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UNTIL NEXT YEAR, EASTER BUNNY ...



Rio Blanco citizens celebrated Easter in fun ways this past weekend. (Right) the Easter Bunny rode in style to the annual egg hunt Saturday in Meeker, courtesy of the Meeker Volunteer Fire Department. (Left) kids in Rangely collected eggs and earned prizes at the annual Rangely Rec Center pool egg hunt. More photos on PAGE 9.

CAITLIN WALKER/COURTESY PHOTOS

Rangely hosts Colorado River District event

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

RBC | A forecast for conditions in the Colorado River Basin, including the White River Area, is not what many who are dependent on and involved with the river hoped for.

The Colorado River District hosted a “State of the River” event in partnership with the Rio Blanco Water Conservancy District on April 13 in Rangely. The event was organized from the “bad news” to the “good news” with a variety of speakers involved in Western Slope water, including Rio Blanco Water Conservancy District (RBWCD) Director Alden VandenBrink.

WHITE RIVER HISTORICAL COMPARISON

The first presentation was given by Erin Light, an engineer from the Colorado Department of Natural Resources. With a collection of graphs, she described the most recent historic comparison of the White River from 2018—the current and compared flows to snowpack and precipitation. The White River is one stream in the Colorado River Basin with gauges that measure flows year-round. According to Light, 2021 had the lowest flows in recent history and over the past decade when compared with both the Boise Creek and Watson, Utah gauges. As the years have passed and become drier, the median has changed, dropping lower and lower.

There are three major seasons that impact the flow of the river: snowpack, spring precipitation and monsoon events. August and September are critical months for monsoon events to impact flow. The 2021 year had very low precipitation, well below the ideal snowpack, and very little effect on the river. Even years where there has been great precipitation, such as 2019, have had little impact. The projected precipitation for 2022 shows equal chances of being below average.

COLORADO RIVER DISTRICT

Marielle Cowdin, Director of Public Relations for the Colorado River District (CRD), gave a presentation about the organization. According to Cowdin, the primary purpose of the district is to represent Western Slope water users in diverse capacities and methods including legislative, legal, technical, education and outreach. The CRD was formed in 1937 to protect the Colorado River Basin and Western Slope Water. The organization represents 15 counties in the district.

Cowdin took the audience back to 1922 when the Colorado River Compact was enacted. The law was signed during a time of plentiful water flow throughout the Basin and lower population numbers. Today, the Colorado River Basin serves more than 40 million residents in the capacities of agricultural, domestic, recreational use and generating power — in addition to animals and the environment. Of the seven states in the basin, 70% of the water supply is from the Western Slope, with 65% from the northern district (which is where the White River is located.)

The 1922 Colorado River Compact declared that the Upper Basin and the Lower Basin would each split the usage with 7.5 million acre-feet. This obligates the Upper Basin to send 7.5 million acre-feet to the Lower Basin before drawing on its obligated 7.5 million acre-feet. The reality shows that the Lower Basin more accurately uses 11.5 million acre-feet and the Upper Basin only uses 4-4.5 million acre-feet. The 2007 interim guidelines changed distribution methods and became

a management system for federal reservoirs. In efforts to create a more fair design from data, information and modeling, the District advocates for the Western Slope. The data Cowdin shared regarding the Basin was alarming. According to her, without advocacy and legislative changes, it will only get worse. Every 1-degree increase in temperature equals a 3-9% reduction in streamflow. Most recently, the reductions have been on the higher end of that range. The population along the Colorado River Basin is expected to increase to 76 million by 2060, further impacting water availability.

RIO BLANCO WATER DISTRICT PRESENTATION

VandenBrink presented the first “good news” of the evening. After jokingly reminding the audience that his job involves more than the Wolf Creek Reservoir project, VandenBrink shared an update on RBWCD’s rural water project.

RBWCD currently has a water enterprise proposal to expand its services to provide domestic potable water to areas surrounding the Town of Rangely. VandenBrink expressed his surprise upon learning there are residents without water served directly to their homes. He stated he jumped at the opportunity to evaluate the feasibility to solve that problem. These residents come into town to fill water tanks for themselves, their families, and often, for livestock. In other cases, they use a complex filtration system directly from the river. The service VandenBrink has proposed will be funded by a membership fee style of financing and is optional. VandenBrink shared the project it would not be funded by a mill levy. It has received a \$50,000 grant from the Colorado Housing and Finance Authority and another from the USDA. Through the membership service, the cost of water would be cheaper and more accessible to the residents of Rio Blanco County who are not being served, according to the RBWCD. Final costs are still being calculated, but the current estimate is about \$3 million. This project is supported by the Town of Rangely and the Rio Blanco County Commissioners.

KENNEY RESERVOIR & TAYLOR DRAW DAM

VandenBrink then transitioned his presentation to Kenney Reservoir and Taylor Draw Dam. The dam serves as a 2-megawatt hydroelectric facility for the town, 100% funded by local district users. At full capacity it serves 1,200 homes. The kilowatt hours mirror river flow, which is far below average. In 2021, a major downturn in power production occurred that cost the district \$1 million to fix. The Town of Rangely currently receives its power from a co-op with Rio Blanco Water Conservancy District, Moon Lake Electric Association, and Deseret Generation that keeps Rangely energy rates down.

In 1985, Kenney Reservoir was about 14,000 acre-feet. This year, information from a survey from the State of Colorado shows 2,200

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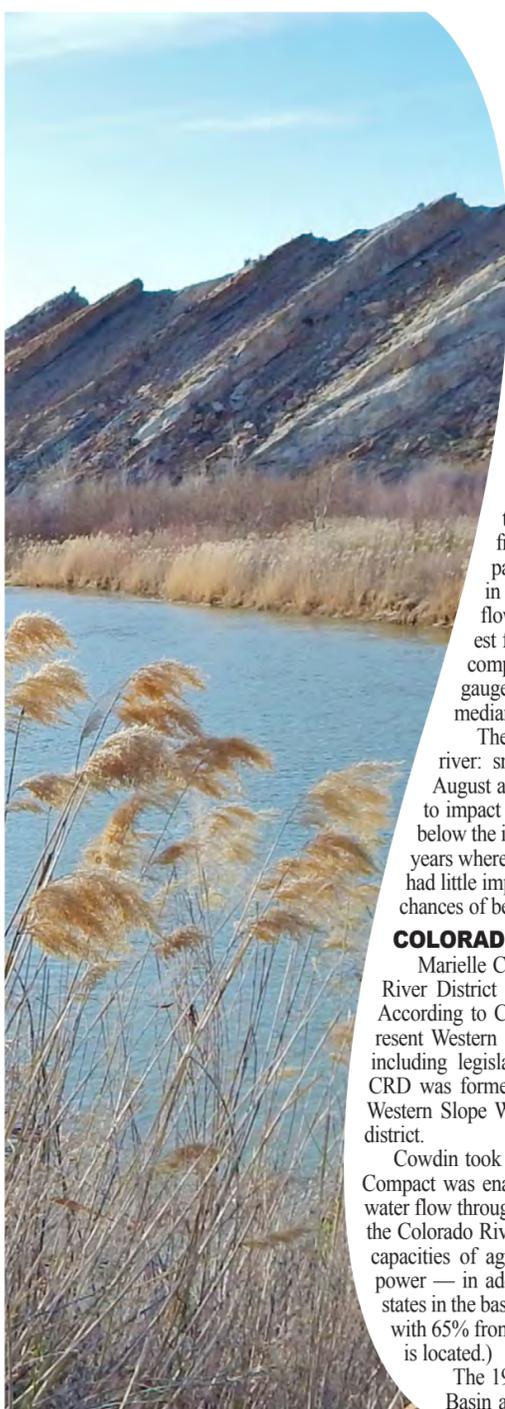
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EARTH DAY ~ FRIDAY, APRIL 22



KATIE KING PHOTO

The state of the river is “dry”, according to presentations at an event hosted by the Colorado River District and Rio Blanco Water Conservancy District in Rangely last week.

PICK-UP DAY
9am-4pm
Rio Blanco County Fairgrounds

MEEKER MUSTANG MAKEOVER
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9:30am-11:30am

Starting a Three Year Old
1:30pm-3:30pm

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COUNTY BEAT *Rector formalizes resignation*

By **LUCAS TURNER**
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RECTOR RESIGNATION

Rio Blanco County Commissioner Jeff Rector's second term will end early following a resignation announcement Tuesday. "I sent a letter to the Republican Party last night and today's my last day, I'm resigning my Commission as of today," he said, thanking "constituents and staff" of Rio Blanco County for the opportunity to serve. Members of the county's Republican Party have 10 days to appoint a replacement to fill the vacancy.

LAND USE PLAN

Updates to the county land use plan will cost around \$11.8K according to RBC Conservancy District Director Callie Hendrickson. Natural Resources/Emergency Manager Eddie Smercina

updated the board on the cost Tuesday, noting that the conservation district is requesting \$3K additional to help fund the finalization of the plan. The county originally allocated \$2K for the project but is set to approve the additional request next week for a total contribution of \$5K. The conservation district is covering the rest of the land use plan update.

FAIR BOARD

Commissioners will appoint Christina Stephens to the fair board next week following an interview during a Tuesday work session. Commissioner Ty Gates noted other members of the fair board were excited for the board to get someone with computer/office management experience. Stephens said she is joining the board because she's seen what it does for kids in the community.

GIS/PLANNING

RBC Planner Leif Joy

shared first quarter updates for the GIS/Planning department. Among other improvements to the GIS, he noted changes to the way certain documents are indexed, making it "easier to pull that data electronically." Joy also said land survey plats are now available online, and spoke about recent drone projects to map out upcoming paving projects for road and bridge. Upcoming projects include final plat amendments for Ridge Estates and Sleepy Cat, a minor subdivision still waiting on a plat, and a PUD agreement still in process for Elk Creek Ranch. Joy said it is for development in the floodplain of the river.

REGULAR MEETING

The board approved a sublease amendment with Union Telephone Company, who plans to add an additional tower

at the Marvine Tower Site that could improve service for some mobile users. They approved a three year contract with MGT of American Consulting LLC. for indirect/administrative cost allocation planning, totaling \$16.5K. Budget and Finance Director Janae Stanworth

explained that the plan helps the county to identify what an indirect cost is, including some legal counsel, payroll processing and IT support work, all of which, she said, are indirect costs for the Department of Human Services shared with Moffat County. She said

the plan costs about \$5K per year but will allow the county to get about \$60K back.

The board also approved a liquor license for upcoming Meekerpalooza events on June 10, 17, 24 and July 15 and 22.

Sand Wash horses meet Steve Mantle for mustang clinics

PRESS RELEASE
Special to the Herald Times

RBC | The Sand Wash Basin wild horses are a little like the Beatles—they have a huge following of fans. A number of these beautiful wild horses were gathered as a result of the lack of feed from years of drought. The Meeker Mustang Makeover will pair 20 of these beautiful wild horses with trainers who pick them up on April 30.

These trainers and the public will have the opportunity to observe Steve Mantle, a BLM wild horse trainer, start two of these horses as he helps the trainers see firsthand how natural horsemanship can help the process of gaining trust and gentling these horses.

Touching a wild horse for the first time can be one of the most heart-thumping and rewarding sensations imaginable. One of the best mustang and wild horse trainers in our region, Mantle (Meeker native and owner of Mantle Ranch, Wheatland, Wyoming) will hold a two clinics for the fourth annual Meeker Mustang Makeover trainers April 30, and the horse-loving public is invited to bring family and friends to be a part of the journey these horses and trainers are starting.

Mustang professional Mantle will present two clinics at the Rio Blanco Fairgrounds in Meeker. At 9:30 a.m. Mantle will hold his Starting a Yearling Clinic which uses a yearling mustang. This clinic will include the first steps for the 10 youth trainers who will pick up their yearling mustangs that morning.

Then, at 1:30 p.m., Steve will hold his Starting a Three Year Old Clinic, also approximately two hours, where he will start with a 3-year-old mustang, and work through the early first steps to get the

horse ready for handling.

Attendance cost is \$10 which includes both clinics. Kids 12 and under are free. It is also a great day to visit the White River Museum in Meeker which has a lot of Indian and Old West artifacts, soldier uniforms, and arrowheads for a fascinating walk back in time. After spending a great day with Steve Mantle, Meeker Mustang Makeover, and the White River Museum, have lunch at one of the many incredible restaurant choices that Meeker has to offer.

Yearling In-Hand 2022 Trainers:

Bear Emlyn (10) Snowmass
Kaleb Karschner (11) Craig
*Kamyah Morissette (12) Fort Collins
Chance Allred (12) Rangely
*Ellie Bruckert (13) Greeley
Brynn Emlyn (13) Snowmass
*Lynn Townsend (14) Fort Collins
Jason Heid (15) Clark
Morgan Yeiser (15) Oak Creek
Nina Bradley (16) Steamboat Springs
Kristina Mitchell (16) Steamboat Springs
*Leslie Townsend (16) Fort Collins

**these 4 youth are from the Wild Rose Mustang Advocacy Group and will be pairing up*

3yr Old Under Saddle Trainers:

Clay Allred (15) Rangely
Abigail Davison (15) Pueblo
Vivian Jade Messano (15) Montrose
Jericho Stallings (16) Meeker
Kendra Thorpe (25) DeBeque
Kari Rippi (31) Larkspur
Jerry Bontager (33) Mack
Samantha Papalimu (33) Craig
Eric Pflueger (44) Nunn
Wade Allred (58) Rangely

Meeker Preschool Roundup 2022-2023

Friday, April 22, 2022
8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Meeker Elementary School

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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.

VFW dinner tonight

RBC | VFW dinner at 290 4th Street from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 21.

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.

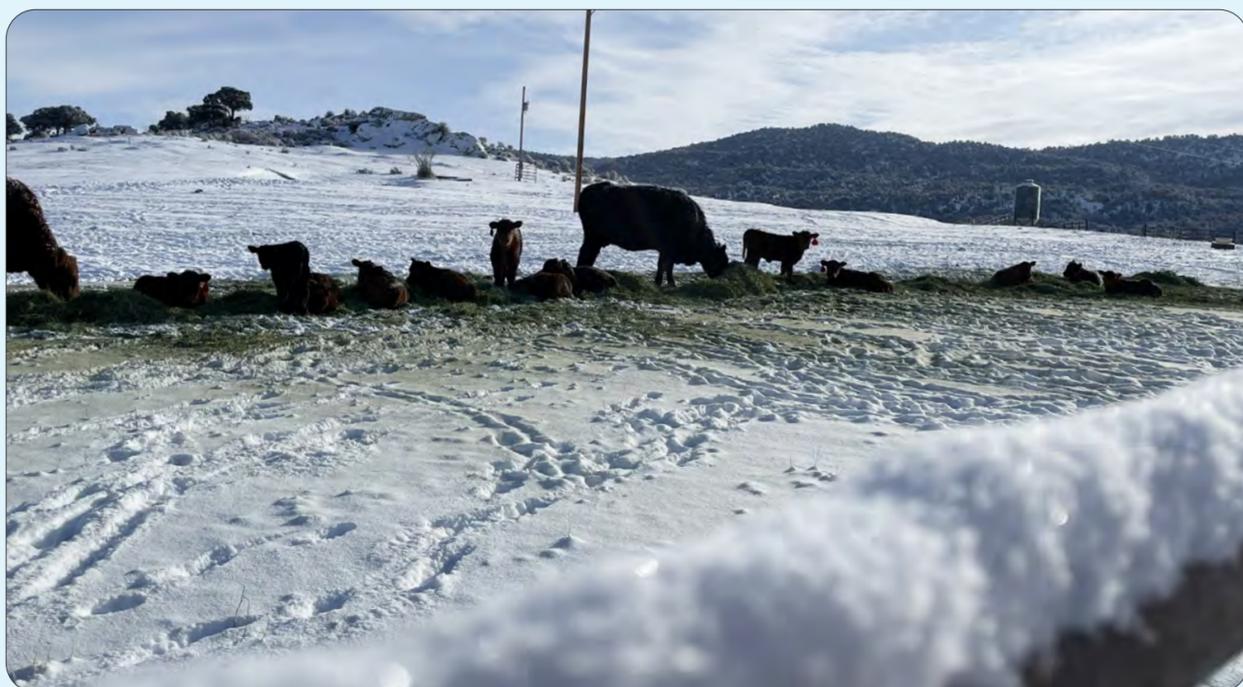
Wolf advisory group meeting in Meeker

MEEKER | The CO Wolf Stakeholder Advisory Group will be meeting in Meeker on April 27-28 at the Rio Blanco Fairgrounds. We highly encourage you and your neighbors to attend and, if you're interested, present comments on agenda topics. It will be helpful if we are well represented by our landowners and community to show that we are well vested in the health of our economy and livelihoods here in NW Colorado and that the placement of wolves in our area could have severe impacts. The public comment session is scheduled for April 28 at 11 a.m. To give your comments, you will sign up at the door (first come, first served, no registration required) and have three minutes to present your comments which must be pertinent to the agenda. This is not a debate about wolf reintroduction, this is a proactive discussion about ways to mitigate the potential impacts of wolves when they arrive. For more information on the meeting and to see the agenda visit <https://www.wolfengagementco.org/advisory-groups>.

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.

WACKY WEATHER ...



In true Rocky Mountain spring fashion, Rio Blanco County experienced massive wind gusts, temps in the seventies, temps in the 30s, sunshine, snow and everything in between—all in the course of a few days. We could do without the wind, but the wacky weather hasn't phased the county's fluffier residents, like these calves and their mommas.

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EDITOR'S COLUMN

Blessed are the peacemakers

By NIKI TURNER
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"I'm so tired of all the conflict and division."
"Why can't people be nice and get along?"
"Can we stop with all the drama already?"



I hear these statements (and have said them myself) with increasing frequency. I think most of us are "conflict-avoidant" by nature. It's part of the reason we live where we do... Fewer humans equals (or should equal) less conflict.

Blessed are the peacemakers, Jesus told his followers, something to aim for in day-to-day living. A good thing, right? Of course, but many of us have either been duped into or settled for being peacekeepers instead of peacemakers.

What's the difference? A peacekeeper will avoid tension, disagreement and strife for the sake of "maintaining the peace." They'll sacrifice their own thoughts, opinions, feelings, and even values to avoid conflict. In the name of "keeping the peace" they'll turn a blind eye to bad behavior, questionable motives, abuse, corruption, manipulation, and so forth.

If you paid attention in high school history, you'll remember the "appeasement policies" adopted by Britain and France as Hitler began his reign of terror across Europe. Peacekeeping is similar to those appeasement policies — instead of keeping the peace that's so desired, it gives evil a hall pass to run roughshod over anything and everything in their way. Peacekeeping is hoping the threat or tension or conflict will disappear quietly into the darkness if we ignore it. It's a temporary Bandaid on a gaping wound, at best. Peacekeeping makes excuses for the abusers again and again so we can avoid a fight, or discomfort, or legal action, or hard choice.

A peacemaker, on the other hand, wades into the fray proactively with honesty, respect and — perhaps most importantly — internal peace. You can't be a peacemaker if you haven't first made peace within. A peacemaker is humble. They know life is not "their way or the highway." When they make mistakes, they admit it and apologize and strive to do better. Peacemakers are respectful of others, consistent in temperament, gracious even when they disagree, and capable of checking their personal ego and privilege at the door for the sake of the greater good. They are rare, indeed, but so appreciated.

Look for them. Better yet, let's become them.

KAYE'S CORNER

New playground equipment

By KAYE SULLIVAN
Special to the Herald Times

The new playground equipment at the School Admin building is nearly ready for use. Thanks to the hard work of the local Lions Club and other benefactors, the new swings and slides will soon replace the defunct equipment.

The former playground stuff did not pass inspection and was deemed unsafe due to rotting poles and thus removed from the Sixth and Garfield location. This is a playground central to downtown Meeker making walking to the park safe for nearby children.

At a final cost of around \$162,000 this endeavor represents a two-year project of research and fund raising. Professionally manufactured and installed by playground experts, some items are accessible for children with physical limitations.

Previously, some 30

years ago, the Lions Club had installed it themselves, but these days, to comply with regulations, a qualified installer must be in place.

Using various fundraising approaches, the local group assembled the financing. They applied for and received a grant from the Colorado Health Foundation that included door to door surveys. A donation jar at the summer rodeos garnered as much as \$20 bills and lots of change.

Every penny they earn from local social events including bartending, Sheepdog Trial meals, rodeo concessions, Range Call drinks, 100% of the profits go to helping others. If you bought a beer, cola, or lunch at these events, you, too, have supported this project.

Additionally, to the credit of our community, local businesses, the town leaders, the ERBM Rec Center, the local school district, and local citizens have contributed time and

expertise to this project. Mike Miller said the most rewarding aspect was the supportive help of all the local entities.

About two years ago the Lions decided to fund the playground and have worked closely with Churchich Construction, a company located in Niwot, Colorado, that specializes in park and school playground provides the equipment and will properly install it.

Complications from COVID and supply chain issues delayed the installation from last November to this spring. Finally, after much research, fund raising, and grant applications the new equipment has arrived and will soon be ready for our children.

This outstanding accomplishment will have an official unveiling and dedication this summer including a plaque honoring



Kaye Sullivan

the Colorado Health Foundation and supporters.

The local Lions Club includes some 34 members and has a nearly 100-year history in Meeker. Their primary mission is to assist with vision issues including collecting old glasses and helping as they can with folks' eye surgery or similar needs.

In addition, they support other health concerns and travels of our local youth plus provide scholarships to our students.

I am going to smile every time I drive by that playground and think of all the effort and donations that made it happen. Thank you, Lions Club and all who helped.

With gratitude to Mike Miller and Mike Hoke for their contributions to this article.

LOOSE ENDS

Volunteer spirit

By DOLLY VISCARDI
Special to the Herald Times

Volunteers are the lifeblood of every community. In small towns like ours, there is an especially visible presence, as so many people of all ages dedicate their spare time to

help others. Men and women, as well as youth, pitch in to help and sometimes dedicate even more time and energy to get the necessary training they need as firefighters or emergency medical technicians. This insures that all of these important community services remain viable. Each individual who has continued serving selflessly throughout these



Dolly Viscardi

stressful two and a half years needs to be acknowledged for their dedication. After all that we have been through in these difficult days adapting as the pandemic waxes and wanes unpredictably. It only makes sense that we stop taking them for granted.

We cannot overlook the valuable work done by volunteers in the public

sector. They have to be ready to handle any and all emergencies that arise. Sooner or later, we will each have our own personal emergency pop up and we soon learn more about the essential work they perform. Meeker has continued to use as many of these dedicated individuals to provide a high quality of service not found in every community. As a new town resident years ago, when I was injured in a car accident, I found myself counting on the kindness of the EMTs, as well as so many others in the community. And they continued for months to check in on me for months.

I was told recently that the present volunteers are getting "burned out." Originally most of them planned to stay active in the community until they could no longer meet the challenge, but had they had to get help for themselves. One cold day they "aged-out" — out of volunteering. I am hopeful that newcomers or folk, who either didn't have the time before to offer their help to various organizations earlier will step up.

Often you will find the same family names on the wide variety of special

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Thanks for turnout at commissioner meeting

Dear Editor:

I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who showed up for the work session and county commissioner's meeting on April 12 despite the snow and inclement weather. The demography of the Meeker contingent was varied and across the board. Republican, Democratic and Unaffiliated men and women who have represented and served on multiple community boards and taxing districts stood up to speak from experience. Two past County commissioners, three Town council members, our Town planner of many years, Hospital, Hospice, Sanitation, Planning Commission, and Cemetery Board members to name a few. It made me proud to be a part of this community. They lobbied for due process and improved open communication with concern for the people who work in this county, and for the special taxing districts and boards who provide critical services for both towns. They advocated in both instances (with the CCITF funds, and the defunding of the maintenance for our Dominion equipment) for the commissioners to slow down their decision making and communicate better and the examine the options.

To clarify — neither side felt that the need of water was not an issue. The \$4 million had been tentatively budgeted late last year to come out of county reserve funding, however, it didn't become clear until within the last month or two that it would come out of the CCITF funds with little or no notification to the special taxing districts of Meeker or Rangely. There has not been any solid evidence to prove our Dominion machines have been tampered with, only intimations that they could be. The Dominion machines are not connected at any time to the internet during an election. For a clearer understanding of this

issue — please check out the Mesa County Commissioner Meeting of March 29th at minute 28:30 for Commissioner Scott McInnis' reply on the research Mesa county has done towards examining the election machine allegations.

Once again thank you Meeker for your turnout.

Pat Daggett
Meeker

Community deserves better than current BOCC

Dear Editor:

Last week the RBC County Commissioners voted to exempt themselves from following their own established procedures in approving a \$4 million grant to the County Water Conservancy District. This is a CCITF (County Capital Improvement Trust Fund) grant for environmental studies for the proposed Wolf Creek Reservoir. With that approval they also exempted themselves from complying with State Statutes detailing the requirements for CCITF funds use.

The CCITF fund was established in 1982 with \$20 million from the oil shale industry. As required by state statute, an advisory committee recommended a County process. Since 1988, that process was used until recent years in which it has been ignored completely. In the past, the taxing districts applied for CCITF grants with an open competitive review by an advisory committee and recommendation to the BOCC for approval.

Until recently, only the annual interest was spent with the principal maintained, and then only for Capital items, stuff like fire engines and buildings. Declining interest has current Commissioners using the principal. The balance has been maintained only because of a one time Anvil Points addition. The \$4 million just approved is almost all principal.

State law does give the Commissioners full discretion in fund use, as long as it is within the narrow Statute requirements and

follows the established process. The process can be changed with open public involvement but there is no provision for ignoring the requirements for convenience, one time or otherwise.

Faced with this truth, the Commissioners fell back on the idea that the CCITF process was followed, through the regular budget meetings last fall. This was despite the fact that there was no ability for other taxing districts to apply, no review by an advisory committee, no actual application for the grant until two weeks ago, and still no scope of work for the grant. Commissioner Moyer unwittingly, indirectly admitted that the established process was not followed by stating several times in the meeting that "no-one had done so in 35 years." That statement is false but also instructive.

The Commissioners were asked to delay the decision for a time and allow the process to be followed. Realizing that the end decision on the grant would likely be the same, this would at least allow for open discussion and an informed decision. The BOCC instead, citing the need to not delay the reservoir, voted to allow themselves the exemption from the law.

The tragedy in all this, aside from the lack of respect for the process and the citizens, is that it will likely delay a real solution to the critical and worsening water problems in Rangely specifically and the county as a whole. The county has committed \$4 million to a reservoir, which because of practical and financial problems, is unlikely to ever be built.

Wolf Creek Reservoir, as proposed, is a large shallow lake in a desert environment. Evaporation loss will be extreme. Construction costs are estimated at over \$200 million. The project is not supported by the state water engineer or federal government. The lake is filled from the White River by pumping at a current annual cost estimate of \$600 thousand. This is the same silt laden water that is killing Kenney

Reservoir. Wolf Creek itself also runs brown, when it runs.

Yes, Rangely needs a dependable water supply. No doubt. But the upper half of the County is experiencing water problems also. We've all seen the effects of dewatering the upper White recently. This is not a Rangely vs Meeker situation that some suggested. We need to look more seriously at county wide solutions that are cost effective, practical in operational design and that benefit all.

My fear is that we will waste \$4 million plus (the estimated cost is \$6 million) for a study that will gather dust and years from now we will be no closer to any real solutions.

More pressing right now is the need for County Commissioners that respect the law, the Citizens, and the county employees. We need commissioners that seek out and truly listen to voters opinions before decisions are made. It was clear in the last meeting that we don't have any of this presently. We deserve and should demand better.

Jeff Madison
Meeker

Thanks for Wolf Creek support

Dear Editor:

The Rangely Chamber of Commerce wants to thank our Rio Blanco County Commissioners for supporting the permitting of a new White River Basin water supply project.

Water is economic development. We are very appreciative our Commissioners have the foresight to invest in Rio Blanco County's economy. We are losing tax base County wide because of dramatic changes in the use of fossil fuels. Our Commissioners are taking the lead in addressing this economic crisis head on.

A new water supply project on the lower White

River is needed to help Rio Blanco's agriculture and regional economy. A new supply of water helps all agriculture producer's dependent on the White River. Late season water flows will provide more production in Rangely without water impacts on upper White River agriculture producers.

A new reservoir not only preserves our existing flatwater recreation but grows our ability to expand this important part of our economy. Post construction economic benefits of a new off channel storage reservoir are \$535 million in spending and \$19 million in sales tax revenue. It is estimated there will be 360 new jobs for the first 30 years, and this is excluding new and existing agriculture opportunities. The economic benefits alone from construction will surpass RBC's contribution to permitting.

Clearly, a new water storage project is economic development while also providing a foundation for RBC's future. Our County Commissioners, with the Rio Blanco Water Conservancy District, are leading us in the right direction.

Sincerely,
The Rangely Area
Chamber of Commerce

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Share your concerns and ideas about wolf reintroduction

The April 2022 Stakeholder Advisory Group (SAG) meeting will be held April 27th and 28th in Meeker at the Rio Blanco County Fairgrounds, 853 Sulphur Creek Rd, Meeker, CO, 81641.

Members of the public are encouraged to attend; no registration required. The meeting will be held April 27th, 12:00 PM to 5PM and April 28th 8:00 AM to 3:00PM. Public comment will be held on April 28th at 11:00AM. Public comment will be sign up at the door, first come, first serve, beginning the first day of the meeting.

Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) has marshaled a Technical Working Group (TWG) and Stakeholder Advisory Group (SAG) to serve as advisory bodies to the agency as the commission and CPW develop the plan to introduce and manage gray wolves in Colorado, beginning December 31st, 2023.

Providing comments to the SAG is an opportunity to have your voice heard.

For the report on the SAG's livestock compensation recommendations visit <https://bit.ly/3kbtktv>.

For more information regarding the meeting, public participation and comments scan the QR code below with your smartphone camera or see <https://www.wolfmanagementco.org/advisory-groups>.



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~ Virginia "Ginny" Love



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GUEST COLUMN

Plymouth didn't have an immigration station in 1620

By ED PECK
Special to the Herald Times

Centralized Federal immigration records began about 1880 in response to increasing numbers of people who arrived sick, with no means of support or someone to sponsor them. In 1891 provisions were added to sort people entering by land through Mexico and Canada. In the late 1800's forty percent of people entering Canadian ports were bound for America. A good place to look for these online would be collectionscanada.gc.ca/genealogy. Earlier immigration was poorly recorded at the Port Authorities. Records are incomplete. There were ports all over the East Coast. New Orleans, Philadelphia, Baltimore, and New York were busy. The advent of steamships cut the transatlantic trip from 8 weeks to about 8 days. Immigration boomed with the California Gold Rush and later railroads. The Gold RUSH fueled

immigration from Europe, China, and Japan. Transcontinental railroads needed cheap labor and later immigrants to people their new routes and buy land around the tracks from the railroad. Railroads and mining interests advertised heavily in Europe, touting instant riches and cheap farm land. Welsh miners, Scandinavian farmers, and starving Irish all sought the Golden Gate. If your ancestor came to America relatively poor in 1890 to 1954, Ellis Island Foundation has a record of over 12 million people. Searches are free, but donations are welcome. They have lots of tutorials like their Genealogy Primer Page. The website is <https://heritage.statueofliberty.org>. Beware of being redirected by your Browser to a .COM site, it's a trap. Castle Garden was the entry point for New York City before Ellis Island. It operated from 1855 to 1890. Eight million people were processed there. Castlegarden.org is a site I would caution

you about donating on, my browser has it flagged as "unsecure". Ancestry.com has in their collection an Immigration and Travel section which has Castle Garden and Ellis Island 1820-1957; Pennsylvania 1800-1962; New Orleans 1813-1963; and Baltimore 1820-1964. Once you have the arrival date pinned down and a ship manifest suggested, test the suggestion by reading the manifest itself for clues. Look at family members listed. Compare the birth order of children. Are there names missing? Some later manifests showed destination or friend's name in America. Read the rest of the page for other possible relatives and friends from the same country of origin. Remember, people moved in packs for support. These same people may appear in later census records with your ancestors. RESEARCH TIP: if you can't track a relative, try to track a neighbor. GOOD LUCK FINDING YOUR SHIP! DON'T GET WET!

LOOSE ENDS: continued

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districts or boards over the years, which reflect each individual's belief in the important of giving service to the community.

The youngest children in these families are often included at the earliest age of going with their parents, grandparents, or siblings to do their part in volunteering. Almost as soon as they go to

school, they often participate in visiting senior citizens at the Walbridge Wing.

I was teaching preschoolers years ago when I first heard a little one stand up in front of her classmates and exclaim, "I am a bolunteer too!" after describing a visit with her family to the nursing home. She said it with such pride! Her statement summed up her feelings

about herself and her growing identity in being an important contributor to her community. I had always been aware of the families that practiced what they "preached" and modeled the best examples of community involvement. I continue to be amazed how many community organizations still make sure that all the young people not only learn to strengthen the bonds between all ages in our community, they model this same caring attitude for the youth, as well.

Community relationships, like family connections, can be messy and complicated. No one ever minds the presence of the little ones taking time out of their busy days with artwork and dandelion bouquets in hands. They will be sure to thank you all for coming. And with that in mind, I plan to thank everyone who gives their time and energy to keep Meeker thriving. So if I neglect to do so when next I see you, here is an early "thank you."

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GUEST COLUMN

PMC monthly update–April

PRESS RELEASE
Special to the Herald Times

Pioneers Medical Center (PMC) was recently listed as one of the best hospitals for patient experience in the Western US. The list, compiled by the prestigious Becker's Hospital Review, includes 27 facilities in Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming. "We're honored to be included in this list," said Liz Sellers, CEO at PMC. "We're driven by our purpose, which is to provide high-quality, individualized care. Part of that care is providing an exceptional patient experience during every stage of treatment. Our entire staff goes above and beyond to ensure each patient receives the best possible experience. It's extremely rewarding to see these efforts recognized by a prestigious publication such as Becker's."

Becker's list of top 27 hospitals was compiled using the Hospital Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (HCAHPS) scores provided by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). The HCAHPS creates a summary containing the average star ratings of 10 separate metrics related to

patient experience. The data used to determine the top 27 hospitals was compiled between July 1, 2020, and March 31, 2021, and includes PMC's hospital, Colorado Advanced Orthopedics, Sports Medicine and Spine, (CAO), Meeker Family Health Center, and The Walbridge Memorial Wing Long Term Care residence.

Every facility included in Becker's list received a five-star patient experience summary rating. Pioneers Medical Center was one of only six facilities in the entire state of Colorado and the only Critical Access Hospital (CAH) in the state to be included on this list.

CAO and PMC patient, Steve H. echoes the CMS HCAHPS scores. "I will always be indebted to Dr. Kevin Borchard, his staff, and the incredible operating room team at Colorado Advanced Orthopedics at Pioneers Medical Center. Not only am I extremely grateful for the quality care I received, but I feel like I have made life-long friends. Thank you to everyone for making me feel better and who made coming to the doctor's office, dare I say... fun!"

Recently, PMC's Meeker Family Health Center began a 4,200 sq. ft. expansion project which will include more patient rooms, office space, and storage with an anticipated completion date

of November 2022.

"We are excited to begin this expansion project and are encouraged by the growth of our Meeker Family Health Center and Colorado Advanced Orthopedics clinics," said Liz Sellers.

According to internal patient data, Meeker Family Health Center saw patient volumes increase 5% from 2020 to 2021. CAO has yet to reach its two-year anniversary since opening in July 2020, however, increasing patient volumes, demand for their fellowship-trained surgeons, and excellent patient outcomes, warranted additional clinic space. Orthopedic clinic patient volumes increased 55% from 2020 to year-end 2021, and as of March 31, 2022, 66% of orthopedic clinic visits since 2020 came from patients who reside outside of Meeker.

Pioneers Medical Center is a community-based healthcare facility serving Meeker and the White River Valley of Northwest Colorado since 1950. With one of the most highly trained teams of medical professionals along the Western Slope of Colorado, PMC offers a full spectrum of healthcare services to patients in the region, including hospital, family health, orthopedics, and long-term care.

Hospital board to stay with five members over seven after hearing

By NIKI TURNER
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MEEKER I The Eastern Rio Blanco County Health Service District — the special taxing district established in 2006 through which Pioneers Medical Center receives funding — will continue to operate with a five-member board following a court hearing on Tuesday, April 19.

The district was initially established with a seven-member board of directors. A state statute provides a path for a district to increase the number of members on a board, but is silent about reducing the number of members. Such a change requires a court hearing and approval. The case was heard in district court on Tuesday by Judge Anne Norrdin.

In 2021, two of seven board members resigned and the remaining board and administration approved amending the organization's bylaws to change from a seven-person to a five-person board, citing difficulty in finding new board members. The change was approved by resolution, and unanimously approved.

Outgoing board president Kim Brown, who is term-limited after eight years, testified on behalf of the board's decision, stating the reduction in number has had "no negative impact on the board or organization." Board member Todd Shults who is running for reelection as an incumbent, concurred. "We're very effective," he said of the current board. CEO Liz Sellers concurred, saying the change has been "very positive" and has "allowed us to accomplish a lot more goals."

Judge Norrdin asked the hospital's legal counsel how they reconciled the statutory rule that allows for an increase in representation by elected board members, but not a reduction in that representation.

The attorney described a "unique sit-

uation" that was perhaps not considered when the statutes were written. Because the district serves a small geographical area with a small population, finding board members can be difficult, and "anyone nominated gets on the board" when there should be an election, "not just anyone walking in."

When there are no contested seats, elections are canceled. Vacancies created when a member resigns or cannot complete their terms are filled by appointment, generally by a citizen who submits a letter of interest.

The attorney also told the court the board has been operating under the adopted change to the bylaws for almost a year with "no public comment" and asking the court to officially recognize the change in members.

Judge Norrdin expressed concern about giving "judicial blessing" to the change in members, saying she was "wary" of extending the court's role by taking an active role in oversight of a district's board. She denied the motion without prejudice, meaning the court has no opinion on the matter, and that the case would remain open with the option to take additional action to provide finality.

The Eastern Rio Blanco County Health Services District receives a 7.280 mill levy on property taxes in its service district, with 2021 revenue listed at \$3,472,954. (see map https://gis.dola.colorado.gov/CO_SpecialDistrict/)

There are three open seats on the current five-person board for the May 3, 2022 election. Kim Brown is term-limited, and incumbents Shults and Kai Turner are running for reelection. Other candidates on the ballot are Wade Bradfield, Jeff Eskelson, Bobby Gutierrez, Mike Hoke and J.H. Sheridan.

A print Q&A with the candidates is planned for the April 28 edition of the HT.

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— Walt Copeland (pictured on the right with his family)

OBITUARIES

Thomas Dirk Murray

Oct. 18, 1956 ~ April 16, 2022

Thomas Dirk Murray was born on Oct. 18, 1956, to Judy (Harris) Murray and Keith Murray in East Ely, Nevada. He passed away at the age of 65 on Saturday, April 16, 2022, in Grand Junction, Colorado, while surrounded by loved ones. Most people knew him as just 'Dirk,' but some knew him by the pseudonym 'Slow.'



Thomas 'Dirk' Murray

developed his love of the outdoors and his favorite tie-dye shirts! He ultimately spent most of his life here, where he raised his two children. Despite many travels and adventures, he would always find his way back home.

Dirk joined the Navy in 1975, serving two years in Scotland and two years in Norfolk. He was a man of all trades, having worked as

driver, just to mention a few. He loved to tinker with anything he could get his hands on, such as cars, bikes, and computers; he also enjoyed making jewelry, horseback riding, working on cars, cooking, baking, gardening and listening to music. He loved animals of all sorts, he frequented bluegrass festivals, inviting his loved ones whenever he had the chance, and he loved sharing his experiences with others. Those were the times where he was happiest and projected his warm personality.

Some might describe Dirk as very gruff in the way he looked and carried himself, however, he was someone with a very big

heart with almost too much love to give. He was the type of person to give a complete stranger in need the shirt off his back, no questions asked. And while it was often hard for him to admit his affection out loud, he showed others love by throwing something together for them in the kitchen or by giving thoughtful gifts.

He is survived by his children, Sara and Alex Murray (25, 21), and his brother and sister Jonny (64) and CJ (55). There will be a celebration of life held this summer both in Meeker and via Zoom for anyone who'd like to attend. Contact the family for details at contactmurrayfamily@gmail.com.

DEATH NOTICE

Delton Ray Gerloff

Jan. 28, 1946 ~ April 13, 2022

Services will be held at Meeker Assembly of God at 10 a.m. on Friday, April 22, 2022. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Meeker Volunteer Fire Department through Grant Mortuary, P.O. Box 333, Meeker, Colorado, 81641.

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Rangely appoints Granger, Thayn and Wren to town board

BY KATIE KING
Special to the Herald Times

RANGELY

Rangely's Board of Trustees met on Tuesday, April 12, with a work session to interview applicants for board vacancies before convening for the public meeting.

The Board approved Alisa Granger, Todd Thayn and Kyle Wren to four-year terms. The trustees will be sworn in at the April 26 meeting.

Trustee Don Davidson offered updates including highlighting student government day. The Rangely Chamber of Commerce hosted the youth of Rangely as they participated in taking over

the board and tried on the various roles of local government. He reported that it was a success and great to see the kids engaged and energetic.

Davidson questioned the Board on the Town's procedures in the event of an emergency, particularly a weather catastrophe. Mayor Andy Shaffer stated that the town addresses storms as the event occurs and that everyone jumps in to do their part. As the town frequently experiences large snowstorms, the extent of emergency preparedness responsibility typically falls on the public works department to clear the roads and citizens to care for one another. Town Manager Lisa Piering said the special districts work together as

opposed to a command center-like scenario. The hospital cares for those who need regular medical assistance, particularly those dependent on power for supplemental oxygen. In the event of a major catastrophe, the town would have to wait for funding from the state to enact anything serious. Davidson also took the opportunity to share updates from connections he has made with a company called Energy Field Security. Their goals include creating a microgrid to support hospitals and data centers in efforts to protect communities from low-frequency, high-impact events. His efforts include working on legislation to help small communities secure funding in the event

of emergencies.

Town Manager Lisa Piering offered a brief and positive update after noting that the water treatment plant had sustained roof damage and a few electrical issues. Mayor Andy Shaffer asked about surge protection at the water plant. Piering shared that she hopes that moving forward with the Cogency contract will help protect the local power systems. The Town will be moving forward with planting flowers in the community garden and aiding in repairs to the greenhouse. The greenhouse is used exclusively for the town flowers.

Piering and Town Engineer Jocelyn Mullen met with the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment to work on grant applications to aid the renovation of asbestos-contaminated housing.

Piering also highlighted the annual interview with the Dinosaur Welcome Center with positive thanks and praise for Cheryl, who manages the welcome center. Piering also shared the news that the Rangely Directory would be updated soon. Compliments were given to Leif Joy of the RBC

Geographic Information Systems department for his work showcasing local places on Instagram and an article for Outdoor Colorado.

Supervisor reports were submitted and included in the packet but the supervisors are taking turns report to the board in person. Notable news includes the police department's second Coffee with a Cop event, Lt. Garner participating in multiple trainings including active shooter training. The Rangely Gas Department has participated in training including travel to Meeker for the annual gas and oil company training. Don Reed submitted a report from the Water Treatment Plant that included a description of the river water quality further declining and requiring the department to constantly monitor and adjust chemicals with expectations that things will get worse after spring run-off. State compliance reports were sent in with no violations and Mueller continues construction on the Headworks project.

In other business, the board:

- Approved the liquor license for Loaf N' Jug.

■ Held a final discussion before approving the agreement between the Town of Rangely and Rangely True Value, Inc. to close the alley south of Rangely True Value during non-business hours. Concerns were brought by the Town's Municipal Attorney regarding insurance policy compliance. She recommended a fee of \$200 to help reduce other requests and precedence to close alleys in town. Rangely True Valley asked this fee to be waived. The Board approved striking this paragraph from the agreement with a motion from Trustee Keely Ellis and a second from Alisa Granger.

Informational Items: Arbor Day celebration on April 21, 2022; Veteran Resource Tour June 7, 2022; The Tank Summer 2022 schedule; Dinosaur National Monument News Release - Rabbit Disease; AGNC Legislative Summary.

The meeting closed with a special thanks to René Harden for her dedication and hard work to maintain the Rangely Community Garden from Shaffer, Davidson and Piering.



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Election FAQs: special districts, WRBM mill levy, Moyer recall

By NIKI TURNER
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SPECIAL DISTRICT ELECTIONS

Special district elections for the Eastern Rio Blanco Metropolitan Recreation and Park District (ERBM) board of directors and the Eastern Rio Blanco County Health Services District (Pioneers Medical Center/PMC) board of directors are slated for May 3.

Voting for both entities will be held at the Fairfield Center from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, May 3, or you can request an absentee ballot no later than Tuesday, April 26. Ballots will be mailed to you and you will then need to return your ballot by mail, drop them off at the Fairfield Center or at the ballot boxes in the lobbies of the corresponding district (hospital or rec center).

If you are unsure whether you are eligible to vote in either special district election or to request an absentee ballot, contact:

■ PMC — Dan Olson by phone at 970-878-9268 or email Daniel.Olson@pioneershospital.org.

■ ERBM — Cathy Kiser at 970-878-7417 or email cathy@erbmrec.com

Special district elections that were canceled this cycle include: Artesia Fire Protection District, Rio Blanco Fire Protection District, Douglas Creek Conservation District, Rangely Rural Fire Protection District, Rangely Hospital District, White River Conservation District, Meeker Sanitation District and the Town of Meeker.

WRBM MILL LEVY BALLOT ISSUE

The Western Rio Blanco Metropolitan Recreation and Park District is holding a mail ballot election requesting a mill levy increase from 4.0 to 8.0 mills. Two directors' seats are open but there are no candidates. The drop off location for the delivery of mail ballots and receipt of replacement ballots is at Western Rio Blanco Metropolitan Recreation and Park District, open Monday through

Thursday between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. beginning April 11 and from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on election day.

For questions about the WRBM election, contact Jennifer Noel at 970-675-8211

RECALL ELECTION

Ballots for the recall election have been mailed to registered voters. The election date is Tuesday, May 10. If you have not received a ballot, contact the County Clerk and Recorder's office at 970-878-9460 for more information. Recall ballots can be returned to one of the county drop boxes (at the west side of the courthouse or at the west entrance of Rangely Town Hall), mailed, or delivered to one of the voter service and polling locations (County Clerk's offices in Meeker and Rangely). Polling locations for in-person voting will be open Monday, April 25 through May 9 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, May 10. Voters may receive a ballot or a replacement ballot at drop-off locations or polling locations any time before 7 p.m. May 10.



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2022 youth turkey hunters were front row (with turkeys) from left to right: Jacob Roberts and Tilden Gates. Back row from left to right: Myles Dupire, Parker Dupire, Thomas Theos, Jake Grieser, Toren Gates.

Seven Meeker kids participate in annual CPW turkey hunt

PRESS RELEASE
Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER | On a cold, breezy weekend in early April, seven young turkey hunters and their mentors huddled quietly on pristine private land on the outskirts of Meeker, scanning the terrain for their elusive quarry. Participating in their first turkey hunt, the youngsters battled the frigid air and their own nervous excitement, listening to whispered suggestions and tips from their expert advisors. When at last, a turkey comes into view, the young hunters put their newly learned firearm safety education into action, carefully aiming their shotguns, and pulling the trigger.

While four of the seven young hunters were able to take a turkey home for their family's dinner table this year, in keeping with the mission of Colorado Parks and Wildlife's Hunter Outreach Program, the focus of the hunt was education, ethics, and safety.

The annual hunt - held in honor of CPW Officer Jon Wangnild who died in 2013 - is led by Meeker South District Wildlife Manager Bailey Franklin. Along with fellow CPW officers and volunteers, they provide the critical mentorship the novice hunters need to hunt in a safe and ethical manner.

"All of these kids

dreamed of hunting turkeys but couldn't for a variety of reasons, primarily because they did not have a mentor," said Franklin. "Because of the expert advice and equipment provided by CPW, the hard work, dedication and generosity of many local people, these young hunters now have experience and knowledge. Most of these kids can now hunt wild turkey on their own, and may become mentors themselves in the future."

Hunting is one of Colorado's most treasured traditions and is critical for the successful management of the state's wildlife, today and into the future. In addition, it encourages youth to maintain a healthy lifestyle with outdoor activities as a priority.

The seven youth turkey hunt participants this year were Toren and Tilden Gates, Thomas Theos, Jake Grieser, Myles and Parker Dupire, and Jacob Roberts, all from Meeker.

Prior to the hunt, each novice and parent or guardian participated in an in-person orientation learning turkey biology, turkey hunting strategies, firearm safety, and hands-on shooting practice with shotguns. Once in the field, they learned how to scout, track and identify signs of turkey activity.

CPW would like to express our sincere appreciation and thanks to the following landowners for sponsoring the program

and allowing access to their private lands: Nine Mile Guest Ranch; Elk Creek Ranch - Pollard/Dry Creek parcel; M/R White River Ranch - Miller Creek Ranch; Lunney Mountain Ranch; Slash EV Ranch, Hunting Maestro LLC; White River Lodge; LK Ranch; Cross L Ranch; R Lazy J Ranch; Buckles Ranch; George Rienau; Etchart Ranch; L Bar Slash Ranch; David Smith Ranches; Peggy and Ronnie Griffin; Mahogany Resources; Kurt and Sandra Hotto; 4M Ranch; Hole in the Rock Ranch; Meeker Dome.

In addition, CPW would like to thank Travis Flaherty, Tom Hazelton, Dusty Allen, Nick Fetchik, and Curtis Keetch for supporting the Northwest Region's Hunter Outreach Program by volunteering their time and equipment to guide and mentor four of the young hunters.

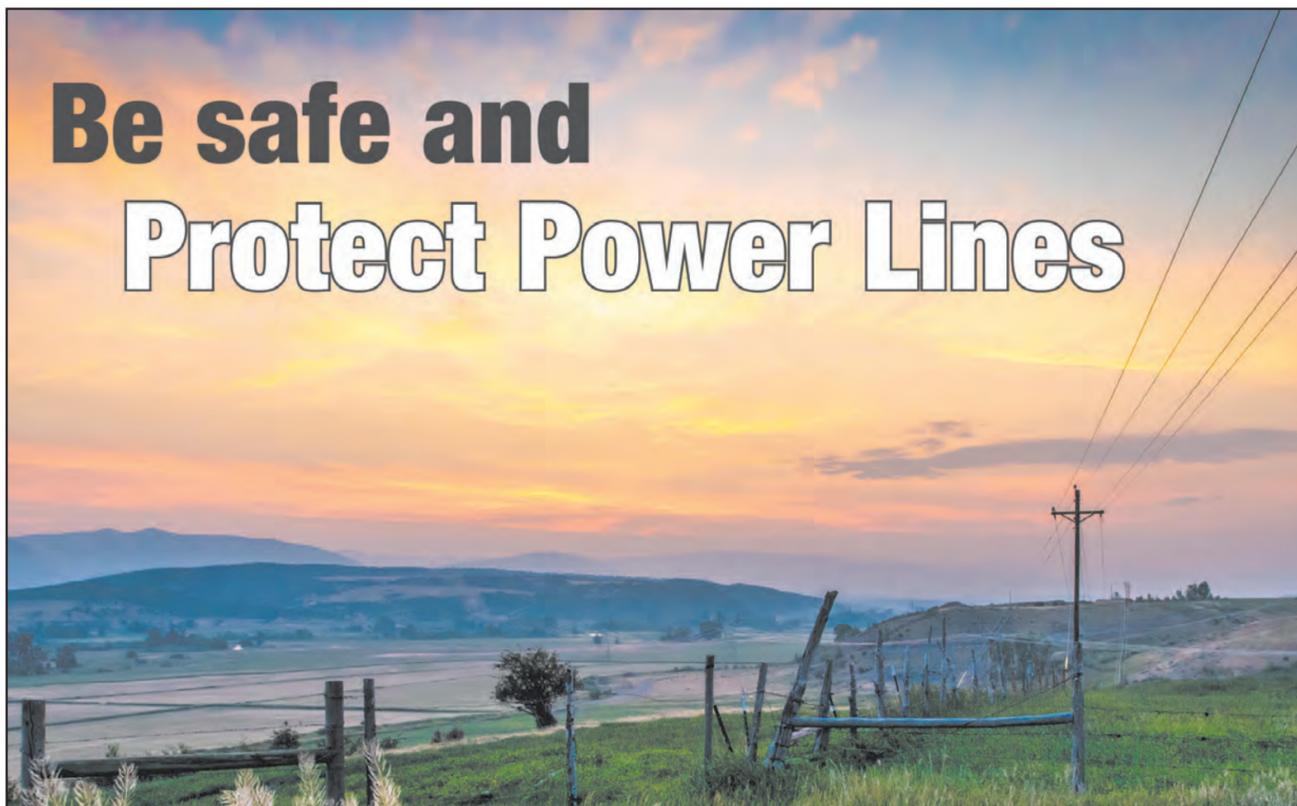
"We are very grateful that we have dedicated and generous partners that believe in what we are doing," said Franklin. "They are actively involved in helping instill a love of the outdoors and hunting in our future generation, and that benefits everyone."

Landowners or volunteers interested in supporting CPW's youth hunting programs in Northwest Colorado are encouraged to call Colorado Parks and Wildlife's Meeker office at 970-878-6090.

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(Above) Residents of all ages enjoyed a mad dash for eggs at the annual Meeker Lions Club egg hunt held at Meeker Recreation Center Saturday. CAITLIN WALKER PHOTOS



4-H community club members and leaders joined together to help the Meeker Lion's Club (left) and Rangely ELKS (right) fill Easter eggs for this year's community scavenger hunts. "We had an incredible turnout of 4-H members and leaders on both ends of the county," 4-H officials said. "We want to let the kids and leaders know that we at the Extension and 4-H office appreciate their help and the wonderful job they did. Good job in completing a Community Pride service activity." COURTESY PHOTOS



COURTESY PHOTOS
The 2022 Pool Easter Egg Hunt at the Rangely Rec Center was a success with about 45 kids participating. Items were collected for the Rangely School District's backpack program. WRB Rec and Park would like to extend "a big thank you" to Rangely Auto Parts for donating to the event.

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Damek Chintala (above) took the pitcher's mound for the Cowboys and pitched a solid four innings in a home game against Battle Mountain.

Cowboys record 5-4 win

BY TIFFANY JEHOREK
Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER I The Cowboy baseball team finally got to play on their home field April 7. Battle Mountain came to Meeker for a JV/Varsity double header.

"The boys played well and the bats started working," commented assistant coach Dylan Mobley. "I think we played better this game than we did against Monte Vista the week before."

Damek Chintala took to the pitcher's mound for the Cowboys and pitched a solid four innings, with six strikeouts, no walks, and only allowed two runs. Jonathan Fitzgibbons took over to finish out the game the last three innings and the Cowboys won 5-4.

"We have a good lineup of pitchers and with the hitting coming around I think we have a chance for postseason," said Mobley.

The scoring was evenly spread between John Hampton Hightower, Liam Deming, Jake Blazon, Ryan Sullivan, and Zach Simonsen. Fitzgibbons helped two of them make it home and Simonsen batted in another.

"To date we have not played a team in our classification, they have all been 3A and 4A schools and we will be opening up league play soon," commented Mobley. "Our toughest game in our league will likely be Rangely, but we will be ready."

The team lost to Glenwood Springs 7-8 Tuesday in a non-league game. Next on their schedule is another non-league away game in Basalt Tuesday, April 26.

SIGNED ...



Sarah Kracht (left), daughter of Jason and Betty Kracht (right), signed with the Western Wyoming Community College to play basketball. Kracht is a senior at Meeker High School graduating this May and attending college in Wyoming beginning in August. (Standing) MHS Athletic Director Klark Kindler.

Rangely Panthers record PRs, top scores in GWS

Special to the Herald Times

RANGELY I The Rangely Panther track team headed southeast for the Demon Invitational in Glenwood Springs last weekend. They saw some PRs in many events and scored well as a team. The boys took sixth place while the girls took seventh place. The meet drew a lot of bigger teams from the area: Rifle, North Fork, Basalt, Palisade and Aspen. Rangely was definitely one of the smaller schools in the meet.

The Panthers ran several relays at the meet trying to see if they might qualify for state. The boys relay team — Timothy Scoggins, James Talbot, Colton Noel and Andrew Dorris — ran the 4x800 taking third place with a time of (8:58.99). The 4x200 team was made up of Kevin Wren, Anthony Dorris, Robert Murray and Justin Allred. They ran a 1:56.47. The last relay was the 4x400 with Scoggins, Clay Allred, Wren and Andrew Dorris. They had a new personal best with a time of 3:56.15. The girls also ran three relays: sprint medley, 4x200 and 4x400. The sprint medley was made up of Hayley Burr, Emma Smith, Katsyn Dembowski and Mary Scoggins. They

took fourth with a 2:01.01. Then the 4x200 got a new personal best with a time of 1:57.74 with Miah Wren, Ryann Mergelman, Dembowski and Ashlynn Ducey. The girls also ran a 4x400 with Burr, Ducey, Wren and Scoggins taking third with a time of 4:21.37.

In individual competition James Talbot was the lead scorer for the boys. Talbot had a hard day with his long races but was able to get new personal best in each of his events. He ran the 1,600-meter run taking second place with a time of 4:59.00 and a third place in the 3,200-meter run (11:14.49). Also scoring were Andrew Dorris in the 800-meter (2:09.38) for first place. Kenyon Cochrane in discus for second place (142-7) and shot put (34-5.25). Fisher Winder long jumped (16-7) for fourth place and triple jumped (36-9) for seventh place. Timothy Scoggins high jumped (5-8) for sixth place. Other boys that competed in this meet were Joseph Adams shot put (25-10); Colton Noel 1,600 run (5:26.76) and 400-meter dash (1:01.38); Anthony Dorris long jump (16-4.5); Kevin Wren triple jump (32-5); Justin Allred 400 run (1:05.89) and 800 run (2:35.05); Aydan Christian 100-meter dash (13.28), 200-meter dash (28.05) and



MATT SCOGGINS PHOTO

The Panthers will host a home meet this Saturday at Yeager Field beginning at 10 a.m. Come out and support your home team.

long jump (15-3.75); Robery Murry 100 dash (15.62) and 200 dash (35.63); and Clay Allred 800 run (2:20.21) and triple jump (33-8.5).

On the girls side, Mary Scoggins was the top scorer with a second in triple jump (34-4) and a fourth in the 800 run (2:27.28). Hayley Burr took seventh in the 100 hurdles (17.64) and sixth place in the 300 hurdles (50.39). Kyrach Phelps had some great throws in discus; a throw of 100-8 placed her in third place and a throw of 31-6 in shot put got her a fourth place. Annika Cantrell placed

sixth in high jump (4-6) and ran the 100 dash (15.95) and the 200 dash (32.18) Miah Wren took eighth in the 200 dash (28.56) and also triple jumped (28-5.25). Rylee Allred placed eighth in the shot (28-8) and threw the discus (87-11). Other girls who participated in the meet were Ashlynn Ducey in the 100 dash (13.82); Emma Smith in the 100 dash (14.99), long jump (12-6.5) and triple jump (28-5.5); Ryann Mergelman in the 200 dash (30.74) and long jump (11-10); Macy Morgan in the 1,600 run (7:17.50) and the 800

run (3:17.90); Mackenzie Manchester in the 100-meter hurdles (23.32), discus (82-10) and shot (28-0.5); and Kastyn Dembowski in the high jump (4-4) and long jump (14-5).

The Rangely Panthers will be hosting a meet this Saturday at 10 a.m. at Yeager Field. They would love to have you come out and support them.

Meeker throwers take first in relay earnings

BY TIFFANY JEHOREK
Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER I Meeker Cowboy track took to

the Demon Invitational Saturday in Glenwood, with pole vaulting the previous evening.

"We had some weather this week, and a JV track meet, so we didn't get a

full week of practice, and we leveled out this week," commented co-head coach Hallie Blunt.

"At the JV track meet our kids did really well, they were able to get some

time in events they hadn't run yet, and we got some kids some time on the track," said Blunt.

Results from the Demon Invitational for those placing in the top three:

- Pole Vault, Aspen Merrifield, second
- Kelton Turner, second

- 4x200 Meter Relay, Girls Meeker A, second

- Shot Put, Zach Eskelson, third

- 4x100 Meter Relay, Girls Meeker A, second

- Discus, Hailey Knowles, second

"Our MVP's for the week are once again our throwers, but this time the girls discus, both of the

girls had PR's and Shyana Kurth nearly threw 80 feet," said Blunt.

The team is busy this week beginning with pole vault in West Grand Tuesday, Owen Hanneman took 4th and jumped 10 feet 9 inches and Merrifield cleared 8'3", Reese Clatterbaugh had PR at 7'3".

"There were 38 boys and 38 girls at this event, it was fun and our kids did well," said Blunt.

The rest of this week there was a JV meet Wednesday in Rifle, varsity on Friday will be in Coal Ridge, and the entire team will travel to Rangely Saturday for another meet.



(Left to right) Meeker throwers Judd Harvey, Brendan Clatterbaugh, Zach Eskelson and Zagar Brown took first place in the relay earnings, earning them a coveted pizza as their prize.

MATT SCOGGINS PHOTO

Rangely baseball falls to Huskies 10-9 in non-league game

Special to the Herald Times

RANGELY I The Rangely Panthers baseball team traveled to Gypsum, Colorado, to take on Battle Mountain High School on Friday, April 15. The non-league game was originally to be played in Edwards, Colorado, at Battle Mountain High School but due to inclement weather in the previous days, the game was played at Eagle Valley High School. The Huskies entered Friday's game with a 6-4 overall mark and the Panthers came in at 5-5. The Huskies defeated the Panthers in extra innings to a score of 10-9 in eight innings of play.

Seniors Justin Cudo and Keihlin Myers took the rubber for the Panthers and pitched well but Myers ended up taking the loss on the mound. Cudo went three innings while giving up six earned runs with two walks and five strikeouts. Myers came in for Cudo relief and pitched four and two-thirds innings. Myers gave up four runs, three of them as earned runs, while walking one Huskie hitter and striking out four.

Offensively the Panthers were led by junior Luis Quintana as he recorded two hits, two walks and scored two runs for the Panthers. Cudo also had a great day at the plate as he had

four hits in five at-bats while scoring one run for the Panthers. Seniors Byron Mackay and Brent Cantrell scored three runs and two runs respectively. Sophomore Dalton LeBleu also drove in two RBIs for the Panthers with his two hits in four at-bats.

The Panthers were down to their last out of the game with the bases empty as they found a way to score three runs to tie the game at nine runs and force the game into extra innings. Luis Quintana was able to draw a two out walk and then senior Brent Cantrell singled to right field to put the Panthers with runners on first and second base and two outs. Freshman Marcos Quintana then slugged a two-run double into left-center field to score both Quintana and Cantrell. Freshman Tristan Scott entered the game as a pinch-runner for Quintana and Scott was able to score when Dalton LeBleu singled up the middle and it scored Scott to tie the game up. Unfortunately, in the bottom of the eighth inning the Huskies scored one run with two outs and a win in walk-off fashion.

The loss dropped the Panthers overall record to 5-5 overall and 0-0 in Western Slope League play. The Panthers will open their Western Slope Conference schedule when they travel to take on the Cedaredge Bruins on Saturday, April 23.



COURTESY PHOTO

(Left to right) Cowboy golfers Wagner Brown, Avere Woodward, Vivian Brown, Haley Blaisdel and Hailey Knowles.

YOUTH B-BALL ...



COURTESY PHOTO

The WRB Recreation and Park District partnered with the CNCC Men's and Women's Basketball teams this year to run a positive youth basketball program. An enormous "thank you" to the teams for volunteering to work with us and the first- through fifth-grade athletes. Thank you for putting in the time and effort to help these young players improve their basketball skills. Coach Nate, Coach Zai, and everyone involved helped make this year a huge success. (Back row) Coach Isaiah Cockrell, Carden Talbot, Kesleigh Kennedy, Ivory Triplett, Elizabeth Munoz, Paisley Potter, Kellen Pearce, Kirra Pearce, Savannah Skelton, Mason Ducey, Cooper Fielder, Karter Skelton, Corbin Hamblin, Hunter Webster, Jaxson Olivas, Hailey Armstrong, Terran Allen and Coach Nate Terrin. (Middle) Tyler Urie, Bailey Robie, Addie Heji, Addison Donovan, Ally Black, Ava Whiston, Tucker Kilduff, Dalton Brannan, Dax Halcomb, Crimson Wolgamott, Rhys Talbot and Jett Harris. (Bottom) Khloe Skelton, Kenton Manchester, Quinton Hardman, Axel Stanek, Lanie McMillan, Gavyn Christian, Kaysley Sanford, Lillie Potter and Katy Sullivan. (Not pictured) Tyler Grandt, Maylee Kenney, Kinley Lewis, Kannon Torres, Luke Torres and Finn Winder.

Cowboy golf plays in Carbondale

BY TIFFANY JEHOEK
Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER I The Meeker Cowboy Golf team had a weather related break but was able to hit the links Monday for a wonderful day of golf at River Valley Ranch (RVR); their first individual tournament this year.

"I love taking my golf girls to this course as I have very fond memories there," began head coach Amanda Back, "it was my home course growing up and the course was in wonderful shape".

Steve VanDyke is the head pro and director of golf and husband of Jennifer VanDyke (Cook), daughter of Jim and Debbie Cook of Meeker.

"Steve and his team have done a wonderful job bringing back RVR to what I remember RVR to be", commented Back, "a well manicured, challenging fun golf course.

RVR has a lot of bunkers, "and the girls excelled," said Back. "To say I am proud is an understatement."

Vivian Brown shot 113 which is 32 strokes better than last year, Wagner Brown shot 123 a couple strokes better than the prior year, Hailey Knowles shot 137, Haley Blaisdel shot 148 and Avere Woodward shot a 175

"The girls did awesome, and for their very first individual stroke play tournament in there lives they did amazing," commented Back.

Tuesday Hailey Knowles played a solo round at Rifle Creek.

"Hailey did great Tuesday, the back nine in Rifle is tough", concluded Back. "This is her second tournament and it is wonderful the experience she is getting."

The Cowboys next tournament will be at Eagle Ranch on Monday.

CNCC rodeo heads to Grand Junction

Special to the Herald Times

RANGELY I The weekend of April 9-10 found the CNCC rodeo team in Grand Junction for the Colorado Mesa college rodeo. "They do a great job of hosting all of us and put on a fun rodeo! Both Sadie Shake and Hadley Gross ran barrels on Friday evening and the weather was just great," said coach Tammy Olson.

Gross was the first of the duo to run barrels in the slack after the rodeo. Unfortunately, her great horse, "Hubbs", slipped on a hind foot as he started his turn into the first barrel. This cost her a bit of time but when they tipped the third barrel, they were out of the

running.

Shake and "Ricky" ran later in slack Friday night, and they made a nice, solid run. They came back in the short go-round in seventh place on Saturday. On Saturday, several horses had some issues with the first and third barrels, as did Shake and "Ricky." They finished one hole out of the points in the long go-round, the short go-round and the aggregate. Close, but just not quite there.

The CNCC rodeo team had one last spring college rodeo in Spanish Fork, Utah during Easter weekend.

"We plan to finish the 2022 spring season on a high note! As always, thank you for your support!" said Olson.



COURTESY PHOTOS

Several Meeker High School FCCLA members attended the 2022 state conference and were recognized for their great work this year in seven different competitions.

MHS FCCLA members place at state

Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER I April 14-16, 2022, was an inspiring weekend of competition, recognition and of course continuing leadership journeys for the Meeker High School Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) members who attended the 2022 Colorado FCCLA State Conference. Thursday featured opening ceremonies, a delicious dinner at the Cheesecake Factory, and the beginning of a busy three days. During Opening Ceremony, Meeker High School FCCLA was recognized for their Community Service Project "Empty Bowls." On Friday competition began and our students did not disappoint.

All the hard work our chapter put into competitive events finally paid off! "We have a very young group of students," said instructor Brenda Hummel, "Six out of nine are freshmen, and only senior Hadley Franklin has competed at FCCLA in the past. This was exciting and nerve racking. Their results speak of their hard work and knowledge that our schools provide them. Watching students succeed makes the hard days worth it!"

MHS was proud to have students compete seven different events, all placing with medals. Qualifying for Nationals: Hadley Franklin earned a first place gold in job interview; Gracie Blagg earned a second place gold medal in entrepreneurship;

Sam Hightower and Finley Deming earned a second place gold in professional presentation. Looking ahead to the next FCCLA opportunity, winners are able attend the National Leadership Conference in San Diego on June 29 - July 3.

The following students competed and placed accordingly: Rebecca Hood placed third silver in nutrition and wellness; Gabe Richardson earned a silver medal in teach and train; Graycee Cravens earned a silver medal in career investigation; Aimee Shults and Kayla Scott earned a bronze medal in sports nutrition. These students have incredible projects and have developed a good understanding for future competition.

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- Rev. Ostenson held impressive and appropriate Easter services at St. James church last Sunday.
- Sam Wear moved his fine bunch of cattle from the Powell park feeding ranch to the summer range on Miller on Tuesday.

The Meeker Herald
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- Albert Romey is fast completing his new barber show in the old Jeffries Store. He expects to move next week. This will be one of the best shops in this small town.

- It is reported that Dave Morgan and C H Wolcott, who are drilling for oil at Elk Springs on lower Yampa river, have struck a small flow of oil at a depth of 700 feet. We hope it turns out to be a big flow.

The Meeker Herald
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- A heavy wind storm Tuesday afternoon was believed to have done serious damage to towers and television antennas on Melon Hill with the result that both Meeker and Rangely were left without television reception.
- The big attraction

coming up this weekend in Meeker is the presentation of the Barber of Seville, a musical comedy by John Arnold Ford's "Comic Opera Theater".

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- Pioneers Hospital announced at the last board of trustees meeting that the "Balcon family" from Grand Junction has awarded a \$15,000 grant to the hospital for the new clinic. Groundbreaking ceremonies for the clinic are set for May 9.
- Members of "Bowling Brats" youth bowling league proudly display the

trophies they received at their award and fun night, April 16, at White River Bowl.

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- The White River Bowmen almost pulled the biggest upset of the indoor season by missing the 1st place in the men's F.S. team by 3 points. The small but potent club outshot all of the large eastern slope teams except the Columbine Bowmen from Denver.
- Mr. and Mrs. Harry Peacock announced this week the sale of their Trustworthy Store

located on Main St and announced that they plan to move to Stanolind Ave.. Their inventory has been sold to Randy Nelson of Roosevelt, Utah.

Rangely Times
25 years ago

- Rangely residents enjoyed a "Taste of Rangely" on Sunday afternoon in Elks park. The Rangely Area Chamber

of Commerce sponsored the event in which locals sampled "tastes" of an array of foods. The Chamber hopes to expand the event next year with more booths and live entertainment.

- Former Rangely resident, Mark Brady, is now living in Waikato, New Zealand, but recently just flew back to the US after he was invited to play for the Hamilton Hawks in January.

RIVER: perspectives on Wolf Creek, water initiatives, algae study

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acre-feet is where Kenney Reservoir sits now, with less than 264 surface acres. On average, the RBWCD loses 315 acre-feet a year to sedimentation. For perspective, that's 315 football fields, 1 foot deep. The purpose of Taylor Draw was to protect Rangely from frequent devastating floods.

Average use at Kenney Reservoir is approximately 5,000-plus visitors per year. VandenBrink shared his concerns about increased usage on the lower surface area. Looking now and five years into the future, VandenBrink commended the Division of Fire Prevention and Control for their dedicated work and professionalism. They, in conjunction with the Bureau of Land Management and RBWCD, have created a prescribed burn plan for the next five years to cover several areas around the White River just up from Kenney Reservoir. The prescribed burn goals are to improve water quality and quantity while helping to control invasive species.

WOLF CREEK RESERVOIR

The big topic of VandenBrink's presentation was the Wolf Creek Reservoir project. A team completed a "basin-wide investigation into needs and available options" and identified 25 possible locations, with Wolf Creek as the preferred location.

The projected cost of the project of the project is \$142 million and would be completed over the next two decades. This would include water rights for 26-66 thousand acre-feet at \$2.2 hundred dollars per acre-foot. VandenBrink stated some Front Range water projects have higher costs per acre-foot. This location is still in the National Environmental Policy Act permit process and is not guaranteed approval. According to VandenBrink, Wolf Creek was considered the best option to meet specific requirements for endangered species, according to the team.

County commissioners recently approved \$4 million dollars from the County Capital Improvement Trust Fund for the project.

WHITE RIVER INTEGRATED WATER INITIATIVES

Callie Hendrickson, Executive Director of White River and Douglas Creek Conservation Districts, began her presentation with a question she had asked a previous audience about how much time people thought about protecting their drinking water and accessibility to recreational opportunities. The audience answered 90%. When the same audience was asked how much time they spend thinking about protecting their food sources to ensure they had three nutritious meals a day, the audience answered 10%. The point of her question was to demonstrate how the relationship between the water supply and the food supply is not recognized.

The county's conservation districts have separate boards but function as one. The boards for the districts are comprised of landowners and water rights holders.

At the state level, it was decided that 80% of streams should have a stream management plan by 2030. The conservation districts are leading that effort, and thus the White River Integrated Water Initiative was created. The Initiatives' (Hendrickson's preferred abbreviation of the name) mission statement says, "Community based initiative to identify actions promoting a healthy river that ensures a vibrant economic community capable of securing the future vitality of agriculture, fisheries, recreation, municipalities, and industry while protecting water rights, quantity, and quality with respect for the local customs, cultures, and property rights." Hendrickson also highlighted Liz Chandler and Kari Brennan who had roles in coordinating the development of the initiative.

The Colorado Cattlemen's Association recently partnered with the Conservation Districts to secure grants to assist with diversion structure improvements. The first contract was signed the night before the State of The River presentation. Hendrickson stated she was excited to participate with individuals and other associations in their work. Upcoming public meetings

are scheduled for 6-8 p.m. at the following locations: Lower reach April 21 at CNCC Weiss Conference Room in Rangely; Middle Reach April 25 at Rio Blanco Fairgrounds Exhibit Hall B; Piceance Creek April 27 at the Rock Schoolhouse.

ALGAE STUDY

To close her presentation, Hendrickson gave an update regarding the ongoing algae study. Results are now expected to be available this summer in late May/early June. Hendrickson said there are no "smoking guns," however this is not solely a local White River issue. Lack of flow and increased temperatures are at the center of the larger discussion.

Amy Moyer, a recent addition to the Colorado River District as Director of Strategic Partnerships, discussed her position and involvement in advocacy for the river.

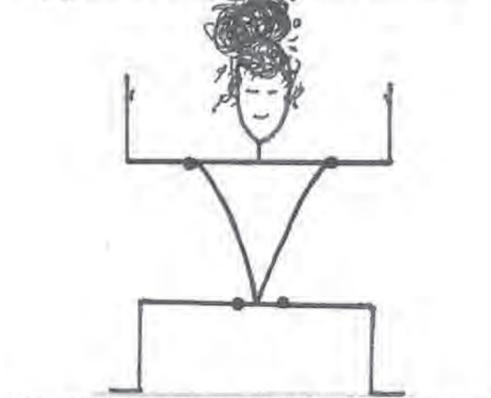
A Community Funding Partnership program began at the ballot box with 72% support from the counties and special districts that make up the Colorado River

District. Moyer's primary work involves creating "collaborative partnerships" to blend healthy river objectives while leveraging funding sources. The role of the partnership is to catalyze project permits and funding. It operates as a cost-share program where all participants put forth finances to get projects started and completed. The Partnership supported the permitting process with some funding for the Wolf Creek Reservoir.

According to Moyer, collaboration and multi-purpose projects are the focus of the partnership's goals. The five categories of funding covered are productive agriculture, watershed health, water quality, conservation and efficiency, and healthy river infrastructure objectives. Smaller funding requests can be approved through the general manager while larger requests are approved through the board of directors who meet quarterly. More detail on the partnership can be found at <https://www.coloradoriverdistrict.org/>



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



This pose/movement is called Cowboy Pose, it will strengthen your core, hips, glutes, and thighs.

Begin by stepping your feet wide, bend your knees, turn your toes to point out to the sides, and inhale your torso upright with your arms in a goal post position. Focus on your balance and keeping your core engaged. For an added challenge start to lift one heel coming onto your toes, release it back down then lift the other heel. Make it fun with little hand guns and "pew, pew" noises as you rock side to side.

Continue this movement for at least five steady breath cycles.

PUBLIC NOTICES

REQUEST FOR BIDS - PAVEMENT MARKING

RIO BLANCO COUNTY
2022 Pavement Marking Paint Project
2022 Rio Blanco County Pavement Marking Paint Project. Work includes providing and installing approx. 2,470 total gallons of Pavement Marking Paint: 1,400 Gallons of Yellow Pavement Marking Paint with Beads for the centerline and approx. 1,069 Gallons of White Pavement Marking Paint with Beads for the shoulder lines on various roads throughout the County.

BID DOCUMENTS
Rio Blanco County Bid Documents shall be available on April 21, 2022 at the Rio Blanco County Road and Bridge Dept. 570 2nd Street, Meeker, Colorado 81641, or on-line at www.govbids.com/scripts/co1/public/home1.asp, or on the county's website at <http://co-rioblancocounty.civicplus.com/bids.aspx>.

MANDATORY PRE-BID MEETING
Bidders must attend the mandatory pre-bid meeting May 5, 2022 at 10:00 A.M. at the Rio Blanco County Road & Bridge Dept., 570 Second Street, Meeker, CO.

PROJECT SUPERINTENDENT AND QUESTIONS
Clint Chappell, Road & Bridge Coordinator, (970) 878-9590, Fax (970) 878-3396. Mailing address: Rio Blanco County Road and Bridge Dept., 570 Second Street, Meeker, CO 81641. All vendors must examine the sites and become familiar with all site conditions. Any questions regarding the project are to be directed in writing to Clint Chappell before Tuesday, May 10, 2022 at 4:00 P.M. at the above address or fax number.

WORK SCHEDULE
The Project shall start on or after May 23, 2022 and shall be complete by July 1, 2022.

BID SUBMITTAL
Bids shall have Vendor's name and address and "2022 PAVEMENT MARKING PAINT BID" written on the sealed envelope. All required documents shall be included with the bid or it shall be rejected. Each bid must include a certified check or cashier's check in the amount of not less than five percent (5%) of the total bid, made payable to Rio Blanco County, or by a bid bond in like amount executed by a surety company.

Mailed bids are due no later than 4:00 P.M. on Friday, May 13, 2022. Do not depend on overnight delivery.

Hand delivered bids will be accepted from 8:00 A.M. to 10:45 A.M. on May 16, 2022.

Mailing address: RBC Board of County Commissioners, Attn: Vicky Edwards, P.O. Box 599, Meeker, CO 81641
Hand-delivery address: RBC Historic Courthouse, 555 Main Street, Meeker, CO

BID OPENING
Bids shall be opened and read in public at 11:00 A.M. on Monday, May 16, 2022 at the RBC Courthouse, 555 Main St., 3rd Floor, Meeker, CO. Bids submitted after 10:45 A.M. shall be returned unopened. Bids submitted and opened shall not be withdrawn for 30 days thereafter.

BID AWARD
The Rio Blanco County Board of County Commissioners reserve the right to reject any or all bids; to waive any informalities

in bids; and to accept the bid that, in the opinion of the Board, is in the best interest of the County of Rio Blanco, State of Colorado.

The County also reserves the right to negotiate changes in project specifications with successful Vendor. If the Agreement is to be awarded, Owner will give the Successful Vendor a Notice of Award within thirty days after the day of the Bid opening.

BID PREFERENCE
C.R.S. 8-19-101, et seq. shall be observed on all construction contracts on public projects. The law states that when a construction contract for a public project is to be awarded to a bidder, a resident bidder shall be allowed preference against a nonresident bidder from another state equal to the preference given or required by the state in which the nonresident bidder is a resident.

COLORADO LABOR
C.R.S. 8-17-101 states "whenever any public works project financed in whole or in part by funds of the state, counties, school districts, or municipalities of the state of Colorado are undertaken in this state, Colorado labor shall be employed to perform at least eighty percent of the work. The governmental body financing a public works project shall waive the eighty percent requirement if there is reasonable evidence to demonstrate insufficient Colorado labor to perform the work of the project and if compliance with this article would create an undue burden that would substantially prevent a project from proceeding to completion".

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The Rio Blanco County Board of County Commissioners reserve the right to reject any or all bids; to waive any informalities in bids; and to accept the bid that, in the opinion of the Board, is in the best interest of the County of Rio Blanco, State of Colorado.

RIO BLANCO COUNTY
DATED: APRIL 21, 2022
BY: TY GATES, CHAIRMAN
Published: April 21 and 28, 2022
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ERBM ELECTION

NOTICE OF ELECTION POLLING PLACE
TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, and, particularly, to the electors of the **Eastern Rio Blanco Metropolitan Recreation and Park District** of Rio Blanco County, Colorado:

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

Fairfield Center
200 Main St.
Meeker, CO 81641

At the Election, the eligible electors of the District will vote to fill vacant director positions for the Board of Directors for a three-year term from the following candidates:

Kim Kendall
Aaron Grimes
John Strate
Eric Knez
Tyler Frye
Vicky Edwards

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

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

Cathy A. Kiser Designated Election Official
Eastern Rio Blanco Recreation and Park District
(970) 878-7417 (telephone)
Or by email:
cathy@erbmrec.com
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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

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 NE1/4, E2NW1/4, N2SE1/4,
and SE1/4SE1/4 of Section 11; All of Section
14; and the E2NE1/4 and SE1/4 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,
E2SW1/4, and SE1/4 of Section 19; W2SW1/4
of Section 20; Lot 1, NW1/4SW1/4, and
W2NW1/4 of Section 29; Lots 5 thru 15, NE1/4
and NE1/4NW1/4 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.: E2SE1/4 of Section 25; and Lot
4, E2NE1/4, and NE1/4SE1/4 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 NE1/4, and
the M2SE1/4 of Section 31; and Lots 1, 2,
3, and 4, the N2, and the N2S2/2 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 N2 and N2S2/2
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, S2N2/2,
and S2 of Section 5; Lots 8 thru 14, S2NE1/4,
SE1/4NW1/4, E2SW1/4, and SE1/4 of Section
6; Lots 5, 6, 7, and 8, E2W2/2, and E2 of
Section 7; and N2 of Section 8; and
ii. In Township 5 South, Range 101 West
of the 6th P.M.: S2S2/2 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.: E2 of Section 23; W2 and
W2E2/2 of Section 24; Lots 1, 2, 3, and 4,
NW1/4NE1/4, NW1/4, and SW1/4SW1/4
of Section 25; NE1/4 of Section 26; Lots 1, 2,
3, and 4, and N2SW1/4 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, E2W2/2, W2E2/2,
N2N2NE1/4NE1/4, SW1/4NW1/4NE1/4NE1/4,
W2W2SE1/4NE1/4, NW1/4NW1/4NE1/4SE1/4,
S2N2NE1/4NE1/4, S2NE1/4SE1/4, and
SE1/4SE1/4 of Section 19; NE1/4, E2E2NE1/4,
E2W2E2NE1/4, NW1/4NW1/4NE1/4NW1/4,
N2N2NW1/4NW1/4, N2N2N2SE1/4,
N2NE1/4NE1/4SW1/4, NE1/4NW1/4NE1/4SW1/4,
W2SW1/4NE1/4SW1/4, SW1/4NW1/4NE1/4SW1/4,
S2N2NW1/4SW1/4, SW1/4SW1/4, and
W2W2SE1/4SE1/4 of Section 20; N2 and
N2N2N2S2/2 of Section 21; NW1/4,
N2N2N2NE1/4, SW1/4NW1/4NE1/4,

and W2SW1/4NW1/4NE1/4 of Section 22; and
W2W2/2 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.: E2SW1/4
and SE1/4 of Section 20; S2 of Section 21;
SW1/4, W2SE1/4, and SE1/4SE1/4 of Section
22; NW1/4 and N2SW1/4 of Section 23; W2
of Section 27; All of Section 28; and E2 and
E2W2/2 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.: S2SW1/4
of Section 23; NW1/4 of Section 26; E2
of Section 27; Lots 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7,
E2NW1/4, NE1/4SW1/4, N2SE1/4, and NE1/4
of Section 32; Lots 1, 2, 3, and 4, N2S2/2,
and N2 of Section 33; and Lots 1, 2, 3, and 4,
N2S2/2, and N2 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, N2SW1/4, and
NW1/4 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, SW1/4NW1/4, and W2SW1/4 of Section
3; Lots 1, 2, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, and 13,
S2NE1/4, N2SE1/4, and SE1/4SE1/4 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. McClish 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 N2S2/2, and
the N2 of Section 34; and
ii. In Township 5 South, Range 100 West
of the 6th P.M.: Lots 5, 6, 7, and 8, the S2N2/2,
and the S2 of Section 4;

k. Lease with Serial No. C-9930 dated
January 1, 1970, between the U.S.A. as
Lessor and H. P. McClish as Lessee for the
following lands (some of which are in Rio
Blanco County and some of which are in
Garfield County):

i. In Township 4 South, Range 100 West
of the 6th P.M.: All of Section 23; All of Section
26; and Lots 1, 2, 3, and 4, the N2S2/2, and
the N2 of Section 35; and
ii. In Township 5 South, Range 100 West
of the 6th P.M.: Lots 5, 6, 7, and 8, the S2N2/2,
and the S2 of Section 3;

l. Lease with Serial No. C-9932 dated
January 1, 1970, between the U.S.A. as
Lessor and H. P. McClish as Lessee for
the following lands (some of which are in Rio
Blanco County and some of which are in
Garfield County):

i. In Township 4 South, Range 100 West
of the 6th P.M.: All of Section 23; All of Section
26; and Lots 1, 2, 3, and 4, the N2S2/2, and
the N2 of Section 35; and
ii. In Township 5 South, Range 100 West
of the 6th P.M.: Lots 5, 6, 7, and 8, the S2N2/2,
and the S2 of Section 3;

m. Lease with Serial No. C-9933 dated
January 1, 1970, between the U.S.A. as
Lessor and H. P. McClish as Lessee for
the following lands (some of which are in Rio
Blanco County and some of which are in
Garfield County):

i. In Township 4 South, Range 100 West
of the 6th P.M.: All of Section 23; All of Section
26; and Lots 1, 2, 3, and 4, the N2S2/2, and
the N2 of Section 35; and
ii. In Township 5 South, Range 100 West
of the 6th P.M.: Lots 5, 6, 7, and 8, the S2N2/2,
and the S2 of Section 3;

n. Lease with Serial No. C-9934 dated
January 1, 1970, between the U.S.A. as
Lessor and H. P. McClish as Lessee for
the following lands (some of which are in Rio
Blanco County and some of which are in
Garfield County):

i. In Township 4 South, Range 100 West
of the 6th P.M.: All of Section 23; All of Section
26; and Lots 1, 2, 3, and 4, the N2S2/2, and
the N2 of Section 35; and
ii. In Township 5 South, Range 100 West
of the 6th P.M.: Lots 5, 6, 7, and 8, the S2N2/2,
and the S2 of Section 3;

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, E2W2/2,
and E2 of Section 7; All of Section 8; All of
Section 9; W2W2/2 of Section 10; and NW1/4
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, E2W2/2, and E2
of Section 18; Lots 1 thru 4, E2W2/2, and E2
of Section 19; S2 of Section 20; and S2 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.: SW1/4
and W2SE1/4 of Section 26; S2 of Section 27;
N2, N2S2/2, and S2SW1/4 of Section 28;
W2, NE1/4, and W2E2/2 of Section 34; and
N2NW1/4, SW1/4NW1/4, NW1/4NE1/4, W2SE1/4,
and S2SW1/4 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.: NW1/4 of Section 27; N2 of
Section 28; N2 of Section 29; Lots 5 and 6,
and E2NE1/4 of Section 30; and
ii. In Township 6 South, Range 102 West
of the 6th P.M.: S2 of Section 22; S2S2/2
of Section 23; S2S2/2 of Section 24; N2 of
Section 25; N2 of Section 26; and N2 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.: SW1/4 of Section 27; S2 of
Section 28; S2 of Section 29; Lots 7 and 8,
and E2SE1/4 of Section 30; SE1/4 of Section
34; and S2 of Section 35; and
ii. In Township 6 South, Range 102 West
of the 6th P.M.: S2 of Section 25; E2SE1/4
of Section 26; NE1/4NE1/4, and E2SE1/4
of Section 35; and E2, E2W2/2, W2SW1/4,
and NW1/4NW1/4 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.: Lots 1 thru 8, W2NW1/4
and N2SW1/4 of Section 29; Lots 5 thru 8,
E2W2/2, and E2 of Section 10; NE1/4,
E2NW1/4, E2SW1/4, and N2SE1/4 of Section
31; and Tract 46 located in Sections 20, 21,
28, and 29;

ii. In Township 6 South, Range 101 West
of the 6th P.M.: E2 of Section 25; and E2 and
SW1/4 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.: S2S2/2 and NW1/4SW1/4
of Section 9; N2 of Section 16; N2 of Section
17; and Lots 5 and 6, and E2NE1/4 of
Section 18; and
ii. In Township 6 South, Range 102 West
of the 6th P.M.: N2 of Section 13; NE1/4,
E2NW1/4, NW1/4NW1/4, N2SE1/4 and
NE1/4SW1/4 of Section 14; W2, W2E2/2,
NE1/4NE1/4, and SE1/4SE1/4 of Section 15;
NE1/4 of Section 16; and N2NE1/4 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.: N2 and SE1/4 of Section 15; S2
of Section 16; S2 of Section 17; and Lots 7
and 8, and E2SE1/4 of Section 18; and
ii. In Township 6 South, Range 102 West
of the 6th P.M.: S2 of Section 13; S2SE1/4
and SE1/4SW1/4 of Section 14; NE1/4, E2NW1/4,
N2SE1/4, and NE1/4SW1/4 of Section 23; and
N2 and N2S2/2 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.: NW1/4SW1/4 of Section 2;
Lots 5 thru 8, and E2E2/2 of Section 19; All
of Section 20; All of Section 21; W2 of Section
22; and E2 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 E2E2/2
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; E2 and E2W2/2
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.: SW1/4
of Section 26; and Lots 1 and 2, and N2SW1/4
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 S2NW1/4
of Section 4; Lots 5, 6, 7, and 8, and S2N2/2
of Section 5; Lots 9, 10, 12, 13, and 14 of
Section 6; and W2 and NE1/4 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 11,
SW1/4NE1/4, S2NW1/4, W2SE1/4, and SW1/4
of Section 1; and Lots 5 thru 8, S2N2/2, and
S2 of Section 2;

ac. 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.: NW1/4 of Section
27; N2 of
Section 28; N2 of Section 29; Lots 5 and 6,
and E2NE1/4 of Section 30; and
ii. In Township 6 South, Range 102 West
of the 6th P.M.: S2 of Section 22; S2S2/2
of Section 23; S2S2/2 of Section 24; N2 of
Section 25; N2 of Section 26; and N2 of
Section 27;

ad. Lease with Serial No. C-13204 dated
August 1, 1971, between the U.S.A. as
Lessor and M. Peyton Bucy as Lessee for
the following lands in Township 6 South,
Range 102 West of the 6th P.M.: Lots 13
and 14 of Section 3;

ae. Lease with Serial No. C-14121 dated
November 1, 1971, between the U.S.A. as
Lessor and Wilco, Inc., as Lessee for the
following lands in Township 5 South, Range
100 West of the 6th P.M.: All of Section 10;
and S2S2/2 of Section 12;

af. Lease dated July 9, 1970, between Ival
Young aka Ival E. Young and Ed Young as
Lessors and M. Peyton Bucy as Lessee for
the following lands in Township 6 South,
Range 102 West of the 6th P.M.: Lots 2 and
3, SE1/4NW1/4, and NE1/4SW1/4 of Section 5;
SW1/4NW1/4 and W2 SW1/4 of Section 14;
SE1/4NE1/4 and NE1/4SE1/4 of Section 15;
W2NW1/4 and NW1/4SW1/4 of Section 23;
E2SE1/4 of Section 34; N2SW1/4, SE1/4NW1/4,
and S2NE1/4 of Section 35; and SW1/4NW1/4
of Section 36; and
gg. Lease dated February 1, 1972, between
Harry Eaton, Harry Turner, Boyd B. Bales,
Grant D. Bales, Jr., and Curtis Eaton as
Lessors and Robert O. Reynolds as Lessee
for the following lands in Township 5 South,
Range 100 West of the 6th P.M.: Lots 2 and
3, SE1/4NW1/4, and NE1/4SW1/4 of Section 5;
SW1/4NW1/4 and W2 SW1/4 of Section 14;
SE1/4NE1/4 and NE1/4SE1/4 of Section 15;
W2NW1/4 and NW1/4SW1/4 of Section 23;
E2SE1/4 of Section 34; N2SW1/4, SE1/4NW1/4,
and S2NE1/4 of Section 35; and SW1/4NW1/4
of Section 36; and

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following lands in Township 5 South, Range
100 West of the 6th P.M.: All of Section 10;
and S2S2/2 of Section 12;

aj. 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;

ak. 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.: N2
of Section 17; Lots 1, 2, 3, and 4, W2E2/2,
and W2 of Section 20; and NW1/4 of Section
29;

am. 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;

an. 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.: All
of Section 25; All of Section 26; All of Section
27; and All of Section 28;

ao. 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;

ap. 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, E2SW1/4, and SE1/4
of Section 31; S2 of Section 32; and S2 of
Section 33;

ii. In Township 4 South, Range 100 West
of the 6th P.M.: N2N2, SW1/4NW1/4, W2SW1/4,
and SE1/4 of Section 6; W2 of Section 7; and
N2 of Section 8;

iii. In Township 5 South, Range 100 West
of the 6th P.M.: All of Section 11; All of Section
14; and the E2NE1/4 and SE1/4 of
Section 15;

iv. In Township 6 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 N2S2/2, and
the N2 of Section 34; and
v. In Township 6 South, Range 102 West
of the 6th P.M.: S2 of Section 22; S2S2/2
of Section 23; S2S2/2 of Section 24; N2 of
Section 25; N2 of Section 26; and N2 of
Section 27;

vi. In Township 6 South, Range 101 West
of the 6th P.M.: SW1/4 of Section 27; S2 of
Section 28; S2 of Section 29; Lots 7 and 8,
and E2SE1/4 of Section 30; SE1/4 of Section
34; and S2 of Section 35; and
vii. In Township 6 South, Range 102 West
of the 6th P.M.: S2 of Section 25; E2SE1/4
of Section 26; NE1/4NE1/4, and E2SE1/4
of Section 35; and E2, E2W2/2, W2SW1/4,
and NW1/4NW1/4 of Section 36;

viii. In Township 6 South, Range 101 West
of the 6th P.M.: SW1/4 of Section 27; S2 of
Section 28; S2 of Section 29; Lots 7 and 8,
and E2SE1/4 of Section 30; SE1/4 of Section
34; and S2 of Section 35; and
ix. In Township 6 South, Range 102 West
of the 6th P.M.: S2 of Section 25; E2SE1/4
of Section 26; NE1/4NE1/4, and E2SE1/4
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and NW1/4NW1/4 of Section 36;

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34; and S2 of Section 35; and
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of Section 26; NE1/4NE1/4, and E2SE1/4
of Section 35; and E2, E2W2/2, W2SW1/4,
and NW1/4NW1/4 of Section 36;

xi. In Township 6 South, Range 101 West
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34; and S2 of Section 35; and
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of the 6th P.M.: S2 of Section 25; E2SE1/4
of Section 26; NE1/4NE1/4, and E2SE1/4
of Section 35; and E2, E2W2/2, W2SW1/4,
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of the 6th P.M.: S2 of Section 25; E2SE1/4
of Section 26; NE1/4NE1/4, and E2SE1/4
of Section 35; and E2, E2W2/2, W2SW1/4,
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of the 6th P.M.: SW1/4 of Section 27; S2 of
Section 28; S2 of Section 29; Lots 7 and 8,
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34; and S2 of Section 35; and
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of Section 26; NE1/4NE1/4, and E2SE1/4
of Section 35; and E2, E2W2/

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 any and all liability for such claim.
By: Richard Blakley, Mayor
Town of Dinosaur
Published: April 14 and 21, 2022
Rio Blanco Herald Times

BOCC AGENDA

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF RIO BLANCO COUNTY, COLORADO
RIO BLANCO COUNTY HISTORIC COURTHOUSE
555 MAIN STREET, P.O. BOX 599
MEEKER, COLORADO 81641
April 26, 2022
This meeting will be streamed live on the RBC YouTube Channel:
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBicnhMpb47zL_NjN0Fg
This is a preliminary, tentative agenda which includes all information available at the time of the deadline for newspaper publication. Agenda items may be added up until 24 hours prior to the meeting time. The final tentative agenda will be posted no later than 24 hours prior to the meeting at: www.rbc.us, the RBC Historic Courthouse, 555 Main St., Meeker, CO, and the RBC Annex Building, 17497 Hwy 64, Rangely, CO
1. 11:00 a.m. Call to order:
A. Pledge of Allegiance
B. Changes to the April 26, 2022 Agenda
C. Move to approve the April 26, 2022 Agenda including any changes
2. CONSENT AGENDA for April 26, 2022
A. Move to approve the below listed items of the Consent Agenda.
3. BUSINESS
A. Move to approve/deny a County Liquor License renewal for Ripple Creek Lodge.
B. Move to appoint Christina Stephens to the Fair Board.
4. BID AWARDS
5. MOU's, CONTRACTS, AND AGREEMENTS
A. Move to approve/deny renewal of the TeePee Park Communications Tower Site Lease Agreement with Gayle R. Crawford.

6. RESOLUTIONS
7. OTHER BUSINESS
A. Public Comment
B. County Commissioners Updates
8. PUBLIC HEARINGS
Move to go into Executive Session pursuant to §24-6-402(4)(b) to conference with the Rio Blanco County Attorney for the purpose of receiving legal advice on specific legal questions and §24-6-402(4)(e) C.R.S. determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations: developing strategy for negotiations; and instructing negotiators, and §24-6-402(4)(f) C.R.S. to discuss personnel matters.
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 May 10, 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 21, 2022
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CELL TOWER UPGRADE

Notice of Initiation of the Section 106 Process: Public Participation
T-Mobile proposes the upgrade of a self-support style telecommunication tower and associated ground level equipment approximately 7.76 miles north-northeast of Sulphur Creek Rd & Sage Ridge Rd, Meeker, Rio Blanco County, CO. Members of the public interested in submitting

comments on the possible effects on historic properties included in or eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places may send their comments to Andrew Smith, RESCOM Environmental Corp., PO Box 361 Petoskey, MI 49770 or call 260-385-6999.
Published: April 21, 2022
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MEEKER SCHOOL DISTRICT AGENDA

MEEKER SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1 Board of Education Regular Meeting
555 Garfield Street
Meeker, CO 81641
April 25, 2022 - 7:00 p.m.
Google Meet link: <https://meet.google.com/uae-ykvc-mit>
1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Pledge of Allegiance: Mrs. Borchard will lead the Pledge of Allegiance
3. Welcome of Guests
4. Approval of Agenda
District Celebrations:
Student Celebrations:
Staff Recognition: Laura Koenig (completion of Induction Program), Shane Phelan (1A Western Slope Football Coach of the Year), J.C. Watt (2A Wrestling Coach of the Year), Kлар Kindler (2A Athletic Director of the Year)
General Public Comment Session: (comments limited to three minutes)
Public/Committee Reports: DAC, Meeker Education Foundation, BOCES/SAC
Principal Reports: MES, BMS, MHS
Superintendent Report: 20220425 Board Meeting Report
Consent Agenda:
1. Approval: Minutes from Regular Board Meeting on March 28, 2022
2. Approval: Minutes from Special Board Meeting on April 11, 2022
3. Acceptance: Financial Reports and Check Vouchers for March 2022
4. Acceptance: March 31, 2022 Quarterly Financial Report
Action Items:
Personnel
Approval: Job Descriptions - SEL Coordinator, Literacy Coach
Table to May 23, 2022: Policy Third Reading: GBGG - Staff Leave
Approval: Policy Second Reading: KB - Parent and Family Engagement
Approval: Building Trades/Careers in Construction Colorado Partnership
Other BOE Information:
1. Policy First Reading: 20220425 Policy Review
2. FY23 Finance
3. 2022-2023 Personnel Hiring Update
4. Capital Projects List
5. Potential Future Discussion Items
6. Other
Executive Session (if needed):
Adjournment
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MGM Greenhouse seasonal position. 20-30 hours/week Thursday-Saturday starting at \$14/hr May and June. Applications available at Meeker General Mercantile, 990 Market Street, Meeker, CO 970-878-3333.

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HELP WANTED

Position Announcement
White River Electric Association, Inc., has an immediate opening for the position of Apprentice Electrical Lineman. Applicant must be at least 18 years of age and possess a high school diploma or equivalent. Graduates from accredited line worker's schools may be given preference. Applicant will be trained by WREA personnel for a career as a journeyman lineman. Applicant must be able to obtain a valid Colorado class A-CDL driver's license and must have a good driving record. Must be able to work 40-hour week. Must be able to work variety of hours if needed, evening, nights, early mornings, weekends, and holidays. Responsibilities include but not limited to general electric linework. Applicant must be able to pass a physical, drug and alcohol, and background tests. Position is considered full time with benefits available after 90 days. Salary range of \$31 - \$48 per hour depending on experience, plus any overtime. Successful applicant may be eligible for performance and year-end bonuses. Benefits include health, dental, vision, life insurances, paid vacation, sick leave, and retirement benefits. Applications can be obtained from the office of White River Electric Association, Inc., 233 6th Street, Meeker, CO 81641 from 7:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday. For more information contact Brett Berthelson, Field Representative, 970-878-5041. Applications and resume's will be accepted until, May 19th 2022 at 5:30 p.m. White River Electric Association, Inc. is an equal opportunity employer.

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