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## BMS students sweep group exhibit category at History Day competition, advance to state

BY KATIE LOCKWOOD  
Special to the Herald Times

**MEEKER** I Each year, several Barone Middle School eighth-graders have the opportunity to compete in National History Day. The national history competition selects a different theme each year, this year's being "Debate and Diplomacy," and allows students to research any topic of interest falling under the broader theme.

Students have the opportunity to create an exhibit, website, documentary, paper or performance for competition on local, regional, state and national levels. Meeker's local competition was held in February with volunteer community members who interviewed and provided commentary on students' projects that students could use to modify their work before the regional competition. This year's panel of judges included Ann Franklin, Mandi Etheridge, Stacey Burke, Alicia Watt, and Julia Eskelson.

Of those who competed locally, 16 students (four group exhibits, five individual exhibits, two individual documentaries, and one group website) advanced to Grand Junction for the regional competition held in early March. At regionals, the projects that place in the top three in each category advance to the state level competition which will be held on April 30. The placings of Meeker students at regionals that will be advancing to state are as follows.

### Group Exhibits:

- 1st—Lovings vs Virginia, Braydin Raley and Hayden Garcia
- 2nd—Women's Suffrage, Lili Piper, Lilly Newman, Birdie McCaffrey
- 3rd—American Indian Movement (AIM), Amber Castillo and Jaicee Simmons

### Individual Exhibits:

- 1st—Shirtwaist Factory Fire, Morgan Keetch
- 2nd—Cuban Missile Crisis, Dublin Price

### Group Website:

- 2nd—Abortion, Autumn Stallings and Jacey Follman

Kris Casey, social studies teacher at Barone Middle School, promotes History Day in her own classroom every year and helps students in formulating their research projects. "As you can see from the list we did quite well at the Regional Competition," she states, "It may be the first time Barone swept the group exhibit category."

Students shared their projects at the quarterly membership meeting of the Rio Blanco County Historical Society on Sunday, April 10, and responded to questions from those in attendance.



COURTESY PHOTO

Barone Middle School history students competed at a regional History Day competition in Grand Junction recently.

## SPARTAN SHOWDOWN ...



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CNCC hosted the annual Spartan Showdown rodeo the first weekend in April. 10 colleges participated. Story on PAGE 11.

## Citizens urge caution with CCITF

By NIKI TURNER  
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**RBC** I The commissioners' meeting room was packed Tuesday with citizens concerned primarily about two items on the regular agenda: the proposed disbursement of \$4 million from a county trust fund to the Rio Blanco County Water Conservancy District (RBCWCD) to move forward with a water storage project, and a resolution to authorize defunding the county's agreement with the Dominion voting system (see additional story on this page.)

As oil shale exploration and development expanded in the late 1970s, the state of Colorado established the Oil Shale Trust Fund to receive federal leasing bonus payments. In 1982, the County Capital Improvement Trust Fund (CCITF) was created for the distribution of funding to Rio Blanco, Garfield, Moffat and Mesa counties by percentages. RBC received \$20 million in CCITF funding.

While other counties ran through their CCITF funding quickly, RBC invested and established a plan to only use interest on the balance to fund requests from local taxing districts. Since 1982, the principle balance has only been dipped into rarely, most recently for the broadband project. A \$6 million payout from the Anvil Points settlement a few years ago helped rebuild the balance, and the total fund balance in 2020 was \$24.5 million.

According to a press release on the county's website, More than \$40 million in funding has been disbursed since the trust's inception to taxing districts on both sides of the county.

Citizens in attendance Tuesday voiced concerns about changes in processes and procedures in the way the

funds are disbursed, the "one-time exemption" proposed for the "Rio Blanco Water Storage Project," (AKA Wolf Creek Reservoir project) and how the fund balance will be rebuilt this time.

The three-step process in place in the 1980s including the completion of a fairly extensive application, review by advisory groups, public hearings, recommendations from a Core Group made up of the largest taxing districts, followed by a final determination of awards made by the Board of County Commissioners.

Meeker resident Sharon Day questioned whether funding a study would comply with the state statute that governs CCITF funds, which states funding must be used for tangible projects, not studies. Resident Toby Leavitt said there are also concerns because the statute indicates applications for CCITF funding are to be shared with all the taxing entities for comment, and that has not occurred. Leavitt also said there were concerns about the change of the project name of in the last few weeks.

"Talking to former commissioners, there's always been a process," Day said. "When we start going around processes, we get in trouble." Day added, "This fund has served the community well. I have some concerns, but I don't want it to be adversarial."

RBCWCD Director Alden VandenBrink said the name of the project has been changed is because it is a regional water supply project, "not necessarily Wolf Creek." The Wolf Creek site has been identified as a preferred site based on the purpose of need. The name has been changed at the recommendation of a third-party review to move forward with

permitting process.

County Attorney Don Steerman said he does not believe the criteria set in the 1980s is not required by statute, and has not been adopted.

"The bottom line is that the commissioners have the authority to decide how to use these funds."

In order to move forward with permitting and NEPA (National Environmental Policy Act), studies must be done, and he believes funding those studies does comply with the statute for use of the CCITF funds, saying the studies are part of the overall project process.

Day listed three specific points of concern: going around processes, giving a lump sum for the project, and not having the application made available to the public to identify the scope of work.

VandenBrink said the lump sum is necessary because they are required to prove they have the funding before permitting can move forward. "We have to be able to demonstrate that we can pay for this."

"We need an agreement in place that obligates the county to this project," said Commissioner Gary Moyer, noting that one board cannot commit a future board to funding.

"NEPA is not something you want to start and stop," VandenBrink said. "Without that commitment my recommendation to my board would be to not proceed."

Discussion of the project occurred during the budget workshops, and has agreements from the Yellow Jacket Water Conservancy District, the Colorado River District, the Town of Rangely, and Rio Blanco County.

"The water situation is not getting better,"

► See CCITF, Page 9

## BOCC bows to unproven claims about Dominion system

By LUCAS TURNER  
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**RBC** I Rio Blanco County commissioners passed a resolution 2-1 Tuesday to defund vote tabulation machines, following extended public comment. RBC is the second county in the U.S. to pass such a resolution, following months of activist efforts by national groups aimed toward the larger goal of pushing hand counts for all ballots, dismantling vote-by-mail systems and implementing stricter voter ID requirements.

Those in favor of the resolution argued that Dominion voting systems are vulnerable to exploitation via the internet, backed by claims from partisan "forensic reports" that claim Mesa County proved manipulation of voting records in the 2020 election.

Those opposed to the measure, including election officials, challenged that claims of vulnerability were not backed by evidence, or made by people with direct knowledge of the local vote verification process.

"Dismantling our electronic voting systems puts us in violation of national election laws and makes our elections less secure, and not more secure" said Dr. Bob Dorsett, who also noted that local voting systems have been "proven accurate" by the Colorado County Clerks association, audits in the Colorado Election Center and the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security

Agency in the Department of Homeland Security.

These reassurances have failed to convince everyone though, thanks in part to those "forensic reports" conducted on unauthorized copies of a voting system computer hard drive from Mesa County.

Three total reports, published by the "United States Election Integrity Plan" (USEIP) each feature hundreds of pages of technical jargon, analysis and breakdowns of potential exploitation vectors for dominion machines.

The first report, published in September 2021, claimed to examine differences between two separate "images" of one Mesa County voting machine from before and after a "trusted build" software update occurred. It states the comparison showed evidence of "systematic deletion of files," claims repeated during Tuesday's BOCC meeting.

Harri Hursti, one of many independent internet security experts who attended MyPillow CEO Mike Lindell's "Cyber Symposium" event last August, said the images in question were "no evidence of anything being deleted from anywhere." Hursti further demonstrated that according to election deniers' own presented data, the two images being compared were in fact not even copied from the same computer and thus could not be used for comparison.

Additional evidence for this assertion

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# COUNTY BEAT

By **NIKI TURNER**  
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## WORK SESSIONS

Building inspector Matt Franks said there are still unfinished 2021 building projects on the table, but few new applications coming in. He cited supply chain issues and costs of materials as likely causes of the downturn.

Beth Willey has been appointed interim public health director. No applications for the position have been received since Alice Harvey's departure. Additional state funding available will be used to fund a temporary position to help with administrative work as the state transitions from pandemic response mode to endemic response and the responsibilities of local public health agencies shift.

Dana Hvalac with DOLA presenting the findings of a feasibility study for the county consider-

ing the need for a county administrator. His report indicates the county needs an organizational overhaul in light of long-term goals, and that the current way staff and department heads report to the commissioners is "not a sustainable organizational structure." Hiring an administrator — if the right person can be found for the job — could reduce communication obstacles and streamline processes for the county's multiple departments.

Action items Hvalac said should occur whether the county goes forward with hiring an administrator or not include "deeper strategic planning" and "high level visioning" for where the county is headed in the future; organizational structure should be reviewed and defined; a review of the compensation plan needs to be looked at and that should be done in a public-facing process; a commitment to a vision and projects being funded

based on vision, not just financial availability; and a clarification of roles and responsibilities between staff and elected officials.

Tom Prenzlo discussed the Meeker Airport water-line project and hangar construction. A lack of water supply for fire suppression has hindered the construction. Commissioner Ty Gates said other options are potentially available and encouraged Prenzlo to enter into discussions with Franks and with Meeker Fire Chief Luke Pelloni about hangar plans and requirements.

## REGULAR MEETING

The board approved letters of support to Senators Hickenlooper for the Town of Oak Creek regarding the need for federal funding for Sheriff Reservoir and Dam rehabilitation. The reservoir is in Rio Blanco County, but supplies water for the Town of Oak Creek, and the dam is in danger of failing.

■ Approved a letter of support for Pioneers Medical Center's application for Congressionally Directed Spending to Senator Michael Bennet.

■ Approved letters of support for the Town of Meeker granting permission to HopeWest to serve alcohol at the second annual Cornhole Tournament fundraiser.

■ Approved letters of support to Sen. Hickenlooper and Bennet's offices requesting potential funding to transition the jail to a law enforcement training center. Commissioner Ty Gates said they have moved away from seeking Office of Just Transition funding from the state of Colorado because the project did not meet changed criteria. Gates later said they have shifted their request to apply for funding for a grant specialist position.

■ Approved multiple contracts for weed and pest control activities including hand spraying and aerial spraying totaling \$293,812, and chip sealing on County Road 8 to United Companies for \$776,425.

The board also approved resolutions to "reduce the appropriation to the Clerk and Recorder/Elections in the amount of \$13,800 regarding annual maintenance expenses relating to the Dominion election machines." (see additional article on Page 1.)

The resolution will not impact the coming recall or special district elections in May, or the primary elections in June, as funding for licensing and maintenance of the Dominion machines is in effect through Oct. 1, 2022.

The board also approved the one-time exemption to spending

from the CCITF fund (see additional information on Page 1).

Commissioners approved purchase of body-worn cameras and in-car video systems for the Sheriff's Office. The cameras are funded by a JAG grant, and the in-car video systems are funded by a donation to the sheriff's department.

In a second work session Tuesday afternoon the board reviewed projects that may be eligible for federal and state recovery funds. Some of the items discussed include a backup generator for the Fairfield Center complex, HVAC replacement for county buildings, and a raw water treatment project at Columbine Park, as well as technology infrastructure for GIS and mapping, among other projects.

## PIES FOR A CAUSE ...



NIKI TURNER PHOTO

The Rio Blanco Masonic Lodge No. 80, established in 1890, hosted its annual fundraiser last Sunday at the Fairgrounds, providing a prime rib dinner and a silent auction for scholarships to go to local students. Since 2000, the local lodge has provided \$57,460 in scholarship funding.



### Meeker Preschool Roundup 2022-2023

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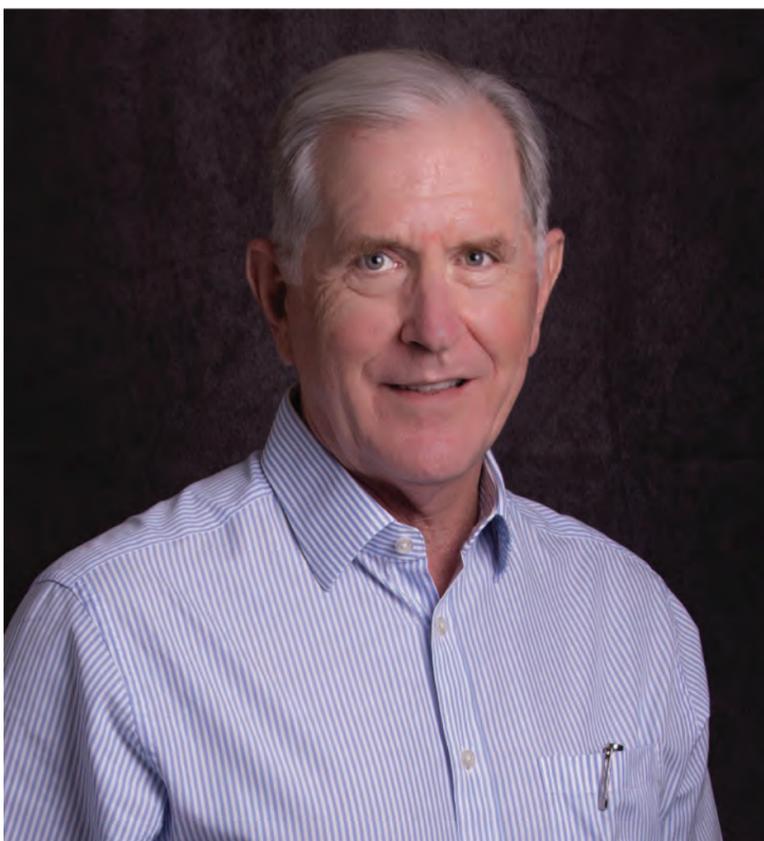
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# Terry Smalec running to replace Moyer in May recall election

By **TERRY SMALEC**  
Special to the Herald Times

**RBC** | For those of you who don't know me, I am Terry Smalec, and I am running for successor in the Gary Moyer Recall Election. My wife and I came to Rangely in 1982 so I could pursue an instrumentation tech degree at Colorado Northwestern Community College. We arrived during

the boom days in Rangely, so we had to spend our first six months here living in a teepee just off Dragon Road. Not long after I completed my degree, I was employed by Williams Companies. My wife and I raised two children here, and I retired from Williams after 31 years. My diverse work experience includes working for major corporations, the government and starting several

businesses. I am currently a beekeeper and sell honey, wax and bee hives. I have also served on the Rangely Town Council and several boards including the RBC Fair Board, the Douglas Creek Conservation District Board, the Rio Blanco Schools Federal Credit Union Board and several others. My political "agenda" is pretty simple:

- Serving the people of Rio Blanco County will always be the priority
- Micromanaging department heads doesn't work, but utilizing them and using the talent and resources in the county does.
- Stepping on the toes of other elected officials and trying to dictate to them how to run their offices is never a good idea.
- Every citizen of Rio

Blanco County deserves to be listened to with respect. If you want to know more about me, please call 970-675-2355 and if I don't pick up, please leave a message telling me how to contact you. Again, thank you for your signatures and support! Please vote because even one vote can make a difference and help make this a better county.



**Terry Smalec**

## NEWS NOTES

### Water Initiative meetings in April

**RBC** | The White River Integrated Water Initiative is holding its next round of public meetings in April. We will be discussing priority projects for each segment of the White River. All meetings are from 6-8 p.m. Upper Reach April 19 at the Buford School, focus on forestry and Lake Avery update; Lower Reach April 21, CNCC Weiss Conference Room in Rangely, focus on sediment and irrigation pond renovation and rangeland management; Middle Reach April 25, Rio Blanco Fairgrounds Exhibit Hall B, focus on hydrology of the middle reach; Piceance Creek April 27, Rock School House, focus on water supply and storage. Please join us at one or all of the meetings. We need your feedback for this community driven water plan.

### Wild Game Luncheon at the Capitol April 21

**MEEKER** | Celebrate the decorated history of Colorado's hunting, angling and conservation efforts during the free wild game luncheon at the annual Sportsmen's Day at the Capitol (200 E. Colfax, Denver) April 21 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Sportsmen Caucus co-chairs from the state house and senate will be in attendance, along with CPW Director Dan Prenzl, guest speaker Shane Mahoney, and Miss Rodeo American Hailey Frederikson and Miss Rodeo Colorado Ashley Baller. For more info contact Ellary Tucker Williams at 202-573-6079 or Dan Gates at 719-269-7972.

### Ranch roping fundraiser April 23

**MEEKER** | Ranch roping competition at the fairgrounds starting at 9 a.m. Saturday, April 23, a fundraiser for our Open Range Rodeo Bible Camp in June. We will have a silent auction during the roping featuring tack items, quilts and baked goods. Lunch will be served by the ladies of the Open Range Cowboy Church. 970-260-6820 for more info.

### Meeker book club May 9

**MEEKER** | The book club will be reading "The Bad-Ass Librarians of Timbuktu" by Joshua Hammer. We will discuss the book on Monday, May 9 at 1 p.m. All are welcome to join in the fun.

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# Todd Shults seeking re-election to hospital board

By **TODD SHULTS**  
Special to the Herald Times

**MEEKER** | Having served on the Pioneers Medical Center Board of Directors for the past four years, I have been able to see what really goes on in the hospital and how much work is put in behind the scenes. We have excellent providers and a tremendously talented staff, without these people Pioneers Medical Center

would not be the place that it is today. In these past few years, I have been able to be a part of the expansion and growth of the hospital. We have placed the sleep center and the advanced orthopedic center into the hospital. I am very proud of the people that pulled the strings and started the process of being able to place these centers into our hospital. Both of these centers bring a lot of revenue in

and make it a better facility. I feel very honored to have been a part of this and see the improvements, just since I've been on this board. We get to have the ability to know that our hospital is one of the best rural facilities in the western part of the United States. I personally feel that our hospital wouldn't have this recognition if our board hadn't brought in the staff that now works at Pioneers during my

term. In the last two years, we have worked very hard to put a pharmacy on our hospital campus, and we are overjoyed that it finally happened. I feel that this will help our patients as well as our community tremendously. I enjoyed being able to serve on the board for the last four years. At this time I would like to ask for your vote to allow me to be reelected to the Pioneers



**Todd Shults**

Medical Center Board of Directors.

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EDITOR'S COLUMN

# Death and taxes

*Death, taxes and childbirth! There's never any convenient time for any of them.*

— Margaret Mitchell

By NIKI TURNER  
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If you haven't filed your 2021 taxes yet, you have until Monday, April 18 this year, instead of the usual April 15 deadline, thanks to a locally recognized public holiday — Emancipation Day — in the District of Columbia that has IRS offices closed on Friday. The D.C. Compensated Emancipation Act of 1862 ended slavery in Washington, D.C., and is celebrated on April 16. In the way of public holidays, that means Friday is a day off for those lucky folks with "banker's hours" in Washington. Which seems like everybody in Washington.

I used to think teaching would be a good way to take summers off and have regular vacations (Christmas, spring break), but I'm beginning to think politics might be the ideal way to have the most time off. Don't believe me? Watch a little C-SPAN and look at all the empty seats in Congress.

And back to taxes, I think we're all probably in agreement that the system is seriously flawed. Some people (on both ends of the economic spectrum) pay little to nothing, and the rest of us are left holding the bag. At the very least, it would be nice to simplify the process so the average person can fill out the forms without fear, figure out what they owe or overpaid, and trust they aren't going to be hounded by the IRS down the road.

KAYE'S CORNER

# Canyon Pintado

By KAYE SULLIVAN  
*Special to the Herald Times*

Here's a nearby outing you might enjoy — Canyon Pintado just south of Rangely. This a preserved, historic district that includes "rock art" created many years ago by Native Americans and others recording some of their history and beliefs.

The term "rock art" means human made markings on natural stone. More correctly, the images include pictographs and petroglyphs. The first refers to images created by using pigments and the second means carving or scraping into the rocks.

These images reflect the culture and religious lives of the Barrier Canyon culture 3000 BC – 100

AD, the Fremont culture roughly 100 – 1300 AD, and the Ute occupation, approximately 1300 – 1881.

Each image is unique and a few are even in color. Although fairly small, they tell an interesting story and preserve a part of our local history.

This area is managed by our local White River Field Office Bureau of Land Management. Signs along the main roads mark the driving route to see the rock art and at most stops, signs help explain what you are seeing. Along highway 139 there are eight sites and off of County Road 23 are four more.

Both routes include small parking areas with short hikes to see the images. Several sections are on fairly rough dirt

roads, so vehicles that can handle the tough areas are best. Also, keep in mind these are very remote and dusty areas so gas up before you start and take drinks.

As a minimum

you should get a brochure including a map from the White River Field Office at 220 East Market Street. If you stop at every site, this is a full day trip, depending on fast you hike.

Because it can be challenging to see the actual images or just determine which rock face they are on, I strongly recommend a tour with the BLM archaeologists based in the Meeker office. They offer a wealth of knowledge including more



Kaye Sullivan

about the history than the signs explain. I truly appreciated that they can help you find the rock art in every location that seems obvious once you know where to look but otherwise there's

a lot of rock out of there to search.

Please be respectful of this historic place that has endured hundreds of years. Don't touch the images as oil from our hands can damage the images. Don't add your own scratchings or drawings and do not harm these one-of-a kind sites.

Here's another hidden treasure of northwest Colorado!

LOOSE ENDS

# The value of apprenticeships

By DOLLY VISCARDI  
*Special to the Herald Times*

"You want me to show you how I do this?" I was often asked by a wide variety of residents over the years, after I expressed an interest in their needlework or leather project. I begged off almost as often, as I had usually made an unsuccessful attempt to learn the craft on my own. I realized, when I learned about the new state-supported program to

train apprentices in a wide variety of trades, that I had interviewed quite a few people of all ages, who still practiced a skill many of us considered a "lost art." It didn't matter that they were using any and almost every natural material they could find easily. They usually learned from a family member or someone they saw frequently out on their ranch.

They began to work with metal,



Dolly Viscardi

leather, wool and wood crafting "something from nothing." Initially, most of them did not have any skill at all, using only their determination to make a finished product that could be used. Some of the younger folks found themselves working, as an apprentice of sorts, to a master craftsman because they developed

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Vote wisely

Dear Editor:

It's time to decide if Gary Moyer will remain in office for the remainder of his term, or be replaced by someone who will work towards what's best for Rio Blanco County. As in any election people should research articles, accusations, evidence, witnesses, etc. to decide who is the best candidate and for the majority of the citizens. I urge you to vote wisely for the betterment of RBC for now and into the future, NOT for individual gain. I feel Gary may have a hard time differentiating this concept. Perhaps he is trying to be "the good ol' boy" or to just win friends?

Moyer has stated and I quote, "local government should provide services in a fair, respectful and professional manner consistent with the customs and culture of the citizens of RBC." I personally find Gary neither fair nor professional nor oftentimes respectful to others! I have witnessed this myself first hand. When several of the commissioners go directly against an RBC law (re: Article 15 of the Land Use Regulations concerning rubbish and junk) to not enforce that law, I will never understand how that can be fair or professional!

On a side note, I would like to see a list of what the presently seated Commissioners have truly accomplished for the betterment of our county while in office. It may be a fairly short list! We as a county have had plenty of good Commissioners and will again, but I question two of those currently in office.

Vote for what's good for RBC now and always.

Connie Kelley  
Meeker

much easier to feel anger, hate and contempt towards those who have done us wrong and when life has dealt us a bad hand. In reality, the only person who pays the cost of these feelings is you. If you hate someone or the situation you are in, you're paying this cost to have things of value taken from you. Mainly, your peace of mind, love of other people and openness to the world.

Poison isn't always something we eat or drink, it can be an emotion. For instance, hate and anger. These mental emotions can pollute your spirit, poison your soul and seep into all of the relationships that surround you. If you have found yourself wrapped up in the arms of hatred and anger, you know how damaging and mind-consuming it can become.

At the heart of all hatred is blame, this is particularly true for hatred turned outward. If you feel like you've been seriously wronged or victimized by someone, your discontent and anger carry with it the seeds of hatred. The more you hold onto hatred, the more likely it is that the hot coal of these negative emotions will burn you. Hate, whether turned inward or out, creates a destructive state of mind that wreaks havoc with your physical health and emotional well-being. The sooner we rid ourselves of negative and toxic emotions, the less damage it can do and the healthier and happier you'll be.

Make today the day you address the darkness and let the sunshine in again. Do not surrender yourself to the power of hate, anger and contempt. Value your peace of mind, the love of others and open your eyes to what is good and the blessings of family, health, love and most importantly peace of mind.

Cathy Kiser  
Meeker

### Moyer all about 'I, me and my' not 'YOU'

Dear Editor:

After reviewing the Gary Moyer Recall Ballot online, I came across some issues I must address concerning his statement:

First: Moyer states "They are not concerned with the cost of the election or the impact on the stability of our county." Why was it that in 1987, it was fine for Moyer to be involved in the recall of TWO RBC County Commissioners (Allen Jones and Kenneth Kenney), but it is not OK to recall Moyer now? Rest assured, Moyer, that the county will survive and remain stable without you — no matter what happens.

Second: In Moyer's statement, "The clerk and recorder that sent you this ballot and the people behind the recall are upset about these budget cuts and how they impacted them personally." I need to correct Moyer. I was not impacted personally, and it actually affected very few of us on the committee. There were other actions by Moyer that led to this recall.

Third: Moyer had 12 references to himself using "I, me and my." I could not find any references to YOU, the citizens of Rio Blanco County. Perhaps Moyer and others could use a little refresher on what an elected official's job is. They work for YOU.

Voters of Rio Blanco County, please read your ballot carefully. You have only one vote, and I urge you to be wise before casting it. It is important to send a message to current and future commissioners (as well as other elected officials) no matter how many months they have left. Rio Blanco County elected officials serve YOU, the public, not themselves.

Terry Smalec  
Rangely

### Find the blessings

Dear Editor:

I'm not a person that likes to be in the eyes of the public, but felt the need to express my thoughts on hate, contempt and anger, especially in this current state of our world and within our county.

Yes, I'm a believer in God, although I may not attend church, I am certain that my faith and belief is what gets me through life. Every day I rely on Him and feel His presence. Feelings of hate anger, hopeless and even depression can consume me, but God remains in my heart and gives me hope and strength to move forward and find the blessings in my life.

In our present messed up world and what I see happening in the county, this is when we should be finding the blessings and living life to the fullest. I'm sure that it is

### Old Timers future plans

Dear Editor:

The organizational meeting originally planned for April 20 has been postponed until April 27, Wednesday at 6 p.m. The meeting will be held Wednesday April 27, at 6 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.

Call the following if  
you have questions:

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GUEST COLUMN

# You may not have a Mayflower ancestor, but chances are, your ancestors stepped off a boat to get here

By ED PECK  
Special to the Herald Times

Which leads into a very popular subject, "How do I find my family in Ellis Island records? I heard they changed their names there!" A popular misconception is that all immigrants sailed by the Statue of Liberty to get to America. The second misconception is that Port Authorities anglicized names randomly.

Once you have pinpointed the ancestor who 'came over from the Old Country', you have to ask more questions before you can find the ship. The most important question is WHEN DID THEY ARRIVE. If you suspect they arrived between 1860 and 1930, the first place to look is the Federal Census

taken in 1900, 1910, 1920 and 1930. Those censuses are very complete records and the census taker asked the question, "What year did you arrive or immigrate, and from what country?" District court records contain some information in later Naturalization records. NAR has copies. [Ancestry.com](http://Ancestry.com) has huge naturalization and immigration INDEXES. In general, you will not find women in Naturalization records. Women didn't vote before 1920, and didn't need to prove citizenship. A father may have "arrived" first to check out the opportunities in America before "immigrating" with his family on a later trip. The first immigration records began in 1820. The Steerage Act of 1819 required ship owners to collect information from steerage class passengers as

part of the ship's manifest. The captain was held responsible for verifying the immigrants had enough food and cash to survive the trip. Steerage passengers were treated as cargo and had to feed themselves. An officer of the ship was responsible for listing names on the manifest AT THE PORT OF DEPARTURE. This where language barriers and heavy accents created anglicized names close to what the officer heard from the passenger. Many immigrants choose to retain that name later. It was NOT a permanent name change forced on someone. Receiving stations simply relied on the ship manifest as a source of names. The government didn't change names. When looking for immigration records, try many variations of the surname. This is why knowing the year of immigration and departure port is so important. It allows you to narrow down your search. You don't want to sort through 1.5 million records. Please note, First Class passengers may not be on the ship's manifest. The well-to-do were above such scrutiny. I WONDER IF THE NATIVES HAD AN IMMIGRATION AGENT AT PLYMOUTH ROCK.

Next week we explore where to look for ship records based on the year of arrival.

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

CNCC CORNER

# CNCC working to fill gaps left by the "Great Resignation"

By DR. LISA JONES  
CNCC President

There has been a great deal of talk recently about the "Great Resignation" and labor shortages happening across the United States. Employers are struggling to find and/or retain qualified professionals in key industries. Currently, there is an alarming shortage of pilots, aviation maintenance techs, nurses, and cybersecurity and IT professionals. At CNCC we are working hard to adjust our programs and offerings to help fill those gaps quickly. Here are a few examples:

**Aviation:** Under the leadership of our new Aviation-Flight Program Director Nathan Hardin, we have been increasing student flight time to provide these future pilots with the necessary experience they need to fill the thousands of vacancies in today's flight industry. We have also increased recruitment efforts, holding aviation specific

events like the recent Landing your Career day to introduce juniors and seniors students to careers options in aviation and aviation maintenance



Dr. Lisa Jones

**Cybersecurity:** CNCC launched this new degree program last fall. In its first semester, CNCC exceeded its enrollment goal by 50%. Additionally, one third of its first semester class passed the industry recognized CompTIA Security+ and Network+ exams, making them eligible to begin working IT and Cybersecurity in a minor capacity in while they continue to complete their degree.

**Nursing:** To provide greater opportunity to community members, CNCC is expanding the number of seats offered to residents and is making admission to the program more accessible. Our new Guaranteed Admission Program will provide new students peace of mind as they take necessary classes to prepare for admission

into the nursing program.

Students who attend full-time can typically complete any of these degrees in as little as two years. This gets them into the workforce quickly and can help alleviate pressure from job shortages. Additionally, these high paying careers have starting salaries ranging from \$52,000-\$84,000. That puts them above the average starting salary for bachelor's degree holders (from Humanities to Engineering graduates), typically \$46,000-\$68,000.

Moving forward, Colorado Northwestern will continue to look at ways we can help alleviate labor shortages while providing excellent career opportunities for our students. For now, I am looking forward to closing out the academic year with you in our next CNCC corner and sharing a bit more about what is next. There are great things ahead!

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their own interest. There were vocational classes in many rural areas that built on these skills, as well. Some of the woodshop classes learned to build by creating pieces of furniture or by expanding their interest in construction by building a house. The importance of this "hands-on" experience cannot

be over-emphasized. Later on, classes at the local community college programs included quilting, collecting edible local plants, as well as throwing clay pots and painting.

Local artisans are continuing this tradition and expanding their product's availability online, as well as at local shops. During the

pandemic, there was increase in the number of people able to share their passion for arts and crafts, as they spent so much time at home. Recently, it seems that this new way of working, from both inside and outside our homes, have changed things for the better. Along with the some of the people who have left their pre-Pandemic employment to take jobs that give them more time with their families, there has been a reawakening of everyone's interest in other things besides work. No one could find the extra time in the day (or evening) to do anything else. Growing our economy by continuing to support those local residents who are now able to offer more of their own products is the natural next step.

"Shop local" has been the motto that most of us have tried to continue all these years. Even during the boom and bust years, there have been those among us who make it an annual goal and have been able give a needed boost to those smaller businesses in the area. The ease and convenience of online shopping has threatened this practice, yet developments like new state programs demonstrate that it can continue to be honored.

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OBITUARIES

Thomas F. Pessel

Nov. 28, 1925 ~ April 6, 2022

Thomas F. Pessel, 96, of Sea Girt, New Jersey, passed away Wednesday, April 6, 2022, at his home. Born Nov. 28, 1925, in Princeton, New Jersey, Tom grew up in Hopewell, New Jersey. He enlisted in the United States Marine Corps and proudly served during WWII from 1944-1946. After his honorable discharge Tom finished high school at The Drew School in San Francisco and then graduated from Syracuse University in 1951. Tom served in the United States Army as First Lieutenant 1951-1953 during the Korean War. He worked as Executive of Sales and Marketing for Scott Paper Company and International Paper. He completed his work



Tom Pessel

career at CGS Scientific Corporation as President and CEO. Tom's greatest joy was his family, and he was a devoted husband, Dad and Grandpa. Tom enjoyed an active retirement. He was an outdoorsman and loved hunting, fishing and watching the wildlife. His hobbies, cooking, gardening and reading brought him pleasure. He had a senior pass from Aspen Ski Company and spent many days on the mountain with his wife and family. He also rode his bike until he was 95! Tom was a member of The First Presbyterian Church in Manasquan, New Jersey, and a life member of The Brandywine Trout and Conservation Club.

Son of the late Dr. Johannes Pessel and Helen Dearmyer Pessel, Tom is survived by his beloved wife of 68 years Francina Hill Pessel, his four children Laura Pessel (SO Robert Regulski) of Meeker, Colorado; Susan Davis (husband Jesse Davis) of Charlotte, North Carolina; Thomas Pessel Jr. (wife Beverly Pessel) of Port St. Lucie, Florida; and Lee Anne Graeb (husband Andrew Graeb) of Bethesda, Maryland. Tom has five grandchildren — Cyndi, Debbie, Jessica, Natalie and Tom, and six great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his sister-in-law Sara Pessel, brother-in-law Edward Hill. He was predeceased

in death by his brother William Pessel and sister Gloria Mack.

Arrangements are under the care of Orender Family Home for Funerals, Manasquan, New Jersey. A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. June 3 at The First Presbyterian Church in Manasquan presided by Pastor Jim Dunson, 16 Virginia Ave., Manasquan, New Jersey. A reception at the church will immediately follow the service. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to The First Presbyterian Church, Manasquan, New Jersey. To send condolences to the family please visit [www.orenderfamilyhome.net](http://www.orenderfamilyhome.net).

Stephen Charles McSweeney

Dec. 24, 1949 ~ March 18, 2022

Stephen Charles McSweeney, accomplished software engineer, voracious reader, dog lover, mountain biker, tennis player, skier, hunter, fisherman, rancher, Civil War history enthusiast and master of comical storytelling, passed on March 18, 2022, the day after he celebrated his favorite holiday, St Patrick's Day.

Born on Dec. 24, 1949 in Silver Spring, Maryland, Stephen, was the most special Christmas present Charles and Alberta McSweeney could have asked for. Sadly, Stephen's beautiful mother, Alberta, passed away when Stephen had just reached the age of three. Charles' sister Adah and her daughter, cousin Elaine, joined the household with Stephen and his father after Alberta's passing. Aunt Adah (Nurse Bossart) helped raise the bright and energetic Stephen until Charles married Gladys (Johnson) McSweeney. Gladys was a sweet and doting mother to Stephen and Aunt Adah remained a cherished mother figure as well for his lifetime.

Stephen grew up in Silver Spring, Maryland, and summers were spent in Colorado at the family ranch near Meeker and in Carbondale with extended family. Stephen was a gifted student and despite acceptance to several esteemed colleges, he decided a small liberal arts school was the best fit for him, and he attended Western Maryland College (now McDaniel College) in Westminster, Maryland.

College life for only child Stephen was a highlight in his life, with his Gamma Beta Kai "brothers". Stephen did well in his academics and served in the ROTC program, graduating with honors and earning a Bachelor's degree in mathematical sciences in 1972. He later continued his academics by earning his Master's degree in software engineering from John's Hopkins College of Engineering, while working at Westinghouse.

Stephen served proudly as a commissioned officer for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and following his honorable discharge, he was fortunate to be given the opportunity to launch his career as an engineer at Westinghouse Corporation in Maryland. He was proud to be part of the team that developed radar technology for B1 bombers.

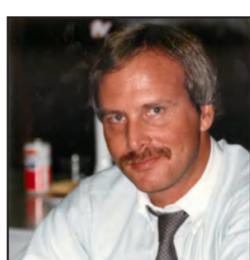
In 1978, daughter Heather Cathleen arrived and Stephen was amazed at how this tiny being captured his heart. As an only child, he had no experiences with babies, but he embraced the joy of watching tiny Heather grow and discover life. Stephen kept a small box in his dresser with some of her tiny childhood clothing and shoes as a personal memento of that magical time in his life. He cherished his time as a parent and did his best to enhance her appreciation for experiences, history and creating wonderful memories.

In 1986, Stephen proclaimed, "West is Best," bought a Ford Bronco and moved to Colorado to accept a position with Ball Corporation as a software manager. This relocation brought him into closer proximity to his father and stepmother Gladys who had retired and moved to Rifle, Colorado, near the McSweeney Family Ranch. Living in Colorado meant that adventures with Heather could now include grandparents Charles and Gladys.

While working at Ball Corporation, Stephen met wife Camille, who was unable to resist the captivating grin, brilliant intellect, witty sense of humor, and beautiful green eyes, so she said yes! They were married in Santa Fe in 1991 in a quiet ceremony held in a chapel listed in the National Historic Register, in theme with Stephen's love of history. They were married for over 30 years and shared many adventures including many travels, vacations in Taos, and staying at the cabin on the family ranch. Camille remained his partner, playmate and caregiver until Stephen passed.

In 1998 when Heather and Stephen were on a trip to the McSweeney Ranch, they rescued a dirty, injured dog that had sought refuge in the ranch coal bin. The discovery of this gravely injured dog would change Stephen's life and heart forever. Thanks to the encouragement of Heather, Stephen brought this injured dog home and paid the substantial vet bills to restore this injured stray Border Collie mix back to robust health and the big personality that charmed all that she met. Cody Ann was Stephen's devoted and adoring canine companion and co-pilot for 15 years and enhanced his life in innumerable ways. After Cody passed, Stephen knew he still needed a dog in his life, so at the age of 65, he was blessed with the opportunity to choose his very first puppy. Sutton is a stunningly beautiful miniature Australian Shepherd and she was Stephen's devoted and loving companion until Stephen passed. The magic of Cody transformed Stephen into a dog lover that would never again live without the love of dogs in his life.

Stephen established lifelong relationships at Western Maryland College and attended reunions for many years with his former Gamma Beta Kai brothers. He was fortunate to have some of those brothers, Charlie and Dave, visit him in Colorado in recent years, which was a wonderful occasion for storytelling and reminiscing. One of the best blessings in Stephen and Camille's life together has been the community of loving friends that they have gained in Taos. "The Hood" has embraced and included them for the last 15 years and enhanced their lives immeasurably. It has made Taos an even more beautiful and rejuvenating



Stephen McSweeney

place and refuge. Stephen loved his time there and appreciated every breathtaking sunset, star filled night sky, beer with the boys, dinners with friends, Fourth of July fireworks viewing from lawn chairs and the mesmerizing solace and beauty of that magical place.

Stephen had a lifelong love of Girl Scout Thin Mint cookies, college basketball (especially ACC, GO DUKE!), reading, Civil War and American history, Maryland Crab cakes, travel, chili con queso (that "decorated" his shirt), sailing, a good cigar, playing pool on Thursday nights, an occasional single malt scotch, art, the beauty of the McSweeney Ranch and the company of his dogs, family and great friends.

To the end, his defining sense of humor remained with him. He faced his challenges bravely with loving partner Camille and carved out a good life. We will miss his wonderful Christmas Chronicles, but we imagine Stephen, now at peace, once again playing basketball and tennis, riding his bike, fishing with Charles and Gladys, hugging his mother Alberta, reminiscing about Hell Missions with his Gamma Beta Kai brothers, playing pool with his buddy Neil Endsley and of course receiving many puppy kisses from Cody.

He was loved. Stephen was predeceased by his parents, Alberta (Witchey) McSweeney, Charles McSweeney and Gladys (Johnson) McSweeney, Aunt Adah (McSweeney) Bossart, Father and Mother Inlaws, Nelan and Joyce Peterson and his faithful first dog, Cody Ann McSweeney.

He is survived by his wife Camille Peterson, daughter Heather Cathleen Dillen (Travis), grandchildren Lillian and Aiden Dillen, sisters-in-law Darla (Peterson) Broshar (Dave), Patricia Peterson (Bill), niece Dani (Broshar) Anderson (Dusty), niece Kennedy Anderson, nephew Kyler Anderson, cousins Elaine, Erin and Scott Hutchings, stepdaughter Hollie Fraley, step mother-in-law Maudie Corvin and his beloved dogs Murphy, Sutton and Paris.

A private celebration of life will take place at a later date. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Stephen's memory may be made to the Parkinson's Foundation, McDaniel College, and Johns Hopkins Whiting School of Engineering. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy are appreciated and may be shared at [www.ahbergsfuneralchapel.com](http://www.ahbergsfuneralchapel.com).



White River Solar

General Information & FAQs  
2022-2023

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

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

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

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

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

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

Tier Options	# of Blocks	Residential Meters Yearly Lease Fee	Production Credit (Mo/Yr)
1	1	\$36	\$5/\$60
2	2	\$72	\$10/\$120
3	3	\$108	\$15/\$180
Tier Options	# of Blocks	Commercial Meters (SC1, SC3, L1) Yearly Lease Fee	Production Credit (Mo/Yr)
1	5	\$180	\$25/\$300
2	10	\$360	\$50/\$600
3	20	\$720	\$100/\$1,200

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

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

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

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

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

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

Questions?

Call (970)878-5041 or visit [wrea.org/solar](http://wrea.org/solar)

# VOTING: continued

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include BIOS logs from each “image” which showed two completely different computer models with distinct hardware and software capabilities.

Despite this gap between election integrity claims and countervailing evidence from the first report, USEIP has since published two additional forensic reports. These reports were cited on Tuesday by proponents of the resolution to defund Dominion tabulation machines.

Rangely resident Don Davidson stated that the reports demonstrated, among other things, a failure to maintain “trackable system logs,” unexplained creation of “extra databases during vote tabulation,” the “inability to reconcile databases with final vote counts” and the presence of “numerous wireless devices within the machines.” Further explanation of what these claims meant was not provided Tuesday.

Hand-count proponents noted that the ability to connect to the internet in particular made the tabulation machines vulnerable to attack, though page 31 of the second report stated that it could not conclusively prove any machines were connected to another network, including the internet, “without examining the physical system, as well as every other device connected to the network.”

Commissioners Gary Moyer and Jeff Rector both voted in favor of the resolution, and repeated similar arguments for their reason to do so. “The question is, can they be hacked into, not will they be hacked into, not if they have been hacked into,” said Moyer, emphasizing that the decision was not based on any alleged wrongdoing or actual voter/election fraud in Rio Blanco County. Rector echoed Moyer’s statements. He said the goal was “to get somebody at Dominion to go ‘you know what, maybe we need to look at this, maybe there is a problem with this.’” Dominion, the company who creates the

machines, has opted to challenge integrity claims in civil court, rather than the court of public opinion, a strategy Moyer called “troubling.”

Multiple current and former election judges for RBC spoke against the measure, such as one Meeker resident who said “show us the proof that the internal modems can be accessed from any computer in the world” and emphasized that those making claims had not participated in the election process. Pat Dagget shared her experience volunteering for the election board, noting, “I truly feel that everyone who questions this process needs to volunteer and come in and sit on that board.” Others emphasized that hand counts would likely make counts less accurate, due to human error.

Other opponents of the measure proposed a compromise, suggesting that the board hold off on defunding the machines for now to provide more time for analysis of the facts. Other suggestions included a comparison of tabulation machines to a hand count to demonstrate their accuracy. These suggestions were rejected for a variety of reasons.

Commissioner Ty Gates voted against the resolution, primarily because of the potential of liability for the county. RBC Attorney Don Steerman explained that change would necessitate accommodations for disabled people, accommodations which are currently provided via the Dominion electronic voting system. “We’re probably going to need to find something that is ADA compliant by November,” said Gates.

The board could reverse the decision with another resolution before it takes full effect in this year’s midterm election, though it is possible Moyer will not be in office following the upcoming recall election. Additionally, Commissioner Rector has also indicated his intent to resign from the board, though it is not clear when that will happen.

You can view the entire meeting referenced in this story at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?t=1110>

National discourse about election integrity has filtered down to Rio Blanco County, prompting questions about the process of voting. Just before the 2020 general election, the HT ran an article that outlined the steps of the voting process, from ballot creation to votes being counted. Here is that information again:

**BIRTH OF A BALLOT:** Once the Colorado Secretary of State certifies the content for a ballot (making sure signatures on petitions have been verified, etc.) the ballot is confirmed.

“It goes by precinct,” according to RBC Clerk and Recorder Boots Campbell. Depending on where you live in the state, you vote for different candidates and pay into different special districts. These are called “splits.”

These ballots are proofed, approved and sent to the printer. Local election judges—two from each party affiliation—stuff the ballots into secrecy sleeves, then into barcoded envelopes. The barcodes allow election officials to track who has voted without connecting the voter’s name to their ballot.

**LOGIC AND ACCURACY TESTING:** Voting machines are tested in-house prior to ballots being mailed. Election judges fill out test ballots, tally the results, and then run those test ballots through the scanner. Results from the machines are compared with the hand tally to ensure accuracy.

**BALLOTS MAILED:** Twenty-two days before an election county clerks’ offices mail ballots to every registered voter. The responsibility for registering to vote, for choosing a party affiliation, for changing an affiliation, and for changing mailing addresses, are solely in the hands of the voter. You can register online or in person (check your voter registration status here: <https://www.sos.state.co.us/voter/pages/pub/olvr/findVoterReg.xhtml>).

Be prepared to provide verification of your identity, however you register. If you’ve moved, be aware that ballots cannot be “forwarded” to your new address like regular mail. Ballots that are marked undeliverable are locked in a vault at the clerk’s office, and are considered “dead ballots.” Voters can return ballots either by mail — don’t forget your stamp and make sure you mail it back in time, drop it in a drop box, deliver it to your local voting location, or go vote in person during posted voting hours.

**BALLOT COLLECTION:** Once the ballots have been mailed out, election officials begin collecting the “live ballots” from the post office and the dropboxes. Two officials — never from the same party — collect ballots and scan the barcodes into the SCORE system on the same day they are collected.

**SIGNATURE VERIFICATION:** When it’s time to count the votes, four election judges, with two Democrats and two Republicans each, are on hand to verify signatures with the voter’s registration record. If two judges disagree, the ballot goes to another panel of judges. If the signature can’t be verified, the voter is contacted and has eight days to “cure” their ballot. Walk-in voters have to produce identification that matches their voter registration record.

**BALLOT COUNTING:** One judge opens the envelope and hands the sleeve and ballot to the next judge, who takes the ballot out of the secrecy sleeve and hands it to another judge who straightens the ballots and stacks them. The fourth judge puts the ballots in batches of 25 to be scanned. After scanning, results are copied onto a removable device before being downloaded into an election management system on a separate machine. Each time, election workers compare a physical printout of results from the tabulation machines to what is put in the system. Batches are also audited by the state after the election for accuracy with a risk-limiting audit, and a bipartisan canvass board verifies the results.

**END OF THE LIFE CYCLE:** “Dead ballots” are kept for 25 months after each election, and then taken to the landfill by election officials for an “observed burial.”

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Rio Blanco County's full time dispatchers are Jordan Long, Brittany Mancini, Bobbie Schmidt, J'Leah Richardson, Jessica Stout and Rhawnie McGruder.

## County dispatchers recognized

**PRESS RELEASE**  
Special to the Herald Times

**RBC I** National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week is sponsored by the

Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials (APCO) International and celebrated annually, honors the thousands of men and women who respond to emergency calls, dispatch

emergency professionals and equipment, and render life-saving assistance to the nation’s citizens.

The Rio Blanco County dispatch center is made up of five full time dispatchers: Bobbie Schmidt, Brittany Mancini, Jordan Long, J'Leah Richardson, Jessica Stout and Communications Supervisor Rhawnie McGruder. Working primarily one dispatcher per 12 hour shift to answer phone calls and radio traffic for the Rio Blanco County deputies, Meeker Police Department and Meeker Fire and Rescue.

Rio Blanco County Communication Center takes pride in making sure that the personnel we dispatch for and our community are safe. Using professionalism, promptness and customer service. Our entire Sheriff's Office always strives in giving 100% and moving forward to better serve our community.

Our dispatch center has worked hard this last year having all dispatchers APCO (Association of public safety communication officials) certified in Public Safety Telecommunications, Emergency Medical Dispatch, and Crisis Negotiation certified. APCO is a nationally recognized organization for telecommunications.

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# Be safe and Protect Power Lines

### WREA encourages caution during spring burns.

- ▷ Plan your burn before you begin and be prepared with the proper tools.
- ▷ Clear vegetation and debris in a 3 feet circle around the base of poles.
- ▷ Water and electricity do not mix – do not spray water close to conductors.
- ▷ Contact RBC Sheriff for fire bans/warnings and let them know you plan to burn.
- ▷ If a pole catches fire, call the fire department and WREA immediately.
- ▷ Monitor power poles in the area during and after the burn.

**Not reporting a fire-damaged pole may cause a serious accident later. Report any fire damaged poles to WREA immediately.**



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# CCITF: concern over use of funds sparks community conversation

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VandenBrink said, emphasizing the need for a water storage project somewhere in the White River Basin, whether it's at Wolf Creek or elsewhere, to ensure water availability for the county's citizens in the future.

Former RBC Commissioner Forrest Nelson said his concern is that CCITF funds have lasted because of responsible, conservative spending practices in the past. "I have concerns for our future, and I think maybe this money needs to be conserved."

Rangely Town Manager Lisa Piering said the project is a long-term investment and the Town is in support.

Resident Sheryl Myers asked why other reservoirs are not being repaired, expanded and maintained. VandenBrink said the other reservoirs in the county do not meet the needs that have been identified. Lake Avery is under the authority of Colorado Parks and Wildlife, Rio Blanco Lake is empty, and Kenney Reservoir is silted in. Dredging Kenney would be "cost-prohibitive" and would have to be repeated every 25 years or so, according to information RBWCD has received.

Deirdre Macnab, who owns property adjoining the Wolf Creek site, echoed concerns about process and procedures. "Wise leaders years ago put protocols in place to ensure public input and transparency," she

said.

Moyer pushed back against what he called an "innuendo" that the board has failed to comply with procedures and legal requirements, noting the \$4 million expenditure was thoroughly discussed during public budget workshops last fall.

Meeker resident Hal Pearce, urged caution, as the NEPA process — estimated to cost \$1.8 to \$2 million a year for three years — could come back as a negative.

\$2.5 million in analysis of the project has been spent, since 2013, to identify the Wolf Creek site as the preferred site. All told, it's a \$150 million project.

There was a general consensus expressed

that water is the "lifeline of Western Colorado," and that there are concerns to be addressed. How to respond to those needs remains open for debate.

Multiple additional comments were made during the work session and the regular meeting, which extended into the afternoon. The full work session video can be viewed at <https://youtu.be/kMp-g2S42qQ> the regular meeting video is available at <https://youtu.be/K8CXwpR1tMU>.

The one-time exemption allowing the \$4 million disbursement to the RBCWCD was unanimously approved by the board during the regular meeting Tuesday.

## Jim Pelley new pastor at Meeker Christian Church

By NIKI TURNER  
[editor@ht1885.com](mailto:editor@ht1885.com)

**MEEKER** I With numerous connections to Northwest Colorado, Jim Pelley is pleased to take on the role of pastor at Meeker Christian Church. He takes the place of longtime minister Merv Johnson, who passed away earlier this year.

Jim has deep roots in the area as the grandson of Moffat County homesteaders. He and his wife Jean are Craig high school alumni. Jim recalls playing football against the Meeker Cowboys. He operated a cattle ranch on Black Mountain until his call to ministry at the age of 40 when he attended Southwest Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas, in 1980.

Jim pastored the Christian church in Vernal, Utah, for a time, but most recently lived in Marthasville, Missouri, with their adult daughter,



Joan and Jim Pelley

COURTESY PHOTO

who spent 15 years as a missionary in Russia. The couple also has two adult sons who live in Texas, seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

"I thought I was retiring five years ago," Pelley said. That hasn't happened yet.

He was contacted by longtime friends Frank and Lois Sampson about the pastoral position in Meeker and the Pelleys decided to return to their Northwest

Colorado roots, this time in Meeker.

For Holy Week, there will be a Communion service Thursday, April 14 at 6:30 p.m., an in-house sunrise service on Easter Sunday at 6:30 a.m. at the Meeker Christian Church, 443 School St. Regular Sunday services include an adult Bible study at 10 a.m. followed by a worship service at 11 a.m.

## 4-H Club meeting report: April 10

By HATTIE BRENNAN  
*Special to the Herald Times*

**MEEKER** I We started our meeting Sunday, April 10 at 4 p.m. First we did the pledges. They were led by Cambrey Rogers, Milo Brennan, Rylan Ivy and Brodee Kilduff. Following was our secretary's report by Charlie Rogers and Hadley Franklin on the budget update. After that was a fun Ice Breaker. You take your shoes off and put them in front of you. Then Tatum Kennedy called something out and if you have that you have to find a different pair of shoes. If you didn't find a pair of shoes you were out. The whole point of the Ice Breaker was to be comfortable being uncomfortable. We then did a mini budget lesson. For example, our group had a pig. We had to figure out expenses, income and if you made or lost profit.

Following were demonstrations: Eli and Dylan Runburg on cow by-products, Ladree Tate on Australian shepherds, Jaicee Simmons on lamb cuts, Josh Simmons on goat cuts,



Hattie Brennan

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Klayton Carroll on pig ear notches, Brayden Raley on sore mouth and Jewell and Jackson McPherson on breeds of sheep.

Important Upcoming Dates:

May 1 is last chance to add or drop projects

May 4 is a record book workshop

May 15 sheep, goat and swine weigh-in 5-7 p.m. in Rangely

May 16 sheep, goat and swine weigh-in 5-7 p.m. in Meeker, 6 p.m. during weigh in mini clinic for all three species

June 1 animal ID deadline

June 1 DNA for sheep, goats and pigs for State Fair

June 27 poultry, rabbit weigh in 5-7 p.m.

The Grand Junction YGB Goat and Sheep showmanship camp is full!

Community Pride project opportunity:

April 11 stuffing Easter eggs with the Lions Club at the Exhibit Hall at 4 p.m.

The next meeting will be Sunday, May 15 at 4 p.m.

### THEME: BEATLEMANIA

#### ACROSS

- In the Queen of Hearts' oven?
- Indiana Jones' quest
- Dance with leis
- Sheikh, alt. sp.
- Opposite of paleo
- Hedgehog of movies and video games
- Toilet, to a toddler
- Pilot's estimate acronym
- One deserving of respect?
- \*Like submarine
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- Lobe location
- Per person
- To the \_\_\_ degree
- \*\*"Twist and Shout" endearment
- English confection
- Wraths
- Swarm like bees
- Not taken and taken
- Skiing helmet manufacturer
- Homework assignment
- Kamakawiwo'ole's strings, pl.
- Thermonuclear weapon
- Type of list
- Frost residue
- "God, We Praise You" (2 words)
- Redecorate, e.g.
- What Carl Lewis did

- Doctor's order
- December 31st, e.g.
- \*\*Whisper words of \_\_\_
- \*\*"Please \_\_\_ Me," 1st album
- Amusement
- Rage
- Scary movie consequence
- \_\_\_ del Carmen, Mexico
- Corn spot
- Reach a goal (2 words)
- Unit of heredity
- Cry of alarm
- Wipe out

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- Cough syrup amt.
- Greeting at sea
- Blood vessel network
- Ownership document
- NASA's first space station
- All over again
- Retired, abbr.
- Aussie bear
- \*\*I want to \_\_\_ your hand"
- Editing arrow
- Bank holding
- Acronym, abbr.
- Mister in Brazil
- Speak from a podium
- Month X
- Hideous sight
- \*\*It's been a hard day's

- Social group
- Roman king of Judea
- \*Starr's predecessor
- \*Fabulous number
- Faquir, [alt.sp.](#)
- Swelling

- Ruhr's industrial center
- Not all
- Like a full-fledged Mafia man
- Cry of the Alps
- The enlightened one
- Barn sound

- Nervous (2 words)
- Inflict a blow
- Truth or Dare player?
- \_\_\_ E. Coyote
- Persian Gulf country
- Eye infection
- Peephole glance

- \_\_\_ \_\_\_ good example
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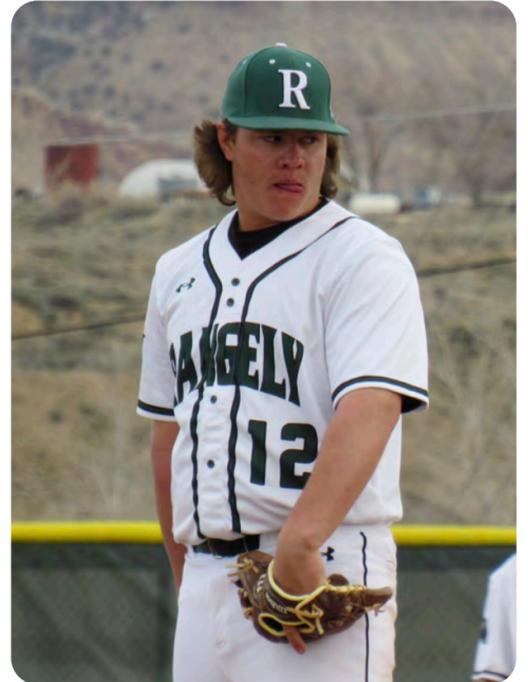
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JENINE HATCH MYERS PHOTOS

The Panthers hosted the Grand Valley Cardinals April 9 and won both games. They will travel to Battle Mountain tomorrow.

## Panthers have 5-4 overall record

Special to the Herald Times

**RANGELY I** The Rangely Panthers baseball team hosted the Grand Valley Cardinals on Saturday, April 9. This was the first of four contests for the two teams on the 2022 season as they will meet again in May for two Western Slope league games. In the first game, runs seemed to be coming in full for the two teams. Grand Valley opened the scoring in the top of the first with one run. The Panthers scored three of their own in the bottom of the first to take the early lead. Junior Kevin Wren started the offense as he took the second pitch of his first at-bat and lined a ball down the right field line for a triple. Senior Keihlin Myers followed right behind Wren with a triple of his own to score Wren and tie up the ball game. Senior Justin Cudo then followed with a hard ground ball through the Cardinal defense for a single to score Myers. Cudo moved to second base on a fielding error by the Cardinal outfield. Cudo then stole third base and scored on the play as the throw-down from the catcher to third was not caught cleanly and the ball scuttled into left field. The Panthers were unable to score after that in the inning and they took a three to one lead into the second inning.

The Cardinals came out in the second inning and scored five runs on a couple of Panther defensive miscues. In the bottom half of the inning, the Panthers plated three runs to tie the game at six as the Panthers loaded up the bases and scored all three when Cudo doubled to the right-center gap. Sophomore Kobey Chism scored his first run of the

day followed by Wren and Myers who both scored their second in two innings.

Neither the Panthers nor the Cardinals were able to plate a run in the third inning despite the Panthers having two runners in scoring position. Behind good pitching from Cudo, five innings, and Wren, two innings, the Panthers kept the Cardinals off the scoreboard for the rest of the game. Wren picked up the win for the Panthers as they plated two runs in the bottom of the sixth inning to take the lead 9-7. Wren reached base with a single to left field and then moved up to second base as the Cardinal pitchers were called for a balk on the next pitch. Cudo lined a single to left field and scored Wren who stole third base earlier in the at bat. Senior Byron Mackay walked to move Cudo to second base and the Panthers pulled off a double steal to put the runners at second and third with only one out. Cudo scored on a passed ball from the Cardinals catcher to give the Panthers a two-run cushion.

The game ended in the top of the seventh as Wren forced the lead-off hitter to hit a ground ball to himself and he completed the out at first base. The next batter struck-out on three straight pitches from Wren. Wren then walked the next batter, but the runner was thrown out at second by Myers, who threw out five runners in the game, to end the game and complete the win for the Panthers. This win moved the Panthers to 4-4 overall and 0-0 in league play.

Cudo and Wren led the offense as they combined for six of the 10 hits and six of the nine runs

for the Panthers. Myers, Mackay, Luis Quintana, and Braxton Moore compiled the other four hits for the Panthers. Cudo and Wren also lead the Panthers on the mound. Cudo went five innings, allowing seven runs on six hits with five walks and eight strikeouts. Wren went two innings while not allowing any runs and walking two and striking out one.

In game two, the Panthers jumped out with a five run first inning. Wren and Myers both walked in their first at-bats. Cudo continued his great hitting as he singled to center field and score Wren and Myers moved up to third on the play. Byron Mackay was then hit with the next pitch to load up the bases. Senior Brent Cantrell then singled to move all the runners and score Myers. Sophomore Dalton LeBleu then singled to center field and score

Cudo and keep the bases loaded for the Panthers with one out. Freshman Marcos Quintana hit the next pitch to right field for a single to score Mackay and Cantrell for the fifth run on in the inning.

Myers was dominant on the mound for the Panthers as he did not surrender a run through his first four innings on the mound. No Cardinal runners reached second base in the first four innings as well. The Panthers were able to support Myers with runs as they added five more throughout the game. The Cardinals did score three runs in the top of the fifth inning for their only runs of the game and the Panthers secured their second win on the day and move their record to 5-4 overall and 0-0 in league play. The Panthers will have one game on Friday, April 15 as they travel to Battle Mountain for a non-league match-up.



JENINE HATCH MYERS PHOTO

## BMS tracksters get strong start to season

Special to the Herald Times

**MEEKER I** Meeker's Barone Middle School track team competed at Rangely on Friday, April 8. Performances of note for the seventh-grade girls were Marlen Olivas in a tie for second place in 100-meter dash, Ruth Leblanc third in the 100-meter hurdles and second in shot put, Keelan Dade second long jump, Serenity Murray first in shot put, and Sawyer May first in high jump. Murray, Olivas, Leblanc and Dawn Arnold took second in the 4x100 relay, and Arnold, Dade, Murray and Olivas won the 4x200 relay.

MARTY CASEY PHOTOS

(Below) BMS tracksters competed in Rangely April 8, with "a good start to the season" according to head coach Marty Casey.

Seventh-grade boys had Nathan McLaughlin in third in the 100 dash and high jump; Tucker Chinn second in 100 hurdles, triple jump, and high jump, and first in long jump; Joshua Quinn third in 100 hurdles, and Carlos Carillo winning high jump. McLaughlin and Chinn were joined by Andy Mondragon and Trent Sanders to win the 4x100 relay.

Eighth-grade girls: Rylee Sullivan won the 200-meter dash, and took second in triple jump. Addison Knowles won discus, was second in shot put and 200-meter dash. Haylee Steele was third in the 800-meter run. Jacey Follman finished third in triple jump. Follman, Knowles, Sullivan and Shailee Rundberg won the 4x100 relay, and Morgan Keetch, Sidney Keetch, Lilly Newman and Emma Bauer took third in that race. Follman, Knowles, Rundberg and Sullivan were second in the 4x400

relay. Rundberg, Lissbeth Sanchez, Steele and Birdie McCaffrey took third in the 4x200 relay. Steele, Sanchez, McCaffrey and Morgan Keetch were second in the 800 medley relay.

Eighth-grade boys had Aidan Tapia winning the 800 run, and he was second in the 1,600-meter race. Dublin Price finished second in the 400 dash and third in high jump. Tristin Rollins was second in 100 dash and 100 hurdles, and third in long jump. Rollins, Price, Kai Sjoerdsma and Sam Smithers were second in the 4x100 relay.

"It was a good start to the season. We had some strong performances, with room to grow," said head coach Marty Casey. The eighth-grade boys were second in team scoring, eighth-grade girls were third, seventh-grade boys finished second in their division, and the seventh-grade girls took first place as a team.



# Panthers prowl toward state competition

Special to the Herald Times

**RANGELY I** The Rangely High School track team started their weekend on the track, but not in the way they are normally accustomed to. On Friday, the Rangely Middle School hosted their first meet of the season and while they were competing, the high school athletes were busy working to operate the meet. They took charge of field events, timing and starting races. The help that the high school team provided was pivotal to helping the meet run smoothly.

After a day of administrative duties, the Panther team was back to competition at the Frank Woodburn Memorial Track Meet in Grand Junction. Despite being matched up against the much larger Grand Junction schools, the Panthers held their own across. The team saw many personal records across multiple events, but a couple of performances stood out. On the track, senior Hayley Burr had a particularly good day, coming away with a first-place finish in the 300-meter hurdles with a time of 51.67 and a second place finish the 100-meter

hurdles with a 18.06. As of now, Burr sits fifth and eighth respectively in the race for the 2A state championships.

The Panther throwers also showed up to compete. Junior Kenyon Cochrane finished third in the discus competition with a throw of 133-feet, 2-inches. Cochrane is also in hunt for the state competition and is currently ranked sixth. Lady Panthers Rylee Allred and Kyrah Phelps finished second and fifth respectively in the discus. Allred threw a career best 101-02, which comes with a ninth place state ranking. Phelps also added a career best of 95-1. Phelps and Allred, along with MacKenzie Manchester, finished seventh, ninth and tenth in the shot put competition.

The Panthers season will continue on Saturday, April 16 in Glenwood for the Demon Invitational.

**The RHS Panthers helped with the middle school meet before competing in Grand Junction last weekend. They will travel to Glenwood Springs this weekend for the Demon Invitational.**

MATT SCOGGINS PHOTOS



# Girls team sixth, boys fourth at Eagle Valley meet

By TIFFANY JEHOEK  
Special to the Herald Times

**MEEKER I** Cowboy track traveled to Eagle Valley High School last Saturday for an invitational track meet featuring 14 teams. The girls team finished sixth and the boys finished fourth.

"I am so proud of the hard work of all the kids. This meet was our best yet in terms of personal records and overall improvement," said co-head coach Hallie Blunt.

Cowboys placing in the top three were:

- Jayden Overton, third, 100-meter hurdles, this was Overton's first time down the track this year.
- Kelton Turner, first 100-meter dash
- 4x200-meter relay of Porter Hossack, Brendan Clatterbaugh, Connor Blunt, and Zach Eskelson finished third
- 4x100-meter relay of Ellie Hossack, Addison Selle, Ainsley Selle, and Sarah Kracht, third
- 4x100 mens relay Porter, Blunt,

- Eskelson, and Turner, second
- 400-meter run Ellie, third
- Pole Vault, Aspen Merrifield, second
- Shot Eskelson first, Zagar Brown second, Turner third
- Discus Hailey Knowles, second

"Our relays all improved and several individuals had their best throws and times" said Blunt, "and coach Cravens and his shot put kids get the MVP award this week. They were 1,2,3 and Judd had an 8 foot personal record," wrapped up Blunt.

The track season is really just beginning and with five weeks left, there is a lot of time for those close to making it into the top 16 in the state and heading to the big show a possibility.

This week the pole vaulters will be in Coal Ridge on Friday beginning at noon and then the whole team travels to Glenwood Springs, for the Demon Invitational on Saturday, beginning at 9 a.m.



MATT SCOGGINS PHOTO

Porter Hossack (right) takes the baton from Connor Blunt. The 4x100 relay team, which also included Zach Eskelson and Kelton Turner, took second place at the Eagle Valley meet.



COURTESY PHOTO

The CNCC rodeo team hosted the first spring rodeo outside for the season.

# CNCC rodeo hosts 10 colleges at Spartan Showdown

By TAMMY OLSON  
CNCC Rodeo Coach

**RANGELY I** It is in the books. The Spring 2022 CNCC "Spartan Showdown" college rodeo was held April 1-2, here in Rangely, and we couldn't have asked for better weather... it was literally perfect for us. We hosted 10 colleges, consisting of 120-plus student athletes, along with 200 of their equine partners. This was the first spring college rodeo in our region to be held outdoors, and everyone thoroughly enjoyed getting back outside. The arena ground was in excellent condition, even after the rain, which was a huge accomplishment. The competition between the student athletes was strong and such fun to watch.

With barrel racing horses, moving

from those small indoor arenas into the large outdoor arenas affects timing, and thus was the case for both of CNCC's barrel racers. Sadie Shake and "Ricky" had some timing issues with their first barrel and went past it a bit. Our Hadley Gross cued her horse "Hubbs" a bit too soon for their first barrel, and they knocked it over. And Hadley tied her last goat of the year in her hometown arena. Due to injuries, she has decided to sit out the rest of the season in the goat tying.

We want to thank everyone who helped make our rodeo happen; those who helped before, during and after the rodeo. So many people helped make the rodeo a success, and we are very grateful to all of you. Our next rodeo is at Colorado Mesa University in Grand Junction.

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...inside of them for an Easter egg hunt.



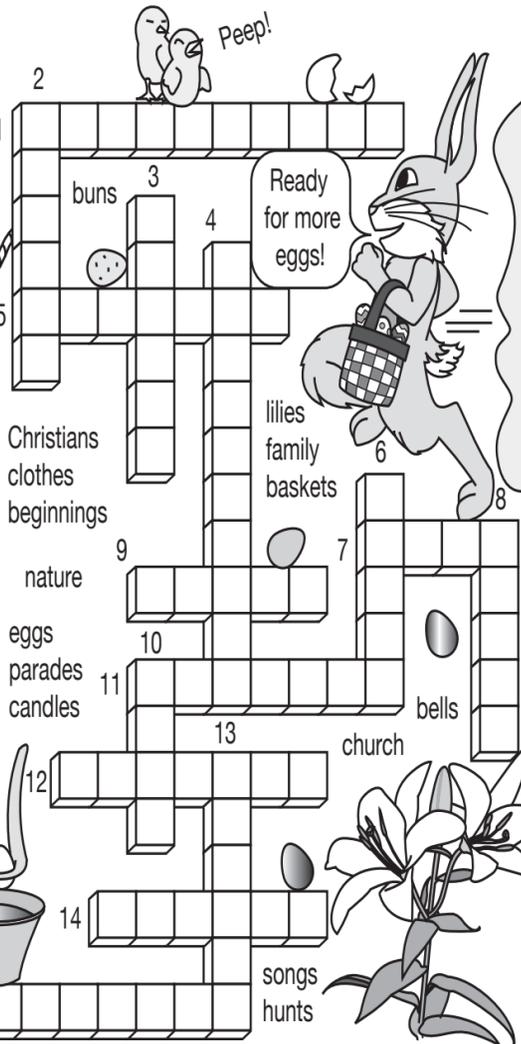
Kids: color stuff in!

We love decorating eggs for Easter. We use paints, dyes and stickers.



Hmmm...maybe we shouldn't keep all of the eggs in one basket?

## Easter Is A Time For...



Easter is a time for many activities - some serious and some for fun.

Read the clues to fill in the puzzle.

Easter is a time for:

1. \_\_\_ to celebrate
2. going to services at \_\_\_
3. joy in the spring green of \_\_\_
4. starting, new \_\_\_
5. wearing new \_\_\_
6. ringing \_\_\_
7. dying and decorating \_\_\_
8. singing Easter \_\_\_
9. Easter egg \_\_\_
10. baking hot cross \_\_\_
11. Easter bunny bringing \_\_\_
12. lighting \_\_\_
13. gathering Easter \_\_\_
14. visiting friends and \_\_\_
15. marching in Easter \_\_\_

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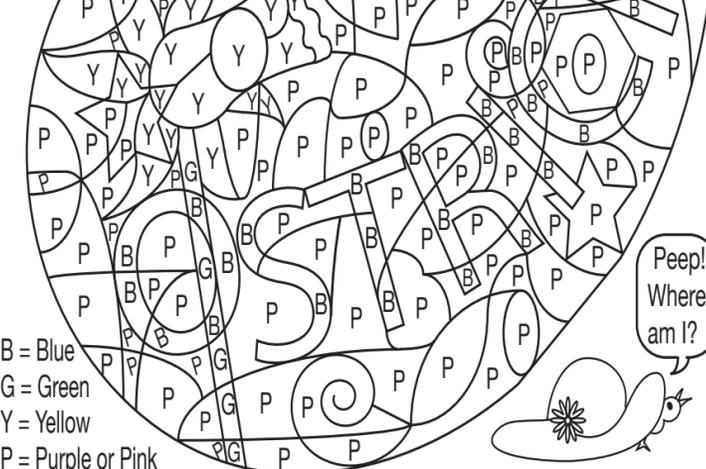
Find and circle all of these words that tell what people do with eggs:

- fry eat dye hatch pickle  
deliver scramble decorate refrigerate  
roll hunt hide toss paint

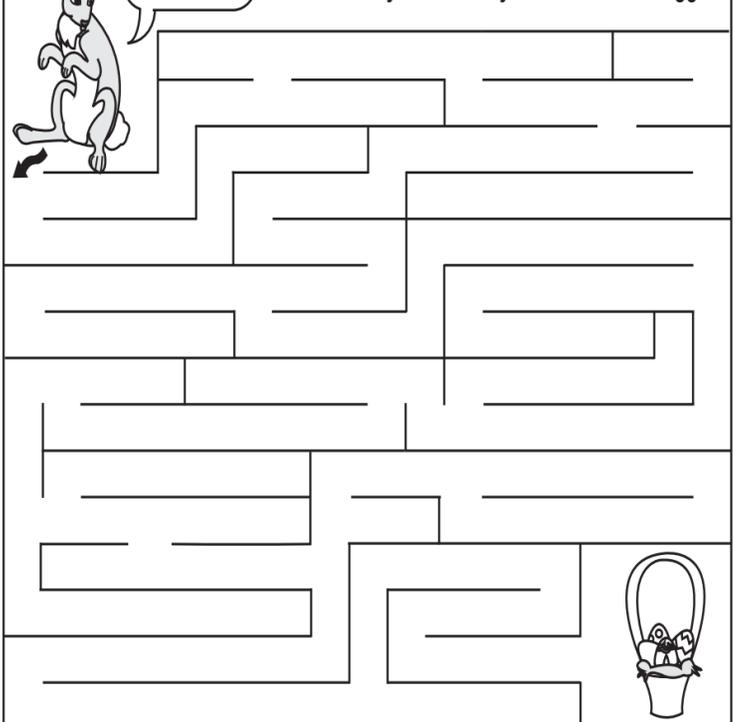
## What Is The Biggest Egg In The World?

Do you know what animal lays the biggest egg in the world today?

Follow the color key and color in the egg to find out:

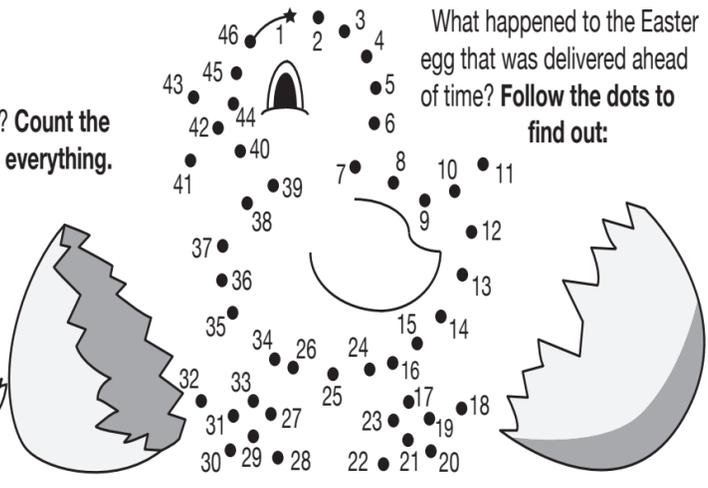
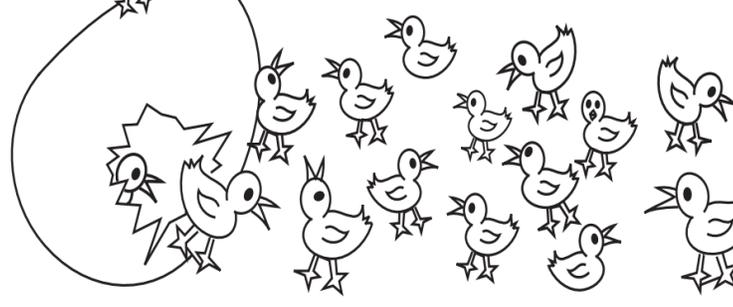


Where did I leave it? It's time to deliver the Easter eggs. Help the Easter Bunny find his way to the basket of eggs!



## Egg-citing Surprises

Wow! How many chicks popped out of the first egg? Count the chicks and then find your colored pencils to color everything.



What happened to the Easter egg that was delivered ahead of time? Follow the dots to find out:

DAYS GONE BY

The Meeker Herald  
125 years ago

Victor Dikeman discovered the lair of a mountain rat in one of the Hugus warehouses a few days ago. Vick thought the occurrence was extraordinary, but when we told him that we had known them to carry off grindstones over in Park County, he said he was sure his rat wasn't fully grown.

The Meeker Herald  
100 years ago

The Grades of School

District No.1 are planning on Field Day exercises which will occur April 29th if weather permits. All grade pupils of the county are invited to participate.

Meeker people were greatly pleased when the Denver papers came in last Saturday. They showed that Joyce Store of Meeker Grade School won second place in the state spelling contest, being beaten by only one point for first honor.

The Meeker Herald  
50 years ago

A first place honor was

received again this year by a Meeker High School student, Larry Moyer, who competed in state FBLA (Future Business leaders of America).

Claire M Sullivan's painting of horses running free appeared in LaRevue Moderne which is an arts magazine printed in Paris, France and distributed worldwide.

The Meeker Herald  
25 years ago

Meeker's Tom Kilduff will participate in a tour of Vietnam from April

24 to May 8. The tour is sponsored by former Marine Corps officers of Kilduff's second battalion, Fourth marines, Ninth Amphibious Brigade. The special tour commemorates the 29th anniversary of the battle of Dai Do.

Rangely Times  
50 years ago

Governor John A. Love in recognition of Colorado Artist Registry and Survey has proclaimed April Colorado Artist Month and urges all Colorado artists to

facilitate the survey being conducted to appreciate the great contributions the Colorado artists make to our communities.

President James H. Bos of Rangely college attended the North Central Association's 77th Annual meeting in Chicago. Rangely College is in the first year of a three-year cycle working towards accreditation with association.

Rangely Times  
25 years ago

Bicycle repair is

now available in Rangely since Sagebrush Sports opened April 1. The goal of Sagebrush is providing quality services and accessories for local bikers as well as water and back-country skiers.

Parkview Elementary students experienced a surge in safety awareness on Friday, April 11. The PTO sponsored Spring Safety Rally was held in the Parkview gym, with students grades preschool through 5th invited to attend.

RANGELY CHECKS - MARCH

Table with 3 columns: Vendor, Amount, Description. Lists various vendors like AFLAC, AMAXON CAPITAL SERVICES, AXON ENTERPRISE INC, etc.

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HOSPITAL BOARD HEARING

NOTICE OF HEARING ON MOTION 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.

ERBM ELECTION

NOTICE OF ELECTION POLLING PLACE TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, and, 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.

MEEKER CHECKS - MARCH

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GRASSHOPPER/CRICKET SUPPRESSION EA

NOTICE The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), Plant Protection and Quarantine, is making available to the public an environmental assessment for Federal involvement in the Moffat, Rio Blanco and Routt Counties, Colorado Rangeland Grasshopper and Mormon Cricket Suppression Program.

MEEKER SANITATION AP

Meeker Sanitation District Accounts Payable March 31, 2022 Total Payroll, \$16,689.73 Quickbooks Payroll Svc. Direct Deposit Fee, \$31.75 FICA: SS, Med, Fed wh, \$4,684.45 PERA Retirement, \$5,378.76 U.S. Postal Service: Postage, \$344.10 CEBT: Health, Dental, Vision, Life Ins., \$12,301.39 Mountain Valley Bank: Merchant Srv. Fees, \$58.56 State of Colorado: 1st Qtr. Taxes, \$2,992.00 Colo. State Treasurer: Co. Unemployment Ins. Tax, \$169.18 Atmos Energy: Natural Gas Svc., \$1,944.78 Century Link: Telephone Svc., \$352.99 Cimarron Telecom: Broadband, \$155.00 ConvergeOne Inc.: Cloud backup Srv., \$208.18 Colo. Analytical Lab: Nutrient Sampling, \$144.00 First Bankcard Visa: Misc. supplies, \$653.35 Meeker Auto Parts: Misc. Supplies, \$111.15 Meeker Chamber of Commerce: chamber bucks, \$80.00 Meeker Sanitation District: Replenish Petty cash, snow removal, \$82.01 Networking of the Rockies: March IT Support, \$1,000.00 Overton Recycling: Trash srv., \$324.36 Office Depot: Office Supplies, \$1,270.29 Orkin, Inc.: Pest control, \$261.00 Rio Blanco County Fleet Dept.: Fuel, \$414.16 Samuelson True Value: Misc. Supplies, \$9.49 Streamline: Website Maint., \$100.00 Town of Meeker: Water Svc., \$24.00 Union Telephone: Cell Phone Svc., \$205.87 USA Bluebook: Misc. Supplies, \$1,178.49 Utility Notification Center: Line Locates, \$20.80 Watt's Ranch Market: Misc. Supplies, \$85.97 White River Distributing: bottled water, \$33.75 WREA: Electric Svc., \$5,447.51 Total Accounts Payable \$56,757.07 Published: April 14, 2022 Rio Blanco Herald Times

BOCC AGENDA

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF RIO BLANCO COUNTY, COLORADO RIO BLANCO COUNTY ANNEX BUILDING 17497 HWY 64 RANGELY, CO 81648 This meeting will be streamed live on the RBC YouTube Channel: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBichhMpb47tL\_njNOFG Tentative Agenda April 19, 2022 1. 11:00 a.m. Call to order: A. Pledge of Allegiance B. Changes to the April 19, 2022 Agenda C. Move to approve the April 19, 2022 Agenda including any changes 2. CONSENT AGENDA for April 19, 2022 A. Move to approve the below listed items of the Consent Agenda. 3. BUSINESS A. Move to approve/deny a letter to the Town of Meeker, Honorable Mayor and Board of Trustees, granting permission for the Meeker Arts and Cultural Council to serve alcohol for the following dates, times and events: - June 10, 2022 4:30-9:30 pm - Beer/Wine Garden for ERBM Meekerpalooza #1 - June 17, 2022 4:30-9:30 pm - Beer/Wine Garden for ERBM Meekerpalooza #2 - June 24, 2022 4:30-9:30 pm - Beer/Wine Garden for ERBM Meekerpalooza #3 - July 15, 2022 4:30-9:30 pm - Beer/Wine Garden for ERBM Meekerpalooza #4 - July 22, 2022 4:30-9:30 pm - Beer/Wine Garden for ERBM Meekerpalooza #5 4. BID AWARDS 5. MOU'S, CONTRACTS, AND AGREEMENTS A. Move to approve/deny First Amendment to the Communication Site Sublease Agreement with Union Telephone Company, for the Marvine Tower Site. 6. RESOLUTIONS 7. OTHER BUSINESS A. Public Comments B. County Commissioners Updates 8. PUBLIC HEARINGS 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 26, 2022 in the Rio Blanco County Historic Courthouse, 555 Main St., 3rd Floor Hearing Room, Meeker, 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. Published: April 14, 2022 Rio Blanco Herald Times

TOWN OF MEEKER AGENDA

TOWN OF MEEKER - BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING Tuesday, April 19th 2022 7:00 P.M. - Town Hall 345 Market Street, Meeker, CO Due to COVID-19 precautions, the public is invited to attend by calling 970-878-8091 1. Call to Order 2. Pledge of Allegiance 3. Roll Call 4. Approval of the Agenda 5. Approval of the Previous Minutes 6. Approval of Monthly Disbursements 7. Public Participation This is an opportunity for Citizens to bring comments and questions to the Board of Trustees not being addressed in the Regular Meeting Agenda. In consideration of other regularly scheduled agenda items, comments will be limited to 3 minutes or less. Citizens are asked to approach the podium state their name and address for the record. 8. Swearing in and Seating of newly elected Mayor and Trustees 9. Public Hearings: a. Consideration of liquor license for Trailhead Cabins and Lodging, LLC 10. New Business a. Consideration of Planning Commission Application b. Bid award for Garfield Water line c. Contract approval for Crack Seal with Rocky Mountain Asphalt d. Consideration of Resolution #5-2022 to Abandon Subdivision and Security Agreement for Escondido e. Discussion regarding lease agreement for Chamber of Commerce and additional 2nd floor upgrades 11. Staff Reports a. Public Works b. Police Department c. Community Development d. Town Clerk e. Town Manager f. Town Attorney 12. Mayor's Remarks 13. Other Board Business 14. Executive Session pursuant to C.R.S. Section 24-6.402(4)(f)(i) for discussion of personnel matters: Town Administrator 15. Adjournment Published: April 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

LAND USE REGULATION AMENDMENT HEARING - RVs

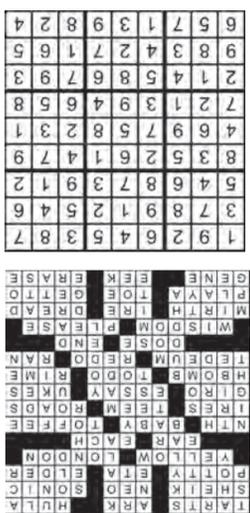
PUBLIC NOTICE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF RIO BLANCO COUNTY, COLORADO HEARING Notice is hereby given that on Tuesday, May 17, 2022 the Rio Blanco County Board of County Commissioners will hold a public hearing beginning at 11:00 a.m. at the Rio Blanco County Annex Building - Board Room, 17497 Hwy 64, Rangely, Colorado to consider the following: 2021 Land Use Regulation Amendments OTHR-0002-21. Recreational Vehicles Article 7, Section 7-610 Additional Standards Applicable to Recreational Vehicles: Replace all existing text to read as follows: Recreational Vehicle use on privately

owned legal parcels for longer than 120 consecutive days must meet the following conditions: A) Recreational Vehicles must have access to potable water supply. B) Recreational Vehicles must have connection to Rio Blanco County approved sanitary sewer system Copies of the documents may be obtained from the Rio Blanco County Planning Department at 555 Main Street in Meeker, Colorado, or you may call (970) 878-9510 for more information between the hours of 8:00 am and 5:00 pm. Published: April 14, 21, 28, May 5 and 12, 2022 Rio Blanco Herald Times

FINAL SETTLEMENT

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT Notice is hereby given that the Town of Dinosaur (Owner) has established May 2, 2022 as the date of final settlement with Taylor Excavating & Underground, LLC (Contractor) for work in connection with the Sewer Collection System Manhole Replacement Project. 1. Any person, co-partnership, association, or corporation who has an unpaid claim against the said project, for or on account of the furnishing of labor, materials, equipment or other items used or consumed by the Contractor or his Subcontractors in or about the performance of the Work, may at any time up to and including said time of final

settlement, file a verified statement of the amount due and unpaid on account of such claim. 2. All such items shall be filed with the Town of Dinosaur, Attention: Richard Blakley, Mayor, P.O. Box 238, Dinosaur, CO 81610. 3. Failure on the part of a creditor to file such statement prior to such final settlement will relieve the Contractor and Owner from all and any liability for such claim. By: Richard Blakley, Mayor Town of Dinosaur Published: April 14 and 21, 2022 Rio Blanco Herald Times



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 § 15-12-1303(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/2N/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 27; 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, E/2SW/4SW/4SE/4, SW/4NE/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/4NE/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, SE/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-9933 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 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 25; 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;

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 100 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 25; 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; and E/2 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/2SW/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 26; 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-10606 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.: Lots 2 and 3, SE/4NW/4, and NE/4SW/4 of Section 5; SW/4NW/4 and W/2SW/4 of Section 15; S/2SW/4 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,

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, Shale King #1 claim covering 160 acres, Debeque claim covering 160 acres, Debeque claim #1 covering 160 acres, Debeque claim #3 covering 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 claim covering 160 acres, Shale Mountain #2 claim covering 160 acres, Shale Mountain #3 claim covering 160 acres, Shale Mountain #4 claim covering 160 acres, Shale Mountain #5 claim covering 160 acres, Shale Mountain #6 claim covering 160 acres, Shale Mountain #7 claim covering 160 acres, Shale Mountain #8 claim covering 160 acres, all of said lands embraced within said claims being more particularly described in United States of America Patent No. 1143461 recorded as Document 185483 in Book 276 at Page 61 of the records of Garfield County, Colorado, to which records reference is here made for a more particular description, and all of which land is situated in T-5-S, R-100-W of the 6th Principal Meridian, Colorado, containing 2360 acres, more or less. As to geological horizons below the base of the Green River formation only; and ii. Tract B: All of the land described as Massive placer claim, covering 160 acres, said land embraced within said claim being more particularly described in United States of America Patent No. 1184014 recorded as Document 202367 in Book 310 at Page 253 of the records of Garfield County, Colorado; all of the land described as Massive #1 claim, Massive #2 claim, Massive #3 claim, Massive #4 claim, Massive #6 claim, Massive #7 claim, Shale King #2, Shale King #3, Shale King #5, Shale King #6, Shale King #7, Shale King #8, and Shale King #9, all of said lands embraced within said claims being more particularly described in United States of America Patent No. 1143461 recorded as Document 185483 in Book 276 at Page 61 in the records of Garfield County, Colorado; all of which land is situated in T-5-S, R-100-W of the 6th Principal Meridian, Colorado, containing 2183.72 acres, more or less. As to geological horizons below the base of the Green River formation only. Subject to Sphinx Creek Unit Agreement No. 14-08-0001-14 dated November 20, 1974.

In Rio Blanco County:

hh. Lease with Serial No. C-1632 dated May 1, 1967, between the U.S.A. as Lessor and Gordon Hurd and R. L. Grady as Lessee for the following lands in Township 3 South, Range 100 West of the 6th P.M.: Lots 3 and 4 and the E/2SW/4 of Section 30; Lots 1 and 2, the E/2NW/4, and the NE/4 of Section 31; the N/2 of Section 32; and the N/2 of Section 33;

ii. Lease with Serial No. C-3393 dated February 1, 1968, between the U.S.A. as Lessor and Cascade Natural Gas Corporation as Lessee for the following lands:

i. In Township 4 South, Range 100 West of the 6th P.M.: All of Section 19; and all of Section 30;

ii. In Township 4 South, Range 101 West of the 6th P.M.: Lots 1, 2, 3, and 4, and the N/2S/2 of Section 35;

jj. Lease with Serial No. C-3636 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 13;

kk. Lease with Serial No. C-3637 dated May 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 13; N/2NE/4, W/2, and E/2SE/4 of Section 23; and Lots 1, 2, 3, and 4, W/2E/2, and SW/4 of Section 29;

ll. Lease with Serial No. C-3638 dated May 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.: N/2, SW/4, W/2SE/4, and NE/4SE/4 of Section 9; Lots 3 and 4, W/2SE/4, and

SW/4 of Section 17; Lots 1, 2, 3, and 4, W/2E/2, and W/2 of Section 20; and NW/4 of Section 29;

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.: N/2 of Section 35;

oo. Lease with Serial No. C-3997 dated July 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 3; and All of Section 4;

pp. Lease with Serial No. C-9150 dated August 1, 1969, between the U.S.A. as Lessor and M. Peyton Bucy as Lessee for the following lands:

i. In Township 3 South, Range 100 West of the 6th P.M.: Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 in Section 13; Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 in Section 24; Lots 3 and 4, E/2SW/4, and SE/4 of Section 31; S/2 of Section 32; and S/2 of Section 33;

ii. In Township 4 South, Range 100 West of the 6th P.M.: N/2N/2, SW/4NW/4, W/2SW/4, and SE/4 of Section 6; W/2 of Section 7; and N/2 of Section 8;

qq. Lease with Serial No. C-9151 dated August 1, 1969, between the U.S.A. as Lessor and M. Peyton Bucy as Lessee for the following lands in Township 4 South, Range 100 West of the 6th P.M.: S/2 of Section 8; All of Section 17; All of Section 18; and W/2 of Section 20;

rr. Lease with Serial No. C-9174 dated August 1, 1969, between the U.S.A. as Lessor and M. Peyton Bucy as Lessee for the following lands:

i. In Township 3 South, Range 101 West of the 6th P.M.: S/2 of Section 36;

ii. In Township 4 South, Range 100 West of the 6th P.M.: E/2 of Section 20; and All of Section 29;

ss. Lease with Serial No. C-9436 dated November 1, 1969, between the U.S.A. as Lessor and M. Peyton Bucy as Lessee for the following lands in Township 4 South, Range 100 West of the 6th P.M.: All of Section 21; All of Section 28; Lots 1, 2, 3, 4 and N/2S/2 of Section 33;

tt. Lease with Serial No. C-12755 dated June 1, 1971, between the U.S.A. as Lessor and Cascade Land Leasing Co. as Lessee for the following lands in Township 4 South, Range 101 West of the 6th P.M.: W/2SE/4 of Section 5; S/2SW/4, NE/4SW/4, and E/2 of Section 7; Lots 1, 2, 3, and 4, W/2E/2, and W/2 of Section 8; and Lots 1 and 2, W/2NE/4, and NW/4 of Section 17; and uu. Lease dated July 16, 1974, between Lowell E. Brady as Lessor and Reybos Company as Lessee for the following lands in Township 4 South, Range 101 West of the 6th P.M.: All of Section 23;

The hearing on the Petition will be held at the following time and location: Date: June 8, 2022 Time: 8:30 a.m. Division: B Address: 109 8th Street, Suite 104, Glenwood Springs, Colorado 81601 Note: If you object to the distribution of Decedent's property proposed in the Petition, you must appear and object to the Petition on or before the hearing date and time specified above. All objections to the Petition must be in writing and filed with the Court, the filing fee must be paid on or before the hearing date and time, and the objection must be served upon the Petitioner. The hearing shall be limited to the Petition, the objections timely filed and served, and, if no objections are timely filed and served, the court may enter a decree without a hearing. Date: March 21, 2022 s/ Daniel W. Jones Attorney for Petitioner Published: April 7, 14 and 21, 2022 Rio Blanco Herald Times

RECALL SAMPLE BALLOT

RFP - CIRCLE PARK PHASE II

PUBLIC NOTICE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR PROFESSIONAL DESIGN AND PROJECT MANAGEMENT SERVICES

CIRCLE PARK PHASE II PROJECT The Town of Meeker, a Colorado statutory municipality ("Town"), and the Eastern Rio Blanco Metropolitan Recreation and Park District, a political subdivision of the State of Colorado ("ERBM"), are soliciting proposals from river/riparian engineering firms to perform professional design and project management services for the park located at 1 South 5th Street, Meeker, CO 81641 ("Circle Park"), including but not limited to: (a) complete a final evaluation of the Circle Park project site, the 3rd Street and 10th Street river access points, and the corresponding river corridor; (b) prepare construction drawings, plans, specifications, maps, and other documents (collectively, the "Specifications") necessary or appropriate for a general contractor to construct the project; (c) oversee the construction to ensure it is properly performed; and, (d) perform any post-construction monitoring work required by the permits issued for the project. Copies of the Request for Proposals,

background documents, and the form Professional Design and Project Management Services Agreement may be obtained at the Town Hall located at 345 Market Street, Meeker, CO 81641 or online at: www.townofmeeker.org. Proposals must be received by the Town by 3 p.m. on Tuesday, May 3, 2022 ("Submission Deadline"). Proposals may be submitted by mail or hand delivery to the Town Administrator, Mandi Etheridge, at 345 Market Street, Meeker, Colorado 81641. Any qualified firm wishing to submit a proposal must complete a site visit on either of two available days according to the RFP. Proposals received after the Submission Deadline will not be considered. The Town and ERBM reserve the right to reject any and all proposals. The Town and ERBM may accept the proposal that, in their estimation, represents the best value to them and the community they serve. The Town and ERBM's acceptance of a proposal is conditioned upon the parties executing a mutually acceptable Professional Design and Project Management Services Agreement.

HELP WANTED

The Division of Water Resources is seeking a Deputy Water Commissioner (DWC). This is a permanent part-time position, located in Rio Blanco County. The DWC works full time May-August and limited/variable hours September through April. S/he is eligible for state benefits.

The DWC will serve the public and preserve, protect, develop and maximize the beneficial use of the State's present and future water supplies according to the laws of the State of Colorado, the policies and regulations of the State Engineer, and the terms and conditions of judicial decrees pertaining to the diversion, storage, and use of water. Pay range is \$24.31 - \$26.82 Hourly, DOQ. Apply by 4/21/22. For a full job description see: [www.governmentjobs.com/careers/colorado](http://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/colorado)

The White River & Douglas Creek Conservation Districts are seeking a self-motivated, results oriented individual for the Office Manager parttime position located in Meeker, CO. Submit resume and cover letter by 5:00 p.m. April 20, 2022. See job announcement and description at [www.whiterivercd.com](http://www.whiterivercd.com) for more information.

The Meeker Chamber of Commerce is accepting applications for a Visitor and Tourism Assistant. We are seeking applicants who are dynamic and energetic with communication skills to greet and engage visitors, and inform them of Meeker's attractions, events, amenities and services. For info call: 970 878 5510 or visit [www.meekerchamber.com/chambernews/](http://www.meekerchamber.com/chambernews/)



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