PRCH SVCS, \$920.00  
 WHITE RIVER ELECTRIC,UTIL, \$1,505.08  
 US DEPT. TREASURY,FED W/H, \$555.80  
 US DEPT. TREASURY,FICA W/H, \$860.00  
 CO DEPT OF REVENUE,STATE W/H, \$184.50  
 GREAT WEST,RETIREMENT, \$547.82  
 COUNTY HEALTH POOL,INSURANCE, \$722.24  
 FAIRFIELD FUND TOTAL, \$11,943.88

**FUND: CENTRAL SERVICES**  
 VENDOR NAME,ACCT NAME, AMOUNT  
 CENTURYLINK,PRCH SVCS, \$103.19  
 CENTURYLINK (LONG DIST),PRCH SVCS, \$379.58  
 FASTTRACK COMM.,PRCH SVCS, \$664.59  
 PITNEY BOWES RESERVE,PRCH SVCS, \$142.35  
 STRATA NETWORKS,INTRNT SVCS, \$3,031.36  
 UNION TELEPHONE CO,PRCH SVCS, \$104.08  
 XEROX CORP,CPTL/CNTCT, \$20,442.52  
 CENTRAL SERVICES FUND TOTAL, \$24,867.67

**FUND: FLEET**  
 VENDOR NAME,ACCT NAME, AMOUNT  
 AIRGAS ,PRCH SVCS, \$47.87  
 ATMOS ENERGY,UTIL, \$1,083.29  
 AXIS STEEL INC.,SPLYS, \$1,668.98  
 B&B WELDERS SUPPLY,SPLYS, \$110.50  
 BERTHOD MOTORS,PRTS/ACC, \$475.60  
 COLUMBINE FORD INC.,SPLYS, \$102.79  
 C.R. BROWN,DIESEL, \$23,901.95  
 CREDIT UNION OF CO,PRCH SVCS, \$270.85  
 DELTA RIGGING & TOOLS,SPLYS, \$437.50  
 DUCEY'S ELECTRIC,RPRS/MTNC, \$471.58  
 EATON SALES & SERVICE,SPLYS, \$69.85  
 EKSTROM WILLIAM A.,GAS, \$10.00  
 H&H HYDRAULICS INC.,PRTS/ACC, \$11.92  
 HANSON INTL,PRTS/ACC, \$4,081.36  
 HONNEN EQUIPMENT,PRTS/ACC, \$4,120.37  
 JACKSON GROUP PETERBILT,PRTS/ACC, \$2,245.71  
 JAY-MAX SALES,SPLYS, \$431.81  
 KENDALL DARRELL,GAS, \$62.92  
 LAWSON PRODUCTS,SPLYS, \$297.00  
 LOCO INC.,GAS, \$20,844.80  
 MASTER PETROLEUM,GAS/DIESEL, \$48,802.14  
 MCGUIRE AUTO PARTS,PRTS/ACC, \$1,648.71  
 MEEKER AUTO PARTS,PRTS/ACC, \$2,572.73  
 MEEKER COLLISION CNTR,RPRS/MTNC, \$307.00  
 MEEKER SANITATION DIST,UTIL, \$114.00  
 MEEKER TOWN OF,UTIL, \$46.00  
 MHC KENWORTH-G.J.,PRTS/ACC, \$214.59  
 MID-AMERICAN RESEARCH,SPLYS, \$258.16  
 MOON LAKE ELECTRIC,UTIL, \$2,444.07  
 RANGELY AUTO PARTS,PRTS/ACC, \$484.46  
 RANGELY TOWN OF,UTIL, \$1,667.13  
 RANGELY TRASH,PRCH SVCS, \$234.00  
 RANGELY TRUE VALUE,SPLYS, \$37.26  
 RBC CLERK & RECORDER,PRCH SVCS, \$32.94  
 SCHINDLER PLUMBING,PRCH SVCS, \$322.00  
 TIRE DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM,TIRES, \$2,318.68  
 VALLEY HARDWARE,SPLYS, \$91.90  
 VALLEY REPAIR INC.,RPRS/MTNC, \$1,320.00  
 WAGNER EQUIPMENT,PRTS/ACC, \$7,136.15  
 WESTFALL O'DELL TRUCK,PRTS/ACC, \$364.73  
 WHITE RIVER ELECTRIC,UTIL, \$1,908.21  
 WHITE RIVER ENERGY,UTIL, \$645.75  
 XCEL ENERGY,UTIL, \$1,340.45  
 US DEPT. TREASURY,FED W/H, \$2,966.82  
 US DEPT. TREASURY,FICA W/H, \$5,027.50  
 CO DEPT OF REVENUE,STATE W/H, \$1,013.00  
 GREAT WEST,RETIREMENT, \$4,442.52  
 COUNTY HEALTH POOL,INSURANCE, \$10,773.64  
 FLEET FUND TOTAL, \$159,281.19  
 Publish: March 20, 2014  
 Rio Blanco Herald Times

**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY APPLICATION FOR LOGICAL MINING UNIT MODIFICATION APPROVAL AND PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVAL.**  
 The Colorado State Office of the Bureau of Land Management received an application from Blue Mountain Energy, Inc., 3607 County Road #65, Rangely, CO 81648, for a modification of an approved Logical Mining Unit (LMU) COC-57190 in accordance with 43 CFR 3487. The application for the proposed LMU modification is available for public inspection at the BLM Colorado State Office, 2850 Youngfield, Lakewood, Colorado 80215, during regular business hours (9 a.m. to 4 p.m.) Monday through Friday. The proposed LMU modification would add all lands from Federal Coal Lease COC 74813 to the existing LMU. The descriptions of the lands contained within the LMU including the proposed modification are as follows:

**NOTICE OF CHANGE IN TARIFFS ON LESS THAN 30-DAYS' NOTICE**  
 Atmos Energy Corporation ("Atmos Energy")  
 1555 Blake Street  
 Denver, Colorado 80202

You are hereby notified that Atmos Energy has filed with the Colorado Public Utilities Commission of the State of Colorado ("PUC"), in compliance with the Public Utilities Law, an application for permission to file certain changes in tariffs, affecting all residential, commercial, interruptible and other consumers in its Colorado divisions to become effective April 1, 2014, if the application is granted by the PUC.

The purpose for this filing is to change rates by revising the Company's existing gas cost adjustment tariff to reflect changes in the rates charged Atmos Energy by its suppliers for natural gas purchases. The present and proposed natural gas rates are as follows:

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Sixth Principal Meridian  
**COC 08424-01:**  
 T.3N., R.101W.,  
 Acres  
 sec. 19, E2SE,SW5E; 200  
 sec. 20, S2,S2NW,S2N2NW; 440  
 sec. 28, N2,N2SE; 400  
 sec. 29, all; 640  
 sec. 30, lots 1 to 4, inclusive, E2, E2W2; 635.36  
 sec. 31, lots 1 to 4, inclusive, E2, E2W2; 636.96  
 sec. 32, N2,N2S2,S2SW; 560  
 sec. 33, SWNW,NWSW, 80  
 Containing 3,512.32 acres, more or less.  
**COC 08425-01:**  
 T.3N., R.101W.,  
 Acres  
 sec. 21, SW,S2SE; 240  
 sec. 22, SWSW; 40  
 sec. 27, W2NW,NWSW; 120  
 sec. 28, SW,S2SE; 240  
 sec. 33, N2N2,S2NE,SENW,NE5W,N2SE; 400  
 sec. 34, N2SW; 80  
 Containing 1120 acres, more or less. 1120  
**COC 44693:**  
 T.2N., R.101W.,  
 Acres  
 sec. 1, lots 1,2,5,6, SWNE,N2SE,W2SENE; 284.31  
 sec. 36, SWSE,W2SESE; 60  
 Containing 344.31 acres, more or less.  
**344.31 COC 51551:**  
 T.3N., R.101W.,  
 Acres  
 sec. 25, S2; 320  
 sec. 26, SESE; 40  
 sec. 34, N2,N2SE; 160  
 sec. 35, NENE,S2N2,N2SW,N2N2SE; 320  
 sec. 36, N2,N2S2; 480  
 Containing 1320 acres, more or less. 1320  
**COC 23703-01:**  
 T.2N., R.101W.,  
 Acres  
 sec. 1, lots 3,4, S2NW,SW; 319.82  
 sec. 2, lots 1 to 4, inclusive, S2N2,SE; 479.36  
 sec. 3, lots 1 to 4, inclusive, S2N2,SW; 479.12  
 sec. 4, lots 1 to 4, inclusive, S2N2,S2; 638.92  
 T.3N., R.101W.,  
 sec. 32, S2SE; 80  
 sec. 33, S2S2; 160  
 sec. 34, S2S2; 160  
 sec. 35, S2N2SE,S2S2; 200  
 sec. 36, S2SW; 80  
 Containing 2,597.22 acres, more or less.  
 2597.22  
**COC 126669-01:**  
 T.2N., R.101W.,  
 Acres  
 sec. 11, lots 1,2,4,5, and 6; 175.07  
 sec. 12, lots 2 to 5, inclusive; 83.99  
 Containing 259.06 acres, more or less.  
 259.06  
**COC 47201:**  
 T.2N., R.101W.,  
 Acres  
 sec. 2, SW; 160  
 sec. 3, SE; 160  
 sec. 10, NENE; 40  
 sec. 11, lot 3, NENW,W2NW; 153  
 Containing 513 acres, more or less. 513  
**COC 74813:**  
 T.3N., R.101W.,  
 Acres  
 sec. 17, SWSW,S2SESW; 60  
 sec. 18, lots 3,4,S2NESE,S2NWSE,SESW, S2NE5W,S2SE; 256.41  
 sec.19, lot 1,NE,N2NWSE,NENW,N2SENW; 278.35

**NOTICE OF PROPOSED DECISION**  
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NEW EDEN Pregnancy Care Services - pregnancy tests, emergency supplies, guidance by trained volunteers, classes on pregnancy and child care, post-abortion support, referrals. Mondays and Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., 345 Main Street, Meeker. Email: newedenpcs@gmail.com or (970)878-5117 and 402 W. Main Street Room 171 Rangely. Email: newedenrangely@gmail.com or (970) 620-7096. All services are confidential.

**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.

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

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

**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

BRESNAN CABLE television customers - If you are not receiving a television channel station you normally get, 3 people must report it before it's considered an outage. Call the service number on your bill to report.

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sec. 20, NE,N2NWNW,N2NENW; 200  
 sec. 21, NW,W2NE,SENE,N2SE; 360  
 sec. 22, SE,SESW,N2SW,S2NW; 360  
 sec. 23, S2SW,S2SE; 160  
 sec. 26, N2,SW,N2SE,SWSE; 600  
 sec. 27, E2,E2NW,E2SW,SWSW; 520  
 sec. 34, NW,N2NE; 240  
 sec. 35, N2NW,NWNE; 120  
 Containing 3,154.76 acres, more or less.  
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**Total LMU Acreage: 12,820.67, more or less**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Seeking Meals On Wheels Volunteers-** Pioneers Medical Center is seeking a volunteer for one day a week to assist with delivering Meals on Wheels.

The Meals on Wheels program provides a daily meal Monday thru Friday to many of our elderly, shut ins, or ill who cannot cook for themselves. Volunteers are the heart of the program and deliver the meals. PMC is looking for a volunteer to donate 1-2 hours on Fridays to deliver meals. For more information contact Dawn Michels at 970-878-9314.

**Baseball and Softball Field Meeting**

Interested in utilizing ERBM Recreation and Park District's ballfields for private activities this summer? Attend a field use policies and procedures meeting on March 20 at 7:00pm at the Meeker Recreation Center in the Multi Purpose Room.

**MEEKER STREAKER MONTHLY SCHEDULE MARCH 2014**

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

- Mar 1, No Bus
  - Mar 2, AM Bus
  - Mar 3, Bus in town
  - Mar 4, Bus in town
  - Mar 5, Bus in town
  - Mar 6, Bus in town, Grand Junction
  - Mar 7, Bus in town
  - Mar 8, No Bus
  - Mar 9, AM Bus
  - Mar 10, Bus in town
  - Mar 11, Bus in town, Foot Clinic
  - Mar 12, Bus in town
  - Mar 13, Bus in town, Rifle
  - Mar 14, Bus in town
  - Mar 15, No Bus
  - Mar 16, AM Bus
  - Mar 17, Bus in town
  - Mar 18, Bus in town
  - Mar 19, Bus in town
  - Mar 20, Bus in town, Grand Jct Medical
  - Mar 21, Bus in town
  - Mar 22, No Bus
  - Mar 23, AM Bus
  - Mar 24, Bus in town
  - Mar 25, Bus in town
  - Mar 26, Bus in town
  - Mar 27, Bus in town, Craig
  - Mar 28, Bus in town
  - Mar 29, No Bus
  - Mar 30, AM Bus
  - Mar 31, Bus in town
- Call Streaker for a ride 878-9368. Reservations for Rec. Center Trips should be made at 878-3403. Chuckwagon 878-5627.

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**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 21:** Fruit salad, beef stew, biscuit, vanilla pudding.  
**MONDAY, March 24:** Tuna noodle casserole, mixed vegetables, tropical fruit.  
**TUESDAY, March 25:** Split pea soup, ham & cheese sandwich, strawberry shortcake.  
**WEDNESDAY, March 26:** Ham & beans, pears, tomatoes, cornbread.  
**FRIDAY, March 27:** Cooks choice

**Rio Blanco Fire Protection District**

Proposal Request for metal, heat trace and concrete seal work at 696 Main Street and 236 7th Street, Meeker, CO. Please stop by for an itemized list and to visit with Steve Allen or Matt Lyons for details. All sealed proposals are due by 5:00pm, April 9, 2014.

**FAMILY MOVIE** Night showing Frozen, fundraiser for MHS FCCLA. March 21st, starts at 6:30pm at MHS Auditorium. Donations appreciated.

**Saturday, April 12th 1:00 PM**

Routt County Fairgrounds, Hayden Colorado. 29 Yearling Bulls from 11 Regional Consignors. Contact Community Agriculture Alliance 970-879-4370 for information.

**SAVE THE DATE**

**Old Timers Celebration**  
Saturday, June 7, 2014. Costume contest "How the West was fun."

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**Breaking Bread Menu**

- Corn Chowder
- Chile
- Cornbread
- Crackers
- Salad
- Desserts

**AUCTIONS**

**ESTATE COUNTRY AUCTION-** Saturday March 22, 10:00 a.m. 53554 LE 2/10 Road Molina, Colorado (between Mesa & Collbran Colorado, 2 miles south of Post Office). Small Tractor, 2 Tractors, 1 with loader. 2 flatbed trailers, land leveler, 7 3pt attachments, lots of good lumber, fencing, hand & power tools, 2 4-wheelers, guns, ammo, reloading items, antiques & collectables, bedroom & living room furniture, 61"TV, yard art, shelving for home & shop, 6x4 Gator with splitter.

**AUCTIONS**

2 John Deere riding mowers, yard tools, 4" aluminum & 8" Plastic gated pipe, other pipe and more. This is a very clean Auction Estate of Steve Robertson. For more info call Steve Claypool, CP Auction Service. (970) 260-5577. See web www.cpauction.com. "Call me about a sale for you."

**Liquidation Auction Sale**

Saturday March 29th 10:00a.m. 235 Linden Avenue, Grand Junction Colorado (off Hwy 50 on Orchard Mesa, turn south at Dairy Queen). Dump trucks, vehicles, 2 horse trailer, welders. Boring machine, Pigs, goats, rabbits, chickens, & ducks. Guns, ammo, coins, antiques & collectibles, kids playhouse and play fort set. Yellow iron parts, dozen grapple, construction items, lumber, pipe, office items, hand & power tools, plywood, commercial shelving, welding table. Rocks, chainlink panels, water pipe, plastic tanks- big to small, doors, scrap iron of all kinds. Wire, motors, copper, appliances- iron etc. Vehicle parts, semi parts, concrete, blankets, 9 milk cow stations, windows, glass, old canon ball safe, rock climber, and more. Something for everyone. For more information call Steve Claypool, CP Auction Service 970-260-5577. See web www.cpauction.com. "Call me about a Sale for you."

**CLEANING**

**NEW LIFE CARPET CARE**

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

**FARM & RANCH**

**Huberwoods in Lapoint, UT**

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

**FOR SALE**

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**GUNS**

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

**MISCELLANEOUS**

**ASK ABOUT OUR CNC MACHINING**  
Can't get a metal part? We can make all kinds of parts. We have CNC Machine equipment, lathe and tooling to do the job. Contact Phil at Family Automotive and Machine. (970)878-5606.

**YARD SALES**

Yard Sale-Saturday March 22, 8-? Lots of good stuff. 824 2nd Street.

**HELP WANTED: GENERAL**

**LOCAL INSURANCE** career opportunity available for qualified person. 1 year long (+) training period. Must pass State licensing testing. Competitive pay and benefits. Must have self-confidence, people skills, and ability to learn and retain volumes of information. Applications available at 730 Main Street St-Rangely.

**WORKOVER RIG** Relief Operator. Good wages and benefits. Call 970-620-1305

**Public Notice** is hereby given that Technology Vendors are invited to submit a Statement of Interest for consideration of Pioneers Medical Center, Meeker, Colorado regarding the Technology Systems of the replacement hospital.

**REQUIREMENTS:** Candidates must submit a Statement of Interest and respond to a Request for Proposal (RFP) including a certified Qualifications Statement to be considered. Inquiries regarding the RFP and submission of Statements of Interest should be directed to the Technology Consultant: Brian Johnson, RCDD Senior Technology Designer Mazzetti 320 Seven Springs Way, Suite 115 Brentwood, TN 37027  
Phone: 615-312-6484  
Email: bjohnson@mazzetti.com  
**PROCESS:** Interested candidates must submit three (3) copies of the Qualifications Statement as described in the RFP by 5:00 MDT on March 26, 2014 to the above address in order to be considered in the selection process. Short-listed firms will then be issued a Request for Proposal and finalists will be subject to a reference check and interview.

**Recreation Coordinator-** The ERBM Recreation & Park District is seeking two Recreation Coordinators. Part-time without benefits; hiring range \$10.80-\$13.20/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 16 years of age or older, be available to work early morning, evening, split and/or weekend shifts. A completed ERBM Recreation &

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are not limited to: develop, manage and supervise recreation programs and events, supervise recreation coordinators, assist recreation manager. Requirements include, but are not limited to: applicant must be 18 years of age or older, possess a high school diploma or GED, be available to work early morning, evening, split and/or weekend shifts, four or more years experience in recreation or related field, two or more years supervisory experience. 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. 970-878-3403. Applications are available at the Meeker Recreation Center and online, www.MeekerRecDistrict.com. Complete job description is available upon request. Applications will be accepted through Friday, March 28, 2014. ERBM Recreation & Park District is an equal opportunity employer.

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**SPORTS OFFICIALS** The ERBM Recreation and Park District is seeking Sports Officials. The season runs from January through March. There are ongoing openings for Youth Baseball, Youth Softball, Adult Softball, Youth Flag Football, Youth Soccer, and Youth Basketball. Part time without benefits; hiring range is \$11.81-\$25.00/hr. Requirements include, but are not limited to: knowledge of sport and rules, ability to multitask and communicate effectively with adults and children. Applicants must be 15 years of age or older. All interested individuals are encouraged to apply. 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. Applications will be accepted until positions are filled. The ERBM Recreation & Park District is an equal opportunity employer.

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- 111 East Main St. - 3 to 4 bedroom log home, 1.75 baths, living & family rooms, oak floors. **REDUCED \$193,500**
- 562 Larry Lane - Corner lot, 1 level, 3 BR 2BA, fenced yard, garage, deck. **\$149,000 MAKE AN OFFER!**
- 643 12th St. - 4 BR, 2 BA bi-level home. Garage, carport, fenced back yard. **\$129,000. REDUCED!**
- 939 Park Ave. - 4BR, 4BA home. Updated kitchen, granite countertops, new S.S. appliances, new flooring, new jetted bathtub, new deck, attached garage and a huge heated shop. **\$234,900 SOLD**
- 910 Water St. - Space 6 - Very nice 3 BR, 2 BA, double-wide trailer. **\$59,000 SOLD**

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- NEW 1337 Meath Dr. - 35 Acres, 9 miles east with a nice 3 BR, 2 BA home, pastures, views. **Reduced \$230,000**
- 1190 CR 63 - 376 Acre Hunting & Grazing Property - 12 mi. E. of Meeker, 3 BR, 2 BA home, borders Oak Ridge state hunting land. Cattle grazing land. Creeks, ponds. \$1,100,000.
- 1161 CR 8 - 5 acres, river view, remodeled 2+2 BR, 2 BA, carport, deck, A/C, new heating system. \$349,000
- 950 CR 14 - Mountain cabin 26 miles up river, 2 BR, 1 BA with great views, in the woods. \$289,000
- 12345 CR 8 - 5 acres 14 miles up river, well, trees, nice 3 BR, 2 BA home, decks, garage, shop. \$360,000
- 4637 CR 8 - 77 irrigated acres, 2 story home, barns, shop, sheds, hay pastures, good water. \$690,000.
- River Property - CR 12 - 5+ acres 28 miles up river, with 2 BR, 1 BA cabin, good well, fish pond. **\$295,000**
- 2000 County Rd. 119 Forest Service cabin on Ute Creek, 1BR, 1BA, Beautiful setting! **\$65,000 REDUCED**
- 710 Shaman Tr. - 3+ BR, 4BA, Custom built 4,534 sq ft home on 5 acres, great views, garage. **\$448,000.**
- 40 Acres up South Fork - Lots of trees, water, 4 BR, 2 BA lodge, Nat. Forest access. **HUNTING. \$585,000.**
- 13051 CR 8 - 52 Acres, 14 miles up river, 2 living quarters buildings, garage, hunting. **\$435,000. SALE PENDING!**
- 24530 County Rd. 8 - A-frame cabin on small acreage, up-river, vacation home, views! **\$169,000 SOLD**

**BUSINESS & INVESTMENT ...**

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

**RAW LAND AND HOMESITES ...**

- County Rd. 8 - mile market 29 1/2, amazing 29 acre parcel, building site, water rights & more, borders BLM & National Forest **\$349,000**
- NEW Juniper Rd. - large lot in Sage Hills. **\$35,000**
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## Asteroid nearly hits Earth

By Nicole Durfey



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Last Monday, March 21, 2014, an asteroid the size of nearly three entire football fields was scheduled to pass right close to Earth. It was also available to watch the flyby by a live webcast. The asteroid was big and fast enough that if a collision would have occurred, a whole continent could have been destroyed instantly.

However, scientists knew that the chances of impact were very slim. Scientists had said, "You are more likely winning the National Lottery jackpot."

Near-Earth asteroid 2000 EM26 poses no threat of actually hitting the planet, but the online Slooh Space Camera was supposed to track the asteroid as it passes by Earth on Monday. The live Slooh webcast unfortunately did not work as they had planned and got no footage what so ever after the event.

Kevin Yates, the project manager at Centre's, said its size, speed

and the closeness of the possible collision made it necessary to inform the public. "There is only a slim chance of collision, but because of these three factors it is justifiable to let people know about it," he said.

The asteroid has been given a classification, known as a Torino hazard rating of one, meaning it is an occurrence requiring careful observing. On the Torino scale, zero is for objects with no chance of collision, while 10 is for certain disastrous impacts.

Although most asteroids orbit the Sun in a belt between Mars and Jupiter, they can be bumped into the Earth's region by the gravitational effect of larger planets.

Even though the asteroid did not directly hit Earth, it still caused hundreds of injuries in Russia from the explosion. The asteroid raced past the planet at 27,000 mph within 1.6 million miles of

Earth. Also, the space rock was measured around 270 meters (885 feet) in diameter, according to Slooh. During its closest approach, the asteroid flew about 8.8 lunar distances from Earth.

Paul Cox, Slooh's technical and research director had said, "We continue to discover these potentially hazardous asteroids, sometimes only days before they make their close approaches to Earth. We need to find them before they find us!"

2000 EM26's flyby comes almost exactly a year after two major near-Earth object events on Feb. 15, 2013. That day, as scientists were tracking the extremely close pass of the 98-foot (30 m) asteroid 2012 DA14, another, unrelated space rock unexpectedly exploded above Chelyabinsk, Russia, causing substantial damage to buildings that injured more than 1,000 people with falling glass.

## The prank heard 'round the world

By James Chamberlain

When luger Kate Hansen posted a video of a wolf in her Sochi hotel hallway, more than 1 million fell for the gag. Hansen posted the video to YouTube on Wednesday, February 19, with the title "Epic #SochiFail: Wolf in my hall." The short video did indeed appear to show a wolf or a large, wolfish dog wandering a hallway and be filmed through a cracked-open door.

The short clip was featured on multiple news stations including HLN, CNN, MSNBC, and FOX News. The clip fooled the entire world. More notably, it fooled even the people in Sochi who were in charge of security.

But why would a video of a wolf wandering the halls of an Olympic athlete's dorm get so much publicity in the first place? Clearly something was amiss in Sochi that had athletes, reporters, and people worldwide in an uproar... they weren't prepared. In addition to stray wolves (dogs), athletes reported incomplete construction including one picture posted by an athlete of a fusebox in his shower.

But it turns out the video is a fake. Jimmy Kimmel admitted as much when he posted to Twitter on the following day. He revealed the recreated hallway in his studio.

Hansen joined Jimmy Kimmel Live via Skype to reveal how the two pulled it off.

"Honestly, there was a little bit more backlash than I thought there would be," Hansen admitted. Apparently security beefed up because there was "a breach within athlete safety," but they "handled it."

So how'd they do it? Hansen sent Kimmel's team a photo of her dorm hallway so they could build an entire replica of it in the L.A. studio. Then they brought in a Timber Wolf mix named Rugby who played the role of stray wolf by roaming the fake hallway.

Not long ago, it was Kimmel who fooled us all with the "Worst Twerk Fail EVER" video, in which he got a stunt woman to twerk her way into a candle and catch her leg on fire. The Internet erupted before Kimmel finally took ownership of the video. And now, the "#SochiFail: Wolf in my hall" video has garnered more than a million views.

What's next for the late night prankster? I'll certainly be keeping my eyes on the news and the web for any more suspicious videos in the near future.

## Associated Collegiate Press

By Megan Raymond

San Diego is the city of sun, beaches, and military bases. But did you know that this year it was the host of the national Associated College Press conference?

Which one is more intriguing: 'the boys fought outside the bar on Tuesday' or 'the gentlemen got into an altercation with their fists outside the bar this past Tuesday'? Many might say the second one is better, but that is not always the case in journalism. The first sentence is written sharply, which gets the point across faster. The second sentence says the same thing but with longer words that people have to read in order to get to the point of the sentence. This writing style, called writing sharply, is often overlooked in Journalism because it seems

more conversational. This style was covered in a session at the Associated College Press conference in San Diego California on February 27.

Editor-in-Chief Megan Raymond and advisor Jessica MacMillan attended the conference and they attended informational sessions much like the 'write sharp' session that had information they could take back to campus and use on the newspaper. There were a variety of sessions on topics ranging from interviewing anybody to investigative reporting to new technology that journalists of today can use.

"I really enjoy going to the ACP conferences because the sessions give me a chance to see what is going on in the journalism field and what I can do to make not only my writing but also the paper

better," Raymond said.

There was a session titled "Break with a Pro" that allowed students to get a chance to talk directly with someone in the field of Journalism. This allows for a chance to get to know someone in the industry, which could be the ticket to getting a job.

"I always learn a lot whenever I go to these conferences, though much of it doesn't apply to us because we are a small school. There is still so much to learn, especially when talking to a professional journalist. They are a wealth of information and they are more than happy to share what they know with young journalists," said Raymond. "Knowing that I can write in a very conversational way in Journalism makes my life easier because I can write in a way that makes it easier for my readers



Photo by Megan Raymond

Editor-in-Chief Megan Raymond standing near the ACP official sign. The conference was held at the Catamaran Resort and Spa in San Diego, California located between Mission Bay and the Pacific Ocean.

to understand."

This conference is open to all of the editors of the Spartan Times and it gives the editors a chance to see a city that they may have not seen before. The conference

next year is going to be in Los Angeles, California, which is a very culturally diverse city. If you are interested in going on this trip, sign up for Journalism next semester!



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## Endangering your lives and mine!

By Michaela Christoff

Recently I have begun to notice the sheer lack of skill in driving around these parts and it has frustrated me to no end. I have almost been in four accidents, none of which were my fault, and, believe me, I am one person who will take fault in their wrong doings. People around here are in such a rush to get nowhere.

I was driving up the hill to the college going the speed limit when someone in a red car, and I do hope you read this, passed me. I don't know if you are aware, but there are double lines running up the hill which means you can NOT pass. I watched you speed up the hill and assumed you were late to class, but had you died on that hill, there would be no more classes for you, or possibly the person sitting in the passenger seat, or maybe even me and that's unacceptable. We've all been late to class, it happens. There is no need to put everyone's life in danger because of it. There are speed limits for a reason, people.

Another thing about awful driving is people don't seem to know there is a light that will show the person behind you that you

want to turn a specific way. Come on people, it's not that hard to figure out. Maybe your tail light is out and in that case, the cops in this town need to do their jobs better. I have run into at least five people who either didn't use their turning signal, or it was broken, and either way, that's unacceptable. I refuse to run my car into the back of yours because you never bother to get your car checked up on. People, you don't have to go to the auto body shop to check your blinkers. Step behind your car and see if they're working. It doesn't take a genius.

Lastly, turn of your high beams. If I see one more person leave their high beams on as I pass coming from the opposite direction, I will follow you home and break your headlights. I almost ran off the road because it was raining and one of you wouldn't turn off your high beams as I was passing. Thanks. I love having near-death experiences because of your stupidity.

People, driving is a privilege, not a necessity. So is life. Don't mess it up. Drive safe.

## Kreig's Kicks

"Rants and raves by me, Kreig."

Have you ever chosen a path and the moment after decided it was the wrong one. It's a fairly common thing with humans. We have very little in the way of being able to commit fully to our decisions unless everyone and everything are forcing us to. This is more prevalent in men than women but both sexes do have issues with it.

The main problem here is that most people will shy away from difficult decisions and will take the easiest path they can without discretion or the thought of tomorrow. This might seem harmless but in fact it could be the most ruinous thing anyone could ever do. Decisions without thought only result in harm and destruction. In the rare cases where they do not bring down wrath upon their choosers the benefits do not outweigh the negative.

As said in the last article all decisions must be weighed by their impact on everyone, but first the chooser themselves. To do this

to its fullest sense the decision must be mulled over, much as you enjoy a dinner from a wonderful restaurant. It must be over a long period of deliberation.

Now some here will say that some decisions don't have that period of deliberation. It is precisely this reason that makes it necessary to become excellent at this. The more practice you have with making decisions in an informed and well thought manner the faster you get at doing it and thus you can make other decisions without fear of choosing the wrong path.

Am I saying this is easy? No, not at all. In fact this is one of the hardest things to learn as it requires an intense amount of visualization. To do this you must see all paths laid out before you and see how every decision on these paths opens new paths to be chosen. Visualizing every single path which can followed takes time, which sometimes is not



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Kreig Kohl

available.

In lieu of time being short the next best option is to get as much advice from others about the decision as quickly as can be done. Their viewpoints could easily be the deciding factor in how you see it and could tip the scale to almost any direction necessary. These are of course the basic ideas of how to do these things. More can be learned by just looking into good decision making.

The truth though of this decision making process though can only be evident in the end. Does it work for everyone? No. Nothing ever will. But if it works for you use it and be happy.

## On Our Last Night

By Kalt Schwarz

Destruction	The blackness in his tears Screaming in our ears Nothing for a heart Pain giving him a start
Humanities ultimate sin	
Ressurrection	The world lies in ruins As the bodies begin brewing A feast for the leader Our ultimate Führer
Something we must begin	
Desecration	This is how it ends Before we may grab our pens Forfitting that right On Our last night
The death of every man	
Immolation	
Pain spread across the land	



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## Fishing Season

By Tobin Gutkes

As the ice clears, the running waters of the White River begin to shimmer like diamonds off the bright Colorado sun. The spring bugs begin to accumulate around the river and trout begin to surface. The white river holds some of the best fishing in Colorado, with species including: Rainbow Trout, Native Cutthroat, German brown, Catfish and White Fish.

The best of the White is near the Meeker area. Although most of the land on the river near Meeker is private, there are still many public sections that offer great fishing.

The White can be fished with both spinner rod as well as fly rod, however some sections are specifically fly rod use only and the fish must be caught and released. To fish the river you must also have a Colorado state fishing license, which can be purchased at most general stores in Colorado. If you are planning a weekend fishing trip you can purchase a one to three day pass, or if you are an avid angler you can get a season pass. The licenses will run you different prices depending on if you are a Colorado state resident. Kenney Reservoir is also a popular fishing spot for both beginner and seasoned anglers.

The Reservoir offers excellent trout fishing. Locals will say the best spot to fish the reservoir is at the base of the damn. Kenney Reservoir offers Rainbow Trout, Black Crappie, Channel Catfish, White Fish and the Endangered Pike Minnow. If you do hook one of these rare Pike Minnows, you must release it as quickly and safely as possible.

To find out more information on the rules and regulations of the local waters you can pick up a Colorado Division of Wildlife Fishing brochure, in many stores in Rangely or Meeker. You can also log on to the Colorado State Fishing website to find out more information as well as day to day fishing reports.

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## If Only You Knew

By Tiffany Record

If you only knew...  
Who I really am,  
What I've grown to be,  
And what I will become.

If you only knew...  
What I've accomplished,  
How I've dealt with the sadness,  
And who I wish you were.

If you only knew...  
How much I want you here,  
What I pray for every night,  
And how much I want you to change.

If you only knew...  
How many nights I've cried for you,  
Wanting you here to soothe my sorrows,  
And watch me make my own mistakes.

If you only knew...  
How much I've grown in the last 17 years,  
What my biggest dreams are,  
And how proud I wish I could make you.

If you only knew...  
How I forgive you,  
What I've learned in accepting who you are,  
And knowing that I love you.

You don't know but one day you will know...  
Who I am,  
What I've accomplished,  
How I've grown,  
Why I forgave you,  
When you do, you'll know  
I will always love you.

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## Revenge

By Zach Glasgow

To say the least, Marcus was nervous. Hastily donning the best clothes he possessed for his new job of Captain of the Guard. Honestly, he didn't even know what he was supposed to do. Organize the city's supply of guards at an attempt to install order and proper justice - that was certain. The guards at his command, however, more than likely didn't even know his name. They wouldn't follow him, let alone listen to him.

Regardless, he had to try. He ran out of the house and down the street, yelling a goodbye to his family as he went.

His brother, Alexander, had come as quick as a lightning bolt, and left even faster, Marcus thought as he jogged towards the guard house. As the king, it was understandable that he wouldn't have time to converse, but something about his brother's tone of voice upset him. It worried him, like Alexander was plotting something to get back at Marcus for some petty insult Marcus had dealt him by accident, or to get revenge over a childhood squabble. His brother had always had a sort of... hatred, or obsession, towards

his brother Marcus. Peculiar, though Marcus guessed that was just brotherly love. He didn't have time to contemplate his king brother's actions - the guard house stood before him, waiting for him to try and take command. Guards milled around the yard, conversing lightly with each other and heading out on some assigned task. One of the senior guards approached him.

"Commander Marcus, I presume?"; he said with a smile. He was tall and well built, a sword at his side and a shield across his back. "I've been told to tell you that the command of the guard has been entrusted to me until you can get the hang of things. Your priority should be investigating the disappearance of the previous guard captain. Ah, sir." Marcus nodded, letting go a silent sigh of relief. He didn't think he could handle all the guards anyway. "Alright then. I'll get on that straight away." Walking inside the building, heading for his quarters, Marcus thought intently on how the previous captain had gone missing.

## Brass Floors

By Kane Usami

Reno awoke in a daze. First thinking that he was in his shack, then believing that he was in his father's house. But only for a split second. Then, his mind connected with his sensory organs. The sight, the smell, the sound, and the heat of the barren desert flashed over him. His mind, flooded with a mixture of dread, sorrow, and the slightest bit of happiness and sense of adventure. He asked himself why he had come out there. After all, hadn't he come out here to experience this very thing? To experience the fear, the dread, and so on. Ah, but he didn't account for lady loneliness to catch him so. He had been so caught up in everything around him that she snuck up behind him. Slowly but silently she came, and eventually she enveloped him. Encasing him in a deep, dark, lonely depression that perhaps not even the wonder of the "electrocution" lights could reverse (or so he thought).

No use dwelling on things was something that his Father had taught him. For that lesson Reno both loved and hated his father. He loathed the feeling of forgetting about thoughts from the past. Then again he loved it. The feeling to let go, to be free from past crimes. But sometimes, you can't change a man no matter how many memories you make him forget.

Trying not to dwell on his problems Reno packed up his gear, and he started walking toward the horizon where he saw the mystifying lights the past night.

As he walked he questioned his presence in the universe. Why would any being, or deity, or whatever may be out there put him on this desolate planet? Was his purpose in life to be lonely? To walk the wastes in search of nothing? More dirt? More frightening creatures, people, and- To his amazement, Reno had arrived at what looked like the lights he saw in the distance earlier. The lights were not just lights, but from the looks of it, the lights were in a giant town. Surrounded by a wall. A wall made of steel, and what seemed to be the same stonish material that made up the roads, but much smoother and of lighter shade. The wall stood taller

than Reno had ever seen a wall stand. A wall - not so dissimilar (symbolically) from Gilgamesh's wall- A wall that seemed to guard the heavens. A wall of such great stature, that it dwarfed the tall buildings that Reno had scavenged through in the burned out cities. And as Reno looked upon the wall in awe, forgetting all of his troubles and pains, an old man slowly approached to his right.

The old man suddenly clapped his hand on Reno's shoulder. Reno jumped, drawing his gun with lightning quick reflexes. He pulled back the hammer and pointed it at the old man within a split second. Reno and the old man exchanged stares for a full minute, and Reno spoke up.

"H- How did you get that close to me?"

The old man was hooded, in a dark brown tattered robe. Reno could not see his face, but he could see the pale, skinny, gnarled boned fingers that protruded from the sleeves of the robe. They ended in long, yellowed, pointed fingernails that seemed to give Reno more trouble than not being able to see the man's face. The man's breath smelled of burnt hair, and raw flesh. And the slow rasp of his voice was enough to make anyone's skin crawl.

"I came to greet you. You were entranced by the wall and I stirred you. Really, you should thank me. I've seen men die where you are standing."

Reno looked at the ground involuntarily as if emphasizing the man's point.

"Greet? Me? Were you expecting me?"

"Well, yes, and no. I was expecting someone. I could feel it. I saw someone in my dreams searching, wandering, dying. I couldn't know who the person was going to be but we knew that he would arrive, and why."

Reno let this sink in. His mind raced, and he could barely think let alone speak. He still had his gun drawn, and he was somewhat debating whether or not to shoot the man. He had many questions to ask but he didn't want to stick around to talk to this demon.

"Then, why did I arrive? Do you know?" Reno asked carefully.

"Yes, said the man. Yes I do indeed. But do you?"

Reno was surprised by this and he recoiled softly.

"What on earth do you mean? How would you know and I not? I'm obviously here for- for... The trees?"

"Ha!" The man scoffed. "I know all about your stupid dream. Trees are a thing of the old world, and that is not why you are here. Well, that's not the main reason any way. Safe Zones. That's the real reason."

Reno was doubting himself now. He couldn't think, he couldn't reason, and he couldn't believe that he was letting this demon tell him why he was here. The old man had somehow gotten in his mind, and his head hurt. He tried to shake off the confusion and the anger exploded out of him.

"Then why?! Why in the Hell am I here?! Answer me that! Answer me damn you!"

The old man stood there silently. Saying nothing. And even though Reno couldn't see it, a grin spread across the man's face. Reno became outraged. His mind was clouded by dehydration, confusion, anger, and hunger. Reno felt faint, and then angry. Reno's ears were ringing. He opened his mouth to scream but could hear nothing. His vision was turning bright white around the edges and blurry. So many thoughts crowded his mind he felt that his head would surely explode from the pressure. Out of rage he raised his gun and fanned the hammer. Emptying six rounds in rapid succession into the old man's chest. Reno saw the man explode into blackness. A black silk sheet that shot up out of where the old man had stood. A blackness so black that no human had ever laid eyes on anything so dark. The blackness grew taller than the wall, it was getting bigger, and what looked like a grin spread across it. It grew taller, and then swept down towards Reno. Enveloping him in darkness.

## Dan

By Dale Nielsen

dressed in black from head to toe, save his brown coat.

"The name's Black Bart. I could use some of them beans if you're willing to share."

Abel still doesn't seem too keen about this man. I have always thought dogs could tell good-news people from bad-news people. This makes me very wary of this man and I figure I'll give him some beans and send him on his way. He tries to pet Abel, but the dog will have no part of it and bites his hand.

"Why you son of a b-!!" Black Bart's hand, unfortunately, moves to his holster. I shoot him before his gun is even drawn. He falls to the ground, his ripped-open throat spraying geysers of blood everywhere. I have got to give myself some credit: when it comes

"If the Third World War is fought with nuclear weapons, the fourth will be fought with bows and arrows." Louis Mountbatten, 1st Earl Mountbatten Of Burma.

Abel's barking alerts me something is nearby. I unholster my .357 revolver.

"Who's there?" I ask in a frightened voice. I hear footsteps approaching. I get in front of Abel and wait. The dog's barks and growls grow more ferocious by the second. Just when I start planning my escape, the elusive figure makes its appearance.

"Put that gun down son, no sense in killing a man following the same path as your own," the figure exclaims. I lower my revolver and sit down, the man standing before me could be a cowboy or wanderer from an old west movie. He is

# MEET THE PRESS



**James Chamberlain**  
Copy Editor

“I’m originally from Niagara Falls, New York. I met my girlfriend online and made the 2000 mile trip to Colorado last year to live here with her. Although I live here now, I’m as far from a country boy as you can possibly get. I spend most of my free time on my computer or playing video games. While this may seem like a waste of time to some people, it gives me the required skills to go into a career in Software Development or Computer Systems and do what I love and make a very respectable living doing so.”



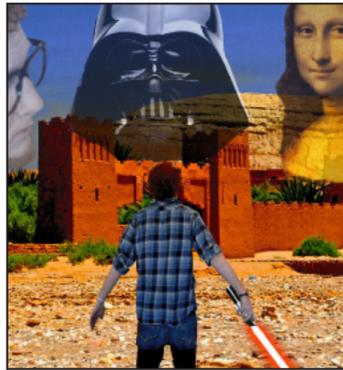
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Photo Editor

“I grew up in Dinosaur Colorado, went to school there until third grade then started school in Rangely. I graduated high school last year and decided to make my parents proud and attend college. I don’t know what I’m going to do for the rest of my life but whatever I do I want to see the world, leave this small town and never look back. I hope one day I can travel to Tokyo and Rome. I want to be out in the world and live it up before my youth runs dry and I cant say I did anything with my life.”



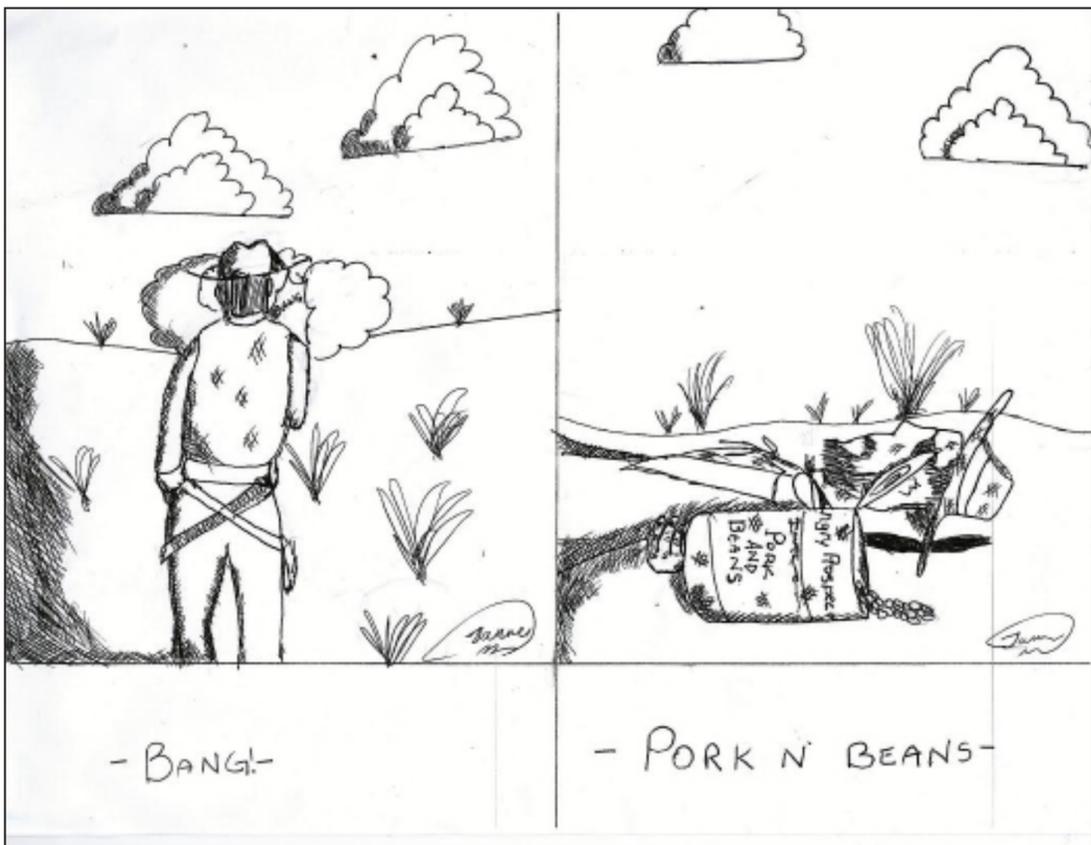
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First Year Staff Writer

“My name is Tanner Nielson. I am a C.I.A. operative but you didn’t hear me say that.”



**Nicole Durfey**  
First Year Staff Writer

“My name is Nicole Durfey. I am a sophomore here at CNCC for both softball and volleyball this year. I have always had a passion in writing ever since I took my first Journalism class in high school. I am excited to continue with Journalism this semester and being a part of the Spartan Times.”



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## Spartan Softball Breaks Records

By Nicole Durfey

Our Spartans softball girls started off their spring season in Las Vegas, Nevada for the CSN (College of Southern Nevada) Las Vegas Tournament with four games total for the weekend. The team didn’t come out with any wins but they fought hard and put up a fight making it a good competition with some of the best teams in the nation. The weather conditions were terrible than what all the girls expected. There was a cold, chilling wind all weekend making it hard to play comfortably but the Spartans didn’t care either way, they were ready to play, considering it was their first time on dirt since their fall season.

“It feels so good to be back on dirt again, it has been so long.” said sophomore short stop, Sydnie Swenson enthusiastically.

The Spartan girls’ first game on January 31 against Central Arizona was a very close game, only falling behind by one run. The final score was 7 to 8 for Central. After the first game, the girls were definitely ready to play again.

Vreni Lewis, a sophomore pitcher said with a smile, “Now that we got all our jitters out, we’re definitely ready to kick some butt now.”

Second game that day was against Phoenix Community College. The team did not get the outcome they had wanted; the final score was 1 to 9 for Phoenix.

On February 1 the softball team started the day off against Pima Community College ending the game 5 to 8 for them.

During warm ups for the second game against Glendale Community College there was a horrid accident when a wild ball hit a freshmen pitcher, Rilee Lutz, in the head and fell immediately to the ground. The paramedics arrived a few minutes later dragging a stretcher through the outfield ready for Rilee but she didn’t end up needing it.

“The ball hit her right on the side of her head near the ear. The paramedics say she might have a minor concussion but I know she is a fighter.” said Coach Ysidro Jimenez right after the incident occurred.

Lutz insisted on staying for the game and supporting her team. The final score was another really close one, 6 to 7 for Glendale.

The Spartans did not get the results they wanted but this is only the beginning and they are ready for war.

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