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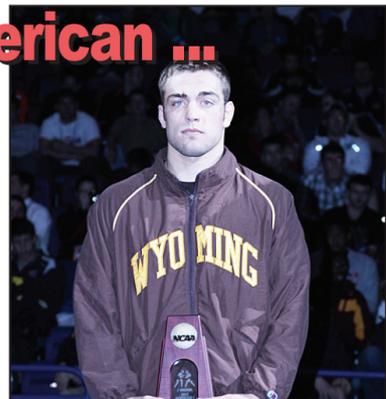


Home of Shawn Welder

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All-American ...

Joe LeBlanc earned All-American honors for a fourth time after a seventh place finish in the NCAA Division I Wrestling Championships held in St. Louis, Mo., last weekend in the 184-pound bracket. Please read the story on page 9A.



A LONG HISTORY OF HARD-WORKING PEOPLE

By HALLIE BLUNT
Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER I Joe and Evalyn Carstens have grown up, worked, owned a business, and raised a family in this area. They come from a long history of hard-working people and carry on that tradition. Their home is filled with family pictures and heirlooms handed down through the generations, like Joe's grandfather's pipe and a handmade rocking horse from Joe's childhood. Their house and their words are full pride for their family and their grandchildren have certainly kept the couple young and busy through the years.

Joe's maternal grandfather, Alfred Johnson, left his home in Denmark in a sailing ship for America and never

went back. The ship was actually lost at sea for three months before arriving in the United States. He worked his way across the states before stopping in Buffalo, Wyo., and then moving on to Meeker where he drove a freight wagon for Harp Transportation.

Joe's paternal grandfather, Fritz Carstens, was the area water commissioner and helped build the Miller Creek ditch. He also had the rock quarry and donated the stone for the Meeker Elementary School on Main Street where Joe was a member of the inaugural first grade class in the new building.

Joe's mother, Francis, and father, Fred, were married by local judge Jack Wix. Fred helped construct County Road 8 and supervised the water line into Meeker. He later



(Above) Joe and Evalyn Carstens have been married 57 years. (Right) Joe and Evalyn, with Joe's father, Fred, and Joe and Evalyn's oldest daughter, Sherri.



worked for Alfonzo Bell at the Bar Bell Ranch. Francis cooked for Eleanor Roosevelt when she was in

town to visit her son and daughter-in-law, Elliot and Minnewa Roosevelt. Joe's aunt made a size 2T jacket from one of Elliot's dinner jackets for their daughter.

Fred went to work for the government doing construction on Army bases following his employment with the Bar Bell. They moved around a lot, with Joe attending 12 schools in one year. When Joe was old enough to work, he worked on several ranches in the Wyoming area before returning to Meeker. He went to work for Rio Blanco County upon his return and stayed 44 years before retiring.

Evelyn (Myers) Carstens was born in Rifle and grew up in Meeker from the time she was seven. Her father was

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Nine candidates vie for elected offices in Rangely

By BOBBY GUTIERREZ
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RANGELY I "It's exciting to have this happen," said current Town of Rangely trustee and candidate for reelection Brad Casto. Casto thanked his six fellow candidates and the large crowd that filled council chambers last Wednesday.

"When I first got on the town council four years ago, I was appointed, because no one else ran," Casto said.

Seven candidates for three council seats and two mayoral candidates for the mail ballot April 3 election participated in a forum attended by approximately 100 people and televised on the local TV channel.

Casto, Joseph Nielsen, Dave Way,

John Perry, Dan Eddy, Darlene Feller and Rene Diane Harden are all running for three available candidate seats: Casto's, Brent Shroyer's and Frank Huitt's seats. Huitt is running for mayor against incumbent Paula Davis.

Candidates were given two minutes to introduce themselves and tell why they are running for office. All were given scripted questions days before the forum. Members of the audience were given the opportunity to write down questions and a few of them were also answered by the candidates.

"I want to make it a level playing field," said Davis, who works for the department of social services. "I care

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Seven candidates including Joseph Nielsen, Dave Way, John Perry, Brad Casto, Darlene Feller and Rene Diane Harden will all have their name on the ballot, which has been mailed out for the April 3 municipal election. The seven candidates for three council seats all participated in a candidate forum last week, along with mayoral candidates (not pictured) incumbent Paula Davis and Frank Huitt. Please vote and return by mail or drop ballots off at town hall.

BOBBY GUTIERREZ

ERBM responds to questions

By NIKI TURNER
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MEEKER I After business owners upset with the Meeker Recreation District's perceived lack of support for the Range Call Celebration descended on the district's board meeting last week, ERBM executive director Michael Weinbrecht, responded to questions presented by the business owners.

Weinbrecht said there was no letter sent from the district to local businesses, only an email proposal sent to the president of the Range Call committee. The email outlined the district's proposal for an in-kind donation to the Range Call Celebration.

"The actual Range Call committee had asked for a donation at or above the platinum (sponsorship) level," Weinbrecht stated. A platinum Range Call sponsorship requires a minimum \$10,000 donation.

According to Weinbrecht, the recreation district board and staff considered a number of factors in regard to the requested donation for

Range Call, including the Range Call committee's lack of 501c3 non-profit status, the request came after the district's annual budget was finalized and filed with the state, and the district's "overhaul" of its sponsorship policy.

"Taking all factors into consideration, the recreation district decided that it was best to donate only in-kind services and materials," Weinbrecht said.

In the past, those in-kind donations have included district staff hours utilized to run various events like the kids' events at the ranch rodeo and the 5K walk/run, contributions of supplies and coordinating facility times to alleviate parking problems. The proposal for 2012 added a movie night, a \$1 drop-in admission rate and free shower tickets for the rodeo participants and staff.

Citizens at the meeting had suggested possible donations ranging from 1 percent of the district's total operating budget (\$47,000) to cover-

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TOPPING OFF...



(Above) An estimated 250 people attended the "topping off" lunch celebration of the new Rangely District Hospital. Pictured behind the final beam to be installed, which was signed by employees and board members Nick Goshe (CEO), Marty Estes (board member), Dr. Karyl Ting (family physician), Bernie Rice (compliance officer), Dr. Chris Adams (family physician), Jim Dillon (CFO), Rob Mackey (board member), Buford Adams (board member) and board president Jack Rich. (Right) The weather cooperated for the short ceremony where Goshe and Rich (pictured right) both spoke, thanking the public for their support and inviting them for lunch and more visiting.



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Horseshoe tournament April 1

RANGELY | Horseshoe tournament at Elks Park in Rangely on April 1, beginning at noon. \$20 per team, great prizes. To sign up contact 970-210-0772. Proceeds will benefit Jamie Brasfield. There will be inflatables for the kids.

Fairfield grant application due April 2

MEEKER | The Freeman E. Fairfield semi-annual trust grant application deadline is 5 p.m., Monday, April 2. Applications may be mailed to P.O. Box 2302, Meeker, CO 81641 or delivered to Diane Dunham at 438 E. Market St. Mailed applications must be received, not postmarked by April 2. Application forms are available from Diane or any Fairfield committee member. Also, senior scholarship applications are due no later than 5 p.m. on Tuesday, April 3. They may be mailed to P.O. Box 2302, Meeker, CO 81641 or delivered to the front desk at First National of the Rockies. Again, mailed applications must be received, not postmarked, by Tuesday, April 3.

TEA Party meeting tonight

MEEKER | TEA Party meeting is today, March 22, at 7 p.m. Guest speakers will be Colorado House Dist. 57 candidates Ron Roesener and Bob Rankin. Everyone is invited to come and hear where these gentlemen stand on the issues. There will also be a period for questions and answers. Please come and become a better-informed voter.

Community Networking meeting March 27

RANGELY | The next Community Networking Group meeting will be Tuesday, March 27 in Rangely at noon in the Weiss Conference Room at CNCC. Ken Coffin, White River National Forest District Ranger/Blanco Ranger District, will be speaking about how the 2012 Capitol Christmas tree will come from the White River National Forest in northwest Colorado. Pizza will be served.

After Birth Ball Saturday, April 21

MEEKER | Tickets are on sale for the 2012 After Birth Ball. This year the event will be Saturday, April 21 at the Fairfield Center in Meeker. Tickets are \$25/adult, \$10/kids 10 and under, and a reserved table of 10 for \$250. Tickets can be purchased at the Meeker Chamber of Commerce at 710 Market St. Proceeds benefit the Friends of FFA nonprofit organization and support agricultural education in our community. If you have questions contact 970-878-5510.

Veterans memorial contributions

MEEKER | Contributions to the proposed County Veterans Memorial can be sent to: VFW POST 5843, Rio Blanco County Memorial Fund, Mountain Valley Bank, 400 Main St., Meeker, Colo., 81641.

**HOME OF:
Shawn Welder**

MEEKER | Longtime Meeker resident Shawn Welder is this week's "home of" honoree. Shawn's family moved to Meeker in the early 1970s. Shawn attended middle school and high school in Meeker. After getting out of the Army at 23, he worked for a horse business in Summit County for four years. He then accepted a job to be a ranch manager for a large ranch in Summit County where he did ranching and outfitting work. He moved back to Meeker in 2001.

Shawn and his brother Brian own and operate Welder Outfitting, providing all-season fishing, horseback riding, camping, hunting and snowmobile recreational services. Shawn also takes care of the Welder Ranch along the White River.

Shawn has three sons. Keegan, 18, lives in Craig and works for a contractor. Keegan plans to head to college in the fall. Shawn's other sons are 16-year old twins, Kalin and Kolin. They also live in Craig and are juniors at Moffat County High School. Shawn's sons help him with the outfitting business in the summer and occasionally on weekends.

Shawn's parents are Frank and Jean Welder of Meeker. Frank is a retired hydrologist. Jean is a health professional with a background in Tai Chi, yoga and holistic health.

"I got into outfitting as my excuse to be outdoors and be involved in so many different forms of recreation. Summer and fall are busy times and it's hard to get away, but now that I'm self-employed I've had opportunities to travel with my boys. We went to Alaska for a month last summer and have been fishing along the Gulf Coast several times. My favorite place in the world is the high country of Colorado," Shawn said.

"I think having a personal connection with the people I do business with makes Meeker great. I'm proud to be from the Meeker High School Class of 1980 and that so many of my classmates still live here and have given back and supported our community," Shawn added.

RIO BLANCO COUNTY

GATEWAY ARCH ...



Joe LeBlanc's oldest sister Andrea, her husband Nick Gianinetti and their youngest son Isaiah, drove to St. Louis, Mo., last week to watch Joe wrestle in the national tournament and visited the famous Gateway Arch.

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DESTINATION IMAGINATION ...



COURTESY PHOTO

Four of Meeker's seven (grades first through seventh) Destination Imagination teams, qualified for the state competition in Denver. The 4 Roses and 3 Handsome Weeds, The 7 Blue Lagoon Fingers, The 6 Hard Hats and Their Toolbox and the Snack Attacks all advanced to the state competition. Some of the team members of the aforementioned and the Rising Starts, Super Silly Jelly Beans, Miss Piggys' are (front and center in baseball hat) Lane Anderson. Second row Kaden Franklin, Melayni Wangnild, Brealyn Garcia, Ruby Holliday, Hadley Franklin, Colton Nielsen, Braydon Garcia, Kelton Turner, Samantha Copeland, Aspen Merrifield, Makenna Burke, Kolbi Franklin. Back row; Sophia Goedert, Charlie Day, Gracie Bradfield, Kassie Luce (w/ hair up) Cole Rogers, Kenzie Turner, Mason Holliday, Krissie Luce (w/ hair down- per mom on that particular day...), Kale Burke, Addie Joy, Connor Blunt, Jeniffer Kincher, Annelise Amack, Tevin Pelloni, Pake Burke. Coaches for the teams are: The 6 Hard Hats and Their Toolbox: Kellie Turner and Hallie Blunt; 4 Yellow Roses and 3 Handsome Weeds, Marnell Bradfield and Travis Day; Super Silly Jelly Beans, Amber Garcia and Heather Franklin; Snack Attacks, Shana Holliday and Zach Clatterbaugh; 7 Blue Lagoon Fingers, Margie Joy and Shelly Rogers, Sun Monkeys in Flannel Brooke Mantle and Alicia Watt; Miss Piggys', Kristen Eskelson and Tim Nelson.

RE-1: Good news and bad news

By **BOBBY GUTIERREZ**
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MEEKER | "I have good news and bad news," Andy Stewart of Vanir, the school district's owner's representative for the Meeker Elementary School said following a workshop of three committees held before the March 20 meeting.

"The structural repairs continue on schedule," Stewart said. "The walls are closed back in on the first floor, we are working east to west on the high steel work and the large steel members were fished through existing windows and are now being welded and bolted in place. We are right on track for completion by summer."

The bad news is that a panel is settling in the southeast corner of the gym wall. Stewart recommended bringing CTL-Thompson, the geotechnical company which performed and reclassified approximately half of the soils underneath the new building, before the repairs began. The soils where the settling, which was first noticed by Hightower last October, were not reclassified.

Stewart said the necessary measures to repair the problem will be based on soil conditions.

Sitting in for superintendent Susan Goettel, who is on medical leave, elementary principal Jason Hightower added an action item to the agenda.

In the preceding workshop, a resolution had been prepared appointing the initial board of the Meeker Education Foundation. The resolution, passed unanimously by the school board, read in part,

"That the foundation shall be a separate legal entity, independent and apart from the board and the district; and that thereafter the foundation board of directors shall independently adopt the foundation articles and bylaws and therein provide for the perpetuation of the said board as an independent body and succession of members thereof, and do all acts and things necessary and appropriate for the establishment of the foundation as a tax exempt organization."

The committee recommended and the school board approved the following seven people to serve on the board: Jerry Oldland (two-year term, school board member), Tawny Halandras (three-year term, banking member), Barb Phelan (three-year term, retired teacher), Mandi Etheridge (two-year term, town/county administration), Dan Chinn (two-year term, service group member), Mary Strang (three-year term, community member) and Becky Hughes (two-year term, current teacher).

Oldland recommended the new board meet as soon as possible to begin organizing the foundation.



A large beam is successfully lifted into a window on the second floor of the new elementary school. It was reported that the repairs are on schedule for a summer completion.

BOBBY GUTIERREZ

WEEKLY REC NEWS SPOT Mar 22 – Mar 29, 2012



Thank you, Swimming with the Shamrocks VOLUNTEERS!

LEPRECHAUN: Stanley Crawford
VOLUNTEERS: Reno Roybald, Reagan Pearce, Katelyn Atchley, Julia Eskelson



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RBC judging team "ready for business"

Special to the Herald Times

RBC I The Rio Blanco County 4-H livestock judging team started out the season with style. The team, consisting of 15 juniors and two seniors, traveled to Cortez, Colo., to the Four States Ag Expo on Friday, March 16. Several members of the team were traveling for the first time. The team judged five classes of cattle, four classes of sheep and two hog classes. The juniors entered four teams. Team 1: Destiny Bland, Tristan Hall, Serena Goedert and Marryn Shults. Team 2: Madi Shults, Macy Collins, Kaylee Mecham and Mary Baylie. Team 3: Del Garner, A.J. Garner, Kenzie Turner and Raelynn Norman. Team 4: Makenna Burke, Kale Burke, Kolbi Franklin and Lyle Uhrich. The senior team was Maclaine Shults and Landon Mecham.

As quoted by one of the organizers, Rio Blanco came to the contest "ready for business." The team came home with garment bags, Makenna's first belt buckle, some iTunes cards and two pairs of great boots.

Sheep	Junior	Senior	Team
9th	D. Garner		
7th	T. Hall		
6th	K. Turner		
5th	K. Franklin		
4th	Madi Shults		Team 4
3rd	M. Burke		
2nd	A.J. Garner		
1st		Maclaine	Team 3

Swine	Junior	Senior	Team
10th	D. Garner	L. Mecham	
7th	M. Collins		
3rd		Maclaine	Team 2
2nd	K. Turner		
	Junior	Senior	Team
10th	A.J. Garner		
8th	Madi		
7th		Maclaine	
5th	K. Burke		
3rd	M. Collins		Team 4
2nd			Team 2
1st	M. Burke		
	Junior	Senior	Team
9th	M. Collins		
8th	Madi		
7th		Maclaine	
4th	D. Garner		
3rd			Team 4
2nd	A.J. Garner		
1st	M. Burke		

Reasons	Junior	Senior	Team
10th	R. Norman		
8th	A.J. Garner		
6th	M. Burke		
5th	K. Mecham		
3rd	Madi		Team 3
1st	M. Collins	Maclaine	Team 2

Overall High Individual	Junior	Senior	Team
8th	D. Garner		
7th	Madi		
4th	M. Collins		Team 4
3rd		Maclaine	Team 2
2nd	A.J. Garner		Team 3
1st	M. Burke		



JUDGING ...

Members of the Rio Blanco County 4-H Livestock judging team, many traveling for the first time, did well representing the county in the Four States Ag Expo held in Cortez, March 16.

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New campaign targets smokers

Special to the Herald Times

RBC I The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has launched a national education campaign depicting the harsh reality of illness and damage real people suffer as a result of smoking and exposure to secondhand smoke. The ads show the toll smoking-related illnesses take on real people and their loved ones. Viewers in Colorado will see the ads from March 19 to June 4.

The "Tips from Former Smokers" campaign features compelling stories of former smokers living with smoking-related diseases and disabilities. The ads focus on smoking-related lung and throat cancer, heart attack, stroke, Buerger's disease and asthma. Smokers who quit also pass along tips about what helped them succeed.

"Though they may be tough to watch, the ads show real people living with real, painful consequences from smoking," said CDC director Dr. Thomas R. Frieden. "There is sound evidence that supports the use of these types of hard-hitting images and messages to encourage smokers to quit, keep children from ever beginning to smoke and drastically reduce the harm caused by tobacco."

Dr. Chris Urbina, executive director and chief medical officer of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, said, "We identified tobacco as one of Colorado's ten winnable battles because it is the leading cause of preventable death in our state. This cam-

paign educates the public on the serious and long-term dangers of smoking and secondhand smoke for individuals and their families."

Despite the known dangers of tobacco use, nearly one in five adults in the U.S. and one in six adults in Colorado smoke. Forty percent of Coloradans report unwanted exposure to secondhand smoke and more than 30 percent of children are exposed to tobacco smoke at home. More than 4,300 Coloradans each year lose their lives to smoking-related diseases, and for every one person who dies, another 20 live with a smoking-related illness. Still, nearly 70 percent of smokers say they want to quit, and half try to quit each year.

Many of the ads are tagged with 1-800-QUIT-NOW, a toll-free number that directs callers to the Colorado QuitLine to access free support for quitting. The Colorado QuitLine is a free telephone coaching service that connects people who want to quit smoking to an experienced Quit Coach. The Quit Coach works with the smoker to set up a personal quit plan and provides tips and support to increase the chances of quitting tobacco for the long term. Along with individualized coaching, the telephone service offers a free supply of nicotine patches. The telephone coaching service is available seven days a week, in English and Spanish. Online quit support is also available at www.smoke-free.gov.

For more information on the "Tips from Former Smokers" campaign, visit www.cdc.gov/quitting/tips.

Spring break DEALS



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\$1.79



15.5 oz. Western Family Pork & Beans
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4-Pack, 3.5 oz. Western Family Assorted Puddin' Cups
89¢

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16 oz. Western Family Assorted PASTA	99¢
24 oz. Western Family SPAGHETTI SAUCE	99¢
5 oz. Chicken of the Sea TUNA	99¢
18 oz. Western Family Old Fashion or QUICK OATS	\$1.19
100 oz. Tide 2x Liquid DETERGENT	\$12.99
6-Roll Western Family 6-Pack PAPER TOWELS	\$4.99
12-Roll Western Family Soft Big Roll BATH TISSUE	\$5.99
24-Roll Western Family BATH TISSUE	\$5.99

FROZEN

16 oz. Western Family Assorted VEGGIES	89¢
8 oz. Western Family WHIPPED TOPPING	\$1.19
16 oz. Western Family RASPBERRY, BLACKBERRY & BERRY MEDLEY	\$2.79
12.3 oz. Western Family WAFFLES	2 for \$4
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Fresh Boneless CHICKEN BREAST	\$2.19/lb.
16 oz. Bar-S Extra Lean Ham or TURKEY LUNCHMEAT	\$3.69/ea.
16 oz. Bar-S BACON	\$3.49/ea.

PRODUCE

Pink Lady APPLES	\$1.29/lb.
Large Choice Navel ORANGES	49¢/lb.
Premium Gold PINEAPPLE	69¢/lb.
Extra Large Roma TOMATOES	99¢/lb.
Fresh Crisp CUCUMBERS	3 for \$1
Ripe KIWI FRUIT	4 for \$1
Medium Yellow ONIONS	4 lbs. for \$1

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16 oz. Western Family Real MARGARINE	89¢
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thank you

Dear Editor:
The family of Bus Norell would like to thank the Piceance Creek ladies and all the friends and family who brought food to his service. We would also like to thank the Piceance Creek ladies for organizing the meal and the Rio Blanco County fairgrounds and extension office for all their help.

The Norell Family
Meeker

Services and the Rangely Cemetery, I have a sign. It is a quote from St. Augustine, "God loves each of us as if there were only one of us." That thought has helped me through some pretty bad times in my life. But there is another side to it. God loves you as much as He loves me. I have been with some of our Rangely families at some of the worst times in their lives and I think I have brought them a reminder of that love when it was difficult for them to feel it on their own.

I have been accused of having an "agenda" in this election. And I am here to tell you: Yes, I have an agenda. People vote for me because I do have an agenda, an agenda for town employees to be respectful and fair to the public. No matter what neighbor-

hood they live in or where they work or how much money they have in the bank. And my second is that the employees will be respectful to each other. Sort of goes along with the, do unto others as you would have them do unto you and love your neighbor as yourself.

Everything else I will take as it comes. That sound you just heard was me, turning the other cheek.
Mayor Paula Davis
Rangely

Yellow Jacket budget

Dear Editor:
To Yellow Jacket Water Conservancy Board president Coryell and members of the board of directors: I am writing out of concern for the future of the Yellow Jacket Water Conservancy District and respect for the work you have invested. While I view any significant allocation of public assets in oil shale as premature and highly speculative, I do respect your right to disagree with me. But, as a taxpayer and a citizen of the district, I am very concerned that during 2011 and in the 2012 budget, The district violates Colorado's "local government budget laws."

Colorado requires local districts to adopt a budget that provides "a complete financial plan by fund and by spending agency within each fund for the budget year." During the fiscal year, local governmental districts may not "expend any money, or incur any

liability, or enter into any contract which, by its terms, involves the expenditures of money in excess of the amounts appropriated. Any contract, verbal or written, made in violation of this section shall be void, and no moneys belonging to a local government shall be paid on such contract." Emergency expenditures above the appropriated budget can be authorized only if money is available for the excess expenditures.

The Yellow Jacket Water Conservation District incurred financial obligations in 2011 of more than \$180,000. The 2011 budget approved on Dec. 16, 2010 only appropriated \$31,500 for 2011 expenses. The 2012 budget shows the district paid out \$40,039 and carried \$142,296 in debt over to 2012. Both of these items appear to be a serious violation of Colorado's budget laws.

I suggest that you consider retaining council who is familiar with Colorado budget law to advise you in this matter and encourage the board to call a public meeting before April 15, 2012 to discuss these issues.

Sincerely,
Joe Livingston
Meeker

Mill levy conundrum

Dear Editor:
From one concerned (and truthfully overwhelmed) taxpayer, business owner and special district board member, I attended a recreation district

board meeting along with several other business owners from our small town. The group was inspired by Becky Dunham with special interest being brought forth by her and all our interest in the Range Call event, committee, and the possibility that this long-standing, well-attended, historic event is having trouble making the bottom line balance.

This committee is trying to raise support for the numerous events that Range Call now covers. They are going to independent businesses, government entities, banks, corporations, special districts and frankly, anyone they can think of in a sort of desperate attempt to keep this age-old, business-supporting, historic event from being lost due to a shortage of funds.

It was mentioned by an attendee of this meeting, Bryce Purkey, that possibly the committee should, in step with our local economy, try to lower some of the largest costs of this affair (i.e. the concert, the dances, things that have been added in recent years that may not be necessary to keep the tradition alive) and carry forward with respect for the "legend" we have been handed from our founding fathers. The only member in attendance, Jason Dunham, to my limited knowledge, had only the response of "...those things are arranged in October so we can't make changes now. (Not a direct quote, but what I heard.)

It seems to me if the funds aren't available, and therefore not paid, these things would be canceled one way or the other.

To finish my thought, and help you understand why I titled my letter the way I did, I would now like to address the issue (and it is a big one) of taxes, mill levies and our local governments involvement in this and the "special districts" that came about thanks to Senator Bruce and the Tabor Act. The intent may have been to save taxpayers money but I believe most of us now see that that was not its effect.

My one suggestion for us, as we can't change this without an actual act of state congress, is that at some point (and this may be just a dream) the special districts' board members, county commissioners, concerned citizens, and anyone I have forgotten, get together so we can compare apples to oranges, look at the mills assigned to each and sensibly address what can be done by each entity to address the taxation on business properties that currently threatens to close many of these businesses which makes this all a moot issue.

Just a suggestion.
Sharon L. Purkey
Meeker

Thanks for Irish band

Dear Editor:
I want to thank the Rec. District for bringing an Irish band to Meeker for Saint Patrick's day and the Meeker Hotel for hosting this community event. For those who attended the concert it was a fun event. Every town large or small benefits from what artists offer us. It does not matter if it is live music, fun plays, the display of art or thoughtful poetry, it enriches us all.

Our Rec. District and the Meeker Hotel get the thumbs up!
Joe Femnessy
Meeker

Exported fuel cause of price increases

Dear Editor:
The increase in gasoline prices is not attributable to worldwide supply problems. Threats by Iran to close the Strait of Hormuz are partly responsible for the increased prices, but another culprit is our oil industry.

In 2011 U.S. refineries exported a record amount of refined fuels to foreign markets. In December 2011 fuel exports averaged 2.89 million barrels a day compared to an average of 1.25 million barrels a day in 2007. Higher prices paid in foreign markets attracted U.S. exports.

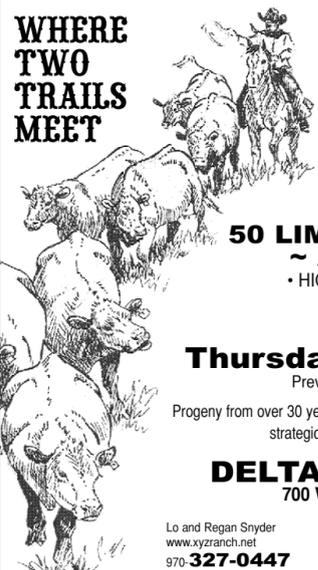
Fuels exported overseas means less fuel in this country and higher gasoline prices. Our oil companies have put profits ahead of our economic health. It is estimated the five largest U.S. oil companies had profits of \$120 billion in 2011.

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DAN EDDY
CANDIDATE FOR RANGELY TOWN COUNCIL

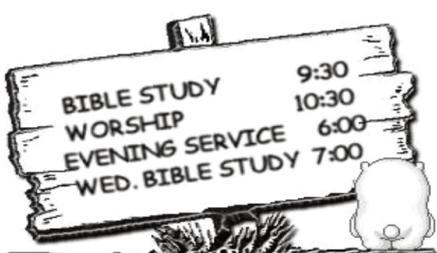
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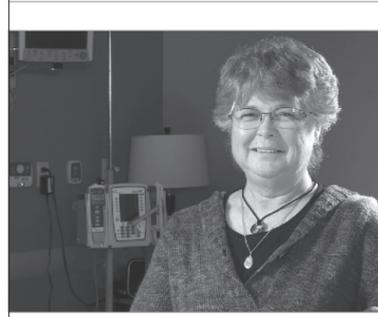
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CANDIDATES: April 3rd

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about the town and the people and love the community, bringing people together.”

Huitt said the council had “accomplished a lot” in his eight years as a councilman and “I want to be fair and move the town forward,” encouraging people to “please vote.”

Nielsen, a Chevron employee, said he wants to “move out of my comfort zone” and get involved. “I always listen, I have a strong internal compass, believe in simplicity and would like to be a representative of you.”

Way said he was not a politician but that it was his turn. “It’s time to pass the torch and get some new faces. I want to represent the people of Rangely, it’s my turn to do some good,” said Way, who works for the local water conservancy district.

Local business owner John Perry is also on the ballot as a candidate for trustee. “The town of Rangely has been good to me, with many opportunities and I want to give back,” Perry said. “The town has a lot to offer and

I would work hard for the people of Rangely.”

Former trustee Dan Eddy is running for a seat again. The third generation native said, “The three basic things I bring to the table are fairness and equal access, economic development and fiscal responsibility. I would represent you fairly and equally,” Eddy said in his closing statement.

“I love this community,” said Darlene Feller, president of the local food bank. “I would like to see more people move to town and create more jobs. I won’t lie and I will work hard for you.”

René Diane Hardin, a X-ray technician, said she, too, is a hard worker and loves the town.

“I fell in love with the town and how you treated your elderly people, I’ve always felt welcome,” Hardin said. “It time for a change and I wanted to get involved in my community. I want to know why decisions are made and be involved in the decision making process.”

Ballots have been mailed and can be returned by mail or dropped off at Town Hall by April 3.

CARSTENS: Travel

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a shepherd in the area and she enjoyed summers spent with her three sisters and their dad in the mountains. She and Joe were married in 1955 and have three daughters. Sherri (Chris) Halandras, Gayla (Eddie) Langford, and Suzanne (Rodney) Gerloff. They have seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Joe and Evalyn owned the Meeker Laundry for 22 years before selling it to the current owners. They also own the Carstens’s apartments in town. The original apartment building burned down, forcing them to rebuild the entire structure. Joe spends a great deal of time maintaining the property.

Their interest has always been in their church and they feel very fortunate to have family and friends who are always there when they need them. Their marriage remains strong as they still make each other laugh after all these years. Evalyn likes to travel and has been to Germany, Ireland, St. Edwards Islands and Maui to visit family and see the whales. She made the trip to Germany last fall with her daughter Suzanne for her grandson Ben’s return from Afghanistan. He serves in the United States Army.

Joe stays busy regardless of the season, as people that know him will agree. The two still have their 1964 Ford and 1972 Bronco in running condition. Joe has pulled many floats in local parades with the Bronco.

They have been very involved in different community activities, making floats, working booths during the Fourth of July and Evalyn has entered



(Right) Joe’s parents, Fred and Fanny, with Joe as a boy in front of the family home.

several baked and canned goods in the county fair. The extension club was an active organization with a fun group of ladies when Evalyn was involved and they certainly enjoyed the time spent together. Evalyn wrote local articles for the paper for a couple years.

Joe and Evalyn were recently babysitting their great-granddaughter when Joe said, “It should cost \$20 a minute to watch her.”

Their energy and willingness to help is incredible, it is obvious their priority is their family. Judging from the way their eyes light up when talking about their time spent with children, grandchildren and the newest great-grandchild, they have a busy future ahead. Joe’s work ethic has not diminished, and Evalyn’s kindness and soft spot for children seems to be stronger than ever. The Carstens remain young and in love after 57 years of marriage, great examples of faith and family today.

LETTERS: Many thanks

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U.S. refineries closed some facilities or reduced production in 2011. We continue to be constrained by old refineries, which require major maintenance, and thereby increase the cost of refined fuels. The last new refinery to come on line in the U.S. was in 1975.

We need the Obama administration to pressure U.S. oil companies to upgrade refineries and sell more refined fuels to U.S. markets to help lower our prices. When Obama became president gasoline was \$1.84 per gallon.

Donald A. Moskowitz
Londonderry, N.H.

Blood drive starts

Dear Editor:

We are Ian and Kathy Kottenstette and we are coming up on the second anniversary of the death of our four day old daughter, Makayla Jane Kottenstette. She was born on March 23, 2010, and passed on March 27, 2010. In honor of Makayla’s memory, we are continuing an annual blood drive in her name. She has forever changed our lives. I hope none of you or your loved ones are ever on the receiving end of a transfusion, however, by donating you never know who’s life you might save, or family you can provide a little hope for. I have the

St. Mary’s blood mobile scheduled to come to Hospice & Palliative Care located at 3090 N. 12th St. #B in Grand Junction, Colo., on Friday, March 23 from 8-10 a.m. If you’d like to donate but aren’t able to when the bus is here, please feel free to visit the St. Mary’s Pavilion and tell them you are donating in Makayla Kottenstette’s name. There is an “Angel Garden” located outside, downstairs in the back of the garden area of Hospice. At the Angel Garden, there are a series of engraved bricks remembering the little ones lost. Hospice has agreed to donate coupons for \$1 off of a breakfast at Spoons Café. We couldn’t think of a better way to honor her short life here than to give the gift of life to others. Even if you are not able to donate yourself, please pass the word on to any of your friends, family or neighbors. We’d like to see how many gallons we can raise in Makayla’s honor. It takes about 20 minutes, and can help someone in need. Or if you live out of town, ask your local medical institution if there is a way to donate there. You don’t change a life by what you get, you change a life by what you give.

We’d like to thank everyone for taking the time to hear our story and if you choose to donate blood. If donation isn’t for you, thank you for passing the word along.

Ian and Kathy Kottenstette
Colorado

ERBM: In-kind donations

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ing the total cost of the Range Call concerts. The total value of the in-kind donations proposed by the district is estimated at \$4,201.

“Although this is, admittedly, a less tangible donation, it does affect the amount of income the recreation center generates on those days with early closures,” Weinbrecht stated.

MEEKER LOCALS

A huge congratulations to hometown hero Joe LeBlanc for his fourth All-American win at the NCAA wrestling championships last week in St. Louis, Mo. Your hometown is proud of you, and with good reason.

Up for a really strange spring vacation? You can sign up for a 100th anniversary of the Titanic. The cruise is operated by a cruise line whose parent company built the original ship, will set sail from Southampton on April 8, has bookings available for 1,309 passengers (just like the doomed 1912 voyage), and will follow the same route, including arriving at the spot the Titanic struck the infamous iceberg and having a memorial service at 2:20 a.m. April 15, coinciding with the ship’s demise. Sounds creepy, doesn’t it? Even creepier, the cheapest ticket is \$5,305.88 for one passenger.

HAROLD TYMES



There are all sorts of centennial celebrations this year, including Chevrolet, the Oreo cookie, Girl Scouts of America, the city of Branson, Mo., the Kansas State Fair, the states of Arizona and New Mexico, the San Francisco Symphony and the Cherry Blossom festival in Washington, D.C.

Happy belated birthday (yesterday) to Jacob Posey, Lee Light and Rhawnie McGruder, March 21. Celebrating birthdays this week:

Pamela Lopez and Lisa Piper, March 23; Ron Palmer, Devon Pontine and Corinne Brickey, March 24; Vicky Johnson, Casey Turner and Julianne Belland, March 25; Edye Posey, March 26; Nathan Turk and Betty Nielson, March 27; Jana Grady

Dawson, March 28.

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The Chief End of Man (3)

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



■ Dr. J.D. Watson

What is the *meaning* of Glorifying God? It means to *admire, worship, love, and submit* to Him.

B. What is the *Motive* for Glorifying God?

Our *motive* for glorifying God is simply the fact that all things *should* glorify Him. Why do we glorify Him? Or more accurately, what *compels* us to glorifying Him? I use the word *compel* because when we understand all He is and all He does, it indeed compels us to do all we can to glorify Him. Consider five compelling reasons to glorify God.

1. Because he gives us all we have. *First*, he’s given us life. Ps. 100: 3: “It is he that made us.” We draw every breath because He allows it and gives it. *Second*, He gives us health, which enriches our life. Third, he gives us food, which sustains our life. In short, He “giveth us richly all things to enjoy” (1 Tim. 6:17), and “Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights” (Jas. 1:17). As Paul asked the Corinthian believers rhetorically, “What hast thou that thou didst not receive?” (1 Cor. 4:7). Think of it! *Everything* we have we received from God.

2. Because God has made all things for his own glory. Prov 16: 4. “The Lord has made all things for himself,” that is, *for his glory*. As a government levies taxes on merchandise, so God will have glory out of everything. He will have glory out of the wicked. If they will not give him glory, he will get glory upon them. “I will get me honour upon Pharaoh” (Ex. 14: 17). But especially has He made the godly for his glory; they are the lively organs of his praise. “This people have I formed for myself, and they shall shew forth my praise” (Is. 43: 21). It is true, they cannot add to his glory, but they may exalt it; they cannot raise him in heaven, but they may raise him in the esteem of others here. God has adopted the saints into his family, and made them a royal priesthood, that they should show forth the praise of him who has called them (1 Pet 2:9).

3. Because God’s glory is of the greatest value. His glory is his treasure—all his riches are there. As Paul

wrote to the Romans: “And that he might make known the riches of his glory on the vessels of mercy, which he had afore prepared unto glory” (9:23). God’s glory is worth more than anything else—worth more than heaven, worth more than the salvation of all men’s souls, worth more than anything. [Watson: “Better kingdoms be thrown down, better men and angels be annihilated, than God should lose one jewel of his crown, one beam of his glory.”]

4. All of creation brings glory to God—should we not do the same? As the Psalmist writes: “The heavens declare the glory of God” (Ps 19: 1). As we look at the shining Sun, we are reminded of His *blazing* glory. As we look at the unnumbered stars, we are reminded of His *infinite* glory. As we look at the beauty of a full moon, we are reminded of the *magnificence* of His glory. As we look at the blue sky, we are reminded of the *clarity* of His glory. As we look at a rainbow, we are reminded of the *diversity* of His glory.

We then read Isaiah 43:20: “The beast of the field shall honour me.” The songs of the birds are hymns to His glory. Is there any animal more majestic than a bull Elk as reminder of God’s glory? Every other animal in some way glorifies God. Just the diversity of the animal kingdom stands as testimony to the intricacies and diversity of His glory.

The angels above glorify God. They are “ministering spirits” (Heb 1:14). The seraphim round his throne cry unto one another, “Holy, holy, holy, is the LORD of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory” (Is. 6:3).

With all this in mind, how much more should we glorify God?

5. Because all hope is in Him. Psa 39:7: “My hope is in thee” Ps. 62:5: “My expectation is from him.” Ps. 87:7: “All my springs are in thee.” Everything is in God alone. Should we not glorify Him?

You are invited to worship with us at Grace Bible Church (on the corner of 3rd and Garfield) at 10:30 A.M. each Lord’s Day, where the ministry is the expository preaching of God’s Word. Please visit our website (www.TheScriptureAlone.com), where you will find many resources for Christian growth, including messages in MP3 media files.

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RANGELY TEACHER OF THE MONTH ...



Joanne Allred is a treasure trove of information and skilled to the core. She is quite knowledgeable about many areas of teaching including curriculum. She advocates for her kids passionately and means business in class. She has quite often taken our new teachers under her wing and supplied them with the help they need to be successful. She is presently a mentor and has devoted much time after hours to make sure her mentees have the tools and materials they need to help our kids develop. She might be considered the "CSAP Queen" because she has been repeatedly successful at moving our kids academically to do well on state testing.

COURTESY PHOTOS



BLM introduces new website

Special to the Herald Times

RBC | The Bureau of Land

Management Colorado state office is unveiling a new website to highlight its quarterly oil and natural gas lease

sales and create an easy, transparent process to engage the public in light of oil and gas leasing reform.

one place that is easy for the public to find."

The new pages will emphasize opportunities for the public to learn about upcoming oil and gas lease sales and outline a clear process for how to provide comments on those sales. The BLM has always posted this information online; however, the new website provides a centralized location that is easier to navigate.

To view the website as well as information on upcoming oil and gas lease sales, visit <http://on.doi.gov/zIDfY8>. Or, visit the public involvement calendar at <http://on.doi.gov/xvaYGM>.

"The BLM's goal is to engage the public in the oil and natural gas leasing process, and to make the public's participation as simple and easy as possible," said Lonnie Bagley, BLM Colorado deputy state director for energy, lands and minerals. "The new website provides all the information required as part of oil and natural gas leasing reform in

In fiscal year 2010, extraction of energy and mineral resources from public lands yielded \$40 billion worth of resources, with an economic impact of \$103 billion nationally. Traditional energy development is important in Colorado and accounted for 22,912 jobs along the Western Slope in FY 2010. The State of Colorado received more than \$156.8 million in FY 2011 from royalties, rentals and bonus bid payments for all federal minerals, including oil, gas and coal.

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Facts and figures about oil shale development

By **DR. BOB DORSETT**
Special to the Herald Times

RBC I BLM is accepting public comment on its Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement for oil shale development in Colorado, Wyoming, and Utah, including the Piceance Basin. I would like to offer the following observations, based on review of the available research. BLM and the communities in north-west Colorado must address a number of concerns regarding the feasibility of oil shale as an energy source and the impacts of oil shale development on water resources, community social and economic structure, air and water quality, and wildlife habi-

“Oil” shale is not oil. It is kerogen, a wax, locked tightly in shale rock (Youngquist, 1998). To extract and convert kerogen into usable liquid fuels requires considerable investment of energy, water, and infrastructure to retort the source material. The EROI (energy return on investment) of oil shale is about 2:1, i.e. it takes about one unit of energy to produce 2 units of energy in the form of usable refined fuel (Cutler, 2010). This is about 10 times less efficient than standard crude oil production. Put in other terms, the estimated “1.5 trillion barrels of oil” in the Green River Formation would require 0.75 trillion barrels of oil for its extraction and processing. Just as in coal and conventional crude oil extraction, production costs will only increase as the more easily recoverable oil shale deposits are extracted and companies turn to deposits that are not so rich.

Oil shale extraction and processing requires enormous volumes of water. The industry estimates, at minimum, three barrels of water required for every barrel liquid fuel from oil shale (Bartiss, 2005). BLM, RAND Corporation, and the Governmental Accountability Office estimate that commercial oil shale production could require up to 375,000 acre feet of water each year, one-and-a-half times more than Denver Water supplies each year to

1.3 million people (Western Resource Advocates, 2012). Based on ten-year averages, the consumptive use of water in the Colorado River Basin already exceeds the ten-year average supply (U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, 2011a), and water requirements in the West, even excluding oil shale development, will increase as the population grows. Climate models project that the West will become drier over the next decades, and water shortages will become more severe (U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, 2011b). Where will the oil shale industry get its water? From allotments now dedicated to agriculture? From municipalities?

Large-scale oil shale extraction produces 25 percent to 75 percent more greenhouse gases in the production phase than conventional crude oil production, not to mention the potential greenhouse forcing of carbon now locked underground in the shale, all of which will degrade the regional and global environment (Brandt, 2009). And oil shale extraction destroys wildlife habitat. BLM identified at least 735,000 acres of mule deer winter habitat, 650,000 acres of elk winter habitat, and 501,000 acres of sage-grouse habitat as at risk from oil shale development (BLM, 2008). How will BLM mitigate the effects of habitat destruction on resident deer and elk herds? On other native ecosystems? On the climate system?

And how will BLM mitigate the negative effects of oil shale development on recreation, tourism, and hunting, all of which are critical to the economy of the Western Slope? Hunting and fishing, alone, generate an estimated \$1.8 billion annually in Colorado, and other wildlife tourism contributes an additional \$1.2 billion annually (BBC Research, 2008a).

In some locations that are experiencing rapid growth of natural gas processing, levels of air pollutants, including ozone, nitrogen compounds, and particulates, already exceed health standards (EPA, 2007). Depending on the method of extraction (surface mining or in situ

“ ... oil shale extraction produces 25-75 percent more greenhouse gases ... ”

retort) and without strict regulation, oil shale processing will only add to that pollution. There are similar threats to ground and surface water resources. How will BLM and municipalities guarantee air and water quality in the face of ramped-up commercial oil shale production?

Finally, as in past hype-and-bust cycles with oil shale and as evidenced in the recent natural gas boom, communities will face considerable social and economic disruption, especially in northwest Colorado (Bartiss, 2011). Costs for public services, including water, sanitation, fire protection, law enforcement, utilities, and medical services, exceed revenues during the “boom” years, compounded by the transient nature of the extraction industry work force (Club 20, 2007). Even after accounting for mitigation payments made to cities and counties, growth-related costs of oil shale commercialization could exceed energy revenues by \$1.3 billion (BBC Research, 2008b). Long-term residents are then left holding the bill.

Yes, America needs long-term, sustainable energy security. Oil shale extraction has not demonstrated technical, economic, or environmental feasibility (Bartiss, 2011). It is too costly in terms of water, social and economic impacts, and environmental degradation. The energy companies would serve us better by

developing proven sustainable energy resources.

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— St. Patrick's Day Dinner —



(Top left) Bridgette, Rachel and Rich Krause enjoyed the annual Holy Family St. Patrick's Dinner last Sunday at the Fairfield Center. **Top right, homemade desserts** brought a smile to **Jonas Balloga**, who recently completed four years of service in the U.S. Marine Corp. Balloga is now a student at Colorado Mesa University. **(Left)** It takes many families of Holy Family to keep the annual dinner going. This was the 107th dinner served by the local Catholic church. Many of the homemade desserts were auctioned off by **Joe Fennessey** and **Dr. James Jex**, assisted by **Mandy de Vergie**, **Jessica** and **Jamie Moyer**.



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Sen. White protects voter privacy

RBC | A bill sponsored by Senator Jean White, R-Hayden, and Rollie Heath, D-Boulder, to protect voting privacy while also ensuring transparency in the process unanimously passed the Senate State Veterans and Military Affairs Committee this week.

"Free and fair elections simply can't happen without an ironclad guarantee of voter privacy," said White. "I am confident that this bill will provide additional oversight of our electoral process while guaranteeing voter anonymity."

Under current law if a citizen submits a Colorado Open Record request (CORA) they are able to view ballots that have already been cast, which could reveal how an individual voted. Senate Bill 155 puts in place provisions that will protect personal voter information, while also maintaining transparency in the process. The bill establishes a blackout period 45 days prior to an election and 17 days after an election, or until certification. The blackout period is meant to guarantee that ballots remain untouched, preventing them from being misplaced or miscounted. The ballots will be made available to examine once the blackout period ends.

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LeBlanc finishes as four-time All-American

By **BOBBY GUTIERREZ**
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MEEKER I The final tournament of the year didn't end the way Joe LeBlanc or his teammates wanted, but in wrestling it's hard to keep a good wrestler down. LeBlanc and five of his University of Wyoming teammates competed in the NCAA 2012 Division I Wrestling Championships in St. Louis, Mo., last weekend. They finished 19th as a team, with two earning All-American honors.

"The national tournament was not how we wanted to end, none of us performed to our potential and it hurts," LeBlanc said. "But we're not going to hang our heads for too long, we had a great season and are proud of what we built."

The Wyoming Cowboys won the Western Wrestling Conference for a third year in a row, crowning four champions and qualifying six wrestlers for the NCAA national finals.

LeBlanc and junior Alfonso Hernandez (197) both earned All-American honors finishing seventh and sixth respectively. Fellow seniors Michael Martinez (125) and All-American Shane Onufer (165), along with freshman Zach Zehner (133) and junior Pat Martinez (174) qualified for the national tournament but did not place this year.

LeBlanc placed all four seasons at the NCAA Division I Championships, finishing fifth (2009), fourth (2010), sixth (2011) and seventh this season and is the only University of Wyoming wrestler to be a four-time All-American. LeBlanc was a four-time finalist and three-time WWC champion and he is the winningest wrestler — with 147 wins — in the university's history.

"It's hard to talk about, it has been an intense five years of my life but it's time to turn the page," LeBlanc said. "I wouldn't change a thing but I'm looking forward too and excited to move on to the next chapter of my life with my wife and family." LeBlanc and his wife Amanda have two boys, Tyson and Colby.

"They keep it all in perspective for me," LeBlanc said of his family.



Joe LeBlanc's quarterfinals match, where his quest for a national championship came to an end with a 9-12 loss to Trotman of Appalachian State, was shown on the four big screens (above) in the Scottrade Center, in St. Louis, MO., host of the 2012 NCAA Wrestling Championships last weekend. (Right) LeBlanc scores back points in a must-win match, which he did 13-6, against Dallago of Illinois, to become a four-time All-American



LeBlanc, one of three seniors on the Cowboy wrestling team, entered the national tournament as the No. 1 seed at 184 but his quest for a national championship ended with loss in the quarterfinals.

LeBlanc defeated Mike Larson of Missouri 9-4 in the first round, then defeated Erich Smith of Pennsylvania 11-3 before facing ninth seed Austin Trotman of Appalachian State in the quarterfinals. LeBlanc lost 9-12 to Trotman, who lost to Steve Bosak (the eventual cham-

pion) of Cornell in the semifinals in overtime and finished as the consolation champion.

After the loss to Trotman, LeBlanc would need to win one more match to earn All-American honors for a fourth time and he did, defeating Tony Dallago of Illinois 13-6 but then he lost to Kevin Steinhaus of Minnesota 6-9 to wrestle for seventh place, where his opponent, Josh Ihnen of Nebraska used a medical default.

LeBlanc will earn his degree in Kinesiology and Health Promotion, said he has a few credits towards a master's so "I'm going to pursue that."

LeBlanc was thankful to his coaches and plans to wrestle in one more tournament.

"Coach (Mark) Branch brought another level of competitiveness to the program, a four-time finalist and two-time Division I champion and on a championship team, he expected a lot and good things have happened," LeBlanc said of his head coach. "I also want to thank assistant coaches Ethan Kyle and Travis Shufelt for being in the room wrestling with us everyday."

LeBlanc cautioned this reporter about getting "too excited" when he said he was going to wrestle in the Olympic trials in Iowa City, Iowa, April 14.

"I'm going to take a couple of days off then give it a shot but don't get too excited because Cael Sanderson (Olympic champion, the only four-time NCAA champion to go undefeated (159) and current head coach of two-time defending team champions Penn State) will be there, and Jake Herbert (world silver medalist, NCAA champion and 2009 Hodge winner) but since I'm in shape, I thought I'd try," LeBlanc said.

LeBlanc also thanked his family and friends for their support and posted one of his favorite quotes from Teddy Roosevelt: "It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs, who comes short again and again, because there is no effort without error and shortcoming; but who does actually strive to do the deeds; who knows great enthusiasms, the great devotions; who spends himself in a worthy cause; who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who neither know victory nor defeat."

~Teddy Roosevelt.

"We'll see where the Lord takes us, I'm excited about the opportunities," LeBlanc said.

MHS tracksters start in Delta

Special to the Herald Times

RBC I The Meeker High School Track and Field team traveled to Delta for their first meet of the season. All involved were excited to start the season. The boys and girls combine for a total of 48 team members. Leading the large group this year are eight seniors and seven returning state qualifiers. The boys' team started off positively with a seventh place team finish out of 23 teams, but earned first place out of the four participating 2A teams.

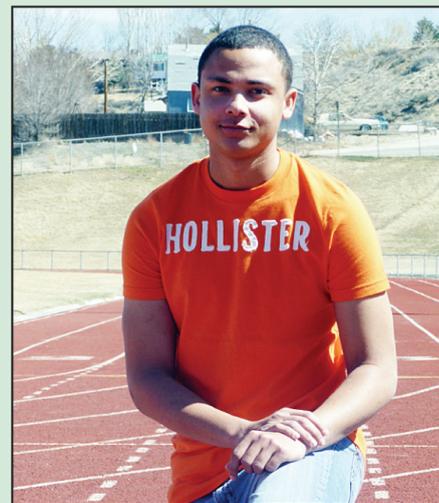
Strong performances were turned in by both the 4x100 meter and the 4x200 meter relay teams. Both earned third place behind much larger schools. The 4x100 looks strong, led by senior sprinter Toby Casias. He is leading a much younger group of sprinters: sophomore

Sebastian Clarke, junior Tala Atoafa, and rookie Raul Lopez. The 4x200 is again led by Casias, with freshman Raul Lopez, Jake Phelan, and sophomore JC Henderson participating. Casias also had strong performances in the open 100 meter dash placing third, and the 200 meter dash placing second. Clarke also scored points in the 100 dash finishing in sixth place. The Meeker High School triple jumpers also had an impressive first outing. Jake Phelan started off his high school triple jump career earning a sixth place finish. Tala Atoafa followed closely behind in eighth place. Many other members of the boys' team turned in promising results, but failed to place because of the very stiff competition provided by the larger schools in attendance.

The girls' team earned a solid overall

placing in the middle of the pack. They were led in scoring by thrower Bailey Atwood who earned a seventh place finish in the shot put and a fourth place finish in the discus. Sophomore Aly Ridings had a good day in terms of scoring with her fourth place finish in the 100 meter hurdles and her seventh place finish in the triple jump. Also scoring points for the girls' team was junior high jumper Jordan Brown placing seventh, and rookie Sydney Hughes earning seventh place with her gutsy performance in the 300 meter hurdles. The girls had many other noteworthy performances that did not score, but show huge potential for the future. Among these were impressive runs in the 400 meters by Emilee Khols, and Piper Haney in the 800 meter run. Next weekend will take the squad to the Hotchkiss Invitational.

RHS SENIOR TRACKSTER ...



Though the Rangely Panther Track and Field team has not yet had a meet, we have a promising group of young athletes that we are looking forward to seeing compete this 2012 season. This season we have a very well rounded team. We believe our athletes will excel in every aspect of the sport from distance, to sprinting, to throwing, to jumping. Though we only have one senior athlete, DJ Jamerson (pictured), who is a promising sprinter, we have a very strong group of underclassmen who we expect to raise the bar of competition high. We have been working extremely hard in practice thus far and are excited to see where we stand as we travel to the Hotchkiss Invitational this weekend for our first meet.

CODY BRUNTON

ALL-CONFERENCE HONORS ...



(Left) Earning all-conference honors this year for the Meeker girls' basketball team were seniors Kathryn Doll and Aubrey Walsh (honorably mentioned), junior Kaysyn Chintala and sophomores Aly Ridings and Taylor Neilson. The young ladies were presented with certificates at the annual end of season banquet hosted by the senior parents. (Right) Sophomore Dylan Mobley and junior Scott Smith were both honorably mentioned by league coaches, while sophomore Gable Smith and seniors Cooper Smith and Trey Morris were named to the first team all-conference team and were presented with their certificates by head coach Klark Kindler.

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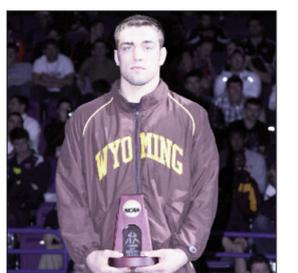


A.J. Garner
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Garner placed second in three judging events in the Four States Ag Expo held in Cortez Mar. 16 and in the top 10 in two other events for the junior RBC 4-H Livestock judging team.

Joe LeBlanc
University of Wyoming Cowboys

MHS graduate Joe LeBlanc was a four-time Western Wrestling Regional finalists and three-time champion, the first wrestler for the University of Wyoming to be a four-time All-American and is the winningest (147) wrestler in the university's history.



Colorado still a big game hunter's paradise

Special to the Herald Times

RBC | Colorado Parks and Wildlife's recently released 2011 big game harvest statistics show that the Centennial State continues to offer some of the best and most diverse big game hunting in the country.

In 2011, Colorado hunters once again harvested more elk than in any other state. With an estimated 280,000 elk, Colorado is home to the world's largest elk herd. Unlimited over-the-counter elk tags, a robust deer herd, plentiful pronghorn and more than 23 million acres of public land all combine to make Colorado a prime destination for the big game hunter.

"Colorado really is the land of opportunity when it comes to big game hunting," said Rick Cables, director of Colorado Parks and Wildlife. "The combination of accessible public and private lands hunting opportunities, over-the-counter elk licenses and a large number of top notch outfitters provide our citizens and hunters from across the nation with unparalleled opportunities. We are lucky to live here."

Hunters harvested about 43,400 Colorado elk in 2011, according to state wildlife biologists. While this was down about 9.5 percent from 2010, the harvest was still tops in the country by a large margin.

Big Game Manager Andy Holland said that the reduced harvest was not unexpected as cow elk licenses were cut in 2011 in response to analysis that showed some elk herds were approaching their population objectives. CPW manages elk herds primarily through the issuance of antlerless or cow licenses.

"Our herd objectives reflect a balance between the ability of the habitat to support elk herds and societal tolerance for impacts caused by elk," Holland said. "As we near some of those population objectives, we're starting to hear from hunters in many parts of the state that they would like to see more elk."

Holland noted that the harvest of bull elk remained about the same as previous years, with roughly half coming from hunters who bought an over-the-counter tag. Colorado is unique in offering an unlimited number of over-the-counter tags that are good in any of 92 hunt units.

Deer hunters also had another good year in 2011, with an estimated 33,200 deer harvested. About 47 percent of rifle hunters filled their tag last year. Demand for deer hunting remained strong, with almost all licenses sold. While all deer hunting in Colorado is by a limited license, most deer hunts can be drawn with 1 preference point or less. The growing

populations of mule deer and white-tails on the eastern plains have also created new opportunities for many hunters.

The estimate of 11,700 pronghorn harvested in 2011 almost matched the all-time high point of 12,000 in 2010. With southeastern Colorado's abundant pronghorn herds and the extension of the Big Game Access Program that provided access to 143,000 private acres in 2011, pronghorn hunters are looking at another good year in 2012.

Because of the large number of big game hunters in the state, Colorado Parks and Wildlife does not require hunters to register their harvest

on most species. Instead, the agency utilizes phone and on-line surveys to establish harvest estimates. The statistics are extensively validated and audits have shown that the process is quite accurate.

Hunter harvest statistics are released annually in March as an aid to big game hunters applying for Colorado's limited license draw. Other reports show how many licenses were available in all big game management units throughout Colorado, how many hunters applied for those limited licenses, how many of those hunters were successful drawing and how many preference points it took to be successful.

Fishing licenses on sale at Colo. Parks and Wildlife office

Special to the Herald Times

RBC | Colorado Parks and Wildlife is reminding anglers anxious to start their fishing season that fishing licenses for the 2012-2013 season are on sale now at license agents, Parks and Wildlife offices, online and by phone. The 2012 license season begins April 1 and runs through March 31, 2013.

The new Colorado Fishing brochure is also available where licenses are sold and online at <http://www.flipseekpubs.com/publication/?i=99616>. This year's brochure includes a link to printable fishing maps, and QR codes to access interactive information. It also provides important information on ways anglers can protect their fisheries from illicit stocking and aquatic nuisance

species. "Colorado has some amazing fishing opportunities," said Matt Nicholl, acting aquatic section manager with Colorado Parks and Wildlife. "From urban bass lakes to high-mountain fly-fishing streams, there is something for everyone. But more than ever we need anglers to help us protect those fisheries for today and the future."

As in other states, Colorado fish-

ery managers have been forced to wage an ongoing and costly battle against the damage caused by so-called "bucket biologists," irresponsible anglers who break the law by moving fish wherever they please. These illegal introductions have threatened sport fisheries, complicated endangered fish recovery and siphoned money away from other needed fishery management efforts.

"Some people might move their favorite species of fish because they want it closer to home or in their favorite spot," said Bob Thompson, who heads wildlife law enforcement for the agency. "But those people are

committing a crime and threatening fisheries that all anglers have paid to create and preserve."

Fish such as smallmouth bass, walleye and northern pike have been illegally introduced in several Colorado reservoirs. These predator fish can out-compete traditional sport fish such as trout and kokanee, and ruin recreational fishing for other anglers. They also threaten populations of native fish downstream in the Colorado and San Juan rivers.

"There are many examples of fish being put in places where they don't belong and we're committed to stop the illegal movement of fish in this

state," Thompson said. Anyone caught illegally moving fish faces fines of up to \$5,000 plus the loss of hunting and fishing privileges in Colorado and 36 other states. Those convicted could also be liable for the extremely high cost of eradication or removal of the illegally stocked fish.

In addition to information about the illegal moving of fish by unscrupulous anglers, this year's fishing brochure also includes expanded information on ways to prevent the movement of invasive non-native species such as zebra mussels, quagga mussels and rusty crayfish.

"We are a mobile society and boats travel long distances in relatively short periods of time often bringing harmful invasive species with them," explained Aquatic Nuisance Species Coordinator Elizabeth Brown. "Non-native species can be catastrophic if they hitch a ride and end up in our waters in Colorado."

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3/31 @ Paonia (V) - 11:00/1:00pm
4/2 @ Rifle C (JV) - 4:30pm
4/7 @ HOME vs. Meeker (V) - 11am/1pm
4/12 @ HOME vs. Craig (V, JV) - 2/4pm
4/13 @ HOME vs. Union (V, JV) - 3:30/5:30

RHS Track & Field

3/24 @ Hotchkiss - 9:00 am
3/31 @ Cedaredge/Central - 9:00 am
4/7 @ PHS - 9:00 am
4/9 @ GJHS-Frosh/So - 12 noon
4/13 @ Coal Ridge - TBA
4/14 @ Glenwood - TBA

RJH Wrestling

3/24 @ Regional Tournament
3/31 @ Middle School State Tourney - TBD



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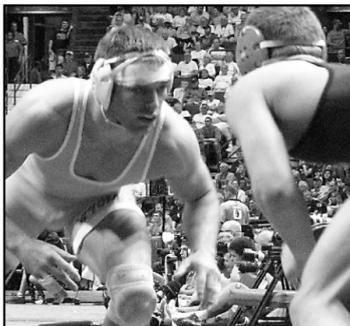
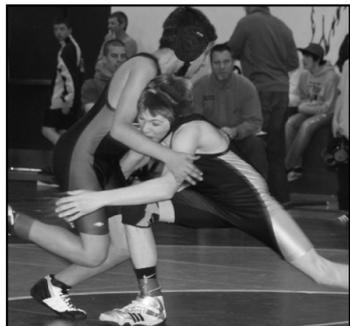
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4/21 @ Rifle Invitational

MHS BASEBALL

3/22 @ Fruita Monument HS - 1pm, 3pm
4/7 @ Paonia High School - 11am, 1pm
4/16 @ Paonia - 11am, 1pm
4/19 @ Grand Valley HS - 2:30, 4:30pm
4/21 @ HOME vs. Paonia - 11am, 1pm
4/25 @ HOME vs. Rangely - 3pm, 5pm
5/13-14 @ Regionals

BMS WRESTLING

3/24 @ Regional Tournament
3/31 @ Middle School State Tourney - Denver



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FAMILY IRISH JIG

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COURTESY PHOTOS
The Eastern Rio Blanco Metropolitan Recreation and Park District hosted a family Irish jig on St. Patrick's Day at the Meeker Hotel and Cafe that included live entertainment, dessert and prizes.



OBITUARY

Mabel "May" Storey

March 24, 1913 ~ March 19, 2012

Mabel (May) Margaret Storey, born March 24, 1913 in Greeley, Colo., passed away at Life Care Center of Longmont, Colo., on March 19, 2012. She was surrounded by family and friends. She was raised on a farm in Eaton, Colo., along with eight brothers and sisters. She graduated from Eaton High School and the University of Northern Colorado with a bachelor's degree in fine arts. She taught fine arts in Wilmington, Del.

She met Henry (Hank) Walter Storey of Greeley and they were married soon thereafter. They eventually settled in Rangely, Colo., in 1947 where they lived until 1959 when they relocated in Lakewood, Colo.

May and Hank traveled throughout the world pursuing their love of

archeology and different cultures. She especially loved Mexico and they spent a great deal of time there. She loved languages, speaking French, Spanish and Swedish.

She is survived by a daughter, Carla Givens, a son Alan Storey (May), and a daughter Jula King (Bill), as well as seven grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren all of whom will sorely miss her.

A memorial service will be held March 22 at 11 a.m. at the Har Hashem Synagogue, 3950 Baseline Road, Boulder, Colo. 80303.

In lieu of flowers, donations to the Wounded Warriors (www/woundedwarriorsproject.org) would be lovingly accepted.

The *Herald Times* welcomes letters to the editor on issues of local interest. Write to P.O. Box 720, Meeker, CO 81641 or use our handy form at www.theheraldtimes.com. Letter must be signed and also a contact phone number must be provided to be considered for publication.

Ghost Riders Horse Club meeting

By Madison Kindler
Special to the *Herald Times*

MEEKER | The horse 4-H meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Sydney Hughes. The group talked about the next meeting, March 19, to bring the calendars. Members must attend 50 percent of the meetings and be in Level 2 or above to qualify for the State Fair Horse Show.

Also discussed was the overnight trip which is June 25-26. The White River Saddle Club would like the Ghost Riders to do a gymkhana, the money raised the horse club can keep. Lastly, we learned that Belgian horses pull carriages. The meeting ended at 7:27 p.m.

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School Lunch Menu

WEEK OF MARCH 26-30, 2012

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Tue. **SPRING BREAKOUT**

Wed. **SPRING BREAKOUT**

Thurs. **SPRING BREAKOUT**

See YOU April 2!

RANGELY
School Lunch Menu

WEEK OF MARCH 26-29, 2012

Mon. **March 26** - Herb Roasted Chicken, Roll or Grilled Cheese, Fruit & Salad Bar, Milk

Tues. **March 27** - Frito Pie, Corn or Ham & Cheese Wrap, Fruit & Salad Bar, Milk

Wed. **March 28** - Pizza or Turkey & Cheese Wrap, Fruit & Salad Bar, Milk

Thurs. **March 29** - Hoagies, French Fruit, Fruit & Salad Bar, Milk

The Rio Blanco County lunch menus are sponsored by:

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RIO BLANCO COUNTY DAYS GONE BY

The Meeker Herald — 100 years ago

Some things smell worse the more you stir them. One of these is a polecat, another is a neighborhood quarrel. The polecat you may sometimes have to tackle; but steer clear of the other thing if you have to run for dear life.

The weather was winterish all week. Also freakish. Snow, rain, hail and cold being the features. It was the hardest of the winter on the stock as the March winds and mud combined to knock the tallow off them, but the outlook for the coming week is good.

The St. Patrick's dance given under the auspices of the Catholic Ladies society last Friday evening was largely attended and enjoyed by all present.

The Meeker Herald — 50 years ago

The state's water supply outlook, based on snowpack measurements, is the best since 1957.

The Rio Blanco County

spelling bee will be held Friday. From the Meeker junior high school, Tommy Steen, Steve Brubaker, Caroline Tausig and Kathy Conrado will compete. From the Piceance Creek elementary school, Alice Martin, Ceri Taylor, Billie Spence, Susie Romersberger, Marjorie Gutierrez and Phillip Jensen.

Pioneers Hospital is this month celebrating the first anniversary of the opening of the Walbridge Nursing Home Wing of our county hospital. Mrs. Jennie LaKamp, also a pioneer of this community, was the first person to move into the nursing home.

Rev. and Mrs. R.I. Wynkoop have recently acceted the pastorate of the Assembly of God church in Meeker.

Marine Pvt. James P. Sheridan, son of Mr. and Mrs. James F. Sheridan of Meeker, completed recruit training March 15 at the Marine Corps recruit depot at San Diego.

The Meeker Cowboy 1962 district tournament team: Bob Bloomfield, Ken Johnson, Gus Anderson, John Stephenson, Kip Irwin, Ellis Eliassen, Richard Amick, Jim Kirkpatrick, John Almgren, Larry Ridgeway and coach Gary Eyre.

The Meeker Herald — 25 years ago

Retired MHS coach Paul Starbuck was inducted in the Colorado Coaches' Hall of Fame.

Although only 31 people responded to the recreation district's requisition to make their opinions known on what the fate of the swimming pool should be, a majority of the responses indicate that the public would like to see the pool enclosed.

Meeting the necessary requirements and having at least 50 signatures on their petition list to run for the school board are Kris Borchard, Marilyn Osse, Diana Tobin, Gerald LaBonte, Steve Gianinetti, Barbara Rehborg, Ralph Teller, Ed Coryell,

Harry Watt and Linda Jones.

Members of the Catholic church served more than 300 hungry citizen's a St. Patrick's Day chicken and noodle dinner.

Rangely Times — 45 years ago

A reminder to attend the Easter Sunrise Services comes in the form of a good turn done by these members of Boy Scout Troop 188. The cross at the site of the services was recovered and set back in place by Bob Pidcock, Jim Mitchem, Bob Muller and Kelvin White.

To get maximum attention, it's hard to beat a good, big mistake.

A double feature at the Campus Theatre featuring Elvis Presley in "Girls! Girls! Girls!" and "Fun in Acapulco." Also showing: Frank Sinatra in "Assault on a Queen" and Marlon Brando in "The Appaloosa."

The forthcoming marriage of Miss Joyce Blevins and Jim McPhail is being announced by her sister, Mrs.

Kenneth Dotson of Rangely.

Bob Plant named 1967 Northwest League AA Coach of the Year by the Grand Junction Daily Sentinel.

Two unidentified flying objects were observed here Sunday night about 10:15 p.m. They were described by Mrs. Jack Herman as two floating objects, high in the sky, moving eastward. Mrs. Herman said they were not lighted and did not resemble planes or other identifiable things. They were also seen by a relative of Mrs. Herman at the same time.

Rangely Times — 35 years ago

Of all the many myths surrounding taxation policies, one of the more injurious to the nation's economic health is the mistaken idea that taxing business is somehow different from taxing individuals.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Harry Hill of Rangely announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their

daughter, Kathy Ellen, to Bruce A. Nay of Vernal, Utah.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Hefley announce the birth of a son born March 9. His name is Jed Michael and he weighed 6 lbs. 6 oz. and was 19 inches long.

Rangely Times — 25 years ago

Cheryl and Dave Robertson, owners of the 1,000-head Twin Buttes Ranch near Rangely, were named Colorado Hereford Association "Commercial Cattleman of the Year."

RHS students Kim Hamilton, Crystal Kenney, Becky Capps and Jeanette Jordan were named to the Colorado Gore League Southern Division all-league girls' team.

Three children from the BOCS preschool, Cole Miller, Kevin Crowther and Jon Woods, went on a field trip to the newly redone Rangely Museum where they were guided around by Tineke Peach as she has done with other groups.



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LEGAL NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Board of County Commissioners will hold a regularly scheduled board meeting on Monday, March 26, 2012, at the County Administration Building, 200 Main, Meeker, CO

Tentative Agenda

11:00 a.m. Board of Commissioners
a. Pledge of Allegiance
b. Changes to the Agenda
c. Consideration of approval of the Board minutes of March 12 & 19, 2012 meetings
d. Other

11:10 a.m. Contracts and Agreement

a. CR5-1 Construction Project
b. Piceance Creek Weed & Pest District
c. HVAC Contract

11:15 a.m. Public Comment

11:30 a.m. County Commissioners Updates

Break
1:00 p.m. Bids:
a. Meeker Airport Project
OTHER COUNTY BUSINESS
If you need special accommodations please call 970-878-9573 in advance of the meeting so that reasonable accommodations may be made. Please check the County's website for an updated agenda. www.co.rio-blanco.co.us/commissioners.
Published: March 22, 2012
Rio Blanco Herald Times

INVITATION TO BID

The Artesia Fire Protection District will be accepting bids until March 30, 2012 on a 1992 Chevrolet wheeled Coach Ambulance. The Artesia Fire Protection District reserves the right to reject any and all bids. Inquiries can be made by mail to: Artesia Fire Protection District P.O. Box 39 Dinosaur, CO 81610 or by Fax: 970-374-2209 Benedict Lujan, Sr. Fire Chief P.O. Box 39 Dinosaur, CO 81610
Publish: March 8, 15 and 22, 2012
Rio Blanco Herald Times

Rio Blanco County
2012 Crackfill Project
REQUEST FOR BID

PROJECT NAME
2012 Rio Blanco County Crackfill Project. THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF RIO BLANCO COUNTY is soliciting bids for furnishing and placement of approx. 24,035 lbs. of Deery 974 Asphalt or Equivalent Crackfill Material on various county roads.

BID DOCUMENTS

Bid Documents shall be available on-line at www.govbids.com/scripts/co1/public/home1.asp, or on the county's website at www.co.rio-blanco.co.us on the Public Announcements page, or at the Rio Blanco County Road and Bridge Dept. in Meeker on March 15, 2012.

PROJECT SUPERINTENDENT AND QUESTIONS

Ron Leeper, Road and Bridge Coordinator, (970) 878-9590, Fax (970) 878-3396. Mailing address: Rio Blanco County Road and Bridge Dept., 570 Second Street, Meeker, CO 81641.

All Vendors must examine the sites and become familiar with all site conditions. Any questions regarding this project are to be directed in writing to Ron Leeper before Monday, April 3, 2012 at 4:00 P.M. at the above address or fax number.

WORK SCHEDULE

This project shall start May 7, 2012 and be completed by June 9, 2012, depending upon delays due to adverse conditions.

PRE-BID MEETING

Vendors may attend a pre-bid meeting (not mandatory): Thursday, March 29, 2012 at 10:00 A.M. at the Rio Blanco County Road & Bridge Dept., 570 Second Street, Meeker.

BID SUBMITTALS

Vendor shall include all information required by the contract documents. Bid shall be clearly marked with "Sealed Bid-2012 Crackfill Project", the name and address of the submitting company and the bid opening date written on the sealed envelope. Each bid must be accompanied by a Certified Check or Cashier's Check in the amount of not less than five percent (5%) of the total bid, made payable to Rio Blanco County, Colorado, or by a Bid Bond in like amount executed by a Surety Company. Mail or hand-deliver to the Board of County Commissioners, Rio Blanco County 200 Main Street, P.O. Box i, Meeker, CO 81641, until 4:00 P.M. on Thursday, April 5, 2012.

OR
Hand-deliver on the date of bid opening to the Rio Blanco County Board of County Commissioners, 200 Main Street, Meeker, CO 81641, until 11:00 A.M. on Monday, April 9, 2012.
No bids shall be received Friday, April 6 through Sunday, April 8.

BID OPENING

Bids shall be opened and read in public at 11:15 A.M. on April 9, 2012 at the Commissioners' Meeting Room, 200 Main Street, Meeker, CO 81641. Bids submitted after 11:00 A.M. will be returned not opened. Bids submitted and opened shall not be withdrawn for 30 days thereafter.

BID AWARD

The Rio Blanco County Board of County Commissioners reserve the right to reject any and all bids, to waive any informalities and minor irregularities in bids, and to accept the bid deemed, in the opinion of the Board, to be in the best interest of Rio Blanco County, State of Colorado. The County also reserves the right to negotiate changes in product specifications with successful vendor. Owner will give the Successful Vendor a Notice of Award within thirty days after the day of the Bid opening.

RIO BLANCO COUNTY, COLORADO

Dated: March 15, 2012

By: Shawn Bolton, Chairman

Publication: Rio Blanco Herald Times: March 15 & 22, 2012

LEGAL NOTICES

ORDINANCE NO.125

(Series of 2012)
AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF DINOSAUR, COLORADO, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 82, SERIES OF 1994, CONCERNING THE TOWN'S WATER SYSTEM, BY IMPOSING A LATE FEE ON DELINQUENT WATER ACCOUNTS.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF DINOSAUR, COLORADO:

Section 1. That Section 6.4 of Ordinance No. 82, Series of 1994, entitled Water Bills-Payments-Penalty, is hereby amended to include the following additional subsection:

(c) In the event water service usage charges are not paid when due, a late charge in the amount of \$10.00 per month shall be added to the delinquent charges due and payable, and the Town Clerk shall provide the water service user with notice thereof and shall collect the same.

INTRODUCED, READ, PASSED,

ADOPTED AND ORDERED PUBLISHED at a regular meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Dinosaur, Colorado, held on March 13, 2012.

TOWN OF DINOSAUR, COLORADO,

By: L. D. Smith

Mayor

ATTEST:

Tamara Long

Town Clerk

Publication Date: March 22, 2012

Rio Blanco Herald Times

Notification of meeting for the Rangely
Town Council, Board of Trustees

The Town of Rangely Town Council meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month starting at 7:00 p.m. in the Court Room at 209 E Main, Rangely, CO 81648. Agendas are posted in the lobby at Town Hall and at the Rangely District Library. The meetings are televised live on channel 3 through Bresnan Cable TV. All meetings are open to the public.

LEGAL NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE
TOWN OF DINOSAUR
MUNICIPAL ELECTION
APRIL 3, 2012

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 3, 2012, 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) and three members of the Town Board of Trustees (four year terms).

The following are the candidates to be voted upon:

MAYOR

Two-year term One position

Candidates

Benedict Lujan Sr.

L.D. "Smitty" Smith

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Four-year term Three positions

Candidates:

Michael Allen

Amy Arnett

Stella Billings

Lando Blakley

Guy Stults

Devonna Wilczek

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 March 2, 2012 and registered to vote for the Municipal Election by March 5, 2012.

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 30, 2012. 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 3, 2012, Election Day. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal at Dinosaur, Colorado this 15th day of March, 2012.

Tamara Long
Town Clerk/Treasurer
Published: March 22, 2012
Published in Rio Blanco Herald Times

PUBLIC NOTICE

Request For Proposals

Community Wildfire Protection Plan Update / Addressing Project

Rio Blanco County is currently accepting Requests For Proposals for the following: Rio Blanco County is planning to update their Community Wildfire Protection Plan and as a part of the CWPP update, Rio Blanco County is planning to upgrade their GIS addressing dataset for use by the Rio Blanco County Dispatch Center. The project is scheduled to begin in May 2012.

Interested contractors are asked to contact the County Emergency Manager, John Hutchins at (970)878-9623 or e-mail: jhutchins@co.rio-blanco.co.us with any questions pertaining to this Request For Proposal. Interested parties can find the RFP and other supporting documents at www.co.rio-blanco.co.us

Three (3) copies of the proposal marked "CWPP/Addressing - Request For Proposals" must be received no later than 11:00 a.m., Mountain Daylight Time, on April 23, 2012 at:

Rio Blanco County Administration Office
Attn: Board of County Commissioners
200 Main Street
P. O. Box i
Meeker, CO 81641

The pre bid conference will be held on Tuesday, April 3, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. at the Rio Blanco County Administration Office located at 200 Main Street, Meeker, Colorado. Attendance is NOT mandatory.

Should you decide to utilize an express delivery service, please note that overnight services are not always delivered on the next day. Any proposal received after the announced time and date for submittal, whether by mail or otherwise, will be rejected. It is the sole responsibility of the Contractor to ensure that its proposal is received by the deadline indicated above.

Bids will be opened and read out loud in the Rio Blanco County Administration Building Conference Room at 200 Main Street, Meeker, CO at 11:00 a.m. on April 23, 2012. All interested parties are invited to attend. The final bid acceptance will be subject to review of all submitted bids and project funding. Copies of the bids will be available for public inspection.

Rio Blanco County reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids, to waive any informalities in the bids or in the bidding procedures, and to consider the best interest of Rio Blanco County in determining which bid to accept or reject.
Publish: March 22 and 29, 2012 in Rio Blanco Herald Times

LEGAL NOTICES

INVITATION TO BID
Meeker Cemetery District

The Meeker Cemetery District is requesting bids for the dirt work needed for development of addition to the Highland Cemetery. Site is located west of existing cremation garden area and shop/office building, located at 265 County Road 4, Meeker, CO 81641

1) Work will include excavating approximately 1,600 lineal feet of roadway - 20 feet wide by 14 inches deep. Filling, grading, road base, and preparation for asphalt. On site stockpiling of soil.

2) Approximately 3 acres of surface soil will be scraped, planed and graded for preparation of planting lawn grass.

3) Scaled drawings are available of the proposed site work.

4) A site walk around will be arranged for bidders by the Cemetery Manager Art Cox.

5) Questions about the project will be addressed at the time of the walk around or by contacting the manager at (970)878-5013 or (970)321-2444 during regular business hours (8-5) Monday through Friday or by appointment.

6) Bids need to be at Cemetery District Office, 265 County Road 4, Meeker, CO by 5:00 p.m. Friday, March 30, 2012. Mailed bids are acceptable but must be received prior to bid closing. They can be mailed to Meeker Cemetery District, PO Box NN, Meeker, CO 81641.

7) Bid packets can be obtained at the Cemetery District office, 265 County Road 4, Meeker, CO, 8-5, Monday through Friday or by appointment.

8) Bids should be placed in a securely sealed envelope marked "Meeker Cemetery District, Highland Cemetery Expansion Bid".

9) Bid will be awarded at the regular Meeker Cemetery District board meeting April 5, 2012 at the District Office, 265 County Road 4, Meeker, CO.

The Meeker Cemetery District Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive any informalities and minor irregularities in bids, and to accept the bid deemed, in the opinion of the Board, to be in the best interest of the Meeker Cemetery District. The Meeker Cemetery District Board also reserves the right to negotiate changes in specifications with successful bidder.
Publish: March 22 and 29, 2012
Rio Blanco Herald Times

LEGAL NOTICES

INVITATION FOR BIDS
CLOSING BID DATE • March 30, 2012
TOWN OF MEEKER
345 Market Street
MEEKER, CO 81641

Sealed BIDS to furnish and install approximately 20,000 pounds of hot-pour, Deery American Super stretch 974, in the Town of Meeker (Please refer to Specifications). Please bid as follows: Clean cracks, furnish and install crack sealant all performed by bidder. The closing bid date is Friday, March 30, 2012 at 2:30 p.m. at which time bids will be opened and read aloud. The Town Board of Trustees will award the bid on Tuesday, April 3, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall (basement) 345 Main Street, Meeker. The successful bidder must maintain workers compensation, general liability insurance in the amount of no less than \$1,000,000.00 during the project. The Town reserves the right to reject any and all bids and waive any and all informalities, and the right to disregard all nonconforming or conditional bids or counter proposals. Contract award and preference will be based upon The Town of Meeker Personnel Policy and Procedures manual, entitled "Contracts-Award-Preference". More Information is Available by Russell Overton 970)878-5530 or 878-5344.

Bids shall be mailed or delivered to Town of Meeker, 345 Market St., Meeker, CO 81641 or faxed to (970)878-4513. Mailed bids shall be sealed and "Meeker 2012 Hot Pour Crack Filling Project Bid" shall be written upon the front of the envelope. Emailed and Faxed bids will be accepted as well. Specifications are available at Town Hall, 345 Market St., Meeker, CO 81641 or requested by telephone at (970)878-5344.

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF MEEKER
Sharon Day, Town Administrator
FAX # (970)878-4513
admin@town.meeker.co.us

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Rio Blanco Herald Times

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notification that Rangely District Hospital continues the record destruction process initiated in 1994.

Certain portions of the medical records of patients not seen in our facility for a minimum of 10 years will be destroyed. If you wish records to be retained, please contact the Medical Records dept. at (970) 675-4233. Records of minors will not be destroyed until the patient reaches legal age plus 10 years.

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Rio Blanco Herald Times

LEGAL NOTICES

INVITATION FOR BIDS
CLOSING BID DATE • March 30, 2012
TOWN OF MEEKER
345 Market Street
MEEKER, CO 81641

Sealed BIDS to deliver and apply approximately 12,000 gallons of Dust Guard Magnesium Chloride to the Town of Meeker alleys, in the Town of Meeker. The deadline for bids is no later than 3:30 p.m. on Friday, March 30, 2012 at which time bids will be opened and read aloud. The Town Board of Trustees will award the bid on Tuesday, April 3, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall (basement) 345 Main Street, Meeker. The successful bidder must maintain workers compensation, general liability insurance in the amount of no less than \$1,000,000.00 during the project. The Town reserves the right to reject any and all bids and waive any and all informalities, and the right to disregard all nonconforming or conditional bids or counter proposals. Contract award and preference will be based upon The Town of Meeker Personnel Policy and Procedures manual, entitled "Contracts-Award-Preference".

Bids shall be mailed or delivered to Town of Meeker, 345 Market St., Meeker, CO 81641 or faxed to (970)878-4513. Mailed bids shall be sealed and "Meeker 2012 Dust Guard Magnesium Chloride project bid" shall be written upon the front of the envelope. Further information is available by calling Russell Overton at 970-942-7555 or Sharon Day 970-878-4960. Emailed and faxed bids will also be accepted.

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF MEEKER
Sharon Day, Town Administrator
FAX # (970)878-4513
Email: admin@town.meeker.co.us

Publish: March 22, 2012
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of Donald O. Rooks also known as Donald O. Rooks, Deceased

Case Number 2012 PR 002

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 25, 2012, or the claims may be forever barred.

F J Fennessy
Attorney for Personal Representative
PO Box 1518
Meeker CO 81641
970 878 4783
Donald O. Rooks Jr
Personal Representative
14241 Canyon Vine Cove
Draper UT 84920
970 629 1415
Publish: Mar. 22, 29 & Apr. 5, 2012
Rio Blanco Herald Times

Public Notice
Section 8 Rental Assistance Program
Accepting Applications

The Garfield County Housing Authority, administrator for the Rio Blanco County Section 8 Rental Assistance Program, is re-opening the waiting list for this program by accepting applications from qualified families.

The housing choice voucher program is a federal program for assisting very low-income families, the elderly, and the disabled to afford housing in the private market.

Family Size	Maximum annual gross income for Rio Blanco County
1	\$21,800
2	\$24,900
3	\$28,000
4	\$31,100
5	\$33,600
6	\$36,100

Applications available on our website or call 888-625-3589. Completed applications may be mailed or faxed. You are responsible for ensuring receipt of your application.</

LEGAL NOTICES

**RIO BLANCO COUNTY
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
March 22, 2012 - 7:00 P.M.
RIO BLANCO COUNTY
ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
200 MAIN STREET
MEEKER, COLORADO**

The tentative agenda as follows:

1. Roll Call
2. Additions/Changes to Agenda
3. Approval of Minutes: February 2, 2012 and February 9, 2012
4. New Business:
 - a. **Brennan Minor Subdivision #12-02, Re-zoning #12-1 and Conditional Use Permit #12-1** – the applicant, James Brennan/LovLand Co., LLLP, is proposing the Brennan Minor Subdivision, creating 3 2-acre lots and rezoning those lots from Agriculture to Mix Commercial (MC). Also included is a request for a Conditional Use Permit to allow residential dwelling in the MC zoning district and a summer-time-only residential use of an RV on the remaining acreage outside of the platted subdivision (located in Sections 16 & 21, T2S, R97W, 6th P.M., PIN #166121200004)
5. Discussion of Work in Development (Plan, Processes, Standards, etc.) and/or Administrative Matters:
6. Old Business:

Copies of the application(s), regulation(s) and/or resolution(s) may be examined in the office of the Development Department at the Rio Blanco County Administration Building, 200 Main Street, 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.

Persons needing special accommodations for the meeting, please call the Development Department office at (970) 878-9580 giving at least five (5) working days notice so that adequate accommodations may be made.
Published: March 22, 2012
Rio Blanco Herald Times

PUBLIC NOTICE

**RANGELY SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-4
BOARD OF EDUCATION
BUDGET WORKSHOP WITH COMMUNITY
ALL COMMUNITY MEMBERS ARE INVITED
Tuesday, April 3, 2012
EEC Board Room
6:15pm - 8:00pm
Publish: March 22 and 29, 2012
Rio Blanco Herald Times**

**COMBINED NOTICE
CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 12-03**

To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust: On January 17, 2012, 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): Dennis Clayton Carter and Jeanie R Carter
Original Beneficiary(ies): Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., acting solely as nominee for COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS, INC.
Current Holder of Evidence of Debt: BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP FKA COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP
Date of Deed of Trust: 11/22/2006
County of Recording: Rio Blanco
Recording Date of Deed of Trust: 11/22/2006
Recording Information(Reception Number and/or Book/Page Number): 286875
Original Principal Amount: \$220,000.00
Outstanding Principal Balance: \$207,563.45
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.

Parcel No. 1
Harville Minor Subdivision
according to the Plat thereof filed April 27, 2005 as Reception No. 281288
Rio Blanco County, Colorado
TOGETHER WITH a 30-foot easement described in document recorded September 11, 1972 in Book 319, Page 281, Reception No. 154895, records of Rio Blanco County, Colorado.
SUBJECT TO:

An ingress and egress easement lying in said Tract No. 92 being 20.0 feet in width, 10.0 feet on each side of the following described centerline:
Beginning at a point which bears South 26°14'11" East 201.21 feet from Corner No. 2 of said Tract No. 92;
thence South 16°16'19" East, 40.77 feet;
thence South 21°22'48" East, 35.23 feet;
thence South 47°16'58" East, 23.05 feet;
thence South 62°22'46" East, 81.53 feet;
thence South 74°21'25" East, 33.95 feet;
thence South 80°35'10" East, 49.77 feet;
thence South 84°40'04" East, 50.04 feet;
thence North 90°00'00" East, 43.05 feet;
thence South 84°25'50" East, 64.35 feet;
thence South 67°59'19" East, 26.95 feet;
thence South 42°37'35" East, 36.44 feet to the point of terminus

**Also known by street and number as: 39099 Highway 13, Meeker, CO 81641.
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, 05/16/2012, at Office of the Public Trustee, Rio Blanco County Courthouse, 555 Main Street, Meeker CO 81641, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s)' heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.
First Publication: 3/22/2012
Last Publication: 4/19/2012
Name of Publication: Rio Blanco Herald Times

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A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE FILED PURSUANT TO SECTION 38-38-104 SHALL BE FILED WITH THE PUBLIC TRUSTEE AT LEAST FIFTEEN (15) CALENDAR DAYS PRIOR TO THE FIRST SCHEDULED SALE DATE OR ANY DATE TO WHICH THE SALE IS CONTINUED; A NOTICE OF INTENT TO REDEEM FILED PURSUANT TO SECTION 38-38-302 SHALL BE FILED WITH THE PUBLIC TRUSTEE NO MORE THAN EIGHT (8) BUSINESS DAYS AFTER THE SALE;
DATE: 01/18/2012
Karen Arnold
Public Trustee of Rio Blanco County, State of Colorado
/s/Karen Arnold
By: Karen Arnold, Public Trustee
(S E A L) PUBLIC TRUSTEE RIO BLANCO CO COLO

The name, address, business telephone number and bar registration number of the attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is:
Robert J. Aronowitz, Esq. #5673, Monica Kadmas #34904, Randall M. Chin, Esq. #31149, Stacey L. Aronowitz, Esq. #36290, Andrea Rickles-Jordan #39005, Susan J. Hendrick #33196, Joel T. Mecklenberg, Esq. #36291, Joan Olson, Esq. #28078, Lisa Cancanon Esq. #42043
Aronowitz & Mecklenburg, L.L.P. 1199 Bannock Street, Denver, CO 80204 (303) 813-1177
Attorney File # 1269.07751
The Attorney above is acting as a debt collector and is attempting to collect a debt. Any information provided may be used for that purpose.
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LEGAL NOTICES

**PUBLIC NOTICE
TOWN OF MEEKER
MUNICIPAL MAIL BALLOT ELECTION
APRIL 3, 2012
NOTICE TO VOTERS**

Notice is hereby given that a regular municipal mail ballot election for the Town of Meeker will be held on Tuesday, April 3, 2012. The polls (the walk-in location) for all electors of the Town on Election Day shall be the Town Hall, 345 Market Street, Meeker, Colorado between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.
A completed mail ballot package or replacement ballot package may be returned by US mail by affixing the proper postage or by walk-in at Town Hall, 345 Market Street, Meeker, Colorado on any regular business day between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., except for Election Day, April 3, 2012, then between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.
IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have here unto set my hand and official seal at Meeker, Colorado on this 27th day of February, 2012.
TOWN OF MEEKER
Lisa Cook, Town Clerk
Publish: March 8, 15, 22 and 29, 2012
Rio Blanco Herald Times

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

The Lower White River Pest Control District is accepting bid proposals to aerial spray herbicide or insecticide on private land located within the District. Bids will be opened by the Board of County Commissioners on April 16, 2012, County Annex, 17497 State Hwy 64, Rangely, Colorado at 11:15 a.m. For bid specifications and time line details contact Bob McKune 970-675-5153 for bid packets. If mailed, bid packets are due to the Board of Commissioners, Box i, Meeker, CO 81641 no later than April 12, 2012 at 4:00 p.m. If hand delivered the day of the bid opening (April 16) the bids must be received no later than 11:00 a.m. to the Board of County Commissioners, County Annex, 17497 State Hwy 64, Rangely, Colorado. Bid packets must be clearly marked **Aerial Spray** on the outside of the bid packet.
Publish: March 22 and 29, 2012
Rio Blanco Herald Times

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Public Notice

A public hearing has been scheduled for April 3, 2012 at 7:15 pm at the Meeker Town Hall, 345 Market Street, to consider a Special Events License request by the Meeker Lions Club to be used at 200 Main Street, Meeker, CO 81641 for; District Lions Club Convention April 27, 2012 from 4:00 pm to 12:00 am and April 28, 2012 from 4:00 pm to 12:00 am.
Information or questions please call § Kathleen Sizemore
Liquor Clerk
Published: 03-22-12
Rio Blanco Herald Times

LEGAL NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE

Natural Soda, Inc., 3200 Rio Blanco County Road 31, Rifle, CO 81650, (970) 878-3674 has filed an amendment to their existing Hard Rock/Metal Mining Reclamation Permit with the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Board under provisions of the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Act. The mine is known as the Natural Soda Nahcolite Mine, and is located at or near Section 26, Township 1 South, Range 98 West, 6th Principal Meridian, within Rio Blanco County, Colorado
The in-situ, solution mine began operations in 1992. Historic and current surface use of Natural Soda's lease areas is

**COMBINED NOTICE
CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 11-40**

To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust: On December 29, 2011, 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): Leslie M Sorensen
Original Beneficiary(ies): Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., acting solely as nominee for COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS, INC.
Current Holder of Evidence of Debt: BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP FKA COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING LP
Date of Deed of Trust: 8/18/2000
County of Recording: Rio Blanco
Recording Date of Deed of Trust: 8/18/2000
Recording Information(Reception Number and/or Book/Page Number): 267887
Original Principal Amount: \$50,440.00
Outstanding Principal Balance: \$44,548.07
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.
SUBLOT 5 OF MEEKER TOWNHOUSES NO. II BEING A PART OF LOT 11 BLOCK 72 TOWN OF MEEKER, COLORADO ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED FEBRUARY 21, 1978 AS RECEPTION NO. 180325
**Also known by street and number as: 730 11th Street, Meeker, CO 81641.
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, 05/02/2012, at Office of the Public Trustee, Rio Blanco County Courthouse, 555 Main Street, Meeker CO 81641, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s)' heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.
First Publication: 3/8/2012
Last Publication: 4/5/2012
Name of Publication: Rio Blanco Herald Times

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A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE FILED PURSUANT TO SECTION 38-38-104 SHALL BE FILED WITH THE PUBLIC TRUSTEE AT LEAST FIFTEEN (15) CALENDAR DAYS PRIOR TO THE FIRST SCHEDULED SALE DATE OR ANY DATE TO WHICH THE SALE IS CONTINUED; A NOTICE OF INTENT TO REDEEM FILED PURSUANT TO SECTION 38-38-302 SHALL BE FILED WITH THE PUBLIC TRUSTEE NO MORE THAN EIGHT (8) BUSINESS DAYS AFTER THE SALE;
DATE: 01/04/2012
Karen Arnold
Public Trustee of Rio Blanco County, State of Colorado
/s/Karen Arnold
By: Karen Arnold, Public Trustee
(S E A L) PUBLIC TRUSTEE RIO BLANCO CO COLO
The name, address, business telephone number and bar registration number of the attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is:
Robert J. Aronowitz, Esq. #5673, Monica Kadmas #34904, Randall M. Chin, Esq. #31149, Stacey L. Aronowitz, Esq. #36290, Andrea Rickles-Jordan #39005, Susan J. Hendrick #33196, Joel T. Mecklenberg, Esq. #36291, Joan Olson, Esq. #28078, Lisa Cancanon Esq. #42043
Aronowitz & Mecklenburg, L.L.P. 1199 Bannock Street, Denver, CO 80204 (303) 813-1177
Attorney File # 1269.08209
The Attorney above is acting as a debt collector and is attempting to collect a debt. Any information provided may be used for that purpose.
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**COMBINED NOTICE
CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 12-02**

To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust: On January 12, 2012, 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): Roger Melanson
Original Beneficiary(ies): Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Fidelity Mortgage Company.
Current Holder of Evidence of Debt: BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP FKA COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING LP
Date of Deed of Trust: 2/28/2008
County of Recording: Rio Blanco
Recording Date of Deed of Trust: 2/28/2008
Recording Information(Reception Number and/or Book/Page Number): 29157
Original Principal Amount: \$71,535.00
Outstanding Principal Balance: \$68,947.77
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.
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THE SOUTH 10 FEET OF LOT 2, ALL OF LOT 3 AND THE NORTH 30 FEET OF LOT 4, BLOCK D, LEECH ADDITION NO. 1 TOWN OF RANGELY, COUNTY OF RIO BLANCO, COLORADO
**Also known by street and number as: 307 and 311 S Sunset 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, 05/16/2012, 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 as-igns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.
First Publication: 3/22/2012
Last Publication: 4/19/2012
Name of Publication: Rio Blanco Herald Times

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DATE: 01/13/2012
Karen Arnold
Public Trustee of Rio Blanco County, State of Colorado
/s/Karen Arnold
By: Karen Arnold, Public Trustee
(S E A L) PUBLIC TRUSTEE RIO BLANCO CO COLO
The name, address, business telephone number and bar registration number of the attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is:
Caren Jacobs Castle #11790, Barbara A. Bader #10394, Christa Kilk #29855, Deanna L. Westfall #23449, Deanne R. Stodden #33214, Jennifer C. Rogers #34682, Katharine E. Fisher #39230, Kimberly L. Martinez #40351, Elizabeth S. Marcus #16092, Britney Beall-Eder #34935, Christopher T. Groen #39976
Castle Stawarski LLC 999 18TH ST., #2201, DENVER, CO 80202 (303) 865-1400
Attorney File # 11-16996
The Attorney above is acting as a debt collector and is attempting to collect a debt. Any information provided may be used for that purpose.
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managed by the BLM landowner and has been for recreation, wildlife and livestock use and resource development. The proposed future land use at the conclusion of Natural Soda's operation, in or around 2060, will be recreation, wildlife and/or livestock use and resource development as approved by the BLM.
Natural Soda solution mines in situ nahcolite, a naturally occurring sodium bicarbonate (commonly referred to as baking soda). Sodium bicarbonate is a beneficial ingredient in food and personal hygiene items, pharmaceuticals, animal feed, fire extinguishers and pollution scrubbing equipment. Sodium bicarbonate has many other similar household and industrial uses.
The Division of Reclamation, Mining and

Safety has established a decision date of August 6, 2012. Additional information may be obtained from the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety, 1313 Sherman St., Rm. 215, Denver, CO 80203; Rio Blanco County Clerk and Recorder's Office, 555 Main Street, PO Box 1067, Meeker, CO 81641; or the above named applicant. A copy of the Amendment application is available at the above-named County Clerk and Recorder's office and at the Division's office.
Comments concerning the amendment application must be in writing and must be received by the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety by 4:00 p.m. on April 25, 2012.
Publish: Mar. 15, 22, 29 & Apr. 5, 2012
Rio Blanco Herald Times

**COMBINED NOTICE
CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 11-39**

To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust: On December 21, 2011, 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): Calvin Leischer
Original Beneficiary(ies): Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. acting solely as nominee for Fidelity Mortgage Company
Current Holder of Evidence of Debt: Wells Fargo Bank, NA
Date of Deed of Trust: 7/24/2008
County of Recording: Rio Blanco
Recording Date of Deed of Trust: 7/24/2008
Recording Information(Reception Number and/or Book/Page Number): 293058
Original Principal Amount: \$123,068.00
Outstanding Principal Balance: \$119,022.76
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.
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LOT 18, TAMARRON SUBDIVISION, TOWN OF RANGELY, COUNTY OF RIO BLANCO, STATE OF COLORADO.
**Also known by street and number as: 243 East Raven Avenue, 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, 04/18/2012, at Office of the Public Trustee, Rio Blanco County Courthouse, 555 Main Street, Meeker CO 81641, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s)' heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.
First Publication: 2/23/2012
Last Publication: 3/22/2012
Name of Publication: Rio Blanco Herald Times

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DATE: 12/22/2011
Karen Arnold
Public Trustee of Rio Blanco County, State of Colorado
/s/Karen Arnold
By: Karen Arnold, Public Trustee
(S E A L) PUBLIC TRUSTEE RIO BLANCO CO COLO
The name, address, business telephone number and bar registration number of the attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is:
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Aronowitz & Mecklenburg, L.L.P. 1199 Bannock Street, Denver, CO 80204 (303) 813-1177
Attorney File # 9105.03115
The Attorney above is acting as a debt collector and is attempting to collect a debt. Any information provided may be used for that purpose.
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**COMBINED NOTICE
CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 12-01**

To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust: On January 9, 2012, 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): Donna M. Gutierrez and Jose E. Gutierrez
Original Beneficiary(ies): Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, Inc.
Current Holder of Evidence of Debt: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.
Date of Deed of Trust: 12/19/2003
County of Recording: Rio Blanco
Recording Date of Deed of Trust: 12/24/2003
Recording Information(Reception Number and/or Book/Page Number): 277413
Book: 591 Page: 669
Original Principal Amount: \$140,000.00
Outstanding Principal Balance: \$116,836.18
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.
THE EAST 25 FEET OF LOT 4 ALL OF LOT "A" THE WEST 10 FEET OF LOT 3 BLOCK 35 TOWN OF MEEKER, COLORADO, COUNTY OF RIO BLANCO, STATE OF COLORADO.
**Also known by street and number as: 148 Main Street, Meeker, CO 81641.
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, 05/09/2012, at Office of the Public Trustee, Rio Blanco County Courthouse, 555 Main Street, Meeker CO 81641, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s)' heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.
First Publication: 3/15/2012
Last Publication: 4/12/2012
Name of Publication: Rio Blanco Herald Times

NOTICE OF RIGHTS

YOU MAY HAVE AN INTEREST IN THE REAL PROPERTY BEING FORECLOSED, OR HAVE CERTAIN RIGHTS OR SUFFER CERTAIN LIABILITIES PURSUANT TO COLORADO STATUTES AS A RESULT OF SAID FORECLOSURE. YOU MAY HAVE THE RIGHT TO REDEEM SAID REAL PROPERTY OR YOU MAY HAVE THE RIGHT TO CURE A DEFAULT UNDER THE DEED OF TRUST BEING FORECLOSED. A COPY OF SAID STATUTES, AS SUCH STATUTES ARE PRESENTLY CONSTITUTED, WHICH MAY AFFECT YOUR RIGHTS SHALL BE SENT WITH ALL MAILED COPIES OF THIS NOTICE. HOWEVER, YOUR RIGHTS MAY BE DETERMINED BY PREVIOUS STATUTES.
A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE FILED PURSUANT TO SECTION 38-38-104 SHALL BE FILED WITH THE PUBLIC TRUSTEE AT LEAST FIFTEEN (15) CALENDAR DAYS PRIOR TO THE FIRST SCHEDULED SALE DATE OR ANY DATE TO WHICH THE SALE IS CONTINUED; A NOTICE OF INTENT TO REDEEM FILED PURSUANT TO SECTION 38-38-302 SHALL BE FILED WITH THE PUBLIC TRUSTEE NO MORE THAN EIGHT (8) BUSINESS DAYS AFTER THE SALE;
DATE: 01/09/2012
Karen Arnold
Public Trustee of Rio Blanco County, State of Colorado
/s/Karen Arnold
By: Karen Arnold, Public Trustee
(S E A L) PUBLIC TRUSTEE RIO BLANCO CO COLO
The name, address, business telephone number and bar registration number of the attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is:
Caren Jacobs Castle #11790, Barbara A. Bader #10394, Christa Kilk #29855, Deanna L. Westfall #23449, Deanne R. Stodden #33214, Jennifer C. Rogers #34682, Katharine E. Fisher #39230, Kimberly L. Martinez #40351, Elizabeth S. Marcus #16092, Britney Beall-Eder #34935, Christopher T. Groen #39976
Castle Stawarski LLC 999 18TH ST., #2201, DENVER, CO 80202 (303) 865-1400
Attorney File # 12-00179
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.
(c)Public Trustees' Association of Colorado Revised 6/2011

LEGAL NOTICES

ORDINANCE NO. 126 (Series of 2012)
AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF DINOSAUR, COLORADO, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 60, THE TOWNS ZONING ORDINANCE, BY AMENDING SECTION 401.4 TO PERMIT RESIDENTIAL DWELLINGS AS A USE BY SPECIAL REVIEW IN THE COMMERCIAL (C) ZONE DISTRICT.

WHEREAS, the Town of Dinosaur enacted Ordinance No. 60, a comprehensive zoning ordinance for the Town; and

WHEREAS, Section 901.1 of Ordinance No. 60 provides that the Town Council may, on its own motion, or on petition of an interested property owner, amend, supplement, or change Ordinance No. 60 upon a four-fifths (4/5) favorable vote of the Town Council; and

WHEREAS, public notice has been given as required by Section 901.2 of Ordinance No. 60; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing on said application was held on March 13, 2012, as required by Section 901.2 of Ordinance No. 60; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council finds and determines that the proposed text amendment set forth below is desirable and necessary for the purpose of promoting the health, safety and general welfare of the public.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF DINOSAUR, COLORADO:

Section 1. That Section 401.4 of Ordinance No. 60, concerning the Commercial (C) Zone District, is amended to include the following additional subsection:

Section 401.4 District C
(c) Uses by Special Review. The following uses may be permitted by special review pursuant to Section 301.2 of this Ordinance, as amended:

(1) Residential Dwellings, including the placement of mobile homes and manufactured homes.

LEGAL NOTICES

INTRODUCED, READ, PASSED, ADOPTED AND ORDERED PUBLISHED at a regular meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Dinosaur, Colorado, held on March 13, 2012.
TOWN OF DINOSAUR, COLORADO,
By: L.D. Smith
Mayor
ATTEST:
Tamara Long
Town Clerk
Publication Date: March 22, 2012
Rio Blanco Herald Times

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
RIO BLANCO COUNTY
PLANNING COMMISSION HEARING**

Notice is hereby given that on Thursday April 26, 2012, the Rio Blanco County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the Rio Blanco County Administration Building, 200 Main Street, Meeker, Colorado to consider the following:

Rezoning 12-2 - Joe and Ellen Nieslanik - the applicants, through a Boundary Line Adjustment, have increased the acreage of their property located at 637 CR 6 with an additional 5.09 acres. They are proposing to rezone the newly added acreage from Agriculture to Rural Residential to be consistent with the current zoning of their property. The subject property is located in the NW 1/4 of Section 27, T1N, R93W, 6th P.M., off of County Roads 6 and 39, PIN #141127200135.

Copies of the documents may be obtained from the Planning and 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.

Published: March 22, 2012
Rio Blanco Herald Times

LEGAL NOTICES

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

Commercial Equipped Applicator
The Lower White River Pest Control District is accepting bid proposals for commercial equipped applicators to spray herbicides on private land located within the District. Bids will be opened by the Board of County Commissioners on April 16, 2012, County Annex, 17497 State Hwy 64, Rangely, Colorado at 11:15 a.m. For bid specifications and time line details contact Bob McKune 970-675-5153 for bid packets. If mailed, bid packets are due to the Board of Commissioners, Box i, Meeker, CO 81641 no later than April 12, 2012 at 4:00 p.m. If hand delivered the day of the bid opening (April 16) the bids must be received no later than 11:00 a.m. to the Board of County Commissioners, County Annex, 17497 State Hwy 64, Rangely, Colorado. Bid packets must be clearly marked **Herbicide Spray** on the outside of the bid packet.
Publish: March 22 and 29, 2012
Rio Blanco Herald Times

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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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ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEEKER HOUSING Authority Board of Directors meet the 2nd Thursday of the month at 4 p.m. at The Pines, 875 Water St., Meeker.

DEHYDRATING CLASS, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday, March 24. More info., call Extension Office. 878-9490.



To friends of Nellie Harrison, wife of the late Daniel Harrison. We are having a SURPRISE 80th birthday celebration in her honor on Friday, March 30th at 6:00 p.m. at the LDS Vernal Stake Center, 850 W. 100 N. Vernal, Utah. Information contact Tina (435)630-3123.

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

SAFEHOUSE

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

Alcoholics Anonymous

Mon. 8 pm, Weds. 7 pm, Fri. 7 pm
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An open door for the protection and care of abused and battered persons. **Non-emergency call 629-5729 or 629-0709. Emergencies call 911.** Providing

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: newsdenpcs@gmail.com or (970)878-5117. All services are confidential.

PENNIES PLUS PROJECT

The Rio Blanco County Historical Society is asking everyone to share your pennies (PLUS...all other coins accepted!) to help us pay off our book loan debt. We need...10 MILLION PENNIES!!! Coin containers are everywhere in Meeker as well as the White River Museum



MEEKER LIONS CLUB BINGO

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Meeker Streaker available for transportation to Bingo, call 878-9368.



ANNOUNCEMENTS



HORSESHOE TOURNAMENT at Elks Park, Rangely, Colo., Sunday, April 1, 12:00 noon. \$20 per team, great prizes. To sign up contact (970)210-0772. Proceeds will benefit Jamie Brasfield. There will be inflatable for the kids.

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

FRIDAY, MAR. 23: Liver & onions, au gratin potatoes, carrots, Waldorf gelatin mold. CAL:632, PRO:42, FAT:19, CAR:74, CHO:282, SOD:891.

MONDAY, MAR. 26: Beef stew, coleslaw, Ambrosia deluxe, cornmeal roll. CAL:688, PRO:33, FAT:20, CAR:95, CHO:67, SOD:910.

TUESDAY, MAR. 27: Scenic Trip

WEDNESDAY, MAR. 28: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, beef gravy, vegetable medley salad, applesauce. CAL:879, PRO:49, FAT:37, CAR:89, CHO:116, SOD:1059.

FRIDAY, MAR. 23: Baked chicken, noodles Romanoff, Monte Carlo vegetables, Under-the-sea gelatin mold. CAL:794, PRO:49, FAT:37, CAR:80, CHO:131, SOD:678.

PLEASE SAVE the date May 19, 2012 for the Fifth and Final Coach Bob Tucker Golf Tournament.

Veterans Service Offices

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

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

**RANGELY REGIONAL LIBRARY
CLOSED MARCH 29 - APRIL 8**

Rangely Regional Library will be closed March 29 through April 8 for the removal of defective carpeting and the installation of new carpeting. The Library will resume its regular hours of operation beginning April 9. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

Driver License Offices - Note: Drive tests by appointment only. Reinstatement info.: (303)205-5613. *Need proof of physical address to renew license.* Check website for renewal requirements: www.colorado.gov/revenue Meeker open 1st, 3rd & 5th Fridays, 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Rangely open 2nd & 4th Fridays, 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Craig open Mon. through Thurs., 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

**Town of Meeker Planning Commission and Town Board of Trustees
Request for Annexation and Zoning Public Hearings**

The Town of Meeker will be holding the following Public Hearings at 345 Market Street, Meeker, CO 81641 as follows:
Planning Commission Public Hearing on the following requests scheduled Monday, March 26, 2012 at 7:00 P.M. Upon completion of the Planning Commission Public Hearing, the Commission will make a recommendation to the Board of Trustees concerning the requests.
Town of Meeker Board of Trustees Public Hearing on the following requests scheduled Tuesday, April 17, 2012 at 7:15 P.M.

A. Request from White River Electric Association (WREA) for annexation and zoning of a parcel described as: A PARCEL OF LAND LOCATED IN THE S.E. QUARTER OF THE S.W. QUARTER OF SECTION 22, T1N, R94W OF THE 6TH P.M., DESCRIBED BY METES AND BOUNDS AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT THE INTERIOR QUARTER SECTION CORNER OF SECTION 22, T1N, R94W AND RUNNING S0°12'W ALONG THE N-S, 1/4 SECTION LINE A DISTANCE OF 2246' TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; FROM THE POINT OF BEGINNING S76°12'W FOR A DISTANCE OF 300 FEET; THENCE S0°12'W FOR A DISTANCE OF 294 FEET; THENCE S89°45'E FOR A DISTANCE OF 24 FEET; THENCE N84°31'E FOR A DISTANCE OF 289.6 FEET; THENCE N0°12'E FOR A DISTANCE OF 340 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; ALL BEARINGS BEING REFERRED TO THE TRUE MERIDIAN AND THE PARCEL OF LAND CONTAINING A CALCULATED AREA OF 2.29 ACRES MORE OR LESS. (LEGAL DESCRIPTION PER BOOK 119 PAGE 443 IN THE OFFICE OF THE RIO BLANCO COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER)
LESS AND EXCEPTING A PARCEL OF LAND DESCRIBED IN BOOK 193 PAGE 294, RECEPTION NO. 104166 TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS, STATE OF COLORADO LESS AND EXCEPTING A PARCEL OF LAND DESCRIBED IN BOOK 363 PAGE 400, RECEPTION NO. 172291 TO RICHARD R. FLAHERTY AND GERALDINE FLAHERTY, CONTAINING A TOTAL CALCULATED AREA OF 1.66 ACRES MORE OR LESS. WREA has requested Highway Commercial zoning for the property.

B. Request from the Town of Meeker to rezone a parcel from the current Open Zone to Highway Commercial, to be conveyed to WREA described as: A PARCEL OF LAND LOCATED IN THE S.E. QUARTER OF THE S.W. QUARTER OF SECTION 22, T1N, R94W OF THE 6TH P.M., DESCRIBED BY METES AND BOUNDS AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT THE INTERIOR QUARTER SECTION CORNER OF SECTION 22, T1N, R94W AND RUNNING S0°12'W ALONG THE N-S, 1/4 SECTION LINE A DISTANCE OF 2246 FEET; THENCE S76°12'W 300 FEET TO THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING. SAID POINT BEING A FOUND #5 REBAR WITH ALUMINIUM CAP, RLS 12029; THENCE S0°12'00"W 252.14 FEET TO A POINT ON THE NORTHERLY ROW LINE OF COLORADO STATE HIGHWAY 13; THENCE S88°59'39"W ALONG SAID NORTHERLY ROW LINE 135.18 FEET; THENCE N89°21'37"W ALONG SAID NORTHERLY ROW LINE 64.85 FEET; THENCE N00°12'00"E 204.61 FEET; THENCE N76°12'00"E 206.12 FEET TO THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING. CONTAINING 1.05 ACRES MORE OR LESS.

RESOLUTION NO. 3

Series 2012

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF MEEKER BOARD OF TRUSTEES RECOGNIZING THE VALIDITY OF THE WHITE RIVER ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION, INC. PETITION FOR THE ANNEXATION TO THE TOWN OF MEEKER OF A CERTAIN PARCEL OF REAL PROPERTY GENERALLY DESCRIBED AS: LYING IN SECTION 22, T1N, R94W OF THE 6TH P.M., RIO BLANCO, COLORADO, AND SETTING A DATE, TIME AND PLACE TO HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER THE ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE TO ANNEX SAID PARCEL OF REAL PROPERTY, DESIGNATE ITS ZONING AND BRING IT WITHIN THE TOWN OF MEEKER ZONING DISTRICT MAP.

WHEREAS, the White River Electric Association, Inc. ("the Petitioner"), in accordance with C.R.S. §31-12-101, et seq., has petitioned the Town of Meeker Board of Trustees ("Town Board"), for annexation into the Town of Meeker the unincorporated real property solely owned by the White River Electric Association, Inc., which real property is described in Exhibit A, attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference (NOTE: "Exhibit A" is identical to the legal description in item A. above); and

WHEREAS, Petitioner informed the Town Board at its regular meeting on March 6, 2012, that Petitioner requested a public hearing to consider the adoption of an ordinance to annex said parcel of real property, designate its zoning and bring it within the Town of Meeker Zoning District Map, in accordance with the laws of the State of Colorado and the provisions of the Meeker Municipal Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN OF MEEKER BOARD OF TRUSTEES THAT it has determined that said Petition for Annexation meets the requirements and is in substantial compliance with C.R.S. §31-12-107, and the Town Board will proceed with a public hearing to consider the adoption of an ordinance to annex said parcel of real property, designate its zoning and bring it within the Town of Meeker Zoning District Map.

FURTHERMORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town Board will hold a public hearing on the 17th day of April, 2012, at the hour of 7:15 p.m. at the Meeker Town Hall, 345 Market Street, Meeker, Colorado, for the purpose of adopting an ordinance to annex said parcel of real property, designate its zoning and bring it within the Town of Meeker Zoning District Map.

PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED by a vote of 5 to 0 by the Town of Meeker Board of Trustees, Meeker, Colorado, this 6th day of March, 2012.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

TOWN OF MEEKER

§Mandi Etheridge, Mayor

ATTEST:
§Lisa Cook, Town Clerk
Further information is available at Town Hall, 345 Market Street, (970)878-4960 during regular business hours.
Sharon Day
Town Administrator
Publish: March 15, 22, 29 and April 5, 2012 in Rio Blanco Herald Times

AUCTIONS

Estate Auction, Sat. March 24, 10 a.m., Garfield County Fairgrounds, Rifle, Colo. Don Shrull Estate. Household, buffet, dressers, night stands, tables, chairs, collection western collectables, 2 military rifles, assorted ammo, saddles, chaps, spurs, traps, tools. Much, much more! Consignment will be taken. Ralph Fritzlau Auctioneer. Complete list www.silvernickelauction.com (970)283-5416 or (970)571-1608.



**PUBLIC AUCTION
SUNDAY, April 1, 2012 10:00 a.m.
at Elks Park
Rangely, Colorado**

204 Remington Double Barrel 12 gauge shotgun, .308 - old gun, AR .223, other guns, #3 mini race Dale Jr. autographed Busch series championship car, old antique mine safety lamp, outdoor grill, knives (some new), curio cabinet, entertainment center, TVs, knick knacks, tools, bakers rack, collectibles, antiques, saddle, dresser, chair. For more information contact (970)620-2407.

COUNTRY MOVING Auction, Saturday, March 31, 10 a.m., 6395 County Road 15, Craig, Colo. 7200 Kubota tractor with loader, Ford pickups - one with snowplow, 1994 Buick station wagon, 1990 Ski-Doo super clean, 2 riding mowers, arvil, 4 ft. 3 pt. rototiller, hand & power tools of all kinds, B tank, oxy torch set, 2 ATV trailers, ladders, 3 air compressors, etc., antiques, furniture, glassware, bottles, toys, clocks, books, train, etc., 8 guns, bullets and shells, modern household furniture, snow cone machine, fireplace, TV books, rocks and yard out, bumper pool and bar pool tables, 2 upright freezers and more. Owners: Susan & Leroy North. For more info. on this auction, call Steve Claypoole, CP Auction Service. (970)260-5577. See web: www.cpauction.com "Call me about a sale for you!"



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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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YARD SALES

STORAGE UNIT #8 located at White River Storage, 219 E. Market St., Meeker, CO 81641 contents will be sold to the highest bidder on April 13, 2012 unless payment is received on or before sale date.

900 TROPIC St. (Rangely): Saturday, March 24, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Family Yard Sale. Lots of clothing, small appliances and two beautiful NEW prom dresses.

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HELP WANTED: FULL TIME

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HELP WANTED: GENERAL

Looking for a fund-raising opportunity for your nonprofit group throughout the summer? The ERBM Recreation & Park District is looking for a responsible and dependable organization to sell concessions at Paintbrush Park this summer, mid-May to late-August, two to five nights per week, and some weekends. Commitment for the whole season is required. If interested, please call Nicole at 878-3403 ext. 217 by April 1, 2012.

Job Title: Dispatcher
Job Description:
Applications for a dispatcher for the Town of Rangely Police Department are now being accepted. Applicants must be 18 years of age and have a high school diploma or equivalent. Typing, communications skills, and the ability to multi-task are required. Successful applicants will be administered a psychological test, must pass pre-employment drug screen and be able to work nights, weekends and holidays. To apply submit a completed application to the Town of Rangely Police Department at 209 E Main Street, Rangely Colorado 81648. Applications may be obtained from the personnel department or are available on our website at www.rangely.com. Position is Open until filled. EOE
Salary: Negotiable
Contact Info: Melody Eyl, (970) 675-8467.

Lifeguards: Meeker Recreation Center is seeking applications for permanent full time and part time lifeguards. Lifeguards are trained professional rescuers who ensure the safety of patrons by preventing and responding to emergencies in and out of the aquatic facility. Applicants must be 15 years of age or older; know how to swim; be available for early morning, evening, split and/or weekend shifts; be available a minimum of 24 hours per week. Lifeguards are responsible for performing maintenance and inspection of the facility on a daily basis; reporting any unsafe conditions or equipment to the supervisor(s); monitoring

HELP WANTED: GENERAL

pool water chemistry and filling out required records and reports.
Salary range \$10 - \$12.71/hr. Excellent benefit package included. 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. ERBM Recreation & Park District is an Equal Opportunity Employer. 970-878-3403. www.MeekerRecDistrict.com. Applications will be accepted through March 30.

WHITE RIVER Electric Association seeks an IT Manager in Meeker, CO to manage the Cooperative's information systems including but not limited to the network hardware, software, applications, and other data and voice communications applying management analytical skills and technical data processing knowledge. Must have a Bachelor's degree in Computer Information Systems or a closely related field plus 5 years exp. Experience in Microsoft Windows Platforms, Linux Platforms, and network applications required. Will be subject to random drug and alcohol testing and may be subject to background screening. Must be able to provide proof of eligibility to work in the U.S. To apply, send resume and cover letter by mail only to White River Electric Assn, Attn: Job Code 1100, 233 6th Street, Post Office Box 958, Meeker, Colorado 81641. Resumes will not be accepted via e-mail or fax.

HELP WANTED: PART TIME

Customer Service Specialist
The Rio Blanco Herald Times is looking for a Customer Service Specialist to work 2-3 hours daily, Monday through Thursday. Duties include assisting customers in a courteous and professional manner, accounts receivable, data entry, assisting the production department, managing e-subscriptions, archiving and general office duties.
The successful candidate will possess excellent customer relations and time management skills as well as a happy attitude. Solid typing and spelling abilities are also needed. Stop by our office at 592 Main Street, Ste. 6 in Meeker to pick up an application and detailed job description.

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511 S. White Rangely 878.5011
ADMISSIONS CLERK FRONT DESK
Long Day District Hospital is seeking to fill the Admissions Clerk position. This is a new position involving 40 hours a week (including some Saturdays), working in our state-of-the-art hospital on Rangely. Job duties include: greet patients, check into/out, and coordinate with other departments. Must have strong interpersonal skills, ability to work with a team, and excellent customer service skills. A college degree or equivalent is preferred. The successful candidate will be responsible for providing excellent customer service to our patients and staff. An application and resume should be submitted to Human Resources, 511 S. White Rangely, CO 81648. EOE/M/F.

HELP WANTED: PART TIME

JOB OPENING: Part-time custodian, able to work all shifts. Job description and application may be picked up and returned to Recreation Center, 611 S. Stanolind Ave., Rangely.

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HELP WANTED: SEASONAL

Employment opportunities are available for seasonal farm/ranch workers from May - October, in Jensen, UT. Job applicants will need to be highly motivated, quick learners, and be willing to work flexible hours. Farm experience, utility maintenance, repairs and troubleshooting skills are preferred but not required. Seasonal employee housing can be provided if needed for the right individuals. A current Driver's License is required. Wages will depend on experience. Applicants must pass a pre-employment drug test. Interested applicants are asked to send a current resume to: Frank@thunderranchllc.com

TREE TRIMMING laborers. Must have current drivers license and pass drug test. Call (970)275-3066.

HELP WANTED: SEASONAL

Town of Rangely Seasonal Summer Help Positions Opening
The Town of Rangely will be hiring seasonal workers for the following departments: Public Works, Gas Department, Building & Grounds and Water Departments. Duties include but are not limited to the following: outside landscaping, maintenance, and a variety of other light duties depending on the department. Applications may be picked up at the Town of Rangely, 209 E Main, Rangely, CO 81648. Deadline for submitting an application is April 20, 2012 EOE.

Temporary Summer Help Wanted
The Town of Meeker is accepting applications for a part-time (5 days a week, 8 hours a day position) from approximately May through August to work in the parks mowing the grass, irrigating, weeding and other duties as assigned. Must hold valid driver's license and be 18 years or older. Applications and further information are available at Town Hall, 345 Market Street, Meeker, CO 81641 or requested by telephone (970)878-5344. Application forms will be faxed upon request. Applications must be received at Town Hall no later than Friday, April 13, 2012 at 2:30 PM. Pay \$13.00 per hour. Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer.

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MEDICAL/NURSING ASSISTANT ~ CLINIC
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AQUATICS MANAGER
The ERBM Recreation & Park District is seeking an Aquatics Manager for the Meeker Recreation Center. This is a full time exempt position.
The Aquatics Manager is responsible for the effective and efficient administration and operation of the District's aquatic facility including the training, supervision, scheduling and evaluation of aquatic personnel.
Requirements include, but are not limited to: applicant must be 18 years of age or older; possess a Bachelor's Degree in Recreation or related field or 2 years supervisory experience in an aquatic setting or combination of education & experience; possess or obtain Lifeguard, AED, First Aid/CPR, WST and APO Certifications; valid CO Driver's license.
Salary range \$40,500 - \$45,000. Excellent benefit package included. 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. www.MeekerRecDistrict.com. Applications will be accepted through April 6.
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