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Masks for the masses

Local crafters use skills, supplies to create cloth face coverings

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MEEKER I The narrative around wearing a face mask has changed dramatically since the early days of COVID-19 — just weeks ago, in the U.S. It's unclear whether the early guidance that masks weren't recommended for the general populace was based on known shortages of personal protective equipment for medical providers or fears people would try to hoard medical-grade masks the way they were hoarding toilet paper and hand sanitizer. As the virus spread through the United States, guidelines changed, and as they did, local crafters and quilters went to work.

Pattie Terp has been sewing for 50 years. She's not a quilter, she says, but she's been sewing for a long time and is a proud member of the Walbridge Wingnuts craft and sewing group that makes and sells handmade items to support the residents of the Walbridge Wing.

When Amber Goodenow, a nurse at the Wing, reached out to Terp and asked for cloth face masks for staff to wear, Terp and fellow Wingnut Elaine Jordan made about 25 masks each in response.

Then she posted something on Facebook.

Since then, Terp has made

252 pleated cloth masks for friends and family, and donated to local businesses like the grocery, the drugstore and the bank.

"It's my way of giving back to the community," Terp said.

"Do what you can, and stay safe," Terp said, acknowledging her concern about people who aren't wearing masks when they go out.

Terp and Jordan aren't the only ones who have stepped up to their sewing machines to do

something positive and proactive in the face of a pandemic. Jan Keller, Peggy Shults, Melinda Parker, Sue Irwin and Hannah Turner have all been making masks, along with Twila Morris, Susan Bellamy, Linda Jones, Viney Bowman, Pat Daggett and Christine Halandras, along with multiple others.

Jan Keller and Peggy Shults made 100 masks to send to Hopewest hospice volunteers in Grand Junction to start.

"Then I made 10 for the Hopewest volunteers here," Keller said.

When someone mentioned having masks available for people coming to the food bank at the Methodist Church, Keller and Shults made dozens more to be handed out, for free, to people going through the food bank's drive-through pick-up, as well as making some for their own family members and friends.

"It feels good to be able to do something to help," Keller said.

Keller, who is a quilter, said she dug into her fabric stash, and they raided the collection of fabric donated for the "comfort quilts" the quilting group makes.

While "quilters always have thread," and the group combined their supplies, they had to get creative when it came to elastic for the ear loops. They've used hair ties, and T-shirt "yarn."

Keller said making the masks has made her more aware of what she touches when she goes out, and that she's planning ahead more for trips to the store and such.

At this time, all Colorado residents, including those in Rio Blanco County, are urged by public health officials at the state and local levels to wear a cloth face covering whenever they're out in a public setting — shopping at a store, going into the post office, or anytime they can't maintain social distancing.

If you live in Rio Blanco County and need a mask, please contact the Herald Times at 970-878-4017 or message us on Facebook.



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Cloth face coverings are recommended for residents in public settings to help prevent the spread of coronavirus. Local crafters are making them by the 100s.

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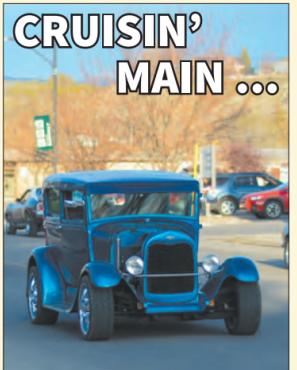
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Guns stolen from Rangely True Value found on Dragon Trail

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RANGELY I Firearms stolen from Rangely True Value in a burglary last fall were found by hikers Tuesday about 10 miles south of Rangely on CR 23 (Dragon Trail).

According to a Facebook statement by the Rangely Police Department Wednesday morning, the firearms were turned over to the authorities and are being examined for evidence.

The Sept. 30 burglary, characterized by Rangely Police Chief Ti Hamblin as a "smash-and-grab," occurred around 11 p.m., with the suspects returning to the store two additional times during the early morning hours of Oct. 1. It is believed that the same suspects broke into the store again during the early morning hours of Nov. 4. No firearms were stolen during that break-in.

On Dec. 12, the Rangely Police Department arrested a 16-year-old juvenile who was taken into custody for his alleged involvement in the burglary. The unidentified juvenile faces the following

charges: juvenile in possession of a firearm (two counts), possession of a defaced firearm and unlawfully carrying a concealed weapon. The juvenile was identified during the course of the active and ongoing investigation. It's believed additional suspects were involved.

The Colorado Bureau of Investigation (CBI) and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) are assisting the Rangely Police Department with the investigation. Additional assistance in the investigation has come from the Mesa County Sheriff's Office, Rio Blanco County Sheriff's Office and the U.S. Marshal's Service.

The ATF and the National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF) have partnered to offer a reward of up to \$10,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of those responsible for this crime. Anyone with information should call ATF's Tip Line at 1-800-ATF-GUNS (283-4867) or the Rangely Police Department at 970-675-8466. Callers to the ATF tip lines can remain anonymous.

Stay-at-home order shifts to 'safer-at-home'; stay in if you can

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RBC I Monday was the official day for Colorado's stay-at-home orders to be lifted. Gov. Polis, as expected, shifted the state public health order to a "safer-at-home" version that will allow businesses to begin to open up in stages and with strict precautions.

The phased plan for reopening has led to some confusion for business owners and citizens. In addition, counties are submitting individual plans to the state for reopening. Current guidelines will be revisited in two weeks and adapted as needed.

From the county, "Rio Blanco County is exercising its authority to have a local government variance from state orders, allowing us to evaluate our community's readiness and capacity as we move through each phase of re-opening. We support the scientific basis for the state orders and will continue to adhere to best practice guidelines, however, we will tailor these recommendations to our community specifically as we monitor cases and readiness here locally."

Residents are free to abide by the state's more restrictive rules, or the county's guidelines. Rio Blanco County will not enforce the stricter state guidelines but individuals and businesses should be aware that their decisions could subject them to state-imposed consequences for violating state orders. Business owners should consult with their particular regulatory industry for specifics. The current goals are effective through May 11.

What has not changed?

- Hand hygiene.
- Social distancing. Maximize physical distance from others in public settings and avoid socializing in groups of 10 or more.
- Face coverings are recommended for all residents in public settings.
- Stay home if you can - if you can telework, that is encouraged.
- Avoid non-essential travel.
- If you're sick, stay home.
- Older adults and at-risk citizens asked to continue to stay at home for their own safety.
- Restaurants remain limited to take-out and delivery options only.
- Nursing homes are still closed to visitors.
- Churches closed to gatherings of more than 10.
- Gyms and spas remain closed.
- Childcare and schools remain closed.

What has changed?

- Local government offices and critical businesses can re-open under strict precautions.
- Other businesses may open May 4 with strict precautions and 50% staffing.
- Realtors can commence with showings, but no open houses.
- Elective dental/surgical services are available based on the availability of PPE. Check with your dentist or physician.
- Personal services and retail shops can reopen with strict precautions May 1.

Because the current guidelines and orders are subject to change at any time, and requirements differ among industries, anyone with questions is encouraged to visit the county's public health website at <https://www.rbc.us/592/Coronavirus-Update> for more information. For specific state information and industry definitions and guidelines, visit <https://covid19.colorado.gov/safer-at-home>.



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The RHS Graduation special section will be published May 14, 2020

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INCOMING AND OUTGOING ...



The Town of Rangely Board of Trustees met Tuesday, April 28. Mayor Andy Shaffer, Trustee Trey Robie and Trustee Tyson Hacking were sworn in again for Mayor, second two year term and Trustees four year terms respectively. The Board unanimously voted to accept Rich Garner's letter of interest for the remaining seat vacated by Andy Key to fulfill the additional four year term. Trey Robie was appointed as Mayor ProTem. Additionally they reappointed Marybel Cox, Clerk/Treasurer, Karen Wilczek, Rangely Municipal Judge and Dan Wilson, Rangely Municipal Attorney for two year terms as well.



Town of Rangely Mayor ProTem Andy Key was presented with an award for his service as a Town Trustee for the past four years of Service. Andy served as the Mayor ProTem, AGNC representative for Rangely/Meeker communities, RDA/RDC Town Representative and many other volunteer positions during his term.

COUNTY BEAT



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RBC Commissioners discussed budget issues with Finance Director Janae Stanworth Tuesday and scheduled workshops with both school districts in May to discuss funding.

While currently the county is close to a balanced budget, uncertainty about the future looms.

"We could see major hits. This county could look totally different in a few years," said Commissioner Gary Moyer.

It will take months and possibly years to fully calculate the

impact of the coronavirus pandemic on Rio Blanco County, but county leaders were already examining the effect of a shrinking fossil fuel industry will have on a county heavily dependent on energy extraction.

RBC Public Health Director Alice Harvey had some good news for the commissioners: "We're finally getting test kits from the state and have received some private testing kits," she said. This news comes after weeks of fighting for tests. The additional tests will allow public health to increase its testing capacity. Discussion of drive-through testing at Public Health

for symptomatic individuals who call ahead is underway. "We're not at the point we can do surveillance testing yet," Harvey said.

Increasing testing capacity has been listed as one of the most important components of being able to move forward in the fight against COVID-19.

Harvey updated the board on the switch to "safer-at-home" public health orders from the state, the next phase of quarantine directions.

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'Drive-through' graduation discussed

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MEEKER Meeker High School has been named a 2020 Best High School by *U.S. News & World Report*, Superintendent Chris Selle told the Board of Education on Monday.

"By earning a national ranking in the top 40%, Meeker High School achieved status as a U.S. News Best High School and gained eligibility to display a U.S. News-trademarked 2020 Best High Schools award "badge."

In other news from the school board meeting, the Class of 2020 responded to a survey about prom and graduation. Overwhelmingly, the 46 seniors approved the idea

of a "drive-through" graduation event that would abide by public health guidelines. Discussion is underway to figure out how to make that happen and make sure this year's seniors receive the recognition they're due.

"It's a tough situation," Selle said. "None of us like any of these ideas. I think it's fair to say, but I hope our kids and parents understand we're doing the best we can and want to make sure we recognize those kids as best we can."

Additionally, 62.5% of the senior class said to cancel prom this year, as opposed to a virtual option or delaying the event.

Selle told the board that at this point, the district's budget is in a good place, but "cuts are coming."

The economic impact of COVID-19 on the state's economy is anticipated to have a negative effect on school budgets statewide. "I think we're OK right now," Selle said of proposed salary increases, "But I don't know about next year or after that."

As teachers enter the last month of the school year teaching online, Selle said he anticipates a "decline in student participation as the weather warms up and the novelty [of distance learning] wears off."

Overall, however, the district has seen a minimal number of students who are not responding to their teachers or engaging with the district. They will continue efforts to reach out to those students.

SPREAD THE WORD, NOT THE VIRUS.

CDPHE is providing the following guidance to people experiencing symptoms of COVID-19:

SOCIAL DISTANCING

Do not congregate, and do not stand closer than 6 feet apart in public places.

For people with mild symptoms: Early on, symptoms may feel like a common cold, including a combination of cough, body aches, fatigue, and chest tightness. People who are not at high risk of severe illness may not need to be evaluated in-person or tested for COVID-19. Not everyone with symptoms or who may have been exposed to COVID-19 will be tested right away.

If you have mild symptoms including a fever, cough, shortness of breath, or suspect that you were exposed, please stay home and avoid contact with others.

As a general rule, isolate for 14 days, or until:

- You have had no fever for at least 72 hours (that's 3 days of no fever without the use of medicine that reduces fevers) AND
- other symptoms have improved (for example, when your cough or shortness of breath have improved) AND
- At least 7 days have passed since your symptoms first appeared.

Use over-the-counter medication to treat mild symptoms. There is currently no specific treatment for COVID-19.

The 911 system is not intended for minor injuries or general medical questions. **Do not call 911 if you are seeking general medical advice or wish to be tested for COVID-19.**

Testing is not recommended for asymptomatic people and is not required.

For people with more serious symptoms, especially if you are experiencing shortness of breath:

- Continue to self-isolate.
- Call your healthcare provider if your illness becomes more severe, especially if you are experiencing shortness of breath. Your provider may recommend you be tested for COVID-19.
- Consider a telehealth visit or nurseline advice before seeking in-person care. Ask your primary care provider if they offer telehealth visits, or call one of Colorado's nurselines. You can find a list at covid19.colorado.gov/telehealth-and-nurselines.

For people with severe symptoms: (severe shortness of breath or difficulty breathing)

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In Meeker, the Pioneers Hospital Respiratory Clinic is open for symptomatic individuals who would like to be seen by a medical provider, Mon.–Fri. from 1–4pm. Testing will be completed if indicated by order from a physician. During these hours you may go to Pioneers Medical Center, follow the signs to the Respiratory Clinic located on the east (or Craig-side) of the Pioneers campus.

Please visit www.rbc.us, call the RBC COVID-19 hotline at (970)878-7121, or call public health for specific recommendations.

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"We need to proceed with caution as we reopen," Harvey said.

The state officially released the new orders this week, but the variability of reopening for different industries, and no clear guidelines for enforcement, have led to some confusion for business owners.

"We're trying to support our businesses right now. The timelines vary depending on which regulatory agency you answer to," Harvey said. "The most recent recommendations are on our public health website. We are definitely not rejecting the state recommendations in pursuing our own local plan."

Harvey said the goal is to stop the spread of the virus, avoid new cases, and have "success" in May by adhering to the newest recommendations. "By June we hope to work with people on a case by case basis so we can have modified activities," she said, noting that public health's recommendations mirror that of the state.

Speaking to enforcement, the commissioners urged "personal responsibility" and adherence to medical recommendations, while acknowledging a "blanket policy" doesn't work for the entire state.

Most industries are regulated by a government agency and those agencies have the capacity to enforce violations of state orders. As far as the county, RBC, like most counties across the state, does not intend to enforce the public health orders. In an earlier meeting, RBC Sheriff Anthony Mazzola said he sees his department's role as one of

education, not enforcement.

Harvey said she hopes people fully understand the possible consequences of their choices, whether it's having a prom party for a high school student or reopening a business without a plan for meeting state guidelines.

Harvey said Public Health is more than willing to work with businesses and individuals to recommend specific suggestions and to review best practices. She intends to continue updating the commissioners every two weeks and will have her video update on Friday on the county's website.

In regular business:

■ The commissioners ratified a letter to Gov. Polis requesting that Rio Blanco County be allowed to implement its own reopening plan.

■ Awarded a bid to CKC Field Services for the county's crackfill project.

■ Approved an agreement with Mammoth for broadband internet.

■ Approved for equipment maintenance contracts of approximately \$1,000 each for internet tower sites.

■ Approved contract modifications that will move the start dates for the CR 8 resurfacing project to May 14 and the county's chip seal project to May 18.

■ Awarded a bid for the Lower White Pest Control project to Rocky Mountain Weed Management and Elder Weed Spraying for \$6,000 each.

■ In response to state guidelines, the commissioners implemented a ban on open fires in unincorporated Rio Blanco County for the duration of the state's executive order.

Meeker 3D printers are making PPE for healthcare workers

Special to the Herald Times

RBC | Local schools and libraries may be closed, but their maker-space equipment is busy. Meeker students Ethan and Joshua Quinn, supervised by their dad — art instructor Ben Quinn — are using one of the school district's 3D printers to produce frames for medical face shields. The shields are being tested by staff at Pioneers Medical Center and will help fill needs for personal protective equipment in the medical facilities there.

The 3D printer at the Meeker Library is printing face shields and also face masks. Arrangements are in the works

to help stock medical facilities on the Navajo Reservation to meet the extraordinary needs of response to COVID-19.

The printers at Meeker High School were obtained with funds from Fairfield Trust and other donors through the Meeker Education Foundation. They introduce students to art and engineering design in classes taught by Quinn and by Jennie Stout at Meeker High School.

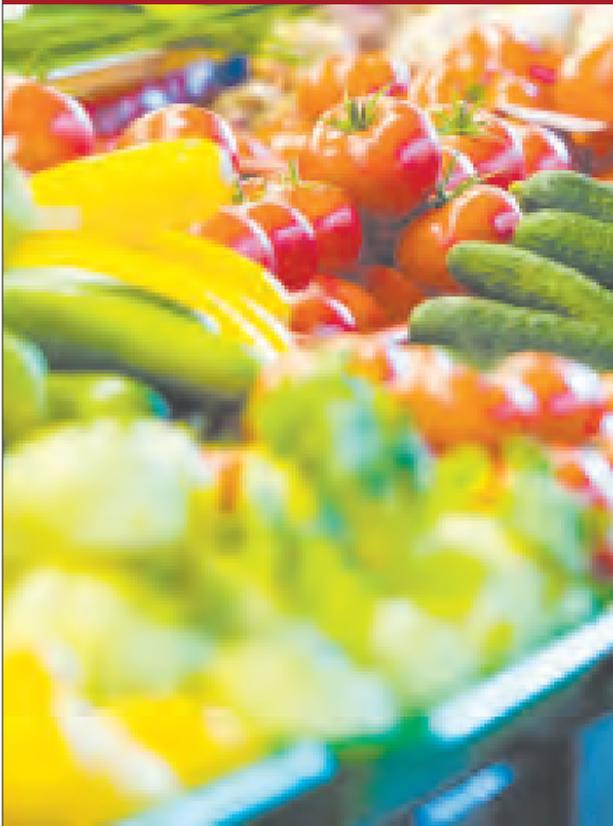
The Meeker Regional Library printer was purchased with funds from Dr. Bob Dorsett and the Boettcher Foundation. The library printer is available to the general public when the library re-opens.



Ethan and Joshua Quinn with face shield frames printed on the Meeker High School MakerBot 3D printer. The frames were designed at the Columbia University Medical Library and will be distributed to hospitals and clinics needing personal protective equipment to care for COVID-19 patients.

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EDITOR'S COLUMN

Lessons learned

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As we begin taking steps to restore a semblance of normalcy in this new world with COVID-19, some interesting ideas have emerged.

Self-sufficiency and local sustainability is more important than we may have thought.

We are a nation that has come to rely on international trade, global corporations, and a handful of large operators who supply most of our goods, from meat to TP. That's a weak link in the supply chain, in my mind.

Events like this, where shortages loom, should serve as a reminder that we have the capacity to become much more self-sufficient and sustainable than folks who dwell in the urban jungle by virtue of where we live, and we should take advantage of that opportunity.

The "farm to table" movement has mostly been reserved for those who could afford it. Perhaps it's time to bring that movement home and turn it into a plan for sustainable economic development. Can we buy local beef and lamb and pork and have it processed locally? Can we grow the majority of our own vegetables and fruits? Could we have locally produced milk and dairy products? What about flour? The archives of the *Meeker Herald* indicate that we once had all those things, from

a dairy to a flour mill. Everything we could produce locally, we did, and our population hasn't changed all that much since then.



We can't allow the "heritage arts" to die.

I've shared some of my struggles with relearning how to use my sewing machine while making masks for my family here. This week my youngest brought me a pair of pants with a hole ripped across the backside and asked me to patch them. Upon inspection, I thought he should just buy a new pair, but he wanted these patched up. It's been a long time since I patched a pair of britches, and it made me wonder about people who've never been told that's an option and haven't been told how to go about it.

While I was chatting with Pattie Terp about her mask-making endeavors, she said she had fresh bread baking in the oven. I haven't baked bread yet during the stay-at-home orders, but a lot of you have, judging from the scarcity of flour and yeast at the stores. There was a time when I made almost everything from scratch because money was tight and that was

a way to save. Who is teaching the next generation how to cook from scratch, make their own bread, and turn food scraps into compost?

Whether that means supporting 4-H programs for kids or creating classes for adults, we need to pass along those skills before they disappear entirely.

"Grow food, not lawns."

It has been good to see the videos from Rangely Community Gardens and ERBM's community garden program encouraging and instructing people on basic gardening techniques. You can grow a lot of food in a small space, and most of us have a lot more space than we think we do. What if we could turn these vast expanses of grass into vegetable gardens?

Meteorologists are speculating that this could be the hottest summer on record around the world. That's bad for a number of reasons, but good for beginning gardeners in an area with a short growing season. This might be the year to put in a patch of beans, or a row of spinach, or the ever-popular zucchini, and see how it goes.

Since we're probably not going to be traveling this summer, and most of the large events on our calendars have — or should be — canceled, let's turn that "extra" time into productive, purposeful time and do something positive.

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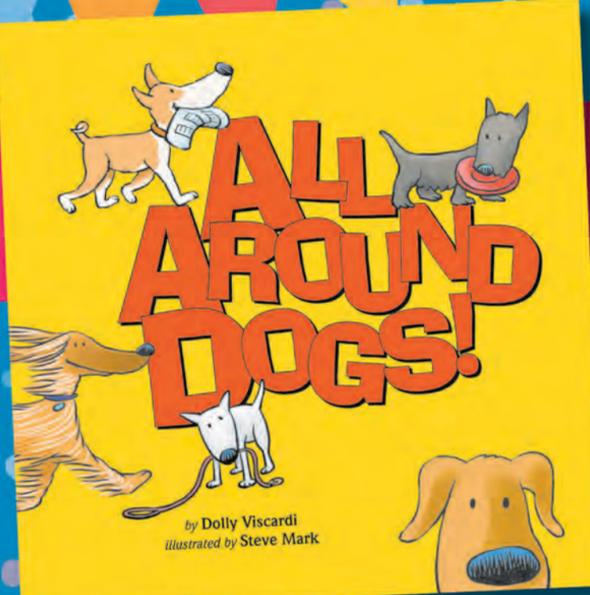


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GUEST COLUMN: LOOSE ENDS

One big potluck supper

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Special to the Herald Times



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siblings. I didn't lack for lots of social interaction.

Our official potluck dinners were held at my grandparents' church in the fellowship hall.

Most families brought different side dishes to the meal. Some of those contained foods we never got at home, so broke up the boredom of all of the family time reserved for Sundays. That was the time, when everyone in my grandparent's generation honored that day as a day of rest.

This summer the annual barbecues or picnics, as well as the church potlucks will most likely be restricted. The newest twist will be coming up with everything you have on hand. Friends and families will probably only

be able to invite you to a big backyard or park that is open, where they will be ensuring an entire meal is available. Sure, there are the real organizers among us, who could set it up like the progressive dinner of the old days. That way, everyone would move from yard to yard to have appetizers, main dish and sides, and dessert in different places with their family recipes.

That sounds like an awful lot of effort though, so I am not sure that after all of this social distancing, we should expect anyone to step up and become responsible for that working for everyone. While popular culture continues to sprinkle life's unpredictability with well-known movie mantras, life may not be a box of chocolates, after all. Now there is a very different reason. There may still be varieties of shapes and sizes of bonbons in a full box, but after all this time staying-at-home, most households emptied those boxes a long time ago.

MEEKER I I occasionally view my life as one big potluck supper. It wasn't only the main dish and the sides that made these memorable, it was the variety of friends and neighbors who gathered together and took time to see each other during busy times. In the midwest, potlucks and church fellowship get-togethers went hand in hand, and over the years I've spent in the rural west, potluck suppers were really summer picnics with everyone sharing their specialties. I miss those get-togethers.

Now during these strange times, the inability to get together with friends and share a meal makes me even hungrier for reinstating that tradition. Each family, whose upbringing involved regular potluck get-togethers probably complained about them copiously. I think I took them for granted, as growing up in a noisy household with four

GUEST COLUMN: MEEKER SCHOOL DISTRICT

Update from Meeker schools

By **CHRIS SELLE**
Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER I On April 2, after review of information provided by state and local leaders and medical professionals, and after consultation with the Meeker School District Board of Education and administrative staff, our school district made the decision to close on-site learning for the remainder of the school year. We were positioned to make this decision as a result of key investments made by our district to upgrade technology and make sure most students had a school issued Chromebook. The investments Rio Blanco County made to upgrade technological resources several years ago has also been instrumental in our transition to online learning. It is important for our community to understand this decision was not based on fears of COVID-19 transmission. Rather, it was made in an effort to provide continuity in educational programming through the end of the 2019-2020 school year.

In a "normal" circumstance, a change of this magnitude would require months of planning. Our school community made the change in less than a week. The response to these circumstances by our students, parents and staff has been phenomenal. Our staff has already shifted lesson plans into key platforms like Google Classroom, are utilizing video conferencing tools like Google Meet and Zoom, and

have pushed out access to online textbook resources. Staff are also preparing and delivering meals to families in need, and our technology staff is working overtime to ensure the best access possible to online resources for students and staff. There are challenges with our new learning environment. We know online learning will never compare to the learning that happens in our classrooms. We know there are some areas within our rural community with poor internet connections. Staff and students greatly miss the in-person relationships which are critical to support student learning. Nonetheless, all school staff has been diligently working to make sure learning opportunities are still present for our students and students are learning.

Though no community member has directly contacted the school district, we are aware of fears that COVID-19 could be transmitted through workers involved in our construction project. To their credit, Haselden Construction has been proactive to ensure the safety of their workers and our community. They have exceeded guidelines set forth by CDC, CDPHE, and OSHA. They have been in regular communication with our local

medical professionals. They have put in place numerous protocols to prevent the spread of COVID-19 on our job site. Haselden has shared these expectations with all subcontractors working on our project and has enforced all possible precautions on the construction site with fidelity. Any community member wishing to have more detail regarding the specifics of actions taken to ensure the safety of our community and our construction site is welcome to contact the Meeker School District Administration Building.

Our students, parents, staff and community must be commended for their adaptability and support of our schools during these unprecedented times. We are still committed to providing the best educational opportunities possible within our current circumstances. My faith in school staff, students, parents, and our community remains steadfast, and I have full confidence our community will continue to work together for the benefit of our students. I can think of no other community than Meeker, Colorado, where I would rather be in these extraordinary times. I have never been more proud to state that I am a Meeker Cowboy!

Douglas Creek ballot

Dear Editor:

I received my ballot regarding the Douglas Creek Conservation District (DCCD) and read the letter to the editor in last week's paper. I agree, these are some challenging and uncertain times but now is not the time to step back from the DCCD's efforts to protect our property rights (including water) and the multiple uses on federal lands. Rio Blanco County is 75% public land so we and our economy rely on those lands. The earlier letter talked a lot about all the water issues and what the District is doing regarding water quality and quantity. This water planning process that lies ahead of us is critical. We must keep local control of that process and be sure the outcome is what our communities want and need. Hopefully we can afford the purposed increase to be sure that this is locally lead by an entity that will ensure all interests are at the table and the outcome will work for Rangely and Rio Blanco County.

In addition to the water issues the DCCD works on, they also focus a great deal of time and energy on rangeland health. At local input sessions, the District's constituents told them over and over that one of the greatest range health issues was the overgrazing by the horses. The excessive numbers of "wild" horses are destroying our public lands. Therefore, the DCCD has been the leading voice in this issue for years. They have worked tirelessly to address the excess

"wild" horse issues by meeting with and submitting letters to BLM at the local, State, and national levels. The work on this issue must continue.

The District is conducting rangeland monitoring in the Piceance East Douglas Herd Management Area to record what species are utilizing the grass at what times of the year. They are also working with BLM and various livestock grazing permittees to develop Coordinated Resource Management Plans in an effort to implement various resource improvements such as brush and tree management and water distribution.

The DCCD partners closely with the White River Conservation District (WRCD). Through this partnership, the WRCD carries 90% of the operating expenses for both Districts while DCCD only pays 10%. Sounds like a good deal for us until you consider that the WRCD may not be able to continue carrying that level of support and with tightening budgets, the County's financial support could be in jeopardy as well. Therefore, it is time for the DCCD to begin carrying a greater portion of the partnership and expenses. If we don't, we may not have a voice in these efforts in the future.

Please, look at your current tax bill and consider what you pay to the Douglas Creek Conservation District. While times are really hard right now, hopefully we can afford to pay the cost of the purposed increase each year to be sure we keep local control of water planning efforts on the White River and a large voice for multiple uses of

our public lands that will help our economy recover in the future?

Wade Cox
Rangely

Request for vote

Dear Editor:

I am requesting the people of Meeker to vote for me for the board of directors of the ERBM Recreation and Park District. I have lived in the great town of Meeker, Colorado, for the majority of my life and have deep roots within the community.

I am currently a board member for ERBM and I have been serving on the board since 2015. During my time with ERBM, we have accomplished a lot of great things. The ERBM has created the Sanderson Hills Park, the Phillip and Dorcas Jensen Memorial Park and trail system. ERBM has also been a part of the enhancement of the parks throughout the community. These are a few of the board's accomplishments and I hope to help accomplish many more in the future with your vote.

I know the nation is going through rough times right now. The vast majority of the funds the ERBM Recreation and Park District receive are due to the oil and gas industry. There will be some tough decisions in the future for the board and we will be working on deciding what is best for the ERBM and community. I'm hoping you will vote for me on May 5 to have the honor of being on the board of directors again. Thank you for taking the time to read this letter and consider voting for me.

Travis Mobley
Meeker

School still in session at Coal Creek

Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER I Stuffed animals, old toys, games and dolls have taken over Coal Creek School. Stop by and peek in the windows and see who is attending school. Check out the privy/coal shed and the horse shed and leave your name on the chalkboard. It is fun to see who has visited the school.

Coal Creek School is located at 617 County Road 6 (Little Beaver Road). You can pick up brochures for various other Rural School Driving Tours at the kiosk as you turn off Hwy. 13 onto County Road 8 (Upriver Road).

Enjoy time exploring Rio Blanco County rural school sites. This can be a real teaching and learning experience for the whole family. It is a great time to com-



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pare and contrast the way things are today to how they were when children went to rural schools. It can involve math — determining the distance between schools or to town; social studies — research different means of transportation then and today; science — how schools were built, heated and have lights then and now; or language arts — interview someone

who went to a rural school or do a story of what you think a day was like at a rural school. Write a letter to the newspaper of what you learned on your field trip exploring the rural schools of Rio Blanco County.

Remember to respect all private and public property and follow the social distancing guidelines.

The Parable of the Shrewd Manager (2)

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

... No servant can serve two masters ... Ye cannot serve God and mammon. (Lk. 16:1-13)



Dr. J.D. Watson

As our Lord continues His parable, we learn about the steward's reaction to his dismissal. Deeply concerned with how he would now make a living—he was incapable of physical labor and was ashamed at the thought of begging—he came up with a creative solution. To ingratiate himself to his master's debtors, the now unemployed steward, who still had access to the accounts, drastically lowered what the debtors actually owed. By appearing to be unusually gracious, he ensured his future needs of an income, a residence, and an almost legendary status in the community. In short, he bought friends.

What was the master's reaction to this? With all the celebration and praise of both himself and the manager that was no doubt going on, the master didn't dare reverse what had been done. His reputation would have been ruined. So, making the best of a bad situation, he had to compliment the manager on his creativity; he commended him because he had done wisely (*phronimōs*), that is, shrewdly and advantageously. The same word is used of the "wise" man who built his house on the rock in expectation of a future storm (Matt. 7:24) and the five "wise" virgins who brought extra oil in anticipation of future need (25:1-13). I was reminded here of the Banco Central heist in Brazil in 2006, one of the most creative in history. The thieves were able to steal almost \$70 million dollars by working for months digging a tunnel more than 250 feet long to arrive below the bank. We certainly don't praise the crime, but we do acknowledge the cleverness.

Second, we note the principles. Our Lord goes on to apply

His parable with three lessons about our stewardship. In regard to others, we seek heavenly friends (v. 9). Unlike the steward in the parable who bought earthly friends, we use **mammon** (*mammōnas*, material riches) to finance evangelism and thereby "purchase" heavenly friends.

In regard to ourselves, then, we secure eternal investments (vv. 10-12). When we realize that we are owners of nothing but rather stewards of everything, it transforms our outlook. Our Lord tests us in these verses. If we are **faithful in that which is least** (earthly money), we will be **faithful also in much**; if **therefore** we remain **faithful in the unrighteous mammon**, God will commit to **[our] trust true spiritual riches**, both now and in Christ's future kingdom.

Finally, in regard to God, we are *single-minded* (v. 13). **No servant can serve two masters**, Jesus concluded; we **cannot serve God and mammon**. Loving one master automatically drives us away from the other. They are mutually exclusive with nothing in common. We must, therefore, be single-mindedly set upon God and use the resources He lends us for His glory and others' good.

Scriptures for Study: What does Proverbs 6:6-8 encourage us to do? How, then, does 23:5 warn us?

We hope you will visit our website (www.TheScriptureAlone.com), where you will find not only our podcast of these devotional studies but also other resources for Christian growth, including messages in MP3 media files. You are also invited to worship with us at Grace Bible Church (on the corner of 3rd and Garfield) at 10:30 A.M. each Lord's Day, where the ministry is: "continu[ing] steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers" (Acts 2:42).

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CONE ZONE REPORT

COUNTY ROAD 8 CONSTRUCTION ALERT
NORTH FORK ROAD

WORK: Asphalt Overlay

LOCATION: County Road 8, Mile Post 8 to 15.7

DATES: May 14 to approx. June 8, 8:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M., Monday through Saturday

DELAYS: Traffic will be reduced to one lane with flaggers alternating

OTHER INFO: During Memorial Day Weekend: no work from Friday, May 22 at 2:00 P.M. to Tuesday, May 26 at 8:00 A.M.

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OBITUARIES

Olga Jannes

Dec. 29, 1934 ~ April 17, 2020

Longtime Meeker resident, Olga Jannes, 85, died peacefully surrounded by her husband, Phil Jannes of 60 years and daughter Heidi, Thursday, April 17, 2020, at Pioneers Medical Center in Meeker.



Olga Jannes

Olga was born to Isadore and Johanna (Jennie Vassek) Pike on Dec. 29, 1934, in Chicago, Illinois. Olga grew up in Chicago, with her three sisters and graduated from Proviso High School, Class of 1953. Olga's love of Colorado grew

from her many visits to Colorado as a child and teen to visit the family's ranch in Craig, Colorado.

Olga met the love of her life, Phillip Jannes at a friend's New Year's party in Chicago. They became inseparable and were married on May 7, 1960, in Forest Park, Illinois. They had six children: Heidi, Phillip Jr., Anna, Scott, Jennifer and Alexandria. Olga was a wife, mother, Boy Scout Leader and volunteer for her children's activities.

In 1984, after residing in Chicago for 50 years, Olga and Phil moved their two younger children to Meeker, Colorado, where they would enjoy sheep ranching and the Colorado mountains for the next 36 years. Olga loved living on

the ranch and tending her sheep. She enjoyed being a member and volunteering with the Colorado Wool Growers Association.

In her spare time, Olga loved gardening, arranging flowers, reading and spinning her wool. She loved entering food items in the area fair. She hated to miss a garage sale or an auction. She enjoyed having her friends over for coffee and cake. Above all, Olga was a loving wife, mother and grandmother. Her family will always remember her love, strength, sense of adventure and wonderful sense of humor.

Olga is survived by her husband of 60 years, Phillip Jannes of Meeker; her six children:

Heidi Jannes of Meeker, Phillip (Anita) Jannes Jr. of Illinois, Anna

(Kevin) Brown of Florida, Scott Jannes of Florida, Jennifer (Rex) Copeland of Florida and Alexandria (Chris) Ruane of Canada; and three sisters Marge Swaner of Michigan, Joan Maahs of Arkansas and Rosemarie Pike of Tennessee. Olga is further survived by her 13 grandchildren.

Olga was preceded in death by her parents, Isadore and Jennie Pike.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Olga's memory to the Pioneers Hospital Home Health; 575 3rd St. Meeker, Colorado 81641. They cannot thank their home nurses enough for their gentle care, love and friendship. They would have been lost without all the support.

Linda Sue Duke

April 28, 1946 ~ April 21, 2020

Linda Sue Duke, 73, of Cameron, Missouri, passed away April 21, 2020. Linda was born April 28, 1946 to Clyde and Mary Louise (Chubb) Mitchell in Elk City, Oklahoma.

Linda was a hairdresser and operated A Cut Above beauty salon in Meeker, Colorado, prior to her retirement.

She is preceded in death by her father, Clyde Mitchell, husband Charles Duke and stepson Mark Duke.

Survivors include: mother Mary Mitchell of Cameron, Missouri; stepson, Mitch (Michelle) Duke of Clinton, Missouri; brother Bill Mitchell of Princeton, Kansas; three sisters, Barbara (Larry) Bise of Eldorado, Kansas, Clydean (Steve) Erickson of Cameron, Missouri, Anita Mitchell of Cameron, Missouri; many nieces and nephews.

For online condolences, visit www.polandthompson.com.

Arrangements under the direction of Poland-Thompson Funeral Home, Cameron, Missouri.



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PMC announces hiring of Liz Sellers as CEO

PRESS RELEASE
editor@ht1885.com

MEEKER The Pioneers Medical Center Board of Directors is excited to welcome Liz Sellers to the Pioneers team. "Liz has 20 years of executive level leadership in healthcare that will be a great asset to the PMC team," said Kim Brown, President of the PMC Board of Directors.

"Liz's experience makes her a well-rounded leader," continued Brown. "She has comprehensive experience with the operations of non-profit and profit hospitals, physician relations and clinical experience, which gives her the unique ability to understand how a hospital functions from many different angles."

"I am looking forward to settling into the position as Pioneers CEO and getting to know the Meeker community," says Liz Sellers, incoming Pioneers CEO. "During my on-site visit, I was very impressed with the direc-

tion of Pioneers as a rural health-care provider, and the thoughtful vision of both the staff and PMC leadership."

The entire team at Pioneers would like to thank Cindy Buck for her leadership over the past five months," continued Brown. "Cindy has done a tremendous job moving the construction expansion ahead and helping staff manage the COVID-19 pandemic. She has done a fantastic job."

About Pioneers Medical Center: Pioneers Medical Center is a community-based healthcare facility based in Meeker, Colo., focused on building life-long partnerships with patients to empower them to achieve optimal health. Established in 1950, the hospital has a long-standing practice of providing Northwest Colorado's residents, visitors and workforce with skilled and compassionate care. Learn more at pioneershospital.org.

Jerrold Schultz

April 15, 2020

Jerrold (Jerry) Schultz passed away at home surrounded by his family on Wednesday, April 15, 2020 following a battle with cancer.



Jerry Schultz

Jerry was born in Cleveland, Ohio, and lived there until he was 12 years old when his father passed away. His mother remarried and they then moved to the Ashtabula/Jefferson, Ohio area.

Jerry graduated from Jefferson High School in 1960 and immediately enlisted in the Marine Corps. He served four years as a marksmanship instructor and on various rifle teams, winning medals and trophies. Upon his honorable

discharge in 1964, he met the love of his life, Georgia. They fell in love at first sight and were married June 19, 1965. Into this marriage were born six wonderful daughters.

The highlight of Jerry and Georgia's life is when they studied with and then became baptized Jehovah's Witnesses. They moved to Meeker in June 1974, and helped form the Meeker congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses. Many in the Meeker community may have met Jerry and Georgia in their door-to-door ministry.

They had a wonderful life together seeing "strange and exotic things," traveling and visiting Yellowstone and fishing Ten Mile Lake in Minnesota each year for a month at a time.

Jerry understands death to be a deep sleep as Jesus taught in the Bible. He looks forward to a resurrection on a paradise earth as Jesus said would occur at John 5:28-29 — "Do not be amazed at

this, for the hour is coming in which all those in the memorial tombs will hear his voice and come out." This paradise earth will be under the rule of Jesus Christ, Jehovah God's son.

Jerry is survived by his loving wife of 55 years — Georgia, and five daughters: Linda (Chris) Collins of Rush, Colorado; Sandra (Dale) Dexter of Tiona, Pennsylvania; Deborah (Kaleb) Chason of Endeavor, Pennsylvania, Patricia (Derrick) Egger of Warren, Pennsylvania, and Susan (Neil) Wagner of Tionesta, Pennsylvania; along with 11 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at the Meeker Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses at a date and time to be announced.

The family requests memorial donations to be made to the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, 1122 Garfield St., Meeker, CO 81641.

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ABOUT ME

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I have been an ERBM board member since 2015 and I am hoping you will vote for me on May 5th to have the honor of being on the Board of Directors again.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

During my time with the ERBM I have helped with the creation of the Sanderson Hills Park, the Phillip & Dorcas Jensen Memorial Park and trail system, and the Meeker Skate Park. I have also been a part of the enhancements on the parks throughout the community. These are a few of my accomplishments and I hope to have many more with your vote.





TRAVIS MOBLEY
FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

<https://www.erbmrec.com/from-the-board>



Yampa-White-Green Basin Roundtable Meeting

Wednesday, May 13th at 6:00 pm

This meeting will be **Online Only** at yampawhitegreen.com

If you have Public Comment, please email yampawhitegreen@gmail.com by May 11th to be placed on the agenda.

RIO BLANCO COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE DEPT.

CONE ZONE REPORT

CONSTRUCTION ALERT
PICEANCE CREEK AREA ROADS

WORK: Chip Seal

LOCATION: County Roads 3, 3A, 5 (MP 0 to 8.5), 24, 26, 31, 76

DATES: May 19 to approx. June 11, 7:00 A.M. TO 7:00 P.M., Monday through Saturday

DELAYS: Traffic will be reduced to one lane with flaggers alternating traffic flow. This will cause only minor delays.

OTHER INFO: During Memorial Day Weekend: no work from Friday, May 22 at 2:00 P.M. to Tuesday, May 26 at 8:00 A.M.

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TUESDAY • MAY 5
Cinco De Mayo! Chips and salsa, beef burrito w/ cheese, rice, refried beans, apricots

WEDNESDAY • MAY 6
Swedish meatballs, garlic potatoes, mixed vegetables, oranges, bread

White River Roundup continues to provide lunch to those aging adults 60+. Both Radino and Chuckwagon are providing home delivered meals M, Tu, W and F. To reserve a lunch, call and leave a message before 8 a.m. Radino: (970)878-9638
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Fiscus competes in History Channel's 'Forged in Fire'



By **ROXIE FROMANG**
Special to the Herald Times

RANGELY I Swords may not be the weapon of choice for many people nowadays, with more advanced weaponry readily available, but that does not stop some from continuing to work as bladesmiths, including 2017 Rangely High School graduate, musician, and coal miner Jarrod Fiscus.

As the owner and bladesmith at Waving Hands Forge, Fiscus competed on the History Channel's "Forged in Fire" show back in September. With seven seasons and more than 150 episodes, the show tests the best in the field as they attempt to re-create some of history's most iconic edged weapons. The contestant who survives the elimination rounds and wins the episode's contest earns \$10,000 and the title of Forged in Fire champion. Fiscus's episode will air on Wednesday, May 6 at 7 p.m. MDT.

The multi-talented Fiscus traveled to Connecticut for filming, first flying into New York City where he said he felt

out of place. His favorite part of competing on the show was the camaraderie between the contestants. "It's all real. You go out and do it. No Hollywood fakery." The bulk of the forge work is completed in one day for the competition.

Fiscus began blacksmithing three years ago, starting with stock removal (just grinding out knives). When asked about words of wisdom to others who aspire to greatness, Fiscus humbly said, "Words of wisdom often come from folks much smarter and better at getting their message through than I. There was a poster in my high school chemistry teacher's classroom that said something along the lines of 'shoot for the moon, even if you miss, you will land among the stars.' It does not matter where you come from, opportunities will always knock on your door. It's up to you whether you take them or not."

Tune in to Forged in Fire on the History Channel on May 6 to find out if Fiscus earns the prestigious championship title.

Watch Rangely resident Jarrod Fiscus next Wed., May 6, compete in History Channel's 'Forged in Fire' weaponry contest. "It's all real. You go out and do it. No Hollywood fakery," Fiscus said of the experience.

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THANK YOU

Meeker is a community of endless kindness and resourcefulness. As the COVID-19 pandemic emerged we didn't know how our community would be impacted. Pioneers Medical Center was busy anticipating and quickly implementing plans to address COVID-19, our community members and businesses said, "How can we help?"

Our community made sure healthcare workers had PPE masks and shields, businesses made sure we had a building for a temporary respiratory clinic. Others made sure our employees were fed.

We continue to learn more about the virus and continue to prepare to care for patients that maybe inflicted with COVID. But since March 9, 2020 there has been so much kindness from our community Pioneers wants to pause and say **THANK YOU** to every one.

Meeker Collision	Brian & Barb Bofinger	Dorothy Chappell
Dr. Bob Dorsett	NAPA Auto Parts	Leigh Gerloff
Meeker Library	Grant Dentistry	Carol Parr
White River Electric Association	Jan McPherson	Sharon Day
Meeker Café	White River Dental Hygiene	Darshan Merrill
Mexican House	Wing Nuts Group	Stella McGruder
Mountain Valley Bank	Sondra Garcia	Katie Olson
Pioneers Healthcare Foundation	Stephany Hazelton and Zach Grane	Colorado Hospital Association
Sherry Overton	Karen Arnold	Jill Dunbar
Jason & Amanda Back	Barbara Purkey	Rio Blanco County
Donna Hellyer Family	Jean Wood	Lori Kindall

Everyones' contribution is helpful and meaningful to us. We hope we captured every group or individual. Please forgive us if we missed someone.





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CRUISIN' MAIN

Rangely brought out their classic cars and other wheeled conveyances for a socially-distanced 'Cruisin' Main' parade last Friday evening. The event was put on by the Rangely Human Resource Council and was sponsored by a variety of local entities. Download the free Zappar app and scan the code to view more photos.



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Q&A with candidates for ERBM's board of directors

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

MEEKER | The HT asked 10 questions of the four individuals running for two seats on the Eastern Rio Blanco Metropolitan Park and Recreation District. The election is May 5. If you have not requested and received an absentee ballot, voting will be conducted in-person, following public health guidelines, at the Meeker Recreation Center on May 5.

The responses to the questions below are presented in alphabetical order by candidates' last names.

QUESTIONS:

1. Why are you running for the ERBM Recreation and Park District Board?
2. Partnering and finding ways to leverage tax dollars with the budget is an excellent way to complete projects. Do

you have ideas on how this can be done (that is not already being completed?)

3. During this time of financial crisis, knowing ERBM receives a 5.699 mil, and knowing the center has not been open nor will open for an extended time, do you think the budget should be trimmed and portions of the tax money returned to taxpayers?

4. The pond project is over budget (it was \$335K, now just the construction is \$424K which does not include any of the fees.) During this time, and even though money has been spent, should it be put on indefinite hold to trim the budget?

5. Managers in the past have completed evaluations for the executive director on his job performance. Do you find that valuable or does it undermine his authority?

6. Colowyo is shutting down within the next 10 years, and nearly 50 families in Meeker will be losing their primary income and either finding a new job that is potentially less pay or moving. Do you see that in the future ERBM

should work on economic development for our community? If so, do you have any ideas?

7. Sticking with the knowledge that Colowyo is shutting down and COVID is impacting our economy, do you have any ideas how ERBM could help the community outside of what they are already doing?

8. There are now yoga studios in town that did not exist when ERBM was formed. Do you think ERBM should still hold yoga classes given members have to pay a fee to use the center?

9. Membership fees: do you think ERBM should collect them? Are they too high or not high enough? Please expand as to why you think this.

10. Working parents have a hard time getting to classes, especially morning classes as they must get their kids ready. Evening class are virtually non-existent. Do you feel there is a population not being served, and if so, what should be done?

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CHRIS LOCKWOOD



Chris Lockwood

1. ERBM Recreation and Park District is entering a new era. The District's aging infrastructure and ambitious Capital Improvement projects, coupled with economic downturn, will necessitate an adjusted approach to budgeting and project management. My experience as a small business owner in construction will be beneficial in all phases of projects. Publicly funded expenditures must be transparent and accurate; and they must deliver completely effective outcomes. If elected, I would be the sole board member not currently employed by, or retired from, some form of government. It is my opinion that this board needs representation from local small business.

2. ERBM, the Town of Meeker, Rio Blanco County, CPW and others have been doing an excellent job of collaboration. It is great to see local organizations working together to eliminate duplicative efforts, leverage funds, and realize beneficial results for the community. I would like to see the District expand its role in the pursuit of grant funding for both collaborative and District specific projects.

3. Given the volume of repairs needed at the Recreation Center, I view the closure necessitated by COVID-19 as an unexpected opportunity to address maintenance issues. I believe the District should make budgetary adjustments. I do not believe that a "tax holiday" mill levy adjustment is warranted at this time. Given these volatile and uncertain times, a mill levy adjustment cannot be ruled out in the future.

4. It is very unfortunate that the pond project has experienced "budget creep". The problem appears to be due to the number of entities involved and an incomplete planning process. I would like to understand why contracts were solicited- let alone awarded- without a clearly defined project scope. At this point, we need to determine if the monetary loss of not moving forward with these commitments would prove unacceptable.

5. The United States governing system is founded upon checks and balances. Sound management solicits and considers feedback. I believe every District employee should be given an opportunity to provide input.

6. The District's current mission statement does not include taking a lead role in economic development; nor should it. The hospital district focuses on health. The fire district focuses on public safety. Makala Barton at RBC and Stephanie Kobald at the Chamber of Commerce are doing a great job leading our economic development. ERBM should focus on excellence in parks, recreation, and cultural opportunities. If all special districts strive for excellence, they will naturally amplify economic development by creating amenities conducive to local prosperity. All entities should continue to seek opportunities to collaborate when appropriate to bolster their respective efforts.

7. The District is an important community supporter and employer. It has demonstrated an ability to respond and adjust to the needs

of the community. I anticipate that tradition will continue and I would promote innovative thinking and responsible community service.

8. The District should not compete with local business. Yoga classes, camping fees, etc should not be competitive with local business. However, if there is a definitive community need (such as early morning yoga) not being served by local business, the District should be responsive.

9. I believe membership fees are necessary from a budget perspective and currently appropriate.

10. It is incumbent upon the District to monitor community needs and respond appropriately, whether that be in programming, maintenance, or management. I believe they have done an excellent job and I would promote continuing awareness of underserved segments of the community.

TRAVIS MOBLEY



Travis Mobley

1. I am running for the ERBM Rec Board because I feel that I have accomplished a great amount in the time that I have been on the board and I enjoy providing for the needs of the community through the Rec Center.

2. No, I think we have leveraged the tax money we have received and collaborated with other partners in the community on projects.

3. Due to the hard times the world and our community are going through, the ERBM is already planned on doing a discounted membership for the rest of 2020. We still have to maintain our outside facilities for the community to enjoy during this time.

4. We have added additional amenities to the pond project and we are holding off on phase two of the project to gain more buy-in from other community members and organizations.

5. I believe the evaluations are valuable because the board members are not able to be present daily so, we have used evaluations in the past to help us see the inner workings of the ERBM's daily operations.

6. I do not think economic development is part of our mission as the ERBM. I believe the economic development needs to come from Meeker's government or the Chamber.

7. It is the ERBM's mission to promote outdoor recreation for the community. I think community projects related to recreation could be created and I feel the ERBM would be a great partner in these potential projects.

8. I believe having new Yoga studios in Meeker is a great addition to the town to provide more opportunities for fitness. The fees paid to use the center offer more benefits than just specific classes, so having additional classes such as yoga can only add to the ERBM's program diversity.

9. In general, yes I believe membership fees should be collected because they help us to run more programs and the ability to organize them and interact with the community. We offer the Blitz at the beginning of the year, which helps reduce the price of memberships. We are very competitive with any other rec center on the Western Slope. During the 2020

membership year, due to COVID, we will be reducing membership fees for the rest of the year to help our community members continue to use the rec center.

10. I believe if there are enough people that would be interested in evening classes and came before the program organizers, then evening classes could be obtainable. An important part of people being in programs is the end of the program surveys which can help the ERBM evaluate what they need to work on and possible changes we can make to improve or add to our programs.

CHANCE WALKER



Chance Walker

1. I believe I can bring fresh perspective and a unique frame of reference to the board. I value the insight I gained working for the district in the past and I feel

I have a good understanding of our community's wants and needs. It is very important to provide great resources and programs for residents, but the district must use taxpayer dollars responsibly in order to remain sustainable for future generations. At the same time, it's important to provide a healthy and safe workplace for staff, with long-lasting career opportunities.

2. I believe the board of directors and ERBM staff ultimately work for the taxpayers. In my experience, district staff do what they can to stretch every dollar and conserve as many resources as possible.

3. I would propose the board take a look at the true cost of operations to ensure transparency and accuracy. The board should continue to pursue strong partnerships with other community entities, while also allowing those entities to take the lead on some projects, instead of having ERBM as the primary financier. I feel that at times, ERBM puts more into projects around town than into keeping district infrastructure maintained. For instance, the Circle Park pond project (on Town property) is occurring at the same time two emergency repairs on the center are in the works. Reallocation of resources to maintain ERBM's buildings and infrastructure would ultimately serve the community better in the long run, without creating additional financial strain on the district and taxpayers.

4. Additionally, the District should take a hard look at programming. Underperforming programs should consistently be eliminated or replaced. Citizens are the biggest partner of the district, and should be given ample opportunities for their voices to be heard. Continuing programs and projects that serve a wide range of community residents and partners will help sustain the district in harder times.

5. My answer is yes, with the caveat there are a lot of legalities and logistics to sort through when trying to trim a budget or return taxpayer dollars. Changes in our community, including the Colowyo closure and worldwide shifts in oil and gas, will have permanent effects on the community and therefore the district. We owe it to our citizens to be extremely mindful of purchases and projects all the time, but especially during times like these. The sustainability of the district and the community

should always be at the forefront of the board's decision-making process.

4. I think this project should be put on hold during these uneasy times (unless the district is already too far in and would end up wasting significant taxpayer dollars on the legal aspect.) I believe the board should put all nonessential projects on hold - the 'accessories' of the district, one might say - and should instead focus on sustaining current operations and facilities. Prudent spending is always important, but with a global pandemic and swirling economic uncertainty, it is paramount. Conserving district funds now to better serve the community later on would be my preference. As an aside, I feel it was financially irresponsible to invest to such an extent in a project on property belonging to the town, without equal buy-in from other partners. I feel district monies are more impactful if smaller pieces of the proverbial pie are dispersed to a wider variety of community entities/projects and are also allocated to district infrastructure projects that meet specific community needs, like expanding the usefulness of the recreation center (i.e. adding a gym, expanding the weight room, or offering different hours of operation.)

5. I think it should be an equal playing field for everyone. A study completed in Australia by Applied Psychology showed 360 degree appraisals increased work performance. Supervisors should also be able to provide feedback on their interactions with other staff, managers and the executive director. In a healthy work environment, everyone should be able

to have a say without fear of repercussions. In my mind, if you are doing the right thing, why would a 360 appraisal be an issue? Done correctly, this could really benefit employees across the board, whether they're management or frontline staff. I also believe this is the only way for the board to get an accurate picture of executive director performance, instead of relying solely on financial numbers, reports and one-on-one meetings with board members.

6. I believe ERBM should support equal opportunity partnerships to shore up the community. I do not believe, however, it is the sole responsibility of ERBM to financially support or boost Meeker's entire economy. The district can cut back on spending during hard times and conserve taxpayer monies, ensuring the future of ERBM 10 to 20 years from now.

7. Frontline staff are doing a great job working to improve morale in the community. I'd like to see continuous opportunities for community feedback put in place, whether in the form of mailed or digital surveys, feedback forms on the website, etc. This is especially important when the community is going through a difficult time. There are a variety of changes happening that will undoubtedly impact what the community views as important. What do the people really want from their district right now? Regular feedback would benefit both citizens and the board's decision-making abilities. I don't think anyone wants to see an increase to their tax bill right now.

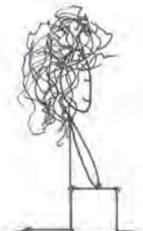
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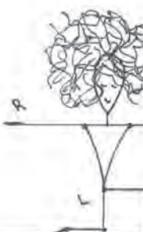
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Colorado Wildlife Habitat Program accepting proposals

PRESS RELEASE

Special to the Herald Times

RBC | Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) is pleased to announce the 2020 Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Colorado Wildlife Habitat Program (CWHP). The CWHP is a statewide program that supports CPW's mission by offering funding opportunities to private landowners who wish to voluntarily protect important wildlife habitats on their property, and/or provide wildlife-related recreational access to the public.

The CWHP is an incentive-based and voluntary program that uses conservation easements, public access easements, and in limited circumstances, fee title purchases to accomplish strategic wildlife conservation goals and/or public access goals. Priority is given to proposals for conservation easements and public access easements over fee title purchases (per CPW policy and Title 33-4-102.7 C.R.S.).

Funding for the 2020 cycle is approximately \$11 million and is made possible through a conservation partnership with Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) and from revenue generated through the sale of habitat stamps.

TO APPLY:

To apply, a landowner, or his/her designee, must complete a project proposal form ("Proposal") that addresses one or more of the following Colorado Parks and Wildlife Commission ("Commission") 2020 funding priorities:

- Public access for hunting, fishing, wildlife viewing
- Big game winter range and migration corridors

- Protecting habitat for species of concern (specifically those Species of Greatest Conservation Need, as identified in the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Statewide Action Plan)

- Riparian areas and wetlands

- Landscape-scale parcels and parcels that provide connectivity to conserved lands

All application materials became available on Wednesday, April 15, 2020 through the following CPW webpage: <http://cpw.state.co.us/aboutus/Pages/LandWaterCWHP.aspx>

Proposals will be accepted until 5 p.m. on Monday, May 18, 2020.

Completed Proposals are to be emailed to: Wildlife.RealEstateProposals@state.co.us

Applicants will receive a confirmation email acknowledging receipt of Proposals.

It is not required that CPW hold conservation easements funded through the CWHP. A landowner may request a land trust, local government, or other conservation organization (collectively, "Third Party," to submit a Proposal on his/her behalf. If the Proposal involves a conservation easement to be held by a Third Party, the entity must be qualified to hold conservation easements under federal and state law.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Colorado Parks and Wildlife recognizes that maintaining wildlife-compatible agriculture on the landscape is an important benefit that can be realized through appropriately crafted conservation easements and land

management plans. All conservation easement projects funded through the CWHP will have an accompanying management plan that must be agreed upon by the landowner and CPW prior to the closing of the project. The management plan typically includes provisions for the type, timing, and duration of livestock grazing, recreational activities, and overall management of habitat to protect or enhance the property's conservation values identified in the conservation easement. Negotiating the terms and conditions of the management plan is a key step in the conservation easement process. Landowners are encouraged to develop a clear vision of the future of their property prior to submitting their Proposal. Proposals are scored and ranked through a rigorous review process to evaluate strategic conservation impacts, biological significance, public benefits, and project feasibility. Applicants are strongly encouraged to contact their local CPW Area Wildlife Manager or his/her designee for assistance describing the wildlife and habitat values accurately and to discuss the merits of their Proposal. Local CPW office contact information may be found at https://cpw.state.co.us/learn/Maps/CPW_Areas.pdf.

Projects are provided funding based on recommendation by the Commission. Applicants are expected to be notified of the Commission's final award decisions following the November 2020 Commission meeting.

All projects involving conservation easements are required by law to be monitored annually. Third-Party conservation ease-

ment holders are required to submit to CPW a copy of the annual monitoring report for each conservation easement that receives funding through the CWHP.

Public access is not required for conservation easement projects. However, conservation easement proposals that separately offer to convey to CPW public access for wildlife-related recreation may be eligible for compensation in addition to compensation for the conservation easement. Landowners may also submit proposals to the CWHP for projects where the sole purpose is to provide hunting or fishing access to the public through a public access easement.

Under Colorado law, terms of the transaction become a matter of public record after the project is completed and closed. Additionally, it is important for CPW and our major funding partners to provide accurate information to the public regarding the CWHP efforts to protect vital habitats and provide hunting and fishing access opportunities. Applicants should be aware that after a project has closed, information about the transaction, including funding amounts, may be used by CPW for internal planning and public information purposes.

All real estate transactions in this program are subject to an appraisal to verify value. Applicants are strongly encouraged to consult their legal and financial advisors when contemplating any real estate transaction associated with the CWHP

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For additional information about the CWHP or application process, please contact:

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Westlands changes hands

By CAITLIN WALKER

Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER | One of Rio Blanco County's most expensive properties is under new ownership, according to legal documents.

Special warranty deeds filed in the county April 14 cede water rights and land from KRH Colorado Inc., KRH Colorado Properties, LLC and Henry R. Kravis to a company listed as "Westlands, LLC" out of Delaware. That company is newly formed and has an incorporation date of Oct. 18, 2019.

The recorded price is \$44,792,614.07.

Filing documents received by the Colorado Secretary of State name Westlands, LLC as a foreign limited liability company. The principal office address listed is for law firm Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP, on Seventh Avenue in New York.

A further search also lists recent filing documents for entity names, trade names, and livestock brands for Westlands Ranch, Westlands, and Westlands, LLC earlier this month. The principal office address, again, is for Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP, and the documents were filed by Ireland, Stapleton, Pryor and Pascoe PC, a Denver law firm.

According to legal500.com, Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP, "acts for a number of prominent asset managers, investment banks, plan sponsors and other financial entities, with stand-out names including Citigroup, Warburg Pincus, Genstar Capital, Bloomberg and HealthEquity."

A February 2020 article from law.com tied the firm to Michael Bloomberg's presidential campaign. Hundreds of thousands of dollars were disbursed to the firm for "legal consulting," according to Federal Election Commission spending records.

In February, Willkie was paid \$244,606.64 by the campaign (page 1,506 of the 1,515 page report.) According to the law.com article, "a campaign spokesman

said Bloomberg has long-standing ties to Venable and Willkie." (Venable is another legal firm.)

Westlands, a 4,000+ acre property about 20 miles southeast of Meeker, has been owned by Henry Kravis since 1991. Kravis is the co-founder of private equity group KKR & CO., Inc, a company worth more than \$200 billion, according to Forbes.

The expansive forest playground features a 19,000 square foot home (with five bedrooms, a library, wine cellar, theater, wet bar and more), outdoor pool, private golf course, helipad, guest cabins, employee housing and a private two-mile stretch of the White River.

The ranch was listed in January 2019 for \$46 million by real estate company Hall and Hall, out of Steamboat. Listing agent Brian Smith declined to comment, citing the confidentiality of both parties involved in the sale. Agent Jeff Buerger was also contacted, but did not return a request for comment.

Summer jobs at Westlands have employed many Meeker high school students.

"Rest assured our management, staff, physical address and phone number remain the same," a billing address change read. New contact information for Westlands is for Geller Advisors, LLC, located on Third Avenue in New York City. The company "provides financial services to high net worth individuals, families, non-profit foundations and operating businesses," according to their website.

Geller Advisors is owned by Geller & Company, founded by current president Martin Geller. According to gellerco.com, Geller is "a corporate member of Bloomberg LP and Bloomberg Bureau of National Affairs in Washington, D.C."

Bloomberg LP is owned by former 2020 democratic presidential candidate (and No. 16 on Forbe's Billionaires List) Michael Bloomberg.

The HT reached out to Geller Advisors for comment, but did not receive a response.

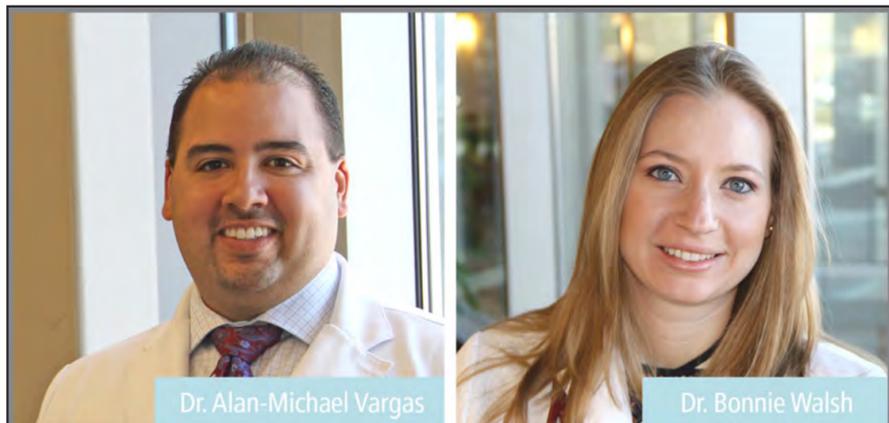
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COVID-19 cut Troy Allred's mission in the Philippines short, but the time he had there had an impact on him.

Allred returns from mission

By TROY ALLRED
Special to the Herald Times

RBC I Hey Rio Blanco County! It's been about two years since you have seen the likings of me. Some of you might have wondered where in the world did he disappear to? Well for the past two years I have been living on the other side of the world in a beautiful place called the Philippines. During these two years I was serving as a missionary for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the Philippines Laoag Mission, which meant not only was I teaching people the gospel I believe in, but I was interacting and learning the culture of the Filipinos. This culture is something that I love and wish more people could experience. But for me, I had to start with humble beginnings in order to appreciate this culture.

Due to the delay in my visa acceptance, I had to serve in Oregon until Sept. 11, 2018, before I was able to go to the Philippines. At that time, I didn't realize that one of the most memorable days in U.S. history (9-11) was going to be the beginning of one of the greatest adventures of my life. Little did I know, the Philippines was preparing for a super typhoon which was the exact location of the Philippines that I was going to, the northern tip of Luzon. Right away, I was already going to face one of the many challenges that Filipinos face every year. The typhoon beat down hard on the Philippines, tearing apart homes and power lines. The first lesson I had to learn was to endure the effects of the typhoon, which made me face my first month in the Philippines without electricity and running water. Along with the challenge of the lack of the fine commodities that we simply take for granted, I was still beginning to learn the language of Tagalog. As if I thought it couldn't be any harder, most of the people that I had interacted with were speaking their mother tongue, Ilokano. Needless to say, my first

month was some of the hardest times I had ever gone through. Learning how to adjust to problems that I simply had no control over, trying to understand what anyone was saying, and dealing with the effects of homesickness. But thanks to some of the most amazing people I have ever met, I learned how not only to overcome the challenges that life had presented but learned to love my neighbor even if I had never met them.

In my humble opinion, I would dare say the Filipino people are by far some of the nicest and most loving people in the whole entire world. Despite all the challenges that they face, they are always willing to lend a hand to those who are in need or struggling. Filipinos are known for their hospitality and have a genuine love for strangers. If at any time I needed help with learning the language, culture, or simply directions, the Filipinos were always happy and excited to help. I was even invited by a group of strangers regularly to come eat with them even if that meant to eat a small merienda (snack). Even when I was sick, they were always directing me what I needed to do in order to get well. Sometimes I was in awe of the kindness and measures that they would go to just to make my experience better, despite all of the hardships they were facing. And they always did it with a smile on their face. Always inviting others, whether it was to sing, play basketball, birthday parties, they were just happy that they could include you. This is probably why I was able to adjust so well and come to love these people so much because of their love for me. It was truly amazing. Learning the language was hard, but with their loving and joking attitude it became more bearable and even fun to take on this hard task. I absolutely fell in love with their language, their culture, and with the people due to this love that they so willingly share with others. After that first bump in the road, I was able to learn and grow. It has allowed me not

only to improve my own character but also opened the gateway into relationships that will last for a lifetime. For the rest of my mission, I continued to build and develop these relationships as I continued to serve my fellow man and try to make their lives happier as well. Which was a privilege I am so glad I had.

My time planned to be with these wonderful people came to an abrupt end. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, all of us foreign missionaries were forced to evacuate out of the country. There were many challenges that we faced, including crossing borders to other provinces, finding a way to fly us out, finding places to stay during our wait, all while fighting against time. We were given 72 hours to leave the country but by the grace of God and by the leniency of the Filipino government, we were given a couple more days to leave. Before we were flown out we gathered at the Manila Mission Training Center where I reunited with Josie Drussell of Meeker, who was serving as a sister missionary in the Philippines Baguio Mission. Thankfully, we were safely evacuated and were able to come back home.

After being home for a month now, I still have mixed feelings about the fact that I am home. I have absolutely loved being home with my family but I still feel I left a bit of my heart in the Philippines with my second family which I love so much. I currently struggle to speak only English but am still practicing talking in Tagalog and Ilokano to my fellow friends on the beautiful isles of the Philippines. I absolutely love them and will hold on to the things that I have learned from them. My experience there has shaped me into the person I am today. I will never forget them and cherish my experience there always. *Mahal na mahal ko yung Pinas at lagi na may lugar sa puso ko!* Or in other words I really love the Philippines and it will always have a place in my heart.



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Oil and gas associations raise \$10K in donations for Food Bank of the Rockies

Special to the Herald Times

RBC I Members of both the Colorado Oil & Gas Association and West Slope Colorado Oil and Gas Association raised more than \$10,000 for the Food Bank of the Rockies by way of small, individual donations this past month.

As the coronavirus pandemic spreads, the Colorado oil and natural gas industry rallied together to give back to those in need in our local communities, helping to ensure that our friends and neighbors can maintain some level of certainty and continue to put food on the table.

"Times are tough for all of us, especially in the oil and gas industry, but it's important to stand up and help our neighbors and friends in their times of need," said Dan Haley, President and CEO of the Colorado Oil and Gas Association. "Food Bank of the Rockies posted on their Facebook page that they anticipated taking a major hit as a result of this pandemic. People need to have access to food. It's one of our most basic needs. It made sense to quickly organize a grassroots fundraiser for this amazing organization that provides nutrition and food across the state."

"The generosity of the men and women of this industry never ceases to amaze me."

The Food Bank of the Rockies serves more than 30 counties in Colorado, supporting communities throughout the Front Range, Northern Colorado and the West Slope, and engages with dozens of local partners to reach our most vulnerable households and provide food security.

"Oil and natural gas industry employees are quick to answer the call to help in times of need. This is yet another example of how our gracious men and



COURTESY PHOTO

The Meeker food bank pick up in Meeker was accomplished by way of a drive through system that had cars lined up all the way from the Fairgrounds to Sulphur Creek Road. The RBC Extension office thanked volunteers, sheriff's office and Road and Bridge Department.

women work to support their neighbors and communities even as each of us are focusing on keeping our families safe and businesses running. We see acts of kindness each day to support our most vulnerable," said Chelsie Miera, Executive Director of West Slope Colorado Oil and Gas Association. "And supporting a critical group like the Food Bank of the Rockies was a great way to focus our efforts."

The Food Bank of the Rockies continues to rely on charitable donations at a time when Coloradans are practicing social distancing and in-person food donations for the organization are down. Every small donation adds up and helps place food on a family's table. Please donate to the Food Bank of the Rockies here (<http://www.foodbankrockies.org/give/give-funds/>).

coronavirus UPDATE



Due to the extended closure of the Meeker Recreation Center (MRC),

as well as the broad economic impacts of the present public health crisis, ERBM Recreation & Park District has approved extended MRC membership refunds and program discounts throughout the duration of 2020.

50% REFUND ON MEMBERSHIPS

In the upcoming weeks, ERBM will process a 50% refund for all current MRC membership pass holders. Memberships paid in full will receive a refund disbursement check directly to their address on file, and payment plan memberships will not be charged their monthly dues for the latter half of 2020. Any new 3-month memberships purchased after reopening will received a 25% discount with all set up fees waived.

25% DISCOUNT ON PROGRAMS

Additionally, to offer further support and incentivize ongoing participation for all Meeker residents, a 25% discount will be applied to all fee based programs that begin and end in 2020.

These membership and programming refunds and discounts are anticipated to amount to approximately \$56,500 that will directly benefit local families as we collectively work together to stimulate healthy social and economic recovery.

REMINDERS:

- Center will remain CLOSED through Memorial Day, May 25, with anticipated reopening on Tuesday, May 26, barring any additional public health directive changes or unforeseen delays in pre-planned maintenance projects.
- With the onset of spring there are plenty of opportunities for you and your family to get outside and visit local parks and trails. Please observe all appropriate public health precautions while you enjoy these amenities.



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ERBM: Q&A with the candidates for the board of directors, continued

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Responsible, targeted spending is the smartest thing for everyone.

8. In regard to all classes (not just yoga), competition is generally good and helps improve the quality of services by all parties. The recreation center operates current classes to meet a board-approved cost recovery standard. ERBM offers many services to the community for free and I believe the taxes and fees the district charges (well below fees in other districts) are reasonable. In order for the maximum amount of businesses and people to survive current circumstances, we all have to continue to support each other to the best of our ability. I believe the fees ERBM charges are fair. If ERBM cut all programming offered by other entities, the community would be underserved as a whole, especially lower-income families.

9. I believe the fees are fair for what you get out of a membership. I do think different prices should be discussed for out-of-town visitors/reservations to help with cost recovery. I am not talking large increases, but locals with a vested interest in district longevity should get a better deal than those who

don't pay the tax bill.

10. I do believe there are underserved populations in Meeker. However, in my experience, when the staff has tried to guess the desires of those citizens, programs and events are poorly attended. This is why I feel it's so important to have consistent community feedback, and that feedback should be reviewed at the highest level (board members). Board members should then prioritize what they are hearing from the community over nonessential projects, programs or events.

I also believe community involvement in not only ERBM's board meetings, but all local board meetings, is crucial for growth and improvement. I would love to see citizens and ERBM staff members attend meetings regularly, but understand that is not always possible.

If elected, my primary objective will be to ensure your voices are heard.

KENT WALTER:

1. I am running for the ERBM Board because I want to be of service to my community. I strongly believe in the mission of the ERBM Recreation and Park District, it



Kent Walter

enhances the quality of life and cultural opportunities for the people of Meeker and those who may visit Rio Blanco County. I have many years of managerial and supervisory experience, managing large and complex organizations, developing annual budgets and workforce plans, being fiscally responsible and working collaboratively with members of the public, partners and other government entities. I believe this experience provides me with the skill and ability to be an effective member of the ERBM Board. This my sixth year as a member of the Board and I have demonstrated my ability to work effectively with the other ERBM Board Members to produce desired results.

2. Being fiscally responsible and leveraging our taxpayer dollars is a strategy that the Board has implemented and has pursued for the past several years. As an

example, for the Circle Park Pond and Park project, the ERBM Board is leveraging dollars from State and Private donors to help fund the project. If re-elected, I will ensure that this strategy continues and will look for other opportunities to ensure that the taxpayers of Rio Blanco who support and fund the ERBM Recreation and Park District are getting their money's worth.

3. The ERBM Board is continually looking at ways to reduce expenses while providing quality customer service, outstanding facilities and parks, a diversity of programs for everyone and being an employer of choice. During this unprecedented COVID19 pandemic, the Board approved sending refunds to patrons in an attempt to help offset the fact that the facility is closed.

4. The ERBM Board has been fiscally responsible in its long-term strategic planning for all Capital Improvement Projects, including the Circle Park project. With that said, I support the project moving forward. With the completion of the project, it will provide additional recreational opportunities for individuals and families and

enhance the quality of life and economy for our community.

5. I support a 360 degree evaluation for the Executive Director because it gives the Board valuable feedback on the day-to-day performance of the Executive Director which the Board does not have the opportunity to witness. The Board is ultimately responsible for the supervision and performance of the Executive Director, so having a complete and thorough picture of the performance of his duties ensures the Board is able to effectively supervise, council, develop and provide direction so that we are getting the very best out of our Executive Director.

6. The ERBM Board fully understands the nexus between the services and facilities the ERBM Recreation and Park District provides and the economic development opportunity for our community. That is why we partner with the Town of Meeker and others so that we are working together as partners to ensure we are meeting the current and future needs of our community.

7. While we have been closed because of COVID19, staff have been creative and providing vir-

tual classes and programming for our youth and members to help during this very difficult time. ERBM will continue to look into creative ways to make this difficult time a little less impactful.

8. I believe we provide a service to our patrons in a way that is not meant to compete with the private sector but rather provide people a greater choice.

9. I believe we should continue to have a fee structure for services. We research other and their fee structure and will continue to ensure that our patrons are receiving a quality product at a fair price.

10. There are many opportunities for morning, mid-day and evening classes that serve a very large and diverse demographic. Child care or Tot-Spot is offered and feedback is always welcome from the public if there is a need for additional classes, types of classes or child care. The Board, management and staff at the ERBM Recreation and Park District want to provide the highest quality of service and products to our community, we are there to listen and take feedback and suggestions as we plan for the future.

RBC WEEKLY CALL REVIEW

WEEKLY CALL REVIEW AT THE RIO BLANCO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DISPATCH CENTER

April 20-26, 2020
Meeker Dispatch Center administered 468 phone calls last week including 33 911 calls, 77 calls for Meeker Police Department (MPD) and placed 111 outgoing calls. A total of 130 calls for service were created, 53 for the Sheriff's Office, 58 for MPD.

Note the department breakdown of calls may differ from the total

- number reported due to individual incidents with multiple agencies responding.
- Law enforcement conducted 23 traffic stops
- Sheriff's Deputies issued eight warnings, two citations on 10 stops
- MPD issued 12 warnings, one citation on 13 stops
- Three crashes, one involving wildlife
- No DUI's or traffic arrests, four assists with CSP

- Sheriff's Deputies responded to 53 calls for service
- Four 911 misdials/tests
- 11 agency assists
- Six animal calls
- Two disturbances
- Five suspicious incidents
- 15 security checks
- Two VIN inspections
- One each: abandoned vehicle, assault, domestic violence, missing person, K-9 deployment,

- Meeker Police Department responded to 58 calls for service
- Eight 911 misdials/tests
- Five agency assists
- Two alarms
- Four animal calls
- 17 business checks
- Four citizen assists
- Two code enforcement
- Three disturbances,
- Four suspicious incidents
- Two traffic complaints
- Four VIN inspections

- One each: assault, civil, domestic violence, fraud, missing person, motorist assist, theft
- Meeker Fire and Rescue responded to seven calls:
- One smoke report from a controlled burn, three medical transport, one traffic crash, one domestic violence, one alarm
- Rio Blanco Detentions
- 15 current inmates, 14 males and one female

- One arrest by RBCSO
 - 0 inmates released
- This information is a weekly review of the calls for service that were requested at the Rio Blanco County Sheriff's Communications Office. If you have any questions or would like an explanation of the call types listed please call 878-9600. We will not regularly post any information as to the names or addresses on any incident.

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THEME: ACTORS AND ACTRESSES ACROSS

1. "Flowers in the _____"
6. Emergency responders
9. Peacock's pride
13. Life force in Sanskrit
14. Doctor Dolittle, e.g.
15. The Beast's problem
16. Happen again
17. Freudian topic
18. In a fitting way
19. "Hopkins' Lecter to _____'s Starling"
21. "McGillis' Charlie to _____'s Maverick"
23. Unagi
24. Undesirable row
25. Stuff in a tray?
28. The Tramp's love interest
30. Hairy vertebrate
35. "Best _____ schemes o' mice an' men"
37. Be inclined
39. City in Belgium
40. Debussy's "Clair de _____"
41. D'Artagnan's weapon, pl.
43. Speed on water
44. "This _____," on a box
46. The Chapin School, e.g.
47. A _____
48. Post-roller coaster ride state
50. The Coen brothers' "True _____"
52. _____ Diego
53. Deuce topper
55. Lamb's mother
57. "Clark's Rhett to _____'s Scarlett"
60. "John's Danny to _____'s Sandy"
63. Continually annoy
64. Matterhorn, e.g.
66. Cooler climate conifer
68. Do like phoenix
69. Tiger's peg
70. "My Own Private _____"
71. Thou _____, or you have
72. Bajillion years
73. Article of faith

DOWN

1. 2020 Easter mo.
2. Not kosher
3. Meal in a shell
4. Occupied, two words
5. El Chapo's organization
6. "What _____ Happened to Baby Jane?"
7. "Billy's Harry to _____'s Sally"
8. Investor's asset
9. _____-Guarani languages
10. Liberal pursuits
11. Archipelago unit
12. Bovine hangout
15. Posterior, anatomically speaking
20. Fill with optimism
22. Basketball target
24. Two heads are better than one, e.g.
25. "Keaton's Annie to _____'s Alvy"
26. Sweating room
27. Hinduism follower
29. "Knightley's Swann to _____'s Sparrow"
31. "Cameron's Fiona to _____'s Shrek"
32. List of options, pl.
33. Ancient Greeks' assembly area
34. Pretend, two words
36. _____ ex machina
38. Doe, e.g.
42. Sales pitch
45. Smallest at the clothing store
49. Second person of be
51. Lighted by twilight
54. Related on mother's side
56. Avoid, as in taxes
57. Designer Bradley
58. Osiris' wife
59. One third of a three-piece suit
60. Welcoming sign
61. A Flock of Seagulls' hit, 2 words
62. Soreness
63. "_____, humbug!"
65. "Kate's Rose to _____'s Jack"
67. "Some Like It _____"

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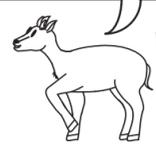
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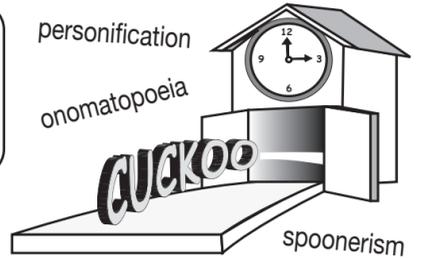
We use words when we speak or write. We use them in songs, stories, poems, letters and speeches! We use words to tell others what we are thinking, how we are feeling or how things work. We use words for fun too! We love to "play" on words in jokes and riddles, and in other ways.



Don't be chicken! Some of the words are long, but I sprinkled in letters to help you fit them into the crossword!

personification

onomatopoeia



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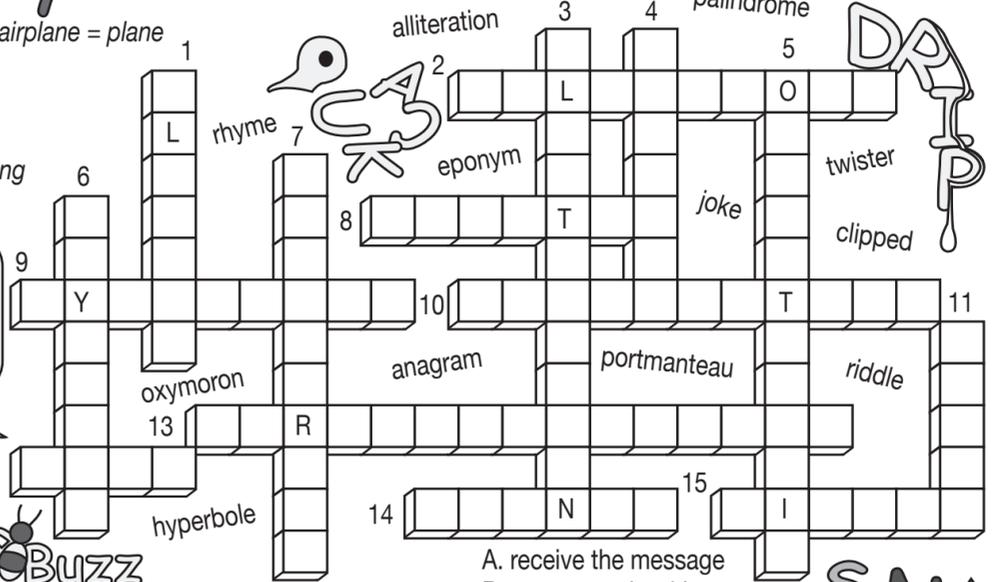
Read the clues to fill in the crossword puzzle with different kinds of word play that we have fun with:

Play On Words

- a _____ word shrinks a word making it easier to say; *airplane = plane*
- word that is spelled the same backwards and forwards; *kayak*
- series of words with the same starting sound; *big bad boy*
- words with the same letters, but moved around; *cat - act*
- words that resemble the sound they are talking about; *whiz, bang*
- set of "opposite" words; *jumbo shrimp, small crowd*
- swapping of letters or syllables in words; *bunny rabbit = runny babbitt*
- a tongue _____ puts together words that are hard to say in a row; *Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled peppers*
- an exaggerated statement; *I died laughing*
- putting two words together to make a new word; *squeeze + crunch = scrunch*
- words that have the same ending sound; *very cherry*
- a humor-filled story or trick; *knock, knock!*
- giving human-like abilities to something non-human; *the wind howled, time marches on*
- a word named after a real person; *teddy bear (Theodore Roosevelt)*
- a clever question that needs thought to be answered; *What loses its head each morning, and gets it back in the evening? A pillow!*



I have a **bill** in my **bill** to pay my **bill**.



Match each expression to its meaning:

- man of few words
- man of his word
- get the word
- play on words
- mum is the word

- receive the message
- to use words with more than one meaning in a joke
- to keep quiet, secret
- keeps his promise
- doesn't talk very much



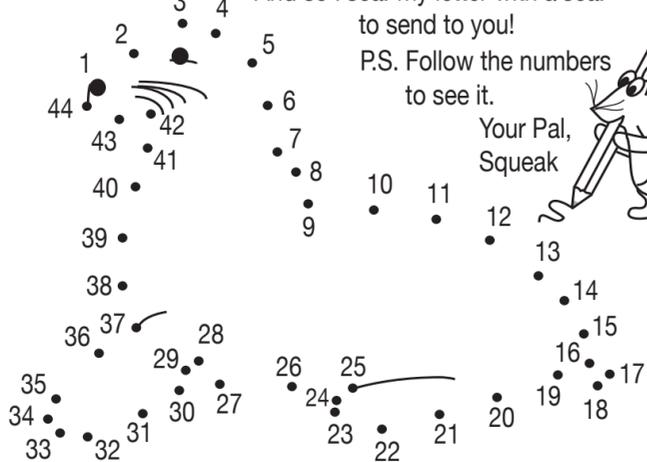
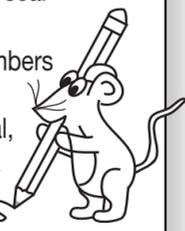
Dear Forest,

At the picnic today, a fast **pitch** from the baseball **pitcher** broke a **pitcher**, and the pieces flew into a warm **pitch** patch that sealed a hole in the walkway! A bowl of **squash** skidded off the table and **squashed** tomatoes in a basket. After I clean the mess and the **rest** I will need a **rest**!

And so I **seal** my letter with a **seal** to send to you!

P.S. Follow the numbers to see it.

Your Pal,
Squeak



Word Ex-Change!

You can make a play on words just by exchanging letters in words. After you finish the activity below, try to write one of your own and share it with a friend.



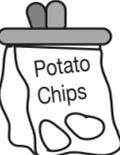
- Change the "sn" to "tr" and see the "goo". snail

- Add an "n" to this word and you'll know what the cow said and what she jumped over. moo

- Change the first letter to "b" and you'll know what happened to my car. fender

- Change the "k" to "t" and you'll see what a dog gave me as I was riding by. bike

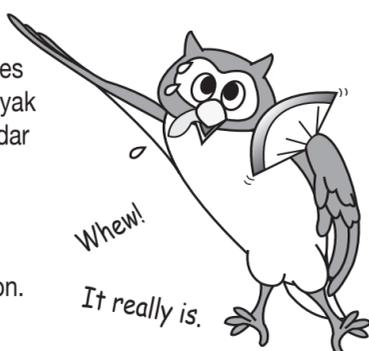
- Change the "ch" to "cl" and it will close your snack bag. chip



Too Hot to Hoot!

A '**palindrome**' is a word that can be read forward and backward. Sometimes a person thinks up a sentence that can be read forward and backward too! **Read these words and sentences, then find them in the puzzle!**

- | | | | |
|-----|---------------------|---------|-------|
| mom | noon | | |
| dad | deed | level | sees |
| pop | peep | racecar | kayak |
| did | toot | madam | radar |
| eve | | | |
| dud | Step on no pets. | | |
| nun | Was it a rat I saw? | | |
| eye | No lemon, no melon. | | |
| bob | Too hot to hoot! | | |
| tot | | | |



Whew!
It really is.



DAYS GONE BY

The Meeker Herald 125 years ago

■ The North Side round-up will meet at Wolf creek on Wednesday, May 15. The South Side round-up will meet at Rangely on Thursday, May 30.

■ The laterals around town were put in shape this week to receive water from the town ditch, which will be turned on next Monday.

■ Anent the strike of the workmen on the Highland ditch for eight hours to constitute a day's work — it's a cold day when we can't keep up to modern civilization.

The Meeker Herald 100 years ago

■ The friends of Miss Lula Anderson and Mr. Ralph Lytle were surprised Monday morning to hear that they married Saturday evening by Rev. Nelson. Everybody expected that it was coming but not until school was out.

■ All classes of reformers are becoming more and more in disrepute. Reformers are largely made up of two classes, viz: Impractical and intolerant fanatics and dishonest rascals who are in the reform business for the good, fat, easy living it affords them.

■ Our first spring-like weather put in an appearance Wednesday.

The Meeker Herald 50 years ago

■ The Meeker Lions Club will conduct an all-out drive on Tuesday, May 5 to sell Skilcraft quality blind made articles to residents and local businesses. The household broom will be sold at the regular retail price of \$2.50.

■ Meeker Women's Club invites everyone in the community to participate in showing our appreciation for the generous endowments to our community by the late Freeman Fairfield on Freeman Fairfield Day, May 9.

The Meeker Herald 25 years ago

■ The signs are here, and the mystery finally is over. The Burma Shave style signs that will be placed near Meeker will be the only signs in the state of Colorado. And the slogan on the Meeker signs? The signs are an experiment by Reminisce magazine to attract more subscribers. The publication advertised for nominations for the signs; only one set of signs would be placed in every state, so the town that made the best case for the signs got them for the state. Meeker's Gus Halandras, a history buff and Reminisce reader, got the town's blessing to compete for the signs and made his pitch in a letter.

“Folks wouldn't feel - in so much danger - if we still had - the old Lone Ranger.

■ Gov. Roy Romer has signed a law requiring children under age 16 to wear seat belts while riding in both the front and back seats of

a motor vehicle.

Rangely Times 50 years ago

■ A general city clean-up will be held in Rangely next week. Boy Scouts and other community organizations will assist in the effort.

■ Get a free chest X-ray when the Mobile Chest X-ray Unit is here.

■ “Like some ravenous, unclean being, man is devouring his environment and dirtying the earth, air and water with the wastes,” so states U.S. Senator Joseph D. Tydings of Maryland. “Unless we check ourselves, we will poison our life-giving elements and turn this great nation of ours, if not the entire planet, into a wasteland.”

Rangely Times 25 years ago

■ Unless the last financial hurdles through a local couple a gutterball, Rangely may once again bear witness to the sound of bowling pins crashing and people in 70's-era disco-style bowling league shirts. Ruth and Claude Martinson, residents of Rangely for over two years, have been planning on bringing indoor family entertainment to Rangely since the minute they moved here. The empty DUCO lot at 321 E Main could be the site of Rangely's future entertainment center.

■ The Rio Blanco Water Conservancy District approved their annual budget audit at the April 26 meeting. The total budget for 1994 was \$454,321.

HERE'S YOUR SIGN ...

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~ The Meeker Herald, 25 years ago



PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS Meeker Recreation Center (MRC) Roofing Replacement

A Public Works Project
Eastern Rio Blanco Metropolitan Recreation and Park District
101 Ute Road, Meeker, Colorado 81641
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Eastern Rio Blanco Metropolitan Recreation and Park District ("ERBM"), a political subdivision of the State of Colorado, is inviting proposals from qualified General Contractors for the Meeker Recreation Center Roofing Replacement, located at 101 Ute Rd. in Meeker, Colorado. Contractors must submit their bid proposals before 5pm on Friday, June 12th, 2020 at ERBM's administrative office located at 101 Ute Road, Meeker, Colorado 81641; or via email at rodney@ERBMrec.com. Bids must be clearly marked "MRC Roof Replacement". This is a guaranteed maximum price construction project. A full Request for Proposal, Project specifications, and Owner-Contractor Agreement template can be obtained at www.ERBMrec.com or by contacting Rodney Gerloff, 970-878-7420 or via email at rodney@ERBMrec.com. A mandatory pre-proposal walk-through of the Project site with an ERBM representative, may be scheduled with advanced notice to the contact information provided in this notice. Requests for pre-proposal walkthroughs will be accepted through 5pm Friday, May 29th. Construction timing to be negotiated with contractor. ERBM reserves the right to accept or reject any

and all bids. Each proposal shall be reviewed and considered consistent to adopted ERBM Fiscal Policies and Procedures.
Executive Director: §Sean VonRoenn
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**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
ANNOUNCEMENT**

Meeker School District RE-1 is seeking proposals to replace the irrigation system at Barone Middle School. Proposals will be accepted until 4:00 p.m. on May 14, 2020. For a more detailed scope of work, interested applicants may contact Chris Selle, at chris.selle@meeker.k12.co.us or 970-878-9040.

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COMBINED NOTICE - MAILING CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 20-03

To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust: On February 24, 2020, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Rio Blanco records. Original Grantor(s): Tanja R Kinney and Cody A Kinney Original Beneficiary(ies): Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for AMCAP Mortgage Ltd. dba Major Mortgage Co. Current Holder of Evidence of Debt: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. Date of Deed of Trust: July 31, 2014 County of Recording: Rio Blanco Recording Date of Deed of Trust: August 01, 2014 Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/Page No.): 308775 Original Principal Amount: \$228,000.00 Outstanding Principal Balance: \$204,757.62 Pursuant to CRS §38-38-101(4)(i), you are hereby notified that the covenants of the deed of trust have been violated as follows: failure to pay principal and interest when due together with all other payments provided for in the evidence of debt secured by the deed of trust and other violations thereof. **THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN.** **LOT 17 BLOCK C MESA SUBDIVISION ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED AUGUST 13, 1947 AS RECEPTION NO. 73121 TOWN OF RANGELY, COLORADO** Also known by street and number as: 298 Middle St, Rangely, CO 81648. **THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED OF TRUST.**

NOTICE OF SALE

The current holder of the Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, described herein, has filed Notice of Election and Demand for sale as provided by law and in said Deed of Trust. THEREFORE, Notice is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, 06/24/2020, at Office of the Public Trustee, Rio Blanco County Courthouse, 555 Main Street, Meeker CO 81641, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s)' heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law. First Publication: 4/30/2020 Last Publication: 5/28/2020 Name of Publication: Rio Blanco Herald Times

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● A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE FILED PURSUANT TO SECTION 38-38-104 SHALL BE FILED WITH THE PUBLIC TRUSTEE AT LEAST FIFTEEN (15) CALENDAR DAYS PRIOR TO THE FIRST SCHEDULED SALE DATE OR ANY DATE TO WHICH THE SALE IS CONTINUED;

● A NOTICE OF INTENT TO REDEEM FILED PURSUANT TO SECTION 38-38-302 SHALL BE FILED WITH THE PUBLIC TRUSTEE NO LATER THAN EIGHT (8) BUSINESS DAYS AFTER THE SALE;

● IF THE SALE DATE IS CONTINUED TO A LATER DATE, THE DEADLINE TO FILE A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE BY THOSE PARTIES ENTITLED TO CURE MAY ALSO BE EXTENDED;

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DATE: 02/24/2020
Rhonna Waldref, Public Trustee in and for the County of Rio Blanco, State of Colorado
By: Rhonna Waldref, Public Trustee
The name, address, business telephone number and bar registration number of the attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is:
Holly Shilliday #24423 Ilene Dell'Acqua #31755 Steven Bellanti #48306
McCarthy & Holthus, LLP 7700 E Arapahoe Road, Suite 230, Centennial, CO 80112 (877)369-6122
Attorney File # 20-880657
The Attorney above is acting as a debt collector and is attempting to collect a debt. Any information provided may be used for that purpose.
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COMBINED NOTICE - MAILING CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 20-02

To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust: On January 23, 2020, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Rio Blanco records. Original Grantor(s): KAULAN W PENNELL Original Beneficiary(ies): MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR AMCAP MORTGAGE LTD. DBA MAJOR MORTGAGE CO., ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS Current Holder of Evidence of Debt: THE MONEY SOURCE INC. Date of Deed of Trust: April 28, 2014 County of Recording: Rio Blanco Recording Date of Deed of Trust: April 29, 2014 Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/Page No.): 308323 Original Principal Amount: \$214,051.00 Outstanding Principal Balance: \$193,405.80 Pursuant to CRS §38-38-101(4)(i), you are hereby notified that the covenants of the deed of trust have been violated as follows: failure to pay principal and interest when due together with all other payments provided for in the evidence of debt secured by the deed of trust and other violations thereof. **THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN.** **Lot 2 Steffan Subdivision Town of Rangely, Colorado According to the Plat thereof filed April 8, 1983 as Document No. 210812 TOGETHER WITH a parcel of land lying in Lot 1 of said Steffan Subdivision, being more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the Northwest Corner of said Lot 1; Thence South 00°00'00" West, 10.00 feet to the true point of beginning, Thence South 58°42'42" East, 116.49 feet to a point on the South line of said Lot 1; Thence North 90°00'00" West, along said South line, 15.62 feet; Thence North 54°12'51" West, 103.46 feet to the true point of beginning; LESS AND EXCEPTING a parcel of land lying in Lot 2 of said Steffan Subdivision being more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the Northeast Corner of said Lot 2; Thence South 00°00'00" West along the East line of said Lot 2, 12.19 feet; Thence South 81°32'40" West, 38.00 feet; Thence North 58°42'42" West, 9.20 feet to a point on the North line of said Lot 2; Thence South 90°00'00" East, along said North line 12.88 feet; Thence North 68°49'54" East, 36.00 feet to the true point of beginning. Also known by street and number as: 405 DARIUS AVE, RANGELY, CO 81648. **THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED OF TRUST.****

NOTICE OF SALE

The current holder of the Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, described herein, has filed Notice of Election and Demand for sale as provided by law and in said Deed of Trust. THEREFORE, Notice is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, 05/27/2020, at Office of the Public Trustee, Rio Blanco County Courthouse, 555 Main Street, Meeker CO 81641, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s)' heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law. First Publication: 4/2/2020 Last Publication: 4/30/2020 Name of Publication: Rio Blanco Herald Times

NOTICE OF RIGHTS

YOU MAY HAVE AN INTEREST IN THE REAL PROPERTY BEING FORECLOSED, OR HAVE CERTAIN RIGHTS OR SUFFER CERTAIN LIABILITIES PURSUANT TO COLORADO STATUTES AS A RESULT OF SAID FORECLOSURE. YOU MAY HAVE THE RIGHT TO REDEEM SAID REAL PROPERTY OR YOU MAY HAVE THE RIGHT TO CURE A DEFAULT UNDER THE DEED OF TRUST BEING FORECLOSED. A COPY OF SAID STATUTES, AS SUCH STATUTES ARE PRESENTLY CONSTITUTED, WHICH MAY AFFECT YOUR RIGHTS SHALL BE SENT WITH ALL MAILED COPIES OF THIS NOTICE. HOWEVER, YOUR RIGHTS MAY BE DETERMINED BY PREVIOUS STATUTES.

● A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE FILED PURSUANT TO SECTION 38-38-104 SHALL BE FILED WITH THE PUBLIC TRUSTEE AT LEAST FIFTEEN (15) CALENDAR DAYS PRIOR TO THE FIRST SCHEDULED SALE DATE OR ANY DATE TO WHICH THE SALE IS CONTINUED;

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DATE: 01/23/2020
Rhonna Waldref, Public Trustee in and for the County of Rio Blanco, State of Colorado
By: Rhonna Waldref, Public Trustee
The name, address, business telephone number and bar registration number of the attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is:
Alison L. Berry #34531 Lynn M. Janeway #15592 David R. Doughty #40042
Nicholas H. Santarelli #46592 Elizabeth S. Marcus #16092 Sheila J. Finn #36637
Janeway Law Firm 9800 S. Meridian, Suite 400, Englewood, CO 80134 (303) 706-9990
Attorney File # 19-023669
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These pages include a variety of notices required by law to inform the public (that's you) of the activities of government public servants.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

PLANNING COMMISSION VACANCY

The Town of Meeker is seeking interest from qualified individuals for a position on the Meeker Planning Commission. The position will be filled by an appointment made by the Board of Trustees at its regular Board Meeting to be held May 19, 2020. Applications are available at: www.townofmeeker.org/planning-commission-vacancy and must be received at Town Hall, 345 Market Street, Meeker, Colorado 81641 no later than 5:00 P.M. on Thursday, May 14, 2020. Qualifications for the Planning Commission member position are 1) Registered voter within the Town of Meeker, 2) Eighteen years of age or older, and 3) must have resided in the Town of Meeker for at least twelve consecutive months immediately preceding the date of appointment. The length of appointment will be until May 2023 at which time the appointed individual may seek another 3-year reappointment from the Town Board. The position pays \$50 per month. For further information, please call Town Hall 878-5344. Published: April 30th and May 7th, 2020 Rio Blanco Herald Times

PUBLIC NOTICE

Colorado Law requires the County Assessor to hear objections to real property classifications and valuations beginning no later than May 1, 2020. Objections to the valuation or classification of real property must be postmarked, delivered, or presented in person to the County Assessor's office no later than June 1, 2020. Due to this year being an intervening year, not all taxpayers will receive a Notice of Value. Taxpayers will only receive a notice if their valuation changes. If you should want to object to your Notice of Value please make an appointment by calling the County Assessor's Office at 970-878-9410. You can also email assessor@rbc.us or fax 970-878-3341. For additional information please contact the County Assessor's office at 970-878-9410. Published: April 30, 2020 Rio Blanco Herald Times

**Meeker Cemetery District
Regular Monthly Board Meeting
May 7, 2020 8:30am**

This board meeting is held online or by telephone call in. Please do not attend in person. To attend by zoom.us to: [ON COMPUTER Join Zoom Meeting https://zoom.us/j/722847673](https://zoom.us/j/722847673)

- USING YOUR PHONE**
Meeting ID: 722 847 673
(dial this number) +1 301 715 8592 US
1. Call to Order
 2. Approve Agenda
 3. Approve Special Meeting Minutes March 19, 2020
 4. Approve Minutes April 2, 2020
 5. Approve Special Meeting Minutes April 10, 2020
 6. Approve and sign bills
 7. Public Input
 8. New Business
 - a. Memorial Day
 - b. Telephone system
 9. Old Business
 - a. Irrigation Update
 - b. Finalize Crack Seal
 - c. Black Sulphur Cemetery follow up
 10. Managers' Report
 11. Open Board Discussion
 12. Adjourn
- Published: April 30, 2020
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SENIOR CITIZEN'S WATER RATE REDUCTION PROGRAM

If you live in a household with one family member who is 64 years or older, as shown by a birth certificate, school records, and military discharge documents or other supporting documentation acceptable to the Town of Meeker, you may qualify for a reduced water rate during the months of May through September. Eligible households receive the first 8,000 gallons of water free each month (a savings of \$24.00 per month). Usage over 8,000 gallons per month will be billed at the rate of \$1.55 cents per 1,000 gallons. See attached fee increase schedule. To qualify for the program, the total gross family income for all residents of the household must be less than one thousand, eight hundred fifty two dollars and sixty nine cents per month (\$1,852.69) or twenty-two thousand, two hundred thirty two dollars and thirty seven cents (\$22,232.37) per year as evidenced by the federal income tax returns for all household members for the year 2019. If you are not required to file an income tax return, please provide copies of all non-taxable income received by the household for the year 2019. If you have been previously enrolled in this program, the Town has your proof of age on file and will only require that you provide the income tax return or written proof of non-taxable income. To qualify for the program for the month of May, please provide the town with the required information no later than May 20, 2020. If you miss the May deadline you may qualify for a reduction in June if the required information is filed with the Town no later than June 20, 2020. If you have questions or need more information, please call at 878-5344. Published: April 30 and May 7, 2020 Rio Blanco Herald Times

**MEEKER SANITATION DISTRICT
May 6, 2020
REGULAR BOARD MEETING at 7:00 PM**

The Regular Board Meeting of the Meeker Sanitation District will be held at the Meeker Sanitation District Office, 265 8th Street, Meeker, Colorado.

1. Call to order
2. Additions or Changes to the Agenda
3. Approval of Minutes
4. Public Comments
6. New Business
 - A. Election and Appointment of Board Members:
7. Old Business
 - A. Colorado's Water/Wastewater Agency Response Network (CoWARN) Mutual Aid and Assistance Program
 - B. Plant Manager Report
 - C. Office Manager Report
8. Attorney
9. Board
 - A. Reports
 - B. Delinquent Accounts
 - C. Approve Current Bills
10. Adjourn

This agenda is subject to change without further notice. Agenda is posted at the office of the Meeker Sanitation District. 265 8th Street. Published: April 30, 2020 Rio Blanco Herald Times

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
ANNOUNCEMENT**

Meeker School District RE-1 is seeking proposals to repair and replace asphalt at various school district properties. Proposals will be accepted until 4:00 p.m. on May 14, 2020. For a more detailed scope of work, interested applicants may contact Chris Selle, at chris.selle@meeker.k12.co.us or 970-878-9040. Published April 23 and 30, May 7 and 14, 2020 Rio Blanco Herald Times

PUBLIC NOTICES

**TOWN OF RANGELY
Check Register
March-20**

VENDOR, AMOUNT, DESCRIPTION
AFLAC, 297.15, Payroll Deduction
ALL COPY PRODUCTS INC, 1905.07, Expenses
ARAMARK, 423.50, Expenses
AXON ENTERPRISE INC, 3604.50, Expenses
BEARCOM COMPANY, 690.00, Expenses
BLIZZARD BROADCASTING LLC, 155.00, Expenses
BLOCK, LAVON, 40.00, Expenses
BOBCAT OF THE ROCKIES, 751.59, Expenses
BOY-KO SUPPLY CO, 48.70, Expenses
CALDWELL, JEANNIE, 40.00, Expenses
CANYON PINTADO VETERINARY CLINIC, 1372.95, Services
CASELLE, INC, 1418.00, Software Support
CEBT, 36404.56, Life Insurance
CENTURY EQUIPMENT COMPANY, 469.07, Expenses
CENTURYLINK, 1434.99, Communication
CHOVANTETZ, MIYUKI, 450.00, Expenses
CIMARRON TELECOMMUNICATIONS LLC, 55.00, Communication
CIRSA, 21247.96, Expenses
CNCC FOUNDATION, 300.00, Expenses
COKER, MICHAEL D, 40.00, Expenses
COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, 665.48, Expenses
CONNOR, DANIEL, 40.00, Expenses
COX, MARYBEL, 40.00, Expenses
CUMMINS ROCKY MOUNTAIN LLC, 640.86, Expenses
DAN WILSON ATTORNEY AT LAW, 3246.52, Services
DETROIT INDUSTRIAL TOOL, 530.43, Expenses
DIRECTV, 462.25, WRV Expenses
DUCEY'S ELECTRIC, 160.00, Expenses
ELLIS, KEELY, 100.00, Council Stipend
EMBLEM AUTHORITY, THE, 295.00, Expenses
EMC PLUMBING & HEATING INC, 542.81, Expenses
ESRI, 400.00, Expenses
FARNEY, LINDA, 27.00, Expenses
FEDERAL EXPRESS, 35.28, Expenses
FIDELITY ADVISOR FUNDS, 31455.70, Payroll deduction
FIRST BANKCARD, 5943.32, Expenses
FPPA, 1005.11, PD Insurance
FRESH EXPRESS CLEANING, 89.00, Expenses
GALLS LLC, 336.27, Expenses
GEER, LUKE D., 100.00, Council Stipend
GLOCK INC, 68.00, Expenses
GRAND JUNCTION PIPE & SUPPLY, 10342.16, Expenses
GRANDT, JONNI, 200.00, Expenses
GRANGER, ALISA, 100.00, Council Stipend
HACH, 6150.00, Expenses
HACKING, TYSON, 100.00, Council Stipend
HAMLIN, TIRYNN, 40.00, Expenses
HIRERIGHT INC, 68.26, Services
HUGHES, JORDAN, 300.00, Expenses
IDEXX DISTRIBUTION INC, 436.44, Expenses
KARP NEU HANLON PC, 840.00, Services
KEY, ANDREW J, 100.00, Council Stipend
LEECH, JESSE, 40.00, Expenses
LOWES, 366.65, Expenses
MAIL SERVICES, 838.61, Services
MEADOWS, RUTH, 17.03, Expenses
MOON LAKE ELECTRIC ASSN, 13018.19, Electricity
MOUNTAIN STATES SUPPLY, 499.66, Expenses
MUELLER CONSTRUCTION SERVICES INC, 6000.00, Services
MULLER'S BUILDING SERVICE, 1650.00, Services
NETWORKS UNLIMITED INC, 3119.68, Support/ Services
NICHOLS STORE, 315.60, Expenses
NORCO INC, 23.49, Services
NORTHWEST PARKWAY, 3.00, Expenses
ORKIN PEST CONTROL, 676.80, Services
PIERING, LISA, 40.00, Expenses
PINNACOL ASSURANCE, 4064.00, Expenses
PIONEER RESEARCH CORPORATION, 771.50, Services
PITNEY BOWES INC, 356.97, Services
PROFESSIONAL TOUCH, 643.14, Expenses
PUBLIC SAFETY CENTER INC, 685.11, Expenses
QUALITY CARPET & FURNISHINGS, 2482.43, Services
QUILL CORPORATION, 825.13, Expenses
RANGELY AUTO PARTS & SUPPLY, 917.02, Expenses
RANGELY DISTRICT HOSPITAL, 119.88, Services
RANGELY HARDWARE, 4302.78, Expenses
RANGELY SCHOOL FOUNDATION INC, 14809.81, Sales Tax Funding
RANGELY TRASH SERVICE, 840.00, Services
RANGELY, TOWN OF, 7467.91, Utilities
RIO BLANCO COUNTY, 19544.09, Expenses
RLI, 100.00, Services
ROBIE, TREY, 100.00, Council Stipend
ROOFING WORLD HOME IMPROVEMENT, 210.00, Expenses
SAM LLC, 6192.03, Services
SCHMEUSER GORDON MEYER, 10942.25, Services
SENERGY BUILDERS LLC, 3731.91, Expenses
SERVICE MASTER CLEAN, 240.00, Services
SGS ACCUTEST INC, 357.16, Services
SHAFFER, ANDREW, 150.00, Council Stipend
SIMS, TERESA, 150.00, Judge's Fee
STANDARD INSURANCE COMPANY RC, 732.89, Life Insurance
SUMMIT ENERGY, 63037.88, Gas Transmission/ Transport
TECHNICAL COLLEGE OF THE ROCKIES, 3055.27, Expenses
TRANSUNION RISK & ALTERNATIVE, 50.00, Services
TRI COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION, 2815.50, Services
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, 459.00, Expenses
UNCC, 20.86, Services
VAUGHN, JAMES, 373.83, Expenses
VERIZON WIRELESS, 1168.71, Communication
WC STRIEGEL INC, 581.00, Expenses
WEX BANK, 3450.62, Fuel
WHITE RIVER MARKET, 104.94, Expenses
WILCZEK, KAREN S, 300.00, Judge's Fee
WRB REC & PARK DISTRICT, 216.25, Expenses
YARDLEY'S AUTOMOTIVE, 498.20, Expenses
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PUBLIC NOTICES

**TOWN OF MEEKER
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Tuesday, May 5, 2020
7:00 P.M. Board Meeting
Town Hall
345 Market Street, Meeker, CO**

In order to comply with the Governor's Executive Order D 2020 044 dated April 26, 2020 prohibiting public gatherings in public places of ten (10) persons or more the public is invited to attend by telephone by calling 970-878-8091.

- I. Call to Order
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Approval of the Agenda
- V. Approval of the Previous Minutes dated April 7, 2020 and April 21, 2020.
- VI. Approval of Monthly Disbursements dated April 21, 2020 and April 30, 2020 as revised on May 5, 2020.
- VII. Public Participation
This is an opportunity for Citizens to bring comments and questions to the Board of Trustees not being addressed in the Regular Meeting Agenda. In consideration of other regularly scheduled agenda items, comments will be limited to 3 minutes or less. Citizens are asked to approach the podium state their name and address for the record.
- VIII. New Business:
 - a. Bid opening for the Market Street - 5th Street Crossing Project.
 - b. Resolution No. 03-2020 appointing Town Officers.
 - c. Authorization for the Town to enter a Memorandum of Understanding for participation in the Colorado Dept. of Local Affairs' Colorado Main Street Program.
 - d. Authorization for the Town to enter into a Professional Services Contract with Kasey L. Cox dba Foxz Creative for website design and development.
- IX. Discussion Items:
 - a. Request from Meeker Classic regarding installation of fence at Ute Park.
 - b. Mosquito control measures for this year.
- X. Mayor's remarks
- XI. Town Manager's Report
- XII. Town Attorney's Report
- XIII. Other Board Business
- XIV. Adjournment
Workshop session to follow for discussion of 2020 Business Grant awards.
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**BID REQUEST
Piceance Weed and Pest District
Aerial Spraying of Herbicide**

The Piceance Weed and Pest District is soliciting bids for Herbicide Aerial Spraying. Bid packets are available by calling Chris Uphoff at 970-379-9244 or email tcuphoff@msn.com. Mailed bids are due to the Board of County Commissioners, P.O. Box 599, Meeker, CO, 81641, no later than 4:00 p.m. on May 8, 2020. If hand delivered, the bids are due no later than 11:00 a.m. on May 12, 2020 to the County Commissioners, County Administration Building, 555 Main Street, Meeker, CO. The bids will be opened according to the agenda on May 12, 2020. All bids must be clearly marked "Herbicide Aerial Spraying" on the outside of the bid.
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

The Rangely Food Bank is open on Saturdays from 12:00-2:00 p.m. at 204 E. Rio Blanco. To donate, please call 970-620-2407.

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

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

**Open Range Cowboy Church
of Meeker**



For more information, Please call Tom 970-260-6820

RBC | Attention Rio Blanco County Veterans: Veterans may be eligible for mileage reimbursement for travel costs to receive VA medical care. If you do not currently receive VA travel compensation please contact the Rio Blanco County Veterans Service offices. Rangely: John 'Hoot' Gibson, 970-878-9695. Meeker: Joe Bob Dungan, 970-878-9690. Travel compensation is made possible through the Veterans Trust Fund Grant and VFW Post 5843.

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

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Al-Anon meets Monday, 8:15 p.m., 207 S. Sunset, 1st Baptist Church, Rangely. Al-Anon info call 970-629-5064 or 970-629-2970. Women's NA/AA meetings, Monday 1:30 p.m., St. Timothy's.

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To apply please fill out the certified application located on our website www.rioblancoboces.org or mail applications to 402 W. Main Street, Rangely CO. 81648. Any question please contact Brad Bauer at 970-878-9040 x.134.
4/23-4/30

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Upper Colorado Environmental Plant Center is soliciting bids for our standing hay crop of approximately 80 acres. We will consider bids for: 1) a single cutting; first cutting only, or second cutting only. 2) First and second cuttings. 3) Other proposals will also be considered. Please make your hay bid as a price per ton. Bids should be submitted by mail on or before May 20 to UCEPC, 5538 Cty Rd 4, Meeker, CO, 81641 in a sealed envelope with **HAY BID** written on the envelope. UCEPC reserves the right to refuse any or all bids. Please call 878-5003 with any questions.
4/30-5/7

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4/30-5/4

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4/30-5/7

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2534 E. Main, Rangely

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- 68804 Hwy 64 - Home+Well on 2.62ac...\$375,000
- 410 Cleveland St - 2BD/1.75BA 1,732 SF...\$310,000
- 1346 Sage Ridge Rd - 3BD/2BA, +Views...\$287,000
- 1104 Jeannette Cir - 3BD/1.75BA, 1 Level...\$275,000
- 1134 Michael Cir - 3BD/2.5BA, +Updates...\$267,500
- NEW 10 E Market St - Home & Business...\$258,000
- 1947 CR 12 - 3BD/1BA, Cabin No. 2, River...\$250,000
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- 112 Main St - 3BD/2BA w/Guest Cottage...\$207,000
- 1042 Park Ave - 3BD/1BA 2,340 SF +Barn...\$204,000
- NEW 610 Garfield St - 4BD/2BA Duplex...\$200,000
- 1104 Mark Cir - 4BD/3BA 2,351SF, Updates...\$183,000
- 1128 Main - 2BD/1BA-Office, Lg. Garage...\$175,000

FOR SALE IN RANGELY

- NEW 1217 Main St - 3BD 2,140SF+Garage...\$155,000
- 440 Cross L - Lot 3, 4+acres w/Utilities...\$85,000
- NEW 1085 Pinyon St - 2 Lots, Taps Paid...\$43,000
- 2534 E. Main - 4BD/2BA, 15 AC, w/River...\$480,000
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- 315 & 317 N Grand Ave. - Duplex...\$140,000

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