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## Easter egg hunts ...

Easter may be Sunday, but Easter-related events happen on several days this week in Meeker and Rangely. The two towns' big events are the annual local Easter Egg hunts, which both take place on Saturday at 10 a.m. at Barone Middle School in Meeker and at Elks Park in Rangely. Children are expected to gather en masse for the two hunts, which wrap up in a hurry.



# Meeker, Rangely chambers setting up SBDC offices

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**RBC I** Owning a small business can be challenging as well as rewarding, and a Small Business Development Center is a valuable resource for entrepreneurs seeking assistance with their existing business needs or individuals or partners with concerns ranging from business start-up to and including expansion.

Rio Blanco County, the Meeker Chamber of Commerce and the

Rangely Chamber of Commerce are combining efforts to develop Rio Blanco County Small Business Development Center (SBDC) satellite offices to serve Northwestern Colorado.

Meeker Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Stephanie Kobald said that Rio Blanco County has allocated \$10,000 to expand the SBDC presence in the county through satellite offices located in Meeker and Rangely.

The SBDC offers training pro-

grams, access to resources and confidential one-on-one counseling services, and experienced counselors work with individuals or management to identify problem areas and form solutions over a full range of business matters including: start-up assistance, marketing research, actual marketing, management, business planning and, most important for some, financing.

Working with the Business Incubator Center (BIC) in Grand Junction, the Meeker and Rangely chambers will begin the program by

providing four workshops and one-on-one business consultation to area businesses as well as individuals and groups looking to start up a new business.

Two workshops will be offered in Rangely and two in Meeker, covering business topics chosen by the business community, Kobald said.

The first workshop, "Bookkeeping Bootcamp" was held March 18 in Rangely. A number of businesses took advantage of the event, she said, adding that many res-

idents have registered to continue receiving one-on-one assistance through consultation with a certified business coach, she said.

Kobald said the local consultants will likely be chosen from within the communities and be trained by the SBDC to fill the position. She added that the actual private satellite offices will be located away from the chamber offices, possibly at the Fairfield Center in Meeker and at an unknown location in Rangely.

"We can train anyone who wants

to do the consulting," Kobald said. "As chamber executive directors, we (Kobald and Rangely chamber executive director Kristin Steele) likely won't be the ones doing the consulting unless we take the training; we likely will bring someone in to do the job after they are trained. Kristin may be interested in doing that."

Certified business coaches provide confidential one-on-one free assistance to meet marketing, manage-

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## Man dies from gunshot wound

By HEATHER ZADRA  
Special to the Herald Times

**RANGELY I** A Rangely area man died following an accidental gunshot wound Thursday afternoon, according to the Rio Blanco County Sheriff's Office.

According to Undersheriff Brice Glasscock, the Rangely Police Department received a 911 call at approximately 1:50 p.m. Thursday in reference to a report of an elderly male, identified Monday as Jarrell Massey, 85, with a gunshot wound to the head.

The Rangely Police Department, the sheriff's office and Rangely Ambulance responded to 22319 Highway 64.

Upon arrival, officers and a deputy located an adult male suffering from an apparent gunshot wound to his head. The victim was near a shed located on the property.

Emergency medical service providers administered aid and transported Massey to Rangely District Hospital, where he was declared dead by the attending physician.

An autopsy was performed in Grand Junction by Dr. Robert Kurtzman on Friday morning.

The initial investigation revealed that Massey was walking out of the shed and tripped when the rifle he was carrying accidentally discharged, striking him in the head, Glasscock reported.

According to the report from the RBCSO, there is no foul play suspected and no charges pending.

"This appears purely accidental," Glasscock wrote in the press release.

## Rangely and Meeker to hold Easter egg hunts

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**RBC I** There will be Easter egg hunts for the kids in Meeker and Rangely on Saturday, with the two main events starting at 10 a.m.

Rangely will kick off the day's activities at Elks Park with members of the Rangely Elks Club cooking up breakfast starting at 8 a.m.

The Rangely egg hunt, open to children of all ages, will begin at 10 a.m., and is hosted by the Elks Club as well.

The Meeker Lions Club will host the Meeker event, which will also

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Above is the front view of construction on the new Pioneers Medical Center east of Meeker. In the photo are Margie Joy, right, the public information officer for the hospital and the executive director of the Pioneers Healthcare Foundation, and, left, Drew Varland, the hospital's chief nursing officer, and Derek Smiun, a supervisor for Hazelton Construction, the project contractor. The hospital is slated for a late June opening, ahead of the original opening date in August.

## New Pioneers Medical Center slated for opening in June

By SEAN McMAHON  
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**MEEKER I** Just a year ago, Pioneers Medical Center (PMC) broke ground on its new 89,000-square-foot healthcare facility east of Meeker.

The new \$47 million medical building will house a Level IV trauma emergency department,

critical access hospital, rural health clinic, long-term skilled nursing facility and several supporting ancillary departments.

Construction is running smoothly and the new facility is scheduled to open in late June instead of the original estimate of August.

The new campus will offer the same broad portfolio of services it

currently offers and bring new services to better meet community needs.

Hospital CEO Ken Harman said, "Our goals are simple. First, we want to increase local quality to primary and necessary healthcare. Second, we want to minimize the amount of travel and

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A view of the outside of the Walbridge Wing assisted living center shows off two chimneys that will help residents feel at home during their stays. The center features 30 private rooms each with a toilet and sink and air conditioning, whereas the existing Walbridge Wing has only 16 semi-private rooms.

## Rangely, county sharing dispatch duties for town

By HEATHER ZADRA  
Special to the Herald Times

**RBC I** Losing three of a police department's dispatchers, two of them in a 45-day period, is a challenge no department wants to face.

In February, that is exactly what happened to the Rangely Police Department when two dispatchers found other positions and a third was dismissed.

The circumstances brought about an agreement between the Rio Blanco County Sheriff's Office (RBCSO) and the Town of Rangely that has long been on administrators' radar but was only put into effect recently.

Three years ago, the Town of Rangely and the county upgraded their record management, computer-aided dispatch (CAD) and phone systems, which made compatibility between county and town dispatches possible, Rangely communications supervisor Mercy Mcalister said.

In February, once the Town of Rangely realized it needed assistance with around-the-clock dispatching, codes were programmed in that allowed regular Rangely phone lines, not just 911 calls, to transfer to the county dispatcher in Meeker.

The shift launched a sharing of duties between town and county that

will last until mid-April, Mcalister said. Rangely dispatchers currently take calls from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, with the sheriff's office covering Rangely dispatch on nights and weekends.

Starting April 13, county dispatch hours will shift to Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays only once a new Rangely dispatcher takes on solo shifts and a third continues training. The department is still looking to hire two more positions.

Dispatch coverage by the RBCSO currently costs the Town of Rangely \$200 per day, the same price the sheriff's office charges the Meeker Police Department to dispatch for ambulance, police department, fire and emergency water and gas services.

"If you consider the other 14 hours we're not covering, the \$200 a day is probably a bargain until we get fully staffed," Rangely Town Manager Peter Brixius said. "There shouldn't be much of a budget impact if we handle it correctly."

Sheriff Anthony Mazzola said the shift hasn't affected response times.

"The dispatchers we have on both ends of the county know their

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Calving season has moved into full action the past two or three weeks all around Rio Blanco, with a few exceptions. The cows and their calves were fully enjoying the sunny weather on Sunday in this field along Piceance Creek, along County Road 5.

## WEATHER



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## Superintendent interviews Friday

By REED KELLEY  
Special to the Herald Times

**MEEKER I** The two candidates wishing to become superintendent of the Meeker School District will be in Meeker Friday for interviews with six school-related groups and the Meeker School Board.

The interviews by the school board members will be at 4 p.m. in the district board room at the district administration building. This special meeting of the board is open to the public as the law requires, but will be followed by a closed executive session for board deliberations.

The candidates are Chris Selle, currently finishing his third year as superintendent of schools for the Custer County C-1 School District in Westcliffe, Colo., and Richard Walter, Sr., superintendent of schools for the Miami-Yoder School District in Rush, Colo.

Both men will be interviewed by five groups with selected members representing teachers, the district accountability committee, the district leadership team (teachers), administrators and support staff. In addition, the candidates will take a guided tour of the various school district buildings. The groups will report their observations to the school board during the executive session.

The district declined to release the names of the individuals on each of these interview teams because, MSD Board President Bill deVergie said, "Out of respect for the individuals who are willing to serve on each of these teams, we are not going to reveal their make-up at this time."

deVergie added that the board will likely decide on their preferred candidate Friday evening, but that any public announcement would have to await final negotiations with that candidate.

## PENNIES FOR PARKVIEW ...



Rangely's Parkview Elementary School's three second-grade classes brought in more than \$350 for the Pennies for Parkview fundraiser, which raised \$1,135 for local breakfast and after-school programs and spring activities. As a reward, the classes enjoyed an ice cream sundae party at Elks Park on March 19.

HEATHER ZADRA

## SBDC: Resource for local businesses

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ment, social media, taxes and more.

Entrepreneurs and business owners will be able to sign up and register for the consultation at the Meeker or Rangely chamber offices.

With the closest Business Incubator Center in Grand Junction, the local satellite offices will allow the BIC's valuable services to be more accessible to Meeker and Rangely business owners and entrepreneurs, she said.

"The SBDC and BIC are sepa-

rate," Kobald said. "However, we will be working with the BIC, which will help us provide a more-complete service. All of the consulting work will be done here. If someone wants to work completely with the BIC, then they would have to go to Grand Junction."

Contact Kristen Steele at the Rangely Chamber of Commerce (970-675 5290) or Stephanie Kobald at the Meeker Chamber (970-878-5510) if interested in taking advantage of this great free business resource.

## DISPATCH: Shared duties to last through mid-April

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locations," he said. "When somebody calls in an accident, they're going to say they're at 123 Main Street or on mile marker 10, Highway 64. The locations are pretty generic and, usually, the people calling in know where they're at. If not, we have GIS technology that allows us to enter landmarks and determine that."

On the town's radar are pay dis-

crepancies between Rangely dispatchers and those doing comparable work in Meeker and elsewhere. The challenges of shift work, Brixius said, can also factor into high turnover rates.

"Compared to some of the dispatches in our local region, yes, we're probably going to have to make some (pay) adjustments on the new hires," he said. "I don't care which dispatch center you look at. Regardless of compensation, in

many cases, turnover is still high. I think a lot of it has to do with shift work."

Brixius and Mazzola give Rangely and RBC communications supervisors Mcalister and Mike Cook credit for coordinating the smooth transition between dispatch centers. The support will happen in reverse next year, as Rangely plans to cover the county's dispatch for several days as the county moves into the new justice center.

The town's capability to do so will come as the county hands down newer-generation equipment to Rangely early next year.

"We've been talking about wanting to accomplish this for some time, and, with the shortfall in dispatcher availability on this end, it kind of forced our hand," Brixius said. "By the first quarter of 2016, we would hope to have both dispatches fully functional and providing backup for each other."

## EASTER: Events start tonight

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begin at 10 a.m. sharp. It will be held on the lawn at Barone Middle School.

Today at 7 p.m., the Western Rio Blanco Metropolitan Recreation and Park District hosts its annual Pool Easter Egg Hunt. Participants should bring a donation of individual packaged items for the BOCES backpack program.

On Friday at 8 p.m., kids 12 and older can join in on the WRBM's

Glow in the Dark Easter Egg Hunt at Elks Park. Bring a flashlight and something to hold your eggs. The cost is \$7, and participants can pay at the rec center by 6 p.m.

On Sunday at 6:35 a.m. is the community Easter sunrise service at the cross four miles south of Rangely, just off Dragon Road. Pastor Mark Futch of New Creation Church leads this year's service. A community breakfast will follow at the Christian Church at 501 Darius Ave.

## Rangely police seek those who vandalized 10 trees

**RANGELY I** The Rangely Police Department is seeking local help in solving a case of criminal mischief committed on some young trees on Rio Mesa Drive in Rangely.

Between 7 p.m. on March 22 and 3 p.m. on March 23, an unknown suspect or suspects damaged 10 trees planted on an undeveloped plot on Rio Mesa Drive. The trees were cut half way with a saw and then broken the rest of the way by hand. The estimated damage to all trees is approximately \$3,000.

If you know who may have committed this crime, the Rangely Police Department is asking you to call the department at 970-675-8466. A \$500 reward is offered.

## Business leaders' lunch set

Special to the Herald Times

**MEEKER I** The next Meeker Chamber of Commerce Business Leaders Luncheon will be held April 10 at 1 p.m. at the Old West Heritage Culture Center at 517 Park St. in Meeker, and the topic of the gathering will be "Heritage Tourism in Meeker."

Ellene Meece, president of the Rio Blanco County Historical Society, will discuss the new Old West Heritage Culture Center and

how to strengthen our economy through cultural and heritage tourism.

The catered lunch is open to anyone interested in networking with other business leaders, owners and managers to discuss important issues that affect Meeker's business community, and it is a chance to enjoy lunch from a local restaurant. Cost is \$10 per person.

Those interested in attending are asked to please RSVP by 5 p.m. on Tuesday to the chamber at 878-5510.

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The season ends early July.

Ages 8-10, 11-12, 13-15

Players Meeting from 6-7pm

at Paintbrush Park

8-10 years old: May 4

11-12 years old: May 5

13-15 years old: May 6

Cost/Member Cost: \$30/\$27

Registration Deadline: April 15

## Youth Fastpitch Softball

Teams will participate in the Valley Youth League and travel to surrounding towns for games. Practice will begin the week of May 25. The season ends late July.

Ages 8-10, 11-12, 13-15

Players Meeting from 6-7pm

at 6th Street Field

8-10 years old: May 18

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Registration Deadline: April 19



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# Methamphetamines, cannabinoids revealed in man's autopsy report

By JENNIFER HILL  
Special to the Herald Times

**DINOSAUR** I An autopsy report released this week indicates that James Brent Damon, the man who took a Colorado Parks and Wildlife district wildlife manager and a Moffat County deputy sheriff hostage on March 9 between Dinosaur and the Utah border, had high levels of methamphetamine in his blood at the time of his gunshot death.

Damon's blood contained 1,000 nanograms per milliliter, which the

report cites as well above the "200 to 600 ng/ml have been reported in meth abusers who exhibit violent and irrational behavior," the autopsy stated.

Damon, who received a fatal gunshot wound to the head during the alleged crime, also tested positive for cannabinoids, an indicator of marijuana use.

Georgie Hand, Damon's wife, was with him at the time of the incident and was arrested at the scene scene. Hand was granted bail in the amount of \$1 million. Her bail hearing has been set for April 7.

# MACC meets Monday

Special to the Herald Times

**MEEKER** I The Meeker Arts and Cultural Council will meet Monday at 6:30 p.m. at the Old West Heritage Culture Center, 517 Park St. in Meeker.

Current MACC projects include: fundraising and grant seeking for renovation of the Meeker High School Auditorium in cooperation with the Meeker School District; sponsor of Venturing Crew and Explorer Club for performing arts students; outreach program for MHS Drama Club enrichment activities; productions, Denver Center for the Performing Arts productions and theater arts training seminars; The Meekerpalooza Music and Fine Arts Festival; support for inclusion of performing arts accredited national core curriculum in school programs; dinner theaters and productions for local charitable and community organizations; support of the Old West Heritage Culture Center programs for heritage/agri-tourism and economic development; support of RBC Historical Society historical reenactment programs; and much more.

MACC is providing high quality performing arts entertainment and outreach programs for the Meeker community but cannot do it alone. If you want to see these great opportunities in your home town, please get involved, financially support and participate in this worthwhile effort.

Youth, adults and seniors are welcome and invited to participate and help plan exciting performing and fine arts activities.

For more information, email gary@meekerartsandculture.org.

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Rio Blanco County 4-H'ers attended the District 11/12 Retreat in Glenwood Springs this past Friday through Sunday. The group learned about survival skills, STEM activities, climbed the rock wall and danced the night away during this event. Rio Blanco County participants, from left to right, are: Trae Kennedy, Del Garner, Tacy Crawford, Cori Mohr and Hailey Scott. Not pictured is Nevaeh LeBlanc.

COURTESY PHOTO

# 'Night at the MES Museum' and book fair set April 8-9

**MEEKER** I The fifth-grade class at Meeker Elementary School invites the Meeker community to the "Night at the MES Museum" on April 9 from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Parents, residents and local youths should drop in at Meeker Elementary School on this special evening to get "a blast from the past" as the fifth graders bring famous people to life in their museum. This unforgettable night becomes even more magical because the students will be accepting coin donations at each of their exhibits to go towards a charity of their choice to help make a difference in our world.

The Scholastic Buy One, Get One Free Book Fair will be in conjunction with the Night at the MES Museum.

Times for the book fair will be 4 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday and 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Thursday.

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## FROM MY WINDOW...

## Future of Brothers unknown; Piceance Creek an unexpected surprise

By SEAN McMAHON  
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I kind of ruined my day when I saw the "For Sale" sign on Brothers Meat Processing in Meeker a couple of weeks ago. First of all, I hated to think that another business was going to leave Meeker, and I hated to possibly lose a store where I was at least a part-time customer.

I could actually get one of my favorite meats—tongue—there, and nowhere else I know of in Meeker or Rangely except from one or two of the small private meat packing plants on one of the area ranches.

Since I first noticed the sign, I had heard that Dave Satterwhite of Craig, the owner of Brothers in Craig and Meeker, was going to sell the Meeker business and get rid of it, not to return to Meeker; I had heard that he was going to sell or rent the deli/sandwich portion of the business and was going to reopen the meat processing portion and provide only retail meat; and I had heard that he was just going to keep the meat processing and deli portions until someone comes in and purchases the entire Meeker business.

So I asked him. I talked with Satterwhite last week, and I can tell you that I know little more now than I did when I spoke with him.

I told him about the rumors I had heard in the past couple of weeks, and his comment was "Good. I kind of like that. At least people are talking about us."

He went on to say that he just doesn't know for sure yet what is going to come of the Brothers outlet in Meeker.

"Ya know, sometimes you buy a house and you put a big price on it and see if anyone is really interested in buying it; it's like that," he said. "You know, everything is for sale if the price is right."

That was about all he said, letting us all wait and see what will

happen next.

It would be a real loss to lose another business in Meeker and, specifically, one that keeps competition alive in Meeker.

The more the merrier. The more the cheaper.

But I think it is safe to say, there's enough business to sustain each one.

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It is truly heartening to see the Rangely and Meeker chambers of commerce combining efforts with Rio Blanco County to bring in Small Business Development Center satellite offices.

Having worked many times in many locations with the SBDC, it is easy to say that this is one of our government's success stories.

Repeatedly, I have seen and heard of initial business plans being pitched to the director of an SBDC office only to watch that business come to fruition and, in many instances, become a major success.

I have seen a small clothing store become the major clothing outlet in town in less than a year. I have seen a construction supply company open up like a small hardware store and within five years become the county's largest construction/building supply business, now worth millions. I have seen a young chef's interest in opening his own restaurant take him from meetings with the SBDC regarding financing the operation to it becoming one of the few three-star restaurants in Arizona.

If in all my years in the newspaper business I have ever beheld some kind of program that really can help make one's dreams come true, it is the SBDC. Examples abound all over the country.

The SBDC offers expert/excellent advice on: financing and start-up; on setting up a marketing budget and marketing strategy; on how to do the marketing; on ways to fig-

ure overhead versus profit and how to sustain and build a healthy business; and on expansion.

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If Rangely and Meeker can each look to add a few new companies, if they can help existing businesses grow or even expand, or if they can help local businesses diversify and remain profitable, then the businesses, the county, the towns and the residents will all gain.

The SBDC has helped small towns in their attempts to get the ball rolling, and it just may be one of the catalysts we need in Rio Blanco County.

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I literally just got back from a new adventure in Rio Blanco County, and I was quite taken back by the impression I had before my little two-hour jaunt.

Every conversation I had had about Piceance Creek since I moved here convinced me I was not in any hurry to take the circle around.

I was expecting to see a lot of sagebrush, a lot of little grasshopper oil wells, not much wildlife, not much stock of any kind and not much scenery to talk about.

Sagebrush I have lived around my whole life. No big deal. Grasshopper oil wells I have seen in Wyoming, Oklahoma, Texas and several other states. No big deal.

I figured for quite a while after arriving in Rio Blanco County that the Piceance Creek area was a lot like a high desert and pretty much void of wildlife. But Colorado Parks and Wildlife Area Game Manager



Bill deVergie has spoken in the past year how the Flattops and County Road 8 AND Piceance Creek have some great deer and elk hunting.

I have seen the critters up County Road 8 and off a few of the other county roads east and north of Meeker, and I can testify there are a lot of critters up that way.

I still figured that a big ol' flat area that runs for miles and is filled with sagebrush and oil wells wasn't going to produce much visible wildlife or desirable scenery, so I figured I didn't need to hurry and that I wasn't missing much.

And I figured that if it was a lot of old sagebrush and dry rocky grasslands, I don't need to head up that way because there certainly couldn't be a lot of nice ranchers up there among the oilfields.

Boy, was I wrong. My wife and I drove south on Highway 13 to Piceance Creek Road (County Road 5) and turned right, heading west. From Highway 13, the view down Piceance Creek Road is attractive, but you can only see a mile or two.

I figured that by the time we got three or four miles west, the beauty of the drive would have disappeared.

Wrong again. The entire length of the Piceance Creek Road was quite beautiful and totally enthralling.

The first half of the trip was winding through what could be called a canyon or a valley. Whichever way you look at it, the landscape, the ranches, the small stream and some seriously rough steep rocks or canyons was a beautiful setting, so often seen throughout the West, where mountains are mountains, the valleys are green, a tranquil creek runs through it all. I could never get tired of that scenery.

There were a few sheep here and there but some of the ranch country along the road was absolutely overrun with Angus, Herefords and mixes and the two-week-old or less calves from each

of the breeds. It was a repeat of what I had seen during the first 20-some years of my life. It truly is springtime in the Rockies.

Eventually we arrived at what is obviously the oilfield country in Piceance Creek. It was rich with small plants, storage tanks and industrial plants that looked pretty intricate, like mini-refineries.

I don't mean to show off my ignorance about the oil and gas business because my father was a vice president with Colorado Interstate Gas back in the 1950s and '60s. But I would have to admit I don't know the purpose of each of those "plants."

But two things did certainly surprise me from all the travels over northwest Colorado, Wyoming, Texas and Oklahoma: those plants, at least from the road, looked darned near spotless, kept in good repair and condition and seemed void of the piles of junk that were more common in years past.

But what was even more amazing to me was the high number of cows and calves running and grazing on the flattest part of the grassy valley, meandering right up to the fences that surround the various plants.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Thanks to Beverly DeVore-Wedding from her husband

Dear Editor:

I am writing to address an oversight.

Thank you Beverly DeVore-Wedding for 26 years teaching math and science at Meeker High School, 17 years as girls' and boys' track coach (one girls' track state title) and 15 years as girls' and boys' cross-county coach. Also, for serving on countless school district and building committees, working concessions and gates each year and for tutoring stu-

And finally, we arrived back at Highway 64 right next to Rio Blanco Lake, half way between Meeker and Rangely.

We took our time on the trip since neither my wife nor I had ever been on County Road 5 before (I may have as a child, but that was a long time ago and I don't blame myself for forgetting). We both found it to be beautiful country, interesting terrain and a delightful drive on a road that is in great condition. We found it a prime example of how beautiful scenery, serene lifestyle and industry can and do live together, it appears, in pretty much perfect harmony.

That road offers some magnificent ranches, gorgeous homes perched up on the hill and valley sides and, I am quite certain, some pretty intricate and expensive energy operations.

Besides, as deVergie said, it is one of the prime deer and elk areas in the region.

Plain and simple, that entire road is paved in expensive pastimes, and my trip on Sunday will not be the last I ever take that route. I was highly impressed by the beauty, diversity and scope of everything there.

dents after hours all these years.

Thank you for serving on Colorado Department of Education committees dealing with standards and curriculum, being in a nationwide teacher/mentor program, council member and past president of the Colorado Science Teachers Association and a member of the National Science Teachers Association Executive Committee.

Congratulations on being recruited by the University of Nebraska to obtain a doctorate degree and awarded a fellowship and assistantship for

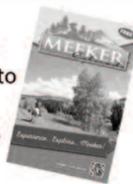
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## CATCH UP WITH THE CHAMBER

## CURRENT HAPPENINGS

## Tourism

★ Our new Meeker Booklets are out! Stop by and take a look. If you want to take some with you to distribute, come by the Chamber to grab some.



★ The Tourism Focus Group will be starting back up. If you are interested in joining, visit the Chamber to add your e-mail to our mailing list.



## Membership

★ Be sure to stop in the Chamber or contact us regarding your membership benefits.

We are getting ready for our big tourism season and it's a great time to take advantage of some of the awesome benefits we have for our members!



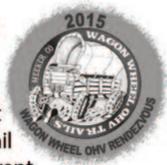
★ Several new businesses will be having their grand openings. Look for more information on our website, e-mails, and on Facebook.



## FUTURE HAPPENINGS

## Tourism

★ The Meeker Chamber is heading to Rally on the Rocks in May to promote Meeker and the Wagon Wheel OHV Trails. Our goal is to get more tourists in riding our great trail system and to promote our OHV event, the Wagon Wheel OHV Rendezvous.



★ Meeker Chamber is continuing work on the Flat Tops Scenic Byway with the U.S. Forest Service and various agencies. We will be having a wayfinding assessment of the byway this Spring by the Colorado Scenic and Historic Byways to help us improve travelers experience on the byway. This will in turn help us bring more tourism to Meeker and Yampa from the byway.



★ Keep your eyes peeled for opportunities in our Meeker Ambassador Program (MAP). MAP is a hospitality and volunteer program to help welcome people to Meeker and show friendly service to keep people coming back. We will be invigorating MAP and enjoy having volunteers to help us out at our various events. If you are interested in volunteering with MAP, contact the Chamber and let us know what you are interested in doing.



## PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

Visit our website, [www.meekerchamber.com](http://www.meekerchamber.com), to sign up for our newsletter featuring more information.

## BOARD MEETINGS

Meeker Chamber of Commerce Public Board Meetings are on the second Wednesday of every month at 7 am in Kilowatt Korner.

## BUSINESS LEADERS LUNCHEON

Lunch time networking event to discuss business related topics and enjoy a lunch with other business owners. The next luncheon will be April 10 at the Old West Heritage Culture Center located at 517 Park Avenue.

## MEEKER YOUNG TIMERS (MYT)

A group in their 20's & 30's or young at heart to socialize, learn about Meeker businesses and meet new people. The next meet-up will be April 23 at 6:30 pm for a hike up China Wall.



## TOURISM FOCUS GROUP

People of the community coming together to discuss ideas on promoting tourism in the Meeker area. The Tourism Focus Group will meet on April 21 from 2-3 pm. Look for more information via e-mail, Facebook, and our website, [www.meekerchamber.com](http://www.meekerchamber.com).



## RIO BLANCO COUNTY SBDC SATELLITE OFFICE

The SBDC satellite office will be hosting two more workshops in the coming months based on feedback from our business members. One will be "Internet Strategies" and the other "Market Research". More information will be available soon. Be sure to watch our Facebook page, website ([www.meekerchamber.com](http://www.meekerchamber.com)), and e-mails.



## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Visit [www.meekerchamber.com](http://www.meekerchamber.com) to learn more about these events, add your own public events, and view events in the upcoming months. Items in bold are sponsored by the Meeker Chamber of Commerce

April 4: Easter Egg Hunt  
April 10 & 11: Meeker High School Drama Play  
April 11: Elk Foundation Dinner  
**April 11: Business Leaders Luncheon**  
April 12: Colorful Characters of RBC

April 13: Community Garden Workshop 2  
April 18: Old West Heritage Culture Center Garage Sale  
April 18: After Birth Ball  
**April 23: Meeker Young Timers**  
April 25: 9Health Fair  
April 25: Junior/Senior Prom



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# LETTERS: Thankful

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You believe in teaching and learning. I should know, because I am your best friend and husband.

Roy A. Wedding  
Meeker

## 11th annual WRCA Buy Fly Whitefish Tournament success

Dear Editor:

The White River Community Association held its 11th annual Buy Fly Whitefish Fishing Tournament on March 14 and 15, with nine teams entered.

It started off Saturday morning with everyone meeting at the Buford School and enjoying homemade breakfast burritos and cinnamon rolls. All participants received a sack lunch on Saturday.

Thank you to Watt's Ranch Market for donating all the sandwich fixings.

The weather was beautiful, everyone had a good time and the whitefish were biting! The association ended up with 136 pounds of fillets, which will be cooked up and served at the Community Fish Fry to be held June 13 at the historic Buford School.

The tournament is held as a fundraiser, but a major part is acquiring the fish so the annual Community Fish Fry can continue to happen.

The Rio Blanco Ranch team took first prize, which was a two-day guided fishing trip on the Flat Tops donated by Holly King and Trappers Lake Lodge. Second prize was won by the K-T Youth fishing team, and its members received a one-day guided fishing trip donated by Welder Outfitting, along with a two-night stay in Fritzlans' Resort cabins, donated by Arlene Fritzlans. Third place found Sam's White River Whisperers, the team made up of participants from Nebraska and New Mexico, receiving Browning fishing backpacks donated by Stan Wyatt of Wyatt's Sporting Goods.

Individual prize for most pounds

of fish turned in went to Dayton Willey, who received a very nice float tube.

Our volunteer team judges were Mike Sizemore, Randy Forrest, Biff Burge, Jim Brown, Steve Wix, Tom Tucker, Shawn Welder and Bailey Franklin. A mini-mag lite, two tickets to the Community Fish Fry and a huge thank you went to them. Without our judges, the tournament would not be possible.

We want to thank Elk Creek Ranch for donating more than 50 fishing shirts to the tournament, so everyone went home with a new shirt.

On Sunday, the WRCA put on a chili dinner, which included a roast full of elk chili and another full of beef chili along with assorted chips, dips, cookies and brownies.

Thanks to everyone involved.  
Boots Campbell  
White River Community Association  
Meeker

## Thanks for kindness at time of need

Dear Editor:

Dear friends, neighbors and all of our relatives: We cannot thank everyone enough for all of the kind and thoughtful things done for us during our loss.

There is just no way to say how we have appreciated the calls, visits, cards, food, donations from so many. The help we had was so wonderful.

We wish we could have seen and talked to the many people who attended the service in honor of Bill. Thank you all so much.

We are all truly grateful and blessed to live in this community.

Ann Turner  
Kai, Jamie and family  
Keenan, Kaylee and Jayde  
Coley, Kellie and family  
Hallie, Kurt and family  
Molly and Sheridan  
Tyrell, Kaleyne and family  
Jennifer and girls  
Meeker

## GUEST OPINION

# BLM wants more money; Congress deaf to requests

By ELIZABETH SHOGREN  
Special to the Herald Times

**RBC I** The director of the Bureau of Land Management sat across a big oval table from members of the U.S. House of Representatives last week and made his case for more money. The agency needs increased funding, he said, to manage challenges as diverse as a drilling boom and an overabundance of wild horses across vast stretches of public lands.

But before BLM Director Neil Kornze even had a chance to pitch President Obama's \$1.2 billion budget proposal for his agency, the chairman of the panel, Rep. Ken Calvert, R-CA, said the request didn't match the "very constrained funding environment" in Congress.

Kornze pressed for approval of proposals to expand BLM's funds without getting more cash from Congress. He asked the panel to create a BLM foundation so the agency can raise private funds and to approve the BLM plan to charge the oil and gas industry for inspections on federal land.

Currently, the BLM has 159 inspectors for 100,000 wells, but Kornze says it needs at least 220.

This is a major industrial activity on public lands and it needs oversight," he said.

The administration's proposal would raise an estimated \$48 million in 2016, but cost companies only about \$1,000 per well, which Kornze said isn't much for companies that have invested at least \$8 million to drill each well.

The BLM also wants to start charging an administration fee for grazing, which would help the agency clear its big grazing permit backlog more quickly.

Calvert, who chairs the House Committee on Appropriations subcommittee on Interior, Environment and Related Agencies, did not oppose the proposals outright but said they should be considered by the House Natural Resources Committee, which oversees the BLM, not the panel that funds the agency.

The highest-ranking Democrat on the panel articulated the problem with that logic: "How do we get the authorizing committee to do their job?" said Betty Louise McCollum, D-Minnesota. "Maybe they should stop doing leases then if we can't do inspections," she said, adding quickly that no one wants that outcome.

The biggest increase in the administration's budget is the request for \$60 million—a four-fold increase—for the agency's sage grouse program.

Republicans on the panel seemed inclined to provide that money—if cuts are found elsewhere in the budget.

As the *High Country News* has reported, the 11 states with grouse territory are working with the federal government to try to reduce risks to the bird so it doesn't end up on the endangered species list. In part, the money would go to plant strips of fire-resistant vegetation and cut down juniper and piñon trees that have flourished over what had been native sagebrush and grass habitat. This will increase the birds' territory and reduce the risk of wildfires, which burn millions of acres of rangeland each year.

"If we go ahead and do everything—from this committee, the states, localities—and the sage grouse is still listed, that's not going to bode well for future cooperation," Calvert warned.

Kornze also asked for more

money to reduce the herds of wild horses that trample sage-grouse habitat and otherwise imperil the rangelands, as HCN has reported. He said some 50,000 wild horses now roam BLM rangelands, about twice what the territory can handle. Some \$10 million of the funding would go to develop better techniques for birth control vaccines or sterilization of the herds.

Kornze suggested that capturing a horse and maintaining it throughout its life with federal funds is too expensive.

"We spend \$45,000 on that horse, and that's a good college education," Kornze said. The government already supports 50,000 in captivity.

McCollum pressed Kornze on what the agency is doing about Nevada rancher Cliven Bundy, who as HCN has reported, had a standoff with BLM officials about a year ago at his Nevada ranch. Bundy has yet to be charged for illegal grazing or his unpaid grazing fees.

At least one of the hundreds of

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## The Lamb of God (1)

By Dr. J. D. Watson  
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Dr. J.D. Watson

**BEHOLD** the Lamb of God . . . (Jn. 1:29, 36). Few pictures of our Lord that hang in the Scripture gallery are as touching and tantalizing than is the one titled **Lamb of God**. Tracing the Lamb through the biblical record demonstrates the wonder of this picture. I pray this little study will be even a fraction of the blessing to you that it was to me to prepare it. This is, indeed, a captivating theme.

*First*, we see the *prefiguring* of the Lamb in Genesis 4:3–7a. The scene is Cain and Abel bringing their offerings to God. While Cain did not bring the best he could offer, rather only what he could “get by on,” Abel brought “of the firstlings,” that is, one of the firstborn of his flock (Gen. 4:4, *bekōrah*, 1062), the best he had to offer. Cain *personifies* the way of religion, but Abel *proves* the way of faith. He also prefigures Christ as the best and ultimate offering that was yet to come.

*Second*, we see the *provision* of the Lamb in Genesis 22:6–8. In one of the most heart wrenching scenes in Scripture, God tests Abraham to see if he was willing to sacrifice his “only begotten son” (cf. Mar. 7, 8). Responding to Isaac’s question, “Behold the fire and the wood: but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?” Abraham answered, “God will provide himself a lamb.” And He did!

The picture of Christ here is striking. In verse 2 we find the first occurrence of the word “love” in the Bible, the love of a father (Abraham) for his son (Isaac). This story, therefore, is a type of the heavenly Father and His only begotten Son, depicting the coming sacrifice at Calvary.

Also remarkable is the fact that the first occurrence of “love” in each of the three synoptic Gospels (Matt. 3:17; Mk. 1:11; Lk. 3:22) records the Father calling out

from heaven, “this is my beloved Son,” at the baptism of Jesus (which, of course, also speaks of death and resurrection). Also significant, in contrast, in John’s Gospel, where “love” occurs more often than in any other book of the Bible, its first occurrence is in John 3:16 (cf. Feb. 22, 23). God loved the world so much that He, like Abraham, was willing to sacrifice His “only begotten son.”

Still deeper, we should also focus on the substitute for Isaac, the ram (vv. 11–13). This illustrates the substitutionary sacrifice of the Lamb of God. As we will detail, this pointed unwaveringly at John the Baptist’s declaration centuries later: **Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.**

*Third*, we see the *punishing* of the Lamb in Exodus 12:3–23, which describes the sacrificial lamb slain at Passover (cf. the Day of Atonement in Lev. 16). The chosen lamb was to be: “without blemish,” picturing Christ’s *sinlessness*; “a male of the first year,” picturing Christ’s *strength* in the prime of life; “[taken] . . . out from the sheep” and kept “until the fourteenth day of the same month,” picturing Christ’s *separation* and testing in the wilderness; and “[killed] in the evening” (about 3:00 PM), picturing Christ’s *sacrifice* on the Cross, which occurred at the same time of day, and its blood was applied to the door, picturing Christ’s blood as the *satisfaction* of God’s demand. *Soli Deo Gloria!*

**Scriptures for Study:** What did Paul proclaim in 1 Corinthians 5:7?

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

OBITUARIES

**Levi Miles Sanford**

July 7, 1980 ~ March 21, 2015

Levi Miles Sanford was born on July 7, 1980, in Williston, N.D., and resided in Sidney, Mont., during his infancy. As a toddler, he moved to Waco with his mother and spent his formative years there, having been graduated from Waco High School in 1987.

Levi spent his early manhood in Waco pursuing his artistic dreams, and he gained a reputation as a tattoo artist at Dream Connection Tattoos.

Although he loved his home on the banks of the Brazos River in Texas, he also loved the mountains of Colorado, where he spent summers with his father and eventually moved, having been graduated from the Denver Art Institute.

Levi was a successful commercial artist and owned his own shop where he produced many types of art including vinyl wraps for vehicles.

He spent his life away from work hunting, fishing, skiing, snowboarding, rafting, hiking and riding his motorcycle in the mountains of Colorado.

Levi is survived by: two children; Mason Berner and Haylo Berner of Guthrie, Okla.; his father, David Sanford, and his wife, Anita; his mother, Annette Babb and her husband, Ted; grandparents, Mike and Doris Sanford; grandmother Rosemary Horton; grandfather Walter Horton; and step-grandmother Virginia Babb. Additional survivors include: stepbrother L. Babb; step-sister Gwen Parmer; two half-brothers Shane Sanford and Michael Sanford; stepbrother Danny Pertile; step-sister Elizabeth Chandler; and additional uncles, aunts, cousins, nieces and nephews too numerous to list.

Levi's life ended tragically on March 21, 2015, in a vehicle accident just outside of Denver. He was a true citizen of two states and loved his friends in Texas as much as he loved his friends in Colorado. He was a child of nature and loved the outdoors. He is mourned and missed by many!

A Celebration Of Life was held at 2:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 26, 2015, at Carroll-Lewellen Funeral Chapel, 503 Terry St., Longmont, Colo.

Friends may send memories to Levi's family at www.carroll-lewellen.com.



Levi Miles Sanford

**Jarrell M. Massey**

July 30, 1929 ~ March 26, 2015

Jarrell M. Massey passed away in Rangely, Colo., on March 26, 2015. He was born in Vernal, Utah, on July 30, 1929, to Ora A. Pope and Sewell Massey.

Jarrell married Opal Robbins on Nov. 3, 1945. Their marriage was later solemnized in the Salt Lake Temple on April 3, 1953. Together they had five children. Opal passed away on June 13, 1996.

Jarrell married Betty Oba in Craig, Colo., on April 25, 1998.

He was a master hunter, master gardener and a master woodsman and was an extremely hard worker.

His many occupations include: butcher, fence builder, rancher, farmer, logging, oilfield, sawmill operator and outfitter. He retired as foreman of the Upper Colorado Environmental Plant Materials Center in 1995.

He was an active member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He served in many callings including bishop of the Meeker Ward and served as stake patriarch for 30 years. He touched the lives of many people in a positive way. He was an example of true manhood. He is a legend.

Jarrell is survived by: his wife, Betty Massey; a sister, Bonna Walters; a daughter, Uvonne Gale (Brent); sons: Darryl Massey (Diana), Lannie Massey (Peggy) and Stuart Massey (Shelley); stepsons Gary Oba and Douglas (Ellen) Oba; many grandchildren and great grandchildren; and one great-great-grandson.

Jerrell is preceded in death by: his parents, Sewell and Ora Massey; wife Opal; daughter Opal; sister Virginia; and brothers Boyd, Robert and Garn.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, April 1, 2015, at 11 a.m. in Rangely, Colo., at the Rangely LDS Chapel, 123 Eagle Crest. A viewing was held Wednesday from 9:30 to 10:45 a.m. at the chapel, prior to the funeral service. Interment was held at Vernal Memorial Park in Vernal, Utah, at 3 p.m. under the direction of the Ashley Valley Funeral Home.

Online condolences may be shared at www.AshleyValleyFuneralHome.com



Jarrell Massey

**Donald Irving Blanke**

March 12, 1934 ~ March 26, 2015

Donald Irving Blanke passed away Thursday, March 26, 2015, in Meeker, Colo.

Don was born March 12, 1934, in Grand Junction, Colo., the youngest of three children.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Gladys and Irving, and his two sisters, Phyllis and Mildred.

Don attended Grand Junction High School and was graduated in 1952. Following high school, he went on to earn his associate's degree in science at Mesa Junior College and he completed a year at the University of Colorado before being drafted into the United States Army in 1956.

Don spent the next two years in Korea, was honorably discharged, then returned to Colorado to further his education at Western State College (Harvard of the West), graduating with a bachelor's degree in 1960.

He then went on to work for the United States Atomic Energy Commission. It is there that he met his wife of 53 years, Bernice Coffman.

Don returned to Western State College and earned a master's degree in school administration in 1964. During this time, his eldest son, Scott James, arrived.

He thoroughly enjoyed his time in Gunnison and could often be found fly fishing on the Taylor River or at Monarch Pass as a member of the ski patrol.

In 1964, Don and Bee moved to the San Luis Valley, where Don taught science for a year before accepting a teaching position at Meeker High School. In 1966, their second son, Eric Charles, arrived.

While working within the Meeker School District, Don held many positions. He taught chemistry, physics, math and was the high school counselor. In addition to his teaching and counseling, he also coached high school track, cross-country and was a ski instructor for the Meeker School District. Because of his love for skiing and wanting the children of Meeker to have the opportunity to learn, he created what is locally know as Mt. Blanke.

After retiring in 1994, Don and Bee had the opportunity to travel extensively, with Costa Rica being his favorite.

Don will be remembered for his compassion for people, his sense of humor and love for his family.

Don is survived by: his wife, Bee; his two sons, Scott (Kella) of Lolo, Mont., and Eric (Shannon) of Parker, Colo.; and his grandchildren, Tell, Sarah, Charlie and Ryan.



Donald Irving Blanke

**Grace Allene Warren**

Jan. 12, 1924 ~ March 24, 2015

Grace Allene Warren, 91, passed away March 24, 2015 after suffering a stroke.

Grace was born to Leo Little and Norma Elizabeth Young on Jan. 12, 1924, in Dardanelle, Ark. She had two older brothers and one younger sister.

They lost their mother when Grace was just 7 years old; her father remarried and she gained four more brothers and one more sister.

On Jan. 12, 1942, at the age of 18, Grace married Manford Warren of Rosetta, Ark. Throughout the years, she gave birth to one girl and six boys, losing her first child, a son, 12 hours after birth.

Mom and Dad moved to Colorado in 1952, when they lived in a lumber camp at Redfeather Lakes. In 1955, they bought their home in Wellington, Colo., and raised their brood.

They were blessed with 14 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren, four great-great-grandchildren and many more additions to the family through marriages.

Grace worked at many jobs, including a Cheese Factory and cafes where she waitressed and cooked. She started working at Teledyne WaterPic in 1966 and retired 20 years later, so she and Dad could do some traveling and whatever they felt like doing.

After losing Dad in 2006, Mom went to live with her daughter, Norma, at the K Ranch in Dinosaur, Colo. She enjoyed watching the hummingbirds at the window, the geese and chickens in the yard, the deer, elk, wild turkeys, even a bear that came down to visit. Hearing the cows bawl, seeing the calves running around just made her day.

She moved into Eagle Crest Assisted Living in Rangely, Colo., in May 2013. She enjoyed visiting, playing cards and bingo with her dear friends there and looked forward to going to Massadana to eat lunch.

Mom is survived by: her sons, Bobby Dwayne of Dinosaur, Kenneth Eugene of Laporte, Colo., and Stanley Allen and Jeffery Dean Warren of Fort Collins, Colo.; a daughter, Norma Lynn Snyder of Dinosaur; a brother, Roy Young of Arkansas; and a sister, Nora Phillips in Arkansas. She was preceded in death by her husband, Manford Warren; two sons, Charles Lewis and Quentin Dale Warren; and grandson Michael Dan Snyder.

Funeral services will be held in Wellington, Colo., on April 11, 2015. There will be another service held locally for family and friends, but the date has yet to be set.

Online condolences may be shared at www.AshleyValleyFuneralHome.com



Grace Allene Warren

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people gathered at his ranch aimed a rifle at federal agents; that person has not been charged either.

"Mr. Bundy and his band of armed thugs are dangerous; they have committed acts that are criminal by

threatening federal employees," McCollum said. "They should be held accountable; they should be prosecuted."

Kornze failed to specify what the federal government is doing about Bundy.

"It is absolutely essential that

those who have broken laws are brought to justice," he said. "The grazing issues persist. This will be something that will continue to get my highest level of attention."

Elizabeth Shogren is HCN's DC Correspondent.

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# Quinn leading MHS fine arts program on professional, quality path

By **BOB AMICK**  
*Special to the Herald Times*

**MEEKER** I Ben Quinn directs the fine arts program at Meeker High School and is an amazingly talented and creative artist and teacher, according to his students, their parents, his colleagues and many community members who have seen the creative works of his fine arts students.

Quinn grew up in Meeker, graduating with the MHS Class of 1999, and was mentored by art teacher and artist Andy Goettel. Quinn attended Adams State University in Alamosa, where he earned a bachelor of arts degree in art and art education as well as a master of arts degree in art. He also received an endorsement in educational leadership, giving him credentials to serve as an academic administrator.

Quinn serves as vice president for the Colorado Arts Education Association and served on the team that wrote the Colorado Department of Education K-12 curriculum standards for visual arts education.

He taught for nine years in the Norwood school system before accepting the position at Meeker High School. In 2007, Quinn was honored as the Adams State University Exceptional New Alumnus and has received many prestigious awards in fine arts education over the years.

He is an adjunct or associate faculty member of Colorado Northwestern Community College and his fine arts students may receive college credit along with high school credit for the four levels of AP studio art he teaches.

He also serves as an assistant football coach and assistant track coach at Meeker High School as well as a substitute school bus driver.

Quinn is a member of the board of directors for the Meeker Arts and Cultural Council, and he and his wife, Rochelle, have two sons: Ethan, 9, in third grade, and Joshua, 5, in kindergarten.

"I was inspired by teacher and mentor Andy Goettel and wanted to share those opportunities with high school students," Quinn said of his professional inspiration. "...I am so thankful to have the opportunity to

return to Meeker and to teach the fine arts program at MHS, where the students are gifted and creative and where the program is so well-supported and encouraged by MHS Principal Dr. Kim Ibach, the school district administration, school board members, colleagues, parents and the Meeker community. None of this would be possible if it were not for such a strong fine arts advocacy in the community."

Quinn is especially proud of the accomplishments of his students, some of whom have won prestigious awards. The Scholastic Art Awards program is equivalent to the Colorado state championship competition for high school and middle school artists.

More than 5,000 art works from around the state were submitted this year, and entries from each school are limited to only the best of the qualified submissions.

First-year art student Anna Walsh received an honorable mention for an acrylic painting.

Junior Faith Patterson received a Silver Key award for a linoleum block print.

Senior McKenna Kummer received a Silver Key for a large acrylic painting.

Sophomore Dom Cardile received Meeker's first Scholastic Gold Key Award for a black and white digital photograph. The work was displayed in the History Colorado State Historical Society Center in Denver. Cardile is one of only three students from Western Colorado to receive the prestigious Gold Key, with the two others being from Palisade and Fruita Monument high schools. As a Colorado champion, Cardile's work has been sent to the National Competition, where it is being juried with results pending.

March is Youth Art Month (YAM) and MHS artists have three creations in the second floor of the Colorado State Capitol building from March 17-25. YAM flags were created by Jake Henderson, Amanda Begaye and Nishiko Thelen.

The students traveled to Denver as a part of the Janus Student Art-buying program at the Cherry Creek Art Festival. They also enjoyed the Denver Art Museum which was a first

time experience for many students.

Community service projects performed by MHS art students include working with elementary school students on art projects. They also provide philanthropic projects to help HopeWest health center including gingerbread houses and pumpkin carving, and they may be assisting with the new Heritage Culture Center creative designs. The students also contribute their talents to create signage and advertisements for the Rio Blanco County Fairgrounds events.

Most of the student work is submitted to the largest international online student art gallery, "Artonia." Visit [www.artsonia.com](http://www.artsonia.com) and enter "Meeker" to see local entries. Artonia is also a progress-monitoring tool that provides a digital portfolio for each student.

Students may make statements and write about their work. Family, friends and community members can subscribe to receive automatic email notifications when a student's work is published online and can also purchase artwork online. Sales also result in a percentage contribution directly to MHS.

Quinn's vision for the future of the fine arts programs is to "empower students through creativity and critical thinking that the arts offer."

He said he hopes that funding may permit hiring faculty for an elementary and middle school fine arts program to enrich students and encourage their interests to participate in the high school program. Youths who learn such talents very early in life experience extraordinary development of creative abilities while their neurological systems are still in early stage development, he said.

Quinn said that a priceless benefit for students participating in fine arts and performing arts is enhancement of talents and abilities in other core curriculum programs such as science, technology, math, engineering, composition and even sports.

He said he also envisions students going out in the community using art to help beautify and contribute artistically to the community, to help students really share with the world through their eyes, and to become creative problem solvers.



Four Meeker High School students traveled with instructor Ben Quinn to Denver recently, where they were honored for being state art competition winners. From left to right are: Dom Cardile, McKenna Kummer, Faith Patterson and Anna Walsh.

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## MHS Drama Club to present 'Schoolhouse Rock Live! JR'

*Special to the Herald Times*

**MEEKER** I The Meeker High School Drama Club and International Thespian Society Troupe No. 1284 will present the hilarious musical "Schoolhouse Rock Live! JR" on April 10 and 11.

The club will present the musical beginning at 7 p.m. on both days at the Meeker High School auditorium.

The Emmy-Award-winning 1970s-era Saturday morning educational cartoon series and pop culture phenomenon is now the basis for one of the most fun and memorable musicals ever to hit the stage. It is presented by special arrangement with Music Theater International with lyrics by Tom Yohe, music by Tom Yohe and

the book by Scott Ferguson and Kyle Hall.

Cast members include Sam Baylie as "George," McKenna Kummer as "Dori," Sena Zellers as "Shulie," Layton Bair as "Joe," Sarah Gerloff as "Dina," and Shana Holliday as "Tina the Teacher."

Chorus members include Savanna May, Annalise Amack, Mason Holliday and Sidney Main.

Crew members include Michael Beck, the sound designer and technician and Cody Woodward, the lighting designer and technician. Directors are Gary Zellers and Laurie Zellers, and technical director is Bob Amick.

In "Schoolhouse Rock Live! JR," we meet Tina, a young teacher as she anxiously prepares for her first day of

school.

Attempting to calm her fears, she turns on the television to find the educational cartoon show we all know and love, "Schoolhouse Rock," playing. Tina gets drawn in and soon the teacher is sucked into the television show. We meet a slew of colorful personalities as the entire company tries to comfort her and prepare her for the first day.

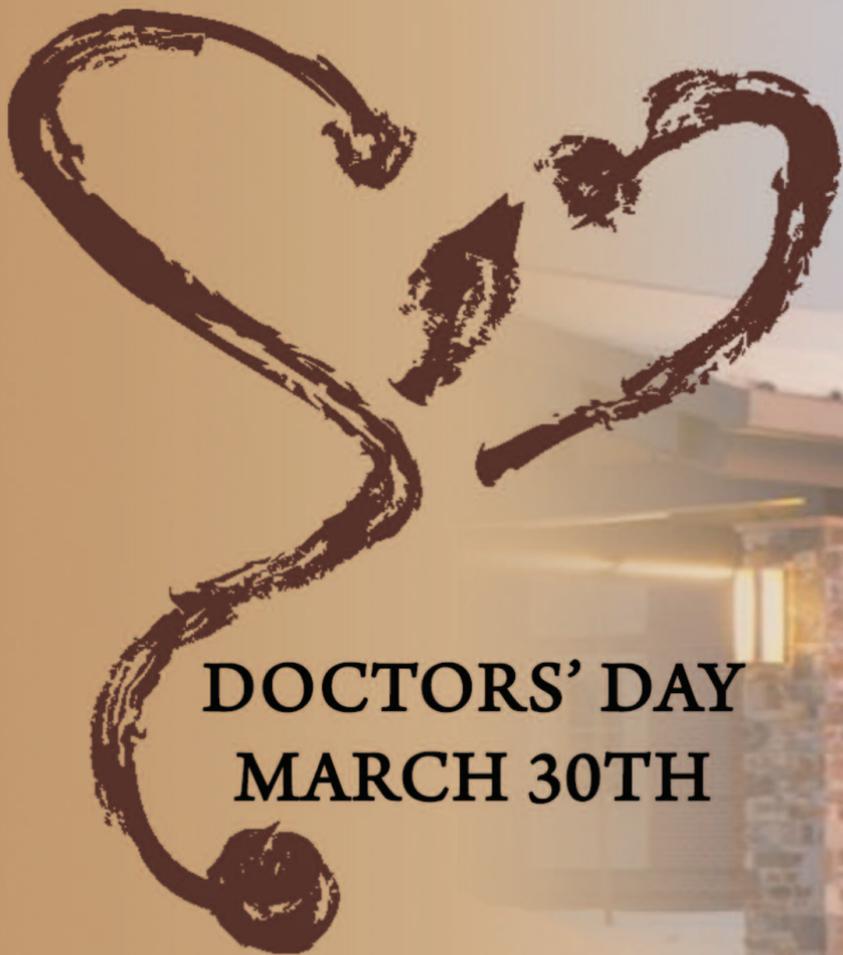
Memorable songs that bring Tina's lesson plans to life include "Conjunction Junction," "Lolly, Lolly, Lolly" and "Just a Bill."

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Paula Cooper, formerly of Rio Blanco County, went through the Rio Blanco County 4-H program and honed her skills at sheep shearing during her 4-H years. She is currently in Italy at the FIS Freestyle Junior World Ski Championships in Valmalenco, Italy. Above, Paula (No. 3) is standing atop one of the mountains in Italy, skiing with fellow athletes. Below, Paula is shearing sheep the old fashioned way in the Italian village of Valmalenco.



## Brothers wrestle at Rocky Mountain Nationals; Shelton represents Colorado

By **BOBBY GUTIERREZ**  
Special to the Herald Times

**MEEKER** I Many brothers from Meeker, related by blood and wrestling, spent the first weekend of their spring break wrestling at the Rocky Mountain Nationals held in Denver.

Cade Blunt won the gold medal in his bracket, and his brother, Connor, finished second.

The Rio Blanco High School baseball teams played a doubleheader on Tuesday at Paintbrush Park in Meeker and the Cowboys won both games against Rangely. Meeker won the first game 12-2 and the teams were tied in the fourth inning at five before freshman Logan Hughes hit a triple and slid home safely after being batted in by senior Abrahm Gaeta. The Cowboys are currently 2-2 and will host Paonia on Saturday. The Panthers will play in Cedaredge on Saturday, looking for their first win of the season.

BOBBY GUTIERREZ



Meeker's three-time state champion T.J. Shelton finished second in the 170-pound bracket, and his brother, Jake, placed fifth, as did Tevin Pelloni.

The Pellonis made it a family affair, as brothers Jacob and Tristin also wrestled.

Kelton Turner finished fourth and he wrestled on the same mats as his older brother, Casey.

Kylloe and Ty Goedert also wrestled but did not place, nor did

Sheridan Harvey, Hunter Garcia, Chase Rule, Robby Jensen, Devon Pontine and Tannen Kennedy, who is currently going to school in the Denver area.

T.J. Shelton was selected to wrestle on Team Colorado in the National High School team duals held in Indiana next week. This will be the third time Shelton has been chosen to represent his state in the 170-pound weight class.

## CNCC rodeo team fares well in Utah, hosts Spartan Showdown

By **JED MOORE**  
Special to the Herald Times

**RANGELY** I The CNCC Rodeo Team has been busy. On both ends of spring break, members of the team competed in regional rodeos at Heber City, Utah, and Ogden, Utah. Those events were in preparation for the two-day Spartan Showdown this weekend at home.

At the UVU Rodeo in Heber City, the ladies took center stage. Eight of the nine Spartan girls qualified for the championship round, a first in team history.

All four of the goat-tying specialists earned regional points with Josie Moody winning the short go-round.

Other CNCC standouts were Taylor Duzik, who placed third in team roping with partner Jeremiah Fat and break-away roper Karlee Worthen winning the short go and placing second overall.

The men's rodeo team struggled a bit with Colton Onyett standing out with his fourth-place finish in bare-

back riding, and Tyler Stueve placed fourth in bull riding.

Team roping hand Brody Adams, roping with CNCC graduate Clay Crozier, placed first in the first round but failed to record a time in the short go.

In Ogden at the Golden Spike Arena, a favorite location for CNCC competitors, there were great results on the men's and women's teams.

Three out of four of our goat-tiers qualified for the short round with freshman Ashley Farrington leading the way. Two-sport athlete Jacey Schlegel won the first round of breakaway roping and placed third overall.

Sophomore Adams continued his spring hot streak by winning the short round and the average in the tie-down roping as well as placing third in the team roping.

With their team roping results, Adams and partner Clay Crozier moved into the lead in the team roping standings for the Rocky Mountain region with 2 rodeos to go.

Bareback rider Dax Koskie placed second in the first round of bareback riding, and bull riding standout Colby Demo won the first round of bull riding.

This weekend brings the team to the third annual Spartan Showdown Rodeo at Columbine Park in Rangely.

There will be 10 colleges from three states and almost 300 contestants vying for regional points to qualify for the College National Finals.

There will be performances Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m. with a slack performance Saturday at 10 a.m.

Events include bull riding, bareback and saddle bronc riding, tie-down roping, steer wrestling, team roping, barrel racing, goat tying and breakaway roping.

Adult tickets are \$10; tickets for children and students are \$5. Children 3 and under get in free.

The Showdown is hosted by the CNCC Rodeo Team. For more information, call 675-3259.



BOBBY GUTIERREZ

Three Meeker High School girls' basketball players—Sydney Hughes, Reese Pertile, Megan Parker—and their coach, Greg Chintala, were recently honored by the Western Slope League and state coaches associations. Senior Sydney Hughes was named the Player of the Year for the Western Slope League and was also selected to play in two all-state games, the Colorado Coaches of Girls Sports game played two weeks ago and the Colorado High School Coaches Association's all-state game to be played in June. Coach Chintala was chosen to coach the team. Hughes led the team in scoring, assists, steals and was second in rebounding to Pertile, who, along with Parker, was honorably mentioned by the Western Slope League.

## Harvey, Rifle Gap parks open

By **SEAN McMAHON**  
sean@theheraldtimes.com

**RBC** I Colorado Parks and Wildlife opened Harvey Gap and Rifle Gap state parks to boating on Wednesday. Water lovers are invited to enjoy two of the most popular parks in western Colorado, where people can fish, hike, bike and enjoy a variety of water-based outdoor recreation. Rifle Gap also offers a variety of camping options.

The clear water of Rifle Gap Reservoir attracts water-skiers, jet-skiers and boaters and also offers great conditions for sailing.

Harvey Gap is a great lake for small boats of 20 horsepower or less. Sailing and canoeing are popular, too.

"Fishing and boating are great here, and we look forward to a great season," said Park Manager Brian Palcer. "But before you head out, we strongly recommend that you pay attention to a few things that will help keep you safe and legal."

Colorado Parks and Wildlife reminds boaters that attention to safety and responsibility on the water is required from all partici-

pants at all times.

"Before launching, be sure your vessel is registered, check that all of the required safety gear is on board and in good condition, and remember that alcohol and boating do not mix," Palcer said.

"A fun day on the water can turn tragic very quickly if you're not taking safety into consideration," he said. "We will be out every day to make sure people are following the rules so that everyone can have a fun time."

Palcer reminds boaters to always have the basic required gear, including personal flotation devices, a sound producing device, fire extinguisher, navigation lights and a current boat registration with visible registration numbers placed on the watercraft.

Colorado boating regulations require that all children under the age of 13 wear a life jacket at all times while on the water.

For more information about required equipment and boating regulations, pick up the latest regulations brochure at your local park visitor center, also available online at [www.cpw.state.co.us/Documents/B](http://www.cpw.state.co.us/Documents/B)

oating/BoatingRegulations.pdf

Throughout the year, Colorado Parks and Wildlife patrols the state's water to provide assistance and enforce boating laws. The public is encouraged to contact a park ranger for help at any time.

"We can even perform a free equipment inspection to make sure you have what you need and that it's in good shape," said Palcer. "Just let us know how we can help."

In addition to safety, Colorado Parks and Wildlife is continuing its efforts to prevent the spread of harmful, aquatic nuisance species. Boaters are urged to do their part to help prevent the spread of zebra and quagga mussels, among other invaders, into state waterways.

Boats can be inspected at Harvey Gap and Rifle Gap reservoirs during the following times:

May 1 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., and May 16 from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Anyone wishing to boat outside of the above inspection 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 prior to launch.



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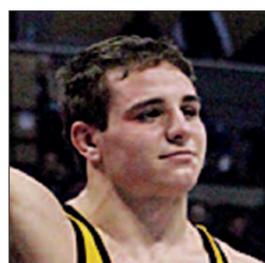
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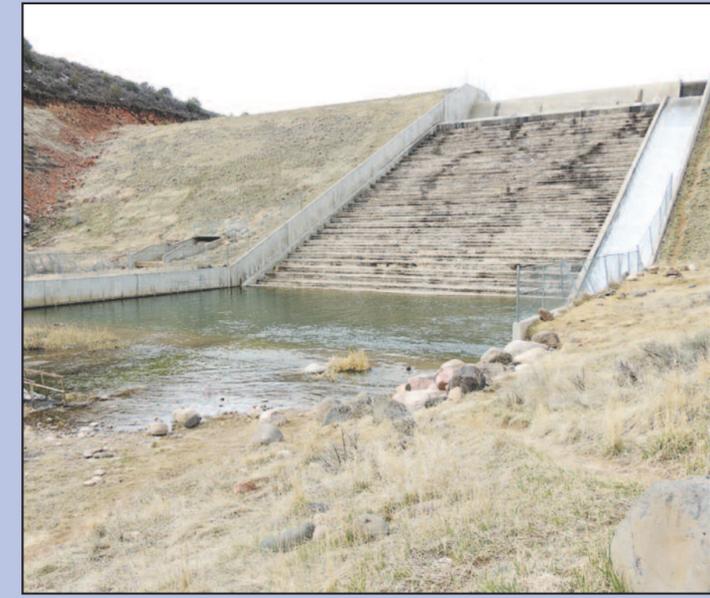
### KELTON ELAM Rangely High School Baseball

It is early in the season for the Rangely High School boys' baseball team, but as early as it is, Kelton Elam has emerged as the leading hitter so far for the Panthers. The RHS team has high hopes as the season gets into full swing following spring break.



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

With his weekend wrestling at the Rocky Mountain Nationals in Denver, Meeker High School wrestler T.J. Shelton was selected to wrestle on Team Colorado at the National High School Team Duals held in Indiana next week. This will be the third time Shelton has been chosen to represent Colorado in the 170-pound weight class.



SEAN MCMAHON  
What a difference 100 feet makes. Above is the Lake Avery spillway, which is running high into the concrete pond at the bottom of the spillway, where the water is overflowing and rushing toward the White River. Meanwhile, up on lake itself, some ice remains, but there is now open water between the shore and the ice on the lake.

## Rangely memorial blood drive Friday

By HEATHER ZADRA  
Special to the Herald Times

**RANGELY** Each year has something to teach Ian and Kathy Kottenstette.

This year, the fifth anniversary of their infant daughter Makayla Jane's passing, the lesson has felt especially hard. March 23 would have been a special birthday; a time to celebrate the approach of summer, school in the fall and the unfurling of a small life just beginning to bloom.

Instead, the Kottenstettes remember who Makayla was for the four days they had her, before complications from volvulus, a twisting of the intestine, took her from them.

They continue their healing process via an annual blood drive in her name, one that has garnered more than 9 gallons of blood donated by 157 donors in the five years it has existed.

On Friday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., donors and supporters will gather again at the Colorado Northwestern Community College Weiss Center parking lot to add to that number.

For the Kottenstettes, the difficulty of this anniversary is balanced by the importance of donation to those who benefit from blood transfusions. It's also a way to pay forward the pre-

cious time Kathy and Ian had with Makayla, thanks in part to a blood transfusion she received.

"Blood is something that a lot of people get that isn't really talked about," Kathy Kottenstette said. "People get transfusions for so many reasons ... To have a little bit of a hand in helping touch or save someone else's life, or to help someone else be here longer because someone was selfless enough to give ... that's what this is about."

As the Kottenstettes relearn the lesson of losing Makayla each year, they learn afresh the beauty that a community of support has to offer. From loved ones braving donations despite their fear of needles to old friends showing up unexpectedly to give blood, the couple continues to be touched by Rangely's care of its own.

They're also surprised at how the drive has opened up opportunities for others to share their stories.

"Some people donate because they have friends or family or someone they know who have also lost a child," Kathy Kottenstette said.

"Sometimes they give to remember a child. Now people are willing to share and open that piece of themselves."

It's also a powerful reminder that care and empathy for others can bloom from loss.

"As people have come out of the woodwork and shared these stories, it's made me have a different compassion for people," she said. "You never know someone else's story."

Donors at Friday's Makayla Jane Kottenstette Memorial Blood Drive can come during open hours or reserve a time by calling 970-261-4626. Those who can't attend and want to give blood in Makayla's name can contact the St. Mary's Regional Blood Bank in Grand Junction at 970-298-2555 or, on the Front Range, request a donation in her name at any Bonfils Blood Center.

To determine whether you are eligible to donate blood at this time, visit [www.bonfils.org](http://www.bonfils.org) and click on the "Am I eligible to donate?" button for a list of guidelines.

## Art competition deadline is April 15

Special to the Herald Times

**RBC** The deadline is rapidly approaching for students to complete their submissions for the Third District Congressional Art Competition. Students in grades nine through 12 who attend school (or homeschool) in the Third District are eligible to participate.

Participants should complete their entries and deliver or mail them to Congressman Scott Tipton's local office by April 15.

Students can mail their submissions to the Office of Congressman Scott Tipton, 503 N. Main St., Pueblo, Colo., 81003. Submissions can also be delivered in person to the nearest local 3rd Congressional District office location.

For additional information on submitting artwork to the competition and for forms required with the submissions, please visit: [tipton.house.gov/serving-you/art-competition](http://tipton.house.gov/serving-you/art-competition)

All submitted artwork will be put on display in Pueblo from April 20 to

May 5. All entrants will receive a certificate of participation signed by U.S. Rep. Scott Tipton. First, second and third places will receive awards and there will be honorable mentions for other submissions.

For additional questions regarding submissions, please contact Brenda Felmlee, Third Congressional District Art Competition liaison, at 719-587-5105, or email: [Brenda.Felmlee@mail.house.gov](mailto:Brenda.Felmlee@mail.house.gov).

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# VA to amend 40-mile rule for veterans needing health care

Special to the Herald Times

**WASHINGTON, D.C. |** The Department of Veterans' Affairs (VA) announced Tuesday it will alter its "40-mile rule" to improve access to health care for veterans living in rural areas.

The announcement follows U.S. Sen. Michael Bennet's request that the VA re-examine the rule's application and update it. The VA's new rule will allow more veterans who would have to travel more than 40 miles to a VA medical facility to access non-VA

community care, which was Congress' intent when it passed the Veterans Choice Act.

"Our goal is to make health care more accessible and available to our veterans, and it should be as simple, convenient and easy as possible," Bennet said. "This is a common-sense change that will help Colorado's veterans who live in rural communities. Along with this step, there's more we can do to ease access to care for them. We'll continue to work in Congress and with the VA to ensure our veterans receive timely care when they need it."

Last July, Congress passed the Veterans' Choice Act, which permits veterans to access non-VA community care if they live more than 40 miles from a VA medical facility or their wait time for an appointment is more than 30 days. Currently, the VA measures the distance between a veteran's home and a VA facility using the straight-line distance, which may not accurately account for the distance traveled, particularly for Colorado's veterans who may have to travel around mountainous terrain. The new rule would require the VA to begin using the driving dis-

tance for a veteran.

During the Senate Finance Committee's consideration of the Hire More Heroes Act, Bennet offered two amendments to address the 40-mile rule.

The first amendment would change the way that 40 miles is measured to account for the actual distance traveled, rather than the straight-line distance between the veteran and the VA medical center.

A second amendment would allow veterans to access non-VA care if they live within 40 miles from a VA facility but the services

they require are not offered at that VA facility. Bennet is also a cosponsor of the Veterans Access to Community Care Act, which would address both issues.

Although the VA was able to update the geographic straight line application of the rule, the agency said it would take a legislative fix to allow veterans to access non-VA care if they live within 40 miles of a VA medical facility but the care or service they require is not offered.

Bennet will continue to press for that change.

## Local oil, gas amendment released

Special to the Herald Times

**RBC |** The Bureau of Land Management on Friday released its Proposed Oil and Gas Amendment to the White River Field Office Resource Management Plan, which will help guide oil and gas development in northwestern Colorado's Piceance Basin for the next 20 years.

The proposed plan advances the Dinosaur Trail Master Leasing Plan, a targeted planning effort aimed at minimizing impacts to the nearby Dinosaur National Monument and other resources.

The proposed amendment outlines a number of progressive mitigation measures to reduce impacts of increased oil and gas production across 1.7 million acres of leaseable federal minerals in Rio Blanco County, southern Moffat County, and a small part of northern Garfield County.

"We have world class oil and gas resources under world class wildlife habitat, and this plan provides unique solutions to manage both of those resources," said Kent Walter, BLM White River Field Office Manager in

Meeker.

The majority of minerals administered by the White River Field Office are already leased for oil and gas development. The Proposed Plan Amendment uses an incentive-based approach to minimize the amount of surface disturbance and disruption to wildlife.

"With today's technology, oil and gas operators are drilling multiple wells on each well pad through directional drilling, which helps concentrate development in specific areas, leaving larger blocks of habitat undisturbed," Walter said. "Operators who work with us to keep disturbance below specified thresholds will be eligible for exceptions to limitations on the time of year drilling is allowed."

The Proposed Plan Amendment includes the 422,600-acre Dinosaur Trail Master Leasing Plan, which identifies a strategic plan for leasing and development in the northwestern corner of the field office. The Master Leasing Plan includes a phased leasing approach and a number of specific stipulations to minimize impacts to sensitive resources, including Dinosaur National Monument.

The Proposed Plan Amendment is a blend of the four alternatives analyzed in the Draft EIS released in 2012.

The BLM analyzed the impacts associated with the potential development of more than 15,000 oil and gas wells drilled on 1,100 well pads over the next 20 years in the Proposed Plan Amendment. That level of development could yield more than 7.5 trillion cubic feet of natural gas—enough to heat 7.5 million homes for 15 years—and lead to a net increase of more than 10,000 jobs in northwestern Colorado.

The Proposed Plan Amendment also identifies 137,650 acres to be managed for wilderness characteristics, in addition to the 82,800 acres already designated as Wilderness Study Areas.

The Proposed Plan Amendment was announced in the Federal Register on Friday, which begins a 30-day public protest period ending April 27 as well as a 60-day governor's consistency review. The BLM expects to release a final decision later this year.

The Proposed Plan Amendment and associated EIS can be found at: [www.blm.gov/co/st/en/fo/wrfo.html](http://www.blm.gov/co/st/en/fo/wrfo.html).

## RHS prom April 11; tickets on sale now

**RANGELY |** Tickets for the Rangely High School Junior/Senior Prom are now on sale. The prom will be held April 11 at the Rangely Junior/Senior High School auditorium. Tickets are on sale through April 9 and will cost \$30 for single tickets and \$50 per couple. Photos will be taken at 7 p.m. in the auditorium, the grand march will take place at 8 p.m. and the dance starts at 9 p.m.

## Brush fire threatens power line

By DOC WATSON  
Special to the Herald Times

**MEEKER |** Potential calamity was averted when John Wix successfully extinguished a fire Friday evening that had ignited a utility pole, threatening the power lines overhead.

Wix was burning grass and cattails in the ditch along east Market Street when the flammable creosote used in power poles caught fire. Coal tar creosote, the most common type used in the United States, is a gummy and extremely combustible substance, produced when coal is heated to produce coke, a cleaner burning form of coal. It is used to preserve not only utility poles, but also railroad ties, lumber and other

materials.

Just to show how such things can quickly get out of hand, Wix recounted, "I was watching it but it just (happened). I try to pre-burn around those kinds of things because they are so volatile."

He had already pre-burned around a telephone box, but the other situation just got away from him, a common situation this time of year.

Wix's neighbor, Deby Merriam, was also on the scene lending a hand and observed, "Those poles are pretty new, only about a year-and-a-half old, and there was still a lot of creosote (on the outside)."

The same thing happened to Merriam just two years ago, she said, adding that she learned from her experience. With a little chuckle she

said, "I raked the grass away from my pole. I'm not doing this again."

The Meeker Fire Department responded quickly, although, fortunately, Wix had already extinguished the fire, which had climbed about halfway up the pole to within five feet of the power lines.

Merriam also said Wix "Used to have an old fire truck out here, but he just sold it to Rich (Merriam). Rich is going to refurbish it."

Rich Merriam was one of the firefighters on the scene. He soaked the pole with water and checked it carefully to make sure it had sufficiently cooled.

With the tense moment in the past, Wix said to everyone present, "Sorry to interrupt everybody's dinner."

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# HOSPITAL: New facility to open in June

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associated costs to the patient and family when they are forced to travel 75 to 100 miles for necessary care.”

Through medical staff input, patient feedback and community focus groups, PMC has identified several areas to improve and/or establish better access to local care, meet American Disability Act requirements and respond to evolving community needs, including:

■ Flexible, private rooms adaptable to address unique needs like isolation, bariatric or hospice care. The current hospital rooms are not ADA accessible; wheelchairs do not fit in the bathrooms. Two rooms will be designed to better accommodate a patient needing a longer stay or an end-of-life care. Currently, only one or two people can comfortably fit in a room to visit a patient. The larger and well-furnished rooms will accommodate families in order for them to be with their loved one. Two other rooms are equipped for isolation care (Flu, MRSA, TB, etc.) as well as bariatric care

■ Physical and occupational therapy resources such as kitchen and bathroom learning centers, transitional care beds and stroke recovery support. After a stroke, long illness or surgery, many patients need physical therapy to help them regain their strength. The new rehabilitation department will have an Activities of Daily Living (ADL) area that houses a small kitchen, laundry setting and bathroom. It will provide the therapy to help patients gain strength and return home. Additionally, it will provide restorative therapy for nursing home resident in order for those residents to have maximum independence;

■ Improved outpatient treatment, including chemotherapy, pain management, infusion care and surgical recovery options. Meeker has experienced a growing number of cancer patients, need for arthroscopic surgery and chronic disease care in the past two years. Patients are currently referred to Valley View Hospital or St. Mary’s

Hospital, each at least an hour away. PMC and Valley View Hospital are partnering to develop a chemo and infusion-therapy program in Meeker. This partnership will allow certain cancer treatments to be administered in Meeker.

“We are very excited about this partnership,” Harman said. “We believe it meets a sadly growing need, and it is fantastic to have the expertise of Valley View on our team.”

■ Surgery care is being expanded, and Dr. Kevin Borchard is joining the team to provide orthopedic surgeries in Meeker. PMC’s Surgery Care offers a variety of outpatient services as abdominal surgeries, mastectomy, hernias (laparoscopic and open), endoscopies (EGD and colonoscopy), laparoscopic (gallbladder and appendix), tonsillectomy, dermatology and liver biopsies, surgical care and same-day recovery;

■ An expanded Meeker Family Health Center will offer additional exam rooms, three procedure rooms and dedicated pediatric resources. Due to the limited number of exam rooms, the Family Health Center is only capable of seeing 45 patients a day. Additional exam rooms will increase the capability of the center to see 70 to 80 patients a day, increasing access and timeliness. The new clinic will have 14 exam rooms and three procedure rooms (used for skin lesions and minor procedures.) The center will now have a designated pediatric clinic staffed by our own local family medicine physician, with specialty training in pediatrics and adolescent medicine. The clinic will offer the most up-to-date developmental screenings and guidance recommended by the American Academy of Pediatricians (AAP) and follows the gold standard for pediatric and adolescent care. The physicians at the center have partnered with Rocky Mountain Youth Clinic to develop a pediatrics program for Meeker;

■ A redesigned Walbridge Memorial Wing (skilled nursing home) to help aging members of our community stay in a comfortable,

home-like environment with private rooms, multiple living and gathering spaces, and new cooking and gardening options. Currently the skilled nursing facility is 50 years old with community showers and shared rooms. Having private rooms will help patients maintain independence longer and create more of a home-like environment. Private rooms also help minimize infection and germs being shared from one person to another.

**Why does Meeker need a new hospital?**

Pioneers Medical Center is the only healthcare facility within 40 miles. It serves more than 3,500 residents, visitors and workforce members.

After more than six decades, the current facility needs to be replaced in order to be in compliance with current standards of care, patient safety and to meet ADA standards. Additionally, we recognize that having to travel an hour or more for healthcare increases the overall cost to patients and adds burdens to family and friends acting as caregivers.

Having a modern facility with modern technology will set the stage for quality local health care for future decades. This facility and the proposed new services are preparing Pioneers Medical Center to develop strategic partnerships (e.g. Valley View Hospital for chemo/infusion therapy and cardiology care, or HealthONE for Pediatrics and Stroke Care with Swedish Medical Center). Additionally, health care becomes a great asset in the community for attracting economic activity.

The basic approach to sustaining healthcare is to: 1) Recognize the declining assessed valuations in our county, and 2) Provide local healthcare that meet the needs of our residents and creates a diverse portfolio of revenues.

“We anticipated the declining assessed valuation when developing the finance plan for the construction,” Harman said. “Secondly, the new services mentioned will help meet community members’ needs, as well as create diversity in our revenues.”



SEAN MCMAHON

Visitors and patients who walk in will be greeted with a large lobby in the center of the front of the new Pioneers Medical Center. Another feature will be an enlarged clinic, which will feature 14 rooms compared to only nine rooms at the current facility, and there will be a number of expanded services. In the photo are Margie Joy, far right, and Drew Variand, right.

## Gardening classes set for CNCC-Meeker

Special to the Herald Times

**MEEKER** If you can’t wait to dig in the dirt, Rocky Mountain Gardening is the class for you.

Dianne Wall will be teaching a series of three classes beginning April 13-27 at the CNCC Meeker Center, located at 345 Sixth St. There are two possible times for the classes, either 9

to 11 a.m. or 6 to 8 p.m.

The class focus will be on designs for pretty yards with flowers, herbs and veggies for small areas or greenhouses in the Rocky Mountains. Part of the class will be learning the basics of pressing garden flowers to make creative works of art.

Students will design an art piece from pressed flowers to take home.

Find a friend and come enjoy gardening in the spring!

Call 878-5227 for more information or to get on a class list, or stop by the CNCC Meeker Center at 345 Sixth Street on Tuesday or Wednesday to register for the class.

Registrations may be mailed to CNCC, P.O. Box 1542, Meeker or by email to iris.franklin@cncc.edu.

## Prescribed burns scheduled for area southwest of Meeker

Special to the Herald Times

**RBC** Fire managers from the Northwest Colorado Fire Management Unit are planning to burn 550 acres of sagebrush in the next couple of weeks if weather and air quality conditions are favorable.

The project is located approximately 25 miles southwest of Meeker near the junction of Rio Blanco County roads 29 and 87 on Bureau of Land Management land. The project is anticipated to last two to three days depending on weather and fuel conditions.

The purpose of the prescribed burn is to reduce the potential for large-scale wildfires by reducing the amount of live and dead fuel accumulation, resulting in lower intensity wildfires and create age diversity in the sagebrush community producing a mosaic growth pattern.

Smoke will be visible from local county roads during the implementation of burning operations.

Weather and fuel-moisture conditions will be closely monitored, and the burn will only be initiated if conditions are ideal and allow for safe and efficient operations. Each prescribed burn conducted by the Northwest Colorado Fire Management Unit has a detailed fire plan developed in advance, along with appropriate smoke permits obtained from the State of Colorado.

The Northwest Colorado Fire Management Unit is an interagency organization that manages wildfires in Rio Blanco, Moffat, Routt, Jackson and Grand counties.

Cooperating agencies include the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Bureau of Land Management, the Colorado Division of Fire Prevention and Control, and the above-mentioned counties.

Please contact Kyle Frary, Fire Management Specialist, at 970-878-3862 for more information.

### Meeker woman earns nursing degree from WGU

**MEEKER** Lisa Piper of Meeker has earned her bachelor of science in nursing from Western Governors University.

The university held its 28th semi-annual commencement ceremony in Orlando on Feb. 7 and celebrated the graduation of more than 6,700 graduates. Graduates reside in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, as well as Armed Forces personnel stationed overseas.

Chairman and CEO of Capella Hotel Group, Horst Schulze, delivered the commencement address. Established in 1997 by a bipartisan group of U.S. governors with a mission to expand access to high-quality, affordable higher education, WGU is the pioneer and leader in competency-based education.

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**Tues. Apr. 7** - Turkey Wrap, Pasta Salad, Apple Slices, Fruit Dip, Mayonnaise, Milk

**Wed. Apr. 8** - Choice Day, Ground Beef Stroganoff, Yogurt Special, Fresh Garden Salad, Ranch Dressing, Fruit, Milk

**Thurs. Apr. 9** - Homemade Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Canned Peaches, Chocolate Chip Cookie, Milk

**RANGELY School Lunch Menu**

**WEEK OF APR. 6-9, 2015**

**Mon. Apr. 6** - BBQ Chicken, Hot Roll, Fruit/Veggie Bar, Milk/Water

**Tues. Apr. 7** - Ham Slice, Mac 'n' Cheese, Fruit/Veggie Bar, Milk/Water

**Wed. Apr. 8** - Pizza, Fruit/Veggie Bar, Milk/Water

**Thurs. Apr. 9** - Pulled Pork Sandwich, French Fries, Fruit/Veggie Bar, Milk/Water

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### LEGAL NOTICES

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
Estate James Robert Craig, a/k/a James R. Craig, a/k/a James Craig

Case Number: 15PR30003  
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 27, 2015, or the claims may be forever barred.  
Lorraine A. Craig  
Personal Representative  
793 Sunset Drive South  
Minnetonka, MN 55305  
Publish: March 26, April 2, & April 9, 2015  
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**MEEKER SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1 Board of Education Special Meeting Friday, April 3, 2015**  
Central Office, 555 Garfield Street  
3:30 p.m. Board Preparation  
4:00 p.m. Superintendent Interviews  
**AGENDA**

1. Pledge of Allegiance: Mr. DeVergie will lead the Pledge of Allegiance
  2. Interview: Superintendent Candidates
  3. Executive Session: Personnel Matters
  4. Other
  5. Adjournment
- Published: March 26 & April 2, 2015  
Rio Blanco Herald Times

**MEEKER SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1 Board of Education Regular Meeting Tuesday, April 7, 2015**  
Central Office - 555 Garfield Street  
Tuesday, April 7, 2015  
7:00 p.m.

- AGENDA**
1. Call to Order and Roll Call
  2. Pledge of Allegiance: Ms. Burke will lead the Pledge of Allegiance
  3. Approval of Agenda
  4. Approval of the Minutes from the Special Board Meeting March 17, 2015

### ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS

- SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**
1. Recognitions/Celebrations
  2. Superintendent Interview Report
  3. New Hospital Tour Report/Special Meeting-April 21, 5:30 p.m.
  4. Pool Property Report
  5. Sale of New Eden Resolution
  6. Certified/Classified Report

- ACTION ITEMS**
- A. Consideration of Action Items for a Blanket Motion
  - B. Approval of Superintendent Contract
  - C. Approval of Special Meeting
  - D. Approval of New Eden Resolution
  - E. Approval of Certified/Classified Report

### OTHER BOE INFORMATION

**ADJOURNMENT**  
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### LEGAL NOTICES

**TOWN OF MEEKER BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
Tuesday April 7, 2015  
5:30 P.M. Special Invitation Board and Staff Tour of PMC Facility  
7:00 P.M. Regular Scheduled Board Meeting

- 345 Market Street, Meeker, CO
- I. Call to Order
  - A. Pledge of Allegiance
  - II. Roll Call
  - III. Approval of the Agenda
  - IV. Approval of the Previous Minutes
  - V. Approval of Monthly Disbursements
  - VI. Public Participation
  - A. Public Hearing Items (7:15pm)
  - B. Award Crack Seal Bid
  - VII. New Business:

- A. Meeker Housing Authority Appointment
  - Elyse Ackerman Casselberry-DOLA Representative (updates)
  - VIII. Mayor's remarks
  - IX. Town Manager's Report
  - X. Other Board Business
- Adjournment  
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### PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given of the filing of Permit Revision 04 (PR-04) to the Colowoy Coal Mine Permit No. C-1981-019, by Colowoy Coal Company L.P., 5731 State Highway 13, Meeker, CO. 81641, with the Colorado Division Reclamation Mining and Safety, Colorado Department of Natural Resources, 1313 Sherman Street, Suite 215, Denver, Colorado 80203. PR-04 proposes updates to the Colowoy Mine expansion area to reflect changes to the mine plan, a reconfiguration of the temporary out of pit stockpile, proposed sediment control measures including additional sediment pond locations, a new facilities layout, and revisions to the permit boundary. Lands to be affected by this Permit Revision are owned by Colowoy Coal Company L.P., the State of Colorado and the Bureau of Land Management and are located approximately 28 miles south of Craig, Colorado, west of Colorado State Highway 13 and west of Moffat County Road 51.

The affected area can be located on U.S. Geological Survey 7.5-minute quadrangle map Nos. N4015-W10745/7.5 (Axial, Colorado) and N4007.5-W10745/7.5 (Nine-mile Gap, Colorado), 40107 C8-TF-024 (Easton Gulch, Colorado) and N4007.5-W10752.5/7.5 (Devils Hole Gulch, Colorado) and is more particularly described as follows: All or portions of Sections 2-6, 7-11, 14-22, and 28-30 of Township 3 North, Range 93 West, all or portions of Sections 13, 15-18, 20-24, 26-30, and 31-34 of Township 4 North, Range 93, all or portions of Sections 1-3, 10-12, and 14-15 of Township 3 North, Range 94 West, and all or portions of Sections 12, 13, 18, 23-27, and 34-36 of Township 4 North, Range 94 West of the 6th P.M., Moffat County and Rio Blanco County, Colorado.

A precise description of the Permit Boundary can be found in Volume 2A, Exhibit 1, Item 12 of the permit document and is included herein by reference.  
A copy of the application for this Permit Revision is on file at the Moffat County Clerk and Recorder's

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Office in the Moffat County Courthouse located at 221 West Victory Way, Craig, Colorado, 81625 and the Rio Blanco County Clerk and Recorder's Office in the Rio Blanco Courthouse located at 555 Main Street #303, Meeker, CO, 8164. Questions concerning this Permit Revision should be directed to Tony Tennyson, Senior Environmental Engineer at Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association Inc., at (970) 824-1232. Any person having an interest concerning this Permit Revision has the right to provide written comments or objections to the Colorado Division Reclamation Mining and Safety at the address noted above. Comments to the Division must be made within 30 days after the final publication of this notice.  
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### INVITATION TO BID

You are hereby invited to bid for the construction of the Town of Meeker Paving Project: 3rd St, 5th St, Cedar St, & Pine St. This construction project includes the rotomill and overlay of approximately 7,550 linear feet of roadway. 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 April 3rd, 2015 from the offices of Mountain Cross Engineering, Inc. (970-945-5544) or at the Meeker Town Hall (970-878-5344) for a deposit of \$35. The deposit will be refunded if the set is returned in good condition. A mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held at the Meeker Town Hall, 345 Market Street, on Thursday, April 9th, 2015, at 10:00 a.m. Send or deliver the Bid Proposals to Meeker Town Hall, 345 Market Street, Meeker, CO 81641 by 3:00 p.m., Friday, April 17th, 2014. 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. The Bid Proposals and Bid Security should be placed in an envelope, securely sealed and labeled "Bid for Paving Project". Plans, specifications and contract documents should be returned with the bid. Performance and Payment Bonds are required.

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 Personnel Policy and Procedure Manual, including but not limited to the Contract-Award-Preference section, which is incorporated herein by this reference and made a part of this "Invitation to Bid." Contact Russ Overton with the Town of Meeker 970-878-5530 for additional information or with any questions regarding this project.  
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### LEGAL NOTICES

**MEEKER SANITATION DISTRICT**  
April 8, 2015  
**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 8th 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
  - Biosolids Dewatering Project
  - 2nd Street Sewer Line
  - Sewer Main East of Town,
  - Water Data From Town
  - Plant Manager Report
  - Office Manager Report
7. Attorney
8. Board
  - Delinquent Accounts
  - 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 8th Street.  
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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

### AA & Al-Anon Meetings - Rangely

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

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

**NEW EDEN Pregnancy Care Services** - pregnancy tests, emergency supplies, guidance by trained volunteers, classes on pregnancy and child care, post-abortion support, referrals. Mondays and Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., 345 Main Street, Meeker. Email: newedenpcs@gmail.com or (970)878-5117 and 219 Sunset Avenue Rangely. Email: newedenrangely@gmail.com or (970) 675-2300. All services are confidential.

### Veterans Service Offices

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

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### SAFEHOUSE

If you are being abused physically or mentally, you can call SAFEHOUSE for confidential shelter and help.  
878-3131

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

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

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### RADINO & CHUCKWAGON

Please call before 9:00 a.m. day of meal  
878-5627 or 675-8112  
Senior Citizen Nutrition Program  
Meals served at noon.  
Reservations appreciated.

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

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

**FRIDAY, April 3:** Smothered chicken , roasted potatoes, Green peas, Ambrosia salad, Cookies

**MONDAY, April 6:** Split pea soup, Lemon baked salmon patties, CA blend vegetables, Brown rice pilaf, Strawberries & bananas.

**TUESDAY, April 7:** Spaghetti w/meat sauce, Tossed salad, Green beans, Peaches.

**WEDNESDAY April 8:** Apple cored pork chops, Seasoned broccoli, Apples w/cinnamon, Chocolate cake.

**FRIDAY, April 10 :** Hamburger, & Tator Tot casserole, Spinach salad, Cottage cheese, Pears.

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

### LEGAL NOTICES

#### ADVERTISEMENT OF LAND FOR SALE BY SEALED BID

Old Swimming Pool Property

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to §22-32-110(1)(e), The Meeker School District Re-1 (Seller) will sell the property described below through the acceptance of sealed bids. Sealed bids shall be received by Janelle Urista, 555 Garfield St., Meeker, CO 81641, no later than 4:00 p.m. MST Monday, May 4, 2015. The sealed bid envelopes shall be clearly marked SEALED BID on the outside of the sealed envelope. Bids will not be accepted after the above stated date and time. Sealed bids must contain the applicant address, phone number, fax number, e-mail address (if applicable), and the amount of the bid both written out and shown numerically.

Terms: (1) Seller reserves the right to reject any and all bids, and to waive bid irregularities in the best interests of the school district. (2) The parcel is being offered as is. It is the responsibility of the bidder to inspect land conditions of the parcel prior to submitting a bid. (3) The District will provide a quit claim deed to the successful bidder.

#### LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY TO BE SOLD

The property subject to this sale is described as follows:  
A PARCEL OF LAND LYING IN PARCEL 6 OF GENTRY ESTATES SUBDIVISION FILED AS RECEPTION NO. 78328 IN THE OFFICE OF THE RIO BLANCO COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER, IN TRACT 68 OF THE 1908 GOVERNMENT LAND OFFICE RESURVEY IN SECTION 23, T1N, R94W OF THE 6TH P.M., IN THE TOWN OF MEEKER, RIO BLANCO COUNTY, COLORADO, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:  
COMMENCING AT ANGLE POINT 3 (NO. 6 REBAR AND ALUMINUM CAP RLS 36574) OF SAID TRACT 68, WHENCE ANGLE POINT 2 (NO. 6 REBAR AND ALUMINUM CAP RLS 36574) OF SAID TRACT 68 BEARS N00°02'57" 2696.08 FEET;  
THENCE N00°02'57" ALONG SAID TRACT LINE, 728.68 FEET TO THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING;  
THENCE N00°02'57" ALONG SAID TRACT LINE, 60.00 FEET;  
THENCE S89°57'14" 317.39 FEET;  
THENCE N00°02'09" 135.00 FEET;  
THENCE EAST 125.00 FEET TO A POINT ON THE EAST LINE OF PARCEL 6, GENTRY ESTATES;  
THENCE S00°02'09W, ALONG SAID EAST LINE, 195.10 FEET TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF A PARCEL OF LAND DESCRIBED IN RECEPTION NO. 289699 IN THE OFFICE OF THE RIO BLANCO COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER;  
THENCE N89°57'14W, ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID PARCEL, 442.40 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.  
CONTAINING 1.00 ACRES MORE OR LESS AND BEING SUBJECT TO ANY EASEMENTS AND/OR RIGHTS-OF-WAY OF RECORD.

School Board staff will open the sealed bids at 4:00 p.m., on Monday, May 4, 2015, at the administrative offices of the Seller, 555 Garfield St., Meeker, Colorado, to verify that the bids received meet the minimum requirements. The bid amounts will not be disclosed at the bid opening. This information will remain confidential until it is presented to the School Board in open session at a Board meeting scheduled to be held on May 5, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. **BIDDERS NEED NOT BE PRESENT.** If the School Board decides to proceed with the sale of property based on the bids received, the Board will select and approve a bid at the Board meeting. Participation in the bidding process does not create any rights for the highest bidder or anyone else participating in the bidding process.

If the Board determines that the sale will proceed, the Seller's intention is to transfer title and possession of the property to the bidder submitting the selected bid on or before June 30, 2015.

If you have any questions regarding the bidding process, contact Janelle Urista at 970.878.9040.

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#### SEALED BID FORM

#### THE MEEKER SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1

**BIDDING ITEM:** Meeker School District Old Swimming Pool Property (below Meeker High School)

#### CONDITIONS OF BIDDING:

**BIDS:** Only one bid per envelope. Each bid shall be in sealed Envelope. Envelope shall be clearly marked with words, SEALED BID. Each bid envelope shall be received at the address listed on the advertisement by 4:00 p.m. MST Monday, May 4, 2015.

**ITEM CONDITION:** The Old Swimming Pool Property advertised by The Meeker School District Re-1 for sale by bid are to be sold As-Is. The Meeker School District Re-1 shall strive to make its best effort to assist interested parties in obtaining information about the property each item for sale, however the District makes no warranty of the condition of the property or of legal title. Each Bidder shall be responsible for verifying condition of the property and the accuracy of the legal description and any concerns about the property or title to the property item description prior to submitting a bid, and bring to the District attention any discrepancy found.

**TERMS OF SALE:** The successful bidder shall be provided a Notice of Award by June 30, 2015.

**DISTRICT RIGHTS:** The District has not set a minimum bid amount. The District retains the right to remove the property for sale at any time up to the Notice of Award should the District determine the sale of the property is not in its best interests. The District reserves the right to reject any or all bids, or to waive any irregularities or defects found therein.

**BID:**  
BIDDERS NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
BIDDERS PHONE #: \_\_\_\_\_  
BIDDERS MAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

BID AMOUNT (U.S.D.) (both written out and numerals) \_\_\_\_\_

By signing below, I am indicating that I have read, understand and will comply with the terms and intentions of the conditions of this bid, and will provide payment in full for said item listed above, should I be awarded the Bid.

Bidder's Signature & Date  
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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MEEKER STREAKER MONTHLY SCHEDULE APRIL 2015**

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

April 1, Bus in Town  
April 2, Grand Jct., Bus in Town  
April 3, Bus in Town  
April 4, No Bus  
April 5, AM Bus  
April 6, Bus in Town  
April 7, Bus in Town (Council on Aging)  
April 8, Bus in Town  
April 9, Rifle, Bus in Town  
April 10, Bus in Town  
April 11, No Bus  
April 12, AM Bus  
April 13, Bus in Town  
April 14, Bus in Town (Foot Clinic)  
April 15, Bus in Town  
April 16, GR Jct Medical, Bus in Town  
April 17, Bus in Town  
April 18, No Bus  
April 19, AM Bus  
April 20, Bus in Town  
April 21, Bus in Town  
April 22, Bus in Town  
April 23, Craig, Bus in Town  
April 24, Bus in Town  
April 25, No Bus  
April 26, AM Bus  
April 27, Bus in Town  
April 28, Bus in Town  
April 29, Bus in Town  
April 30, Bus in Town

Call Streaker for a ride 878-9368. Reservations for Rec. Center Trips should be made at 878-3403. Chuckwagon 878-5627.

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**HELP WANTED: GENERAL**

**Position Announcement**  
White River Electric Association, Inc. is currently seeking quality applications for a Consumer Services Accounting Clerk at the headquarters of the Association. Applicant must be 18 years of age and possess a high school diploma or equivalent. Must have experience in computer/internet and business machine applications. Must possess general bookkeeping knowledge. Must be able to work 40-hour week alternating monthly between Mondays and Fridays. Applicant must also hold a valid Colorado Driver's license or obtain one prior to commencement of work. Must be able to work variety of hours if needed, evenings, nights, early mornings, weekends, and holidays. Applicant must be able to pass a physical, drug and alcohol, and background tests if necessary. Responsibilities include, but are not limited to: general bookkeeping, customer records, phone/counter receptionist, receiving payments, generally assisting the public, Satellite Internet assistance, miscellaneous billing procedures and/or other jobs and tasks as assigned. College education or two years experience in accounting/bookkeeping preferred, but not a necessity. Position is considered full time and will be eligible for benefits after 90 days. Applications can be obtained from the office of White River Electric Association, Inc., 233 6th Street, Meeker, CO 81641 from 7:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday - Friday. Applications and résumés will be accepted until 4:30 p.m. on April 6th, 2015. White River Electric Association, Inc. is an equal opportunity employer.

**HELP WANTED: GENERAL**

GROUNDSMEN FOR tree trimming crew. Must have valid Colorado drivers license and pass drug test. Temporary, full-time work. Will work 4-10 hour days Monday through Thursday. To apply call (970)275 - 3066.

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Recreation Coordinator The ERBM Recreation & Park District is seeking one full-time benefited Recreation Coordinators. Salary range \$12.85-17.03/hr. Duties include, but are not limited to: assist in select phases of implementing and coordinating recreational programs and special events such as gym supervision, officiating, coaching, scorekeeping, etc. Requirements include, but are not limited to: applicant must be 18 years of age or older, be available to work early morning, evening, split and/or weekend shifts. A completed ERBM Recreation & Park District job application is required for consideration and should be returned to ERBM Recreation & Park District, Attn: Human Resources, 101 Ute Rd, Meeker, CO 81641. Applications are available at the Meeker Recreation Center and online, www.MeekerRecDistrict.com. Complete job description is available upon request and online. Applications will be accepted through April 10, 2015. ERBM Recreation & Park District is an equal opportunity employer.

**HELP WANTED: GENERAL**

**Recreation Assistant**  
The ERBM Recreation & Park District is seeking applications for part time non-benefited, year round recreation assistant, who could work up to 24 hours per week, and seasonal non-benefited recreation assistant, who could work up to 40 hours per week from May to October. Salary range \$10.21-15.38/hr. Duties include, but are not limited to: assist in the development, coordination, and implementation of District programs and special events, collaborating with other recreation staff, administrative staff, and community partners to accomplish tasks. Requirements include, but are not limited to: applicant must be 15 years of age or older, be available to work early morning, evening, split and/or weekend shifts. A completed ERBM Recreation & Park District job application is required for consideration and should be returned to ERBM Recreation & Park District, Attn: Human Resources, 101 Ute Rd, Meeker, CO 81641. Applications are available at the Meeker Recreation Center and online, www.MeekerRecDistrict.com. Complete job description is available upon request and online. Applications will be accepted through April 10, 2015. ERBM Recreation & Park District is an equal opportunity employer.

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Colorado Northwestern Community College is seeking a full-time Academy Coordinator for their Seasonal Law Enforcement Training Program. Position provides general administrative and logistical support to the program. Duties include communicating with potential students and processing application materials, scheduling courses, processing adjunct contracts, maintaining student records, ensuring compliance with SLETP and FLETC accreditation standards, assisting instructors with class preparation, organizing Academy graduation ceremonies, and participating in recruiting activities. High school diploma and progress toward an Associate or Bachelor's degree required. Bachelor's or Master's degree in a related field and experience in law enforcement or with the National Park Service preferred. CNCC values high energy, creativity, and a strong commitment to student engagement. We are seeking employees who will have a dramatic impact on student success, and will enhance a culture of excellence in our Career and Technical Education programs. CNCC is a small, rural community college located in Northwest Colorado.

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**HELP WANTED:  
SEASONAL**

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**RENTALS: MEEKER**

APARTMENT FOR rent. 2 BDR, 1 BA, \$500 per month, includes utilities. Call (970)878-5026.

FOR RENT: 1 BDR/1 BA \$395 a month plus deposit. Call 878-3736 or 970-260-8844.

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**RENTALS: MEEKER**

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**MEEKER**

- 1112 Mark Circle — 3 BD, 1-3/4 BA home. 1215 SF on each level. \$161,000 Sale Pending!
- 286 Market St. — Unique 1916 4 BD, 2BA home with beautiful original kitchen cabinets, wood window trim, & 9ft ceilings. Forced air gas furnace, located at 3rd and Market Street. \$192,000
- 1376 Juniper — 4 BD, 2 BA, with unfinished 5th BD or hobby room. New kitchen w/ pantry, master BR has huge walk-in closet. Fresh paint & new flooring on main level. Total of 2,460 SF w/ 3-car-garage! Fully fenced backyard, paved driveway, 2 lots = 22,000 SF. Large deck for BBQs. \$246,000
- 1886 RB County Rd. 8 — New windows throughout, 3 BD, 2 1/2 BA Home, 6.8 acres with 2,000 SF. White River frontage, large deck and spectacular views! \$350,000 One of a kind property!
- 6255 County Rd. 7 — 4 BD, 3 BA home on 10 acres with detached 3-car oversized garage. Has water well. Needs TLC. Priced to sell. \$220,000
- LOT 6 Ridges Estate, Meeker — Nice 3.26 acre lot, with an even better price tag! \$53,500

**RANGELY**

- 923 South White Ave. — Home on 6+ acres. \$325,000
- 201 Coal Rd. — 2200 sq. ft. home. 4 BR, 2 BA on 2 acres. Open floor plan includes 2 Living rooms. Large open Kitchen with lots of cabinet space. New FA gas furnace & garbage disposal. Pellet stove in one of the Living rooms. 24x24ft. detached garage and 24x36ft. Metal shop building. Excellent access to BLM. \$265,000
- 728 E. Rio Blanco Ave. — Nice Ranch style 4 BD, 1 1/2 BA, recently remodeled, new appliances. SOLD!
- 216 Ridge Rd. — This is a nice 2856 SF two level house built in 1977. It's a well maintained house with new flooring upstairs and tile down stairs, custom kitchen cabinets, screened-in back porch with spectacular view, central air, FA gas furnace and woodstove, attached garage. \$219,900
- 300 4th St. East — 3 BD 2 BA on 3 lots in Dinosaur, 1744 SF built in 1981. \$110,000 SALE PENDING!
- 315 & 317 N. Grand Ave. — Duplex: Attractively renovated. Each unit has 1,200 SF, 2 BD, 2 BA, W/D hook-up, carport for each side. Priced to Sell! \$139,500 Excellent income property.

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- Price Reduced: 1062 Main Street, 2 bdrm, 1 bath, full basement, LARGE SITE ..... \$106,000
- Price Reduced: 210 W. Bell St. - Immaculate, 4bdrm, 2ba home in Rangely. .... \$190,900
- 73229 Hwy. 64 - 38.4 acres, 2128 SF home with 3 bdrm, 2 bath, garage, Quonset..... \$268,000
- 73209 Hwy 64 - 11 acres with 2032 SF, 4 bdrms, 2 baths, outbuildings, ..... SALE PENDING
- 811 County Rd. 43 - Beautiful log home on 40 acres, barn, close to town yet private ..... \$485,000

**Backcountry Realty** 1130 Market St. • PO Box 2107 Meeker, CO 81641  
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**HOMES IN MEEKER ...**

- \*NEW 1111 Wall St - 3 BR, 2 BA one level home. Laminated floors, lg master suite, storage shed. \$133,500.
- \*NEW 540 Garfield- Downtown, 4 BR, 2 BA remodeled tri-level home, garage, trees, fenced yard. \$194,000.
- \*NEW 789 9th St- Lg lot, great location, 4 BR, 2 BA, basement, decks, trees, garage & shed, kennel. \$198,000.
- \*NEW 1105 Mark Cr- 3BR, 3BA home, garage, fenced yard, RV parking, hardwood floors, deck \$169,000.
- \*NEW 460 7th St- 3+ lots, beautiful 2 story log home, 2 shops, garage, privacy fenced, landscaped. \$625,200.
- \*26 Cedar- 5 BR, 3 BA on a fenced corner lot. Large shop/garage. Custom features. \$299,900.
- \*1134 Park -Log home, 4 BR, 2 BA Newly remodeled. Fenced yard. \$169,000.
- \*295 Park Ave.- Nice lot, small log home. 1 BR, 1 BA. Great condition. Garage. \$139,900 REDUCED!
- \*835 Sulphur Creek Rd.- 3 BR, 2 BA home by fairgrounds. Fenced backyard, landscaped. \$165,000.
- \*1440 Mountain View Rd.- 5BR, 4 1/2 BA, one of a kind custom home, panoramic views, outdoor entertaining area, lawn w/sprinkler system, home security system, A/C & more! \$339,000 REDUCED! GREAT DEAL!
- \*112 Main St.- 3 BR, 2 BA historic home with a 426 sq. ft. cottage. Updated, large corner lot. \$219,000
- \*562 Larry Lane-Corner lot, 1 level, 3 BR 2BA, fenced yard, garage, deck. \$145,000 REDUCED PRICE!
- \*643 12th St- 4 BR, 2 BA bi-level home. Garage, carport, fenced back yard. \$115,000 REDUCED!
- \*1369 Juniper Rd.- Beautiful home in Sage Hills, on 2 large lots. Single level home & attached garage. \$250,000 SOLD!
- \*1109 Main St- 3 BR, 1 BA, new paint & flooring. Fenced yd, R.V. parking, 2 sheds. \$149,900. SOLD!
- \*1287 Cleveland - Lg lot. Big beautiful 4 BR, log home, large metal shop. \$325,000. SOLD!

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

- \*NEW 293 Agency Dr. - 5 acres, 1 mile S. of town, near golf course. Updated 4 BR, 2 BA home with basement, garage, decks. Awesome views. Irrigated hay & pasture. Lg shop with horse stalls. \$419,000.
- \*CR 8 - 88 Acres just east of Meeker. Hunting, dry land pasture, development potential. \$450,000
- \*8505 CR 8- 9 miles east. Nice 3 BR home, basement, garage, fenced yard, great views. \$325,000
- \*970 Shaman Trail- 5 acres, beautiful newer 2 story home, top of the line. Big heated shop. \$545,000 REDUCED!
- \*14970 CR 8- 14 acres on the River. Great fishing. Hay pasture, beautiful 2,500 sq ft home. \$1,995,000.
- \*1758 CR 32- 3.3 acres, 4 BR, 3 BA modular home. Great views, outbuildings, fenced yard. \$194,900 REDUCED!
- \*29100 CR 8- 12 Acres with River & fishing. Nice 1,252 sq ft 3 BR, 2 BA cabin, borders BLM. \$795,000.
- \*13247 CR 8- 5 Acres 14 miles E of Meeker. Nice home, big shop, outbuildings. Horse setup. \$429,000.
- \*2610 CR 33- 3 Acres 7 mi W of town. 4 BR, 3 BA home, full basement, shed, pasture. \$260,000. SALE PENDING!
- \*13245 CR 8- 5 acres 14 miles up-river, well, trees, 3 BR, 2 BA home, decks, garage, shop. \$295,000 REDUCED!
- \*River Property- CR 12- 5+ acres 28 miles east, with 2 BR, 1 BA cabin, good well, fish pond. \$275,000 REDUCED!
- \*1337 Meath Dr- 35 Acres, 9 miles east with a nice 3 BR, 2 BA home, pastures, views. \$230,000 SOLD!
- \*39087 Hwy 13- 2 miles west of town, 2 acres, 1,600 sq ft home or commercial building. \$42,000 SOLD!
- \*180 N. Little Rancho Dr- 36 Acres, newer 3 BR, 2 BA manufactured home, water well. \$198,500 SOLD!

**BUSINESS & INVESTMENT ...**

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

**RAW LAND AND HOMESITES ...**

- \*NEW 5807 CR 7 - Vacant 20 acre parcel, 9 mi. North, on Strawberry Creek. Good home site & views! \$75,000
- \*NEW Large Vacant Lot in Sage Hills Subdivision. 11,514 sq. ft. Good home site with great views. \$30,000
- \*2-35 Acre Lots in Bull Mountain Ranch between Carbondale and Paonia. Beautiful country, high mountain views. Priced at \$85,000 and \$100,000.
- \*CR 8 - 88 Acres just east of Meeker. Hunting, dry land pasture, development potential. \$450,000
- \*71 Acres on CR 15, 11 miles NE. Private homesites, water, good hunting, borders public land. \$205,000.
- \*Ridge Estates- 2 to 9 acre lots. Community well, irrigation water to each site. Prices reduced, additional discount available. Prices starting from \$75,600. 1 mile south of town, off of CR 13, near golf course.
- \*359 Love Lane- 5 acres, Cross L Estates, Lot 13, great horse property, well. \$100,000
- \*River Property- 19.6 Acres 12 miles west. Irrigated hay, good home sites, river. \$150,000.
- \*Little Beaver Estates- Lot 4, 35 acres, fenced, good pond, leafing shed, great home site. \$72,500 REDUCED!
- \*Little Beaver Estates- 35 acre lot bordering DOW hunting land. Lot 11- \$95,000.
- \*Little Beaver Estates 35 acre lot bordering Division of Wildlife public land. Lot 14. \$93,000 REDUCED!
- \*Little Beaver Estates Lot 13 - 35 acre lot bordering Division of Wildlife public land. \$99,000 REDUCED!
- \*100 acres 29 miles east of Meeker, surrounded by Nat Forest, covered with Aspens. \$1,395,000.00.
- \*Several nice building lots on Mimi Circle and Michael Circle priced between \$22,500 and \$25,000.
- \*20 Acres, Strawberry Creek Minor Subdivision, Lot 3, \$30,000 SOLD!
- \*12926 CR 8- 5 Acres with River. Cabin sites, good water well, 1 room yurt. Views. \$165,500 SOLD!

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**RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY**

1455 Mountain View Road - Private 3BD/2BA log home. Short sale: \$380,000

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

979 8th St. - Unobstructed views, 3BD, 2BA home, 4,800 sq. ft. shop/garage spaces. Worth coming to see! \$265,000

NEW 1104 JEANETTE CR. - Newly constructed 3BD, 2BA, with large open dining room, large living room with lots of windows and fantastic views of the mountains & a oversized garage. If you like the smell & feel of NEW, look at this one. \$259,000.

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

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

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

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

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

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

117 6th St. - Completely remodeled duplex, fully furnished, sleeps 12 people, within walking distance of downtown. \$159,000

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

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

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

**RURAL RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES**

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

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

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

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

NEW 71855 Hwy 64 - MILES OF VIEWS, 3bd, 2ba home on 35 acres about 4 miles from Meeker. Stucco, covered porch, metal garage/barn. \$275,000

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

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

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

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

**VACANT LAND**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

459 Cross L Drive - 3 acres in Cross L Estates, good building location on corner lot. \$90,000

4 Lots in Cross L Estates - OWNER FINANCING! \$70,000 - \$75,000. \$250,000 for all

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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3865 Hwy. 40, Dinosaur \$375,000	9020 CR 2 \$250,000	1390 La Mesa \$249,900
927 W. Bell \$230,000	173 Pinyon Cir. \$224,900	340 Darius Ave. \$215,000
226 S. Grand Ave. \$177,000	207 Hillcrest Cir. \$170,000	218 Dakota Ave. \$170,000
1121 Tanglewood \$160,000	980 Tanglewood \$159,000	908 Tropic \$134,900
601 E. Rangely \$125,000	909 E. Main St. \$99,500	212 Cottonwood \$89,500
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