



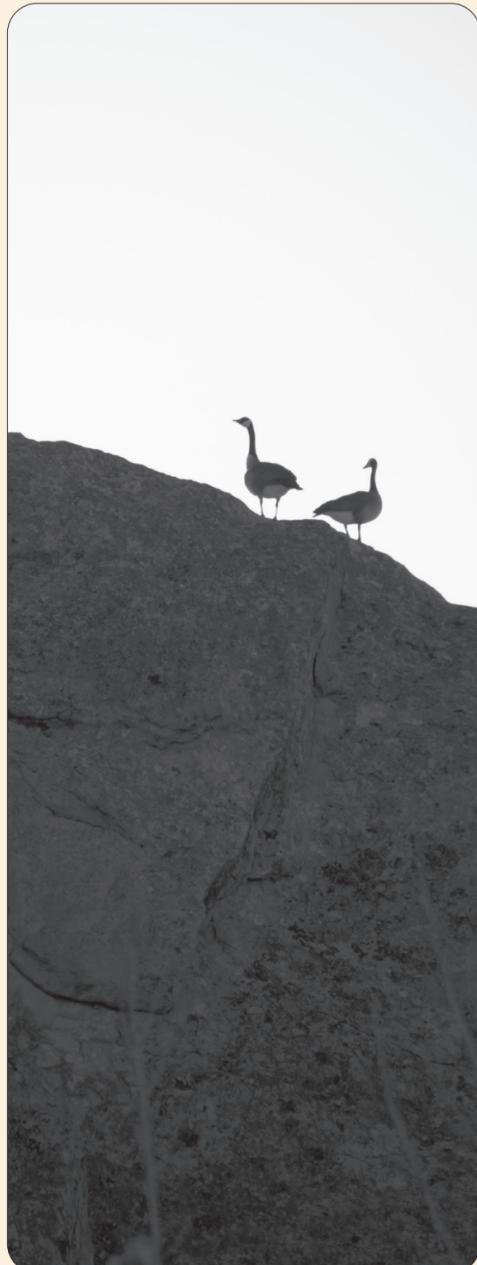
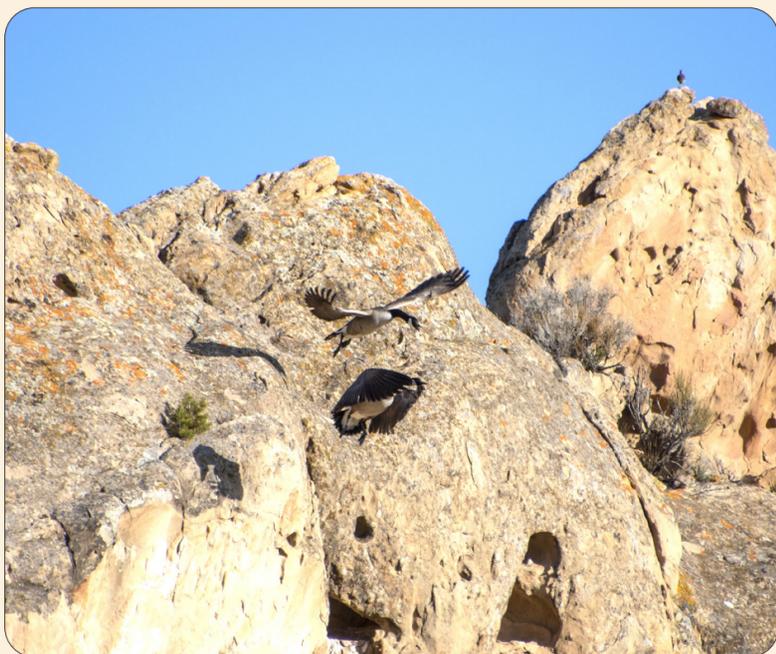
## WHAT'S GOOD FOR THE GOOSE ...



CAITLIN WALKER PHOTOS

**In case you weren't clued in by the toneless honking echoing around town, the geese are back. Marti Walsh of Rim Rock Campground—the site of our not-so-wild-geese chase—told the HT that geese have been using the sandstone formations around the campground (right) as their chosen perch for as long as she can remember, 20+ years.**

**The feathery creatures are safe from just about everything up there, except, of course, their fellow cantankerous geese (top and bottom.)**



## Rangely Town Council March meeting highlights

**BY KATIE KING**  
*Special to the Herald Times*

### RANGELY I MARCH 8 MEETING:

Jon Templeton addressed the Rangely Board of Trustees regarding concerns brought to the board about mosquito abatement. It was suggested by a concerned citizen that a better way to manage mosquitoes that would reduce the risk to helpful insects, particularly bees, be considered. Templeton, with support from Town Manager Lisa Piering, explained to the board that the methods suggested are already being employed. Current methods utilized include larvicides and adulticides — Vectobac, Altosid briquettes, and Evoluer Adulticide which is a permethrin base with a low volume sprayer. The rotation of products helps to reduce insecticide resistance by controlling mosquitoes at the larva and adult life stages. Templeton shared that a better method isn't realistically feasible by his understanding and that these methods are not strong enough to kill a bee, even if it were to get into the machine and formulas. Templeton further shared his organization's methods for spraying including using the briquettes in storm drains and other places with standing water and spraying the North/South sides of town. Mosquitoes typically begin their life cycle near the river and due to the White River being outside of town limits, the town does not provide abatement there. Trustee Don Davidson shared that members of the White River Emergency Preparedness

(WRAP) group had expressed concerns to him with potential ideas for alternative methods. Davidson and Templeton came to an agreement to connect the concerned folks with him, in hopes of discussing education and communication.

Trustees approved the Rangely Elks Lodge 1907 Special Event permit for the OHV Rodeo at Columbine Park on April 30, 2022.

The board approved action to approve the application to AGNC for a mini-grant for \$10,000 to complete the solar lighting of the Kennedy Drive Path and discussed and approved action for an application to AARP for \$15,000 to match the AGNC grant to complete four additional lights on Kennedy Drive Path and to install three lights on S. White at the entrance of Pinyon Circle.

The application to Just Transition and Northwest Development Council was approved by the board to be amended as there are other grants and funding available. The Town plans to manage the funding available to best meet the town's needs and priorities.

Town Manager Lisa Piering shared her update to include elected officials training in Meeker on March 15 and safety training for all departments. The Town is contracting with Networks Unlimited to assist in cyber security and management. The products offered are minimal cost and help add a layer of security for the town. Piering shared that Supervisor Don Reed would also be applying additional efforts as water treatment plants are under increased risk. The Pinyon Circle water line replacement project

has been scaled down due to lesser issues and more efficient solutions found.

Informational items included a Coffee with a Cop meeting with a high turnout and beneficial conversations. Jeannie Caldwell submitted a short article from "The Surveyor" which published a highlight from the website [HeidiTown.com](http://HeidiTown.com) that named Rangely "the friendliest little town."

Mayor Andy Schaffer highlighted the Community Garden Board vacancies and offered Trustee Don Davidson to share updates regarding WRAP members who have previously expressed interest in volunteering. Davidson shared that Piering connected him with Janet Miller who also works with and utilizes the Community Garden to start the Town's flowers before planting them in pots around town.

### MARCH 22 MEETING

Chamber of Commerce Director McKenzie Webber addressed the board regarding the upcoming ROAR event scheduled for April 28-May 1. The event is one month away and 115 vehicles are registered. Webber estimates that to be about 300 people and alerted the Town to be prepared for the influx. Webber is still seeking volunteers and requests anyone interested to contact her with their shirt size, and she will put them to work. Volunteering includes a free ROAR registration. On Tuesday, March 29, students from the high school met at Town Hall to shadow members of the local government including Davidson and Schaffer.

Piering shared updates including RDA/RDC

highlights in outdoor rec, cyber security, housing and approved a grant to assist Silver Sage RV Park with their Main Street façade. Trustee Keely Ellis shared that the Congressional Directed Spending was awarded but not yet dispersed. Piering noted that it is a "learn as you go" process. Ellis shared highlights from the AGNC meeting that included a presentation from the region 10 broadband coordinator suggesting ways to support local infrastructure connectivity with redundancy in the event that Denver's service shuts down. Davidson said there may be a Department of Agriculture grant that could supplement the Congressional Spending grant.

The major discussion point of the March 22 town board meeting was a public hearing to consider allowing the closure of the alley south of Rangely Hardware Store between S. White Ave and S. Grand Ave. during closure hours of the business. Rangely Hardware Store owner Rodger Polley addressed the council to share his concerns. Discussions have occurred in several other meetings, including the planning and zoning board meeting. Polley's primary concern is the security of the store which

includes property on both sides of the alley. A locked fence gate on both sides of the alley is Polley's desired goal. The Town considered the safety of all and the permanence of the motion. Davidson asked if the fence and alley would be transferable property in the event Polley moves his business. The town had three options: vote to vacate, not to vacate and create an agreement of closure, or take no action. Polley offered several other reasons that this benefits Rangely Hardware Store. Ellis shared concerns from the County Attorney regarding emergency access and if there would be an impact on either party with the proposed fence. Polley informed the council that the fence would be a simple padlock style and honestly, anyone who really needed to get through could do so. The board thoroughly considered Polley's position and the available options both during the public hearing and the new business discussion and action portion of the agenda. Schaffer worried about the precedence for shutting off public access to a public street to accommodate business owners. After long consideration, Trustee Tim Webber motioned to execute option two, for

the Town to not vacate and create an agreement of closure between the Town of Rangely and Rangely Hardware Store. Trustee Trey Robie seconded that motion and the matter was closed.

Piering shared an update from Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) regarding several concerns including the old Sinclair/Shell gas station where the tanks need care and work. Piering is hopeful that if the property sells, the Town could work with the new owners to remove the tanks. An additional matter of concern was asbestos-containing housing the Town has condemned but does not own. CDPHE offered mitigation tips. Portable housing was also discussed and links into an economic development discussion. Piering will have with Christine Rambo of the Northwest Colorado Development Council. Mayor Andy Schaffer asked about the ability to expedite the building process and the flexibility in selling at cost value vs market value. The board shared comments but as the topic is a work in progress, no decision needed to be made. Rambo was in town holding some focus groups to help improve available

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**Saturday: 60s/30s**



**Sunday: 50s/30s**



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# More on area aquifers

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[RobinsonResponse](#)

**RBC** I Last week's story on the Powell/Agency Park aquifers stemmed from a presentation by Dr. Mario Sullivan, instructor of science/oceanography at Colorado Northwestern Community College to the White River Alliance on March 15, 2022.

Former RBC resident and water resource engineer Collin Robinson wrote a detailed response, clarifying and/or correcting statements made in the article and March 15 presentation. You can read his response in its entirety here <https://bit.ly/>

Robinson challenges various statements made by Sullivan, and points out a geographical mix-up about the locations of Powell/Agency parks. "Agency Park runs from just across the river from town to the east. Powell Park is west of the Hogback," he said. In our original story, the names were inadvertently swapped.

### "CLASSIC" AQUIFERS

Robinson explained that there are two primary types of aquifers: non-confined/free aquifers and confined/artesian aquifers. Powell/Agency are "free aquifers" which generally means they're shallow, alluvial

aquifers that flow through "highly permeable, unconsolidated material like sand and gravel." Additionally, free aquifers are often near surface streams, from which surface water percolates. These comments respond directly to statements that the local aquifers are not like "classic aquifers" because they do not have a confining bed or specific recharge point.

In contrast, "confined" or artesian aquifers are "capped by a tight non-permeable layer that holds water under pressure." Robinson illustrated the differences by noting that free aquifers are like sponges, whereas confined aquifers are more like bagpipes.

### AQUIFERS AS GROUNDWATER STORAGE

Citing streamflow gage and other hydrological data, Sullivan concluded that he didn't see the aquifers as storage. According to Robinson, free aquifers actually have better storage potential than most confined aquifers, due to their sponge-like properties.

### RETURN FLOWS

Return flow is when irrigation water applied to fields makes its way back into the river either as surface runoff, or as groundwater return flow after entering, and later exiting, aquifers.

Sullivan cited data modeling return flows on the Yampa River that indicated a "hydrological coupling" of both aquifers as part of a broader point about their high transmissivity. Dr. Bob Dorsett of Meeker said Sullivan's understanding was "counterintuitive" since he and others understood the aquifers to act as a storage

"buffer," storing larger quantities of water temporarily and later transmitting it back to the surface.

Robinson's explanation of the rate of "return flow" aligns more with Dorsett's than Sullivan's. Returning to the idea of a sponge, aquifers (particularly non-confined ones) absorb large quantities of water which will eventually return to the river.

"In some situations, water applied in June returns in July, in others, it begins to reach the river in December, and where distance is large, the lag may be several years," Robinson wrote, adding, "in each case, the return is attenuated into a slow, steady, rate."

Robinson emphasized that in many cases, "surface return" is a more significant contributor to overall return flow than water flowing from groundwater/aquifer sources.

### DRY RIVER STORIES

Sullivan also said "old

stories" suggested that the river "did not flow year round in the middle-reach around the turn of the century, before irrigation ditches were put in place."

Robinson said this claim was demonstrably false, citing senior water right records in the area. "Substantial irrigation diversion had already been occurring for over a decade before the turn of the last century," he stated. Historical records of several local ditches listed in Robinson's letter include the Powell Park Ditch (20cfs in 1880), Meeker Ditch (20cfs in 1883), Highland Ditch (45cfs in 1886), and Oak Ridge Park Ditch (25cfs in 1887) among others.

Diversions upstream from the middle reach prior to 1890 total at least 115 CFS, and Robinson says those diversions increased significantly in subsequent years. In fact he claimed that over-allocation is a more likely explanation of "channel dewatering."

"Before development by American pioneers, the White River was a perennial stream through Agency Park," Robinson concluded. "To the extent that the people of the valley continue to exercise self-restraint and teamwork during frugal times, the river remains, and will remain, a productive and beautiful perennial stream."

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**Phelan, Wilkie named to Chadron State Dean's List**  
*Special to the Herald Times*

**RBC** I Ryan Phelan of Meeker and Hannah Wilkie of Rangely are among 341 students at Chadron State College in Nebraska who have met requirements for the Dean's List for Fall 2021 by earning at least a 3.5 grade point average. To qualify, students must have completed at least 45 credit hours, be enrolled in 12 credit hours of coursework, be seeking their first bachelor's degree, and have no incomplete grades during the semester.

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**NEWS NOTES**

**Fairfield grant apps due tomorrow**

**MEEKER** | The deadline for the semi-annual Freeman E. Fairfield grant applications is 5 p.m. Friday, April 1, 2022. Applications may be mailed to P.O. Box 2302, Meeker, CO 81641 or delivered to Diane Dunham, 438 E. Market St. Applications must be received, not post-marked, by April 1, 2022. The Freeman E. Fairfield Charitable Trust is established exclusively for religious, charitable, scientific, literary and educational purposes in Meeker, Colorado. You can contact the Rio Blanco Herald Times office for a grant application.

**Coffee at Streamline**

**MEEKER** | Please join us for free coffee and conversation at Streamline Realty, 600 Main Street, this Friday, Apr. 1 at 8 a.m.

**OHV club meeting**

**MEEKER** | The next meeting of the Wagon Wheel OHV Club will be Wednesday, April 6 at Kilowatt Komer in Meeker at 7 p.m. with an agenda to include officer elections, the July poker run, monthly ride/work days and more.

**Library book club**

**MEEKER** | The book club will be reading "Homegoing" by Yaa Gyasi. We will discuss the book on Monday, April 11 at 1 p.m. at Meeker Public Library. All are welcome to join in the fun.

**Free legal clinic**

**MEEKER** | The next free legal clinic in Meeker will be Wednesday, April 13 from 2-5 p.m. for parties without an attorney. Volunteer attorneys will assist one-on-one via computer link. Contact the Meeker Public Library at 970-878-5911 to be added to the sign-up sheet. Space is limited.

**Glow in the dark Easter egg hunt**

**RANGELY** | Join us in Elk's Park to hunt for eggs in the dark. You will need to bring a flashlight and something to put your eggs in. Prizes will be won by all! Register at Rangely Rec Center by April 5.

When: April 8, 8:45 p.m.  
Who: 6 years and younger  
Children younger than 6 are welcome but must be accompanied by an adult.  
Cost: \$8 per participant

**Pool Easter egg hunt**

**RANGELY** | Come enjoy a fun way of hunting Easter eggs. You'll have a challenge looking for eggs in the pool (sectioned off by age groups). Prizes will be awarded for golden eggs found, so 'hop' on in and don't forget to bring a water-proof bag to collect your findings.

When: April 14, 7:30 p.m.  
SHARP

Where: Rangely Rec Center  
Who: All children welcome  
Cost: FREE with a donation to the Rangely Public Schools Backpack program. Items for donation include, but are not limited to, individual prepackaged items (granola bars, fruit snacks, oatmeal, cup-o noodles, etc.)

**CAT NAPS ...**



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EDITOR'S COLUMN

April Fools!

There are two ways to be fooled: one is to believe what isn't true, the other is to believe what is true.

~ Soren Kirkegaard

By NIKI TURNER  
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Everything is wonderful and everyone is happy.



April Fools. Seriously, wouldn't it be lovely if that wasn't satire? Alas, it's not meant to be. Probably ever. The best we can do is tend to our own selves and take care of our side of the street.

The tradition of playing practical jokes, tricking people with hoaxes, and the like on April 1 — April Fools' Day — has been around for centuries.

In 1957, the BBC ran an April Fools' story about an unusual bumper crop in Switzerland, complete with photos of people picking spaghetti noodles off trees. Creative. The news station received multiple calls from folks who wanted to know how to grow their own spaghetti trees.

Various brands have used April Fools' pranks to their advantage over the years, from Velveeta announcing its new line of skincare products to cauliflower-flavored Peeps, to Krisy Kreme doughnut glaze sold as a dip (I would actually buy that one if it existed). My heart goes out to all the customer service reps who get to answer those calls and emails from the gullible.

Every year I think of all the fun April Fools' Day stories we could publish, and then, when the actual day rolls around on the calendar, all those ideas have vanished from my brain, leaving me with plain old reality. Kind of like thinking of perfect birthday and Christmas gifts for those hard-to-shop-for friends and relatives and then not being able to recall what it was you wanted to buy for them when the time comes.

And not exactly April Fools' Day related, but certainly helpful for avoiding being gullible, here's a shout-out to the Ground News Blindspot Report, to which you can subscribe for free: <https://about.ground.news/blindspot-subscribe>. This weekly email newsletter spotlights news stories from both sides of the political spectrum and points out blindspots for the left and right by measuring the distribution of stories among news outlets. It's fascinating, and a little alarming.

KAYE'S CORNER

Small guys win!

By KAYE SULLIVAN  
Special to the Herald Times

Maybe we've been thinking about this all wrong. Basketball has long been considered the domain of the "bigs," the tall guys and gals. It's usually assumed if you're the taller team, you have the advantage.

Yet, in the NCAA playoffs, St. Peter University's team with its speedy guards and scrappy players beat taller, more traditional Purdue. The little guys no one ever heard of and never previously won a single game at March Madness fought their way to victory.

St. Pete's demonstrated extraordinary teamwork, well-honed passing skills, and determination that just never quit. And all this against, get this, THE tallest player of any roster this season, 7-foot 4-inch Zach Edey at Purdue. Yup. This guy is two feet taller than me and towers over every other player.

It's not actually that the St. Peter's guys are short. I looked up their roster and nearly every player is over six feet tall. It's just that Purdue was bigger with bulkier bodies. Purdue had size; St. Pete's had speed.

Purdue is part of the Big 10 conference and has a long and terrific sports history. Their student population is over 40,000, a land grant Indiana state college with excellent ag and engineering programs. Their alumni endowment and support of sports is tremendous.

I know all this because

my parents are both alumni of Purdue, met on campus, fell in love, and upon graduation got married just as the U.S. entered WWII. So, along with cheering for any Big 10 team due to my Hoosier childhood, I was supposed to wish the Boilermakers success.

Instead, I was championing the "little" guys, the "Peacocks" from New Jersey. I never heard of them before and they were considered a "Cinderella team" that was lucky to get a seat at the dance, as they say in playoff parlance. Their coach stayed steady and obviously trained his guys to run like crazy plus never give up.

Think of that old movie, "Hoosiers" when Gene Hackman had his players running up and down the bleachers, up and down the floor never touching a ball until the team got in condition.

As a result, his team built endurance and they won the state finals, another underdog champion. (And the movie is based on a true story of come from behind grit.)



Kaye Sullivan

With a student population of around 2,600 students, St. Peters is a private Jesuit-based school. I don't know anything about them, but I expect them to be back in the future, so I will learn more. Frankly, many of the players look like they just walked off the streets with their floppy hair and gritty determination. I loved watching them from the get go and cheered.

The "talking heads" as we call them, meaning the experienced NBA legendary commentators, didn't think St. Pete's had a chance. I guess we can all be wrong.

By the way. It's not that I wished a loss for the Big 10 or any team at this point in the playoffs. Every team

has worked hard to achieve their playoff status so, I just enjoy watching a well-played game. My mother taught me not to boo for the opposition; just cheer harder for your team.

In the end, the little unknown team endured and the mighty famous fell. It's a great lesson in humility and perseverance. Way to go, St. Pete's. You will be an NCAA legend forever, the come from behind underdogs, and inspire future basketball players at all levels.

P.S. St. Pete's lost big time on Sunday. It felt like they were exhausted both in spirit and athleticism! still honor you for persevering and providing some very enjoyable sports watching. You have already accomplished lots and represent the hope of every small school. See you next year.

LOOSE ENDS

Apprenticeships

By DOLLY VISCARDI  
Special to the Herald Times

This past week I read an article in The Colorado Sun, a great online newspaper, that led with a breaking news article about our state government's new financial support of apprenticeship programs. The investigative reporters at this relatively new endeavor can be

counted on to research their subjects and report on the facts available rather than the fiction. There are businesses all over Colorado that are now opening up new positions using an old reliable method for finding hired help. There are talented people in both the rural and urban



Dolly Viscardi

communities that can teach others to master certain craft-based businesses. Small businesses and educational institutions are creating programs for young people that boost small businesses and help sell some of the handmade goods produced locally.

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Tax update from county assessor

Dear Editor:

Dear residents of Rio Blanco County: tax notices have been sent from the county treasurer and most of you saw a change in your tax amounts from the prior year. There are many reasons for these changes, for instance 2021 was a reappraisal year and sales from 7/1/18 through 6/30/20 were used in setting your value. The value is not the only contributing factor to your tax bill. The other main factor is the mill levy, these are set by schools, county, towns, and other taxing entities. The mill levy is applied to the taxable value to arrive at the amount of taxes you pay.

What is a tax district? These are the districts that provide citizens and our guests with services. There are many special districts like the fire department, library, cemetery, rec center, water, pest control, hospital, county services that include the road and bridge department, and schools. We have a pamphlet on our website that shows the value, mill levy and revenue each district receives. These are also available in our office.

Here are some important deadlines to be aware of.  
April 15 - Personal

Property and Natural Resource Production Declarations are due to our office.

May 1-Notice of Value postcards are mailed if your property changed by 75%, CRC 39-5-121. This year, 2022, is an intervene year, therefore unless you have made changes you will not receive a notice. If you have questions please feel free to contact our office.

May 3-Protest period for Real Property starts.

June 1 - Protest period for Real Property ends.

June 15-Notice of Value for Personal Property, Oil, Gas and other Natural Resource Production are mailed and Protest period begins.

June 30-Personal Property, Natural Resource Production Protest ends.

July 1-Applications for disabled veteran exemptions are submitted to the Division of Veterans Affairs. Contact them for information.

July 15-Application for senior exemption are due to the Assessor. This exemption is for a home owner who has lived in their home over 10 years and is 65 years of age as of Jan. 1, 2022.

We have a newly improved website located under Assessor on the county website - the web address is [rbc.us](http://rbc.us). We are here to serve you and welcome your questions anytime. You can contact us by phone at 970-

878-9410 or email us at [assessor@rbc.us](mailto:assessor@rbc.us).

*Renae Nielson  
Rio Blanco County  
Assessor*

## Vote diligently

Dear Editor:

Before you cast your votes in the two upcoming elections (May 10 and June 28), please be diligent in your choice of leadership. Vote for someone you believe will put the overall well being of RBC, the town and local entities first. Make a conscious decision to identify individuals with tendencies to make deals behind the scenes or decisions that involve personal gain. Stand up, ask questions, be aware, tune into the BOCC meetings online, or better yet, come in person.

Current talking points:  
1. Mr. Rector has and continues to miss way more than his fair share of scheduled meetings. Is that showing commitment to his elected position? Could this be considered an inefficient use of county money?

2. Are the commissioners handling the CCTIF funds according to the original guidelines? In this matter, two RBC commissioners currently want to dish out \$4 million to a reservoir project. It is my understanding that this project is not even close to being fully funded and more than likely won't happen. \$4 million wouldn't even

begin to cover the impact studies that are required. Is this "expenditure" in the best interest of the county? It seems the logic is missing, especially under our current and future budget concerns. Unless, of course, this generous donation is an attempt to set one's self up for a political appointment in some other arena...

3. There is a regular pattern of adding items to the meeting agenda at the last possible minute. Once in a while? Absolutely. But weekly seems manipulative and inconsiderate, and most definitely puts the general public at a disadvantage.

4. The decision by two of the commissioners to direct a supplemental budget to defund the election equipment will require a specific legal process according to state statutes. Let's all watch this closely to see if the public is correctly informed. Once again, true character and moral fibers come to light when given access to power.

*Respectfully,  
Toby Leavitt  
Meeker*

## Profile in courage

Dear Editor:

1. In 2016 it was evident that the revenue base for Rio Blanco County was in decline, and the usual cyclical recovery was not going to save us,

2. as the Commissioners were using "reserves" to sidestep the requirement for balanced budgets, but

3. recently it was recognized that there was

no easy way out.

4. Cutting expenses is unpleasant and hard and takes courage.

5. Our Sheriff, Anthony Mazzola recognized the problem, and the inability of the Commissioners to act decisively, so

6. he proposed closing the Meeker jail, which was underutilized, for a long-term savings of about one-half of the \$1 million budgeted annually.

7. It appears that the initial target of \$300,000 to \$400,000 annual savings expected for 2022 will be more like \$500,000 based on a recent Commissioners meeting.

8. Of course, there was opposition, but the critics were hollering about the first-year savings which seemed nominal and ignoring the longer-term savings two or three years out.

9. With a reelection primary underway, there is no cogent debate, so it is important to recognize the profile in courage of Anthony Mazzola to act instead of just talk about fiscal responsibility.

10. Let's see which other entities put some savings into the ring.

*Jim Magid  
Meeker*

## Recall vote unhealthy measure

Dear Editor:

A question looms before the Meeker electorate on May 10, 2022. On that day, we, the people will exercise our right to self-govern and

a vote will be taken to decide an issue that has raised itself to qualify as a matter that warrants public action. We will vote on it.

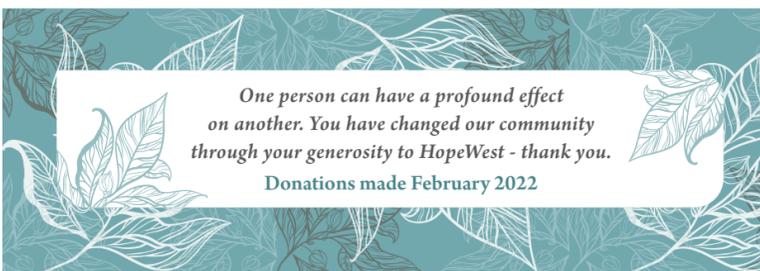
It must be important. We just cannot allow certain things to be done. And if, some people, insist on doing things that should not be done, well then, they should be held to account for their actions. And all this must certainly be true in the case of the electorate and Gary Moyer, Rio Blanco County Commissioner. Gary Moyer needs to be removed from serving in his elected office because he is guilty.

If Mr. Moyer was not guilty of some kind of violation of his office, then he would not be subject to a recall action taken by the necessary segment of the electorate. Gary must have done something wrong. If Gary had not done something wrong, not committed some act of selfishness in exchange for a favorable vote on an issue, not violated his oath of office, then why would he be the subject of a public vote to determine whether or not he should finish out the last six months of his office? He must be a stain on the good name of Government in our County and Community.

But when I searched for documentation, for findings and facts, giving evidence that Mr. Moyer has committed any violation(s), there is no available documentation that can construct a cause

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- Dave Brown**  
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**M**arch Madness wraps up this weekend with NCAA Women's and Men's Basketball Final Four games. Meeker High School enjoyed its own Madness with great post season basketball and February's wrestling excitement. Congratulations to Meeker High School Girls and Boys Basketball teams, Cheer Team as well as the MHS Wrestlers. Also, congratulations to the Meeker High School Drama group for its fantastic The Addams Family production. There are so many talented Meeker High School students. This week's return to snow and rain must mean it's MHS Track, Baseball and Girl's Golf Season; stay dry and good luck to all the Meeker Cowboys.

WREA is a proud supporter of the Meeker School District, its students, teachers and extra-curricular activities. Each spring WREA reviews applications from MHS seniors for college and vocational scholarships. The WREA Board utilizes unclaimed capital credit funds for its scholarship program. Per state statutes, WREA's unclaimed capital credit funds are required to be returned to the State if not claimed or applied to other limited uses including educational scholarships. The Board was once again impressed with all of the MHS students and applications. The Board reviews resumes and essays as well as conducts in person interviews with the applicants. This year's recipients are Tatum Kennedy, Kelton Turner, Aspen Merrifield, Hailey Knowles, MyKayla Wille, Peter Hanks, Owen Hanneman, Chakwah Brink, Savannah Mendenhall, Zachery Simonsen, Porter Hossack, Sarah Kracht and Zagar Brown.

Spring rain makes for spring flowers and the start of seasonal burns. Please use caution when burning fields near power lines. Please call WREA at 970-878-5041 with any questions regarding spring burns. It is also a great time to maximize the value of the WREA Rebate program. Please find more information at [www.wrea.org/rebates](http://www.wrea.org/rebates).

Thank you to all our members who participated in the recent WREA Member Survey. The survey results were returned this week with an overall increase in member satisfaction. Listening and learning from our members is an essential part of the cooperative process. This information highlights evolving member trends and helps WREA better serve our membership. WREA will present a full report of the Member Survey results in next week's paper.

Please also be aware that several of our members have received calls claiming to be from WREA requesting credit card information to allegedly apply a credit to the card. **THIS IS A SCAM.** WREA does not call its members requesting this type of information. Please always be cautious when anyone calls requesting social security information, credit card information or other personal financial details. Always feel free to call WREA to speak with someone in the front office to ask questions or verify that the "real" WREA is seeking information.

*Thank you!*  
- White River Electric Association

GUEST COLUMN

## My stork got lost!

By **ED PECK**  
*Special to the Herald Times*

Or, what do you mean I was adopted? The family tree gets complicated when we start talking about infant adoptions or single parent situations with the father's name not talked about by the family. Today parents are more open with their adopted children. In the past however, adults were often blindsided with the reality that the couple that raised them kept an important secret. There were periods of time that court records were sealed totally to protect the biological parents. Even today, adoption records are NOT available to the public. The altered birth certificate available for passports, driver's license, or official ID cannot be distinguished from the originals. There is no indication that someone was ever adopted. I am sure we have all seen the tabloid headlines of adults who had DNA tests reveal biological parents and who had heartwarming reunions with birth parents. Adult adoptees often romanticize having mysterious parents. Teens who are aware they are adopted by loving families are still curious about their past. It is natural thing to feel.

Adoptions in family trees are a bit of a minefield. You don't know when you are going to find one and what to do about it. As a pure researcher, you may want to keep a family tree free of any untraditional connections. When creating a tree, always test birth years against marriage records of parents. It is a red

flag telling you there may be a step-child involved. As you create your own tree, remember, FAMILY is more than a blood relationship. It is an emotional bond, even to relatives we have never met or died long ago. As someone told me a week ago. "I was adopted, yes. Does it really matter?". I will leave to you. I choose to attach adoptees to a tree but add the word "ADOPTED" as a middle name as a flag to future researchers. As a practical matter, adoption does count when it comes to medical inheritance. Sometimes a medical condition can arise in an adoptee that only biological relations can assist. Potential transplant donors are a prime example of why court records may have to researcher be unsealed. Life or death situations make biological family trees very important. There are ways to respectfully contact biological parents. Adult adoptees, guardians of minor adoptees, and in some cases, grandparents may have the opportunity to contact the biological family. In Colorado, Colorado Dept. of Human Services can help. Their website has instructions for access to adoption records. You can file to have a "Colorado Confidential Intermediary" investigate your adoption. **GOOD LUCK IN FINDING THE LICENSE NUMBER OF THE STORK WHO BROUGHT YOU!**

As always, I welcome suggestions for future columns.

*Ed Peck can be reached through this newspaper or the White River Museum.*

GUEST COLUMN

## From the Mind Springs interim CEO

By **DOUG PATTISON**  
*Interim CEO, Mind Springs*

The need for behavioral health services is growing in Colorado, now more than ever. For all of us in this industry, we know that there is a need for behavioral healthcare reform in Colorado. The system is far from perfect. Community Mental Health Centers are far from perfect. However, throwing daggers at non-profit organizations who are the safety net for vulnerable populations, those who are suffering from mental illness and addiction, is not the solution. Disparaging articles based on hearsay, anonymous sources, and opinions based on information taken out of context, or simply untrue, will adversely impact those who are in need of help, as they may be reluctant to seek services from what may be their only source of hope. The negative media rhetoric also undermines and demotivates a workforce who is dedicated to saving lives.

In April of 2021, Rocky Mountain Health Plans conducted a review of medical records for 112 members who received services from Mind Springs Health or West Springs Hospital. The review was based on concerns about prescribing practices and protocols with benzodiazepines and resulted in a corrective action plan to address safety concerns surrounding the prescription of benzodiazepines. The 17-point plan has been fully implemented.

We recognize that there was a need to enhance our policies and procedures for prescribing benzodiazepines. I am pleased that in the past nine months, there have been significant safety enhancements made to our prescribing protocols.

Rocky Mountain Health Plans review also found that from July 1, 2018 to December 15, 2021, there were 472 quality of care concerns – 251 of which had some validity and 68 found to have severe risks. Quality of care concerns are events that might result in harm to a patient or to the quality of a patient's care. These events include patients' complaints, self-harm, deaths, non-compliance with treatment, medical complications, and medication errors. Quality of care concerns can be due to facility-related causes, but they may also be a result over an event the facility has little to no control of, such as an illness that was contracted prior to admission to the hospital.

During this same time period, our organization saw a client count of nearly 30,000 and provided more than 760,000 services to these clients. Quality of care concerns posing to have "severe risks" were less than a quarter of one percent of the overall care provided.

We absolutely have to be the best at what we do. One person at risk is one person too many. We are audited on a regular basis, and we value the input we receive from the state entities we work with, as well as Rocky Mountain Health

Plans. By working together, we're able to continue to improve processes.

In the past three months, three members of our executive team have resigned or retired for personal reasons. We are taking advantage of the changes in our leadership to restructure our management team, while also examining policies and procedures to create enhanced quality and access to care. We have also recently retained an outside consultant to help support our internal quality and compliance department.

In the weeks ahead, Signet Health, the largest behavioral health consulting firm in the US (working with more than 75 hospitals in 30+ states), will begin a three-year contract with West Springs Hospital to help guide the organization in meeting regulatory requirements, efficiently managing operations, and creating discharge/case management plans, all while ensuring that quality of care remains the top priority.

At the end of the day, we all want the best care for our communities. Mind Springs Health and West Springs Hospital are committed to providing the best care possible going forward, with honesty and integrity.

My door is always open. And questions are welcome.

*Doug Pattison, Interim CEO  
Mind Springs Health & West Springs Hospital  
970.683.7150*

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The artisan nature of the arts and crafts industry is revealed at farmers markets and small businesses found across our state. It is this burgeoning business boom that is creating programs to help local businesses take down those now common Help for Hire signs in our local windows. As someone who loves to purchase locally as much as is possible, this could have a serious impact on both of Rio Blanco's communities.

The White River valley has been offering informal apprenticeships since it was settled. Many of the stories told by oldtimers over the years include people like leather worker Jiggs Bills, who learned his trade from Rawhide Billy. An itinerant leatherworker, this colorful character visited the Bills' family's ranch with braided leather goods and saddles. He passed his knowledge of working with leather on to quite a few others, so the skill of leather braiding was shared before it had a chance to die out. In the earliest days in the valley,

craftsmen passed on their knowledge of constructing buildings, as well as finding and making use of the available materials to use. Learning to select and use the right materials for the fencing and early outbuildings were so important, that someone who grew up in a local family mastered many different trades. It was a matter of survival. Some fought so many natural disasters each year that they were not able to keep their original homesteads. They accrued much of their knowledge of how

to survive in the face of both natural disasters and human-created challenges, they helped other family members or hired on to other farms and ranches as seasoned hands.

From the start, insuring growth in our community has depended on master teachers of every trade, as well as craft. Having a healthy economy has relied upon community members using their varied talents and partnerships to come up with new solutions, as well as variations on the old tried and true methods of making change.

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of action for removal from office. No legal grounds for the recall.

People, we need to understand this — it is very important to the health and well being of our Communities along the Rio Blanco River. Gary Moyer did not commit a crime. Gary Moyer did not violate any oath of office. There is no reason to 'tear the fabric' — no reason to divide — no reason to even ask the question. There is no question. This process has not arrived at a legally binding reason for a recall. This is very dangerous.

A recall election does not qualify as 'bringing charges against.' A recall election must be based on the facts — not the feelings. What are the results of examining the charges and establishing the violations against the County Commissioner?

Again, in all the records that describe these types of parliamentary procedures, using Robert's Rules of Order, according to the minutes of the meetings, no

documentation can be found that mentions disciplinary actions, motions, entries for the record, charges, accusations, or violations by Commissioner Moyer.

Vote for Truth. The truth is there is no reason for a recall vote now. Vote the scoundrel out of office — if that is your heart — but wait until the correct time to do so. Vote NO that Gary Moyer be recalled. This is NOT how government functions. It is NOT done this way. Do not divide our Community. Do not sow a seed of discord. It we want someone else instead of Gary Moyer, that opportunity is coming soon enough. This is not worth the wound that will be suffered — for the sake of six months. That is unwise on our part. I am asking that we refrain from harming ourselves. Vote No — because that is the truthful thing to do.

That concludes the Letter to the Editor. Thank you for reading. In addition, I would like to offer my objective opinion, from observing Mr. Moyer

preside over County meetings this past year:

Courageous leadership would be the caption used to define his performance. His mannerism (which is NOT part of the office) is short, direct and challenging. He asks questions clearly, directly, and pursues the answer — he is not put off lightly. (That's important) He is a staunch fiscal conservative who refuses to spend money he does not have in the budget. He is serious about teaching this. People cannot be more committed to the welfare of Rio Blanco County than Gary Moyer. Personally, I wish more people serving in Office had his principles and values. I believe he is a good man and has earned the right to complete his term of office.

Expressing our will is not done this way. It's not legal. Let's do what is right. No recall — not now.

*Jeff Prystupa  
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# OBITUARY

## Denise Grace Bear Runner

March 12, 1983 ~ March 14, 2022

Denise Grace Bear Runner was born on March 12, 1983, in Pine Ridge, South Dakota, to Dennis Bear Runner and Shirley (Red Star) Marshall. Denise made her journey to the Spirit World on March 14, 2022, at the Avera McKennan Hospital in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Denise is survived by her spouse, Mario Vasquez, Jr.; sons, Sarge Sunrise Denny, Raymond Ferguson, (baby) Lyle Ferguson, Jr., and Julio Vasquez; daughters, Kateri (Curtis) Denny-Busse, Shirleah Ferguson, and Kanalah Vasquez; hunks mother, Sharon (Wardell) Walks Straight; grandchildren, Kaliyah Denny; mother, Shirley Red Star-Marshall; father, D. Arthur Bear Runner; brothers, Justin Charging Crow, Chad Fast Horse, Shon Fast Horse, Rondell Charging Crow, Creighton Charging Crow, and Howard Bear Runner; sisters, Juanita (Harry Yazzie) Red Star, Shalaine Bear Runner, Holona

(Romero) Fast Horse, Vanessa Crazy Thunder, and Stephanie Bald Eagle; nieces, Sarah (Will) Padilla-Fast Horse, Quesa Red Star, Shan Teddy Two Eagle, Katy Red Star, Skuya (Angel) Good Voice Elk, Adoncia Lopez, Kymonnie Fast Horse, and Hailey and Matthew Charging Crow.

Denise was preceded in death by her sister, Mary Kate Fast Horse; step-father, Keith Marshall; great-grandmother, Katie Fools Crow; great-grandfather, Frank Fools Crow; paternal grandmother, Grace Rock-Bear Runner; paternal grandfather, Oscar "OB" Bear Runner; cousins, Josephine "Jodi" Brewer and Cameron Red Star; uncles, Edgar Bear Runner, Sr., Harold Bear Runner, Donald Bear Runner, James Rock, Vernon Rock, John "Johnny" Rock and Paul



Denise Bear Runner

Rock; and aunts, Lillian Bear Runner, Leola Quiver-Bear Runner, Barbara Rock, Diane Rock, Verola Rock-Brewer and Weldine Red Star.

A two night wake service was held March 24-25 at the Shirley Marshall residence located at 3-Mile Creek near Kyle, South Dakota. Funeral services were held Saturday, March 26, 2022 at 10 a.m., also at the Shirley Marshall residence, with Pastor Matt Hadden officiating. Traditional Lakota services were performed by Mr. Jerome Kills Small and the Pass Creek Drum Group. Burial services were at the Red Star Family Cemetery at 3-Mile Creek in Kyle, South Dakota. Arrangements entrusted with Sioux Funeral Home of Pine Ridge, South Dakota.

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services. Grand County, Utah Commissioners voted against the Book Cliffs Highway.

Webber has been visiting different board meetings as a face of the Town's Board of Trustees, including the Junior College Board meeting that introduced the new airport manager and new aviation programs underway. Webber and Piering noted that a joint meeting between Rangely

and Meeker organized by Meeker Town Manager Mandi Etheridge was progressive and may happen more often as the Boards are run more similar than not.

Emily Peterson addressed the Board on behalf of the water department with updates on the Head Works Building Project with most excavation completed and concrete being poured. There have been some difficulties and work is still in progress. Peterson honored the crew for being

flexible in mitigating the issues and working around the challenges. Piering highlighted the work Peterson and Jocelyn Mullen have done managing this project.

The Board discussed and took action to approve the grant application to CDPHE for Active People, Healthy Colorado to complete the solar lighting of the Kennedy Drive Path in the amount of \$5,000, in lieu of the AARP grant previously applied for that will likely not be awarded.

## Rangely residents organizing WRAP

**PRESS RELEASE**  
Special to the Herald Times

**RANGELY** With the slogan, "Plan, Prepare, Protect," the group's mission is to "...develop individual, family, and community preparedness; to provide assistance and relief to Rangely area residents in the event of disaster or infrastructure collapse; to educate, protect, strengthen, and provide planning and resources for critical needs such as power, water,

food, medical care, and wastewater to support the community."

Attorney Kelly Clark is preparing IRS 501(c)(3) compliant documents for non-profit status along with an initial organizational structure with assistance from temporary directors Elaine Urie, Jane Pennell, Heather Fitzpatrick, Mark Stamos and Susie Berardi.

Organizing into teams by skills and knowledge, and looking forward to trainings so they can be prepared to assist neighbors, community members, and area

residents within a 60-mile radius, members are learning about the structure and organization of assistance teams by reading Michael Mabee's "The Civil Defense Book: Emergency Preparedness for a Rural or Suburban Community."

For more information about WRAP including the meeting minutes, agenda, and meeting times, visit the group's website, [WRAPrangely.com](http://WRAPrangely.com), or contact initial organizer and Rangely resident Don Davidson at 970-417-7773.



# White River Solar

### General Information & FAQs 2022-2023

**WREA is excited to kick off the 4th year of the White River Solar program.**

**HOW DO I RENEW MY SOLAR LEASE?** Members who have an existing lease can fill out their mailed renewal lease and return it to WREA by **Friday, April 29, 2022** at PO Box 958, Meeker, CO 81641 or by email at [kmatrixsciano@wrea.org](mailto:kmatrixsciano@wrea.org). The selected lease fee will automatically appear on your May electric bill and is due with your May bill no later than **June 15, 2022**. WREA requests that you do not mail in a separate check for the renewal fee because it will be automatically applied to your May bill. Please note that solar blocks that are not renewed will be made available to other members and may not be eligible for leasing in future years.

**CAN I SIGN UP FOR A LEASE EVEN IF I HAVEN'T LEASED IN THE PAST? YES!** WREA has made additional solar blocks available for 2022/2023 so existing lessees can extend their leases subject the guidelines listed below and members who haven't leased in the past may join the program. The leasing program remains the same based upon the Tiers listed below per Member meter. If you haven't leased in the past, please go to <https://wrea.org/solar> for a lease form and program details or call/stop by WREA for a lease form and program details.

**WHAT IS A SOLAR BLOCK?** A White River Solar block represents a panel(s) that can be annually leased for \$36.00 and generates a \$5.00 per month solar production credit. **Members must execute a solar lease for each of its electric meters subject to the criteria listed below.**

**HOW IS THE APPROPRIATE TIER DETERMINED?** The appropriate tier is based upon a meter's monthly energy usage. Usage information can be found on your monthly bill, online through SmartHub ([www.wrea.org](http://www.wrea.org)), or by calling WREA. The monthly production credit cannot exceed the minimum monthly energy charge and can't offset the monthly Service Charge. Please select the tier that does not exceed your lowest energy usage based upon the previous year. Should the monthly production credit exceed the monthly energy charge, the excess monthly production credit will be forfeited.

**WHAT ARE THE TIERS?** Tiers represent the options for Solar Block leasing along with corresponding yearly fee and monthly/yearly production credit.

Tier Options	# of Blocks	Residential Meters Yearly Lease Fee	Production Credit (Mo/Yr)
1	1	\$36	\$5/\$60
2	2	\$72	\$10/\$120
3	3	\$108	\$15/\$180

Tier Options	# of Blocks	Commercial Meters (SC1, SC3, L1) Yearly Lease Fee	Production Credit (Mo/Yr)
1	5	\$180	\$25/\$300
2	10	\$360	\$50/\$600
3	20	\$720	\$100/\$1,200

*Example: If a member's lowest residential monthly energy usage, based upon the previous 12 months, is \$30 (energy usage is in addition to the monthly Service Charge), then the member is eligible to lease up to 3 Solar Blocks for that specified meter. The annual Solar Block lease fee is \$108 with the production credit of \$15/month (\$180 / year). Alternatively, the member could elect to lease just 1 or 2 Solar Blocks. Each meter requires a lease, so if you have 3 meters then 3 leases are required.*

**WHO OWNS AND OPERATES THE SOLAR PANELS?** White River Solar combines solar energy from the Meeker Solar Garden, located adjacent to the Meeker High School, and the Piceance Creek Solar Farm located off 567 RBC Road 83. WREA owns and operates the Meeker Solar Garden and WREA purchases all the solar production from Piceance Creek Solar. Leasing members do not "own" any portion of the solar facilities and have no responsibilities or liabilities associated with either solar production facility.

**WHAT IS IN THE LEASE?** The Solar Lease is intended to be a straightforward document whereby the WREA member commits to lease the specified solar blocks, agrees that the selected lease fee will be applied to their May electric bill, agrees to pay the lease fee, and agrees that if the elected solar production credit exceeds the monthly energy usage, then that unused energy production credit will be forfeited for that month. The lease has a one-year term, the lease fee is non-refundable, and the lease is not assignable or transferable to third parties. However, if a member moves within the WREA service area, the member can request to apply the solar blocks from one meter to another eligible meter at their new home or business.

**WHY ARE THERE A LIMITED NUMBER OF SOLAR BLOCKS AVAILABLE FOR LEASE?** While WREA has made additional solar blocks available for leasing in 2022/2023 there is a limited total number of White River Solar Blocks. **Solar renewals are guaranteed availability if turned in by the deadline. If the request for new leases exceeds availability, then leases will be issued on a first come first served basis with remaining names placed on a wait list for next year's renewal period.**

**DO WREA'S LOCAL PROJECTS COMPLY WITH STATE RENEWABLE MANDATES?** Yes, WREA is proud of its diverse renewable portfolio which includes the WREA Miller Creek Hydro Project and White River Solar. These combined projects exceed existing renewable mandates which has WREA well situated to remain compliant even if renewable mandates increase over the next few years.

**WHEN ARE RENEWAL LEASES DUE?** Solar Leases are due to WREA no later than **Friday, April 29, 2022.**

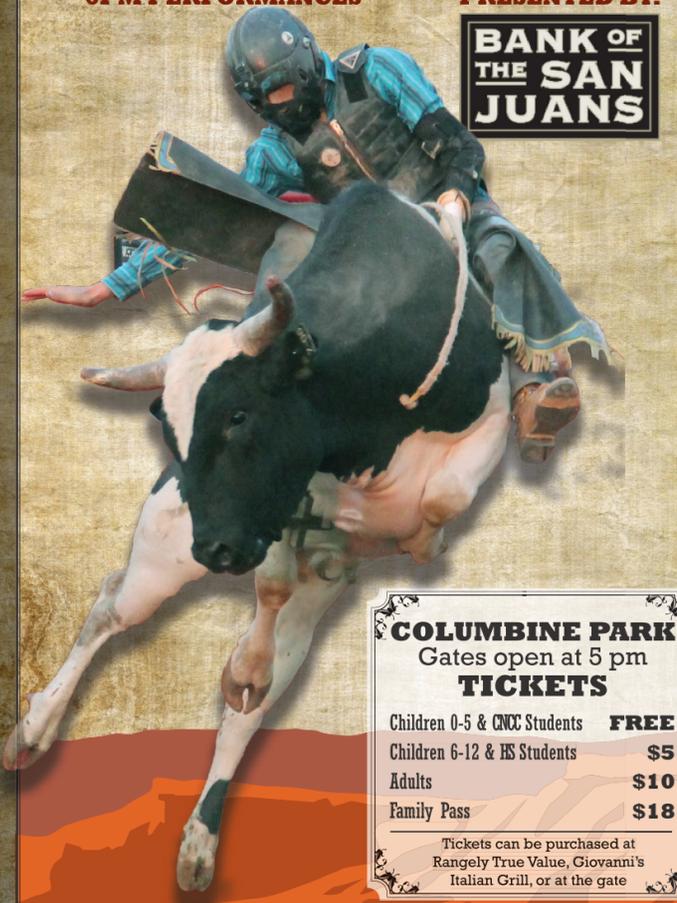
## Questions?

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Tickets can be purchased at Rangely True Value, Giovanni's Italian Grill, or at the gate

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# New nursing guaranteed admission pathway at CNCC

**PRESS RELEASE**  
*Special to the Herald Times*

**RBC I** Colorado Northwestern Community College is pleased to announce guaranteed admissions in the nursing program. This new pathway will allow students to guarantee their placement in the nursing program while they are completing their pre-requisite courses at CNCC.

Many nursing programs across the nation are competitive entry. Students with the best grades, test scores, and increased coursework receive points towards entry for a limited number of spots. CNCC will keep its competitive entry program, but the guaranteed admis-

sions program will allow students to know they will be admitted and will then be able to plan their educational journey accordingly.

Guaranteed admission students will be taking courses in anatomy and physiology, microbiology, human growth and development in addition to medical terminology, pathophysiology, and clinical calculations to build a solid foundation in the medical field before they start the rigors of a nursing program.

The goal is that by educating students with CNCC's own talented faculty, ensuring the content rigor, and by instilling high academic standards of excellence, more students who enter the CNCC nursing program will not only finish, but

excel in passing their licensure exams and make amazing nurses in northwest Colorado and beyond.

Students have the option of a one-year, full-time pathway or a two-year, part-time pathway prior to entering the two-year nursing program. Students following the two-year pathway will be in line to receive an Associate of Science degree prior to the nursing program. The guaranteed admissions pathway is also available to concurrent high school students who are taking college-level classes at CNCC. Any student interested in the pathway will need to declare their interest by Aug. 1 to start their guaranteed admissions pathway.

In addition to declaring intent, students will have to abide by specific terms and conditions to ensure academic progress is being made. A 3.0 GPA will

be required, and students will not be able to repeat courses for a higher grade. If a student cannot meet these expectations, they will still be able to apply to CNCC's competitive entry program for admission.

For anyone interested in learning more about the guaranteed admissions program at CNCC, an information session will be held Thursday, March 31, 2022 from 12-1 p.m. at the CNCC Craig Campus, 2801 W. 9th Street, Craig, CO 81625. More information can also be found at [cncc.edu/nursing-guaranteed-admission](http://cncc.edu/nursing-guaranteed-admission).

*About CNCC: Colorado Northwestern Community College enhances people's lives by providing an accessible, affordable, quality education. It is the college of choice for students seeking a unique education grounded in the Colorado experience.*

**FOOD BANK**  
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**Meeker Community Food Bank, located at the United Methodist Church 809 Park Ave, is open by appointment Monday - Friday. Call 970-878-5904.**

**Also, walk-in hours are 10-2 on Wednesdays (through the front door of the church).**

*Volunteers from the community are welcome - and the Methodist Church offers training.*

## TROOPER TIPS

### Blinker etiquette

By **MASTER TROOPER GARY CUTLER**  
*Colorado State Patrol*

The blinker is the most misused item in a vehicle. It's a great tool to have when trying to communicate with fellow drivers. What an invention. A system that lets others know what you're thinking and you don't have to utter one word or make any other sound. So why are so many drivers afraid to let others know what they are going to do?

I know there aren't that many shy drivers out there because I've seen a lot of them. They use the horn for everything. Tapping it to say hi, letting someone know they light is green, or you cut me off. So, there should be no reason we as drivers should be afraid to use the blinker. I've determined there are several categories of drivers out there when it

comes to blinkers.

The first group of drivers use the blinker, but don't give other drivers enough time to react. When you activate your blinker the same time that you turn or change lanes doesn't really give anyone anytime to acknowledge your intent and take appropriate action.

Did you know that the proper and legal way to turn is not to apply your brakes first, but to activate your turn signal first for the direction you are going to turn? By activating your turn signal first, it gives the driver behind you a heads up that there is a good chance you plan to slow down to make a turn. Thus, avoiding a crash.

The second group of drivers change lanes and have a full tire width in the new lane and only then activate the blinker. I believe I speak for all drivers when I say by then we have figured out what you are doing so no need

to use the blinker. A little more heads up is what will help.

The third group of drivers are way too fond of their blinker and never seem to turn it off. They drive through intersections with it on. They also have the left blinker continuously showing a left turn when on a highway or interstate causing other drivers to hang back from passing thinking they are going to turn. If you find that you seem to forget the blinker is on, please check often. Thanks.

The fourth group of drivers are my type of drivers. I call them blinker enthusiasts. They have all of those rules and laws in order and aren't afraid to let that blinker shine day or night. So, think about this. When a blinker is on, it's really only on 50% of the time, so give every driver a chance to see that blinker blink.

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# GO FISH: time to renew your fishing licenses!

Special to the Herald Times

**RBC I** Colorado Parks and Wildlife reminds anglers the 2022-2023 fishing season is officially upon us.

The 2022-2023 fishing license is valid March 1, 2022 through March 31, 2023. Regulations and pricing for annual, daily and multi-day fishing licenses can be found in the 2022 Colorado Fishing Brochure. For individuals, ages 18 through 64, a \$10.59 Habitat Stamp is required with the first license purchase for the year. Youth under age 16 can fish with one rod for free, and CPW provides opportunities throughout the season to learn how to fish.

Coloradans and nonresident visitors can purchase fishing licenses online, by phone at 1-800-244-5613, at your local CPW office or at

any of our hundreds of authorized sales agents statewide. CPW does not receive general tax dollars and fishing license sales support all statewide hatchery and fish-stocking operations.

CPW stocks 90 million fish annually into waters throughout Colorado in order to ensure quality angling opportunities. From warmer waters to mountain streams, Colorado angling opportunities are world-renowned. Funding from fishing license sales may allow for additional public access, community angling grants and habitat improvements that better support our birds, fish and other small game.

"CPW biologists and volunteers are already spawning fish to replenish our walleye and saugeye fisheries," said CPW Aquatic Section Manager Matt Nicholl. "Our hatcheries are also

stocking front range waters with trout while water temperatures remain cool for added angling opportunities."

Whether you enjoy lure fishing, ice fishing or fly fishing, Colorado provides 27,000 miles of streams and more than 1,300 lakes and reservoirs. Fishing in Colorado provides the possibility of catching 35 species of warm-water and cold-water fish.

Fishing is a great activity to share with family and friends, and the perfect chance to get outside and enjoy Colorado's natural resources.

"Spring is around the corner and so is the opportunity to get out and enjoy the active, outdoor Colorado lifestyle by going fishing," said CPW Angler Education Coordinator Andre Egli. "If you are new to fishing there are many classes offered around the state. Classes are available for

new anglers, families or seasoned anglers that want to learn a new technique like fly fishing."

CPW fishing classes, events, seminars and tournaments are posted on the Fishing News and Events web page.

When planning your next fishing trip, download our My CPW app. My CPW is the official mobile

application for CPW's license and pass purchasing system, IPAWS, and it is available to all CPW customers (residents and nonresidents). My CPW makes purchasing CPW products even easier and allows customers to carry and show proof of purchase of many CPW annual and daily products directly from their phone.

Check out the My CPW FAQ document for more information or visit the My CPW section on the CPW website.

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**For more information please visit:**  
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## RBC COVID-19 UPDATES



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# Rifle Gap, Harvey Gap open boat ramps April 1

Special to the Herald Times

**RBC** I Water enthusiasts get excited — Rifle Gap and Harvey Gap State Parks will open their boat ramps Friday, April 1. Colorado Parks and Wildlife invites everyone to come out and enjoy a variety of water-based outdoor recreation,

including boating, jet skiing, sailing, water skiing and swimming.

The crystal clear waters of Harvey Gap Reservoir is the go-to for those wanting to spend the day kayaking, paddle boarding, canoeing or sailing. Boating is allowed at Harvey Gap with a motor size limit of 20 H.P. or less. Looking for a little

more speed? Then head to Rifle Gap Reservoir. The long, narrow reservoir is great for water-skiers, jet-skiers, and boaters. If your plans include a relaxing day of fishing at Rifle Gap or Harvey Gap, check the fishing regulations specific to each reservoir before casting your line.

"Fishing and boating are great here, and we look forward to another fantastic season," said Rifle State Park Complex Manager Brian Palcer. "Safety is the key to having fun on the water, and attention to fishing and boating rules and regulations is required from all participants."

Before launching,

boaters must have a few basic items on board, including personal flotation devices. Colorado boating regulations require that all children under the age of 13 wear a life jacket at all times while on the water. Boaters must also have current boat registration with visible registration numbers placed on the watercraft.

"A fun day on the water can turn tragic very quickly if you don't follow the rules or have the basic equipment on board," he said. "It's also important to remember, alcohol and boating do not mix. We will be out every day to help folks follow the rules

so everyone can have a great time at a great park."

For more information about required equipment and boating regulations, pick up the latest regulations brochure at your local park visitor center or find the information on the CPW website.

In addition to safety, Colorado Parks and Wildlife is continuing efforts to prevent the spread of harmful, aquatic nuisance species (ANS) through boat inspections stations across the state. Boaters are required to have their boat inspected for ANS before launch.

The ANS inspection

hours for both reservoirs are as follows:

April 1-30: 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

May 1-26: 7 a.m.-7 p.m.

May 27–Close of boating season: 7 a.m.-9 p.m.

Anyone wishing to boat at Rifle Gap Reservoir outside of these hours must obtain a seal and receipt from a certified ANS boat inspector and drop the seal and receipt in the pre-inspection drop box before launch.

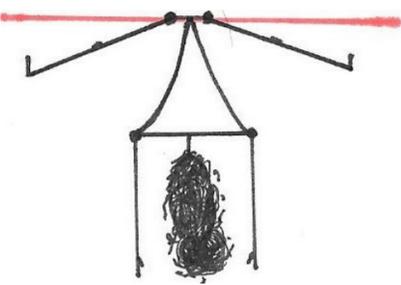
Visit the CPW website to learn more about Rifle Gap State Park and Harvey Gap State Park.

## THE STRIP

THE STRIP from SLEEPY CAT VOGI SHOP

First Steps To Every Pose

1. Lengthen through the crown of your head, tucking your chin in just a smidgen to straighten out your cervical spine, stand, sit, or lay flat.
2. Pull your belly button up and then back towards your spine to engage your core and lift your pelvic floor.
3. Stay relaxed through your shoulders and maintain steady/natural inhales and exhales.



This pose is called Wide Leg Forward Fold, it allows us to sink and relax into the floor as well as stretch and strengthen our side bodies and spine.

To begin, find your seat by settling your sit bones evenly down into the floor and bring your legs out wide pointing your toes up. With an inhale find length through the crown of your head and with your exhale fold forward from your hips. Depending on your flexibility you may reach your arms out long as in the illustration, or perhaps you are propped up on your forearms, or maybe you simply walk your hands forward until you can feel the stretch down the insides of your legs.

Hold this as long as it is comfortable for you keeping your inhales and exhales calm and even as you work to release all tension from your body, especially out of your legs.

## THE MUSIC MAN ...

Rangely High School Theatre put on two performances of *The Music Man* last Thursday and Friday. Cast members included Ashton Bennet, Norrah Patch, Joseph Adams, Rylee Allred, Gage Nielsen, Clay Allred, Hayley Burr, Tristan Scott, James Talbot, Maddie Harris, Macy Morgan, Afton Robertson, Adywen Meeks, Angalina Peck, Jasmine Talbot, Annabelle Brannan, Timothy Scoggins, Emma Noyce, Teijah Hall, Annjoleen Moaga, Kansas Cords and Jasmine Brannan. Taya Wren, Courtney Casto, Rachel Elder and Randy Casto made up the kids band.

MATT SCOGGINS PHOTOS



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## Panthers record first win against Mustangs

Special to the Herald Times

**RANGELY** | The Rangely Panther baseball team kicked off its 2022 season with three straight home games last week. The Panthers first hosted the Sailors from Steamboat Springs and then the No. 3 in 1A Nucla Mustangs. These games were the first for the Panthers as they had their previously scheduled games with Coal Ridge High School canceled due to poor field conditions for both teams.

In the Panthers first game against the Sailors, the Sailors jumped out early and scored two runs in the bottom of the first inning. The Panthers responded in the bottom half of the inning by plating three runs. The Sailors then took a two-run lead in the top of the second inning and the Panthers responded with seven runs of their own. The third and fourth innings were scoreless for both teams and heading into the fifth inning the Panthers led 10-4. The Sailors then erupted for 11 runs in the fifth and sixth innings and the Panthers scored one. The game ended in a 15-11 score in favor of the Sailors.

The Panthers were led offensively by juniors Luis Quintana and Kevin Wren. Quintana went 3-3 on the day as Wren went 2-5 with an RBI. Senior Brent Cantrell also collected two hits on the day while scoring one run and knocking in an RBI for the Panthers. Sophomore Kobey Chism

went 2-3 while scoring one run and with one of his two hits driving in an RBI for the Panthers as well. Overall, the Panthers' coaching staff was very pleased with their players approaches at the plate and the ability to put numerous good swings on the baseball during game one. Due to the longevity of game one, game two was not completed before being called off because of darkness.

The Panthers had to rebound from their home opener loss to the Sailors and take on the Nucla Mustangs on Saturday. The Mustangs came into the game with a 1-0 record and were ranked No. 3 in the CHSAA 's 1A baseball coaches' poll. The Panthers hot bats from their home opener did not respond well to the Nucla pitching in the first three innings. In those innings, the Panthers plated one run to the Mustangs seven. Entering the bottom of the fourth inning and facing the possible mercy rule, the Panthers had to get going offensively.

Leading off the inning for the Panthers, Cantrell drew a walk from the Mustangs. Senior Wyatt Tull also walked, putting the Panthers at first and second base with no outs. Freshman Marcos Quintana walked to make it three straight walks for the Panthers and load the bases. Chism then smacked a single to center field that scored Cantrell bring the score to 10-2 in favor of the Mustangs. The bases



MATT SCOGGINS PHOTO

**The Panthers played three home games last week. The first they lost to the Steamboat Sailors 15-11. Then they beat the No. 3 Nucla Mustangs in the first game of a doubleheader, followed by a 19-2 loss.**

remained loaded as the Panthers leadoff hitter, Wren, walked on four straight pitches to bring in Tull and make the game 10-3. Justin Cudo then hit a hard ground ball to the Mustangs shortstop who bobbled the transfer, and all Panthers runners were safe. Marcos Quintana scored on the play bringing the game to 10-4. Byron Mackay drove the very next pitch to right field that plated both Chism and Wren. Chism then walked and Wren was hit by a pitch, driving in the tying run and bringing the game even at 10 runs apiece.

The Mustangs responded with three runs in the top of the fifth inning that made the score 13-10 in their favor.

The Panthers did not falter though as they plated three runs in the bottom of the fifth inning bringing the score back to 13-13. The Mustangs then scored one run in the top of the sixth inning making the game 14-13. The Panthers continued to stay hot at the plate as they scored three runs putting them up 16-14. The Panthers were able to keep the Mustangs at bay and only allow one run in the top of the seventh inning and secure their first win of the season.

Game two was not the same story for the Panthers as the Mustangs scored one run in the top of the first, six in the second, eight in the third and four in the fourth to give them 19 runs in the

game. The Panthers were only able to play one run in the first inning and one run in the fourth and fell to the Mustangs 19-2 in the second game. The Panthers will travel to Dove Creek on Friday, April 1 and take on the Bull Dogs at 2 and 4 p.m. The next day, the Panthers will travel to Cortez and take on Montezuma-Cortez for more non-league action.

## Meeker baseball drops two to Gunnison

Special to the Herald Times

**MEEKER** | Meeker Cowboy baseball finished its first full week of baseball 0-3 which reflects their strength of schedule and inability to actually practice on the field in any capacity.

The doubleheader in

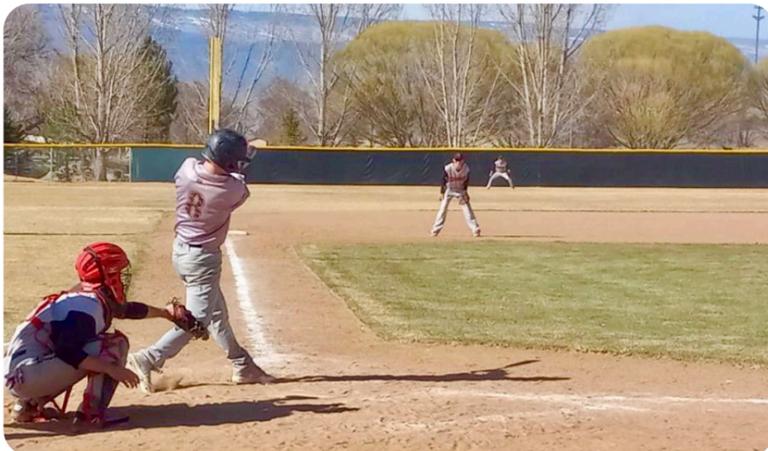
Delta against Gunnison last Saturday found the Cowboys losing 13-14 in game one and 20-16 in game two.

"We didn't start off very well, we had some pitching and fielding problems in the beginning and I think at one point it was 6-2 or 7-2 and then we picked it up," commented assistant coach Dylan Mobley. "We were tied at one point and nearly went into extra innings, but our pitching ran out and we ended up losing by one point."

Pitching in game one was led by both John Hampton Hightower and Ryan Sullivan who threw over 70 pitches.

"Hampton was in and able to do a good job pitching and get things going for us," said Mobley. "Our pitching will come, but also not having been on the field, there are certain defensive strategies and skills that we can't practice until we are able to get on the field."

For game two Johnathon Fitzgibbons led with



RICH KLINZMANN PHOTO

**So far this season the Meeker team has not had a chance to practice on the field at all. They lost to Gunnison in a double header last Saturday 13-14 and 20-16.**

91 throws and Carson Klinzmann, Ethan Quinn, and Jake Blazon found some time on the mound.

Scoring in game two Jacob Blazon and Damek Chintala each had three, Deming, Jace Mobley, and Quinn each had two.

"We had a good three inning stretch that spanned the two games where we had 17 runs, so I think we

will be fine with our hitting," commented Mobley.

The Cowboys were set to play a double header Tuesday in Coal Ridge, but that got moved to Wednesday due to weather, and then they will hit the road for a big tournament over the weekend in Buena Vista, opening it with Salida. This round robin style tournament guarantees the team four games with

possibly more depending on finish and spans Friday through Saturday.



**CHAMPS OF THE WEEK**

**COWBOYS**



**JOHNATHON FITZGIBBONS**

**MHS BASEBALL**

**Pitched five solid innings**

**PANTHERS**



**TIMOTHY SCOGGINS**

**RJSHS Track & Field**

**Competed in four separate events at North Fork meet**



## Eight MHS wrestlers travel to Nationals

By **TIFFANY JEHOREK**

Special to the Herald Times

**MEEKER** | Dr. Justin Grant, Trevor Grant, and Kurt Blunt took eight boys to Virginia Beach to wrestle in the National High School Wrestling Tournament.

Bow Muxlow lost to a very skilled wrestler on day one, then went on to pin two kids day two before running into another excellent kid, finishing the tournament 2-2.

Ty Goedert, Clay Crawford, and Abe Maupin had tough draws both days getting two great wrestlers two days in a row, all three went 0-2, but gained some valuable mat time.

Cade Blunt and Tanner Musser each won a match on day one, then lost their second on day one, and again lost their first match on day two. Getting wins at the national tournament shows the quality of the



MATT SCOGGINS PHOTO

**Bow Muxlow, Ty Goedert, Clay Crawford, Abe Maupin, Cade Blunt, Connor Blunt, Tanner Musser and Judd Harvey traveled to Virginia Beach to wrestle in the National High School Wrestling Tournament.**

wrestling by these boys.

Connor Blunt had one of the largest brackets of all the kids, very tough draw on Friday then two excellent matches Saturday, one going into three overtimes, where Blunt prevailed before once again coming up against a skilled wrestler in a very hard weight class, but he finished 2-2.

Judd Harvey had a tough draw on day one, but battled back through for six matches straight on Saturday to earn his second All-American title. Not only did he battle back, but he battled back to one place higher than the kid who beat him on day one. He finished the tournament 6-2 and in fourth place, two places higher than his 2021

national tournament.

"We had a good showing this year at nationals," commented Grant.

The boys were sponsored by many businesses and individuals from Meeker and across Rio Blanco County, with their major sponsors being Athlos Life and Grant Family Dentistry.



Two of Rangely's 4x400 relay teams placed third at the North Fork Invitational.

MATT SCOGGINS PHOTOS

## CNCC Rodeo team travels to Ogden; hosting Spartan Showdown this weekend, April 1-2

By TAMMY OLSON  
CNCC Rodeo Coach

that is what Shake did in Ogden.

**RANGELY** I The third rodeo of the 2022 spring college rodeo season was hosted by Weber, in Ogden, Utah, at the Golden Spike indoor arena this past weekend. CNCC's Hadley Gross tied for seventh/eighth place in the long go-round of the barrel racing on her indoor/backup mare "Rita." Then, the due came back and took a tenth off of their time in the short-go round, to place sixth. They were just out of placing in the aggregate, but they made two really nice, pretty runs.

The goat got the best of Gross in Ogden, but she will be ready for battle this coming weekend, when CNCC hosts its own Spartan Showdown college rodeo at the arena at Columbine Park on April 1-2. Performances are nightly at 6 p.m., with slack being run at 10 a.m. on Saturday.

Sadie Shake had the nicest first barrel she and her equine partner "Ricky" have had at all three of the indoor spring rodeos, and that was a huge accomplishment. They ended up tipping second and third barrels, but that 1st barrel was so amazing, we didn't really care. Sometimes the accomplishment doesn't show on the score board, but you know you rode well, and

The Spartan Showdown is honoring veterans in the arena during the singing of the National Anthem both nights of the rodeo. They would like to extend an invitation to all veterans who would like to attend and be a part of the presentation in the arena nightly. Please call 970-629-3466 for more information if you are a veteran, and would like to attend. Please arrive by 5:30 p.m. to be a part of this group. CNCC rodeo will provide veterans with free entry to the rodeo both nights, if they will be a part of this group, to say "thank you."



COURTESY PHOTO

(Above) Hadley Gross tied for seventh/eighth place in the long go-round of the barrel racing and sixth in the short go-round, just out of placing in the aggregate.

## Panthers compete in Hotchkiss

Special to the Herald Times

**RANGELY** I The Rangely Panthers track and field team found themselves at the first annual North Fork Invitational in Hotchkiss, Colorado last weekend. It was a smaller meet than the week before with 12 teams. Both the girls and boys teams placed fourth overall. The team made some great improvements as they felt more confident in their events and what to expect at the meets.

Most of the Rangely athletes are not just throwers, or jumpers or runners, but will have field events as well as running events. With this being a smaller meet many of the athletes found themselves having to make a jump or throw and then go to a running event then come back to finish their field event. Doing more than one type of event can be very stressful at the times but helps the athlete to learn how to deal with stressful situations and learn to handle pressure," said Coach Beth Scoggins.

Senior Timothy Scoggins is one of those athletes that does many different events. In Hotchkiss he threw the shot (35-8.75), placing second; high jump (5-8), placing third; ran the 200-meter dash (26.53); and helped the 4x400. Sophomore Annika Cantrell did close to the same thing, throwing the discus (63-1.5); high jump (4-8) placing fifth; 200-meter dash (31.65); and helped the

4x200.

Athletes who throw and run are Joseph Adams, Mackenzie Manchester and Laurie Ward. Adams threw the discus (62-7), ran the 1,600 (6:00.84) and the 800-meter run (2:42.06). Manchester threw the discus (73-10.75), shot (24-4.25) and ran the 100 hurdles (23.65). Ward ran the 100 dash (18.75), 200 dash (40.61) and threw the discus (41-5.25).

Athletes that jump and run include Mary Scoggins, Andrew Dorris, Kevin Wren, Emma Smith, Katsyn Dembowski, Ryann Mergelman, Justin Allred, Miah Wren and Clay Allred. Mary Scoggins long jumped (16-7.7), placing second; triple jumped (34-1), placing second; and ran the 800 run (2:29.88), placing second. Dorris high jumped (5-6), placing fourth; ran the 800 (2:09.75) placing first; and the 1,600 (4:55.89) placing second. Kevin Wren long jumped (14-10), triple jumped (30-11), and ran the 200 dash (28.09). Smith long jumped (13-6.5), placing seventh; triple jumped (29-4.7), placing ninth; and ran the 100 dash (15.05). Dembowski ran the 100 dash (15.41); high jumped (4-4), placing eighth; and long jumped (13-1.5), placing eighth. Mergelman ran the 200 dash (32.15), long jumped (11-11.5) and triple jumped (27-6). Justin Allred long jumped (14-02), triple jumped (28-02) and ran the 400 (1:05.5). Miah Wren triple jumped (30-2.5) and helped two relays. Clay

Allred long jumped (14-5.5), triple jumped (32-0.5) and ran the 800 (2:25.90).

The throwing athletes this season include Brooke Filfred, Rylee Allred, Kyrah Phelps and Kenyon Cochran. Filfred threw shot (23-2.5) and discus (75-7.5). Rylee Allred threw shot (29-6.5) placing seventh, and the discus (90-10.5) placing sixth. Phelps placed sixth in shot (29-8.25) and eighth in discus (88-4.75). Cochran threw the shot for sixth place (32-9.25) and took second place in discus (129-11).

The jumping athletes are Fisher Winder and Anthony Dorris. Winder long jumped (17-5.75) for fourth place and triple jumped (36-2.5) for another fourth place. Dorris long jumped (16-1.7) for eighth place.

The running athletes are Hayley Burr, Colton Noel, Macy Morgan and James Talbot. Burr is a hurdler and ran the 100 hurdles (18.87) and 300 hurdles (52.38), placing fourth in both events. She also ran the 100 dash (13.90) taking sixth place. Noel decided at this meet to run all the long events: 400 dash (1:03.53), 800 run (2:36.85), 1,600 run (5:42) and the 3,200 run (13:06.49). Talbot ran the 800 run (2:16.06) placing fourth, 1,600 run (5:23) placing seventh and the 3,200 run (12:26.34) placing second.

The boys only put together one relay team, the 4x400 made up of Timothy Scoggins, Clay Allred, Kevin Wren and Andrew

Dorris. They placed third with a time of 3:58.65. The girls put together two relay teams: 4x200 and the 4x400. The 4x200 was made up of Miah Wren, Mergelman, Cantrell and Dembowski. They placed sixth with a time of 2:01.41. The 4x400 consisted of Burr, Smith, Miah Wren and Mary Scoggins placed third with a time of 4:34.87.

The Panthers have a big week ahead of them. The freshman, sophomore and first year track athletes will be competing in a JV meet on Monday, April 28 at Stocker Stadium in Grand Junction. This weekend they will be traveling to Meeker for the Cowboy Invite on Friday and then on Saturday heading to Cedaredge for the Bruin Invitational.

"It is hard to compete in back-to-back meets, but it helps us to prepare for state when we are competing over multiple days," coach Scoggins said.

## ALL-STATE ...



Sarah Kracht played in the Colorado Coaches of Girls Sports all state game last weekend, an honor bestowed by CCGS on the top players from across the state. Krachts team was victorious 48-42 and she was joined by girls from Holyoke, Sargent, Cedaredge, Ignacio and Rye.

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• Among the latest additions to the population of Meeker is Ed Clark from Mt. Sterling and he will be taking up work in the lumber office of Sheridan & Smith.
• A large number of fine shade and fruit trees will be planted in Meeker and vicinity this spring.

The Meeker Herald
100 years ago

• Luther White of Meeker has published a catalog of plants consisting of everything in the vegetable garden and field plant line adapted to this climate such as virginia creepers, asparagus, and more. Send a postal to Luther White, Meeker, Colo., for a catalog.
• Our local base ballasts are out in the town park these days. This is the surest

sign we know that Springtime is here.

The Meeker Herald
50 years ago

• Meeker television received a boost last week when the First National Bank of Denver approved a request of \$8,000 to the Town of Meeker, representing a distribution from the Freeman Fairfield Charitable Trust for purchase of a television translator and equipment.
• On the basis that he does not believe the national Forest policy of "multiple use" of lands under their management is either practical or applicable, Glynn Fraser, Buford, notified District Ranger Dale L. Harthan, Meeker District Office, that he will test the policy in a friendly suit on Aug. 16 this year.

The Meeker Herald
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• A Meeker man was arrested on

charges of first degree burglary, second and third degree assault, false imprisonment, and four counts of felony menacing after he allegedly entered a residence at 1033 Main St. belonging to his former girlfriend's current boyfriend and beat him in the face breaking several bones.

• A Meeker High School junior and his father are recuperating after a metal irrigation pipe they were holding touched a 7.2 volt overhead powerline.

Rangely Times
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• Members of the community are invited to take advantage of a new service at the Rangely College library according to Mrs. Jean Seals librarian. A "500" Reader-Printer which is capable of handling both 16 mm and 35 mm film or microfilm has been acquired by the library and is ready for use by library staff members to assist patrons who need

service.
• Mrs. Roberts Hoff has been appointed Associate County judge at Rangely by Governor John Love, succeeding Cecil Lollar who resigned recently.

• A Rangely man who was burned in a shop fire on Mar. 22 remains in critical condition. Claude Martinson, owner and operator of the Honey Do man handyman business, was working on a gasoline-operated portable welder when it burst into flames leaving him with burns on more than 60% of his body.

PUBLIC NOTICES

EASTERN RBC HOSPITAL BOARD HEARING

NOTICE OF HEARING ON MOTION
Petitioner provides notice to ALL INTERESTED PARTIES that the Court will hold a hearing on April 19, 2022, at 9:00am on the Motion to Establish the Number of Board Members for Eastern Rio Blanco County Health Services District. Any interested parties may participate in this hearing by logging into or calling WebEx at the designated time. The process for accessing WebEx for the hearing is as follows:
Judge Norrdin's Virtual Courtroom
To appear by video: (preferred) you can download the Webex Meeting App at www.webex.com/downloads.html/ for your smartphone or computer and join using access code/meeting number 922-835-897 to appear in Judge Norrdin's virtual courtroom. To appear by phone: dial 720-650-7664 and when prompted enter the nine-digit access code 922-835-897 (Judge Norrdin's virtual courtroom number) and press #, then press # again.
INSTRUCCIONES PARA COMPARECER EN LA SALA VIRTUAL DEL JUEZ NORRDIN TODAS LAS CAUSAS Y AUDIENCIAS A MENOS DE QUE SE INDIQUE LO CONTRARIO
Para comparecer por video (lo cual es lo que el juez espera de usted): descargue la aplicacion de WEBEX Meeting en www.webex.com/downloads.html/ en su telefono inteligente o computadora, e ingrese a la sala del tribunal a la hora y fecha programadas para su audiencia e ingrese el código de acceso y el número de reunion 922 835 897.
Para comparecer por telefono: llame al 720-650-7664 y cuando se le indique, ingrese el código de acceso de nueve dígitos 922 835 897 (número de la sala virtual del juez Norrdin) y marque la tecla numeral (#), después marque la tecla numeral (#) una vez más.
Número de reunion (código de acceso): 922 835 897
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BID REQUEST

INVITATION FOR BIDS
Garfield Street: Water Line Replacement
CLOSING BID DATE - April 05, 2022
TOWN OF MEEKER
345 Market Street
Meeker, CO 81641

You are hereby invited to bid for the construction of the Garfield Street, Water Line Replacement Project for the Town of Meeker. This project includes the construction of approximately 1,200 linear feet of water line, the installation of appurtenant fittings, and 50 linear feet of 14" diameter steel casing beneath the Sulphur Creek box culvert. The project site is located on Garfield Street from School Street to Third Street. The Project Owner is the Town of Meeker. The Project Engineer is Chris Hale, P.E. of Mountain Cross Engineering, Inc. in Glenwood Springs.
A complete set of plans, specifications, and contract documents may be obtained after March 17 th , 2022 from Meeker Town Hall, 345 Market Street. A mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held at the Meeker Town Hall, 345 Market Street, on Monday, March 28 th , 2022, at 10:30 a.m.
All Bid Proposals and Bid Security shall be sealed in an envelope with "Garfield Street - Water Line Replacement" written on the front. Bid Proposals shall be mailed or delivered to Meeker Town Hall, 345 Market Street, Meeker, CO 81641 by 3:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 5 th , 2022 at which time bids will be opened and read aloud. The Town Board of Trustees will award the bid on Tuesday April 19 th , 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall, 345 Market Street in Meeker. Each bid must be accompanied by a bid bond or a check in the amount of 10% of the bid made payable to The Town of Meeker as bid security, along with 3 references for similar work. Performance and Payment Bonds are required. The successful bidder must maintain workers compensation and general liability insurance in the amount of no less than \$1,000,000 during the project. The Town reserves the right to reject any and all bids; to change, add, or amend the specifications; to waive any informalities; and the right to disregard all non-conforming or conditional bids or counter proposals. Each proposal shall be reviewed and considered consistent with the provisions of the Town of Meeker Purchasing Policy. Contact Russ Overton with the Town of Meeker 970-878-5530 or 970-878-5344 for additional information or with any questions regarding this project.
THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF MEEKER
Mandi Etheridge, Town Administrator
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DEFUNDING ELECTION EQUIPMENT HEARING

NOTICE AS TO BUDGET SUPPLEMENTAL

The Rio Blanco County Board of Commissioners will be considering a budget supplemental resolution on April 12, 2022 11:00 a.m. Rio Blanco County Historic Courthouse, 555 Main Street, BOCC Meeting Room, Meeker, Colorado.
The proposed resolution is for the purpose of appropriating sums of money to defray expenses in excess of amounts budgeted for the 2022 budget year in the General Fund. The Board of County Commissioners believe it is in the best interest of the citizens of Rio Blanco County to no longer use the Dominion Voting Systems, and therefore the amount appropriated for the maintenance agreement, in the amount of \$13,800 will be decreased from the election department within the General Fund and moved to contingency within the General Fund. The resolution may be viewed at the offices of the County Clerk and Recorder, 555 Main Street, Colorado, and the County Clerk and Recorder Office in the Rangely Town Hall, 209 E. Main Street, Suite 101, Rangely, Colorado, and are open for public inspection 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. on normal work days.
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice to Creditors
Estate of Jackie Irene Meese also known as Jackie I. Meese and Jackie Meese, Deceased
Case Number 22 PR 30004

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 on or before July 31, 2022, or the claims may be forever barred. Sue Bruckner, Personal Representative 212 East 500 North Vernal, UT 84078
F. Joseph Fennessy #10477
PO Box 1518
Meeker, CO 81641
Phone: 970-878-4783
Email: joe@fennessylaw.com
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Estate of DAVID LAWRENCE BROWN, aka/ David L. Brown, David Brown, and Dave Brown, Deceased
Case Number: 22PR30003

All persons having claims against the above-named estate are required to present them to the personal representative or to the District Court of Rio Blanco County, Colorado on or before July 22, 2022, or the claims may be forever barred. William G. Collin, Esq. KELLER LAW, LLC Attorneys for Personal Representative 584 Yampa Avenue Craig, CO 81625
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AGENDAS

MEEKER SANITATION DISTRICT
APRIL 6, 2022
REGULAR BOARD MEETING at 7:00 PM

The Regular Board Meeting of the Meeker Sanitation District will be held at the Meeker Sanitation District Office, 265 8 th Street, Meeker, Colorado
1. Call to order
2. Additions or Changes to the Agenda
3. Approval of Minutes
4. Public Comments
5. New Business
6. Old Business
A. Plant Manager Report
B. Office Manager Report
7. Attorney
8. Board
A. Reports
B. Delinquent Accounts
C. Approve Current Bills
9. Adjourn
This agenda is subject to change without further notice.
Agenda is posted at the office of the Meeker Sanitation District.
265 8 th Street
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TOWN OF MEEKER - BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
Tuesday, April 5th 2022
7:00 P.M. - Town Hall
345 Market Street, Meeker, CO
Due to COVID-19 precautions, the public is invited to attend by calling 970-878-8091

- I. Call to Order
II. Pledge of Allegiance
III. Roll Call
IV. Approval of the Agenda
V. Approval of the Previous Minutes
VI. Approval of Monthly Disbursements
VII. Public Participation
This is an opportunity for Citizens to bring comments and questions to the Board of Trustees not being addressed in the Regular Meeting Agenda. In consideration of other regularly scheduled agenda items, comments will be limited to 3 minutes or less. Citizens are asked to approach the podium state their name and address for the record.
VIII. New Business
A. Consideration of new concurrent liquor license application for Maes Enterprises LLC dba Outfitters Diner and request to set the Public Hearing
B. Bid opening for Garfield Water line replacement
C. Bid award for Crack Seal Street project
D. Consideration of Building Permit Fee waiver for Hospital
E. Consideration of Request For Proposal (RFP) for Professional Design Services and Project Management for Circle Park Phase II project
IX. Staff Reports
A. Town Manager
X. Mayor's Remarks
XI. Other Board Business
XII. Adjournment
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ELECTION NOTICES

NOTICE OF RECALL ELECTION
TUESDAY, MAY 10, 2022

STATE OF COLORADO
COUNTY OF RIO BLANCO

In accordance with the provisions of C.R.S. 1-5-205 and C.R.S. 1-7.5-107(2.5)(a)(1), notice is hereby given that the May 10, 2022 Recall Election will be held by mail ballot with the following designated drop-off locations for mail ballots and voter service polling locations:

Designated Ballot Drop-Off Locations
Clerk's Office
County Courthouse
555 Main St. PO Box 1067
Meeker, CO 81641
(970) 878-9460
Hours: 8:30am - 4:30pm (M-F) April 18 thru May 10
Meeker 8:00am - 12pm, Sat. May 7
7:00am - 7:00pm - May 10, Election Day
24 hour Ballot Drop Box - Meeker Courthouse West Entrance
24 hour Ballot Drop Box - Rangely Town Hall West Entrance

Voter Service & Polling Locations
Clerk's 1st Floor Conference Room
County Courthouse
555 Main St. PO Box 1067
Meeker, CO 81641
Clerk's Office
Town Hall
209 E. Main, Suite 101
Rangely, CO 81648
Hours: Meeker 8:30am - 4:30pm (M-F) May 25 thru May 9
Rangely 8:30am - 4:30pm (M-F) May 25 thru May 9
7:00am - 7:00pm - May 10 - Election Day both locations
[In-person & ADA voting equipment available]

Ballots will be mailed to all registered voters on Monday, April 18. Application for a ballot to be mailed to an address other than the elector's address of record may be made from 8:30am to 4:30pm at the County Clerk's Main Office - 555 Main Street, Meeker, Colorado 81641 or the Rangely Office - 209 E. Main, Suite 101, Rangely, CO 81648. Forms are available on the County Clerk's page of the Rio Blanco County website www.rbc.us or by calling (970) 878-9460. Persons wishing to vote in-person on ADA accessible voting equipment may do so at the Voter Service & Polling Locations at the Rio Blanco County Clerk's Offices during the days and times listed above. Voters may receive a ballot or a replacement ballot at any Drop-Off location or Voter Service & Polling location at any time before 7:00pm May 10, Election Day. Voters can go to www.govotecolorado.gov to check their address and voter status and also update their information.

Ballots must be received by the Rio Blanco County Clerk & Recorder's office by 7:00pm on Election Day in order for the ballot to be counted. Ballots received after 7:00pm on Election Day will not be counted. Postmarks do not count as received.

Sample ballots containing the names of each person certified by the respective district and state offices as a candidate for election at the Coordinated Election and entitled to receive votes at such election can be found at www.rbc.us/177/Elections

Rio Blanco County election night results will be updated as available after 7PM Election Day and again by Noon the following day on the county website at www.rbc.us/177/Elections

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of the County of Rio Blanco, this 23rd day of March, 2022.

Boots M. Campbell
Rio Blanco County Clerk and Recorder



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CNCC BUDGET NOTICES

RANGELY JUNIOR COLLEGE DISTRICT
NOTICE OF 2022-2023 BUDGET APPROVAL

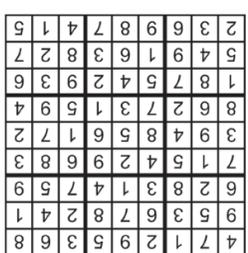
Notice is hereby given that a proposed 2022-2023 Budget has been submitted to the Rangely Junior College District Board of Directors for the ensuing year of 2022-2023; a copy of such budget is on file at Linda Gordon/Budget Officer, 215 Hillcrest Avenue, Rangely, CO where same is open for public inspection; such budget will be considered at the regularly scheduled board meeting of the Rangely Junior College District to be held on April 19, 2022, Noon CNCC, Weiss Meeting Room for final adoption of 2022-2023 Budget. Any interested elector of the Rangely Junior College District may inspect the proposed budget and file or register any objections thereto at any time prior to the final adoption of the budget.
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RANGELY JUNIOR COLLEGE DISTRICT
NOTICE OF 2021-2022 SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET APPROVAL

Notice is hereby given that a proposed 2021-2022 Supplemental Budget has been submitted to the Rangely Junior College District Board of Directors for the ensuing year of 2021-2022; a copy of such budget is on file at Linda Gordon/Budget Officer, 215 Hillcrest Avenue, Rangely, CO where same is open for public inspection; such budget will be considered at the regularly scheduled board meeting of the Rangely Junior College District to be held on April 19, 2022, Noon CNCC, Weiss Meeting Room for final adoption of 2021-2022 Supplemental Budget. Any interested elector of the Rangely Junior College District may inspect the proposed budget and file or register any objections thereto at any time prior to the final adoption of the budget.
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The White River & Douglas Creek Conservation Districts are seeking a self-motivated, results oriented individual for the Office Manager parttime position located in Meeker, CO. Submit resume and cover letter by 5:00 p.m. April 4, 2022. See job announcement and description at [www.whiterivercd.com](http://www.whiterivercd.com) for more information.

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**TOWN OF RANGELY UTILITIES OPERATOR POSITION**

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