

Mountain Valley Bank begins annual penny drive for HopeWest, MEF

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MEEKER I Gather those pennies from those cup holders, ashtrays, junk drawers, sofa cushions, or wherever they're collecting for a good cause. Between April 11-22, pennies collected at 13 participating local businesses in Meeker will be matched by Mountain Valley Bank (MVB) — up to 100,000 pennies — and donations made to HopeWest and the Meeker Education Foundation.

The penny drive, in its second year, is part of the bank's Red Letter Day celebration on April 26, which will include an all-day Open House. Since 2015, MVB has celebrated the anniversary of its renovated building being listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

The building was originally constructed by the Independent Order of Odd Fellows (I.O.O.F.), a fraternal organization with history dating back to at least the 1600s.

"The Odd Fellows started as a way to care for their members in a time when there were no systems in place to ensure one's welfare, health or job protection. Back in the early days, insurance companies and government programs that provided sick and death benefits did not actually exist. Sickness or death of a breadwinner frequently meant poverty and the responsibility of burial depended on the family. During the 19th century, life insurance was available only to the wealthy and beyond the financial ability of the average working class. For these reasons the Independent Order of Odd Fellows took on the responsibilities of visiting the sick, burying the dead, educating the orphans and caring for the widows as a way to support widows, orphans and families in need." (from The History and Manual of Odd Fellowship)

The missions of HopeWest and the Meeker Education Foundation fit well with that Odd Fellows charter, says MVB President Tawny Halandras.

Last year people not only brought their penny collections to the bank (they need to go to the participating businesses). In a surprise move last year, people wanted to exchange bills for rolls of pennies, and the bank ran out of pennies. Halandras said this year they're prepared in case that happens again. "We've been saving pennies."

Pennies are being collected at the following 13 randomly selected businesses: McGuire Auto Parts, Meeker General Mercantile, Gofer Foods, White River Convenience, Wendll's, Smoking River Brewing Co., Grant Family Dentistry, the Meeker Sweet Shop, Nana Goose, Mtn. Made Trading Co., Chippers, NAPA Auto Parts and Watt's Ranch Market.

Halandras said she hopes the penny drive will get people into local businesses. The business that collects the most pennies will win a cheese board from Blanco Cellars and The Little Cheese Shop.

Look for penny collection containers on Monday, April 11, giving everyone a few days to collect all those stray coins.



PENNY POWER

Speaking of pennies, here are some things you may not know about the humble coin:

● Pennies are NOT made of copper. The modern one-cent coin is actually composed mainly of zinc with a copper coating.

● Abraham Lincoln was the first historical figure to be on a U.S. coin. He was first portrayed on the penny in 1909, to commemorate his 100th birthday. The Lincoln penny was also the first U.S. cent to include the words "In God We Trust."

● A penny costs 1.82 cents to manufacture. Between production costs and shipping, the one-cent coin cost \$0.0182 each. This comes to \$69 million in losses compared to their total value.

● When spinning a penny, the chances of landing on tails is 80%. Spinning a coin is often believed to be a 50-50 proposition. However, when it comes to the penny, the side with Lincoln's head is a bit heavier than the flip side. The coin's center of mass ends up lying more toward heads. Moreover, flipping a coin is not 50-50, but 51-49, biased towards the side that was initially facing up.

● In 1987, an 18-year-old freshman raised \$28,000 by collecting a penny from 2.8 million people. Mike Hayes, a student at the University of Illinois, came up with an idea to raise the money he needed for college tuition. He contacted a newspaper columnist at the Chicago Tribune and asked him to write his readers a simple

request: send a penny. They sent 90,000 letters and about 2.9 million pennies which more than covered his tuition.

● The oddly familiar smell that comes from pennies (and other coins) is actually a human body odor. The smell is produced when human sweat reacts with the metal and creates that metallic smell.

● The first design for the penny had the inscription "Mind Your Business". The coin was designed by Benjamin Franklin and only minted in 1787. It was replaced by the one-cent piece with the motto "E pluribus unum", Latin for "Out of many, one".

● On average, the penny can only circulate for about 25 years. After that time, they become too worn to be used. However, consider that the average dollar only lasts for only 18 months, so pennies have quite the lifespan comparatively.

● In 1992 Australia removed their one (and two) cent coins from circulation. Inflation and the high cost of bronze reduced their value. After removal, the coins were melted down and used to make the bronze medals for the 2000 Sydney Summer Olympics.

● 16 pennies stacked equals 1 inch and 16 pennies in a line equals 1 foot. Depending on the age of the pennies, your mileage may vary as wear and tear could affect the thickness.

● Pennies extended cash transactions by about two seconds. A joint study with National Association of Convenience Stores and

Walgreens showed that handling pennies added the extra time. The same study showed that the average consumer made 23 cash transactions in a single month. That comes out to an hour or two per year dealing with pennies.

● There are more one-cent coins produced than any other denomination. The US Mint ships more pennies for circulation than all other coins combined. In 2017, 8.4 billions pennies were shipped, the next closest coin was the dime with 2.4 billion.

● Two-thirds of the pennies produced in the US in the last 30 years have dropped out of circulation. According to Philip Diehl, the former director of the US Mint, the majority of pennies wind up in penny jars, sock drawers, banks, or the trash.

● There is a penny lobby that works in opposition to the elimination of the penny from American currency circulation. The lobby is called Americans for Common Cents and was established in 1990. It is a consortium of 50 groups that represent the zinc industry, which supplies most of the metal used in pennies.

● The official name for a penny is not penny. A 'One Cent Piece' or 'Cent' is the official U.S. name for the penny. The misnomer comes from the early equating of the denomination with the British Penny which had similar value.

Source: <https://15facts.com/facts-about-the-penny/>



HERALD TIMES PHOTO
 Traci Tomashosky (left) and Brittney Shonk visited the HT studio to discuss the Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) program for children.

CASA volunteers key to success for abused, neglected children

BY LUCAS TURNER
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RBC I "The big thing with that awareness is understanding that it is something that's happening in our community" said Traci Gurley-Tomashosky, Executive Director of CASA of the Ninth, an advocacy organization for abused and neglected children in the 9th Judicial District of Colorado. She spoke with the HT this week to kick off Child Abuse Prevention Awareness month in April.

Last year in the 9th Judicial District (Rio Blanco, Garfield, Pitkin counties) 2,341 calls were made to report suspected child abuse or neglect. Of those calls, more than 1,500 were moved to "open assessments and referrals."

Those who call to report suspected abuse (often educators) make use of a confidential number to do so, which is 1-844-CO4KIDS or 1-844-264-5437. "All of those calls are counted, and all of those stories are heard, so it matters, it really matters," said Tomashosky, adding, "If you see something, say something."

"CASA" is an acronym for Court Appointed Special Advocate, a volunteer who, following extensive background checks and special training, can be appointed by a judge to a child abuse/neglect case. Tomashosky described these volunteers as the "North Star" for children of all ages who may need support following abuse or neglect, trauma, being separated from family members, a whirlwind of court dates, foster families, forensic interviews and so on.

Volunteer advocates can assist children in a variety of ways, from offering emotional support to assessing safety and living conditions, among other activities.

"It's kind of a really good friendship, a supportive person for that child," said Brittney Shonk, Supervising Director for CASA volunteers in Rio Blanco County. As part of her job, she coordinates training and offers ongoing support for local volunteers who aspire to become CASAs, or who already have been assigned to a case. "Volunteers like to participate in school, check up with teachers, check grades and help them if they're falling behind, observe visitation between parents, go to the park, go to the library and read," said Shonk, speaking from personal experience. As one of the first RBC volunteers for CASA in 2018, she recalled feeling "rattled" by some of the early training materials "I remember sitting in those trainings, and she put something up on the whiteboard and we'd have to listen to a recording, and I just, my jaw hit the floor, this is really what life is like. Some kid is really making this 911 call right now,"

said Shonk.

Shonk completed training, and began the important work of advocating for and amplifying the needs of local children who have suffered abuse and neglect.

"All the children we serve here, it's right here. It's not somewhere else in the state. It's not in some faraway place. It's all the kids right here that most of us know, and it's pretty staggering," Shonk said.

Ultimately, CASA staff and volunteers aim to promote the best case outcomes for children, whether that means "bringing their voice to court," or helping them find "a safe, permanent forever home" for those who wind up in foster care long-term. According to Executive Director Tomashosky, children who have CASAs on their case are far less likely to have social/emotional trauma, drop out of school, or re-enter the court system later in life.

While not everyone is able to volunteer for what can be a very emotionally taxing job, there are other ways to help create better outcomes for children, including one most directly associated with CASA's work. "Keeping our kids in foster homes locally is something that's really important, and something that we really need in Rio Blanco County especially," said Tomashosky. Shonk reiterated that local foster homes allow children in need of a safe place to — despite any trauma — remain connected to their community, attend school and see their friends, which can help children achieve permanence after trauma faster.

Lastly, aside from memorizing the mantra, "if you see something, say something," and knowing how to report suspected child abuse/neglect, people can also support CASA's work via donations and fundraisers. Smoking River Brewery is a local example of this type of support. For the month of April, the brewery is offering a \$1 donation for every pint sold of a special Doppelbock beer.

Additional efforts to raise awareness of the issue this month include flyers around town, and blue pinwheels at the RBC courthouse, meant to catch the attention of passersby, all places you can find more information, including the confidential hotline for reporting suspected abuse. That number is 1-844-264-5437.

For those looking to volunteer, ask questions or otherwise get involved locally, email Brittney Shonk (brittney@casaoftenthineth.org) "Just be that friend, who is there to support them through a very scary time, a very unsure time of their lives, and it creates some really special bonds, and trusting relationships between our volunteers and our kids," said Shonk.

You can find more information at casaoftenthineth.org

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Saturday: 60s/30s

Sunday: 50s/20s



PMC building permit fee waived, Circle Park Phase II discussed at town council

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MEEKER I Meeker's Board of Trustees opened three bids for the Garfield Street water line replacement Tuesday in regular business. Bids received were from Johnson Construction Inc. out of Rifle, Colorado, for \$758K; Duran and Pierce Contractors of Craig, Colorado, for \$684K; and TDA Construction of Meeker for \$448K. The bid will be awarded at the next meeting after review by the Public Works Department. Trustees also awarded the bid for the annual crack seal street project to Rocky Mountain Asphalt for \$32K. It was the sole bid received for the project.

The board also

approved a building permit fee waiver of \$11,436 for Pioneers Medical Center's latest expansion project on the orthopedic clinic. PMC CEO Liz Sellers presented the board with documentation regarding the growth at the hospital in the last two years, including an increase in staff from 174 to 254 employees, as well as added care services.

Sellers said housing issues are a concern at the hospital, and for the rest of the community.

"We want to keep our employees in the community," she said. The hospital is maintaining 33 apartments, more than 20 of which house permanent employees.

The remainder of the meeting involved discussion between town trustees and ERBM staff and

board members regarding the Request for Proposals for design and engineering on Phase II of the Circle Park project.

The RFP will be published in April, with bid openings expected in May.

The motion to approve the RFP with discussed amendments passed, with Trustee Travis Day opposing.

Town Manager Mandi Etheridge officially introduced new Town Planner Carly Thomson to the trustees, updated the board on the status of the Office of Just Transition grant process, renovations to the second floor of town hall for the Chamber of Commerce offices, and said the police department is still looking to fill an open patrol officer position.

RETIREMENT ...



CAITLIN WALKER PHOTOS
A good chunk of the town turned out to celebrate Dr. Albert Krueger's "transition" from decades of practicing medicine at Pioneers Medical Center with a celebration at Smoking River Brewing Co. last weekend. (Top) Dr. Krueger accepted a gift from Charlotte Babcock, daughter of Chris and Heather Babcock.



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NEWS NOTES

Sportsman's Club meeting April 7

MEEKER | The Meeker Sportsman's Club regular monthly meeting will be held this Thursday April 7, at 7 p.m. at WREA Kilowatt Korner.

Glow in the dark Easter egg hunt

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

When: April 8, 8:45 p.m.
Who: 6 years and younger

Children younger than 6 are welcome but must be accompanied by an adult. Cost: \$8 per participant

Historical society quarterly meeting

RBC | The quarterly gathering for members (and those who would like to be members) of the Rio Blanco County Historical Society will be held this Sunday, April 10 at 1 p.m. at the Heritage Cultural Center on Park Ave. in Meeker. Bring a dish to share if you can. Students from Barone Middle School will be sharing their competitive history projects. Call the White River Museum at 970-878-9982 for more information.

Library book club

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

Free legal clinic

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

Rangely Rec pool Easter egg hunt

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

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

Where: Rangely Rec Center

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

Ranch roping fundraiser

MEEKER | Open Range Cowboy Church of Meeker presents its first annual ranch roping event and silent auction at the Rio Blanco County Fairgrounds on April 23, 2022 starting at 9:30 a.m. The event is a fundraiser for the Open Range Rodeo Bible Camp to be held in June. For more information, please call or text Clayton Patrick at 970-846-5294 or Tom Moulden at 970-260-6820.

RATHER BLUSTERY ...



Tuesday, April 5, was a bad day for area trees and the various things they fell on, like this Chevy truck. Wind gusts took out several pines, rolled a trampoline down Main Street and generally wreaked havoc on anything that wasn't strapped down.

CAITLIN WALKER PHOTO



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16 oz. Food Club
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20-30 oz. Best Foods
REAL MAYONNAISE \$5.99

22-28 oz. Bush's Baked or
GRILLIN' BEANS \$2.79

4.6-4.7 oz. Food Club
BOXED POTATOES 4 for \$5

14.5 oz. Food Club Beef or
CHICKEN BROTH 69¢

5.5 oz. Pringles
CHIPS \$1.99

16 oz. Kraft
SALAD DRESSING \$2.79

30 oz. Kraft
MIRACLE WHIP \$4.99

24.2-30.5 oz. Folgers
COFFEE \$7.99

15.25 oz. Betty Crocker
CAKE MIX \$1.29

250 ct. Simply Done
EVERYDAY NAPKINS 2 for \$3

24 ct. Simply Done Clear
ASSORTED CUTLERY 99¢

FROZEN

2 ct.
HOT POCKETS 2 for \$5

17.5-48 oz. Rhodes
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SOUR CREAM \$1.29

16 oz. Food Club
COTTAGE CHEESE \$1.29

22 oz. Kozy Shack
TAPIOCA PUDDING 2 for \$5

16.5 oz. Pillsbury
COOKIES \$3.29

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TOMATOES 99¢/lb.

Roma
TOMATOES 99¢/lb.

10 lb. bag
RUSSET POTATOES \$2.99

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LIL POTATOES 2 for \$7

Fresh
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EDITOR'S COLUMN

What's the end game?

By NIKI TURNER
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Let's any of us think the sudden show of concern about election integrity in RBC is a unique idea springing from local issues, it's become clear this is part of a larger narrative at play.



It reminds me of playing Monopoly with my parents and their friends (only child, here, my options were limited). At some point in the game, someone would make a move, or demand rent on Park Place, thereby aggravating another player, at which point the rules would be brought out, read aloud, and argued over until someone quit, acquiesced, or, in one particularly memorable instance, stood up from the table and "accidentally" unplugged the new, electronic version we were using.

During those Monopoly disputes, I recall lengthy debates about the interpretation of the written rules. The adoption of new rules were suggested, argued, discarded. Eventually, board games were no longer part of those evening gatherings, and when I had children of my own, board games came with baggage from my childhood... I expected every board game to end in a minor war.

Lesson? When you don't like the outcome of the contest, demand a do-over, or just unplug the equipment. Surely that will solve the problem, right?

I don't think so.

Is that where we're headed when it comes to our election process? Making voting so contentious and difficult people just don't bother? It's not like everyone votes now, even though they can.

Let's not forget it's been barely more than a century since women were allowed to vote (and then only after a lengthy fight). We've been using machines in one form or another to vote since the 1890s, to speed up the process and to improve accuracy and fairness. Just in my lifetime rules were established to guarantee voting accessibility to the disabled. Mail-in ballots and longer periods for polling places to be open increased accessibility for the elderly who can't get out to vote without assistance, stay-at-home moms, and the rest of us who have jobs to go to on election day. In short, the historical trend of the U.S. regarding voting has been inclusion, not exclusion; improved access and ease, not added difficulty. And that's how it should be, in my opinion.

KAYE'S CORNER

Respect and civility

By KAYE SULLIVAN
Special to the Herald Times

The recent much publicized event of Will Smith smacking Chris Rock at the televised Oscar awards show is a sad reminder of the degree to which our society has lost the norms of respect and civility.

To me, both men were wrong, but we should be able to learn from this sad, contentious event.

It is not OK to make fun of other people's appearance or health status. For example, you would not poke fun at a woman's hair loss caused by chemo treatments. We don't jeer at bald men or those guys with obvious bald spots.

It's tasteless and rude to joke about other people without considering their feelings and reactions. Some

people seem to think it is funny to pick on, poke at, and irritate others to get a rise out of them. Something that is humorous to these folks can be very painful to others.

Rude Facebook comments are especially out of control without people having to take responsibility for their offensiveness. Whether it is presidential debates, public media, or Hollywood stars, respect is always called for.

Chris Rock, you were wrong to make a joke about a woman's health and baldness. I bet if someone picked on your wife in a similar way, you would be upset too.

But, Will Smith, you were wrong also to respond with violence. If we all went around punching folks in the face when they offended us, we would have bloody noses

most of the time.

Public displays of violence send the wrong message to everyone and especially our children. You famous entertainers and athletes are supposed to be role models, not make disrespect and violence seem acceptable. Just because you have wealth, status, and handsome clothes doesn't excuse you from behaving civilly.

I do understand that having one's spouse humiliated in public and on television would upset any of us. In the heat of the moment, it would be hard to curb those instant, angry reactions. To pretend like it didn't hurt or offend would not be authentic.



Kaye Sullivan

And, I don't believe people should get away with offensive communications without being held accountable. But, please don't hit people to try to resolve the situation.

My hope is that somehow, we can all regain a degree of respect and civility. Whether that's the pointed comments in *Herald Times* Letters to the Editor, county commissioner meetings, political races, angry Facebook posts, or ugly public behavior, I think we can do better.

Civility occurs by demonstrating it in our own behavior and holding others to standards of respectful behavior at all times. Being polite is always a choice even when it is hard to do.

LOOSE ENDS

Cats

By DOLLY VISCARDI
Special to the Herald Times

Most every neighborhood has one — the house that is crawling with cats. A single occupant can be spotted carrying feeding bowls out to a porch or front step and if the legend or label fits, a "Crazy Cat Lady" appears. An endless stream of felines come out from hiding places under the porch or behind bushes and garden patches. According to our neighborhood

pals, the number of felines that exceed an acceptable number of stray or indoor cats to earn a tongue-in-cheek honorific were usually more than a few.

Those houses we passed each day always belonged to women, who appeared to live alone. As a newspaper columnist in our region of Ohio, my mother's penchant for finding homes for abandoned cats and kittens became well-known.



Dolly Viscardi

People knew how much she loved cats and how sorry she felt each time she heard of ones who had to go to new homes. She began to be known for finding the best homes in emergencies.

While there was no visible drop off box spot on our front porch, the number of folks who seemed to need to find a home for their well-loved pets or a full cardboard box of unexpected

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Join our growing congregation in celebrating EASTER at Meeker United Methodist Church!

April 10th
Palm Sunday

Children's Procession and special singing
10:00 a.m., Meeker United Methodist Church
Sanctuary, 809 Park Ave.

April 15th
Good Friday

Stations of the Cross at Noon, Downtown
Good Friday Service in Sanctuary, 6:00 p.m.

April 17th
Easter

Sunrise Service with Church at Meeker
6:30 a.m., 1032 Jennifer Drive

Resurrection Celebration Service
10:00 a.m., Meeker United Methodist Church
Sanctuary, 809 Park Ave.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Citizens of Rio Blanco County alert

Dear Editor:

Citizens of Rio Blanco County, I am inviting you to attend a very important Rio Blanco County work session and regular meeting being held on Tuesday, April 12, 2022. Items to be considered include a resolution to defund the County's voting machine and expending a large sum of money from the Oil Shale Trust Fund (County Capital Trust Fund), which was created in 1982 to provide opportunities for grants to all the taxing districts/entities in Rio Blanco County through a countywide process. This is especially important for the 18 taxing districts/entities in Rio Blanco County, who could be adversely affected without a voice.

It is time to get involved. I think we all have developed an attitude that we can't make a difference. However, I believe that if we all get involved, no matter what is going on, better decisions are made. Remember, we are the recipients of the decisions our elected officials make and in America, we still have a voice. This is your platform and opportunity to be part of decision making, through positive constructive conversation. Please plan to attend both the work session and regular meeting so we can all be completely informed.

Please watch for the work session time to be posted online or on the courthouse door facing Main Street.

Website address: rbc.us select ELECTED OFFICES AND BOARDS, then under the heading of BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONER, select work sessions - to be posted by BOCC at an undetermined time on Friday, April 8, 2022.

Sincerely,
Your fellow concerned citizen,
Sharon Day
Meeker

Sitting commission incapable

Dear Editor:

I try to provide the best available information on a topic in my letters to the editor, referenced from primary research reports. This letter is different. It is my opinion, but I think it is well substantiated in the evidence.

Our present County Board of Commissioners have deliberately and methodically dismantled significant regulatory safeguards and fired or harassed the people who enforced them. They have endangered the public health by appointments and standards that deny the best available public health evidence. Now they are dismantling the voting systems that underlie free and fair elections.

We need elected officials who seek office in order to serve the public and to solve problems, not to implement narrow ideological agendas and settle personal vendettas. There are plenty of problems to address including drought, environmental health, and toxic politics among many others. I don't see much hope that the sitting Commission is capable.

Bob Dorsett, M.D.
Meeker

Old Timers future plans

Dear Editor:

There will be an organizational meeting for those interested in the future of the Old Timers organization. The meeting will be held Wednesday April 20, at 5 p.m. at the White River Museum meeting center, (old mortuary room). Please plan to attend if you can provide input for the meeting, regardless of your age.

Please plan to attend to discuss the plan to move forward with the organization.

Now is the time to see a new "Any Timers" Rio Blanco County Pioneers Association. All of us aging Old Timers would love to see the younger folks keep the community celebration going every year. Call the following if you have questions.

Rio Blanco County Pioneers Association (Old Timers)
Darryl LeFevre, Chairman, 307-272-0763
Roberta Watt, co-chairman, 970-220-2247

Should RBC commissioners continue huge deficit overspending?

Dear Editor:

Did you know that our county has a trust fund? It's called the CCTIF, and is a sizable pot of money for Rio Blanco County created years ago, by foresighted and honest county leaders. Wisely, they put specific guidelines in place to ensure that publicly funded groups (schools, libraries, fire stations) in Rio Blanco County would have a chance to apply for specific tangible projects. They also were smart enough to put restrictions ensuring that "only interest" would be spent, leaving the principal to provide a savings account for future needs and generations.

Now our county commissioners are proposing to bypass these guidelines and dig into principal to allocate the largest amount ever spent out of this fund \$4 million.

To put this into perspective, the entire spending budget that commissioners approved for Rio Blanco this year is

\$37 million (with only \$25 million estimated in revenue). This years spending will be \$7 million more than last year...a big increase and another year where the county spends way more than it collects. This is a situation that all of us try to avoid in our personal finances and those who don't like excessive government spending.

To date, the commissioners have ignored the guidelines which they are supposed to follow, never mind follow them (not inviting our schools and libraries and other groups to apply), and no public input has been sought.

Even more incredible, the application for the grant, \$4 million, had not even been completed or submitted when they proposed spending this, and as of this writing, is not available anywhere for public view so may not even exist yet.

If you care about out of control spending, following guidelines, and giving every taxing entity in our county a chance to put their applications in before spending decisions are made, please make plans to attend the County Commission meeting this coming Tuesday, April 12 in Meeker, and be part of the solution.

These dollars belong not just to us but to our future generations. Who knows what lies ahead for our county or our country? Spending more than we collect is not a recipe for fiscal preparation. Fiscal responsibility means following guidelines and getting public input. Make sure your voice is heard.

Deirdre Macnab
Rio Blanco County

thank you

After a total of 24 years I have retired from Meeker Family Health Center and Walbridge Wing.

From the depth of my heart I like to thank all of you who entrusted me with your health care.

Thank you so much Mary K. for standing strong behind me and doing without me, evenings, nights and weekends while I was working.

Many of you came to wish me well and have send me cards and goodies. You also joined me to celebrate at the Smoking River Brew Pub. Thank you so much.

A huge thank you to Dr. Kellie Turner, Cindy Rholl, Liz Sellers, Rachel Gates, my daughter Hanna, her husband Dr. Kevin Borchard and the PMC dietary department.

I am happy to live in Meeker and I am very proud of Pioneers Medical Center.

- Dr. Albert Krueger

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GUEST COLUMN

"My ancestor was a Pilgrim on the Mayflower!"

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

Sounds impressive to the grandkids once a year at Thanksgiving. The truth is that over 30 million Americans are descendants of Mayflower families. As for prestige, the Mayflower was a tiny wooden cargo ship. The cargo on this run was a bunch of Pilgrims. Of that thirty million, only 23,000 are members of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants. The GSMD is a genealogy-based organization based on one event, a small ship of 102 immigrants who got lost on the way to Virginia. Dozens of groups claim lineage from early British Colonies. There are hundreds of groups whose membership is genealogically based on an event, war, profession, or country of origin.

DAR or Daughters of the American Revolution is for women only. SAR is Sons of the American Revolution. Their claim to fame is an ancestor who picked the winning side in an insurrection against their King. They were Patriots if they won. They were traitors to be hung by the Crown if they lost. In this case, winning insured generations of DAR teas, luncheons and scholarships. Each one of these groups has a different set of criteria for membership. The exclusivity (read prestige) depends on proof of your lineage, often through 14 generations of Americans. For example: A GSMD application requires documents for every generation. Your tree is then matched against their extensive research library before being accepted. Back East, a successful claim to Mayflower lineage

carries heavy prestige. To document a family for 14 generations is not easy. Out West, a lineage to Buffalo Bill would carry more weight. Some lineage organizations are easy to get into. Clan Donald of America only requires a couple of documents showing a Clan Donald surname (there are dozens of variations like McDaniel). So, the question is, if my ego doesn't need to belong to a prestigious society, why are these organizations important to my research? Some of them have spent a hundred years concentrating city, county, church, and newspaper research that you need to reach beyond six generations in your tree. If you are lucky enough to have a Patriot or Civil War Veteran who lived long enough to apply for a pension, the National Archives has a gold mine of information. You can also piggy back on research done when someone applied for a membership in DAR or other military based organizations. Take advantage of other people's research. YOU MAY NOT HAVE A MAYFLOWER ANCESTOR, BUT SOMEONE IN YOUR FAMILY STEPPED OFF A BOAT TO GET HERE.

Ed Peck welcomes your thoughts and suggestions. He can be reached through this newspaper or the White River Museum.



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GUEST COLUMN

Stay tuned ...

By **JOYCE RANKIN**
Special to the Herald Times

I keep a count by the subject matter of emails coming to my inbox. Getting top score lately is the upcoming revision of the Social Studies Standards. The second highest score concerns the reading proficiencies of our third-grade students. Parents and community members have not been reluctant to share their concerns. The following are some thoughts on those subjects and current updates and future directions of both.

At the March State Board of Education meeting, the Social Studies Standards revision timeline was updated by Education Commissioner Katy Anthes. The Commissioner stated that the revision suggestions were "pretty extensive." Approximately 1,000 emails and letters were received in the State Board office. In addition, over 16,000 comments were accepted by the online system. It's been an extensive process, and there is a lot of interest, said Commissioner Anthes. State Legislators and State Board members have also provided feedback and questions. The education department and the State Board want the process to go forward in a thorough, and thoughtful way. In order to accomplish

this, they're giving the Social Studies Standards committee, the vast majority who are teachers, more time to review and respond to all of the feedback. The education department will provide a summary of public comment feedback to the State Board at our April meeting. Then, at the May meeting, the Board will hear the committee's suggestions and vote on the newly revised standards. Depending on Board discussion the timeline may be extended beyond what the Statute requires. However, the timeline hasn't been set beyond May.

One western slope constituent gathered over 800 signatures to support her premise, "While the proposed standards mention our foundational documents such as the Constitution, including the Bill of Rights, and the Declaration of Independence as well as the basic structure of our government such as the three branches of government, these are not emphasized even though they are so vital to understanding why our country endures despite our many differences. We ask that the proposed standards be totally rethought with an emphasis on the shared experiences that unite us as citizens of the United States."

The second most popular topic brought to my attention

was reading. "Why are only 40% of our third graders reading proficiently?" This conclusion is based on the 2019 English Language Arts test results. I recently asked Superintendents in the Third Congressional District for information about the number of teachers in their district who have completed the evidence-based Science of Reading training. All teachers of reading at the kindergarten-3rd grade level are required, by statute, to complete the training by Aug. 1, 2022. The teacher must upload evidence of their training to the department of education website by Aug. 15. As of this writing, half of the 51 school districts that I represent have replied to the request, and many are on target to complete the coursework on time. If teachers implement the training in their classrooms, evidence has shown that reading proficiency will improve. The winners will be the students!

Stay tuned.

Joyce Rankin sits on the State Board of Education representing the Third Congressional District. Her columns are written to inform constituents in the 29 counties she represents. You can reach her at boardmemberrankin@yahoo.com

LOOSE ENDS: continued

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kittens made a beeline to our house. Soon we all were sent out in the community to spread the word that we had some of the nicest, most well-behaved animals and they were available immediately.

Moving to Meeker not long after college, it soon became obvious my fate regarding felines was set in place by those years of following in my family's footsteps. A cross-country ski outing cemented it. I found myself scooping up a few abandoned kittens outside near an old, dilapidated cabin and

nestling them in my knitted ski cap I had tied around my neck for the ski back to our car. Their mother or the cabin's owners were nowhere to be found. I never lived that down with a few of my friends.

I always felt comfortable dodging that CCL label even as I walked by a local elderly woman's house in my neighborhood and realized that the unofficial cat count exceeded the requisite number required to earn the dreaded yearly neighborhood title. I did two unofficial counts, on my way down to the post office, as well as back. The numbers both exceeded the

one-digit numbers I had allowed my mother over the years after my siblings and I left home. After she retired, she seemed to let the outside cats move inside more often, and I began to view her as someone that needed to take care of strays to replace her chaotic household filled with children.

"Well, your mother talks to the dogs!" a neighborhood boy taunted one day.

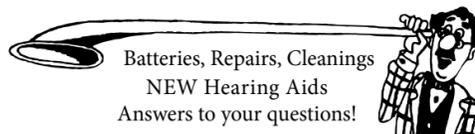
It was one arrow that never landed in the family soft spot. This was old news to my children and it helped they hadn't been raised in a houseful overrun with either dogs or cats. So I once again I was able to look at myself in the mirror and not see a Crazy Cat or Crazy Dog appear. That has always been good news.



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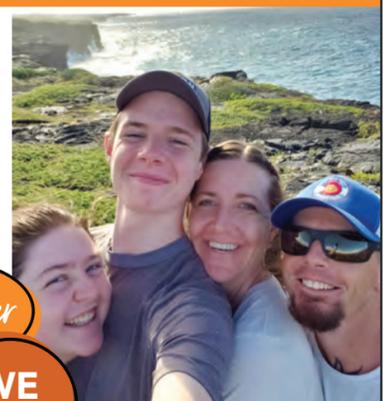
Together we can educate one another about the facts of substance use disorder. Together we can eliminate stigma. Together we can help our neighbors get treatment and recover.

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"Nobody ever gave up on me. Usually, the only one who gave up on me was myself. Once I was able to get over that, I was able to get over my regrets and move forward."
- Walt Copeland (pictured on the right with his family)

OBITUARIES

Lydia Ann 'Rusty' Lugenbeel Robertson Feb. 19, 1955 ~ March 7, 2022

Lydia Ann "Rusty" Lugenbeel Robertson was born on Feb. 19, 1955, to Ben and Helen Lugenbeel in Meeker, Colorado, and gained her heavenly wings on March 7, 2022, in Tehachapi, California. She was blessed with the name "Rusty" by our Daddy when she was little because her hair was the color of a rusty nail, and from that day forward that is how we all have known her. She is survived by her husband and best friend Steve Robertson who she spent the best 30 years of her life with going on "critter runs", Rv'in, and fishin' their hearts out. She is also survived by her children: BJ (Joely), Holli (Jason), Amy, and Jared (Brittany), and her sister Cindy (Chris). She was also blessed with 14 grandkids, six great-grandkids and four nephews and two nieces, all of whom were

the joy of her life. Rusty grew up in Meeker, moved away for some time, but seemed to always return "Home." Some of her fondest memories were when she worked at the "lumber yard," with cousin Ronnie, and also made many friends when she worked in a beauty shop. She always loved unconditionally and brought laughter and tears to our lives. She had an infectious laugh and love for life that we all grew to love. Family was the most important thing to her and she would go out of her way to make sure we were always taken care of. She and Steve shared a passion for fishing that took them all over the country in the last five years. She loved spending time playing games, sitting around a camp fire, hunting and just loving each and every one around her; she didn't



Lydia 'Rusty' Robertson

know a stranger and always stayed connected to those true friends that brought her back to her roots. Our family would like to thank each and every person that reached out to us, sent love, cards, and prayers during this difficult time. We are so grateful. She will be dearly missed...until we meet again!

There will be a Celebration of Life for us to all come together here at home in Meeker on June 26 at City Park. We know she will be smiling down on us.

Kevin Brumm

Oct. 7, 1951 ~ March 26, 2022

Kevin was a spiritual man with a very strong faith in the Lord. He was a loving father, member of Rangely Christian Church and a loyal friend to all who knew him. He had a passion for industry technology, science fiction and adventure.

He was born Oct. 7, 1951, in San Francisco, California. He was the fourth of seven siblings. He is survived by his five siblings George Brumm Jr., Virginia Brumm, Teresa (his twin sister), Mary Roberts and Julie Brumm. As well as his children Michelle and Patrick Brumm.

He will always be an important figure to his family and community. In Kevin's remembrance donations can be made to Rangely Christian Church.



Kevin Brumm

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White River Solar

**General Information & FAQs
2022-2023**

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

- HOW DO I RENEW MY SOLAR LEASE?** Members who have an existing lease can fill out their mailed renewal lease and return it to WREA by **Friday, April 29, 2022** at PO Box 958, Meeker, CO 81641 or by email at kmatrisciano@wrea.org. The selected lease fee will automatically appear on your May electric bill and is due with your May bill no later than **June 15, 2022**. WREA requests that you do not mail in a separate check for the renewal fee because it will be automatically applied to your May bill. Please note that solar blocks that are not renewed will be made available to other members and may not be eligible for leasing in future years.
- CAN I SIGN UP FOR A LEASE EVEN IF I HAVEN'T LEASED IN THE PAST? YES!** WREA has made additional solar blocks available for 2022/2023 so existing lessees can extend their leases subject the guidelines listed below and members who haven't leased in the past may join the program. The leasing program remains the same based upon the Tiers listed below per Member meter. If you haven't leased in the past, please go to <https://wrea.org/solar> for a lease form and program details or call/stop by WREA for a lease form and program details.
- WHAT IS A SOLAR BLOCK?** A White River Solar block represents a panel(s) that can be annually leased for \$36.00 and generates a \$5.00 per month solar production credit. **Members must execute a solar lease for each of its electric meters subject to the criteria listed below.**
- HOW IS THE APPROPRIATE TIER DETERMINED?** The appropriate tier is based upon a meter's monthly energy usage. Usage information can be found on your monthly bill, online through SmartHub (www.wrea.org), or by calling WREA. The monthly production credit cannot exceed the minimum monthly energy charge and can't offset the monthly Service Charge. Please select the tier that does not exceed your lowest energy usage based upon the previous year. Should the monthly production credit exceed the monthly energy charge, the excess monthly production credit will be forfeited.
- WHAT ARE THE TIERS?** Tiers represent the options for Solar Block leasing along with corresponding yearly fee and monthly/yearly production credit.

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

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

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

- WHO OWNS AND OPERATES THE SOLAR PANELS?** White River Solar combines solar energy from the Meeker Solar Garden, located adjacent to the Meeker High School, and the Piceance Creek Solar Farm located off 567 RBC Road 83. WREA owns and operates the Meeker Solar Garden and WREA purchases all the solar production from Piceance Creek Solar. Leasing members do not "own" any portion of the solar facilities and have no responsibilities or liabilities associated with either solar production facility.
- WHAT IS IN THE LEASE?** The Solar Lease is intended to be a straightforward document whereby the WREA member commits to lease the specified solar blocks, agrees that the selected lease fee will be applied to their May electric bill, agrees to pay the lease fee, and agrees that if the elected solar production credit exceeds the monthly energy usage, then that unused energy production credit will be forfeited for that month. The lease has a one-year term, the lease fee is non-refundable, and the lease is not assignable or transferable to third parties. However, if a member moves within the WREA service area, the member can request to apply the solar blocks from one meter to another eligible meter at their new home or business.
- WHY ARE THERE A LIMITED NUMBER OF SOLAR BLOCKS AVAILABLE FOR LEASE?** While WREA has made additional solar blocks available for leasing in 2022/2023 there is a limited total number of White River Solar Blocks. **Solar renewals are guaranteed availability if turned in by the deadline. If the request for new leases exceeds availability, then leases will be issued on a first come first served basis with remaining names placed on a wait list for next year's renewal period.**
- DO WREA'S LOCAL PROJECTS COMPLY WITH STATE RENEWABLE MANDATES?** Yes, WREA is proud of its diverse renewable portfolio which includes the WREA Miller Creek Hydro Project and White River Solar. These combined projects exceed existing renewable mandates which has WREA well situated to remain compliant even if renewable mandates increase over the next few years.
- WHEN ARE RENEWAL LEASES DUE?** Solar Leases are due to WREA no later than **Friday, April 29, 2022.**

Questions?
Call (970)878-5041 or visit wrea.org/solar

ERBM board brainstorms cost-saving measures

Election set for May 3; three open seats, six candidates

BY NIKI TURNER
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MEEKER Like all tax-funded entities, the Eastern Rio Blanco Metropolitan Park and Recreation District is looking at ways to offset forecasted revenue depletion. Board members brainstormed ideas and action plans at the March 29 board meeting in Meeker.

Board president Kent Walter addressed board members and staff in attendance, saying, "This isn't going to be a comfortable

evening for a lot of us." Personnel costs, maintaining current infrastructure, cost of operations, capital expenditures, and partnerships were all up for discussion, following a request from a resident that the fitness center's evening hours be extended to 8:30 p.m., not limited as has been proposed. Walter said the board will consider discussion about the fitness center hours on a future agenda.

Board candidate Vicky Edwards asked about a resolution that the board will continue to maintain

improvements, and suggested a review of portfolio investments with Colorado Trust "because of market volatility." Edwards was told the resolution has been worded to reflect "as funds allow."

Discussions about how to trim the budget started with personnel costs — from instituting a hiring freeze on permanent full-time positions, to modifying staff hours and reducing benefits. Under operations, the board discussed reductions in cell phone stipends for managers, limited refreshments

at meetings, cutting back on uniform purchases, auditing utilities and fleet expenses, considering fees for the use of the ballfield, and reviewing park maintenance agreements with the Town.

Board member Dan Chinn suggested looking back at the "original intent of the people who established the recreation district" in making decisions about the budget. "We have to take care of our infrastructure," he said.

Planned capital improvements include a remodel of the offices

at the rec center that will enable expansion of the fitness center and the ongoing collaboration with the Town of Meeker for Phase 2 of Circle Park and river improvements.

The goal of the discussions about the budget, according to the board, is to "avoid a ballot initiative."

The board agreed on two action items: a hiring freeze for permanent, full-time, benefited employees; and a temporary wage freeze with no cost-of-living adjustments, grade or step increases. The freeze

will be evaluated annually.

Absentee ballots for the district's board election were mailed this week to electors. The election is set for May 3 at the Fairfield Center. Board members Dan Chinn and Rob Baughman are not running for another term. Current board member John Strate is up for election. Voters are asked to choose no more than three candidates from the six on the ballot: Kim Kendall, Aaron Grimes, John Strate, Eric Knez, Tyler Frye and Vicky Edwards.



2022 Member Survey Results



WREA is pleased with the increase in scores including the Cooperative Attitude and Performance Score (CAPS) of 91, scoring 9.3/10 in trustworthiness, 9.1/10 overall management and 9.1/10 for care for its members. This CAPS score of 91 is up from 89 in 2020. The most positive responses are associated with friendly and courteous employees, ease of doing business with the cooperative, overall reliability, and commitment to the Meeker community.



WREA's ACSI (American Customer Satisfaction Index) score for overall satisfaction was also 91% with a combined ACSI score of 87 up from 86 in 2020. The compiled ACSI score includes satisfaction with electric rates, exceeding consumer expectations, and comparison to the ideal utility.

Thank you to all the WREA members who participated in the 2022 Member Survey. We asked, you took the time to fill out the survey, and we listened. Inside Information conducts WREA's Member Survey and randomly selects 300 members to complete the on-line survey.

Many of the questions are "canned" based upon electric cooperative and national survey standards. These questions allow WREA to be compared to other electric cooperatives as well as other companies such as Apple, Walmart etc. WREA also asked questions unique to WREA's membership. Surveys highlight member trends and provide an important opportunity to hear directly from our membership.

WREA's CAPS and ACSI scores exceed the national average for member/customer satisfaction. In comparison, Apple's ACSI score is 80, Southwest Airlines is 79, and the national electric cooperative average is 73. The average CAPS score for electric cooperatives is 89 with the low at 79.

Other Survey Areas of Interest:

- Respondents interest in investing in energy efficiency increased since 2020 with 79% stating they'd invest if it saves money as well as 15% are willing to invest even if doesn't save money.
- 72% of those surveyed want to see WREA expand its renewable energy programs.
- 36% of those surveyed either own an electric vehicle or plan to buy an EV within the next five years.
- Respondents indicated that being able to receive capital credits and elect board members are the two most important cooperative benefits.
- 56% of those surveyed utilize SmarHub to pay their bill, receive information and manage their electric account.
- Of those surveyed, the average length of electric service with WREA is 19 years and 35% have been a members for more than thirty years.
- The median age of those surveyed was 62 years with 6% of respondents between the ages of 25-34, 12% between 35-44, 13% between the ages of 45-54, 24% 55-64, 31% between ages of 65-74, and 14% over 75 years old.
- 83% of the respondents have either some college, college or graduate degrees.
- 37% of respondents were retired, 22% identified as professionals, with 18% of respondents employed by blue collar jobs, 13% with white collar jobs, 8% of respondents are in ranching and 2% unemployed.

WREA received comments from about one-third of the total respondents. While the majority were very positive some raised important questions about trends in the electric industry and asked questions of WREA. Compliments are appreciated but the critical comments are equally important. This process gives WREA a great opportunity to address specific concerns and improve communications with our membership. The Survey comments primarily fell into five categories.

Five Member Comment Themes:

"Great Job WREA"

Several respondents took the opportunity to compliment WREA's line crews and front office staff; specifically the personalized attention members receive when working with the front office, extending service or when restoring power. Many also shared appreciation for WREA's commitment to community programs, local events, and the Meeker School District.

"Don't Understand the Service Charge"

Members commented on WREA's monthly Service Charge which is \$15.00 for residential and single phase small commercial. The monthly Service Charge is a facilities charge for the infrastructure that supports each meter including the meter, the poles, electric lines and general system maintenance. This is not a tax or other form of a fee. Please call WREA if you have additional questions about the Service Charge.

"Why is the WREA front office closed on Fridays?"

A few members commented on WREA's front office being closed on Fridays. WREA's employees have worked four, ten-hour days since the 1980s with rotating crews to keep the front office open on Fridays. WREA closed its front office for two months during the pandemic. WREA reopened the front office to the public in June 2020 but determined to keep the front office closed on Fridays. With recent retirements, today's staff is working more efficiently than ever with fewer employees. The goal to maintain reliability and quality customer service while doing more with less is balanced by our goal to keep rates stable. WREA has not had a rate increase in over four years. In addition, our member patterns have also evolved. Over half of WREA's members pay their monthly electric bill on-line and member traffic at the front counter dramatically declined during and following the pandemic. The Board and management made the decision that it is in the financial best interest of the company not to reopen the front office on Fridays. Members may drop payments off at the front door drop box and are encouraged to utilize the online Smarhub functions. Call or stop by the office Monday through Thursday for personalized assistance.

Reliability

Members responded favorably to WREA's ability to quickly restore power during outages and WREA's overall electric system reliability is 99%. Members also commented on an increase in blinks and power outages in the rural areas. Weather continues to be the biggest cause of blinks and outages, but in recent years WREA has taken proactive measures during wildfire season to put its system on "fire settings" which has increased temporary outages and blinks. Fire settings make the electric system more sensitive to line interferences which help WREA prevent sparks or the spread of wildfires. Advanced use of technology and system coordination will help reduce these issues. WREA appreciates everyone's patience and cooperation as it works to proactively address the dangers of wildfires.

Generation Sources and Energy Industry

Member trends indicate an increased interest in support for energy efficiency programs, electric vehicles and renewable projects, but there is no doubt that WREA remains an "energy" community with strong support for the coal, oil and gas industries and employees. WREA shares and applauds this support for our energy community. The reality is that WREA and its wholesale power supplier, Tri-State Generation & Transmission (Tri-State) are subject to state and national regulatory mandates. These mandates have the greatest impact on the generation side of the electric business. In January 2020, Tri-State announced its plan to close the Colowyo Mine and the Craig Power Plant by 2030. This was a difficult decision for Tri-State driven by mandates with real consequences for northwest Colorado and the Meeker community. WREA continues to advocate for our area by encouraging Tri-State and the State of Colorado to support our communities during this ten-year transition.

WREA's loads have declined by 20-25% in recent years due to the reduction in our oil and gas loads. WREA works behind the scenes to support our oil and gas community including consistent communication with our oil and gas members and participation in state oil and gas commission committees.

It is WREA's job to provide members safe, reliable, affordable and responsible electric service and we take that obligation seriously. Through diligent planning and commitment to our core values, WREA believes that Tri-State and WREA are well situated to continue to provide safe, reliable and affordable power well into the future.

WREA is proud of the great work our employees do each day to serve our membership which is highlighted throughout the survey. WREA will utilize the survey information to help us better serve our membership. Please call WREA's General Manager, Alan Michalewicz at 970-878-5041 if you have additional questions about the survey or with other questions and comments.

WREA Member Appreciation Event & Annual Meeting: WREA is looking ahead to the summer and WREA's second Annual Member Appreciation Event on Friday, July 22, 2022. It will once again be on the RBC Courthouse lawn with food, membership gifts, and music. Director elections will be held by mail-in ballot on September 14, 2022, with two directors from the Rural District and one from the Town of Meeker up for election. You can find more information about these events on our website at www.wrea.org. Thank you again to our membership.



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MATT SCOGGINS PHOTO

Several Rio Blanco County tracksters are sitting in the top 16 spots in their events, which will secure them state berths if they continue to perform well as the season progresses.

Cowboys host home meet

By **TIFFANY JEHOEK**
Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER | Last weekend the Meeker Cowboys hosted their annual track meet at Bob King Track. Nine teams were present and the Cowboys had a good showing, both the mens and womens teams took second place.

"It was great for us to be competitive this past weekend in so many of the events," commented head co-coach Hallie Blunt.

This full track meet found 14 Cowboys placing in the top three in

individual events and the relays all placing in the top three.

Looking forward to the state meet, the top 16 in each event qualify with results from a qualified meet. Currently there are many Cowboys sitting in the top 16, and even though it is early in the season, it looks like there are many pole vaulters, discus throwers, shot putters, and all of the women's relays and the boys 4x100 relay should be traveling to Lakewood for the state meet.

This week the Cowboys are headed to Eagle Valley in Gypsum for a track meet on Saturday.

RESULTS		
Event	Name	Placing
100 Meter Hurdles	Addison Selle	2
100 Meter Dash	Kelton Turner	1
4x200 Meter Relay	Meeker A (girls)	1
1600 Meter Run	Brighton Bair	1
4x1 Meter Relay	Meeker A (girls)	2
	Meeker A (boys)	1
400 Meter Run	Ellie Hossack	3
300 Meter Hurdles	Natalie Kracht	2
800 Meter Run	Brighton Bair	1
	Savannah Mendenhall	2
	Nora Gianinetti	3
200 Meter Run	Sarah Kracht	2
	Zach Eskelson	2
	Brendan Clatterbaugh	3
4x400 Meter Relay	Meeker A (girls)	1
Pole Vault	Aspen Merrifield	2
	Kelton Turner	2
	Brendan Clatterbaugh	3
Long Jump	Dayton Ridgeway	2
Shot Put	Zach Eskelson	1
	Kelton Turner	3
Discus	Hailey Knowles	1



AMBER GARCIA PHOTO

(Above) Taylor Garcia long jumped at Meeker's home meet last weekend.



MATT SCOGGINS PHOTO

The Panthers had a very busy week, with 13 athletes competing at JV meet to start the week, followed by the Meeker Invitational Friday and the Cedaredge Invitational Saturday.

Rangely girls place first at Meeker Invitational

Special to the Herald Times

RANGELY | The Rangely Panthers had a very busy week for track and field. Many of the athletes started the week off by going to a JV meet on Monday, then they all went to Meeker on Friday and Cedaredge on Saturday.

The week started off Monday with freshman, sophomore and first-year track and field athletes going to a JV meet hosted by Palisade in Grand Junction. Rangely took 13 athletes; they had the opportunity to compete in different events or in events for the first time without feeling a lot of pressure as they might from a varsity meet. There are no official results from the JV meet. Coach Beth Scoggins said, "They all competed well and worked hard on their events that many had not yet done. It is fun seeing the young athletes grow and challenge themselves each week."

On Friday the team found themselves in Meeker for the Meeker Invitational. There were nine teams at the meet. This has been the smallest meet so far of the season but there was some great competition. The girls found themselves placing first, beating Meeker by only 2.5 points and the boys taking third overall.

Mary Scoggins was the top scorer for the girls placing first in all of her events: long

jump (16-7), triple jump (33-09), 100-meter dash (13.83) and 400-meter (1:03.65). Hayley Burr was the second top scorer; she placed first in the 100-meter hurdles (18.82) and 300-meter hurdles (53.00) and second in the 100 dash (14.00). Other good performances were Kyrah Phelps in the shot put placing second with a new personal best of 30-0. The 4x200 relay team placed second with a new best time of 2:00.73. The relay team is made up of Miah Wren, Ryann Mergelman, Annika Cantrell and Emma Smith.

On the boys side freshman James Talbot was the top scorer with a first in the 3,200-meter (12:11), second in the 800-meter (2:14.24) and 1,600-meter (5:12.47). Other boys who competed well were Andrew Dorris in the 1,600 (4:57.36) first place, Timothy Scoggins high jump (5-8) first place, and Kenyon Cochrane with a second in discus (133-8.50). The boys also put together a 4x200 relay with Fisher Winder, Aydan Christian, Anthony Dorris and Robert Murray. They took fifth with a time of 1:55.98.

On Saturday the team went to the Cedaredge Invitational. The meet had 14 teams ranging in size from 1A to 4A. With all the athletes competing the day before many only had two events. Both the boys and girls team took sixth place overall. "We do two meets in a weekend so the athletes can get use to competing back to back since the state meet is a three day meet. It challenges them to go hard on both days even when they are tired," said coach Scoggins.

The boys team ran their 4x800 for the first time of the year. The team had Timothy Scoggins, Colton Noel, Clay Allred and Andrew Dorris. They took third place with a time of 9:24.06. They were also able to put together a sprint medley relay with Christian, Murry, Anthony Dorris and Justin Allred, they took sixth with a 2:01.33. Top performers for the boys were Fisher Winder in triple jump for fourth place (37-07), Scoggins high jump second place (5-10), Cochrane discus (133-9), Andrew Dorris second place (2:08.25).

The girls team ran the sprint medley relay with Hayley Burr, Emma Smith, Miah Wren and Mary Scoggins for a new season's best of 1:58.49. Other top performers were Mary Scoggins in the 800 with a first place (2:33.51) and second in the 3,200 (13:26.55), Burr fifth in the 200 (28.93), and fourth in the 100 hurdles (18.72), Miah Wren in the 400 for fifth (1:08.47). Rylee Allred fourth in discus (93-07) and Kyrah Phelps also in the discus (93-01).

The team will be heading to the Frank Woodburn meet at Stocker Stadium on Saturday, April 9. They will be helping out with the middle school meet on Friday.



MATT SCOGGINS PHOTO

The Panthers head to Stocker Stadium for another meet this Saturday.

Panthers win two, drop two over weekend

Special to the Herald Times

RANGELY I The Rangely High School baseball team traveled to Monticello, Utah, to take on the Dove Creek Bulldogs on Friday, April 1. With it being the folklore April Fool's Day, the Panthers did have to face some adversity in having their games moved from Dove Creek to Monticello, Utah. This was due to unplayable field conditions in Dove Creek. The Panthers responded well to the adversity and pulled away with two wins against the Bulldogs on the day.

In game one, senior Justin Cudo toed the rubber for the Panthers pitched five great innings. The Panthers were jumped out in the top of the first inning with five runs to give Cudo the ability to pitch with a lead and challenge hitters to collect outs. Cudo struck out nine Bulldog hitters while walking nine. Of the four runs surrendered by Cudo, only two were earned as he scattered eight hits through the five innings. Senior Keihlin Myers came in and pitched the final two innings for the Panthers. Myers gave up three hits, one run, one walk and he struck

out two hitters. Offensively, the Panthers were led by senior Byron Mackay and junior Kevin Wren who each had three hits in the game. Both Mackay and Wren also scored two runs each of the Panthers. Other Panthers to obtain hits off the Bulldog pitching staff were senior Brent Cantrell, sophomore Kobey Chism and freshman Marcos Quintana, who all collected two hits each. Keihlin Myers, junior, Luis Quintana, and sophomore Dalton LeBleu rounded out the Panthers hitting with one hit apiece. The Panthers won the non-league

matchup with a score of 11-5. In game two, Keihlin Myers remained on the mound for the Panthers due to the Panthers having to play four games in two days. Myers scattered seven hits over five innings for three runs while striking out four and walking one Bulldog hitter. Freshman Marcos Quintana came in for the last two innings and held the Bulldogs scoreless while walking one and striking out three. The Panthers were led at the plate by seniors Byron Mackay and Braxton Moore who each added two hits

to their game totals. Justin Cudo and Kobey Chism both collected one hit and Chism scores two of the six runs for the Panthers. Kevin Wren scored two runs for the Panthers along with Dalton LeBleu and senior Wyatt Tull who scored one run each. The Panthers won the game 6-3 to secure another non-league victory to push their overall record to 3-3. The Panthers traveled to Cortez on Saturday to take on the Panthers of Montezuma-Cortez High School. Rangely did not fare as well in the two games as they dropped both to Montezuma-Cortez.

Leading the Panthers offense was Justin Cudo who had three hits with three runs scored and two RBI's. Luis Quintana also collected three hits in the game while driving in one RBI. Kevin Wren and Byron Mackay both collected two hits in the game and one RBI between the two of them going to Mackay. The Panthers dropped the non-league game 7-11. The Panthers also dropped the second game on the day 16-1. The Panthers will return to play on Saturday, April 9 at the field of dreams for a non-league match-up with the Cardinals of Grand Valley.

Cowboys secure first win over Monte Vista, 23-7

By **TIFFANY JEHOEK**
Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER I Cowboy baseball secured its first win this weekend in stellar fashion 23-7 over Monte Vista.

For the season the Cowboys are sitting 1-7, but with their home field drying and more outdoor practices being possible they should be able contin-

ue adding digits in the win column. Last week the Cowboys traveled to Coal Ridge a day late due to weather, losing both of the double header games in a close matchup 7-6 and 11-9. Friday once again on the road in a round robin tournament, they lost 15-4 to Salida and 12-1 to Bayfield, both schools which are bigger and in a higher classification. The Cowboys then

met up with Monte Vista and Wyatt Powers led the Cowboys as the bats turned on. Powers had three home runs and a double in his four at bats hitting in six runners, scoring an additional five runs himself with his one walk. Ryan Sullivan, Liam Deming, and Peter Hanks each scored three with Deming bringing in an additional two and Sullivan one. Johnathan Fitzgibbons pitched a complete game

throwing 80 pitches with seven strikeouts and taking the win. When asked to talk about how the boys are doing so far, the improvement they've seen and the superb win, head coach Donald Blazon said, "This sport embodies many different values one has to have—both in sports and life—to attain one's goals. Baseball teaches us the importance of trying and trying again, and learning from whatever mistakes we make."

The Cowboys now look forward to their first home game this week as they host Battle Mountain. JV will play first at 4 with varsity following at 6.



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(Top) Wyatt Powers. (Bottom) Jake Blazon.

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RANGELY: Testing on Wednesdays from 10am-2pm, no appointment necessary

COVID-19 testing is also available by appointment. Please call to schedule.

Home test kits may be picked up at Public Health.

OTHER VACCINATIONS

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DON'T MISS A BEAT.

HELLO 2022 ...

Meeker loses independent pharmacy

By MICK TURNER



MEEKER — A Meeker pharmacy has closed its doors, leaving a gap in the town's services. The pharmacy, which had been a staple of the community, is being replaced by a larger retail store. Local residents are expressing concern about the loss of a local business and the potential impact on the town's economy.

JESUS IS (fill in the blank) ...



The Meeker community is celebrating the completion of a rock art project. The words "JESUS IS" are carved into a large rock formation, with a blank space left for the community to complete the phrase. This project is part of a larger initiative to beautify the town and promote local art.

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Meeker High School EMPTY BOWLS

THURSDAY, JANUARY 27th, 2022

Three state agencies launch joint audit of Mind Springs

By MICK TURNER



MEEKER — Three state agencies have launched a joint audit of Mind Springs, a mental health facility. The audit is being conducted by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, the Colorado Department of Human Services, and the Colorado Department of Transportation. The goal is to ensure that the facility is providing high-quality care and is financially sound.

DERBY DAY ...



MEEKER — A sled dog derby was held in Meeker, featuring teams of sled dogs competing in a race. The event was a fun and exciting way to spend the winter months. The winning team was celebrated with a trophy and a prize.

Ranching for profit seminar

By MICK TURNER



MEEKER — A seminar on ranching for profit was held in Meeker, featuring speakers from the local ranching community. The seminar provided valuable insights into the challenges and opportunities of running a profitable ranch. Attendees were able to learn from the experiences of others and gain new ideas for their own operations.

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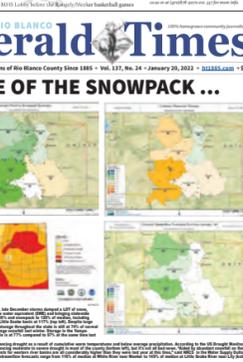
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Meeker High School EMPTY BOWLS

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STATE OF THE SNOWPACK ...



MEEKER — A report on the state of the snowpack in Meeker was released, showing a significant increase in snow cover. The report was prepared by the Meeker-Culler Institute and provides valuable information for the local community. It highlights the importance of snowpack for water supply and recreation.

FISHING FUN ...



MEEKER — A fishing tournament was held in Meeker, featuring a variety of fish species. The event was a great success, with many participants enjoying a day of fishing. The winning team was celebrated with a trophy and a prize.

TRICK SHOT ...



MEEKER — A trick shot competition was held in Meeker, featuring a variety of participants. The event was a fun and challenging way to spend the winter months. The winning participant was celebrated with a trophy and a prize.

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Meeting to discuss fire break set for Feb. 1

By MICK TURNER



MEEKER — A meeting was held in Meeker to discuss the fire break set for February 1. The meeting was attended by local residents and officials, and it provided an opportunity for everyone to voice their concerns and suggestions. The fire break is an important safety measure that will help protect the community from wildfires.

Grant completes 24-hour workout fundraising event



MEEKER — A fundraising event was held in Meeker, featuring a 24-hour workout. The event was a great success, with many participants enjoying a day of exercise. The funds raised will be used to support local programs and services.

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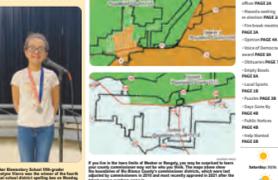
RE-ELECT RIO BLANCO COUNTY SHERIFF ANTHONY MAZZOLA

KNOW YOUR DISTRICT ...



MEEKER — A map of Rio Blanco County is shown, highlighting the districts for the sheriff's election. The map is a helpful tool for voters to learn more about their district and the candidates running for office. It also provides information about the election process and the importance of voting.

C-H-A-M-P ...



MEEKER — A C-H-A-M-P event was held in Meeker, featuring a variety of activities and games. The event was a fun and exciting way to spend the winter months. It was a great success, with many participants enjoying a day of fun and games.

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True Love: Working side-by-side for 61-plus years



MEEKER — A couple is celebrating their 61st anniversary, having worked side-by-side for over six decades. Their story is a testament to the power of love and hard work. They have built a successful business together and have a deep appreciation for each other's contributions.

Burning coal seams pose wildfire risk



MEEKER — A report on the risk of wildfires from burning coal seams was released. The report highlights the potential for large-scale fires and the impact they could have on the local community. It calls for increased vigilance and safety measures to prevent such disasters.

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~ FOR THE BIRDS ~

Colorado Parks & Wildlife, ag students relocate town turkeys

By MICK TURNER



MEEKER — A group of town turkeys was relocated by Colorado Parks & Wildlife and ag students. The turkeys were found in a residential area and were moved to a more suitable habitat. The relocation was a successful operation that helped protect the turkeys and the local community.

C IS FOR COOKIE ...



MEEKER — A cookie sale was held in Meeker, featuring a variety of delicious cookies. The event was a great success, with many participants enjoying a day of baking. The funds raised will be used to support local programs and services.

Snowpack down after dry January



MEEKER — A report on the snowpack in Meeker was released, showing a decrease in snow cover after a dry January. The report provides valuable information for the local community and highlights the importance of snowpack for water supply and recreation.

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White River fish facts

BEST BIZ ...



MEEKER — A report on the White River fish facts was released, providing valuable information for the local community. The report highlights the importance of the White River for fishing and recreation and provides tips for anglers. It also includes information about the best businesses in the area.

Pre-election process starts with party precinct caucuses



MEEKER — A report on the pre-election process was released, highlighting the importance of party precinct caucuses. The report provides information about the caucuses and how to participate. It also includes information about the importance of voting and the impact of the caucuses on the election process.

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'Safehouse 1618' nets 35+ festival awards

Shapiro's latest film 'Just under your skin'

By MICK TURNER



MEEKER — A film festival award was presented to 'Safehouse 1618', a film by Shapiro. The award is a recognition of the film's quality and the talent of the cast and crew. It is a great achievement for the film and the festival.

Giovanni's changes hands



MEEKER — A report on the change of hands for Giovanni's was released. The report provides information about the new owner and the future plans for the business. It also includes information about the impact of the change on the local community.

Rangely Rec Center seeks mill levy increase



MEEKER — A report on the Rangely Rec Center's request for a mill levy increase was released. The report provides information about the center's needs and the impact of the increase. It also includes information about the public hearing and the importance of community input.

HOGWARTS RETURNS ...



MEEKER — A report on the Hogwarts Returns event was released. The report provides information about the event and the participation of the local community. It also includes information about the importance of the event and the impact it has on the community.

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INFORMED CITIZEN ADVISORY THINKING REQUIRED

Avalanche danger moderate, shifting

SPRINGING AHEAD ...



MEEKER — A report on the avalanche danger in Meeker was released, showing a moderate and shifting risk. The report provides information about the current conditions and the potential for avalanches. It also includes information about safety measures and the importance of staying informed.

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INFORMED CITIZEN ADVISORY THINKING REQUIRED

Prom Dress Fashion Show & Resale

Shop 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. March 19th, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Meeker Sweet Shop - 315 6th St.

SMOKING RIVER ...



MEEKER — A report on the Smoking River was released, providing information about the river's status and the impact of the fire. The report highlights the importance of the river for the local community and the need for safety measures. It also includes information about the fire and the impact it has on the river.

Public hearing set to decide if hospital district can change board



MEEKER — A public hearing was set to decide if the hospital district can change its board. The hearing is an important opportunity for the community to voice their concerns and suggestions. It will be held at the Meeker High School and will be open to the public.

Swanky's becomes Rozzi's



MEEKER — A report on the change of hands for Swanky's was released. The report provides information about the new owner and the future plans for the business. It also includes information about the impact of the change on the local community.

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INFORMED CITIZEN ADVISORY THINKING REQUIRED

Area aquifers more like 'geological deposits that happen to hold water'

By MICK TURNER



MEEKER — A report on the area aquifers was released, highlighting the importance of water resources. The report provides information about the aquifers and the impact of climate change on water supply. It also includes information about the need for conservation and the importance of protecting our water resources.

Sweetbriar turns 25!



MEEKER — A report on the Sweetbriar school's 25th anniversary was released. The report provides information about the school's history and the impact it has on the community. It also includes information about the anniversary celebration and the importance of the school.

Rangely solar project gets green light with omnibus cash



MEEKER — A report on the Rangely solar project was released, providing information about the project's progress and the impact it will have. The report highlights the importance of renewable energy and the potential for the solar project to provide clean energy to the community.

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INFORMED CITIZEN ADVISORY THINKING REQUIRED

WHAT'S GOOD FOR THE GOOSE ...



MEEKER — A report on the goose was released, providing information about the goose's status and the impact of the fire. The report highlights the importance of the goose for the local community and the need for safety measures. It also includes information about the fire and the impact it has on the goose.

Rangely Town Council March meeting highlights



MEEKER — A report on the Rangely Town Council March meeting was released. The report provides information about the meeting and the decisions made. It also includes information about the importance of the meeting and the impact it has on the community.

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INFORMED CITIZEN ADVISORY THINKING REQUIRED

Mountain Valley Bank begins annual penny drive for HopeWest, MEF

By MICK TURNER



MEEKER — A report on the Mountain Valley Bank's annual penny drive was released. The report provides information about the drive and the impact it has on the community. It also includes information about the importance of the drive and the impact it has on the community.

CASA volunteers key to success for abused, neglected children



MEEKER — A report on the CASA volunteers was released, highlighting the importance of their work. The report provides information about the volunteers and the impact they have on the community. It also includes information about the importance of the volunteers and the impact they have on the community.

PENNY POWER



MEEKER — A report on the penny power was released, providing information about the penny power and the impact it has on the community. The report highlights the importance of the penny power and the impact it has on the community.

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INFORMED CITIZEN ADVISORY THINKING REQUIRED

READ YOUR LOCAL PAPER.



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DAYS GONE BY

CORRECTION

Last week in Days, words were inadvertently dropped from an excerpt out of the Rangely Times 25 years ago, misconstruing the story. The complete excerpt is as follows: **“Two men who were caught trafficking drugs on Hwy. 139 are in custody, awaiting trial. Rio Blanco Sheriff’s Deputies Butch McAllister and Dave Curtic busted the two alleged drug runners during a routine traffic stop.”**

The HT sincerely apologizes for the error.

The Meeker Herald
125 years ago

• Hugus & Co have just received the largest invoice of shoes ever bought here. • While the late blizzard touched us gently here it was not so considerate with other portions of Colorado, as travelers arriving during the last few days say it was quite severe near Denver and other points east of the main range.

The Meeker Herald
100 years ago

• Word came in last Sunday that serious trouble is again brewing between cattle and sheep interests in Moffat County. Several of our citizens were called to Craig early this week, with a view to putting forth efforts to avert trouble.

• J A Blair, supervisor of the White River Forest, was with the Board of County Commissioners this week, relative to co-operation between the county government and the upper White River road. The forest service will help in this work.

The Meeker Herald
50 years ago

• District Ranger Dale Harthan of Meeker announced this week that

certain roads of the White River national Forest in this area will be closed to all motor vehicles except over-snow vehicles beginning April 14th through June 9th due to moisture conditions and resulting erosive soil conditions.

• Ed Jirak, seeking his first term as mayor, narrowly won over John Hoffman, with a 21 vote majority.

The Meeker Herald
25 years ago

• Meeker math and science teacher Bev DeVore attended the national Science Teachers

Association national convention in New Orleans last week. Dow Chemical Company paid DeVore’s expenses for the trip after she was selected for Dow’s 1996 summer workshop.

• Meeker’s Starbuck Field is close to getting a new scoreboard for football and track activities. At the April 2 Board of Education meeting, Leon Oltmann, the high school assistant principal and activities director, reported that a group of donors has pledged enough money to purchase a Daktronics board 5 feet higher than

the existing board.

Rangely Times
50 years ago

• Transfer students Micheal W. Geisler and William J. Carey from Rangely College were awarded scholarships by the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps at the University of Northern Colorado.

• A soil survey by the Soil Conservation Service is now underway in the area of Rangely. This is a part of a county-wide survey of private owned lands. A similar one was just completed in Meeker.

Rangely Times
25 years ago

• The Hale Bopp comet was visible near the Rangely

oil field. The comet has passed its closest point to the earth and is now headed back into deep space.

• Burglars who broke into CNCC’s McLaughlin Building were in for a disappointing night. Risking persecution and possible jail-time, they only managed to cart off a cash box containing \$30 in petty cash and a roll of stamps.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

ERBM ELECTION

NOTICE OF ELECTION POLLING PLACE

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, and, particularly, to the electors of the Eastern Rio Blanco Metropolitan Recreation and Park District of Rio Blanco County, Colorado:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an election will be held on the 3rd day of May, 2022, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. The Board of Directors of the District have designated the following polling place: Fairfield Center 200 Main St. Meeker, CO 81641

At the Election, the eligible electors of the District will vote to fill vacant director positions for the Board of Directors for a three-year term from the following candidates: Kim Kendall Aaron Grimes John Strate Eric Knez Tyler Frye Vicky Edwards

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that applications for and return of absentee voter ballots may be filed with, and replacement ballots may be received from:

Cathy A. Kiser, Designated Election Official of the Eastern Rio Blanco Metropolitan Recreation and Park District at: 101 Ute Road, Meeker, CO 81641 between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Monday-Friday, until the close of business on the Tuesday immediately preceding the regular election (April 26, 2022).

Cathy A. Kiser Designated Election Official Eastern Rio Blanco Recreation and Park District (970) 878-7417 (telephone)

Or by email: cathy@erbmrec.com Published: April 7, 14 and 21, 2022 Rio Blanco Herald Times

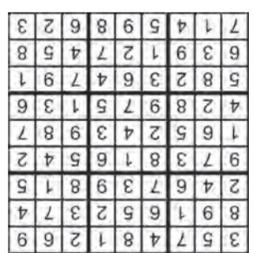


DEFUNDING ELECTION EQUIPMENT HEARING

NOTICE AS TO BUDGET SUPPLEMENTAL

The Rio Blanco County Board of Commissioners will be considering a budget supplemental resolution on April 12, 2022 11:00 a.m. Rio Blanco County Historic Courthouse, 555 Main Street, BOCC Meeting Room, Meeker, Colorado.

The proposed resolution is for the purpose of appropriating sums of money to defray expenses in excess of amounts budgeted for the 2022 budget year in the General Fund. The Board of County Commissioners believe it is in the best interest of the citizens of Rio Blanco County to no longer use the Dominion Voting Systems, and therefore the amount appropriated for the maintenance agreement, in the amount of \$13,800 will be decreased from the election department within the General Fund and moved to contingency within the General Fund. The resolution may be viewed at the offices of the County Clerk and Recorder, 555 Main Street, Colorado, and the County Clerk and Recorder Office in the Rangely Town Hall, 209 E. Main Street, Suite 101, Rangely, Colorado, and are open for public inspection 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. on normal work days. Published: March 31 and April 7, 2022 Rio Blanco Herald Times



THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING COMMUNITY JOURNALISM!

EASTERN RBC HOSPITAL BOARD HEARING

NOTICE OF HEARING ON MOTION

Petitioner provides notice to ALL INTERESTED PARTIES that the Court will hold a hearing on April 19, 2022, at 9:00am on the Motion to Establish the Number of Board Members for Eastern Rio Blanco County Health Services District. Any interested parties may participate in this hearing by logging into or calling WebEx at the designated time. The process for accessing WebEx for the hearing is as follows:

Judge Norrdin’s Virtual Courtroom To appear by video: (preferred) you can download the WebEx Meeting App at www.webex.com/downloads.html/ for your smartphone or computer and join using access code/meeting number 922-835-897 to appear in Judge Norrdin’s virtual courtroom. To appear by phone: dial 720-650-7664 and when prompted enter the nine-digit access code 922-835-897 (Judge Norrdin’s virtual courtroom number) and press #, then press # again.

“If once the people become inattentive to the public affairs, you and I, and Congress and Assemblies, Judges and Governors, shall all become wolves. It seems to be the law of our general nature, in spite of individual exceptions.”

~ Thomas Jefferson

INSTRUCCIONES PARA COMPARECER EN LA SALA VIRTUAL DEL JUEZ NORRDIN TODAS LAS CAUSAS Y AUDIENCIAS A MENOS DE QUE SE INDIQUE LO CONTRARIO Para comparecer por video (lo cual es lo que el juez espera de usted): descargue la aplicación de WEBEX Meeting en www.webex.com/downloads.html/ en su teléfono inteligente o computadora, e ingrese a la sala del tribunal a la hora y fecha programadas para su audiencia e ingrese el código de acceso y el número de reunión 922 835 897. Para comparecer por teléfono: llame al 720-650-7664 y cuando se le indique, ingrese el código de acceso de nueve dígitos 922 835 897 (número de la sala virtual del juez Norrdin) y marque la tecla numeral (#), después marque la tecla numeral (#) una vez más. Número de reunión (código de acceso): 922 835 897 Published: March 24, 31, April 7 and 14, 2022 Rio Blanco Herald Times

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice to Creditors Estate of Jackie Irene Meese also known as Jackie I. Meese and Jackie Meese, Deceased Case Number 22 PR 30004 All persons having claims against the above named estate are required to present them to the personal representative or to District Court of Rio Blanco County, Colorado on or before July 31, 2022, or the claims may be forever barred. Sue Bruckner, Personal Representative 212 East 500 North Vernal, UT 84078 F. Joseph Fennessy #10477 PO Box 1518 Meeker, CO 81641 Phone: 970-878-4783 Email: joe@fennessylaw.com Published: March 31, April 7 and 14, 2022 Rio Blanco Herald Times

Please recycle this paper.

CNCC BUDGET NOTICES

RANGELY JUNIOR COLLEGE DISTRICT NOTICE OF 2022-2023 BUDGET APPROVAL Notice is hereby given that a proposed 2022-2023 Budget has been submitted to the Rangely Junior College District Board of Directors for the ensuing year of 2022-2023; a copy of such budget is on file at Linda Gordon/Budget Officer, 215 Hillcrest Avenue, Rangely, CO where same is open for public inspection; such budget will be considered at the regularly scheduled board meeting of the Rangely Junior College District to be held on April 19, 2022, Noon CNCC, Weiss Meeting Room for final adoption of 2022-2023 Budget. Any interested elector of the Rangely Junior College District may inspect the proposed budget and file or register any objections thereto at any time prior to the final adoption of the budget. Published: March 31 and April 7, 2022 Rio Blanco Herald Times

RANGELY JUNIOR COLLEGE DISTRICT NOTICE OF 2021-2022 SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET APPROVAL Notice is hereby given that a proposed 2021-2022 Supplemental Budget has been submitted to the Rangely Junior College District Board of Directors for the ensuing year of 2021-2022; a copy of such budget is on file at Linda Gordon/Budget Officer, 215 Hillcrest Avenue, Rangely, CO where same is open for public inspection; such budget will be considered at the regularly scheduled board meeting of the Rangely Junior College District to be held on April 19, 2022, Noon CNCC, Weiss Meeting Room for final adoption of 2021-2022 Supplemental Budget. Any interested elector of the Rangely Junior College District may inspect the proposed budget and file or register any objections thereto at any time prior to the final adoption of the budget. Published: March 31 and April 7, 2022 Rio Blanco Herald Times

SCHOOL DISTRICT AGENDA

MEEKER SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1 Board of Education Work Session and Special Board Meeting 555 Garfield St Meeker, CO 81641 April 11, 2022 - 7:00 p.m.

Community members wishing to observe the work session may use the following link: https://meet.google.com/ndh-kghi-qmd

Special Board Meeting 1. Call to Order and Roll Call 2. Pledge of Allegiance: Mr. Amack will lead the Pledge of Allegiance 3. Welcome of Guests 4. Approval of Agenda 5. Student Celebrations: Drama Club / Addams Family Values Cast

Action Items: 1. Approval: 2022-2023 Certified and Classified Staff 2. Approval: Staff Transfer - Paulette Hanks (4th Grade Teacher to HS Science Teacher) 3. Approval: Amanda Jaquez (Elementary Teacher) 4. Approval: Andy Coryell (HS Head Football Coach) 5. Approval: Barone Middle School Principal - TBD

Other BOE Information: Executive Session (if needed): Special Meeting Adjournment: Work Session:

1. Policy final edits: BGGG - Staff Leave 2. FY23 Finance 3. Superintendent Evaluation Results a. Google Form b. Written Comments 4. Educational Outcomes - Policy ADA 5. Preparation of MHS Graduates - DAC Surveys 6. Strategic Vision 7. School Safety a. Meeker School District Emergency Operations Plans b. Standard Response Protocol 6. Additional discussion items (time permitting) a. Potential future BOE agenda discussion topics b. Capital projects list c. COVID-19 - Current Protocols 7. Items introduced by board members Published: April 7, 2022 Rio Blanco Herald Times

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF HEARING TO INTERESTED PERSONS AND OWNERS BY INHERITANCE

District Court, Garfield County, Colorado
Court Address: 109 8th Street, Suite 104,
Glenwood Springs, CO 81601
Mailing Address: 109 8th Street, Suite
104, Glenwood Springs, CO 81601
970-928-3065

In the Matter of the Determination
of Heirs or devisees or Both and of
Interests in Property of: ROBERT E.
STRIPLING, Deceased
Case Number: 2021PR30123 Division: B
Attorney for Petitioner:
Coan, Payton and Payne, LLC
Daniel W. Jones, #24626
1711 61st Avenue, Suite 100, Greeley,
CO 80634

Phone Number: 970/339-3500 FAX
Number: 970/584-1776 E-mail: djones@
cp2law.com

NOTICE OF HEARING BY PUBLICATION
TO INTERESTED PERSONS AND
OWNERS BY INHERITANCE PURSUANT
TO § 15-12-130(3), C.R.S.
To All Interested Persons and Owners by
Inheritance:

Gregory Frazer Burnworth, Jonathan
Stripling Burnworth, The Burnworth
Revocable Living Trust, and all unknown
parties who may claim an interest in the
property.
A Petition has been filed alleging that the
above Decedent died leaving the following
real property mineral interests in Garfield
and Rio Blanco Counties, Colorado:

Overriding royalty interest of 1/4 of 1%
of the oil and gas produced and saved
under the oil and gas leases covering the
following lands in Garfield and Rio Blanco
Counties, Colorado:
In Garfield County:

a. Lease with Serial No. C-9103 dated
August 1, 1969, between the U.S.A. as
Lessor and M. Peyton Bucy as Lessee for
the following lands in Township 5 South,
Range 101 West of the 6th P.M.: Lots 5,
6, 7, and 8 of Section 2; Lots 5 and 6 of
Section 3; the NE/4, E/2NW/4, N/2SE/4,
and SE/4SE/4 of Section 10; All of Section
11; All of Section 14; and the E/2NE/4 and
SE/4 of Section 15;
b. Lease with Serial No. C-9233 dated
August 1, 1969, between the U.S.A. as
Lessor and M. Peyton Bucy as Lessee for
the following lands:

i. In Township 5 South, Range 101
West of the 6th P.M.: Lots 9, 10, 11, and
12, E/2SW/4, and SE/4 of Section 19;
W/2SW/4 of Section 20; Lot 1, NW/4SW/4
and W/2NW/4 of Section 29; Lots 5 thru
15, NE/4 and NE/4NW/4 of Section 30;
Lots 5 thru 14 of Section 31; Lot 1 of Section
32; and Tract 37 located in Sections 30, 31,
and 32; and
ii. In Township 5 South, Range 102 West
of the 6th P.M.: E/2SE/4 of Section 25;
and Lot 4, E/2NE/4, and NE/4SE/4 of
Section 36;

c. Lease with Serial No. C-9434 dated
November 1, 1969, between the U.S.A. as
Lessor and M. Peyton Bucy as Lessee for
the following lands (some of which are in
Rio Blanco County and some of which are
in Garfield County):
i. In Township 4 South, Range 100 West
of the 6th P.M.: Lots 5 thru 14, the NE/4,
and the M/2SE/4 of Section 31; and Lots 1, 2,
3 and 4, the N/2, and the N/2S/2 of Section
36; and
ii. In Township 5 South, Range 101 West
of the 6th P.M.: Lots 5, 6, 7 and 8 of Section
1; All of Section 12; and the N/2 and N/2S/2
of Section 13;

d. Lease with Serial No. C-9435 dated
November 1, 1969, between the U.S.A. as
Lessor and M. Peyton Bucy as Lessee for
the following lands:
i. In Township 5 South, Range 100 West
of the 6th P.M.: Lots 5, 6, 7, and 8, S/2N/2,
and S/2 of Section 5; Lots 8 thru 14,
S/2NE/4, SE/4NW/4, E/2SW/4, and SE/4 of
Section 6; Lots 5, 6, 7, and 8, E/2W/2, and
E/2 of Section 7; and N/2 of Section 8; and
ii. In Township 5 South, Range 101 West
of the 6th P.M.: S/2S/2 of Section 13;

e. Lease with Serial No. 9557 dated
January 1, 1970, between the U.S.A. as
Lessor and M. Peyton Bucy as Lessee for
the following lands in Township 5 South,
Range 101 West of the 6th P.M.: E/2 of
Section 23; W/2 and W/2E/2 of Section
24; Lots 1, 2, 3, and 4, NW/4NE/4, NW/4,
N/2SW/4, and SW/4SW/4 of Section 25;
NE/4 of Section 26; Lots 1, 2, and 3, and
N/2SW/4 of Section 35; and Tract 40
located in T-5-S, R-101-W and T-5 and 6-S,
R-101-W;

f. Lease with Serial No. 9558 dated January
1, 1970, between the U.S.A. as Lessor
and M. Peyton Bucy as Lessee for the
following lands in Township 5 South, Range
100 West of the 6th P.M.: Lots 5, 6, 7,
and 8, E/2W/2, W/2E/2, N/2N/2NE/4NE/4,
SW/4NW/4NE/4NE/4, W/2W/2SE/4NE/4,
NW/4NW/4NE/4SE/4, S/2N/2NE/4SE/4,
S/2NE/4SE/4, and SE/4SE/4 of Section
19; NE/4, E/2E/2NW/4, E/2W/2E/2NW/4,
NW/4NW/4NE/4NW/4, N/2N/2NW/4NW/4,
N/2N/2NW/2SE/4,
N/2NE/4NE/4SW/4, NE/4NW/4NE/4SW/4,
W/2SW/4NE/4SW/4, SW/4NW/4NE/4SW/4,
S/2N/2NW/4SW/4, SW/4SW/4, and

W/2W/2SE/4SE/4 of Section 20; N/2
and N/2N/2N/2S/2 of Section 21; NW/4,
N/2N/2N/2NE/4, SW/4NW/4NW/4NE/4,
and W/2SW/4NW/4NE/4 of Section 22; and
W/2W/2 of Section 29;

g. Lease with Serial No. C-9591 dated
November 1, 1969, between the U.S.A. as
Lessor and M. Peyton Bucy as Lessee for
the following lands in Township 5 South,
Range 101 West of the 6th P.M.: E/2SW/4
and SE/4 of Section 20; S/2 of Section 21;
SW/4, W/2SE/4, and SE/4SE/4 of Section
22; NW/4 and N/2SW/4 of Section 23; W/2
of Section 27; All of Section 28; and E/2 and
E/2W/2 of Section 29;

h. Lease with Serial No. C-9592 dated
November 1, 1969, between the U.S.A. as
Lessor and M. Peyton Bucy as Lessee for
the following lands in Township 5 South,
Range 101 West of the 6th P.M.: S/2SW/4
of Section 23; NW/4 of Section 26; E/2
of Section 27; Lots 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7,
E/2NW/4, NE/4SW/4, N/2SE/4, and NE/4 of
Section 32; Lots 1, 2, 3, and 4, N/2S/2, and
N/2 of Section 33; and Lots 1, 2, 3, and 4,
N/2S/2, and N/2 of Section 34;

i. Lease with Serial No. C-9593 dated
November 1, 1969, between the U.S.A. as
Lessor and M. Peyton Bucy as Lessee for
the following lands:
i. In Township 5 South, Range 101 West
of the 6th P.M.: Lots 1 and 2, N/2SW/4, and
NW/4 of Section 35; and
ii. In Township 6 South, Range 102 West
of the 6th P.M.: Lots 5 thru 12 of Section 1;
Lots 5 thru 16 of Section 2; Lots 4 thru 12,
15, and 16, SW/4NW/4, and W/2SW/4 of
Section 3; Lots 1, 2, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12,
and 13, S/2NE/4, N/2SE/4, and SE/4SE/4
of Section 4; Lots 5 thru 16 of Section 5,
and Lots 16 and 23 of Section 6;

j. Lease with Serial No. C-9929 dated
January 1, 1970, between the U.S.A. as
Lessor and H. P. McLish as Lessee for the
following lands (some of which are in Rio
Blanco County and some of which are in
Garfield County):
i. In Township 4 South, Range 100 West
of the 6th P.M.: All of Section 22; All of Section
27; and Lots 1, 2, 3 and 4, the N/2S/2, and
the N/2 of Section 34; and
ii. In Township 5 South, Range 100 West
of the 6th P.M.: Lots 5, 6, 7 and 8, the S/2N/2,
and the S/2 of Section 4;

k. Lease with Serial No. C-9930 dated
January 1, 1970, between the U.S.A. as
Lessor and H. P. McLish as Lessee for the
following lands (some of which are in Rio
Blanco County and some of which are in
Garfield County):
i. In Township 4 South, Range 100 West
of the 6th P.M.: All of Section 23; All of Section
26; and Lots 1, 2, 3, and 4, the N/2S/2, and
the N/2 of Section 35; and
ii. In Township 5 South, Range 100 West
of the 6th P.M.: Lots 5, 6, 7 and 8, the S/2N/2,
and the S/2 of Section 3;

l. Lease with Serial No. C-9932 dated
January 1, 1970, between the U.S.A. as
Lessor and H. P. McLish as Lessee for
the following lands in Township 5 South,
Range 100 West of the 6th P.M.:
NW/4, N/2SW/4, S/2NE/4, N/2SE/4,
N/2N/2N/2S/2, W/2SE/4SW/4SE/4,
E/2SW/4SW/4SE/4, SW/4NE/4SW/4SE/4,
and SE/4NW/4SW/4SE/4 of Section
13; N/2, N/2S/2, S/2SW/4, SW/4SE/4,
N/2N/2SE/4SE/4, W/2SW/4SE/4SE/4,
and SW/4NW/4SE/4SE/4 of Section 14;
All of Section 15; NE/4NW/4, NW/4NE/4,
E/2NW/4NW/4, E/2W/2NW/4NW/4,
NW/4NW/4NW/4NW/4, N/2NE/4SW/4NW/4,
NE/4NW/4SW/4NW/4, N/2N/2SE/4NW/4,
E/2SW/4NE/4, E/2W/2SW/4NE/4,
NW/4NW/4SW/4NE/4, N/2NE/4NW/4SE/4,
SE/4NE/4, S/2NE/4NE/4, S/2N/2NE/4NE/4,
and NW/4NW/4NE/4NE/4 of Section
23; Lot 2, NW/4NE/4NW/4NE/4,
NE/4NW/4NW/4NE/4, W/2SE/4NE/4NE/4,
E/2SW/4NE/4NE/4, SW/4NE/4NE/4NE/4,
SE/4NW/4NE/4NE/4, S/2NE/4SE/4NE/4,
NW/4NE/4SE/4NE/4, E/2W/2SE/4NE/4,
SE/4SE/4NE/4, S/2NW/4SE/4,
S/2N/2NW/4SE/4, SE/4NE/4SW/4,
S/2NE/4NE/4SW/4, SW/4NW/4NE/4SW/4,
E/2SW/4NE/4SW/4, E/2SE/4SW/4,
E/2W/2SE/4SW/4, SW/4SE/4, and Lot 1
excluding 2.5 acres in patented Mining
Entry 1143461 of Section 24; and Lots
1 and 2, W/2NE/4, SE/4, E/2E/2SW/4,
E/2W/2E/2SW/4, E/2SE/4NW/4, and
E/2W/2SE/4NW/4 of Section 25

m. Lease with Serial No. C-993k dated
January 1, 1970, between the U.S.A. as
Lessor and H. P. McLish as Lessee for the
following lands (some of which are in Rio
Blanco County and some of which are in
Garfield County):
i. In Township 4 South, Range 100 West
of the 6th P.M.: Lots 1 thru 12 and the
W/2 of Section 24; Lots 1 thru 12 and the
W/2 of Section 25; and Lots 1 thru 14, the
N/2SW/4, and the NW/4 of Section 36; and
ii. In Township 5 South, Range 100 West
of the 6th P.M.: Lots 5, 6, 7, and 8, the
SW/4NW/4, the S/2S/2, and the NW/4SW/4
of Section 2;

n. Lease with Serial No. C-10047 dated
January 1, 1970, between the U.S.A. as
Lessor and M. Peyton Bucy as Lessee for
the following lands in Township 5 South,
Range 100 West of the 6th P.M.: Lots 5, 6,
7, and 8, E/2W/2, W/2E/2, N/2N/2NE/4NE/4,
SW/4NW/4NE/4NE/4, W/2W/2SE/4NE/4,
NW/4NW/4NE/4SE/4, S/2N/2NE/4SE/4,
S/2NE/4SE/4, and SE/4SE/4 of Section
19; NE/4, E/2E/2NW/4, E/2W/2E/2NW/4,
NW/4NW/4NE/4NW/4, N/2N/2NW/4NW/4,
N/2N/2NW/2SE/4,
N/2NE/4NE/4SW/4, NE/4NW/4NE/4SW/4,
W/2SW/4NE/4SW/4, SW/4NW/4NE/4SW/4,
S/2N/2NW/4SW/4, SW/4SW/4, and

the following lands in Township 6 South,
Range 101 West of the 6th P.M.: Lots 3, 8,
9, and 10, and SE/4 of Section 4; and N/2,
N/2SE/4, and NE/4SW/4 of Section 9;
o. Lease with Serial No. C-10138 dated
January 1, 1970, between the U.S.A. as
Lessor and M. Peyton Bucy as Lessee for
the following lands in Township 6 South,
Range 102 West of the 6th P.M.: Lots 17
thru 22 of Section 6; Lots 1 thru 4, E/2W/2,
and E/2 of Section 7; All of Section 8; All of
Section 9; W/2W/2 of Section 10; and NW/4
of Section 16;

p. Lease with Serial No. C-10139 dated
January 1, 1970, between the U.S.A. as
Lessor and M. Peyton Bucy as Lessee for
the following lands in Township 6 South,
Range 102 West of the 6th P.M.: All of
Section 17; Lots 1 thru 4, E/2W/2, and E/2
of Section 18; Lots 1 thru 4, E/2W/2, and
E/2 of Section 19; S/2 of Section 20; and
S/2 of Section 21;

q. Lease with Serial No. C-10146 dated
January 1, 1970, between the U.S.A. as
Lessor and M. Peyton Bucy as Lessee for
the following lands in Township 6 South,
Range 102 West of the 6th P.M.: SW/4
and W/2SE/4 of Section 26; S/2 of Section
27; N/2, N/2S/2, and S/2SW/4 of Section
28; W/2, NE/4, and W/2SE/4 of Section
34; and N/2NW/4, SW/4NW/4, NW/4NE/4,
W/2SE/4, and S/2SW/4 of Section 35;

r. Lease with Serial No. C-10372 dated April
1, 1970, between the U.S.A. as Lessor and
M. Peyton Bucy as Lessee for the following
lands:
i. In Township 6 South, Range 101 West
of the 6th P.M.: NW/4 of Section 27; N/2 of
Section 28; N/2 of Section 29; Lots 5 and 6,
and E/2NE/4 of Section 30; and
ii. In Township 6 South, Range 102 West
of the 6th P.M.: S/2 of Section 22; S/2S/2
of Section 23; S/2S/2 of Section 24; N/2 of
Section 25; N/2 of Section 26; and N/2 of
Section 27;

s. Lease with Serial No. C-10373 dated
April 1, 1970, between the U.S.A. as Lessor
and M. Peyton Bucy as Lessee for the
following lands:
i. In Township 6 South, Range 101 West
of the 6th P.M.: SW/4 of Section 27; S/2 of
Section 28; S/2 of Section 29; Lots 7 and 8,
and E/2SE/4 of Section 30; SE/4 of Section
34; and S/2 of Section 35; and
ii. In Township 6 South, Range 102 West
of the 6th P.M.: S/2 of Section 22; S/2S/2
of Section 23; S/2S/2 of Section 24; N/2 of
Section 25; N/2 of Section 26; and N/2 of
Section 27;

t. Lease with Serial No. C-10374 dated April
1, 1970, between the U.S.A. as Lessor and
M. Peyton Bucy as Lessee for the following
lands:
i. In Township 6 South, Range 101 West
of the 6th P.M.: SW/4 of Section 27; S/2 of
Section 28; S/2 of Section 29; Lots 7 and 8,
and E/2SE/4 of Section 30; SE/4 of Section
34; and S/2 of Section 35; and
ii. In Township 6 South, Range 102 West
of the 6th P.M.: S/2 of Section 22; E/2SE/4
of Section 26; NE/4NE/4, and E/2SE/4 of
Section 35; and E/2, E/2W/2, W/2SW/4,
and NW/4NW/4 of Section 36;

u. Lease with Serial No. C-10375 dated
April 1, 1970, between the U.S.A. as Lessor
and M. Peyton Bucy as Lessee for the
following lands:
i. In Township 6 South, Range 101 West
of the 6th P.M.: S/2S/2 and NW/4SW/4 of
Section 9; N/2 of Section 16; N/2 of Section
17; and Lots 5 and 6, and E/2NE/4 of
Section 18; and
ii. In Township 6 South, Range 102 West
of the 6th P.M.: N/2 of Section 13; NE/4,
E/2NW/4, NW/4NW/4, N/2SE/4, and
NE/4SW/4 of Section 14; W/2, W/2E/2,
NE/4NE/4, and SE/4SE/4 of Section 15;
NE/4 of Section 16; and N/2NE/4 of Section
22;

v. Lease with Serial No. C-10376 dated
April 1, 1970, between the U.S.A. as Lessor
and M. Peyton Bucy as Lessee for the
following lands:
i. In Township 6 South, Range 101 West
of the 6th P.M.: N/2 and SE/4 of Section
15; S/2 of Section 16; S/2 of Section 17;
and Lots 7 and 8, and E/2SE/4 of Section
18; and
ii. In Township 6 South, Range 102 West

of the 6th P.M.: S/2 of Section 13; S/2SE/4
and SE/4SW/4 of Section 14; NE/4,
E/2NW/4, N/2SE/4, and NE/4SW/4 of
Section 23; and N/2 and N/2S/2 of Section
24;

w. Lease with Serial No. C-10377 dated
April 1, 1970, between the U.S.A. as Lessor
and M. Peyton Bucy as Lessee for the
following lands in Township 6 South, Range
101 West of the 6th P.M.: NW/4SW/4 of
Section 2; Lots 5 thru 8, and E/2E/2 of
Section 19; All of Section 20; All of Section
21; W/2 of Section 22; and E/2 of Section
24;

x. Lease with Serial No. C-10378 dated
April 1, 1970, between the U.S.A. as Lessor
and M. Peyton Bucy as Lessee for the
following lands:
i. In Township 6 South, Range 101 West
of the 6th P.M.: Lots 5 thru 8, and E/2E/2
of Section 7; and
ii. In Township 6 South, Range 102 West
of the 6th P.M.: Lots 13 thru 20 of Section
1; Lots 17 thru 20 of Section 2; E/2 and
E/2W/2 of Section 10; All of Section 11; and
All of Section 12;

y. Lease with Serial No. C-10420 dated
March 1, 1970, between the U.S.A. as
Lessor and M. Peyton Bucy as Lessee for
the following lands in Township 5 South,
Range 102 West of the 6th P.M.: SW/4 of
Section 26; and Lots 1 and 2, and N/2/SW/4
of Section 35;

z. Lease with Serial No. C-10552 dated
April 1, 1970, between the U.S.A. as Lessor
and Suzanne D. Bucy as Lessee for the
following lands in Township 6 South, Range
101 West of the 6th P.M.: Lots 4 and 5, and
S/2NW/4 of Section 4; Lots 5, 6, 7, and 8,
and S/2N/2 of Section 5; Lots 9, 10, 12, 13,
and 14 of Section 6; and W/2 and NE/4 of
Section 8;

aa. Lease with Serial No. C-10555 dated
April 1, 1970, between the U.S.A. as Lessor
and M. Peyton Bucy as Lessee for the
following lands in Township 7 South,
Range 102 West of the 6th P.M.: Lots 5
thru 26, SE/4NE/4, E/2SE/4, and SW/4SE/4
of Section 3; and Lots 5 thru 14, S/2N/2,
SW/4, and NW/4SE/4 of Section 4;

bb. Lease with Serial No. C-22169 dated
April 1, 1970, between the U.S.A. as Lessor
and M. Peyton Bucy as Lessee for the
following lands in Township 7 South, Range
102 West of the 6th P.M.: Lots 5 thru 11,
SW/4NE/4, S/2NW/4, W/2SE/4, and SW/4
of Section 1; and Lots 5 thru 8, S/2N/2, and
S/2 of Section 2;

cc. Lease with Serial No. C-10660 dated
April 1, 1970, between the U.S.A. as Lessor
and M. Peyton Bucy as Lessee for the
following lands in Township 6 South, Range
102 West of the 6th P.M.: Lots 13 and
14 of Section 3;

ee. Lease with Serial No. C-14121 dated
November 1, 1971, between the U.S.A. as
Lessor and Wiloa, Inc., as Lessee for the
following lands in Township 5 South, Range
100 West of the 6th P.M.: All of Section 10;
and S/2S/2 of Section 12;

ff. Lease dated July 9, 1970, between Ival
Young and Ed Young as Lessors and M. Peyton
Bucy as Lessee for the following lands in
Township 6 South, Range 102 West of the
6th P.M.: Lots 2 and 3, SE/4NW/4, and
NE/4SW/4 of Section 5; SW/4NW/4 and
W/2 SW/4 of Section 14; SE/4NW/4 and
NE/4SE/4 of Section 15; W/2NW/4 and
NW/4SW/4 of Section 15; W/2E/2,
NE/4NE/4, and SE/4SE/4 of Section 15;
NE/4 of Section 16; and N/2NE/4 of Section
22;

gg. Lease dated February 1, 1972,
between Harry Eaton, Harry Turner, Boyd
B. Bales, Grant D. Bales, Jr., and Curtis
Eaton as Lessors and Robert O. Reynolds
as Lessee for the following lands in
Township 5 South, Range 100 West of the
6th P.M.
i. Tract A: All of the land described as Shale
King claim covering 160 acres, Shale King
#1 claim covering 160 acres, Debeque Claim
#1 covering 160 acres, Debeque claim #3
cover 160 acres, Debeque claim covering
160 acres, Shale Mountain Fraction Claim
covering 40 acres, Shale Ranch claim
covering 80 acres, Shale Mountain claim
covering 160 acres, Shale Mountain #1
covering 160 acres, Shale Mountain #2
claim covering 160 acres, Shale Mountain
#3 claim covering 160 acres, Shale Mountain
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mm. Lease with Serial No. C-3639 dated
April 1, 1968, between the U.S.A. as Lessor
and Cascade Natural Gas Corporation as
Lessee for the following lands in Township
4 South, Range 101 West of the 6th P.M.:
All of Section 25; All of Section 26; All of
Section 27; and All of Section 28;

nn. Lease with Serial No. C-3640 dated
April 1, 1968, between the U.S.A. as Lessor
and Cascade Natural Gas Corporation as
Lessee for the following lands in Township
4 South, Range 101 West of the 6th P.M.:
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COMMISSIONER AGENDA

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF RIO BLANCO COUNTY, COLORADO
RIO BLANCO COUNTY HISTORIC COURTHOUSE
555 MAIN STREET, P.O. BOX 599
MEEKER, COLORADO 81641
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https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBicnhMpb47zL_NjN0Fg

Tentative Agenda April 12, 2022

1. 11:00 a.m. Call to order:
A. Pledge of Allegiance
B. Changes to the April 12, 2022 Agenda
C. Move to approve the April 12, 2022 Agenda including any changes

2. CONSENT AGENDA for April 12, 2022
A. Move to approve the below listed items of the Consent Agenda.
B. Accounts Payable Management Reports for March 2022.
C. DHS EBT Register and Warrant Register for March 2022.
D. Payroll Management Reports for April 1, 2022.
E. Meeting Minutes of February 8, 2022.
F. Meeting Minutes of February 15, 2022.
G. Meeting Minutes of February 22, 2022.
H. Meeting Minutes of March 8, 2022.
I. Meeting Minutes of March 15, 2022.
J. Meeting Minutes of March 22, 2022.

3. BUSINESS
A. Move to approve/deny an Online Terms Acknowledgment with Watchguard, Inc. for the purchase of Body Worn Cameras Equipment and Service.
B. Move to approve/deny an Online Terms Acknowledgment with Watchguard, Inc., for the purchase of In Car Video System Equipment and Service.
C. Move to approve/deny United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management Right of Way Grant, Serial Number CQC-80187, for existing fiber optic cable from Yankee Substation to the Enterprise broadband site on public lands.
D. Move to ratify a support letter to Senator Bennet regarding the Town of Oak Creek's Request for Congressionally Directed Spending for the Sheriff Reservoir and Dam rehabilitation.
E. Move to ratify a support letter to Senator Hickenlooper regarding the Town

of Oak Creek's Request for Congressionally Directed Spending for the Sheriff Reservoir and Dam rehabilitation.
F. Move to appoint _____ as the Rio Blanco County Interim Public Health Director.

4. BID AWARDS
A. Move to award Piceance Creek Weed & Pest District 2022 Herbicide Hand Spraying Project to Osborn Industries, in an amount not to exceed \$53,000.00
B. Move to award Piceance Creek Weed & Pest District 2022 Herbicide Hand Spraying Project to Ebbeson Environmental & Field Services, in an amount not to exceed \$67,500.00

5. MOU'S, CONTRACTS, AND AGREEMENTS
A. Move to approve/deny an Agreement for Services with Osborn Industries for the use and benefit of the Piceance Creek Weed & Pest District, for the 2022 Herbicide Hand Spraying Project, in an amount not to exceed \$53,000.00.
B. Move to approve/deny and Agreement for Services with Ebbeson Environmental & Field Services for the use and benefit of Piceance Creek Weed & Pest District, for the 2022 Herbicide Hand Spraying Project, in an amount not to exceed \$67,500.00.
C. Move to approve/deny a Contract for Professional Services with the Board of Trustees of the Town of Rangely for Building Official services.
D. Move to approve/deny a Solar Lease with White River Solar, White River Electric Association for the lease of blocks of solar power.

6. RESOLUTIONS
A. Move to approve/deny Resolution No. 2022-15, a resolution of the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado, appropriating additional sums of money to defray expenses in excess of amounts budgeted, in the various funds and spending agencies, in the amounts and for the purposes as set forth below for the 2022 budget year, to reduce the appropriation to the Clerk & Recorder/Elections in the amount of \$13,800.00 regarding annual maintenance expenses relating to the Dominion election machines.
B. Move to approve/deny Resolution No. 2022-16, a Resolution of the Board of

County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado approving the renewal of an Ambulance Service License for the Rio Blanco Fire Protection District - Meeker Ambulance Service.
C. Move to approve/deny Resolution No. 2022-17, a Resolution of the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado, approving the renewal of an Ambulance Service License for Rangely District Hospital Ambulance Service.

7. OTHER BUSINESS
A. Road & Bridge Report - Scott Marsh
B. Public Comment
C. County Commissioners Updates

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS
None

9. Move to go into Executive Session pursuant to §24-6-402(4)(b) to conference with the Rio Blanco County Attorney for the purpose of receiving legal advice on specific legal questions and §24-6-402(4)(e) C.R.S. determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations: developing strategy for negotiations: and instructing negotiators.

Adjourn
The agenda is provided for informational purposes only; all times are approximate. Agenda items will normally be considered in the order they appear on the agenda. However, the Board may alter the Agenda, take breaks during the meeting, work through the noon hour and even continue an item for a future meeting date. The Board, while in session, may consider other items that are brought before it. Scheduled items may be continued if the Board is unable to complete the Agenda as scheduled.

The next regular Board meeting is tentatively scheduled for April 19, 2022 in the Rio Blanco County Annex Building, 17497 Hwy 64, Rangely, CO. Please check the County's website for information at <http://rbc.us/186/Board-of-County-Commissioners>. If you need special accommodations please call 970-878-9431 in advance of the meeting so that reasonable accommodations may be made.

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RANGELY WORK SESSION

Notice of Rangely Town Council Work Session
RANGELY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Meeting of Tuesday April 12, 2022
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Rangely Town Hall Conference Room
Town Council Vacancy Applicant Interviews
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