

# Herald Times



Home of John and Teresa Sims

Volume 128, Number 34 ■ April 4, 2013 ■ theheraldtimes.com

## Easter hunt...

Roughly 500 county children took part in the Meeker and Rangely Easter egg hunts held Saturday. A lot of happy faces could be found as some of the children found money, candy and goodies in their special eggs. Take a look ... Page 8



# Tipton lends sympathetic ear during visit to Meeker

By SEAN McMAHON  
sean@theheraldtimes.com

**MEEKER** | Congressman Scott Tipton lent a sympathetic ear to environmental concerns voiced by board members of the White River and Douglas Creek conservation districts on Thursday.

Tipton (Rep.-Dist. 3) met with members of the conservation districts at the Upper Colorado Environmental Plant Center focusing on issues pertaining to sustainable forest manage-

ment, feral (wild) horse overpopulation and severance taxes.

He also took a tour of the center, accompanied by the districts' board members and Rio Blanco County Commissioner Jeff Eskelson.

One of the talking points presented by the districts stated that millions of acres in Colorado and Southwest Wyoming forests are dead due to beetle kill. Research done by the conservation districts had four findings:

1.No statistical difference exists between the percent of cut stock yield

from green living trees and beetle-killed trees that had been standing dead for up to nine years;

2.Tree diameter, not the time spent standing dead, is more significant a factor to consider with cut stock yield;

3.There is a sense of urgency due to blowdown;

4.Increasing utilization of beetle-killed trees - to reduce forest fuel loads produce wood products sustainability for market while lessening the taxpayer burden - would provide the

greatest return on public investment while improving public safety.

The boards requested that Tipton support active forest management and policy changes to ensure a long-term timber supply for industry.

Tipton acknowledged the concern and said those same issues are a concern for the lumber mills in his home area around Cortez.

"We are seeing a slow-moving trend toward allowing more trees to be taken," Tipton said. "We need to do something or the forests will just

explode in fire. There is a growing awareness toward long-term plans to cut timber, and we have to assure that movement continues."

He said he recognizes that the forests have many dead trees and that fire safety issues already exist, and that if done correctly the harvesting could be done without hurting the forests and, in fact, benefit the health of the overall forests.

"When I return to Washington, I will speak with those I need to speak with, and perhaps we can get some

more rapid movement," Tipton said. "The forests will certainly gain in the long run, and timber mills can benefit from knowing there will be a long-term supply available."

The board members also voiced concern about wild horses and the problems that exist now and are likely to increase in the near future.

While Colorado's feral herds are within the hoped-for Bureau of Land Management guidelines of 1,000 wild

▶ See TIPTON, Page 6A



SEAN McMAHON

U.S. Rep. Scott Tipton was in Meeker on March 28 to meet with members of the White River and Douglas Creek conservation districts at the Upper Colorado Environmental Plant Center regarding environmental issues. Tipton met later with the Rio Blanco County commissioners on regional issues pertinent to the county. Pictured above, from left, are: White River Soil Conservation District board member Bill Lake, U.S. Rep. Scott Tipton, Tipton staff member Christian Reece of Grand Junction and Rio Blanco County Commissioner Jeff Eskelson.

# Snowpack below normal for year

By SEAN McMAHON  
sean@theheraldtimes.com

**RBC** | Snowpack and precipitation levels are low in the White River Basin and there is some concern at this time, a local U.S. Forest Service official said Friday.

"We are paying attention closely," said Ken Coffin, the district ranger in Meeker for the Blanco Ranger District of the White River National Forest. "The snowpack and precipitation have a huge impact on us. We are deeply concerned about the growth of the trees and the upcoming fire season. A dry spring could mean big trouble for summer."

Coffin said the drainages in the Water Resources Data System report that are most relevant to Rio Blanco County are: Burro Mountain, located about 15 miles southeast of Meeker along the Buford-New Castle road; Ripple Creek, due east of Meeker

about 50 miles and off County Road 8; and Trappers Lake, about 50 miles southeast of Meeker, south of CR8.

Up-to-the-minute snow/water equivalents and total precipitation reports are available through a cooperative effort of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the Natural Resources Conservation Service and the Water and Climate Center in Portland, Ore. The report, as of Friday afternoon, indicated that snow/water levels in the White River Basin are between 61 and 89 percent of normal.

Ripple Creek was in the best condition of the area drainages as of Friday. The drainage was listed at being 89 percent of normal in snow/water equivalent. The sensor, located at 10,340 feet, detected a total precipitation average of 78 percent to date.

The Burro Mountain drainage was

▶ See SNOW, Page 6A

# Severance tax dollars an issue

By SEAN McMAHON  
sean@theheraldtimes.com

**RBC** | Rio Blanco County Commissioner Jeff Eskelson raised the issue of unequal distribution of state severance tax funds with U.S. Rep. Scott Tipton on Friday, during Tipton's visit to the Upper Colorado Environmental Plant Center. Tipton also visited with the commissioners

regarding regional policy issues.

Eskelson pointed out that Rio Blanco County produces about \$50 million annually in severance tax funds from energy and mineral extraction while realizing a return of only \$3 million from the state.

"These severance taxes were intended to come back to the counties where the money was generated," Eskelson said. "We need more than

the current 6 percent we are now getting, he said. "Even a small amount would mean a great deal to Rio Blanco County."

The Colorado Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) distributes the revenue derived from energy and mineral extraction statewide. The funds come from state severance tax receipts and federal mineral lease non-bonus payments.

"We face a two-pronged problem," Tipton said. "Denver feels that the rural areas don't need the impact dollars like the large population centers and the state Legislature is largely filled by those from the large population centers. That leaves little power to the smaller counties."

He said he understands the intent of the severance taxes was to help mitigate the impact of growth and environmental damages to the county infrastructure and schools brought on by the mining and extractions and that he would bring the issue to the Western Caucus to see if there is a way the legislatures in Western states can be urged to address the issue and work toward an amenable resolution.

Colorado Senate Bill 08-218 and House Bill 08-218, which passed the state Legislature in 2008, made significant changes to the method and process for distributing the funds.

According to DOLA, 50 percent of state severance tax dollars are earmarked with 30 percent going to direct distribution and 70 percent for grants and loans.

Forty percent of the funds are the DOLA portion of federal mineral leases of non-bonus payments to the state with those funds split 50-50 between direct distribution and grants.

▶ See SEVERANCE, Page 6A



SEAN McMAHON

Johnnie Barton, left, a field technician at the Upper Colorado Environmental Plant Center in Meeker, shows a piece of equipment at the center to U.S. Rep. Scott Tipton, center, while Callie Hendrickson, executive director of the White River and Douglas Creek conservation districts, looks on.

## CONTROLLED BURN ...



HEATHER ZADRA

With warmer weather melting much of the snow and exposing last fall's brush, grass and debris, area residents are beginning to burn off dead brush and leaves, such as this recent small controlled burn near Rangely. County law enforcement agencies remind residents to contact them before a burn takes place. In Rangely, call 675-8466; in Meeker, call 878-5555; to contact the Rio Blanco County Sheriff's Office, call 878-9620 in Meeker or 878-9625 in Rangely.

WEATHER



Saturday: 50s/20s Cloudy



Sunday: 50s/30s Possible Showers



ADVERTISE HERE!

675.5033 or 878.4017

Thousands of potential customers could be reading your ad today!



1-866-628-3532



STRATA NETWORKS

654 Main St. | Meeker, CO www.stratanetworks.com



Coming Soon!

Look for the 2013 edition of the Summer Recreation Guide coming soon to a newsrack near you!

★FREE ROCK CRAWLING MAP★  
★FREE RIO BLANCO COUNTY MAP★  
★FREE OHV TRAIL MAP★

BRIEFS

**Meeker fifth grade brings history to life**

**MEEKER** | The fifth grade class at Meeker Elementary School would like to invite the Meeker community to "A Night at the MES Museum" on April 11.

A "blast from the past" will be offered from 6-7 p.m. as the fifth graders will bring famous people to life in their museum.

This unforgettable evening becomes even more magical because the fifth graders 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.

**MACC to meet Monday; topics varied**

**MEEKER** | The Meeker Arts and Cultural Council will meet Monday to discuss a series of topics at 6:30 p.m. at the old Meeker Elementary School gym. The public is invited.

Topics will include follow-up grants, Paint-the-Wall contest updates, scheduling a strategic planning workshop, discussion of the performing arts center, the economic development task force role for MACC, Meeker Palooza, discussion of the next production and more.

The Colorado Creative Industries summit meeting is in Pueblo on April 11-12, and council members are needed so the group is represented at the event.

Youth members are especially invited and encouraged to attend the Monday meeting.

**Meeker Elementary holds book fair**

**MEEKER** | With the arrival of spring, Meeker Elementary School is hosting its annual buy one, get one free Scholastic Book Fair on Wednesday from 3-8 p.m.

The book fair will be held in Meeker Elementary School's library at 201 Ute Rd. Everyone is welcome.

Books that will be available are appropriate for middle school and homeschool students, adults and preschool youths. Spanish books are also available.

This is a great time to latch onto some books that will make for excellent summer reading.

ON THIN ICE ...



Thin ice and thick ice on Kenney Reservoir, east of Rangely, offer a stark color contrast with the flow nearest the dam taking on an emerald green hue while the remaining thick ice at the upper end of the lake remains solid white. Only a few spots where the White River runs into the upper end of the reservoir are ice free although it would be difficult to access those areas.

SEAN MCMAHON

HOME OF:  
John and Teresa Sims

**RANGELY** | John and Teresa Sims of Rangely are thankful they live in Rangely, what she described as "a nice small town filled with such good people."

The Sims have lived in Rangely for 15 years together, although John moved to the town with his parents when he was 4 years old.

John and Teresa met when he was a member of the Colorado State Patrol (CSP) and she was in the academy to become a CSP officer as well.

They have been married 23 1/2 years, having exchanged their wedding vows in Pueblo, where Teresa was born and raised.

John and Teresa have retired from the CSP, he with 25 years of duty and she with nine and a half years.

Although officially retired, John is the lead firearms instructor and Teresa is a firearms instructor with the National Park Service Academy, taught at Colorado Northwest Community College in Rangely. She has also served on the Rangely Cemetery Board.

The Sims have two children and two grandchildren. Daughter Kelly Jo Sims lives in Florida and son Michael Hill and his wife, Elga, live in New Jersey. The Hills have two children in son Thomas and daughter Samantha.

As far as hobbies go, John and Teresa enjoy teaching their conceal and carry firearms classes and they both enjoy hunting and fishing in their spare time.

Under special honors, John has won several Governor's 20 awards for handgun shooting competitions and Teresa is proud that her last position with the CSP was as a member of the Governor's Executive Security Unit, providing security at the governor's mansion as well as the state Capitol.

John and Teresa have enjoyed living in Meeker for the past several years.

"There is a much quieter and slower pace of life here," she said. "We both really enjoy that."

RIO BLANCO COUNTY

Rangely moves on plant funding

By HEATHER ZADRA  
Special to the Herald Times

**RANGELY** | The Rangely Town Board took steps March 26 to move funding forward for the second phase of a three-year, \$5.5 million water treatment plant overhaul.

The board approved a bond council engagement letter, which is mandatory for the town's consideration for a \$1.5 million Colorado Water Resources and Power Development Authority revolving fund loan given at 2 percent interest.

A bond council "levies opinions about our credit worthiness as a town before the state actually loans us the money," Rangely Town Manager Peter Brixius said.

The council also approved an application to be submitted for a \$1 million Energy and Mineral Impact Assistance Fund (EIAF) grant request to offset some of the cost of the town's Phase II Water Treatment Plant renovations.

The loan application and grant request processes should be complete by late summer or early fall,

Brixius said.

A public hearing and first reading of Ordinance 677, to continue a moratorium on the use or consumption of marijuana on commercial and industrial zoned property, was also held. A second public hearing and reading of the ordinance will happen during the April 23 meeting.

The meeting included a council endorsement of the letter from Rangely Mayor Frank Huitt in support of the energy industry, asking the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to reconsider the need for an

additional environmental impact statement (EIS) for the Roan Plateau. Rather, the letter urged the BLM to accept an environmental assessment (EA) to "justify the current inadequacies in the current EIS."

The Rangely Police Department was also granted a capital request of up to \$10,000 for patrol rifles and armored vests. The department has received a bid for the items from Adamson Police Products and will be moving forward on the purchases.

WEEKLY REC NEWS SPOT ◆ April 4 – April 11, 2013

COMING April 17

"May – June Line-up"

It's our Activity Guide with a new name, a new format and a new two month time block!

REGISTRATION BEGINS APRIL 17

Thank You, MYB Coaches & Referees!

COACHES: Chris Williams, Jim & Paulette Hanks, Zach Clatterbaugh, Matty Garr. REFEREES: Hallie Blunt, Leif Joy, Bill deVergie, Steve Harman, Andy Goettel, Jared Gambre, Kyle Battige, Matty Garr.

Thank You, Meeker Video!

...for donating the movie for the Monthly Movie Matinee.

BOWHUNTER EDUCATION,

April 5, 6. Age 12 & over.

REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED UNTIL THE START OF THE CLASS

ITTY BITTY BEACH PARTY,

Tues, April 16. Age 6 months to 5 years. 10:30am - 12:30pm.

FITNESS INFORMATION

SESSION III: All Session III fitness classes have drop-in space available on a first come, first served basis; \$4/\$3.50 member. Classes include: Senior Splash, Hydro Tone, Yoga Level 2, POW-People on Weights, Pilates Level 2, Crank It! Core, Zumba.

FITNESS WORKSHOPS: Enjoy a different workshop each Saturday April 6 – May 11. Registration deadline is April 5; \$20 for all; drop-in \$4/\$3.50 member. Workshops include, in order, Aqua Fit, Zumba, Yoga, Aqua Step, Basic Resistance Training, Zumba by the Pool.

BASEBALL & FAST PITCH SOFTBALL

FOR AGES 8 – 15

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS APRIL 15

No registrations will be accepted after April 15th!

ERBM RECREATION & PARK DISTRICT  
Meeker Recreation Center

101 Ute Road • Meeker, CO 81641 • 970-878-3403

For more information call, come-in or refer to the current Activities Guide. The Meeker Rec District web site is temporarily unavailable.



ICE SCULPTURE ...



SEAN MCMAHON

Taking on a new art form due to sun and the heat, the ice tower at Colorado Northwest Community College is erected every year and used for ice climbing instruction as well as recreation. In particular, students can learn how to climb on ice before going on the CNCC Outdoor Recreation Program trip to the Ouray Ice Park. This year the sculpture reached 55 feet into the sky and was climbable for about three months.

Road work

**RBC** | Delays are possible along Highway 13 south of Meeker (mile marker 38) from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, beginning in April and continuing through October.

There will be single lane closures for fence installation and culvert work.

Correction

**RBC** | In the March 28 issue of the *Herald Times*, the photographer of a photo on Page 8A was incorrectly identified. The courtesy photo was provided by Ingrid and Don Reed.

WE HAVE ALL TYPES OF SAND & GRAVEL FOR SALE  
**MEEKER SAND & GRAVEL**  
**878-3671**  
Haul your own materials, or call us to schedule deliveries of Gravel & Concrete

April Diaper Awareness Month for New Eden Pregnancy Care Services. For both Meeker and Rangely Pregnancy Centers. We are hoping to get enough diapers for the year. All sizes needed. Wipes are appreciated also. There will be donation containers at Watts Ranch Market in Meeker, Family Dollar and White River Market in Rangely.



Open Mon. and Thurs. 10am – 4pm  
Meeker Center  
345 Main Street  
878-5117  
newedenpcs@gmail.com

Rangely Center  
402 West Main Street #171  
970-620-7096  
newedenrangely@gmail.com

# Stage Stop sold to family from Craig

By SEAN McMAHON  
sean@theheraldtimes.com

**MEEKER** Jason Steiner of Meeker opened the Stage Stop Meat Market & Deli in 2006, but he passed on the keys this week to the David Satterwhite family of Craig.

The Satterwhites are well known as owners/operators of Brother's Custom Processing. Brother's offers a wide selection of meats, cheeses and their own award-winning custom smoked meat products as well as catering, and they will be adding a wide variety of products and services to the Meeker store.

Steiner said he wishes to thank all of Meeker for their loyal patronage over the past seven years.

"I will continue to operate

Brother's Stage Stop as acting manager for the new owners during the transition period and into the hunting season," Steiner said.

Stage Stop will remain open through Friday, then will close for a major remodel to accommodate the many new products and services that will be added to the current store.

"We hope to open again in mid-to late May with the grand opening," Steiner said. "We believe this is a very positive business that will continue to grow with Meeker, and we wish the Satterwhites much continued success in this endeavor."

Stage Stop will be catering the Elks Foundation banquet on Saturday evening, and attendees are invited and encouraged to stop by the Brother's table and welcome the Satterwhites to Meeker.



## CHANGING HANDS ...

Dave Satterwhite, left, and Jason Steiner shook hands on Monday to close the deal on the sale of Stage Stop Meat Market & Deli in Meeker. Steiner opened Stage Stop in 2006, and he sold the operation to the Dave Satterwhite family of Craig.

SEAN McMAHON

# Meeker children's health fair Mon.-Tues.

Special to the Herald Times

**MEEKER** Meeker will hold its Children's Health Fair events on Monday and Tuesday, focusing on health screenings and immunizations.

The annual fair and preschool registration for children from birth to age 5 who are not already enrolled in preschool or kindergarten will be held at the Freeman E. Fairfield Center.

Interested parents must call 970-675-2064 to schedule an appointment. For information in Spanish, parents should call 970-756-5014.

The fair is sponsored by Rio Blanco County Public Health and

Environmental Services (PHES), which will conduct vision screenings and height and weight checks. The agency will also work with the local school nurses to complete hearing screenings.

The PHES will also check the children's immunization records and determine if immunizations are needed, then send a reminder to the parents about the necessary shots.

Officials at PHES urge all Meeker-area parents to make appointments, which will run between 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., and to bring their young children to the health fair for screenings, parent education and fun for all.

# RHS Math Club news

By CAROL MORTON  
Special to the Herald Times

**RANGELY** The Rangely High School Math Club meets weekly to learn how to solve interesting math problems as preparation for various math competitions.

Club members traveled to CSU Pueblo in November to participate in Math Day. Also in November, the math club students took the first round of the UNC math contest.

Of the 2,382 Colorado students who took the test, 179 advanced to the

final round. William Scoggins and Andrew Morton of the math club qualified. Morton earned an honorable mention by finishing in the top 52.

In February the club traveled to Colorado Mesa University for the Math Extravaganza, a full day of math activities, a campus tour and to hear a guest speaker.

Approximately 150 students from Western Slope high schools attended the event, all students took a quiz on what they had learned and Morton turned in the only perfect paper.

My thanks to the police officers and to the Meeker Ambulance crew for their quick response in our time of need.

Thank you, Dr. Turner and the staff at Pioneers Hospital, thanks to the Flight for Life and St. Mary's Hospital. Special thanks to VFW Post 5843, family and friends of Bud Duffy.

He will be missed.

Join My Benefit and Donate for Smiles

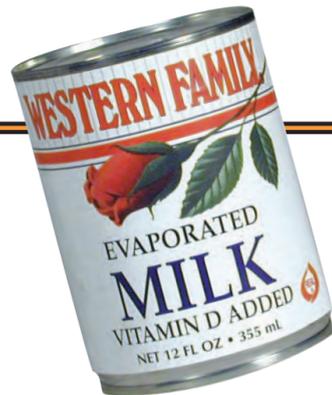


Close To My Heart is proud to team up with Operation Smile®, a non-profit charity that repairs childhood facial deformities through free surgeries. Join us for a fun creative event where you can make a difference in a child's life with your donation. You will learn expert crafting techniques, discover the tools that will take your creativity to new heights, and have the opportunity to advance a worthy cause. Let me show you how to discover the artist within while changing children's lives for the better with Close To My Heart.

I will be having a Benefit April 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>. All proceeds will be donated to Operation Smile®. For more information contact me.

Cheritha Cale (970) 878-4271  
1082 Pinyon St., Meeker, CO 81641  
cheritha@crayzscrapbookinglady.com  
http://crayzscrapbookinglady.com

Close To My Heart  
Independent Consultant



12 oz. Western Family  
**EVAPORATED MILK**  
**89¢**



**CELEBRATION**



1-Ltr. Western Family  
**Sparkling Water**  
**69¢**

## GROCERY

- 2-ltr. Assorted Shasta **POP** ..... **99¢**
- 18-19 oz. Progresso Soups or **RECIPE STARTERS** ..... **4 for \$5**
- 17.5-18 oz. Kraft **BBQ SAUCE** ..... **4 for \$5**
- 4-4.1 oz. Idahoan **MASHED POTATOES** ..... **99¢**
- 24 oz. Pace Salsa or **PICANTE SAUCE** ..... **2 for \$6**
- 14 oz. Western Family **CONDENSED MILK** ..... **\$1.29**
- 8-Roll Bounty Basic **PAPER TOWELS** ..... **\$5.99**
- 12-Roll Charmin Basic Double Roll **BATH TISSUE** ..... **\$5.99**

## DAIRY

- 16 oz. Western Family Jumbo **BISCUITS** ..... **4 for \$5**
- 16 oz. Western Family **MARGARINE QUARTERS** ..... **89¢**
- 89 oz. Western Family **ORANGE JUICE** ..... **2 for \$6**
- 16 oz. Western Family **STRING CHEESE** ..... **\$4.29**
- 8 oz. Western Family **SHREDDED CHEESE** ..... **\$1.99**

## Come in and check out our delicious Breakfast & LUNCH SPECIALS

### MEAT

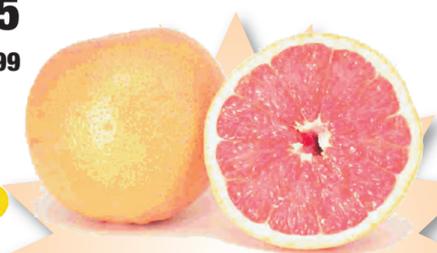
- Beef Cross Rib **POT ROAST** ..... **\$1.99/lb.**
- Beef **LONDON BROIL** ..... **\$2.99/lb.**
- 8.9-15 oz. Oscar Mayer **LUNCHABLES** ..... **\$1.99/ea.**
- 40 oz. Bar-S Polish or **SMOKED SAUSAGE** ..... **\$3.99/ea.**

### FROZEN

- 56 oz. Western Family Ice Cream or **SHERBET** ..... **\$2.99**
- 16 oz. Western Family Petite **CORN or PEAS** ..... **5 for \$5**
- 7.25-10.10 oz. Assorted **KID CUISINE** ..... **\$1.99**

### PRODUCE

- Fuji or Jonagold **APPLES** ..... **99¢/lb.**
- 15-lb. Bag Russet **POTATOES** ..... **\$1.99**
- Fresh Cauliflower or **BROCCOLI** ..... **69¢/lb.**
- 2-lb. Pkg. Fresh **CARROTS** ..... **99¢/ea.**
- Large Ripe **TOMATOES** ..... **99¢/lb.**
- Medium Yellow **ONIONS** ..... **3 lbs. for \$1**
- Crisp Green **BELL PEPPERS** ..... **2 for \$1**



Texas Pink  
**Grapefruit**  
**3 for \$1**

# WATT'S RANCH MARKET

970.878.5868 ■ 271 E. MARKET ■ MEEKER, COLORADO

Open seven days a week ■ 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday-Saturday ■ 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday

■ SINCE 1955 ■

Prices effective April 4-10, 2013

FROM MY WINDOW...

# Oops on editor; weather, egg hunts good

By SEAN McMAHON  
sean@theheraldtimes.com

It certainly didn't take long for the honeymoon to end. I made my first mistake and it didn't go unnoticed.

Several readers, mostly from Meeker, wasted little time in letting me know I had messed up. Most of them apologized for bothering me before telling me why they were approaching me on the phone, via email or in person. I felt and feel hor-

rible because inaccuracy is something I do not like. However...

I incorrectly reported on Page One of the March 28 issue of the *Herald Times* that the vacancy on the Meeker Town Board, which was filled by Bryce Ducey, was created when Jeff Eskelson left the town board to run for and subsequently win election to the Rio Blanco County Board of Commissioners.

That was clearly incorrect! I had listened to the wrong person. I swear I did not make up the information, but, obviously, I asked the wrong person. Lesson learned!

The reality of the situation is, and I quote a note from a Meeker town official, who I should have asked in the first place, "Bryce Ducey was appointed to replace Andy Thomson as trustee for the Town of Meeker."

Sorry Bryce, Jeff, Andy and all others I heard from and those I didn't hear from. This mistake will not happen again. I regret to say there probably will be other mistakes at some time, but this same one will not be

repeated. Anyway, best of luck, Bryce! You have an entire town rooting for you.



I took a drive to Rangely on Thursday for a meeting with Rangely Town Administrator Peter Brixius and with Colorado Northwest Community College public information officer and executive assistant Becky Dubbert.

I had met Brixius previously but I wanted to spend a little more in-depth time with him, finding what projects and plans are going on in that fair town.

I also wanted to meet Dubbert since I spent five years as public information officer for a two-year college in Arizona, and I hoped to meet CNCC President Russell George. He was busy, I understand, with budget meetings, and I learned in Arizona not to disturb the president during budget time.

Anyway, a good, beneficial conversation was held with both, and my hope is that the readers on the western side of Rio Blanco County will benefit.

While driving to Rangely, it didn't take rocket science for me to notice that most of the ice is off the White River. There are still a few spots where there are stretches of ice, but they are few and far between.

Since Thursday of last week, it seems that almost everyone I have spoken with is sporting a photo of a nice trout they or a family member caught within the past week.

I also noticed that just the very upper waters within Kenney Reservoir are completely ice free — but I am not certain whether one could actually obtain access at this time.

The rest of the reservoir is covered with ice, but that ice at one point creates a unique pattern.

From the dam upward through most of the reservoir the ice takes on an emerald green hue, which, to me, means the ice isn't very deep. Then, about 75 percent of the way up the reservoir is a very distinct line where the green ends and pure white ice is visible to nearly the upper end of the reservoir.

I can't wait to try my luck on the White River or Kenney Reservoir, but it may yet be a while until the waters on Kenney open all the way. Only the weather gods know!

Without a doubt, the quickest event I have ever covered in more than 36 years was the Meeker Easter egg hunt on Saturday at Barone Middle School.

Thankfully, I arrived at the scene 30 minutes before the 10 a.m. on-the-dot start with a quick firing of the fire truck siren. Roughly 15 seconds later, it was over.

Approximately 300 kids, I would estimate, all lined up around the grass plots at the middle school. When it was over, I didn't see one child walking around in tears without an egg. That has not always been case while covering egg hunts elsewhere.

Several folks commented that this was the first such hunt in many years during which the weather was warm and sunny. Everyone seemed in high spirits, men in shorts were scattered through the group and a lot of folks were clad in short sleeves while accompanying their children.

A great job was done by the sponsoring Meeker Lions Club, and it was a great way for the parents and children to welcome spring. Thanks also to the Meeker Fire Department for bringing along one of their fire trucks. The young kids and their not-so-young parents seemed to get a big kick out of the truck.

The weather was the main topic of conversation at the Easter egg hunt, almost equaled by the talk of who was going fishing where.

My first impression is that there are a lot of fishermen and women and a lot of male and female golfers — at least at this end of the valley. It is good to see people getting out and doing something in this gorgeous weather.

In Arizona, the summer days are often too hot to do anything at mid-day and often the winter days are too cool to do a lot out-of-doors, particularly when combined with the winds that state can attract.

Golf and fishing are both in my top five things to do with my spare time, and they are in the top three reasons I returned to Colorado.

...gotta get that Colorado fishing license and have my golf clubs sent from Arizona.

(By the way golfers, be aware that there is a huge difference in the distance a golf ball flies at roughly 6,700 feet around here and at sea level. I was pretty happy years ago when my tee shot traveled nearly 280 yards in Rawlins, Wyo. What a disappointment when I realized that same ball travels only about 230 yards at lower elevations.)

*Tips to Toes*  
Manicures ♦ Pedicures  
Facials ♦ Waxing  
335 Sixth St., Ste. 4  
Meeker, CO  
970.878.0505

**Romney Law Office**  
  
Sherman Romney  
FREE Bankruptcy Consultations  
Craig Office  
415 W. Victory Way  
824-0257  
We are a debt relief agency. We help people file for bankruptcy relief under the Bankruptcy Code.

**CULVERTS**  
6"-36" Diameter  
IN STOCK NOW  
**MEEKER SAND & GRAVEL**  
878-3671  
CONCRETE & GRAVEL AVAILABLE

*Meeker Christian Church*  
443 School St. • 878-5105  
ADULTS & CHILDREN  
Sunday School 10am Sun.  
Church Service 11am Sun.  
Bible Study 7pm Wed.  
OFFICE HOURS  
Mon. - Fri. 9am-12pm

## Conference to focus on outdoor skills

Special to the Herald Times

**RBC | Colorado Parks and Wildlife and Pheasants Forever are co-sponsoring a June 7-9 conference in Estes Park that will teach best practices for providing outdoor skills education.**

Participants in the three-day conference will receive in-depth training in how to teach skills like archery, cast-iron cooking, shooting, canoeing, kayaking and much, much

more. Sessions will also focus on teaching methods that can be used to make sure students are engaged, challenged and retaining outdoor skills for lifelong enjoyment.

The "Focus on Forever" conference is designed to help current outdoor skills instructors improve and help organizations train new instructors all with the main goal of getting more people outdoors in Colorado.

"Colorado is an amazing state

with so many outdoor opportunities," said Allison Kincaid, the Colorado Parks and Wildlife partnership coordinator. "People are hungry to learn new skills and get outside, but individual organizations may not have the ability to offer all of this training in one place for their staff, volunteers and board members."

Conference cost is \$325 per person, but Colorado Parks and Wildlife has a limited amount of

scholarship funding set aside to provide a 50-percent match for organizations that can't afford the entire fee. An application for the matching fund scholarship is available by contacting Allison Kincaid at allison.kincaid@state.co.us or 303-291-7252.

Details about the Focus on Forever conference can be found on the Pheasants Forever website at pheasantsforever.org/page/1/Focus-on-Forever-Conference.jsp

*Save The Date*

# Spring Gala

## May 18, 2013

**Scholarship Application Deadline**  
April 5, 2013 & April 12, 2013  
[www.pioneershospital.org](http://www.pioneershospital.org)

Pioneers Healthcare Foundation and Pioneers Medical Center are excited to announce the 2013 Healthcare Scholarship Applications are available. The scholarships are sponsored by Kris Borchard Strive for Excellence Scholarship Fund, Colorado Northwestern Community College, Westlands, Brandon & Addy Aven, Meeker General Mercantile, Employees of PMC, Pioneers Medical Center's Grow Your Own Program., and Pioneers Healthcare Foundation. The funding for these scholarships is made possible through local donations and business sponsorships to the *Pioneers Healthcare Foundation*, a 501c3 dedicated to supporting sustainable healthcare in the Meeker and White River community.

- Scholarships are available for bachelors and undergraduate studies
- The **Kris Borchard Strive for Excellence Scholarship** is available for graduate and masters programs. (i.e. medical school, masters in nursing, etc.) **Deadline: April 5, 2013**

Scholarship Applications can be downloaded at [www.pioneershospital.org](http://www.pioneershospital.org) on the home page, under "news". Or applications can be picked up from Twyla Jensen (970-878-9264) or Margie Joy (970-878-9317) at Pioneers Medical Center.

**Applications must be returned to Margie Joy at Pioneers Medical Center by 5:00 pm on April 12, 2013,**

An event to raise funds which support healthcare in our community.  
**Reserve your tickets today! Call Margie Joy 970-878-9317**

**Thank You to Our Supporters**  
(As of 4/1/2013)

Haselden Construction  
W.C. Striegel, Inc.  
White River Electric Association  
Williams Production, RMT

Colorado Northwestern Community College, Elk Creek Ranch,  
Employees of Pioneers Medical Center  
Enterprise Gas Production  
Marvine Ranch, Mountain Valley Bank  
QHR, Rio Blanco Ranch  
Westlands

American Health Facilities Development  
Brandon & Addy Aven, Vern Bowmen Family  
Davis Partnership, LLC  
Employees of Pioneers Medical Center  
Encana Oil & Gas  
First National Bank of the Rockies  
The Herald Times, Lions Club of Meeker  
Meeker Drugs, REDI Services, LLC  
Rio Blanco Abstract Company, Wal-Mart  
The Zagar Family

AeroCare, Avis's White Bird Blooms, Hollidays, Joy Surveying, Meeker Family Health Center Providers, Meeker Collision, Meeker General Mercantile, Meeker Sand & Gravel, Mountain View Tree Farm, Pathology Associates of Glenwood, Rocky Mountain Health Plans, Shults Ranch, State Farm Insurance, Wendell's Wondrous Things

# Powerful. Renewable. Connection.

Duke-American Transmission Co. is proposing the Zephyr Power Transmission Project to connect high-quality Wyoming wind to the southwestern U.S. The 850-mile Zephyr project will carry enough energy to power 1.4 million homes and will run from Chugwater, Wyo., to the Eldorado Valley, just south of Las Vegas.

Learn more about Zephyr at an upcoming open house.

**OPEN HOUSE - from 4 to 7 p.m.**  
**Wednesday, April 10**  
Colorado Northwestern Community College,  
Rangely, Colo.

**Thursday, April 11**  
The Center of Craig, Craig, Colo

**ZEPHYR**  
POWER TRANSMISSION PROJECT  
Powerful. Renewable. Connection.  
[www.ZephyrTransmissionProject.com](http://www.ZephyrTransmissionProject.com)  
Follow us on twitter @datcllc

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Horses no problem

Dear Editor:  
This letter is in response to the recent articles in the *Herald Times* regarding wild horse management on public lands.

To begin, there is no overpopulation of wild horses on public lands in Colorado. In fact, the cost to subsidize public land ranching to American taxpayers is enormous. The cost to graze in an AUM (Animal Unit per Month) — one cow/calf, or five sheep) is only \$1.35 per month, a price that has remained unchanged since the mid-1970s.

Direct government expenditures to administer public land grazing constitute an annual loss to taxpayers of at least \$123 million and more than \$500 million when indirect costs are accounted for, according to a report by the Western Watersheds Project.

Private land leases in the Western states are anywhere between \$10-\$15 per AUM. BLM and the U.S. Forest Service would need to charge between \$7.64 and \$12.26 per AUM, respectively, to recoup their expenses. Livestock grazing on public lands is a welfare program subsidized by the American taxpayers.

American taxpayers subsidize all livestock permittees who utilize our public lands. These privileged few account for roughly 4 to 6 percent of all livestock produced and consumed in the United States. Our rural communities support public land livestock permittees, not the other way around.

The damage to public lands by overgrazing livestock is significant! Eighty percent of streams and riparian areas in arid regions of the West have been impacted (most don't even have wild horses.) The number of cows and sheep in the White River Resource Area as compared to wild horses is significantly much higher,

even by using numbers supplied by the BLM.

Therefore, the negative impact to public lands as previous articles have stated, as being directly attributed to wild horses, is significantly unsubstantiated.

Wild horses are a protected species with a law passed by Congress at the request of the American public to protect and manage wild horses as a National Heritage species. The law states they are to be managed in self-sustaining, genetically viable numbers in areas where they were found in 1971.

Livestock, on the other hand, utilizes public lands as a privilege (as reaffirmed by the Supreme Court), not a priority, a right nor a use to be put above of the land or wildlife, which includes wild horses. Therefore, when White River Field Office manager Kent Walter informed local livestock permittees in a special meeting that livestock numbers needed to be reduced for the upcoming year due to range conditions, there was an immediate outcry. The permittees' protest apparently led to Mr. Walter revoking that plan to accommodate permittee requests over good range management practices. Hence, the aggressive attack on our wild horses.

So, who will the permittees or BLM blame when all the wild horses are gone? Will it be oil and gas, hunters, OHV users, recreational users such as hikers, cyclists, and photographers.? Wait!! Who wants to photograph a cow?

I have made it clear that I am not against ranching. I think ranchers are some of the hardest working people on the planet. My aunt is a rancher in Wyoming and one of my closest friends is a rancher in Gunnison.

But, BLM and ranchers, please stop blaming the wild horses for range degradation.

The proof is out there. You just need to drive around and you will not see a lot of horse feces in degradation areas, but cow feces. And for the BLM and permittees, like the signs say, "Your Public Lands." Remember, the land is for all of the uses I mentioned above, not just for cattle.

And yes, BLM, you are managing the only hooved animal to live in tight family bands, to extinction!

Patti Williams  
Rio Blanco County

Letter of thanks

Dear Editor:  
Being a 50-plus year resident of Meeker, I have certainly been witness to the thoughtfulness of this community over the years. But, during a recent health setback, I experienced it firsthand.

I would like to extend a heartfelt "thank you" to everyone who sent

cards, flowers, made phone calls and hospital visits throughout the past month. The road to recovery is a long one, but I continue to improve and appreciate the encouragement I've received from so many dear friends.

I have been especially impressed with the care I have been given at Pioneers Medical Center by those in my wing, and I am thankful that we have a place, locally, where we can recover and still be near friends.

Thanks again for all the well-wishes!

Emily Holmes  
Meeker

Tank supporters thank Rangely folks

Dear Editor:  
My first trip to the town of Rangely was in 1976 with the Colorado Chautauqua tour. It was

great. We had everything from dancing to pottery workshops, and the people of Rangely joined in and tried everything.

You residents of Rangely went to the plays, listened to the music and greeted all the artists with a big welcome. What I did not know then was that 37 years later, I'd still be coming back.

That first time I was in Rangely, two men showed me the abandoned water tank and they rang it like a bell; that reverberation is still going on to this day.

Our group has been meeting at the tank and making recordings ever since.

Now, since this Kickstarter Campaign, the tank has, almost overnight, become world famous. More than 750 people from a dozen countries and all over the U.S. have contributed to save the tank. We're getting requests to make

music there from around the globe each day.

Something really interesting is going on. But the thing that excites me most is how the people of Rangely have joined in with visits to the tank, with contributions from individuals and local businesses, prizes for the supporters — all, with that amazing spirit I remember so well when we came through with the Chautauqua tour. "Save the Tank" would not have been a success without you.

Dick and Lois LaFond are so grateful for the way they were received by the community last week during their visit.

Thank you Rangely! We look forward to a long and fruitful friendship.

Bruce Odland and  
Friends of the Tank  
Rangely

RANGELY SCHOOL DISTRICT "PARENT INVOLVEMENT" CALENDAR						
APRIL MORAL FOCUS FOR PARKVIEW ELEMENTARY IS "COMPASSION"						
~ April 2013 ~						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Notes:	1 • Children's Health Fair EEC Building • Rangely Reads 6-7pm PVE	2 • Children's Health Fair – EEC • Special Called Board Meeting • Parent Action Team Meeting 6:15pm EEC Building • HS Boys' Bball Banquet 6pm – RHS Lower Commons	3	4	5	6
7	8 • Parent Love-n-Logic Training	9 • HS Girls' Bball Banquet 6pm – RHS Lower Commons	10	11	12	13 • RMS Track – Rifle 9am
14	15	16 • Board of Education Meeting 6:15pm EEC Building	17	18	19	20 • RMS Track – Craig 9am • Prom & Rowdy Worm
21	22	23	24 • HS/MS Health Fair at RHS	25 • Family Math Night – PVE	26	27 • RMS Track – HOME 9am
28	29	30 • 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Band Concert RJSHS at 6:30pm	Notes:			



(970) 878-3139  
WWW.FBCMEEKER.ORG

SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00AM  
SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP 11:00AM  
SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP 6:00PM  
WEDNESDAY EVENING 7:00PM

*"Principles for Wise Living"*  
**PEOPLE WHO DON'T NEED A BOSS**

*"Go to the ant, thou sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise: Which having no guide, overseer, or ruler, Provideth her meat in the summer, and gathereth her food in the harvest."*  
Proverbs 6:6-8

It is said that when John Wesley was in his eighties, he complained in his diary that he was struggling with being tempted to stay in bed until 5:30 in the morning! One of the most active and productive evangelists in history, Wesley is said to have traveled more than a quarter of a million miles on horseback, and to have preached over four thousand sermons. One thing is for sure, Wesley knew how to work. In spite of difficulties throughout his lifetime, he simply took the initiative to do what God had called him to do.

One of the most difficult things to find in our day is people who are willing to work hard without waiting for someone else to decide what needs to be done and issue instructions. Our culture and society no longer regards work as it once did. Instead of being seen as a way to honor God and provide for our needs, work is often viewed as something to be avoided as much as possible.

Work is not part of the curse that came upon the world with sin. (God had already assigned tasks to Adam prior to the Fall. The curse was that work became more difficult.) Work is important because it helps build strength of character. When a society makes it easy for people who are able to work to survive without working, they are undermining their very foundations. Paul laid out God's plan by inspiration when he wrote: "If any would not work, neither should he eat" (2 Thessalonians 3:10). God's plan is for us to get up, look around, find what needs to be done and do it.

**Today's Proverbs Precept:**  
*Accomplishing God's plan for your life — even His plan for your day — will require initiative and diligence.*

## We Preach Christ: The Bible Story (6)

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



**Dr. J.D. Watson**

### Act 5: The Contract (cont.)

The *Tabernacle* was built (Ex. 25–31), which means "dwelling place" and foreshadowed the dwelling of God with man through the person of Christ. In the *Tabernacle* was the *Alter of Burnt Offering* (27:1–8), where animal sacrifices were offered and which pointed to the atonement that Christ would make for sin. The *Bronze Laver* (30:17–21) was the place for the cleansing of the priests and pictured the cleansing that could come only in Christ (1 Jn. 1:7). The *Table of Showbread* (Ex. 25:23–30) was where 12 loaves of bread representing the 12 tribes was always present and foreshadowed Christ as the Bread of Life (Jn. 6:35, 48). The *Golden Lampstand* (Ex. 25:31–40) provided light for the ministering priests and provides us with the picture of Christ as the Light of the World (Jn. 8:12). The *Alter of Incense* (Ex. 30:1–10) was for the perpetual burning of incense as a picture of prayer and reminds us that prayer is to be offered in Jesus' name (Jn. 14:13; cf. Rev. 5:8). The *Ark of the Covenant* (Ex. 25:10–22) contained a copy of the Ten Commandments, which summarized the whole covenant and pictured the covenant ground of our access to God. And finally, on the cover of the Ark was the *Mercy Seat*, literally the "atonement covering," the place where alienated parties were reconciled. It was here that the sins of the people were covered on *Yom Kippur*, the Day of Atonement, which pointed forward to the ultimate, once-for-all atonement of Christ on the Cross (Heb. 7:27; 10:12).

When the *Tabernacle* was completed, "a cloud covered the tent of the congregation, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle" (Ex. 40:34). So brilliant, so radiant was God's glory that not even Moses, who had had a glimpse of God's glory (Ex. 33:18–23), was able to enter the *Tabernacle*. That *Shekinah* glory was there as a pillar of a cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night, and whenever it moved the people moved.

We also should not forget the Levitical Offerings: there was the sin offering, the burnt offering, the grain offering, the peace offering, and the trespass offering. Each was designed to bring God's people close to Him, and each pointed them to the once-for-all sacrifice of Christ that was to come (Heb. 10:12).

While the wilderness wandering is another sad saga, the people finally entered the land of promise (Num. 32, 34), and Solomon ultimately built the Temple (1 Kings 5–6), where God would have a permanent dwelling place among His people in Jerusalem. At the dedication, when the Ark was put in place, the *Shekinah* glory of God was again so brilliant that not even the priests could get near (1 Kings 8). And like the *Tabernacle*, it all pointed to the Christ who would come.

Alas, in spite of such blessing and privilege, the people turned to sin and even pagan idolatry. The prophets warned and warned and warned of coming judgment. They prayed, preached, and pleaded, but to no avail. The Northern Kingdom (Israel) went into captivity in Assyria in 722 BC, and in spite of the object lesson this provided for the Southern Kingdom (Judah), she became even worse and was taken into Babylon beginning in 605 BC.

Far more tragically, because God does not remain where He is not wanted, His *Shekinah* glory was seen departing from the Temple by way of the east gate, the main processional gate (Ezek. 10–11). It then went over the center of the city and stopped over "the mountain which is on the east side of the city," a reference to the Mount of Olives (2 Sam. 15:30; Zech. 14:4), the same mountain where Jesus, the Word Himself, would one day weep over Jerusalem (Luke 19:41), from which He, the manifestation of the *Shekinah*, would ascend into heaven, and to which He will return again (Zech. 14:4). Perhaps the *Shekinah* stopped because it did not really wish to leave, but was compelled to do so, and in an instant it was gone.

*Ichabod*—the glory is departed. God's judgment and departure are always the end for those who reject the Word of God, the Word who would become flesh and dwell in human form among His creation.

It was then, for the next 400 years, there was not a single word from heaven. Nothing is sadder than the silence of God. *But thankfully, the story does not end there.*

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

R · I · O · B · L · A · N · C · O

# Herald Times

SERVING RIO BLANCO COUNTY, COLORADO SINCE 1885

592 Main Street, Upstairs ✦ Box 720  
Meeker, Colorado 81641  
970-878-4017 ✦ 970-878-4016 fax

Rangely, Colorado 81648 ✦ 970-675-5033

— PUBLISHER —  
Mitch Bettis ~ mitch@theheraldtimes.com

— EDITOR —  
Sean McMahon ~ sean@theheraldtimes.com

— NEWS DEPARTMENT —  
Niki Turner ~ niki@theheraldtimes.com

U.S. Postal Service #338-020.  
Periodicals class postage is paid at Meeker, Colorado 81641.  
Postmaster: send change of addresses to  
P.O. Box 720, Meeker, CO 81641-0720  
© 2013 Freeman Publications, Inc.

## ENGAGEMENT



Kilduff ~ Smith

**MEEKER** I Mr. and Mrs. William Smith are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter, Kirstie Michelle, to Clinton Eugene Kilduff, son of Howard and Peggy Kilduff.

A summer wedding is planned for Aug. 10, 2013, in Meeker.



## Public invited to relive Rio Blanco County history

Special to the Herald Times

**RBC** I The public is invited to enjoy a Sunday afternoon with Rio Blanco County's pioneer women, who will offer their takes on local history.

The Rio Blanco County Historical Society is having its quarterly meeting on Sunday, beginning at 1 p.m. The business portion of the meeting will be very brief followed by a presentation by community members, featuring 10 pioneer

women from this area. Their stories will be narrated and the women will wear costumes representative of their characters.

The stories will be told by some family members of the original pioneers, and time will be allowed for sharing memories of the "pioneer women."

There is tremendous history in our area and the women of the early days have fascinating stories to tell. From the women who worked around the clock caring for their children and

keeping the family going, to the characters who spent a great deal of time socializing or playing cards, to the women who went out and helped on the farm and ranch, each individual is just that, unique.

The public is invited to join the Rio Blanco Historical Society for a fun afternoon of learning, laughing and lunching.

The main course for the potluck dinner will be provided, inviting guests to simply bring a salad or dessert.

## SEVERANCE: Divided

► Continued from Page 1A

The direct distribution goes into the county and the sub-county pools, a DOLA information sheet states. The county pool is based on statewide share of the following factors: Colorado Employee Residence Reports (CERR), mining and well permits and mineral production.

The sub-county pool is based on a county/municipal split based on CERR, population and road miles.

Another 1.7 percent of the overall funds goes to a separate distribution of federal mineral lease funds to state school districts. Again, these funds are based on a county pool and a sub county pool. The county pool is based on CERR and federal mineral lease funds generated; the sub county pool is based on the most recent student count.

Those funds are the annual distri-

bution of severance tax funds to Colorado's school districts.

"We are likely to get some push back from the state because it does the distribution and doesn't always have sympathy for the more rural areas," Tipton said.

"This is an issue to look into," he said. "There are some good fellow members in the House who face this same problem with the fair distribution of the funds in their states. We'll see if there isn't something that can be done in Washington.

"Everyone also needs to understand that a very large portion of the land in Western states is federally owned and that there is little tax base for the counties," Tipton said. "Small-population rural counties have the same problem as the larger counties but they don't have the population base or tax base to raise the funds needed."

## TIPTON: Addressing wild horse issues

► Continued from Page 1A

horses in the state, there are 11,000 excess horses running wild throughout the nation's ranges; there are currently 50,000 horses in holding facilities; and more than \$43 million of taxpayer money goes to feed those 50,000.

The districts requested of Tipton, "We need your leadership to remove the following language from the Interior (Department's) appropriations language: Appropriations ... shall not be available for the destruction of healthy, unadopted, wild horses and burros in the care of the Bureau (of Land Management) or its contractors for the sale of wild horses and burros that results in their destruction for processing into commercial prod-

ucts."

The districts also want the BLM to manage the horses according to the Wild Free-Roaming Horse and Burro Act, that horses be restricted to the designated herd management areas and that excess horses be removed from the range to keep numbers within BLM-determined appropriate management levels.

Tipton acknowledged the two sides of the issue, which are the landowners' and the BLM's wish to lower the herd numbers due to damage the herds are doing to the open range, while there is also a large faction that doesn't want to see the horses removed or killed in bringing the herds down to the numbers deemed manageable.

He said that the BLM is holding

herd roundups in "emergency only" situations and that the herds are going to continue growing if nothing is done.

"I completely understand the concern, and if there is a good birthing season even in Colorado for the next few years, the herds will continue to grow here past accepted numbers," Tipton said. "Something has to be done, and while it may not be popular in some circles, the use of these animals' products for commercial use may be good for business and may be one way to address the issue."

He said he would take the concerns back to Washington and meet with BLM officials on how the problem can be handled in a way that will help resolve the issue without ruffling too many environmental feathers.

## SNOW: Drainages low

► Continued from Page 1A

listed at 68 percent of normal in the snow/water equivalent. That sensor, located at 9,400 feet, also indicated that the total precipitation level at 69 percent of average.

The largest concern is in the Trappers Lake drainage, listed at 61 percent of normal in the snow/water equivalent. That sensor, located at 9,700 feet, indicated the total precipitation average of 75 percent through Friday.

"We are a bit concerned at this

point," Coffin said. "All three drainages are low compared to normal averages, but with the Trappers Lake area at only 61 percent, there is more concern.

"We are not by any means at the panic level because a couple good snows or a big spring snow or some good rains could make a big difference," he said. "With low snowpacks averaged in the past couple of years, however, we are certainly hoping for some more rain or snow. We don't want a long, hot spring or summer in which the fire danger is extreme."

## 9 Health Fair

OWN YOUR HEALTH

**Below 100, Above 200, One Hundred twenty over 80**

Do you know what these numbers mean? They are the ideal levels for your glucose, cholesterol and blood pressure. Learning about these three key numbers can help prevent heart disease and diabetes.

**Join us for the 9 Health Fair to Get Your Numbers**

**SATURDAY APRIL 20, 2013**

**7:00am to 11:00am**

**New Location!!**

**Meeker Elementary School**

**201 Ute. Rd. Meeker, CO**

- The 9 Health Fair is a community partnership with 9 Health Fair, Rio Blanco Fire Protection District, Pioneers Medical Center and the Meeker Lion's Club.
- Free and low-cost health screenings, along with educational health information, are available at the Fairfield Center from 7:00a.m. to 11:00a.m.
- 9Health Fair participants can access free screenings such as finger stick glucose, skin, vision, blood pressure, breast, and more. An optional screening is a blood cell count that measures four components: white blood count, hemoglobin concentration, hematocrit value, and platelet count.
- **Drink lots of water** the evening before and the morning of the 9 Health Fair. Also, remember not to eat any food or drink anything, other than water, for 12 hours before the 9 Health Fair."

### BASIC SCREENINGS

- Blood Chemistry Screening (Blood Draw Costs \$30)
- Blood Cell Count (Cost \$15)
- PSA (Men Only) (Cost \$25)
- Colon Cancer Screening Kit (Cost \$20)
- Vitamin D 25-Hydroxy Screening (Cost \$40-Blood Draw)
- Height/Weight/Body Mass Index
- Vision
- Pulse and Blood Pressure Screening

Payments for these services may be made by check written to the 9Health Fair.



970-878-5047

## Rocky Mountain Hair Benders

640 Main Street • Meeker, Colorado  
970.878.3433

**WILL BE OPEN LATE**

Tuesdays • Wednesdays • Thursdays

5:00pm-9:00pm

WALK INS WELCOME

For appointment, call Misty at (970) 620-5597

## NEED PROPANE THIS SPRING?

WHITE RIVER ENERGY CO.

Your locally-owned propane dealership.  
Service is our specialty.

878-9876 • 668 Market Street • Meeker

COME CELEBRATE WITH CNCC

AT THE

# 50-Year Barbecue & Unveiling Event

April 16, 2013 • 11:30 am  
on the CNCC Rangely Campus

Good food.

Live entertainment.

Be among the first to see

the 50th Anniversary

Sculpture and help

us bury the CNCC

Time Capsule.



For more info call Becky Dubbert 970.675.3301

**DOOR PRIZES!**

**FRIDAY, APRIL 12**

**Free Customer Appreciation Lunch | 11am-1pm**

— Hosted by the Meeker FFA Chapter —



# FILTER SALE

**APRIL 8-14 2013**



**SUBMIT YOUR WIX BOX TOPS  
HERE TO HELP YOUR LOCAL  
FFA CHAPTER!**

**WIX FILTERS will donate 25¢ to your FFA Chapter for every box top.  
This promotion ends April 30, 2013.**



**McGuire Auto Parts**

**314 Market St. ■ Meeker ■ 970.878.9855**

**Emergency Number: 970.220.2803**

**Hours: Mon.-Fri. 7:30am - 6pm • Sat. 8am - 4pm**



# Easter means Easter Egg Hunts



DALE HALLEBACH



SEAN MCMAHON

More than 300 children from toddlers to 10-year-olds took part in the annual Easter Egg Hunt at Barone Middle School, sponsored by the Meeker Lions Club on Saturday. The siren was sounded by a Meeker Fire Department fire truck, and all the children were off at once, utilizing the different areas of the school yard for each age group. From start to finish, the 15-second event, accompanied by the Easter Bunny, brought smiles to the children and parents as few empty Easter baskets were seen at the end.



DALE HALLEBACH



SEAN MCMAHON



DALE HALLEBACH



HEATHER ZADRA

Approximately 170 children turned out for the the Rangely Elks Club's annual Easter egg hunt at Elks Park on Saturday morning. The Elks also served roughly 80 breakfast plates before the hunt, Exalted Ruler Don Reed said. Changes to this year's hunt, including using 3,000 plastic eggs (2,300 of them hand-stuffed by Elks members) and age groups starting the hunt in waves, were improvements over past events, Reed said. Having children draw numbers for prizes this year, rather than finding slips in eggs or waiting to be called on, also increased the hunt's flow and timing. Next year, parents and children will be directed to after-hunt prizes via signage since a few children missed the number drawing. "We learn a little bit more every year," Reed said.



## JJ's TIRE & AUTO

FAST PROFESSIONAL FULL AUTOMOTIVE SERVICE



- BRAKES • ELECTRICAL • TRANSMISSIONS • OIL CHANGES
- COMPUTER DIAGNOSIS
- AIR CONDITIONING • COOLING SYSTEMS
- BATTERIES • SHOCKS • TUNE UPS
- EXHAUST SYSTEMS

ASK US ABOUT  
OUR CURRENT  
TIRE SPECIAL!

## JJ's TIRE & AUTO

807 E Main St. • 675-2870 • Mon.-Fri. 8am-5pm

**Sophistication.**  
*and Class*

**PROM SPECIAL**

**FIRST TAN FREE!**

when you sign up for an **UNLIMITED MONTHLY PACKAGE** and receive \$20 off the price of the package an **10% off** a bottle of lotion.  
*Bring your student ID!*

Enter our April drawing for unlimited tanning in the blue bed!



### MONTHLY SPECIALS!

- Buy a 12-Visit Pkg. & get 2 tans FREE!
- Buy a 7-Visit Pkg. & get 1 tan FREE!
- Buy a 5-Visit Pkg. & get a sample lotion!

747 EAST MAIN ST.  
RANGELY, CO • 675-2807

## RHS loses doubleheader

By **BOBBY GUTIERREZ**  
bobby@nctelecom.net

**RANGELY I** The Rangely Panthers moved to a 2-7 overall record and 1-3 in the league after losing a doubleheader to Paonia on their home diamond last Saturday.

"This isn't unfamiliar territory for us," head coach Paul Fortunato said of his team's record. "Last year we started 0-7 and finished the year very well. It's getting better and I am confident we will make that turn-around."

The Panthers lost 10-20 in the first game and 7-9 in the second to the Eagles from Paonia.

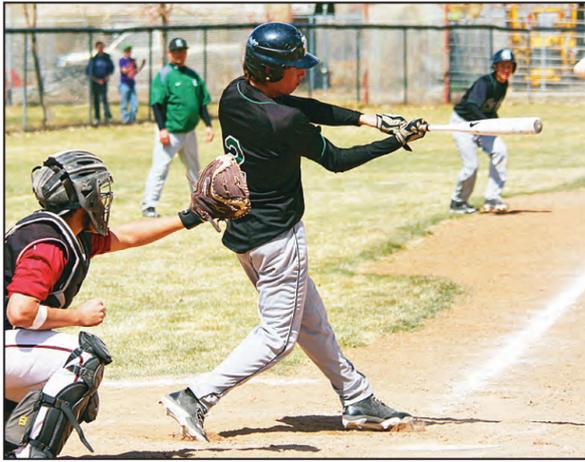
The Panthers fell behind by 13 before scoring 10 runs in the fourth inning, only to have the Eagles counter with five and two more in the next inning to end the game after five innings of play.

In the second game, Rangely trailed 0-3 after the first inning but scored one in the second and three more in the third to take a 4-3 lead. In the fourth inning, they scored one more and Paonia took back the lead with three runs of their own. Neither team scored in the fifth inning, but Rangely added two in the sixth only to have the Eagles scored three to win 9-7.

"We are struggling right now, but we have some bright spots starting to come around," Fortunato said. "Sophomores Kelton Elam and Josh Bolding have been playing extremely hard and are starting to make a big difference for the team. Freshmen Jesse Powell and Kaulan Brady are starting to become more comfortable in their varsity roles as well."

The varsity will play a doubleheader in Hotchkiss and the jayvee will play a doubleheader in Rifle on Friday.

"We have a great core of returning starters that are beginning to produce, and, with the help of the younger guys, we are going to turn it around and get back on the right track."



Rangely baseball coach Paul Fortunato said the "great core" of returning starters like seniors Chad Boleng, top, getting a hit, and Gabe Garcia, below, sliding home safely, will "get (the team) back on track" with the help of their younger teammates.

## Turner places 5th at state

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

**MEEKER I** Seven Barone Middle School wrestlers traveled to Denver on Friday and Saturday for the Middle School State Tournament, held at the Western Stock Show events center Friday and Saturday. Each wrestler was placed in a 64-man bracket with a double elimination format. The tournament was loaded with extremely talented kids with no limitation on size of school, affiliation with club or matches wrestled in the year.

Some participants wrestling with private club teams had upwards of 100 matches on the year and several wrestled in the Rocky Mountain Nationals events.

With competition this tough, just to win a single match is an accomplishment and to place in the top seven is very commendable. All wrestlers won at least one match for Meeker.

Caleb Bradford got through the first round before being defeated, then he fell again in the consolation match.

Josh Cochran also made it through the first round before matching up against an extremely tough kid in the second round. He battled back Saturday morning, staying alive for two more matches but falling short of the medal round.

Hunter Garcia also wrestled tough Friday night but lost a heart breaker on Saturday that would have given him an opportunity to make the podium. The match went into overtime, giving both kids one minute to wrestle from the bottom. The match remained tied after both periods, coming down to sudden death triple overtime with his opponent winning the choice of position.

Garcia held the guy down for nearly the entire time and locked his

hands when he thought he was in the correct position. The result was a penalty point for the other kid. The match was a great show of effort by Garcia.

Chase Rule had several close matches, advancing past the first round, losing in the second, winning his first consolation match and falling in a barn burner at the very end of the match. He was up against some very tough kids at 152 pounds and proved he is going to be a force next season.

Cousins Sheridan Harvey and Casey Turner wrestled extremely tough over the weekend with Turner placing fifth, the best finish among Meeker wrestlers. Turner lost in the third round in a close 2-4 match before coming back through the bracket to

get into the medal rounds. He handled his opponent in his final match, pinning his opponent.

Harvey had placed fifth in the event a year ago and fell one match short of placing again this year. He used his signature cradle to pin his first opponent and had the kid that beat him in a bind for a time before falling in the match. Harvey came back to pin two more wrestlers.

All the Meeker wrestlers gained excellent experience in a big arena against extremely tough competition. The future looks very bright for the future of the program.

Coaches J.C. Watt and Lee Overton volunteered their time to travel on their spring breaks to coach the kids.



Clay Anderson, left, and Daylon Nielsen, right, talk with sixth-grader Tannen Kennedy before wrestling at the recent Barone Middle School tournament. Anderson was incorrectly identified using his brother's name in last week's issue of the Herald Times, which also listed him as a seventh-grader and that neither wrestler placed. Anderson is an eighth grader who placed fifth in the tournament and Nielsen finished in fourth place.

## Little Panthers wrestle in Rifle youth tournament

By **BOBBY GUTIERREZ**  
bobby@nctelecom.net

**RANGELY I** Twenty-nine youth wrestlers from Rangely competed in Rifle on Friday; 19 placed in the top four and one champion earned a sportsmanship award.

Carmella Fortunato, age 4, wrestled in her first tournament and not only won the gold medal in her bracket, she was awarded the sportsmanship trophy in her age division.

"Ella did amazing, I just want to say that all the Panthers did an amazing job," coach Andy Lucero said. "Overall, I think the wrestlers are doing a great job and I also want to say thanks to the coaches who helped out in Rifle."

Fortunato, Jaden Heredia, Anthony Dorris, Marcos Quintana and Tytus Coombs all won their brackets and gold medals.

Kamden Williams, Clay Allred, Anders Jonsson, Karver Lamoreauy and Luis Quintana were all runners-up. Tyce Lucer, Landon Carlson, Kasen LeBleu, Zane Vamer and Byron Mackay all finished as consolation champs in their brackets, while Landon Williams, Bryce Willis and Darnen Maybury each placed fourth.

Braydin Karschner, Kobey Chism, Caleb Shriver, Douglas Slack, Andrew Slack, Jeffrey Slack, Wyatt Zufelt, Tim Stieb, Donte Pearce and Matthew Countryman, also wrestled in Rifle but did not place.

"The team will be in Moffat County on Saturday," coach Lucero said. "So, rest up wrestlers."



Carmella Fortunato, age 4, brought home some extra hardware from her first-ever wrestling tournament in Rifle. Not only did Fortunato win a gold medal for going undefeated in her bracket, attending coaches also gave her the sportsmanship award for her age division.

## KICKIN' BACK...



Rangely sophomore goalie Simone Heinle goes up for a save against Moffat County on Friday at Yeager Field. "The girls are still developing as a team and as individuals," coach Pasty Wanstedt said. "There were exciting moments where hard work and practice have paid off. Even though the stats do not display hard work or improvement, as coaches we continue to see great things from many of the girls and we are excited for the season." The Lady Panthers will play Vail Christian on Friday and Vail Mountain on Saturday, with both games starting at 1 p.m.



Colorado  
Northwestern  
Community College  
www.cncc.edu • 800.562.1105

## Champions of the Week

Set yourself apart.



### HOLLY LEPRO, SENIOR Rangely High School

Lepro broke the meet record Saturday in Cedaredge, where she threw the discus 117-feet-5 and set a personal record while winning the event. Lepro also finished third in the shot put at Cedaredge.

### CASEY TURNER, 8TH GRADER Barone Middle School

Turner won six matches, including three by pin in the 135-pound bracket of the Colorado Middle School State Finals, held over the weekend in Denver. Seven young Cowboys qualified for the state tournament but only Turner, who finished fifth, advanced to the medal rounds.



# MHS baseball team loses twin bill

— Team takes to the road with a doubleheader against the Paonia Eagles —

By **EMILY CARDILE**  
Special to the Herald Times

**MEEKER I** Over the weekend, the Meeker Cowboys' baseball team made the four-hour venture to Hotchkiss for a doubleheader, only to be turned away in both games.

As sunny 60-degree weather was a dramatic difference from last week's freezing wind and occasional snowflakes, the team had high spirits for the games.

The starting lineup for the Cowboys included Kenny Kohls, Alex Smith, Jeremy Musgrave, Ben Fitzgibbons, Dylan Mobley, Tanner

Matriciano, Scott Smith, Chevy Mohr and Matt Frantz.

The first three innings remained low in scoring with only one run scored by Hotchkiss.

The fourth inning contained all the action, as three runs for Meeker were scored by Alex Smith, Jeremy Musgrave and Ben Fitzgibbons. Unfortunately, 13 runs were scored Hotchkiss.

Musgrave's run also became a run batted in (RBI) and Tanner Matriciano's two RBIs contributed to the other two runs.

Musgrave pitched most of the first game, assisting the



**Meeker seniors Nate Walsh, Ben Fitzgibbons, Alex Smith, Adrian Shroyer and Scott Smith will lead the Cowboy baseball team in a doubleheader Saturday in Paonia.**

Cowboys' effort by striking out six batters. He was relieved by Dylan Mobley, who struck out one more.

After the fifth inning, the mercy rule was called, with the final score 14-3 in favor of Hotchkiss.

The second game was played with the same starting lineup, with the exception of right fielder Nate Walsh, who was substituted for Mohr after Mohr suffered a leg injury in the first game.

The second game started off with two runs made by the Bulldogs in the first inning, no

score in the second, one more in the third, and four runs in the fourth.

The fifth inning was uneventful, followed by the Cowboys' only run of the game, made by sophomore Matt Frantz in the sixth inning, when he was brought in by an RBI from senior Alex Smith.

Smith also logged six more strikeouts against the Bulldogs.

With no additional scoring in the seventh inning, the game finished with Hotchkiss winning, 7-1, dropping Meeker's record to 1-3.

On Saturday, the team takes to the road for a third time with a doubleheader in Paonia, against the Eagles.

**MEEKER  
READY MIX  
CONCRETE**  
**878-3671**

Fresh • Local  
Competitive

## Lepro sets records, wins discus

By **BOBBY GUTIERREZ**  
bobby@nctelecom.net

**RANGELY I** Lady Panther senior Holly Lepro broke the meet record and set a personal record in the discus throw, winning the gold medal in the event held March 30 in Cedaredge.

"It was great to be a part of the team with an individual breaking a meet record," head coach Stephanie Kahler said of Lepro's performance. "It was a bit of an off week as far as

major personal records, but the PRs (personal records) we did have were quite impressive."

Lepro broke the discus meet record of 116-foot-9 set in 2010 with a throw of 117-foot-5 to win the event. Lepro also placed third in the shot put with a distance of more than 36 feet.

Senior Leslie Hernandez earned a personal record in the 200-meter dash, sprinting the distance in 33.89 seconds.

Senior classmate Colton Coombs

ran the 100-meter dash in 11.96 seconds and finished ninth in the 200 meter with a time of 24.75 seconds.

Rangely junior Andrew Morton placed sixth in the triple jump with a hop, skip and jump of more than 39 feet. Coach Kahler said sophomore Ethan Allred finished 10th in the 800 and junior Connor Phelan finished 10th in the 400-meter run.

"Mitchell Webber continues to take time off of his 100 and 300 hurdles," Kahler said.

Webber completed the races in 19.19 and 47.46, respectively, placing 13th in each event.

"We took a small team this weekend due to some illness, injuries and family obligations, but we are proud of all our athletes and their dedication to the team," Kahler said.

"It's still early in the season, and with continuous hard work and positive attitude, we'll be ready for Palisade this weekend and the future competitions," she said.

## Rifle sportsmanship awards go to Demings

By **BOBBY GUTIERREZ**  
bobby@nctelecom.net

**MEEKER I** Thirteen members of the Meeker Community Wrestling Club opened the season with style in Rifle on Saturday as 10 of the grapplers placed in the top four and two returned with extra hardware.

Brothers Liam and Finley Deming finished as consolation champions in their respective age brackets and each one was presented with a sportsmanship trophy, voted on by participating coaches.

"Our kids wrestled well, placing nine in the top three, five of which were champions and I think it says a lot about our kids, bringing home two sportsmanship

awards," coach Carl Padilla said. Kesston Hobbs entered brackets in both the 10- and 12-under age brackets and won gold medals in each.

Brothers Reed and Ty Goedert also won gold medals as did Ridge Williams, who went up an age division to win an individual championship.

Ryan Phelan and Dillon Hobbs finished second in their brackets while Adrian Carabantes won a bronze medal. Domico Wyatt placed fourth, while Parker Pontine, Damon Dade and Trentin Moomey all wrestled in the first tournament of the season, but did not place.

Several MCWC members will wrestle in Moffat County on Saturday.

**VERNAL THEATER**  
Starts Friday  
Fri. & Sat. 7:00 & 8:45 • Sun-Thurs. 7:00 pm Only

**EVIL DEAD**

**CINEMA 5**  
Now Showing  
G.I. JOE: Retaliation • PG-13  
Mon-Sun. 4:10pm Only • Sat. 1:15pm - 2D  
Mon-Sun. 7:10 & 9:10pm Only - 3D

Now Showing  
THE HOST • PG-13  
Mon-Sun. 4:00, 6:50 & 9:00 • Sat. 1:00pm

Now Showing  
OZ: THE GREAT & POWERFUL • PG  
Mon-Sun. 3:50pm & 7:30 Only • Sat. 1:30pm

Starts Friday  
JURASSIC PARK 3D • PG-13  
Mon-Sun. 4:30 & 7:20pm Only • Sat. 2:00pm

Held Over  
THE CROODS • PG  
Mon-Sun. 4:20, 7:20 & 9:05pm • Sat. 1:45pm

Evening Ticket Prices  
Children (2-11) \$5 • Adult (12-59) \$7 • Senior (60+) \$5  
Note: ALL 3-D movies will have a \$1 surcharge

Matinee Prices  
Children (2-11) \$5 • Adult (12-59) \$5 • Senior (60+) \$5  
Note: ALL 3-D movies will have a \$1 surcharge

More info: www.vernalcinemas.com  
**435-789-6139**

**WR 970-878-5630**  
**AGGREGATES**  
40 RB County Rd. 8 • Meeker, Colorado  
SERVING RIO BLANCO COUNTY

READY MIX CONCRETE • ROCK, SAND, GRAVEL  
YOU PICK UP OR WE CAN DELIVER  
CUSTOM CRUSHING • FREE QUOTE

**BUILDING THE  
FOUNDATION OF MEEKER**  
Steve Baker • 970-326-7356

All are Welcome at church of Christ  
that meets at 222. South Sunset Ave Rangely, Co

**Sunday**  
Bible study.....9:30am  
Worship.....10:30am  
Evening Service.....6:00pm

**Wednesday**  
Bible Study.....7:00pm

Phone: 970.675.2836 email: emery.bear@yahoo.com

**WEST THEATRE**  
29 E. Victory Way • Craig • 824-2000

Cinema 1: Now Showing  
**THE CROODS 3D • PG**  
Mon-Thurs. 7pm • Fri-Sat. 7pm & 9:05 • Sun. 4 & 7pm

Cinema 2: Now Showing  
**THE HOST • PG-13**  
Mon-Thurs. 7pm • Fri-Sat. 7pm & 9:05 • Sun. 4pm  
-Add \$2 per ticket for 3D movies -

# RANGELY PANTHERS

**GO PANTHERS!**

**RHS Soccer**  
4/5 @ VAIL CHRISTIAN - 4:00  
4/6 @ VAIL MTL. - 1:00  
4/9 @ HOME vs. ASPEN - 4:00

**RHS Track & Field**  
4/12 @ COAL RIDGE - NOON  
4/13 @ GLENWOOD - TBA  
4/20 @ HOME - 9:00 A.M.

**RHS Baseball**  
4/5 @ RIFLE - 3:00, 5:00 - JV/JV  
4/6 @ HOTCHKISS - 11:00, 1:00 - V/V  
4/13 @ MEEKER - 11:00, 1:00 - V/V

**RMS TRACK & FIELD**  
4/13 @ Rifle - 9:00 am



**SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL BOOSTERS!**

With the support of the business community, we are able to provide this space for weekly schedules of athletic activities. The support is greatly appreciated. If we missed contacting you as a booster, please contact Bobby Gutierrez at the Herald Times at 675-5033. We can add your name next week.



**RIO BLANCO  
HERALD TIMES**  
SERVING RIO BLANCO COUNTY  
**675-5033**



**ALLIANCE ENERGY  
SERVICE, LLC**  
100 CHEVRON RD., RANGELY, CO  
**675-3010**

**COLORADO CPA  
SERVICES, PC**  
118 W. MAIN ST., RANGELY, CO  
**675-2222**

**FIRST NATIONAL BANK  
OF THE ROCKIES**  
222 W. MAIN, RANGELY, CO  
**675-8481**

**W.C. STRIEGEL**  
17030 HWY. 64 RANGELY, CO  
**675-8444**

**SILVER SAGE RV &  
MOBILE HOME PARK**  
259 CREST, RANGELY, CO  
**675-2259**

# MEEKER COWBOYS

**MHS TRACK & FIELD**  
4/6 @ Stoker Stadium (GJ) vs. Palisade  
4/12 @ Coal Ridge - TBA  
4/13 @ Glenwood Springs - TBA  
4/19 @ Fruita Monument - TBA

**MHS BASEBALL**  
4/6 @ Paonia DH - TBA  
4/12 @ Fruita Monument DH - TBA  
4/13 @ HOME vs. Meeker DH - TBA  
4/18 @ Grand Valley JV & V - 4, 6pm

**BMS TRACK & FIELD**  
4/13 @ Rangely Invitation  
4/20 @ Craig Invitation  
4/27 @ Eagle Valley Invitation  
5/4 @ Steamboat Invitation



**SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL BOOSTERS!**

With the support of the business community, we are able to provide this space for weekly schedules of athletic activities. The support is greatly appreciated. If we missed contacting you as a booster, please contact the Herald Times at 675-4017. We can add your name next week.



**First National Bank  
Of The Rockies**  
500 Main, Meeker, CO  
**878-5073**

**Ma Famiglia Restaurant**  
Henry & Kris Arcolesse  
410 Market, Meeker, CO  
**878-4141**

**White River Electric  
Association, Inc.**  
233 Sixth St., Meeker, CO  
**878-5041**

**Watt's Ranch Market**  
271 E. Market  
Meeker, CO  
**878-5868**

**Northwest Auto  
Sales & Service**  
485 Market St., Meeker, CO  
**878-5026**

**White River Convenience**  
793 East Market, Meeker, CO  
**878-5353**

# Campaign raises more than \$46,000 to save tank

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

**RANGELY** I The "Save the Tank" campaign may be over, but the task of saving the tank is just beginning.

One year ago, the empty 60-by-30-foot water tank west of Rangely, a recording and performance space for musicians and composers for more than three decades, looked like it would be sold and taken down.

By Sunday night, the three-week Kickstarter campaign launched by several of those musicians had raised \$46,126 donated by 751 supporters worldwide. The initial fundraising goal was \$42,000.

"The upshot of the whole thing for me is that this has been so highly supported, from the whole planet to the community in Rangely," said musician Lois LaFond, who first sang in the tank in the 1980s. "Going back to what Bruce (Odland) has always said, the goal was to raise money in the world and give it to Rangely."

LaFond, who came to Rangely last week to visit the tank, spoke at the March 26 meeting of the Rangely Town Council about how that would happen if the campaign was successful.

People coming to the tank will use Rangely hotels, restaurants and gas stations, she said, but the community will remain involved because the tank has to be restored with the help of local businesses and workers.

"The tank folks are really hoping businesses will be enthusiastic in helping us go to the next step," LaFond said. "Without the businesses, we can't do it. I think that's really important."

For Bruce Odland, the composer and sound artist who spearheaded the campaign, the reverberations in the tank — a space he equates to the Sistine Chapel in sound — have much to offer the community, especially its children.

"All the people who've been working on this, we've been to the tank, we've done our thing there," Odland said. "It made no sense to save the tank and keep it closed; to use it just for ourselves. So we thought, 'What do we do?'"

"We make a serious effort to connect with people younger than us who can use it," he said. "We want the people of Rangely to learn from it; to have experiences that will help them shape their lives in some way. This is not just for professional musicians."

Now that the tank's funding is secure, the Friends of the Tank want to make certain that supporters are kept in the loop as the project moves forward. That means making the tank's website, [www.tanksounds.org](http://www.tanksounds.org), a hub for organizing and updates. It's also the place where The Tank Channel, which plays music from the tank and has received 12,000 hits in the last three weeks, will grow its collection of new sounds, some of which Odland hopes will be made by the



Children's music recording artist Lois LaFond spent time making music in the tank last week with several Rangely children (from left: Drew Zadra, Zane Wiley and Caleb Wiley). The Friends of the Tank successfully raised more than \$46,000 in three weeks to secure and restore the unused water tank for the next generation of sound-makers.

people living just next door.

"We want to do this in a way that works for the composers and sound aficionados who want to come here, and, in a way, that works for Rangely," Odland said. "We'll find a way to generate nice reverberations for both."

Read us online @ [theheraldtimes.com](http://theheraldtimes.com)

MEEKER School Lunch Menu	RANGELY School Lunch Menu
<b>WEEK OF APRIL 8-12, 2013</b>	
<b>Mon. April 8</b> - Chicken Chow Mein, Steamed Rice, Egg Roll, Fortune Cookie	<b>Mon. April 8</b> - Chicken Fried Steak, Roll, or Ham & Cheese Wrap, Fruit & Salad Bar, Milk or Water
<b>Tues. April 9</b> - Spaghetti, Breadstick, Veggie Medley, Applesauce	<b>Tues. April 9</b> - Fish, Roll, or Grilled Cheese, Fruit & Salad Bar, Milk or Water
<b>Wed. April 10</b> - Chef Salad, Applesauce, Pudding, Crackers	<b>Wed. April 10</b> - Pizza, Corn or Turkey & Cheese Wrap, Fruit & Salad Bar, Milk or Water
<b>Thurs. April 11</b> - Baked Potato Bar, Broccoli, Roll, Peaches	<b>Thurs. April 11</b> - Hoagie, French Fries, Fruit & Salad Bar, Milk or Water
<b>Fri. April 12</b> - Tacos, Mexi Corn, Refried Beans, Fruit	

The Rio Blanco County lunch menus are sponsored by:

Barone Middle School  
Track & Field  
4/20 @ Craig  
Invitational

RIO BLANCO  
Herald Times  
SERVING RIO BLANCO COUNTY, COLORADO SINCE 1883  
970.878.4017 • 970.675.5033 • [theheraldtimes.com](http://theheraldtimes.com)

Rangely Middle School  
Track & Field  
4/20 @ Craig  
Invitational

## One Stop Health

Convenient, Fast, Comprehensive and Fun!

COMMUNITY  
**HEALTHFAIR**  
Brought to you by The Memorial Hospital and the Craig Lions Club

Saturday, April 20

7:30 am – 1:00 pm

The Memorial Hospital at Craig  
750 Hospital Loop

Pre-registration is recommended.  
For more information visit:  
[www.thememorialhospital.com/community](http://www.thememorialhospital.com/community)

Health screenings\*

Presentations

Booth activities

Healthy food and snacks\*

\* Available for purchase.

**YOUR life.  
YOUR health.  
OUR focus.**

Grand River's Women's Wellness Connection has helped over 100 local women get routine breast and cervical screenings. A few of these screenings led to a cancer discovery, which could have otherwise gone undiagnosed.

Women's Wellness Connection at Grand River Hospital and Medical Center helps local women get the screenings they need to protect their health and possibly save their lives.

**Gary Meyer, DO Gynecology, Chief of Medical Staff**  
Certified by the American Osteopathic Board of OB/GYN

**Grand River Hospital and Medical Center**  
A Service of Grand River Hospital District

exceptional healthcare, locally

Call **970-625-6205** for more information and questions about Women's Wellness Connection offered by Grand River Hospital and Medical Center  
For information call **970.625.1100** or visit [www.grhd.org](http://www.grhd.org)

THE PLEASURE OF YOUR COMPANY IS REQUESTED  
AT THE

## cncc Foundation Dinner Dance 2013

**SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 2013 • 6:00 P.M.**  
**THE COLORADO ROOM OF THE  
WEISS ACTIVITY CENTER  
AT CNCC RANGELY**

**DINNER AND DANCING  
LIVE AND SILENT AUCTIONS  
LIVE MUSIC  
BEER AND WINE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE**

**\$35 / PERSON • \$200 / TABLE OF SIX**

**TICKETS:**

FNBR - RANGELY - 675-8481  
SILVER SAGE RV PARK - 675-2259  
SWEET BRIAR - 675-5353  
AWESOME BLOSSOM - 675-8842  
BLUE MOUNTAIN INN - 675-8888  
CNCC, BECKY DUBBERT - 675-3301  
CNCC, SAMANTHA NICHOLS - 675-3219  
FAWN CREEK GALLERY, MEEKER - 878-0955

Colorado Northwestern Foundation

# VISIT RIFLE

## CHOICE LIQUORS

Next to Sonic on your way to Super Wal-Mart

Over 1,000 Wines! 31 doors of beer! Great Selection & Service!

### APRIL SPECIALS

<b>BEER OF THE MONTH</b>	<b>SPIRITS OF THE MONTH</b>
<b>Dry Dock 6-Pack Cans</b>	<b>Bombay Sapphire 1.75</b>
<b>\$7.99</b> (save \$1.00)	<b>\$38.72</b> (save \$5.00)
	<b>Patron Silver 750</b>
	<b>\$41.43</b> (save \$6.00)

### WINES OF THE MONTH

The Kitchen Sink Red & White 750 **\$6.44** (save \$1.50)  
If You See Kay Red 750 **\$18.44** (save \$4.00)

Open Sundays 10am-8pm • Monday-Saturday 9am-10pm  
**680 WAPITI COURT • RIFLE, COLO.**  
**(970) 625-8480**

## MICROPLASTICS & SIGNS

Awards  
MPSIGNS.COM

GLENWOOD SPRINGS, CO **970.945.8091**  
RIFLE, CO **970.625.1718**

ALL TYPES OF SIGNS BIG OR SMALL  
VEHICLE LETTERING  
BANNERS/PLAQUES  
AWARDS/NAMETAGS

Over 150 Trailers in stock

FEATHERLITE TRAILERS  
ALUMA  
WELLS CARGO  
Circle D

Hitches  
Toppers  
Grill Guards  
P.U. Flatbeds  
Rentals  
Repairs

LINE-X  
Protective Coating

Check Our Our Inventory at [www.rtrailer.com](http://www.rtrailer.com)

RIFLE TRUCK AND TRAILER  
161 E. 26th St. • Rifle, CO 81650  
1-877-625-8884

YOUR WESTERN COLORADO HOME FOR NEW AND USED TRAILERS!

East Avenue

## CARPET FURNITURE & APPLIANCES

Carpet and Vinyl Floor Covering  
SALES & INSTALLATION

Bob Lay/Liz Becker

161 East 26th • Rifle, Colorado

# 970-625-1553

# Arlene Fritzlan cut from tough stock

By HALLIE BLUNT  
Special to the Herald Times

**MEEKER** — “I learned something I never forgot on that trip. If you hire on a job, finish it,” said Meeker native Arlene Fritzlan about a two-week pack trip all over the upper White River area when she was very young and working for her Uncle Joe.

Arlene had quit her town job after just a few days. She was tired of “pulling off a lady’s shoes in the evening,” so she turned her horse, Prince, toward home and rode all night to get there. When she arrived, she told her mother what she had done. Her mom packed her a lunch and sent her right back up the trail.

It was one of many lessons learned growing up in the rough North Fork area. The country was tough and the times tougher for families just trying to survive. Arlene and her brother, Bill, worked from the time they were young to help make ends meet.

They worked for Elwood Livingston, helping his herder watch over the sheep. Livingston had created jobs for the kids in previous years, but on that particular occasion, he really needed them. The sheep had gotten into poison, Elmer Perry had reported to Livingston.

“Livingston told us kids to stay behind and get the sheep they left to get up and travel,” Arlene said. “He would give us \$5 a head for every one we brought in. We worked our butts off with those stupid sheep, but we had around 30 head we trailed on to the Big Beaver Ranch where Mr. Livingston had a check for our labors. I know this man made a job for us kids and we made hands for him that he never regretted hiring.”

Arlene’s mother was about five months pregnant with Arlene when the family decided to move west from Chicago. Her father, mother, sister and brother arrived in Seibert, Colo., in a 1928 Studebaker. Her mother’s sister, Edith, and her sister’s husband, Joe Fox, were living there, but times were very bad.

Joe decided to get what he could



COURTESY PHOTO

Calvin and Arlene Fritzlan started the Fritzlan Ranch, where they guided hunters and fishermen. She cooked at the Fritzlan’s Cafe and sent Christmas cards to all those who signed the guest book. She ran a business that became a tradition in many people’s lives — from hunters coming every year to locals getting dinner once a week.

for what he had and sold his cows for \$8, hogs for 50 cents and gave away his chickens. They kept a couple hogs to cure the meat, and both families headed west. They went over Independence Pass and down through the Roaring Fork Valley, then turned north to Meeker and on toward Craig, finally stopping in Axial.

Her father wanted to see aspen and pine trees and turned back toward Meeker and headed up the White River Valley. While on the road, they cooked over an open fire and camped in tents.

“This type of life would be passed down for generations to come,” Arlene said.

The group traveled past the Buford store, then owned by Tom Offerly and family, and past the ranch owned by Paul Dunn. They turned right, up the Ute Creek drainage.

Joe went on and found the place he was looking for and applied for

the land to homestead. He had a Teddy Roosevelt grant that allowed him to homestead wherever he wanted. He had served in World War I and received a pension because he had been exposed to mustard gas and suffered medical problems as a result.

Arlene’s father, Floyd Bert Gulliford, could not homestead the area so he moved to the Curry place, about 1.5 miles above the Buford Ranger Station. Arlene was born there that winter and the family moved to the Delaney place on Burro Mountain that spring. Above the Delaney ranch was the Sterry place, occupied by the widowed Mr. Sterry, his son and wife and their 15 children.

All the children attended Buford School, which was quite a walk. In the winter, when they went on sleds pulled by horses, they all got a rock their mother had kept in the oven. They would put the rock in the bottom of the sled to keep warm. When they got to school, they put their rocks in the oven there. As the years passed, the Gullifords attended different schools and moved to town during some school years.

Arlene’s late husband, Calvin, was born and raised in the area. His father, Guy Fritzlan, did some

prospecting from the Parachute area and homesteaded down below Piceance Creek, where the creek and the White River come together. Guy married Anna McGruder, whose parents had come from Montana and homesteaded below Fritzlan’s place. Guy and Anna had 10 children: William, Cora, Bob, Bertha, Aldean, Shirley, Harvey, Andrew, Calvin and Thomas. They all started working early and Cal was no different.

He worked on several different ranches while growing up. After marrying Arlene, they worked for Jeb and Hattie Wise. Cal was hired on as a ranch hand and Arlene as a cook, although she said she didn’t know how.

Later, they would start the Fritzlan Ranch, where they guided hunters and fishermen and Arlene cooked at the Fritzlan’s Cafe. She sent Christmas cards to all the guests that signed the book and she ran a business that became a tradition in many people’s lives — from hunters coming every year, to locals getting dinner once a week.

Arlene learned at an extremely young age the significance of hard work and she is one of the few who started her life up the North Fork and will always call it home. She and Cal passed down a love for the outdoors and survival skills learned from doing just that, surviving.

Their children — Mona (Avey), Betsie (Thompson), Beverly (Bloch), Sandra, and Jackie (Bissell) — all have learned the value of a sense of humor and the importance of dependability. Arlene travels some, has been known to out-walk her grandkids on hunting trips, and continues to “tell it like it is.”

## Canyon Cleaners

is coming to Meeker  
Tuesdays Only for pickup & delivery of your laundry & dry cleaning.

— at —

### WENDEL'S

Wondrous Things  
corner of 6th & Main  
970.878.3688

## Homemaker Furnishings

275 6th Street • Meeker  
878-4340

Five Star MATTRESS Serta

Mattresses Galore!  
All in stock  
~ Also ~  
Sofas • Recliners  
Dining Room • Bed Room  
Free Delivery

## RANGELY READY MIX CONCRETE

675-8300

Fresh • Local  
Competitive

## Love & LOGIC CAFÉ

Presents...

# ESSENTIAL SKILLS

Modules will be presented in five sessions for Parents

IF YOU AND/OR YOUR SPOUSE ATTEND ALL FIVE SESSIONS:  
YOU WILL EARN A CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION FROM THE DISTRICT  
YOU WILL RECEIVE A GIFT CARD FOR \$50  
YOU WILL GAIN LOW STRESS STRATEGIES TO USE WITH YOUR CHILDREN

Dates are as follows from 2:30-3:30 in the Panther Den at Parkview Elementary in Rangely

Session 2: January 28th  
Session 3: February 25th  
Session 4: March 25th  
Session 5: April 8th

SPONSORED BY THE RE-4 SCHOOL DISTRICT

## TAKE ME HOME TODAY!

CARLY 2-Year-Old Female Shepherd Terrier Mix

Call Meeker Animal Control at **878-4968** and leave a message or [ac@town.meeker.co.us](mailto:ac@town.meeker.co.us)

OBITUARY

**Dallas Hunt**

March 25, 2013

Dallas D. Hunt, 74, of Grand Junction, Colo., also a former resident of Meeker, passed away at his residence on Monday, March 25, 2013. He was a heavy-equipment operator most of his life.

Hunt is survived by his longtime companion Trudy Hughes; his sons, Jack Verner and Matt Hughes; his daughters, Debbie Verner-Ward and

Kristina Jessen (husband Robert); and his granddaughter Ashley Foster (husband, Matthew).

Dallas loved the mountains and being outdoors. He had a great sense of humor and will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

Memorial services will be announced at a later date. Services are entrusted to Palisade Funeral



Dallas Hunt

Home. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to either Harden Hospice or the American Cancer Society.

**MACC plans performing arts youth seminar**

**MEEKER** The Meeker Arts and Cultural Council (MACC) and the ERBM Recreation and Parks District, in cooperation with Meeker High School, will offer free enrichment seminars by the Colorado Mesa University theater arts department faculty.

The first two interactive workshop seminars will be offered by Professor Jeremy Franklin, a renowned CMU theatre arts musical theatre director on the topic of production of musicals.

It is currently planned to begin these seminars on either Saturday or Sunday and again on April 13 or 14 from noon to 3 p.m., depending on enrollment and other logistics.

Youth and adults of the community are invited to participate and to indicate what the best dates for participation would be (Saturday or Sunday) so they can be scheduled.

Students and community members are asked to contact the MACC to enroll as soon as possible, by email at amick@spot.colorado.edu or by phone at 970-878-4832.

**HOLE LOT OF TROUBLE...**



Spring runoff, subsequent freezing and thawing and vehicles driving over the softened area have caused an approximately 4x4-foot section of asphalt to buckle in Rangely's White River Market parking lot, store director Bill Wilkinson said Saturday. "Once the weather warms further, the section will be patched," he said.

HEATHER ZADRA



THE RIO BLANCO HERALD TIMES  
**CLASSIFIED**

878-4017

**LEGAL NOTICES**

**RE-PUBLICATION OF NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

Estate of Paul Owen Pilcher Jr. A/K/A Paul O. Pilcher Jr. and Paul Pilcher Jr., Deceased, Case Number 2012 PR 24

(NOTE: The original Notice to Creditors for the above named Case Number 2012 PR 24 was published three (3) times Dec. 6, 13 & 20, 2012 in the Rio Blanco Herald Times newspaper. The date cited in the original notice had the wrong year. It should have been April 11, 2013. The notice is being re-published to correct this error.)

All persons having claims against the above-named estate are required to present them to the Personal Representative or to: District Court of Rio Blanco, County, Colorado at PO Box 1150, 555 Main St., Meeker, CO 81641, on or before August 1, 2013, or the claims may be forever barred.

Sharon J. Pilcher  
Personal Representative  
PO Box 1224  
Meeker, CO 81641  
970 878 0970  
F J Fennessy  
Attorney for Personal Representative  
PO Box 1518  
Meeker CO 81641  
970 878 4783  
Publish: Mar. 28, Apr. 4, & 11, 2013  
Rio Blanco Herald Times

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

Estate of ANTHONY BRUCE KING, also known as ANTHONY B. KING, ANTHONY KING, TONY BRUCE KING, TONY B. KING, and TONY KING, Deceased, Case Number 2013 PR 10.

All persons having claims against the above-named estate are required to present them to the Personal Representative or to:

District Court of Rio Blanco, County, Colorado at PO Box 1150, 555 Main St., Meeker, CO 81641, on or before July 25, 2013, or the claims may be forever barred.

Gregory Scott King  
Personal Representative  
14135 SE Madison  
Portland, OR 97233  
(541) 965 3056  
(503) 309 1611  
F J Fennessy  
Attorney for Personal Representative  
PO Box 1518  
Meeker CO 81641  
970 878 4783  
Publish: Mar. 21, 28 & Apr. 4, 2013  
Rio Blanco Herald Times

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

Estate of Muriel Estelle Devereaux, A/K/A Muriel E. Devereaux Muriel Thompson Devereaux, Muriel T. Devereaux and Muriel Devereaux, Deceased, Case Number 2013 PR 11

All persons having claims against the above-named estate are required to present them to the Personal Representative or to:

District Court of Rio Blanco, County, Colorado at PO Box 1150, 555 Main St., Meeker, CO 81641, on or before July 25, 2013, or the claims may be forever barred.

Lois Ann Tibbs  
Personal Representative  
PO Box 26  
Maybell, CO 81640  
970 272 3242  
F J Fennessy  
Attorney for Personal Representative  
PO Box 1518  
Meeker Co 81641  
970 878 4783  
Publish: Mar. 21, 28 & April 4, 2013  
Rio Blanco Herald Times

**LEGAL NOTICES**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Pursuant to Title 34, Article 33, Paragraph 118, of the Colorado Revised Statutes, Blue Mountain Energy, Inc. hereby issues notice that an application for a permit revision to the Deserado Mine Permit No. C-1981-018 submitted by Blue Mountain Energy, Inc. 3607 CR 65, Rangely, CO 81648, was deemed complete for the purpose of filing. All review and comment periods as provided in the Act and Regulations promulgated thereunder initiate from this day of filing.

The revision adds an additional 1656.3 acres to the mining permit area north of and central to the existing operations including the northern 0.15 miles of Rio Blanco County Road 65, the southern 0.45 miles of Moffat County Road 61, and 1.41 miles of the southwestern portions of Rio Blanco County Road 73.

The Deserado Mine Permit area lies within USGS 7.5 minute Quadrangle maps entitled "Rangely NE" and "Cactus Reservoir". These areas are situated in T2N, R101W and T3N, R101W, 6th P.M. in Rio Blanco County about 10 miles east of the Town of Rangely. A copy of the permit revision application is available for public inspection at the Town Clerk's office, Town Hall in Rangely. Written comments, objections, requests for informal conference, or requests for a public hearing held in the locality of the proposed mining operation for the purpose of determining whether the interests of the public and affected landowners will be protected concerning this application must be submitted to Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety, 1313 Sherman Street, Room 215, Denver, Colorado 80203, (303)866-3567 within thirty (30) days of the last publication.

Publish: Mar. 28, April 4, 11, & 18, 2013  
Rio Blanco Herald Times

**Invitation to Bid**

Rangely Regional Library District  
109 East Main Street  
Rangely, CO 81648

Separate sealed bids to stucco the exterior of the Rangely Regional Library building. Project details can be requested from the Library Director, Amorette Hawkins, at 109 East Main Street, Rangely, CO, phone #970-875-8811. Deadline for bids is Monday, May 13, 2013 at 5:00 P.M.

Date: April 4, 2013  
/s/Amorette Hawkins  
Library Director  
Publish: April 4, 11, 18, 25 & May 2, 9, 2013  
Rio Blanco Herald Times

**NOTIFICATION OF MEETING FOR THE RANGELY PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION**

**Application for Administrative Review of Lot Line**

The Rangely Planning & Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing at 7:30 am, Friday April 12, 2013 in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building at 209 East Main Street, Rangely, Colorado on the following:

Lebleu Minor Subdivision a replat of Lot 26 Dragon Wash subdivision and Lot 70 replat of Lots 23-25 of Dragon Wash Subdivision, in S2, T1N, R102W of the 6th pm Town of Rangely, Rio Blanco County AND

Geer/Thacker Minor Subdivision being a replat of Lots 4 & 5, Block 6, Replat No 1 of La Mesa P.U.D., in S1 & S12, T1N, R102 W of the 6th pm, Town of Rangely, Rio Blanco County  
All interested citizens and groups are invited to attend and participate in the public hearing.  
By: /s/Lisa Piering  
Lisa Piering, Clerk/Treasurer  
Publish: April 4 & 11, 2013  
Rio Blanco Herald Times

**LEGAL NOTICES**

**Request for Proposal**

Rio Blanco County is soliciting Request for Proposals (RFP's) for the execution of two, one-day household hazardous waste collection events. One collection event will be held in the Town of Meeker on Saturday June 8 and one will be held in the Town of Rangely on Saturday June 15. Bid specifications may be obtained from the Environmental Health Office located at 200 Main St., Meeker or from the County's website at co.rioblanco.co.us, click on Public Announcements page, then click the item listed as "HHW Collection Event 2013".

Proposals/bids are due to the Board of County Commissioners, 200 Main, P.O. Box 1, Meeker, CO 81641 no later than Thursday April 18, 2013 at 4 p.m. Bids will be opened at 11:15 a.m. on April 22, at the County Administration Building, 200 Main ST. Meeker, Colorado. Three copies of the Household Hazardous Waste Collection proposal/bid must be placed in an envelope marked "HHW Collection Event 2013" in the lower left corner, sealed, and mailed to Board of County Commissioners, Administration Building, 200 Main Street, Meeker, Colorado no later than Thursday April 18, 2013 at 4 p.m.

If you have any questions please contact Jeremy Simmons, Environmental Health Officer, by phone 970-878-9526 or email jsimmons@co.rioblanco.co.us

Rio Blanco County reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals in total or part as it may deem in the best public interest.  
Publish: Mar. 28 & Apr. 4, 2013  
Rio Blanco Herald Times

**BID REQUEST**

**Piceance Weed and Pest Control District Fixed Wing Aerial Spraying of Herbicide and Insecticide**

The Piceance Weed and Pest District is soliciting bids for Herbicide and Insecticide spraying. Bid packets are available by calling Chris Uphoff at 878-5130. Mailed bids are due to the Board of County Commissioners, P.O. Box i, Meeker, CO 81641 no later than 11:00 a.m. on April 22, 2013 to the Board of County Commissioners Building, 200 Main, Meeker, CO. The bids will be opened at 1:15 on the 22nd of April. All bids must be clearly marked "Herbicide and Insecticide Aerial Spraying" on the outside of the bid.  
Publish: Mar. 28 & Apr. 4, 2013  
Rio Blanco Herald Times

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Work Session - Public Safety Committee 6:00PM

AGENDA  
RANGELY BOARD OF TRUSTEES (TOWN COUNCIL)

Regular Meeting, April 9, 2013, 7:00 P.M.  
Council Chambers - Municipal Building

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Invocation
4. Pledge of Allegiance
5. Minutes of Meeting
6. Approval of Minutes of March 26, 2013. (Submitted)
7. Petitions and Public Input
8. Changes to Agenda
9. Public Hearings (7:30)
9. Committee/Board Meetings
- A. Planning & Zoning Meeting April 12, 7:30 a.m.
10. Supervisor Reports (See Attached)
- A. Chief Wilczek - Department Update
- B. Lisa Piering - Town Clerk/Treasurer Update
11. Report from Officers
- A. Town Manager Update
12. New Business
- A. Discussion and action to approve the March, 2013 check Register.

**LEGAL NOTICES**

B. Discussion and action to approve Donation to Rowdy Worm Discussion and Action on Town Hall Courtyard Improvements

13. Informational Items  
A. Planning and Zoning Meeting for Lot Line Adjustments and Election of Officers - April 12, 2013 - 7:30A.M.

B. CNCC Insider Edition April 2013

14. Scheduled Announcement - Local Board meetings - April 2013

A. Rangely School District board meeting is scheduled for April 16, 2013 at 6:15 p.m.

B. Rangely District Library regular meeting April 15, 2013 at 5:00 p.m.

C. Rangely District Hospital board meeting is scheduled for April 25, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

D. Rural Fire Protection Dist board meeting is scheduled for April 15, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

E. Western Rio Blanco Park & Recreation District meeting April 8, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

F. Rio Blanco Water Conservancy Dist board meeting is scheduled for April 24, 2013

G. Rangely Chamber of Commerce board meeting is scheduled for April 17, 2013

15. Adjournment  
Published: April 4, 2013  
Rio Blanco Herald Times

**BID REQUEST**

**Piceance Weed and Pest Control District Hand Spraying of Herbicide**

The Piceance Weed and Pest Control District is soliciting bids for Herbicide hand spraying. Bid packets are available by calling Chris Uphoff at 878-5130. Mailed bids are due to the Board of County Commissioners, P.O. Box i, Meeker, CO 81641 no later than 4:00 p.m. on April 18,

**LEGAL NOTICES**

2013. If hand delivered, the bids are due no later than 11:00 a.m. on April 22, 2013 to the Board of County Commissioners, County Administration Building, 200 Main, Meeker, CO. The bids will be opened at 1:15 on the 22nd of April. All bids must be clearly marked "Herbicide Spraying" on the outside of the bid.  
Publish: Mar. 28 & Apr. 4, 2013  
Rio Blanco Herald Times

**RIO BLANCO COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING**  
April 11, 2013 • 7:00 P.M.  
**RIO BLANCO COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING**  
200 MAIN STREET  
MEEKER, COLORADO

The tentative agenda as follows:

1. Roll Call
2. Additions/Changes to Agenda
3. Approval of Minutes
4. New Business:  
Special Use Permit Notice (SUPN) 13-5 - Encana Oil and Gas Mesa Temporary Living Quarters - the current holder of Special Use Permit (SUP) 07-08, Encana Oil & Gas, is requesting to amend the SUP to authorize use of on-site wastewater treatment systems to reuse water for oil and gas operations, and to remove Condition 17 from SUP 07-08 and Board of County Commissioners Resolution 2007-35, related to water testing of seven springs and three wells in the project vicinity. The subject property is located at 8801 Sprague Gulch Road, Meeker, Colorado (Section 13, T4S, R96W, PIN#191706100004).
5. Discussion of Work in Development (Plan, Processes, Standards, etc.) and/or Administrative Matters.
6. Old Business:
7. Adjourn

**LEGAL NOTICES**

Copies of the application(s), regulation(s) and/or resolution(s) may be examined in the office of the Development Department at the Rio Blanco County Administration Building, 200 Main Street, Meeker, Colorado, or you may call (970) 878-9580 for more information between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Persons needing special accommodations for the meeting, please call the Development Department office at (970) 878-9580 giving at least five (5) working days notice so that adequate accommodations may be made.  
Published: April 4, 2013  
Rio Blanco Herald Times

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

CONTENTS OF Unit #11 at White River Self Storage, 219 E. Market St., Meeker, CO will be seized May 1, 2013, if full payment is not made.

**PISTOL RIVER LEATHER**

Some dieters can gain weight just by listening to dinner music. (Sadly, that would be me!)  
785 Park Avenue • 878-4346  
[www.pistolriverleather.com](http://www.pistolriverleather.com)

\*\*\*\*\*

**MEEKER LIONS CLUB BINGO**

2nd & 4th Wednesdays  
RBC Fairgrounds Exhibit Hall  
Progressive Bingo  
Concessions & Dinner Available  
Meeker Streaker available for transportation to Bingo, call 878-9368.

CLASSIFIED RATES

20 Words or Less .....\$5.00 per week  
Each Additional Word .....25¢ per week



4 WEEKS, 20 WORDS OR LESS \$20.00  
5TH WEEK FREE IF NEEDED

**Photo Classified**  
Photo with 20 Word Description - 1 Columns Wide  
First Week .....\$18.00  
Subsequent Weeks .....\$16.00

**CLASSIFIED DEADLINE:**  
**TUESDAY, 3:00 PM!**  
Call  
**878-4017!**



**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

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

theheraldtimes.com

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**SAFEHOUSE**

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

**Alcoholics Anonymous**

Mon. 8 pm, Weds. 7 pm, Fri. 7 pm  
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

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Board of County Commissioners will hold a regularly scheduled board meeting on Monday, April 08 2013, at the County Administration Building, 200 Main, Meeker, CO

**TENTATIVE AGENDA**

- 10:30 a.m. Board of County
  - a. Pledge of Allegiance
  - b. Changes to the Agenda
  - c. Consideration of the minutes of the March 25, 2013 Board Meeting
  - d. Motor Vehicle Publication List for March 2013
  - e. Treasury Publication List for March 2013
  - f. Enter into the record the MOU revision on the Curtis Creek Infrastructure.
  - g. Other

**10:35 a.m. Finance Department – Chris Singleton**

- a. Payroll & Overtime for March 2013
- b. Payroll Benefits/Withholding for March 2013
- c. Accounts Payable for March 2013
- d. DSS Payments (EBT and AP) for March 2013
- e. Audit Engagement Letter
- f. Other

**10:45 a.m. Resolutions, Ordinances and Proclamations**

- a. Consideration of a Resolution approving the renewal of an Ambulance Service License for the Rio Blanco Fire Protection service – Meeker Ambulance District
- b. Consideration of a Resolution approving the renewal of an Ambulance Service License for the Rangely District Hospital Ambulance Service
- c. Consideration of a Resolution to change the name of Rio Blanco County Department of Social Services to the Rio Blanco County of Department of Human Services
- d. Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing the RBC Clerk and Recorder to Conduct the November 5, 2013 Election by Mail Ballot

**10:55 a.m. Bid Award and Contracts:**

- a. 2013 Cattleguards and Wings Award & Contract
- b. Herbicide Spray Contracts for the Lower White River Pest Control District Award and Contract

**Contracts:**

- a. Annual Forest Fire operating Agreement
- b. Contract for Dietitian Services for White River Round Up
- c. Airports:
  - change order #3 - RFR#1 Meeker Large Aircraft Apron
  - RFR #9/19 Meeker Runway Reconstruction
  - CDOT grant for Rangely

**11:05 a.m. Road and Bridge – Dave Morlan**

**11:15 a.m. Bids: Fleet Management**

- Motorgrader w/Attachments
- 4-Wheel Drive Backhoe
- (3) Wheel Loaders

**11:25 a.m. Public Comment**

**11:30 a.m. Forest Service – Ken Coffin**

**11:50 a.m. County Commissioner Updates**

**OTHER COUNTY BUSINESS**

If you need special accommodations please call 970-878-9573 in advance of the meeting so that reasonable accommodations may be made. Please check the County's website for an updated agenda. [www.co.rio-blanco.co.us/commissioners](http://www.co.rio-blanco.co.us/commissioners)  
Published: April 4, 2013 in Rio Blanco Herald Times

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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. All services are confidential.

**Rangely Victim Services**

An open door for the protection and care of abused and battered persons. **Non-emergency call 629-5729 or 629-0709. Emergencies call 911.** Providing assistance for victims of violent crimes.

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

MOMS GROUP meeting, open to anyone with a child 0-5 years, Grace Baptist Church, Rangely, first Thursday of every month, 8:45 a.m. to 11 a.m. Info. call Heather Zadra (970)629-9937

**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.

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

**NOTICE**

**REAL PROPERTY PURCHASE AT TAX LIEN SALE AND APPLICATION FOR ISSUANCE OF TREASURER'S DEED**

TO: Every person in actual possession or occupancy of the hereinafter described real property, lot or premises, and to the person in whose name the same was taxed or specially assessed, and to all persons having an interest or title of record in or to the said premises and to whom it may concern, and more especially to:

**FARR FAMILY TRUST, RYAN FARR TRUSTEE  
CHARLOTTE FARR REVOCABLE TRUST  
CHARLOTTE FARR  
RYAN FARR  
RIO BLANCO COUNTY TREASURER  
DELOSS PROCTOR**

You and each of you are notified that on **November 18, 2009**, the then County Treasurer of Rio Blanco County, Colorado, sold at public tax lien sale to Deloss Proctor, the following described real property situate in the county of Rio Blanco, State of Colorado, to-wit:

**The East 150 feet of Lots 9 and 10  
Together with the West 42.5 feet of said lots 9 and 10,  
Block 72  
Town of Meeker, Colorado**

And a Certificate of Purchase was issued therefore to **Deloss Proctor** by the said County Treasurer; That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquent taxes assessed against the real property for the year **2008**;

That said real property was taxed or specially assessed in the name of **FARR FAMILY TRUST, RYAN FARR TRUSTEE**, for said year **2008**;

That on **November 14, 2012**, said **Deloss Proctor**, the present holder of the certificate of purchase, has made request to the Treasurer of said County for a deed to said real property; That at 10:00 A.M. on **July 16, 2013**, a Treasurer's Deed will be issued for the said real property to the said **Deloss Proctor**, unless the same has been redeemed.

Said property may be redeemed from said sale at any time prior to the actual execution of said Treasurer's Deed.

Tax Lien Sale Date: **November 18, 2009**  
Treasurer's Deed can be issued after **11/18/2012**; Date Deed Scheduled to issue: **July 16, 2013**  
Redemption Period expires **July 13, 2013, PRIOR** to 10:00 A.M

**Schedule R002846  
TLSC 20090029**

**Assd Value \$40,620**

**Assessed Name FARR FAMILY TRUST, RYAN FARR TRUSTEE**

Published: March 21, March 28, April 4, 2013

Published in The Rio Blanco Herald Times

Witness my hand this 13th day of March, A.D. 2013.

/s/ Karen Arnold  
Rio Blanco County Treasurer

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

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**OF**

**PROPOSED UNDERGROUND INJECTION CONTROL PERMIT**

**PURPOSE OF PUBLIC NOTICE:**

The purpose of this notice is to solicit public comment on the Federal 299-23-2 disposal well, a Class II injection permit submitted by WPX Energy Ryan Gulch LLC. The Federal 299-23-2 disposal well has been drilled at a location 1959 feet from the south line and 810 feet from the east line of Section 23, Township 2 South, Range 99 West, 6th P.M., Rio Blanco County, Colorado.

**BACKGROUND**

Class II injection wells are permitted and regulated in such a manner as to prevent the contamination of underground sources of drinking water and to ensure fluid emplacement and confinement within the permitted injection zones. Class II injection wells are permitted to inject waste generated from oil and gas exploratory and production operations. WPX Energy Ryan Gulch LLC has proposed to inject these fluids into the Upper Williams Fork formation in the Federal 299-23-2 well through perforations at depths of approximately 5,025-5,843 feet.

Public comments are encouraged and will be accepted, in writing at the Commission for a period of thirty (30) days after publication of this notice. If any data, in-formation, or arguments submitted during the public comment period appear to raise substantial questions concerning proposed injection well permit, the Director may request that the Commission hold a hearing on the matter.

Additional information on the operation of the proposed injection well may be obtained at the Commission office.

IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF COLORADO  
OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

By /s/ Denise M. Onyskiw  
Denise M. Onyskiw, P.E.  
UIC Supervisor, COGCC

Dated at 1120 Lincoln Street, Suite 801  
Denver, Colorado 80203  
March 27, 2013

Published: April 4, 2013 In Rio Blanco Herald Times

**NOTICE**

**REAL PROPERTY PURCHASE AT TAX LIEN SALE AND APPLICATION FOR ISSUANCE OF TREASURER'S DEED**

TO: Every person in actual possession or occupancy of the hereinafter described real property, lot or premises, and to the person in whose name the same was taxed or specially assessed, and to all persons having an interest or title of record in or to the said premises and to whom it may concern, and more especially to:

**ROBERT AND LAURA TAYLOR  
U.S BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, N.D.  
U.S BANK TRUST COMPANY, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION  
TEXTRON FINANCIAL CORPORATION  
TRANS-VAIL INC  
RIO BLANCO COUNTY TREASURER**

You and each of you are notified that on **November 18, 2009**, the then County Treasurer of Rio Blanco County, Colorado, sold at public tax lien sale to **Trans-Vail Inc**, the following described real property situate in the county of Rio Blanco, State of Colorado, to-wit:

**LOT 3  
LITTLE RANCHO ESTATES  
ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED FEBRUARY 10, 2000  
AS RECEPTION NO. 266593  
COUNTY OF RIO BLANCO, STATE OF COLORADO  
TOGETHER WITH ALL PRIVATE ACCESS ROADS AND UTILITY EASEMENTS  
AS SHOWN BY THE PLAT OF LITTLE RANCHO ESTATES FILED  
FEBRUARY 10, 2000 AS RECEPTION NO. 266593**

And a Certificate of Purchase was issued therefore to **Trans-Vail, Inc** by the said County Treasurer; That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquent taxes assessed against the real property for the year **2008**;

That said real property was taxed or specially assessed in the name of **TAYLOR, ROBERT & LAURA**, for said year **2008**;

That on **November 19, 2012**, said **Trans-Vail Inc**, the present holder of the certificate of purchase, has made request to the Treasurer of said County for a deed to said real property; That at 10:00 A.M. on **July 16, 2013**, a Treasurer's Deed will be issued for the said real property to the said **Trans-Vail Inc**, unless the same has been redeemed.

Said property may be redeemed from said sale at any time prior to the actual execution of said Treasurer's Deed.

Tax Lien Sale Date: **November 18, 2009**  
Treasurer's Deed can be issued after **11/18/2012**; Date Deed Scheduled to issue: **July 16, 2013**  
Redemption Period expires **July 16, 2013, PRIOR** to 10:00 A.M

**Schedule R604324  
TLSC 20090077**

**Assd Value \$17,400**

**Assessed Name TAYLOR, ROBERT & LAURA**

Published: March 21, March 28, April 4, 2013

Published in The Rio Blanco Herald Times

Witness my hand this 13th day of March, A.D. 2013.

/s/ Karen Arnold  
Rio Blanco County Treasurer

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

RIO Blanco Historical Society invites everyone to our "Pioneer Women of RBC" Presentation and Luncheon, April 7 at Kilowatt Korner, 1:00 p.m. Ten pioneer women will be featured through story, costume and slide show. Will also celebrate Evelyn Metzger's 100th Birthday! Can bring salad or dessert to share.

**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? Take out trays can be ordered for age over 60, suggested donation \$3 - 12:10 p.m. pickup.)*

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

**Monday, APR. 8:** Salisbury steak, whipped potatoes w/gravy, cauliflower, tossed salad, banana pudding.

**Tuesday, APR. 9:** Oven fried chicken, scalloped potatoes, beets, cinnamon apples, cheesecake.

**Wednesday, APR. 10:** Stuffed peppers, spinach, fruit, applesauce cake.

**Friday, APR. 12:** Minestrone soup, grilled cheese, tossed salad, strawberry & banana fruit cup, sugar cookie.

**AUCTIONS**

**Estate Auction**

**Saturday April 6, at 10 a.m.  
64178 HWY 64 Meeker.CO  
(10 Miles from Kum & Go towards Rangely, CO.)**

Vehicles, trailers, 4 wheelers, boat, buildings, fencing, toolboxes, hand & power tools of all kinds, lead, 16 bear traps, 38 other traps, 35 guns, ammo, meat saw/grinder, craft items of all kinds, jewelry, modern & antique furniture, collectibles, camp items, Deer, Bobcat & Bird mounts electric scooter, knives, appliances, electric wire, toys, electronics, comic books, scooter etc. Estate of Peggy & Ray Lopez. For more info., call Steve Claypoole, CP Auction Service, (970)260-5577. Must see web [www.cpauction.com](http://www.cpauction.com) "Call me about a sale for you!"

**AUCTION**

**Annual Spring Consignment Auction  
Saturday, April 13, 9 a.m.**

**2368 South 1500 East, Vernal, Utah**  
Equipment of all kinds, Many Vehicles, Trucks, Trailers, Campers, Boats, ATV's, Motorcycles, Pipe, New and Used Tools, Lumber, Over 100 Guns, Ammo, Clips, Tack, Camping and Fishing items, Semi load of overstocked items, Antiques & Collectibles, Coins, Household Furniture and Miscellaneous, and much more! Please call now if you would like to Consign to this auction so we can advertise your items! For more information or to Consign call ZJ Auction Service, Inc. at (435)789-7424 or go to [www.zjauction.com](http://www.zjauction.com)

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

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**OF**

**PROPOSED UNDERGROUND INJECTION CONTROL PERMIT**

**PURPOSE OF PUBLIC NOTICE:**

The purpose of this notice is to solicit public comment on the Federal 299-23-3 disposal well, a Class II injection permit submitted by WPX Energy Ryan Gulch LLC. The Federal 299-23-3 disposal well has been drilled at a location 2023 feet from the south line and 693 feet from the west line of Section 23, Township 2 South, Range 99 West, 6th P.M., Rio Blanco County, Colorado.

**BACKGROUND**

Class II injection wells are permitted and regulated in such a manner as to prevent the contamination of underground sources of drinking water and to ensure fluid emplacement and confinement within the permitted injection zones. Class II injection wells are permitted to inject waste generated from oil and gas exploratory and production operations. WPX Energy Ryan Gulch LLC has proposed to inject these fluids into the Upper Williams Fork formation in the Federal 299-23-3 well through perforations at depths of approximately 4,872-5,883 feet.

Public comments are encouraged and will be accepted, in writing at the Commission for a period of thirty (30) days after publication of this notice. If any data, information, or arguments submitted during the public comment period appear to raise substantial questions concerning proposed injection well permit, the Director may request that the Commission hold a hearing on the matter.

Additional information on the operation of the proposed injection well may be obtained at the Commission office.

IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF COLORADO  
OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

By /s/ Denise M. Onyskiw  
Denise M. Onyskiw, P.E.  
UIC Supervisor, COGCC

Dated at 1120 Lincoln Street, Suite 801  
Denver, Colorado 80203  
March 27, 2013

Published: April 4, 2013 In The Rio Blanco Herald Times

4310-JB

**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Bureau of Land Management**

**[LLC0921000-L51100000-GA0000-LVEMC11CC140, COC-74813]**

**Notice of Competitive Coal Lease Sale, Colorado**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of Competitive Coal Lease Sale.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that certain Federal coal reserves in the Red Wash Tracts 1 and 2 in Moffat and Rio Blanco Counties, Colorado, will be offered for competitive lease by sealed bid in accordance with the provisions of the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, as amended.

**DATES:** The lease sale will be held at 10 AM on Wednesday, May 29, 2013. The sealed bid must be submitted on or before 9:30 AM, Wednesday, May 29, 2013.

**ADDRESSES:** The lease sale will be held in the Fourth Floor Conference Room of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Colorado State Office, 2850 Youngfield Street, Lakewood, Colorado 80215. Sealed bids must be submitted to the Cashier, BLM Colorado State Office, at the address given above.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kurt Barton, Land Law Examiner, at 303-239-3714, or kbarton@blm.gov. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 to contact the above individual during normal business hours. The FIRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question with the above individual. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This coal lease sale is being held in response to a lease by application (LBA) filed by Blue Mountain Energy, Inc. The Federal coal reserves to be offered consist of all reserves recoverable by underground mining methods in the following described lands located in Moffat and Rio Blanco counties, Colorado:

- Sixth Principal Meridian
- T. 3 N., R. 101 W.,
- sec. 17, SW1/4SW1/4, and S1/2SE1/4SW1/4;
- sec. 18, lots 3 and 4, S1/2NE1/4SW1/4, SE1/4SW1/4, S1/2NE1/4SE1/4, S1/2NW1/4SE1/4, and S1/2SE1/4;
- sec. 19, lot 1, NE1/4, NE1/4NW1/4, N1/2SE1/4NW1/4, and N1/2NW1/4SE1/4;
- sec. 20, NE1/4, N1/2NW1/4NW1/4, and N1/2NE1/4NW1/4;
- sec. 21, W1/2NE1/4, SE1/4NE1/4, NW1/4, and N1/2SE1/4;
- sec. 22, S1/2NW1/4, SE1/4SW1/2, N1/2SW1/4, and SE1/4;
- sec. 23, S1/2SW1/4, and S1/2SE1/4;
- sec. 26, N1/2, SW1/4, N1/2SE1/4, and SW1/4SE1/4;
- sec. 27, E1/2, E1/2NW1/4, E1/2SW1/4, and SW1/4SW1/4;
- sec. 34, N1/2NE1/4, and NW1/4;
- sec. 35, NW1/4NE1/4, and N1/2NW1/4.

Containing 3,154.76 acres more or less.  
The Tracts contain an estimated 21.3 million tons of recoverable coal reserves. The underground minable coal is ranked as C bituminous coal. The estimated coal quality on an as-received basis for the Tracts is as follows:

British Thermal Unit (BTU)	8,000-10,600 BTU/lb.
Volatiles Matter	23.8-35.93%
Moisture	10.0-15.0%
Fixed Carbon	29.87-46.9%
Sulfur Content	0.30-0.95%
Ash Content	7.0-20.0%

The Tracts will be leased to the qualified bidder of the highest cash amount provided that the high bid meets or exceeds the BLM's estimate of the fair market value of the tract. The minimum bid for the tracts is \$100 per acre or fraction thereof. The minimum bid is not intended to represent fair market value. The fair market value will be determined by the authorized officer after the sale.

The sealed bids should be sent by certified mail, return-receipt requested, or be hand delivered to the Cashier, BLM Colorado State Office, at the address given above and clearly marked "Sealed Bid for COC-74813 Coal Sale-Not to be opened before 10 a.m., Wednesday, May 29, 2013. The cashier will issue a receipt for each hand-delivered bid. Bids received after 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, May 29, 2013 will not be considered.

If identical high bids are received, the tying high bidders will be requested to submit follow-up sealed bids until a high bid is received. All tie-breaking, sealed-bids must be submitted within 15 minutes following the sale official's announcement at the sale that identical high bids have been received.

Prior to lease issuance, the high bidder, if other than the applicant, must pay the BLM the cost recovery fees in the amount of \$50,969.80 in addition to all processing costs the BLM incurs after the date of this sale notice (43 CFR 3473.2).

A lease issued as a result of this offering will provide for payment of an annual rental of \$3 per acre, or fraction thereof, and a royalty payable to the United States in the amount of 8 percent of the value of coal mined by underground methods.

Bidding instructions for the LBA Tracts offered and the terms and conditions of the proposed coal lease are included in the Detailed Statement of Lease Sale and available from the BLM Colorado State Office at the address above. Case file documents, COC-74813, are available for inspection at the BLM Colorado State Office Public Room.

Helen M. Hankins,  
BLM Colorado State Director.  
Publish: April 4, 11 and 18, 2013 in Rio Blanco Herald Times

**GUNS**

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

**HUNTING**

**GUIDED & DIY HUNTS AVAILABLE**  
Visit us at  
[www.sullivanbrosoutfitting.com](http://www.sullivanbrosoutfitting.com)  
Contact Bradley at (970)210-5527

**NOBODY COVERS RIO  
BLANCO COUNTY LIKE  
THE HERALD TIMES**

**LOST & FOUND**

FOUND: MILITARY Challenge Coin. Call  
Samuelson True Value and describe to  
claim. Ask for Jackie or Jeri. 878-3528.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

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

**PERSONALS**

I'M SELLING my private collection of fabrics for quilts,  
crafts and clothing. Low price, high quality. Call The  
Seamstress 878-3193

LOOKING FOR a single female, age 37 1/2  
-60 1/2 to go on a trip. All expenses paid. Trip in  
March 2014. Need to know if you can go before  
October 2013. Call Gerard 878-3647

**PETS**

PUREBRED BORDER Collies, working parents, two  
males not neutered. Needs room to work. Free to  
good home Approximately 3 years old. (970)878-  
0790 or (970)778-2830.

**WANTED**

LOOKING FOR a serviceable front wheel  
drive only car. Running condition a must  
,and reasonable. (970) 878-0790.

**HELP WANTED:  
FULL TIME**

RIO BLANCO County is currently seeking qualified  
applicants for a Director of Human Services. This  
position is responsible for the administration, monitoring,  
supervision and performance of county human services  
and senior nutrition programs as mandated by Federal  
and State laws and regulations and by County  
directives. This is a full time position with benefits.

**HELP WANTED:  
FULL TIME**

Salary range: \$5,500.00 - \$6,300.00 month DOQ.  
Minimum Requirements: Masters in social work, public  
administration or a related field; 5 years experience  
in a social work related field which includes supervisory  
and fiscal management experience. To apply, submit a  
completed Rio Blanco County Job Application and a  
resume to the Human Resource Department, P.O.  
Box i, Meeker, CO 81641, (970) 878-9570. A copy  
of the job description and county application may be  
downloaded from the county website,  
[www.co.rio-blanco.co.us/personnel](http://www.co.rio-blanco.co.us/personnel) Application are  
due by May 31, 2013. Announcement #1306 EOE

RIO BLANCO County is seeking a Project  
Coordinator. This is a professional level position  
reporting to the County Administrator. Responsible  
for management of multiple capital projects subject  
to strict deadlines. Manages public involvement,  
oversees consultants, and meets schedule and budget  
objectives. Coordinates assigned activities with other  
divisions, departments and outside agencies.  
Establishes and maintains cooperative working  
relationships with co-workers, other de-partments,  
outside agencies, consultants, contractors and citizens.  
Provides related administrative support to County  
departments. Minimum Education: Equivalent to a  
bachelor's degree from an accredited college or  
university with the major course work in  
engineering, planning, architecture, construction  
management or related field. Must have a minimum  
of 3 years managing increasingly responsible capital  
projects. Salary range: \$4,583 - \$6,250/mo. DOQ.  
To apply, submit a completed Rio Blanco County  
General Application and a resume to the Human  
Resource Department, P.O. Box i, Meeker, CO 81641,  
(970) 878-9570. A copy of the job description and  
county application may be downloaded from the county  
website, [www.co.rio-blanco.co.us/personnel](http://www.co.rio-blanco.co.us/personnel).  
Applications are due April 30, 2013. Announcement  
#1305 EOE

(TEMPORARY) FAIRGROUNDS LABORER -  
Applicants must be able to perform manual labor at  
the County Fairgrounds in Meeker. Must have a  
valid Colorado Driver's License, have the ability  
to occasionally lift 100 lbs, be in good physical shape  
and have full range of motion. Full time with required  
overtime during certain events. \$12.18/hr. To apply,  
submit a completed Rio Blanco County Application  
to the HR Department at P.O. Box i, Meeker, CO  
81641, (970) 878-9570. Applications can be obtained  
from the HR Department or from our website at  
[www.co.rio-blanco.co.us/personnel](http://www.co.rio-blanco.co.us/personnel).  
Deadline: April 15th. EOE. Announcement # 1309

**Apprentice Electrician**  
Must be motivated. Must live in Rangely. Must have  
good driver's license. Drug testing required. Will be  
put in apprentice electrical program. 221 E. Main,  
Rangely for an application or fax resume to (970)675-  
8050.

ENERGETIC PEOPLE needed for the front  
of the house at **Ma Famiglia Restaurant**.  
Full-time and part-time positions avail-  
able. Positions available immediately for  
qualified applicants. Pick up an applica-  
tion at 410 Market St., Meeker.

**HELP WANTED:  
GENERAL**

TEMPORARY LABORER - Rio Blanco County is  
seeking applicants for a temporary laborer at the  
Meeker Road & Bridge Dept. Applicants must be  
able to perform manual labor, flagging (stand on  
hot pavement 8-10 hrs per day) and operate light  
construction equipment. Must have a valid Colorado  
Driver's License, be 18 years of age, have ability  
to regularly lift 50lbs., be in good physical shape  
and have full range of motion. \$15.71/hr. Position  
to start April 29. Applications can be obtained from  
the HR Dept, 200 Main Street, Meeker or Down-  
loaded from our website at [www.co.rio-blanco.co.us](http://www.co.rio-blanco.co.us).  
Application deadline: April 8, 2013 Job  
#1307 EOE.

**Coaching Vacancy**  
March 25, 2013

The Meeker Re-1 School District is seeking  
qualified applicants to serve as head football coach  
at Meeker High School for the 2013/2014 season.  
Interested applicants should submit a letter of interest,  
a completed coaching application, and resume to the  
Meeker School District office. Review of applica-  
tions will begin immediately and continue until  
the position is filled.  
Applications can be picked up at the District Office  
located at 555 Garfield Street, Meeker, CO.  
*The Meeker Re-1 School District is an Equal Opportunity  
Employer*



**Teller- Full Time/Part Time.**  
**First National Bank of the Rockies- Meeker**  
We are looking for a customer service  
oriented individual with cash handling  
experience for a full-time or part-time  
position. Banking experience is a plus.  
Full-time position includes medical in-  
surance and paid time off. Part-time po-  
sition includes premium pay and some  
benefits. Send your resume to pat-  
tir@fnbrockies.com EEO/AA

**HELP WANTED:  
GENERAL**

WATT'S RANCH Market is looking for  
qualified, energetic people to work in our  
deli and meat departments. We are also  
looking for friendly, dependable people to  
work as cashiers. Please pick up your  
application at Watt's Ranch Market to-  
day!

EXPERIENCED WELL service rig hand,  
steady work with good pay and benefits.  
Must pass drug test. (435)828-3915.

**Lifeguards:** Meeker Recreation Center is  
seeking applications for permanent full  
time and part time lifeguards. Lifeguards  
are trained professional rescuers who en-  
sure the safety of patrons by preventing  
and responding to emergencies in and out  
of the aquatic facility. Applicants must  
be 15 years of age or older; know how to  
swim; be available for daytime shifts,  
early morning, evening, split and/or  
weekend shifts; and be available a minimum  
of 12 hours per week. As part of the in-  
terview process, candidates will be asked  
to swim 300 yards using crawl stroke and  
breast stroke, perform a brick dive in the  
deep end of the pool and tread water for 2  
minutes. Candidates do not need to hold  
a lifeguard certification card as we will  
train selected candidates on site. If se-  
lected, must be available from April 22 -  
May 5 for training (3:30pm - 6pm and se-  
lect weekend days). Lifeguards are also  
responsible for performing maintenance  
and inspection of the facility on a daily  
basis; reporting any unsafe conditions or  
equipment to the supervisor(s); monitor-  
ing pool water chemistry and filling out  
required records and reports.  
Salary range \$9 - \$11/hr. A completed  
ERBM Recreation & Park District job ap-  
plication is required for consideration and  
should be returned to ERBM Recreation &  
Park District, Attn: Human Resources,  
101 Ute Rd., Meeker, CO 81641. ERBM  
Recreation & Park District is an Equal  
Opportunity Employer. 970-878-3403. Ap-  
plications will be accepted through April  
12, 2013.

**HELP WANTED:  
GENERAL**

**TOWN OF MEEKER  
SEEKING UTILTYMAN EMPLOYEE**  
The Town of Meeker is accepting applica-  
tions for the position of Utilityman. Du-  
ties include General Maintenance of all re-  
lated systems that the town is charged with  
operating. This includes Streets and  
Bridges, Water System, Snow Removal,  
Weed Control, Operating Heavy Equip-  
ment, and other assigned duties by the  
supervisor. The employee must obtain a  
CDL drivers license within 6 months of  
employment date and obtain a Class D  
water license within 12 months of em-  
ployment. Work hours are 7:00 AM to  
4:00 PM winter, and summer hours are  
7:00 AM to 5:30 PM. Applications are  
available at Town Hall, 345 Market  
Street, Meeker, CO. 81641, or request by  
telephone at (970) 878-5344. Applica-  
tions must be received at Town Hall no  
later than Thursday April 11, 2013, or  
postmarked no later than April 10, 2013.  
Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Em-  
ployer. Faxed applications are accepted.

**HELP WANTED:  
SEASONAL**

(TEMPORARY) WEED CONTROL TECHNI-  
CIAN - Applicants must be able to per-  
form manual work involving spraying of  
herbicides on rangeland and road sides.  
Mechanical skills with pump and small  
engine repair are highly desired. Require-  
ments: valid CO Driver's License, good  
driving record, must be in good physical  
shape, have full range of motion, have  
one year of experience in commercial  
spraying, be familiar with herbicides and  
experienced with a GPS. \$ 14.72-16.75/hr  
DOQ. To apply, submit a completed RBC  
application to the HR Dept at P.O. Box i,  
Meeker, CO 81641. Applications can be  
picked up at the HR Dept or downloaded  
from our website at [www.co.rio-blanco.co.us/personnel](http://www.co.rio-blanco.co.us/personnel).  
For information call  
(970) 878-9570. Deadline: April 17th. An-  
nouncement #1308. EOE



**CUSTODIAN I  
RANGELY CAMPUS**

Colorado Northwestern Community College, Rangely Campus is seek-  
ing a qualified applicant for the full-time position of Custodian I. This is  
a Classified Position with benefits. Hourly rate is \$10.00. Necessary  
requirements: Must possess and maintain a valid State of Colorado driver's  
license to operate a college vehicle. Must submit to and successfully complete  
a pre-employment background check as a condition of hire. Visit the CNCC  
website at [www.cncc.edu/human\\_](http://www.cncc.edu/human_resources/job_opportunities)  
resources/job\_opportunities for a complete job announcement including  
important instructions for the completion and submission of the applica-  
tion.

CNCC is an Equal Opportunity Employer.



**ADMINISTRATIVE  
ASSISTANT III**

**Registration Technician ~ RANGELY CAMPUS**

Colorado Northwestern Community College is seeking a qualified applicant  
for the position of Administrative Assistant III to work in the Admissions Office.  
This is a fulltime Classified State of Colorado benefited position. Pay is \$2,897.00  
per month. Minimum requirements: Thirty-six months (36) of general clerical  
experience, which includes experience utilizing Microsoft Office applications. Part  
time experience will be prorated. Visit the CNCC website at [http://www.cncc.edu/cms/](http://www.cncc.edu/cms/content/human-resources-classified-positions)  
content/human-resources-classified-positions for a complete job announcement  
including important instructions for the completion and submission of the applica-  
tion. Applications will be accepted through Friday, April 5, 2013 until 4:00 p.m.

CNCC is an Equal Opportunity Employer.



Colorado  
Statewide Classified  
Advertising Network

To place a 25-word COSCAN network ad in 82 Colorado  
newspapers for only \$250, contact your local newspaper  
or call SYNC2 Media at 303-571-5117.

**AUCTIONS**

Auction 800+/- Acres 6 Tracts C.R.P.,  
Irrigated, Hunting Lodge April 23, 9:30AM  
Location: Stratton Community Center United  
Country - Rocking X Land  
Company EchoHuntClubAuction.com  
719-346-5420

**HELP WANTED**

25 DRIVER TRAINEES NEEDED!  
Learn to drive for Swift Transportation at  
US Truck.  
Earn \$750 per week!  
CDL & Job Ready in 3 weeks!  
1-800-809-2141

**HELP WANTED / DRIVERS**

Drivers **OWNER OPERATORS** - Class A  
CDL & 1 yr experience. Home daily or every  
other day. Dedicated, recession-proof freight  
(grocery). Lease purchase program, 100%  
fuel surcharge to driver and more! Call  
Michael 866-478-9972.  
DriveForGreatwide.com

Driver - Qualify for any portion of \$.03/mile  
quarterly bonus: \$.01 Safety, \$.01  
Production, \$.01 MPG. Two raises in first  
year. 3 months recent experience.  
800-414-9569 [www.driveknight.com](http://www.driveknight.com)

**LOTS & ACREAGE**

So Colorado Liquidation Sale! 60  
acres - only \$39,900 Rocky Mtn views.  
Surveyed, utilities, low bank financing.  
Owner must sell! Call anytime 866-696-  
5263

**TREE SEEDLINGS**

Colorado State Forest Service Nursery  
Tree/shrub seedlings for conservation and  
reforestation are still available. Visit  
[csfs.colostate.edu/pages/buying-trees.html](http://csfs.colostate.edu/pages/buying-trees.html)  
or call 970-491-8429 for ordering informa-  
tion.

**MISC./CAREER TRAINING**

WORK ON JET ENGINES - Train for hands on  
Aviation Career. FAA approved program.  
Financial aid if qualified - Job placement  
assistance. CALL Aviation Institute of  
Maintenance 800-481-8612.

**MODULAR / MANUFACTURED HOMES FOR  
SALE**

FROM \$34,181 Brand New FACTORY  
BUILT HOMES  
Construction to Perm Loans FHA / VA Loans 303-  
573-0067 Free Brochure, floor plans & price  
sheet  
[www.coloradofactorymodulars.com](http://www.coloradofactorymodulars.com)

**SPORTING GOODS**

GUN SHOW  
April 6-7  
SAT. 9-5 & SUN. 9-4  
COLORADO SPRINGS  
FREEDOM FINANCIAL  
SERVICES EXPO CENTER  
(3650 N NEVADA)  
BUY-SELL-TRADE  
INFO: (563) 927-8176

**SYNC2 MEDIA CLASSIFIED ADS**

Buy a statewide 25-word COSCAN class-  
fied line ad in newspapers across Colorado for  
just \$250 per week. Maximize results with our  
Frequency Deals! Contact this newspaper or call  
COSCAN Coordinator Stephen Herrera,  
SYNC2 Media, 303-571-5117 x20.



**North Western Colorado  
Bull Sale**

**Saturday, April 13  
1:00 PM**

**Routt County Fairgrounds  
Hayden Colorado**

[www.communityagalliance.org](http://www.communityagalliance.org)  
**970-879-4370**



has an Immediate Opening

**Part-time Manager**

- VERNAL, UTAH OFFICE -

Excellent organizational skills a must  
computer literate, mining experience.

**OSHA & MSHA experience a Plus**

Must be flexible-Some  
travel involved.  
Salary commiserates on experience.  
Send Resume to Linda:  
[pmslinda@gmail.com](mailto:pmslinda@gmail.com)  
or fax: (435)637-8549

**PIONEERS  
MEDICAL CENTER,**

a community oriented medical center with high patient  
standards, is hiring for the following positions:

- PRN:**
- Certified Nursing Assistant/Patient Care Tech
  - RN - Acute/E.D.
  - RN - Walbridge Wing
  - LPN - Walbridge Wing
  - Laundry Technician
- FULL-TIME (eligible for benefits):**
- RN - Night Shift - Walbridge Wing
  - LPN - Night Shift - Walbridge Wing
  - RN - Acute/E.D.
  - Certified Nursing Assistant - Walbridge Wing
  - Certified Nursing Assistant - Wing Night Shift
  - Patient Accounts Representative
- FULL-TIME (eligible for sign-on bonus & benefits):**
- Physical Therapist

Submit Resume and/or Application to:  
Pioneers Medical Center, HR  
345 Cleveland St., Meeker, Colo., 81641  
Visit our Web site at:  
[www.pioneershospital.org](http://www.pioneershospital.org)



**MEEKER  
collision  
CENTER**  
BODY & FRAME

43904 highway 13  
(located behind  
Samuelson Hardware)  
**970-878-0000**

Auto Glass                      Auto Body  
Chip Repair                    Spray-In Bedliners

**Schindler  
Plumbing**

Residential | Commercial | Remodel | Service Calls  
Boiler Systems/Hot Water Heat  
Specializing in Custom Homes

**Randy Schindler  
Master Plumber**                      Cell (970) 274-8050  
Office (970) 878-5153

**Farm Bureau Insurance**

**James A. Amick  
Agent**  
[James.Amick@cfbmic.com](http://James.Amick@cfbmic.com)

**FARM  
BUREAU  
INSURANCE**  
Auto • Home • Life

733 Main St. • PO Box 659 • Meeker  
Office: 970-878-3664 Fax: 970-878-3415 Cell: 970-942-8524

**Casey Tech Services, LLC**

- Computer Diagnostics & Repair
- Virus & Spyware Clean-up & Removal
- Audio/Visual Cabling & Consulting
- Residential & Business Networking Solutions

For ALL  
your local computer  
support needs!

MARTY CASEY  
**970.878.4650**  
[support@caseytechservices.com](mailto:support@caseytechservices.com)

**LDNK High Country  
PORTABLES**

Port-A-John • Septic • Rolloff Services  
Locally Owned & Operated

Your **"Business"** is Our Business  
**Levi & Darcy Roach**

**Clint A. Shults, LUTCF**  
Insurance and Financial Services Agent

**FARMERS**  
592 Main St., Suite 16, P.O. Box 2488  
Meeker, CO 81641 Meeker/Rangely  
Bus: 970.878.3400 Cell: 970.201.4104  
Fax: 970.878.5713  
[cshults@farmersagent.com](mailto:cshults@farmersagent.com)

Registered Representative  
Farmers Financial Solutions, LLC  
30801 Agoura Road, Bldg. 1, Agoura Hills, CA 91301-2054  
818-584-0200 Member FINRA & SIPC

**COLE Tire & Services LLC**  
Cole Tire & Services LLC is  
a family owned company.

We offer some of the following services and more:  
24 Hr. Mobile Tire Service & Tire Shop • 24 Hr. Oil & Lube Service in shop or on Location  
We can take care of: Tires, Services & Minor Repairs on anything.

**163 Water St. Meeker, CO 81641**  
**(970) 404-7299 or (970) 404-7474**

Complete Automotive Repairs  
Computer Diagnostics  
CNC Machining  
Fabricating • Welding

**FAMILY AUTOMOTIVE**  
6th & Market St.  
Meeker, CO 81641  
970.878.5606

Phil Mass    Mike Mohr

**RANGELY**

**Stewart Welding**  
98 County Road 46  
• Trailer Axles & Accessories •  
24 - Hour Service  
on Welding and Machine Work

Certified Oilfield Welders  
Ed Stewart: 675-2063  
SHOP PHONE: 675-8720

**ELECTRICAL WORK  
OF ALL KINDS**  
RESIDENTIAL • COMMERCIAL • INDUSTRIAL

**DUCEY'S  
ELECTRIC**

739 East Main Street, Rangely • 563 Market Street, Meeker  
**675-8368 • Alan Ducey • 878-4144**  
**24-HOUR SERVICE**

**RANGELY COLLISION  
CENTER, LLC**

Collision • Frame  
Auto Glass  
PPG Paint  
Reflex Spray On Truck Liners

**970.675.3003**  
[rangelycollision@centurytel.net](mailto:rangelycollision@centurytel.net)

714 Prospect St. ■ Rangely, CO 81648

**HELP WANTED:  
SEASONAL**

Elk Creek Ranch is looking for a daytime server. At least 2 yr experience, \$14/hr plus gratuities. Call Dayna at 970-260-6550 or Scott at 970-361-0907.

**YARD SALES**

**NO YARD SALES  
ADVERTISED THIS WEEK**

**CAMPERS & R.V.S**

1976 TOYOTA CHINOOK Motorhome. Pop-up, 139,000 miles. Asking \$1000. Runs good. Call (970) 756-4675.

**MOTORCADE:  
MISCELLANEOUS**

TRAILERS, HITCHES, flatbeds, toolboxes, trailer service and truck accessories. We are a "one stop shop" truck and trailer outfitter. B&W gooseneck hitches \$597 installed. Pine Country Trailer Sales, Grand Junction. 1-800-287-6532.

**SNOWMOBILES**

1987 Yamaha Exciter LC!  
\$400 obo. Runs great. Call 970-379-7324w

**HOMES: MEEKER**

FSBO, 340 Park Ave., 3 BDR, 2 BA, large fenced backyard. Must see! 878-3103.

FSBO, 2740 sq.ft., 4+ BDR, 2 BA, New kitchen with granite, pantry, new seamless gutters. Lots of storage and parking. Must see. \$195,000. Sellers Motivated. (970)878-4207

**REAL ESTATE  
WANTED**

**WE BUY LAND!** Want to sell your farm, pasture or wooded land & get money FAST? We buy 35+ acres in Colorado for cash & usually close in 2 weeks. Prefer raw land. Call Bill at (985)226-1580.

**RENTALS: MEEKER**

5 BDR, 2/12 BA, 2 car garage/shop with compressor, shed, deck, lots of storage, washer and dryer. \$900 deposit, \$900 month plus utilities. (970)629-8779 or (970)245-5817.

465 PARK ST, 2 BDR, new carpet and linoleum, new stove, refrigerator, sink, dishwasher, washing machine and dryer, carport. New deck, one block from post office. No pets, no smoking. \$600 month, \$500 damage deposit. Call (970)878-4816, (970)878-4537 or (970)878-5130

FOR RENT! 4BDR, 2BA, fenced yard, garage, washer & dryer, water, sewer, trash paid. 1 outside dog. Available April 5. \$900/month. Call 970-878-3424 or 970-274-1662.

**CLEAN, BEAUTIFUL, NEWLY REMODELED, 3 BDR + 2 BA, LARGE COUNTRY STYLE KITCHEN, HEATILATOR FIREPLACE, 2 CAR GARAGE, BACKS TO NEW PARK, \$900/MONTH + DEPOSIT, PETS NEGOTIABLE, NS. (720)457-0930.**

**RENTALS: MEEKER**

EXCEPTIONALLY CLEAN, SPACIOUS, 2 BDR apt. Hot water heat, water, sewer, trash paid. Lease/Deposit required. NS, NP. (970)878-4592.

2 BDR townhouse, covered patio, covered parking, washer and dryer, pets negotiable, rent \$550/month, \$650 damage deposit, 916-873-3659 or 970-878-5486.

HOUSE FOR rent: 2 BDR, 1 BA, \$800/month +\$600 deposit + utilities. Fresh paint, great neighborhood washer/dryer, fireplace, dishwasher, newly remodeled. **No Pets.** Call Ron (970)878-4040.

MANUFACTURED HOME, 1 BDR, 1 BA, great condition, washer & dryer hookups, \$525/month. Month-to-month lease options available. Call (970)220-2150.

2 BDR townhouse, covered patio, all appliances including washer & dryer. Rent \$550/month + \$650 damage deposit. Available now. (916)873-3659 or (970)878-5486.

**2 BDR, 1 BA apartment, \$475/month plus electricity + \$475 deposit with 6 month lease. \$500/month for month-to-month. 878-3363.**

AVAILABLE NOW, 2 BDR, 1.5 BA duplex, \$600/month, \$700 deposit. Pets considered. Fenced yard, covered carport with storage, new paint, new flooring, stackable washer/dryer. Landlord pays water and sewer. (916)873-3659 or 878-5486.

**RENTALS: MEEKER**

4 BDR, 1.5 BA house with garage and fenced yard. \$1000/month. Available April 15. Call Jim at (970)220-2007

2 BDR, 1 BA apartment, \$475/month + deposit. Clean, quiet, new carpets. (970)878-5367 or (970)878-3736.

STORAGE DEPOT 10x25 unit. 878-4808.

**12TH STREET APARTMENTS**

2 BDR, 1 BA, heat, hot water, cable included. Call (970)261-1441 or (970)878-3739.

3 BDR townhouse, all appliances including washer & dryer, covered patio with storage, covered parking. Landlord pays water & sewer. Pets negotiable. \$650/month + \$750 damage deposit. (916)873-3659 or 878-5486.

FULLY FURNISHED, 2 BDR, 2 BA apartments, in unit W/D, utilities included. NS & NP. 14 month lease: \$800 month with FIRST & LAST months FREE! \$1500 deposit to move in. 6 month: \$900/month, rent due at move-in. Month to month: \$1400/month, rent due at move in. Western Exposures Realty (970)878-5877.

HALANDRAS BUILDING, 300 sq. ft. interior office, includes utilities. Off street parking, easy access. (970)629-9714.

**Rocky Mountain Storage & Rentals**  
5x10, 10x10 storage units available in town. 878-0085 or 878-3700.

**RENTALS: MEEKER**

THE FORMER BLM Building west of Meeker is for rent. The building consists of approximately 10,000 square feet of office space. Interested parties may contact the Meeker Re-1 School District Superintendent at 878-9040 for more information.

Commercial office space available in Hugos Building, downtown Meeker. 878-4138.

**RENTALS: RANGELY**

LOTS AVAILABLE in Rangely for your manufactured home. \$300 lease includes grounds maintenance, water, sewer and trash. We can also help you find the home and financing. Mark 801-828-7272

RV SPACES in Rangely available. Rent \$350/month, utilities included. Now also leasing mobile home spaces! Contact Christy (970)589-9249.

FOR RENT! 411 E. Rangely Ave. 3BDR, 2BA house, with storage shed. \$1000/month plus utilities. 1 yr lease. 303-810-6805 ask for Mark.

**SILVER SAGE RV PARK**

(970)675-2259  
RV Spaces for rent.  
Manager: Heath GeBauer  
(970)675-2259  
(970)846-4293  
Fax: (970)675-5509

**FOR SALE  
BY OWNER  
— RANGELY —**

**11 ACRE HORSE  
PROPERTY ON  
THE RIVER.**

3,300 sq. ft. Home  
with 4 sheds.  
7+ acres irrigated.

**CALL MOSE  
970-220-2109  
928-645-4960**

*No reasonable  
offer refused.*

**REAL ESTATE CORNER**

WE MAKE DREAMS COME TRUE

**AMERICAN DREAM  
Mortgage**

Serving the entire state of Colorado

Conventional Loans  
FHA/VA/USDA Loans  
Jumbo Loans  
Manufactured Homes  
Fast Approvals & Closings

We Will Work With All Types of Credit

**970-242-2400**

417 North Ave., Grand Junction, Colorado 81501  
myamdream77@yahoo.com  
www.myamericandreamus.com

**WESTERN EXPOSURES  
REALTY, LLC**

1033 W Market St.  
Meeker, Colo.,  
81641

970-878-5577

**RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY**

789 8th Street — Unique and immaculate 5 BD home with income potential. Large property with separate apartment, garage and storage areas. \$475,000

1145 Michael Cr. 3BD, 2BA home located in a quiet neighborhood with garage and rec room. \$229,500. **SHORT SALE, MAKE OFFER**

New — 1045 Lance Cr. — 5 BD, 2 BA home with custom garage and large yard on a quiet cul-de-sac. \$198,500

RANGELY — 267 Crest St., nice 4 BD, 2 BA home in a quiet neighborhood. Great yard and sunroom, garage and carport. \$195,000

1021 Main St. 4 BD, 2.25 BA ranch style home with large living room, new detached garage. \$169,000

780 11th Street — Remodeled 3 BD, 2 BA bi-level home with fenced yard. \$167,900

New — 1170 Cleveland Street, large home with full basement, family room, rec room, carport, nice trees. \$158,900

New — 781 12th St. 2 BD, 1.5 BA, Townhouse. Asking \$40,000

**RURAL RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES**

40000 Hwy 13 — Hacienda Rio Blanco, 6,211 sq. ft. Spanish Style Home on 6 acres with River frontage. This is a very nice home and a good place to live and enjoy. \$695,000

945 RBC Rd. 14 — 5 BD, 3 BA, custom log home on 5 acres, located approximately 25 miles up the White River. \$499,000

281 RBC Rd. 57 — Beautiful log home with 3 BD, 2 BA home, 2 car garage with workshop on the Flat Tops Scenic By-way. \$349,000

1903 RBC Rd. 43 — Peaceful property with 18 acres. 3 BD, 2 BA home, workshop, hot tub and irrigation rights. \$325,000

New — 75 RBC Rd. 43 - 5 Acres with clean 3 BD, 2 BA home, 2 car garage with studio apartment. Irrigation water and nice views. \$279,000

73229 Highway 64 — Beautiful 38 acres, 3 BD, 2 BA, Private canyon setting with trees and rock outcroppings. \$265,000!

New — 20285 RBC Rd. 8 Spacious home on 1.7 acres, located 20 miles up the White River. \$265,000

Log Cabin on 3 acres with pond and well. \$160,000.

**COMMERCIAL PROPERTY**

317 East Market St. — Newly remodeled commercial building with executive office, other offices, attached heated garage and workshop, on 1.25 acres, plus 2.98 acres of adjoining pasture with irrigation water. Fantastic Property. Accepting Offers!

1036 Shults Drive — 32 unit apartment complex built in 2008. Will consider partnerships. \$2,900,000

1287 W. Market St. — Beautiful hwy. commercial building with numerous offices, open conference room, large open garage/shop area plus mechanic bays, 5 large garage doors. Professionally remodeled. **Accepting Offers!**

**RANCHES**

Two Ranches. 344 acre ranch and 611 acre ranch. Great for livestock, haying and hunting. Call Onea Miller.

Premier Hunting Ranch. — 2,000 acres deeded, plus 14,000 acre BLM Grazing Permit priced at \$1,800 per deeded acre.

1168 RBC Rd. 63 — Gorgeous 3,500 SQFT new log home with heated shop overlooking the Little Beaver Valley. 507+/- grassed acres with spring and well water. \$1,195,000

Hunting Property — 880 Acres exceptional elk and deer hunting. \$850,000

**VACANT LAND**

48 Acres - 5 miles south of Meeker, joins BLM, open to trades or offers \$255,000

43902 Highway 13 — 2.5 acres of commercial land in Curtis Creek. \$250,000

41 vacant lots in Sanderson Hills Subdivision. These are nice lots located on the northwest side of the Subdivision. **\$250,000 for all or 7 lots at \$6,200 per lot. OWNER FINANCING**

99 acres — vacant land that joins the BLM. \$139,000

15,000 SQFT, 6th & Water Street — Mixed Zoning, \$120,000

4.5 lots on 8th St. \$100,000

23105 Highway 13 — 5.09 Acres with water well and electricity. \$77,000

20 Acres along Strawberry Creek — Mixed grass/alfalfa meadow with creek running through property. \$70,000

2 adjoining fantastic vacant lots in Sage Hills — Reduced to \$35,000 each.

4 Lots in Cross L Estates — Possible owner financing. \$74,000 - \$77,000. **\$250,000 for all**

182 Main Street — Oversized mixed use vacant lot. - \$85,000

6.79 acres Cross L Estates — Beautiful large lot. \$69,000

1417 Silver Sage Road — Two vacant lots, Reduced to \$55,000 for both. **MAKE OFFER!**

NEW — 41 developed lots in Sanderson Hills Re-subdivision, including Streets, Curbs, Electricity, Gas. Priced at \$29,000 each or \$25,000 each in packages of 5 lots. Call for details. Contractors, get started building.

Onea J. Miller Broker  
oneamiller@gmail.com

Suzan Pelloni Associate Broker  
westernexposures@gmail.com

www.westernexposures.com

**BROOKS REALTY**

889 Main St., Meeker, Colorado  
(970) 878-5858 • (970) 675-2525  
www.BROOKSREALTYMEEKER.COM

Meeker  
Laurie J. Brooks  
Owner/Broker

Rangely  
Charlie Novak  
Broker Associate

- ◆ 213 E. Rangely Ave 3 BD, 2 BA, west portion of duplex, Shares a common wall. Built in 2008, 1145 SF, 2 car garage, thermal windows, Forced air heat, A/C, kitchen appliances and upgraded cabinets. \$143,000
- ◆ 315 & 317 N. Grand Ave. Duplex: Attractively renovated. Each unit has 1,200 SF, 2 Bed, 2 Bath, W/D hook-up, carport for each side. **Priced to Sell! \$139,500 Excellent income property, both sides rented.**
- ◆ 208 E. Rio Blanco, Move in ready-fresh ext. paint, new flooring, wall covering and window treatments, 1782 sq. ft. mobile/modular on 39,208 sq. ft. lot. Come take a look at this one! **\$125,000. Sale Pending**
- ◆ 402 Lake St. Vacant Lot. Recent survey, soil samples, blue prints, ready to build. **\$27,500**

- ◆ 1025 Jill Drive, Super clean w/ vaulted ceilings, 1595 SF, 3 bedroom, 2 bath ranch style home w/ 2-car garage. 11,250 SF lot, fenced backyard. **\$185,000 Sale Pending**
- ◆ NEW TO MARKET! 820 4th Street, 4,000 +/- SF home on 18,000 SF corner lot, great location and views. 3BD 2BA, Huge laundry rm, office and storage on main level. Fully finished basement w/ 1BD, 3/4 BA & Lg family/rec room, storage & more storage. 2 car GA, 5' cedar fenced backyd, big patio, detached 370 SF shop. **\$317,000**
- ◆ 1188 County Rd 63. Unique property with secluded location, 5+ acres. 3 Bdrms 1 1/2 bath home, small pond, several outbuildings and 4 car carport. **\$170,000**
- ◆ 487 Agency Drive Perfect setting 5 acres, close to town, with your own forest of trees. 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath with room to expand, att. 2 car garage & large detached out building/shop, Extra Storage & features Like new! **\$487,000**
- ◆ SOLD: 890 7th Street, Older well built home w/ lots of personality, 15000 SF lot, great views. **\$157,000**
- ◆ SOLD: 388 9th Street Great potential! corner of Park and 9th Street, two lots, currently a church. **\$95,000**

1342 Sage Ridge ~ SOLD | 1247 Sunridge ~ SOLD | 1029 Jill Drive ~ SOLD

**Backcountry Realty**

1130 Market St. • PO Box 2107  
Meeker, CO 81641  
970-878-4715 • Fax 878-4780  
Cell 970-390-2182

backcountry@nctelecom.net  
athiensenn123@gmail.com

**HOMES IN MEEKER ...**

- \*NEW 375 Pine St. - 5 BR, 3 BA home, big corner lot, fenced yard, garage, trees, great condition. **\$280,000.**
- \*NEW 939 Park Ave -4BR, 4BA home. Updated kitchen, granite countertops, new S.S. appliances, new flooring, new jetted bathtub, new deck, attached garage and a huge heated shop. Landscaped and a garden area! **\$239,900**
- \*711 Cleveland-large corner lot, 3 BR, 2BA home, nicely remodeled, 1 level, garage, close to downtown. **\$179,900**
- \*11 East Main St. - 3 to 4 bedroom log home, 1.75 baths, living & family rooms, oak floors. **\$195,500**
- \*562 Larry Lane-Corner lot, 1 level, 3 BR 2BA, fenced yard, garage, deck. **\$149,000.**
- \*643 12th St - 4 BR, 2 BA bi-level home. Garage, carport, fenced back yard. **\$140,000.**

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

- \*850 County Rd. 10-32 acres with 2 log homes, shop, garage, gazebo, partially fenced, pond. **\$749,000**
- \*River Property- CR 12- 5+ acres 28 miles up river, with 2 BR, 1 BA cabin, good well, fish pond. **\$295,000**
- \*510 Meadow Lane -6.92 acres with 2,332 sq. ft. 2 story home, 3 BR, 2 1/2 BA Private river setting, pond, hot tub, gazebo. Great horse property! **REDUCED \$399,900**
- \*2000 County Rd. 119 Forest Service cabin on Ute Creek, 1BR,1BA, **\$85,000**
- \*710 Shaman Tr. - 3+ BR,4BA, Custom built 4,534 sq ft home on 5 acres, great views, garage. **\$448,000**
- \*24530 County Rd. 8- A-frame cabin on small acreage, up-river, vacation home, views! **\$169,000**
- \*945 CR 14- 5 wooded acres 27 miles up river, fenced, 5 BR, 3 BA log home, spring. **Reduced to \$499,000.**
- \*615 Shaman Trail- Home on 8.8 acres near schools. 3,654 sq ft + 3 car garage. **\$415,000 SALE PENDING!**
- \*40 Acres up South Fork- Lots of trees, water, 4 BR, 2 BA lodge, Nat. Forest access, **HUNTING. \$585,000.**
- \*13051 CR 8- 52 Acres, 14 miles up river, 2 living quarters buildings, garage, hunting. **\$435,000.**
- \*SOLD! 4600 County Rd. 7- 4 BR, 2 BA home on 28 private acres, great well, views **\$299,000**

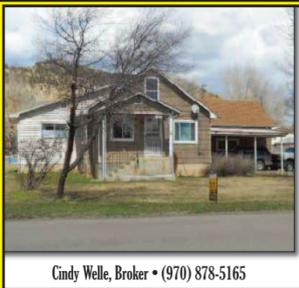
**BUSINESS & INVESTMENT ...**

- \*109 Market St.-3+ lots on the corner of 1st. & Market. Great location. **\$350,000**
- \*Rifle, CO-9 vacant lots near City Hall & new theater, excellent investment opportunity. **\$1,800,000**
- \*Rio Blanco Store- Great potential, 1/4 acre on Hwy 13, 3,000 sq ft store, café, living quarters. **\$140,000.**
- \*Silt, CO- 15 Acre River Front Commercial- 170 frontage road, just off of Silt exit, next to Holiday Inn Express. Excellent visibility & access. Utilities to boundary. Water rights. **\$950,000.**
- \*304 4th St. Commercial building on corner lot downtown, great office space, 4,437 sq. ft. **\$220,000**
- \*265 6th St- Historic 3,208 sq ft commercial building in downtown. Alley access. **\$50,000**

**RAW LAND AND HOMESITES ...**

- \*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.
- \*Meadow Lane-33 acre hay meadow with 2,880 sq. ft. barn, horse stalls, tack room, irrigated land, year around spring, private setting, 4 miles west of Meeker. **\$255,000**
- \*River Property- 19.6 Acres 12 miles west. Irrigated hay, good home sites, river. **\$150,000.**
- \*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, **\$63,000.**
- \*Little Beaver Estates- Lot 4: 35 acres, fenced, good pond, loafing shed, great site. **\$85,000.**
- \*Little Beaver Estates- Lot 5: 35 acres, good pond, pasture. Partially fenced. **\$83,000.**
- \*Little Beaver Estates- Two 35 acre lots bordering DOW hunting land. Lot 11- **\$95,000, Lot 12 SALE PENDING!**
- \*Little Beaver Estates 35 acre lot bordering Division of Wildlife public land, Lot 14. **\$100,000**
- \*Lot 13 Cross L Estates - 5 irrigated acres, great location. Underground utilities are in. **\$100,000.**
- \*50 Acres 15 miles south of Meeker, west of Hwy 13. Great homesites and views. **REDUCED to \$65,000!**
- \*1187 Park Ave- 2 corner lots, zoned for multi-family, lots of trees. Town Ditch. **\$65,000.**
- \*100 acres 29 miles east of Meeker, surrounded by Nat Forest, covered with Aspens. **\$1,395,000.00.**

For a color brochure on these properties, and information on others, stop by our office at 1130 Market Street  
Call Steve Wix, Andrea Thiessen and Barbara Clifton  
See property pictures and descriptions at: [www.backcountryrealty.com](http://www.backcountryrealty.com)



Cindy Welle, Broker • (970) 878-5165

**NEW LISTING**

**1217 MAIN STREET**  
2 lots, 1 1/2 story home, 1 car attached garage and 1 car detached garage/shop.

Call today for a showing.  
**\$149,500**



**Meeker Realty LLC** (970) 878-5165  
www.meekerrealty.com

643 Main Street • P.O. Box 1384  
Meeker, CO 81641

**Featured Property of the Week**

439 Cross L Drive ~ New Reduced Price \$259,000

- ◆ 439 Cross L Drive - 4 bdrm, 2 bath home on 4 acres, horse property . **\$259,000**
- ◆ 1343 Sage Ridge Road - Ranch w/ full basement, great lot ..... **\$219,000**
- ◆ 1160 Mimi Circle - 2 story home, 3 bdrms, 2.5 baths, 2 car garage ..... **\$195,000**
- ◆ 569 Larry Lane - beautiful 2+ bedroom home, corner lot, etc. .... **\$189,000**
- ◆ 1368 Robert Street - 4 bdrms, 2 baths, quiet location, **NEW PRICE** .... **\$175,000**
- ◆ 560 5th Street -Great Rental Property with large metal shop ..... **\$185,000**
- ◆ 517 Park Avenue - COMMERCIAL PROPERTY, great location ..... **\$170,000**
- ◆ 242 Park Ave. - Oversized lot, cute house, Large Metal Shop. .... **\$145,000**
- ◆ Vac