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Finding the bright side

Sixth-generation local learning to live with chronic illness

By NIKI TURNER
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MEEKER | Watching Adrienne Wix move through a series of yoga poses, you wouldn't guess the 26-year-old Meeker native has spent the last several years seeking a diagnosis for mysterious and debilitating physical symptoms that cut short her career as a firefighter and changed the course of her future.

Wix is a sixth-generation resident of the White River valley. The youngest of Steve and Debbie Wix's three children, she has great memories of the "golden years of Sleepy Cat Guest Ranch," owned and operated by the Wix family for many years. "Days spent running around with my siblings and cousins, terrorizing the dish boys and snagging cherries from the bartender," Wix writes of those idyllic days. The original Sleepy Cat sign is now at home in her Sleepy Cat Yogi Shop on Market Street, a reminder of her family history.

Wix is a graduate of the Meeker High School Class of 2012. After high school, she went on to become a wildland and structural State of Colorado emergency medical technician and firefighter by her 20th birthday.

"I joined Meeker's volunteer fire department and continued to pursue my bachelor's degree in fire administration and investigation while living in my hometown and working at the rec center," Wix said via email. She finished her Bachelor of Science degree in August 2016 and started applying to fireline jobs, but the only fires she would end up fighting were in her own body.

"I was in the gym five days a week besides hiking, swimming, running, playing volleyball, and working fulltime," she said. "I began to notice my hands were getting stuck around the dumbbells in the gym. I wouldn't be able to control any motor skills in my hands if I held onto anything for longer than a few seconds, and they started hurting like hell. My neck became very stiff around then, or my whole upper back you could say, and my spine started to feel like it was rotting. From there it spread like wildfire through my body."

A year later, in 2017, a fall while walking her dog prompted an unusual purchase for someone in their 20s — a cane. The pain in her feet was so bad she had started researching the possibility of voluntary amputation. "At the time the most sensible and possible remedy I could find that might reduce my foot pain and allow me to live a decent life was to get my feet cut off," she writes. By autumn 2018, the pain had spread to her scalp and face, overtaking the last of the "free territory."

Wix saw multiple doctors and had countless tests, to no avail. Her research into voluntary amputation had led her to the story of a woman diagnosed with Ehlers Danlos Syndrome (EDS). Wix felt sure her symptoms matched and shared the information with her doctor at the time.

"He blew it off because I haven't ever had a major dislocation," she said. "Soon after he blew me off completely, letting me know there was nothing else he could do for me."

She got similar reactions from other doctors during 2017 and 2018. "One even called me a zebra, using a metaphor about other patients being horses. Horses have straightforward symptoms that easily match their

disease, while zebras present differently and are hard to match with a root cause."

Eventually, Wix got an appointment with a geneticist, and on Sept. 19, 2019, she was officially diagnosed with EDS, hypermobility type. The diagnosis was a confirmation of her own suspicions and validated the symptoms she'd been trying to describe to doctors for years.

EDS, with its 13 recognized types, is estimated to afflict 1 in 5,000 people worldwide. It's not uncommon for the syndrome to go undiagnosed and unrecognized, as in Wix's case. According to the Ehlers-Danlos Society (ehlers-danlos.com), the syndromes are "a group of connective tissue disorders that can be inherited and are varied both in how they affect the body and in their genetic causes."

It turns out the zebra is the official mascot of the Ehlers Danlos Society.

There is no treatment or cure for EDS. "'Suck it up, buttercup,' is sorta it," Wix writes. Physical therapy is a component in her self-care. She cut gluten and dairy out of her diet. She practices yoga. She's tried vitamin C and collagen supplementation and takes a heavy-duty anti-inflammatory and an antidepressant daily for pain.

And she's learned to be gentle with herself. "My reality is that I essentially have an expiration hour every day where my motor skills give out and my body becomes very weak. Sometimes that hour depends on my activity, the up and the down, the movement and stillness I choose to do/take. Other days, though, my expiration hour may hit before I make it out of bed or 30 minutes into my day without me even gleaming a clue to why," Wix said.

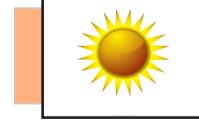
That's a difficult transition at any point in life, but for an active 20-something with big hopes and dreams for the future, it's even more challenging.

"I never prepared for this scenario, and it has been really hard to let go of the life I thought I would be living," she said via email, and then, true to form, she adds the "bright side."

She's closer than ever with her parents, opened her own storefront where she sells handmade malas and other items, and has evolved her yoga practice and teaching into a style she calls "Comfort Creation," which she enjoys sharing with her hometown community.

Wix is sharing her particular style of yoga in a hand-drawn weekly piece in the *Herald Times* called

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Saturday: 60s/20s Sunny



Sunday: 70s/40s Partly Sunny



RESCHEDULED! CELEBRATING RBC SENIORS

Traditions will look a bit different this year, but the HT is still planning on publishing special sections to celebrate the Class of 2020. Parents, family, friends and local businesses are welcome to place Grad Greetings. This year, the prices are discounted by 19% due to COVID-19, and free full color is included.

The RHS Graduation special section will be published May 21, 2020.

The MHS Graduation special section will be published May 28, 2020.

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HOMETOWN HEROES ...



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In a plot twist worthy of *The Goonies*, two young Rangely residents made quite the discovery while hiking near Dragon Trail Road last week. Logan Popham and Warren Peterson were enjoying the outdoors with family when they decided to explore a nearby cave. Inside, they discovered not buried treasure, but a cache of stolen firearms. They reported back to the grown-ups, who called the authorities. Rangely Police confirmed in a statement the guns are the very same stolen from Rangely True Value last fall and are being examined for evidence. "Eventually, after everybody gets done with any evidence and whatever court proceedings, it will be still be some time, but down the road eventually we will (get the firearms back)," owner Rodger Polley said via phone. The guns were wrapped in several layers, and Polley was told they are in great shape despite spending a winter in the desert. Polley said the boys' findings are "very cool" for everyone and the boys are heroes in his book. Kudos to Popham and Peterson for this new break in the case, and for notifying adults right away. Enjoy those BB guns!

Market St. crosswalks coming

By NIKI TURNER

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MEEKER | With Mayor Kent Borchard at the helm for the first time, the Meeker Board of Trustees met Tuesday for the regular board meeting.

The board appointed town officers: Administrator Lisa Cook, Clerk Amy Tupy, Attorney Melody Massih, Municipal Judge Laurie Noble and swore in new Chief of Police Edward Thompson (story on page 7A).

■ The board opened bids for the crossing project at Market and Fifth streets. The bid will be awarded at the next meeting.

■ Entered into an agreement with the Colorado Department of Local Affairs for the Main Street program. The local Main Street group, Project 45, is led by Meeker Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Stephanie Kobald.

■ Authorized an \$8,400 contract with Foxz Creative for website design and development, and a new logo design that will be easier to reproduce.

■ Waived water tap fees for Meeker School District for the new bus garage.

■ Discussed and agreed to a plan to replace a fence at Ute Park at the request and expense of the Meeker Classic with approval from Public Works Superintendent Russell Overton and Ute Park lessee David Smith.

The board also discussed this summer's mosquito control plan. Whether the town should continue using traditional pesticides or switch to larvicides has been the

subject of much debate for the town in previous years.

Town Administrator Lisa Cook said she spoke with pilot Lanny Coulter, who the town contracts with for aerial mosquito spraying. Coulter told her it would be possible for him to use larvicide, but someone would need to monitor conditions to identify the most appropriate time for application. Cook said they have FAA approval for use of either method.

Asked whether we have access to local data on pesticide efficacy, Trustee Melissa Kindall said Beth Hollowed, a former Meeker student and 4-H member, compiled 10 years worth of data regarding which insects and how many of each kind are killed by the annual pesticide spraying. Her findings corroborated Dr. Bob Dorsett's argument and findings that the pesticide spray kills more beneficial insects — including honeybees — than it does mosquitos.

The board and staff will do further research to see what would be required for the use of larvicide before making a decision.

In Cook's report, she said the boiler at Town Hall needs \$6,900 in repairs; the school district asked to use Ute Park for a "drive-in" graduation ceremony on June 6 in the evening; the next planning commission and board meeting related to the comprehensive plan update will be May 11 from 6-8 p.m.; and the town has received the DOLA contract for the Water Street water project.

Town Attorney Melody

Massih said she would check into whether the town can legally rent space in the Town Hall building to a private entity after a local realtor asked about the upstairs offices that are currently vacant.

Cook said the apartments at 13th and Park streets are expected to be demolished this summer. The property owners are in the process of filing for a state demolition permit and plan to rebuild on the same footprint. Whether they can do so may require a change in the town's building code to allow for alley access.

Trustee Wendy Gutierrez asked about code enforcement regarding lots in Sanderson Hills subdivision that are "being used for storing junk," which triggered a question from Trustee Scott Creecy about the number of chickens allowed in town and Mayor Borchard mentioned another property that may be a code enforcement issue.

Massih said she has been "keeping an eye on things" regarding the public health orders coming from the state. For business owners, particularly restaurants, the reopening process has been confusing and unclear for owners and patrons, Gutierrez said.

Massih said the restaurant reopening rules are coming from the state's restaurant association.

The board also discussed water rates and tap fees, and whether it's time to revisit those fees at a later date.

Following the regular meeting, the board held a workshop to discuss 2020 business grant awards.

Rangely Fire mill levy passes, seats filled on hospital and fire boards

By HT STAFF

RANGELY I Ballot Question A is a go, according to voters. Rangely Rural Fire Protection District's mill levy increase passed by 63 votes and will take effect in 2021, with an increase to 2.0 mills (from 0.874 mills.) Ballots were cast as follows:

■ YES – 338
■ NO – 275

RANGELY HOSPITAL DISTRICT

For Rangely Hospital District, three board seats were open this election cycle. Candidates were Diane Sizemore, Keith Peterson, Shad Peters and Brad Casto.

According to interviews posted by Rangely District Hospital,

Peters and Peterson had previously served on the board, Peters for a year and a half, and Peterson as an interim member since February. Peterson lost to Peters by four votes.

Here are the unofficial results, with winners bolded:

Diana L Sizemore – **452**
Keith Peterson – 346
Shad Don Peters – 350
Brad Casto – 359

RANGELY RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

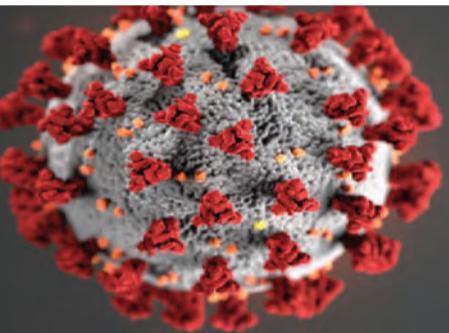
Rangely Rural Fire Protection District had four open seats, and three candidates on the ballot. Here are the unofficial counts:

Melissa Ann Dembowski – 487
Boyd E. Millsaps – 420
Sara Peterson – 369



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ERBM Recreation and Park District's unofficial board election results are as follows: Travis Mobley (incumbent) – 104; Kent Walter (incumbent) – 76; Chris Lockwood – 61; Chance Walker – 47. Voters were encouraged to utilize absentee ballots this year, but also had the option of casting ballots in person at the Meeker Recreation Center Tuesday, May 5, even though the facility is currently closed to the public. The number of ballots received this year was 151 out of 1,000, a "pretty low turnout" according to election official Cathy Kiser. About half of residents voted by mail, half voted in person.



COVID-19 UPDATE

SPREAD THE WORD. NOT THE VIRUS.

Rio Blanco County Department of Public Health (RBCPH) COVID-19

It is our goal to increase COVID-19 testing capacity and accessibility in Rio Blanco County. Based on national best practice criteria for re-opening, RBCPH will provide additional community testing for COVID-19 beginning May 8th at the Public Health office in Meeker. Community testing will continue at Rangely District Hospital in Rangely. Private testing continues to be available at Pioneers Medical Center and Rangely District Hospital.

Anyone experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 within the last 7 days may schedule an appointment.

According to the CDC, COVID-19 symptoms include:

- FEVER
- COUGH
- MUSCLE PAIN
- SORE THROAT
- SHAKING WITH CHILLS
- FATIGUE
- CHILLS
- HEADACHE
- SHORTNESS OF BREATH
- RECENT LOSS OF TASTE OR SMELL

TESTING IS FREE OF CHARGE, NO INSURANCE REQUIRED.

RIO BLANCO COUNTY WILL INCUR ALL COSTS OF TESTING

MEEKER LOCATION: (Fairfield Center)

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Rear parking lot of the building.
Directional signage will be present.

Call ahead (970) 878-9520 for pre-screening. If testing is indicated, an appointment will be made between 12 p.m. and 2 p.m. on the following Friday at the public health office. All assessments and testing will take place inside your vehicle.

RANGELY LOCATION: (RANGELY DISTRICT HOSPITAL)

225 Eagle Crest Drive
Rangely, CO

Call ahead (970) 620-3969 for pre-screening. If testing is indicated, an appointment will be made for the Rangely District Hospital Drive through specimen collection clinic, Monday through Friday 12 p.m. - 1 p.m.



WIX: no 'secret cure'

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"The Strip," which has been in the sports section during this absence of regular sports coverage.

"The postures and movements I share in 'The Strip' is yoga that will strengthen your body so it can build past or release away from any pain or discomfort you may feel. Since I know what it is like to feel pain in every aspect of my body it is my specialty to find the poses and movements that get straight to the core of what my clients are experiencing but with a gentle enough approach that further damage is not done," Wix explains.

Although she no longer teaches classes, she does build Mobility Plans customized to address the needs, hopes, and ailments of her clients. "Though I may no longer be a firefighter, safety is still raging through my veins so remember to always talk to your doctor before starting to do any movements you think may cause you concern and try to practice with someone around in case of a fall," she writes.

The coronavirus pandemic has many of us feeling like our plans have been derailed, and

"I don't have a secret cure, what I can share is one tiny, simple bit of advice to anyone whose future got hijacked by life: you don't belong in a box."

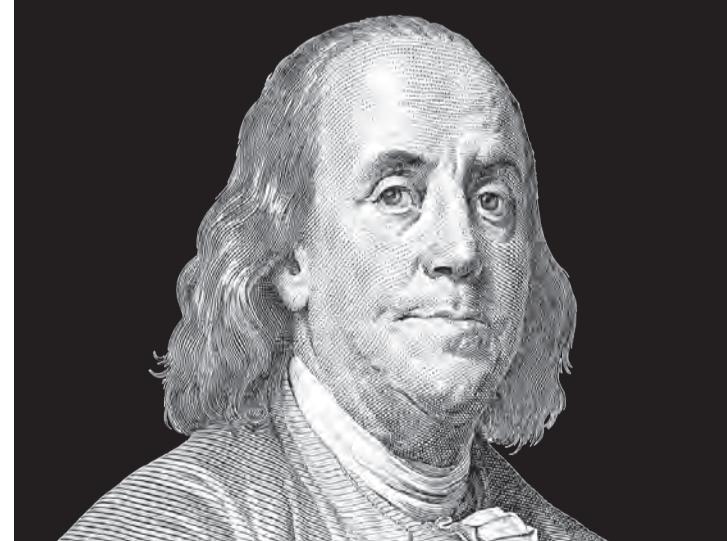
— Adrienne Wix

fearing life will never be the same. Wix has some wise advice that's as applicable to a health crisis as it is to living through a pandemic: "I don't have a secret cure, what I can share is one tiny, simple bit of advice to anyone whose future got hijacked by life. You don't belong in a box; I was not supposed to only be a firefighter, so losing that shouldn't have stripped me away from myself as long as I allowed it. Life will try and put you in enough boxes for you to be building up your own."

You can find Wix's handmade creations and more at <https://www.sleepycatyogishop.com/>

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~ BENJAMIN FRANKLIN



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NEWS BRIEFS

Parent's Day parade at Walbridge Wing

MEEKER | The Walbridge Wing is planning a Parent's Day parade on Saturday, May 9. If anyone would like to join in, head out to Pioneers Medical Center at 11 a.m. and join our drive by to support our residents and say hello. If you follow the ER signs we will be out on the walking path close to the road. You can't miss us. We are the really cool people with wheelchairs, walkers and canes. Looking forward to seeing you on Saturday. If it is cold and raining we will take a rain check. You can also check out how the construction is coming along.

MVB reopens lobby

MEEKER | Monday, May 4 all Mountain Valley Bank locations in Hayden, Meeker, Steamboat Springs and Walden, Colorado, reopened their lobbies to customers. All locations will practice social distancing in their facilities and adhere to all State of Colorado guidelines as it relates to financial services industries. Customers are still encouraged to use digital channels to access their accounts. All community rooms will remain restricted through May 31.

"We are excited to again be able to connect with our customers in person. The safety of our customers and staff continues to be our primary focus," said Mountain Valley Bank Corporate President Wade Gebhardt. "I am proud of the exceptional service that our staff has been able to provide our customers through all our service delivery alternatives recently, but moving past our appointment-only restrictions to full lobby access allows us to serve our customers in a more traditional way."

WREA reminder: be vigilant for scams

MEEKER | White River Electric Association (WREA) reminds residents not to fall victim to several types of scams with regard to your electric bill, including threats to shut off your power and/or legal action. WREA employees will never show up at your door to demand payment. They will always encourage you to contact the office to pay or make a payment arrangement. Never give personal information to an unknown caller or visitor via phone or email. WREA representatives have access to the details they need to service your account. Demands for immediate payment by wire transfer, cryptocurrency, gift cards or cash reload cards should immediately raise red flags. If you think you've been contacted by a scammer falsely representing WREA, please let us know as soon as possible by calling 970-878-5041.

Correction: NO fire ban except on US Forest Service land

Special to the Herald Times

RBC | The resolution approved by the county commissioners last Tuesday did not enact a current fire ban in Rio Blanco County. The only fire bans in place currently are on Forest Service land. The resolution allows the Sheriff's Office to implement or cease a fire ban without requiring a meeting of the Board of County Commissioners.

The new resolution will be in place only until the executive order from the governor's office — "Ordering the Temporary Suspension of Statute Concerning Bans on Open Burning Due to the Presence of COVID-19" — expires. The executive order nullified a county resolution passed last year giving the sheriff's office the authority to implement or cease a fire ban.

The HT regrets the error in last week's report on the county commissioner's meeting.

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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.

UNITED COMPANIES WILL BE PERFORMING THIS WORK.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION AND PATIENCE.
CALL THE RIO BLANCO COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE OFFICE AT (970) 878-9590 FOR MORE INFORMATION.

STOPPING FOR A BITE ...



It's the magical 15 minutes of the year when the Meeker population swells by about 3,000 ... sheep, that is. This week, the Theo Swallow Fork Ranch trailed their herd of pregnant merino ewes down Highway 64 to Highway 13, through town, and up County Road 8 to summer pasture. Scan the Zapcode for a video of the sheep drive, which has become a beloved community tradition.

CAITLIN WALKER PHOTO

NEW STORE HOURS



- ◆ **MONDAY** 7am - 8pm
- ◆ **TUESDAY** 10am - 8pm
- ◆ **WEDNESDAY**
SENIOR SHOPPING (59+)
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ALL CUSTOMERS
9am - 8pm
- ◆ **THURSDAY** 7am - 8pm
- ◆ **FRIDAY** 10am - 8pm
- ◆ **SATURDAY**
SENIOR SHOPPING (59+)
7am - 9am
ALL CUSTOMERS
9am - 8pm
- ◆ **SUNDAY** 10am - 4pm

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EDITOR'S COLUMN

Stranger than fiction

By NIKI TURNER
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"Truth is stranger than fiction, but it is because Fiction is obliged to stick to possibilities; Truth isn't."

—Mark Twain, "Following the Equator: A Journey Around the World."



the novel coronavirus that's now seared on our retinas. Look at it long enough and it starts to resemble a cross between the old Bumble Ball toy (<https://youtu.be/GL2x2bFBB8s>) and the antagonist from Veggie Tales "The Fib From Outerspace" (<https://youtu.be/YWmXZeebBQ>).

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May is National Mental Health Month. Kudos to the Town of Rangely for its official mental health awareness proclamation last Friday.

This is an excellent time to evaluate our mental health, as the pervasive stress, uncertainty and upheaval of the last few months may have triggered underlying mental health issues, like anxiety or depression, or exacerbated other mental health problems. Here are five mental health questions to ask yourself. Note, your answers may be strongly influenced by current events...

How am I feeling today? (Mentally and physically.)

What's taking up most of my headspace?

When did I last eat a whole meal?

Am I tired?
What will I engage in today that will bring me joy?

If you find yourself struggling, seek help, just the same way you would seek help if you fell down and broke your arm. It's no different.

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May is also Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome Month. Kudos to Adrienne Wix for sharing her story. So many of us suffer from silent ailments, the so-called invisible illnesses, that are frequently misdiagnosed and overlooked. As someone has said, "Be kind, for everyone you know is fighting a battle you know nothing about."

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The furor over wearing face coverings or masks is starting to remind me of the seat belt debate in 1987, when the State of Colorado passed an adult seat belt law. I recall a lot of outrage over perceived "government overreach" and "taking away our rights" from that law. There were arguments about how sometimes seat belts cause harm and even death, with statistics and gruesome stories to back them up. Seat belts were uncomfortable. They were inconvenient. They were time-consuming. Opinion columns and letters to the editor cried, "It's not fair!" and "You can't tell us what to do!" Sound familiar?

GUEST COLUMN

Celebrate the Spirit of Travel

By KITTY CLEMENS
Special to the Herald Times



Kitty Clemens

MEEKER The nation has celebrated travel and tourism as an economic engine during the first week of May since 1983. Typically the industry gathers to rally, introduces new products, awards front-line workers for the role they play in helping visitors make memories of a lifetime and celebrates accomplishments in creating jobs to fuel the economies of every community across the nation.

This year will be a little different. There will be no group rallies. Instead, our destinations will join together virtually to spotlight resilience and hope in the face of the coronavirus under a theme: the Spirit of Travel.

National Travel and Tourism Week arrives at an opportune moment to unite the industry and our community. We are reminded that history demonstrates the indomitable spirit travel and tourism plays in troubling times. In the 1970s, gas shortages nearly bankrupted many Colorado destinations because people were afraid to drive far from home. Communities collaborated with one-tank messages allowing mom and dad to plan a traditional summer road trip with the kids. After 9/11, a battered industry quickly united to rebuild confidence in the safety of air travel. Ten years

ago, during our deep recession, the travel industry led the way to economic recovery creating new jobs faster than any other industry sector.

The spirit of travel isn't only found in far-off places. When residents embrace the spirit of travel by supporting local businesses and helping their neighbors, they are also playing a key role in rebuilding their community."

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beginning, travel by personal vehicle will be the preferred method of transportation. Clean, safe, uncrowded destinations like Meeker will be a preferred choice. Meeker's spirit of travel and hospitality will stoke demand and help our friends and neighbors rebuild sales.

Different is not bad. It's just not the same. Let's continue to unite together, support each other and remember the spirit of travel cannot be broken. Now is the time for the spirit of travel to be protected and supported.

Meeker Chamber of Commerce photo

Spirit of TRAVEL



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GUEST COLUMN

Mother's Day during COVID-19

By KAYE SULLIVAN
Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER I Here we go, one more thing that will be far from normal, Mother's Day. While we are social distancing and restaurants are closed, the traditional ways of honoring our mothers are also left behind. Hosting family meals, dining out or sending fresh flowers feel like luxuries these days.

Here in Meeker, many of you live near your mothers, daughters, and daughters-in-law who are moms. We hold all of you tightly and honor your commitment to family. In recent months, we have been tested in unexpected ways and one of the hardest is 100% parenting time with no break for you or your children.

Even my daughter-in-law, living in Oregon, who is one of the most patient, caring, full-time mothers told us recently, "I know why parents want to scream at their kids." She and our son were ready to put our very active 4-year old grandson in kid soccer and similar activities to help him burn off energy and make friends. Now, of course, he can't even go

to a local playground and I suspect like many children, thinks he is being punished.

We can call or Face Time or Zoom with our moms. She has taught us to use these technical resources and we are grateful for them, but they are not the same as personal togetherness.

I usually send flowers to my mom who lives in a retirement community in Virginia. She prefers "non-consumable gifts." It is hard to gift her with anything. Now, her lock down is very extreme, so even receiving flowers would be difficult.

This year I will pay for a visit to her hair salon, whenever it opens, and just hope to provide something practical along with a call and a card. Even her local family can't visit, so Mother's Day will be another day of isolation for her.

I remember the many mothers who already passed on. My generation has very few living moms, so I am fortunate. My husband's mom died many years ago, so this holiday only holds memories for him.

Some of you have lost children and it must be very hard to celebrate this holiday

of motherhood when your children aren't here to honor you. Other women chose not to have children or could not become mothers and perhaps lost babies. It is both a difficult and wonderful day filled with emotions of all kinds.

Strangely, I am one of the "lucky" ones because I don't usually see either my mom or children on Mother's Day as they live far away. I will be happy, like usual, for a phone call and chance to chat with our sons and my mom.

Mothers are our backbone, our "go to people" who can always be counted on to love us, no matter what. It is not always easy being a mother, but I am so grateful to be one. Now that our sons are mature adults, when they call to talk with mom, I know they still lean on me now and then. I am so proud of them now and forever.

I encourage everyone to find a way to honor your Mother and all mothers. COVID-19 has taught us to be resilient and creative. Let's embrace this celebration of our moms in new ways, whatever we can do.

OBITUARY

Edward L. 'Sam' Lippard

May 5, 1917 ~ April 3, 2020



Sam Lippard

V.F.W. and was a member of First Baptist Church in Delta.

Sam married Lula Mae (Odgen) on March 25, 1995, in Delta, Colorado. She preceded him in death in June 2019.

Sam, a master plumber by trade, enjoyed hunting and fishing. After obtaining his master plumber's license with ML Shepherd and Sons Inc., Lippard had a plumbing business in Craig and in Meeker. He also owned the Ripple Creek Lodge on the White River from 1959 until 1971.

A graveside funeral service with Military Honors was held Monday, April 13, 2020, at the Craig Cemetery in Craig, Colorado.

Sam was born May 5, 1917, to John Henry and Edna Maude (Bryan) Lippard in Pearsall, Texas. He spent his childhood in the Texas Panhandle.

Sam married Dora Maxine Doak on June 1, 1940, in Vernal, Utah. She preceded him in death.

Sam proudly served his country in the United States Army during WWII.

Sam was a resident of Craig, moving to Cedaredge, Colorado in 1976, then to Delta in 1995. He was a former member of the

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thanks for using common sense

Dear Editor:

I want to thank everyone who is using common sense in social distancing and mask wearing. Please remember to use masks carefully and keep them washed. If used improperly, they can be more of a hazard than a help.

Thank you to everyone making masks and people who have donated supplies to the effort. Thank you to mask users who donated to the Walbridge Wing in appreciation for the masks we have made.

It is wonderful to live in a community that is caring and can be relied on to step up to do whatever it takes to get through any situation.

With gratitude
Elaine Jordan
Meeker

State budget deficit is unacceptable

Dear Editor:

The Colorado budget is \$3 billion in the hole and the Joint Budget Committee (JBC) posted its "Staff Budget Balancing FY 2020-2021" document, April 11, 2020.

Our State Senator Bob Rankin is on the JBC and has signed on to the recommendation to suspend The Homestead Tax Exemption to free up \$163,578,262 toward decreasing the budget deficit.

While the law took effect in 2002, legislators voted not to fund it in 2003, 2004, 2005, 2009, 2010 and 2011. This exemption has allowed many owners to remain in the homes they love.

Section 3.5 of Article X of the Colorado Constitution grants the property tax exemption to qualifying senior citizens and disabled veterans. The property tax exemption is 50.0 percent of the first \$200,000 of actual

property value.

The \$3 billion deficit does not take into account the effects this COVID19 pandemic will have on our state. This 2020 legislative session began \$100 million in the red just from the READ Act and full-day kindergarten funding. From there, the numbers increased to the current \$3 billion.

It is objectionable to place a burden on seniors and disabled veterans because the state overextended itself.

The JBC also recommends suspending the annual PERA direct distribution freeing up \$225 million. Ask Sen. Rankin how he can consider a decision that can affect public employee retirees.

Colorado is required to have a balanced budget and is important to remind legislators that they spend our money. To add a greater burden on Coloradans, particularly with this pandemic, is unacceptable.

Debra Irvine
Breckenridge

EDITOR'S NOTE: Debra Irvine is running for election to the Colorado State Senate to represent District 8, the seat currently held by state Sen. Bob Rankin. Irvine is on the ballot in the Republican primary on June 30, 2020.

Happy Mother's Day!

I would like to express my appreciation and thank all the mothers who played a crucial part in raising our outstanding citizens of Rio Blanco County!

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The Parable of the Laborers in the Vineyard

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

... So the last shall be first, and the first last ... (Matt. 20:1-16)



■ Dr. J.D.
Watson

WE address another parable today that has sparked debate. Some view it as speaking of salvation, but it's hard to imagine Jesus using the earning of money to picture earning salvation. Others view it as earning rewards for service, but the problem here is that unlike all the workers who received the same pay, not all of us will receive the same reward (1 Cor. 3:8). Still others have come up with strange interpretations, such as, Jesus distinguishing Jews from Gentiles, that is, Jews being called first and Gentiles later.

The simplest way to understand this parable, however, is to note its straightforward emphasis on having the right attitude in our service. We can test ourselves by asking three questions.

First, what is my *virtue* in service? Peter's question to Jesus in 19:27 demonstrates a typical attitude: "[Unlike the rich young ruler] we have forsaken all, and followed thee; what shall we have therefore?" Nowadays we would ask, "What's in it for me?" This attitude is reflected dramatically by the early workers (v. 2) who insisted on a contract before they went to work, while the later workers, in contrast, simply trusted the owner to give them what was right (v. 4). We too should serve without making deals with God, trusting instead in His sovereign plan and purpose (v. 15).

Second, what is my view of other workers? At the end of the day, as was customary, the workers were paid for their labor. The early workers watched as the later ones were paid a full day's wage for part-time work, undoubtedly thinking this meant they

would receive even more because they actually worked a full day. Much to their shock, however, they received the contracted wages. They voiced their discontent by bragging on how hard they had worked and belittling what the *others* had done.

Peter made the same mistake of looking at others not only here but elsewhere. After Jesus recommissioned him (May 5-9) and foretold his martyrdom, Peter saw John coming toward them and asked, "Lord, and what shall this man do?" Jesus' answer was a rebuke, "What is that to thee? follow thou me" (Jn. 21:18-22). In other words, in effect, "Stop looking at others, and keep your eyes on Me." Much of our failure and ineffectiveness in service comes by concentrating on (and even competing with) others. But those who desire to be *first* will be *last*.

Third, what are my *values* in service? As we have noted, Jesus mentioned money often in His parables, and here it tests motive. Sadly, much so-called ministry today is not real ministry because it's driven by money. An earmark of false teachers is they are in it for the money (2 Pet. 2:1-3), but the danger for us all is service driven by a desire for *remuneration* and *recognition* (Sept 2).

Scriptures for Study: How do these verses encourage us in our service: Ephesians 6:8 and Hebrews 6:10?

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: "continuing steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers" (Acts 2:42).

Ninth Judicial District announces Rio Blanco County Court vacancy

PRESS RELEASE

Special to the Herald Times

RBC I The Ninth Judicial District Nominating Commission will meet via videoconference on June 15, 2020, to interview and select nominees for appointment by the governor to the office of county judge for Rio Blanco County. The vacancy will be created by the retirement of the Hon. Laurie A. Noble. The vacancy will occur on July 2, 2020.

To be eligible, the applicant must be a qualified elector of Rio Blanco County at the time of investiture and have graduated high school or attained the equivalent of a high school education as indicated by the Department of Education, based upon the record made on the General Education Development test. Pursuant to

C.R.S. 13-6-209, the associate county judge shall maintain his or her official residence and court chambers in the city of Rangely. The annual salary for this position is \$33,159, and it is a 20% position. The initial term of office of a county judge is a provisional term of two years; thereafter, the incumbent county judge, if approved by the voters, has a term of four years.

Application forms are available from the office of the ex officio chair of the nominating commission, Justice Melissa Hart, 2 E. 14th Ave., Denver, CO 80203; and the office of the court executive, Lynn Reed, 109 8th St., Ste. 300, Glenwood Springs, CO 81601. Applications also are available on the court's home page at <http://www.courts.state.co.us/Careers/Judge.cfm>.

The completed application must be e-mailed to the address listed in the instructions below no later than 4 p.m. May 29, 2020. Late applications will not be considered. Any person wishing to suggest a candidate to fill the vacancy may do so by letter to be submitted to any member of the nominating commission, with a copy to the ex officio chair, no later than 4 p.m. May 22, 2020.

The members of the nominating commission for the Ninth Judicial District are: Scott Grosscup of Glenwood Springs; Lauren Maytin and Blanca O'Leary of Aspen; Sheryl Barto and Bonnie McLean of Carbondale; and Angela Strode of Rifle. The commission currently has one vacancy.

HT editor receives Carolyn C. Mattingly Award for Mental Health Reporting

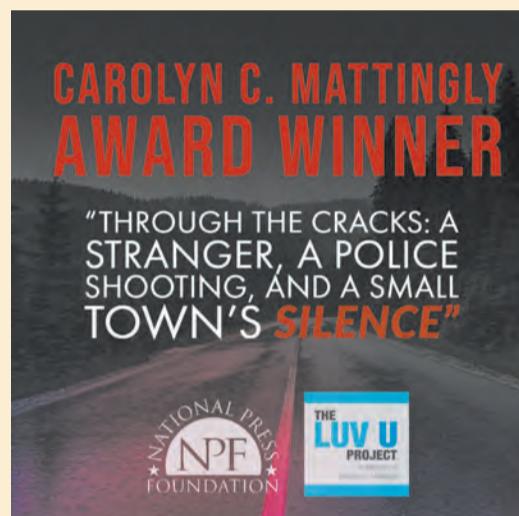
By HT STAFF

RBC I HT editor Niki Turner and editor Susan Greene of *The Colorado Independent* have received the Carolyn C. Mattingly Award for Mental Health Reporting by the National Press Foundation for their 2019 work on "Through the Cracks: a stranger, a police shooting, and a rural town's silence."

"Through the lens of one tragic police-shooting, this collaborative journalism project was able to peel back the layers to show how warning signs are ignored, how rural towns are unequipped to handle mental illness and how families struggle with too few choices," judges said.

The award recognizes excellence in mental health reporting, and honors the memory of Carolyn C. Mattingly, a Potomac, Maryland, philanthropist and activist.

From the National Press Foundation's website: "Mattingly's family decided to establish the award in the aftermath of her tragic death in 2014. The award is open to any U.S.-based journalist at a U.S.-based news organization, including print, broadcast and online journalists."



The award recognizes exemplary journalism that illuminates and advances the understanding of mental health issues and treatments."

Past winners have included the *Tampa Bay Times* and *Sarasota Herald-Tribune*, *Buzzfeed*, the *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel* and *NOLA.com | The Times Picayune*.

BIKER GANG ...



CAITLIN WALKER PHOTO

With extra free time on their hands, local kids have been 'ganging up' in the best way possible and taking long bike rides around town. In our estimation, there have been more youngsters (and older folks) out enjoying the fresh air than usual. Maybe we're all tired of staring at screens (and each other.)

Ag businesses can apply for SBA loans

PRESS RELEASE

Special to the Herald Times

RBC I Agricultural businesses are now eligible for the Small Business Administration's Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) and EIDL Advance programs. The EIDL portal reopened Monday as a result of funding authorized by Congress through the Paycheck Protection Program and Healthcare Enhancement Act.

The legislation, signed into law one week ago, provided additional funding for farmers and ranchers and certain other agricultural businesses affected by the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

"For more than 30 years, SBA has been prohibited by law from providing disaster assistance to agricultural businesses; however,

as a result of the unprecedented

legislation enacted by President Trump, American farmers, ranchers and other agricultural businesses will now have access to emergency working capital," said SBA Administrator Jose Carranza. "These low-interest, long-term loans will help keep agricultural businesses viable while bringing stability to the nation's vitally important food supply chains."

Agricultural businesses include businesses engaged in legal production of food and fiber, ranching, and raising of livestock, aquaculture, and all other farming and agricultural related industries (as defined by section 18(b) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 647(b)). Eligible agricultural businesses must have 500 or fewer employees.

Frances Padilla, SBA Colorado District Director, lauded the decision that opens up more support for Colorado agricultural enterprises affected by COVID-19.

"We recognize how important agricultural activities are to the economy of our state," Padilla said. "Expanding access for federally

legal agricultural enterprises under EIDL gives these critical entities an opportunity to equally apply for all of the SBA resources open to all other eligible small businesses and non-profits. We look forward to assisting Colorado agricultural businesses who believe the SBA can help them during this difficult time."

The SBA will begin accepting new EIDL applications on a limited basis only, in order to provide unprecedeted relief to U.S. agricultural businesses (<http://www.sba.gov/disaster>). For agricultural businesses that submitted an EIDL loan application through the streamlined application portal prior to the legislative change, SBA will move forward and process these applications without the need for re-applying. All other EIDL loan applications that were submitted before the portal stopped accepting new applications on April 15 will be processed on a first-in, first-out basis.

For more information, please visit: www.sba.gov/Disaster



Yampa-White-Green Basin Roundtable

The 2005 Colorado Water for the 21st Century Act was created by the Interbasin Compact Committee and Nine CO Basin Roundtables. The Yampa-White-Green Basin Roundtable is our regional Roundtable.

The Roundtable was chartered to develop a Basin Implement Plan through water needs assessments and Water Supply Reserve Fund supported programs to bring collaborative solutions to water supply gaps.

The Interbasin Compact Committee (IBCC), which is made up of members of the CO Roundtables and Governor appointees, is chartered to conduct negotiations between basins.

The Colorado Water Plan was finalized in 2015 by the Colorado Water Conservation Board following the Governor's executive order to find solutions to close the Colorado Water Supply Gap by 2050.

To find out more information about your local water policy influencers please visit:

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Meet One of Your Local YWG BRT Member: Chuck Whiteman

Chuck has been a resident of Meeker for 46 years, with much of that time he owned and operated a land surveying business. Working with several large absentee landowners he has learned that the agricultural community, is one of the greatest importance to the area and economy. Sustainability for the agricultural community, as well as all businesses, are challenged with many issues and he feels water is one of the biggest.



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Edward Thompson sworn in as new Meeker Police chief

By NIKI TURNER
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MEEKER | Meeker's new police chief was sworn in Tuesday during the town's regular board meeting. Chief Edward Thompson takes over for former chief Phil Stubblefield, who was set to retire at the beginning of April but stayed on an extra month due to current events.

Thompson first came to Meeker in 2013 and went to work at the Rio Blanco County Sheriff's Office. That first stint "gave me the Meeker bug," he said.

He left to take care of family obligations in Texas, eventually returning to Meeker in 2017 as an officer in the Meeker Police Department. In January 2019 he was offered a position with the RBCSO and has worked there as a patrol deputy, a detention sergeant, and as a patrol sergeant. When Stubblefield announced his retirement, Thompson applied.

He brings 13 years of law enforcement experience to the role, and a philosophy of "fair and consistent." "Be fair, treat everybody equally, be courteous," he explained.

Thompson originally hails from south Texas. He moved to Nucla, Colorado, during his



Edward Thompson was sworn in as Meeker Police chief Tuesday, filling the vacancy left by Phil Stubblefield's retirement. Thompson has worked for both Meeker PD and the Sheriff's Office in the past.

junior year of high school where he met his wife. The couple has three children, 11, 9 and 6. His wife just started a new job at the elementary school.

He and his twin brother are both in law enforcement. Thompson started as a dispatcher. When he turned 21 he attended the law enforcement academy at Pikes Peak Community College in Colorado Springs.

He has since worked in Salida, and on both sides of Montrose County for the sheriff's office there.

Thompson acknowledges that "Officer Friendly" leaves some "big shoes to fill." He hopes to pick up where Chief Stubblefield left off and looks forward to getting out in the community and meeting more people.

Rangely main water line break repaired, boil order still in effect

By NIKI TURNER
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RANGELY | On Monday, a main water line was breached in Rangely, prompting the town to ask residents to flush water lines and issue a "boil order" for town water used for drinking, cooking and food preparation. As of press time Wednesday, the water line has been repaired and service restored to all customers, according to Town Administrator Lisa Piering.

"We have partial sections of town on a boil order that we hope

to release them from tomorrow (Thursday, May 7) if possible," Piering said via email.

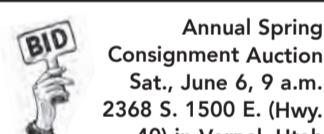
Residences affected by the boil order received door hangers with instructions and will be notified when the boil order is lifted.

The boil order — bringing all water to a rolling boil for one full minute and letting it cool before use, or using bottled water — is a precaution against the possibility of disease-causing organisms entering the water system while the line was depressurized. No contamination has been detected, but residents who develop

unexplained symptoms such as diarrhea, cramps, nausea or headaches, should seek medical advice. Individuals with compromised immune systems, infants, young children and the elderly may want to consider temporary use of bottled water for drinking, brushing teeth and food preparation until the boil order is lifted.

All Town of Rangely water users were asked to flush their pipes with cold water by turning on the taps to clear any sediment or discoloration from the water. Avoid washing laundry or using hot water until the water clears.

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Yampa-White-Green Basin Roundtable Meeting

Wednesday, May 13th at 6:00 pm

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A legacy man: Freeman Fairfield

By NIKI TURNER
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MEEKER | Every year, Meeker high school students applying for a Freeman Fairfield scholarship are asked to write an essay about the man and his contributions to Meeker. May 9 is the anniversary of Freeman Fairfield's birth in 1899. Fifty years ago, the community celebrated May 9 as Freeman Fairfield Day. Somewhere along the way what was supposed to be an annual celebration fell off the calendar.

Fairfield was born in Meeker to Edwin and Addie Fairfield. When he was a young man, Fairfield's mother fell ill and died. Where some might have allowed such a loss to affect them negatively, Fairfield seems to have turned his grief to good. After graduating from Meeker schools in 1917, Fairfield attended schools in Denver and Grand Junction. In 1921 he moved to California where he went to work in the oil fields, eventually creating his own company — Oil Tool Corporation — and making his fortune.

During his lifetime, Fairfield continued to give back to his hometown: he organized plans to build Meeker a hospital, gave the town its first ambulance, donated funds to St. James Episcopal Church in memory of his parents, set up a Christmas Trust Fund for residents of the Walbridge Wing, and upon his death in 1967 established the Freeman Fairfield Charitable Trust. The interest earned on this \$2 million trust fund was designated for educational, scientific, religious, charitable, literary and



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fundraisers, community dinners, voting, senior meals and more. Today, the space once occupied by the library now hosts the county's public health and human services departments.

Coincidentally, the Walbridge Wing at Pioneers Medical Center is planning a "Parent's Day" parade for its residents on Saturday, May 9. Head up to Pioneers at 11 a.m. Saturday (barring rain or bad weather) for a drive-by parade for the residents. While you're there, think of Freeman Fairfield and the legacy he left the community that is still benefiting its residents in very tangible ways decades later.



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TAKING SHAPE ...



Construction work continues at Meeker High School, with demolition of certain parts of the building happening this week, and new architectural "bone structure" taking shape in other areas, especially over the new entrance (picture). Workers are taking all necessary precautions due to COVID-19.

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COVID and crime: is there a correlation?

By CAITLIN WALKER
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has led to numbers being lower than usual.

RBC 1 Like most residents of planet Earth, you've probably been feeling a bit off-kilter lately.

In the six weeks since COVID-19 locked down the nation, the *HT* wondered if the stress and uncertainty of the pandemic was translating into actual crimes being committed.

To find out if that crazy COVID feeling resulted in documented misbehavior, the *HT* reviewed call data provided by Mike Cook, RBC Communications Manager.

For reference, Rio Blanco County already boasts an incredibly low crime rate, with less than one violent crime per 1,000 residents (the national average is 3.87 per 1,000) and only 8.76 property crimes per 1,000 residents (nationally, the rate is 22.98 per 1,000).

We discovered the lockdown has actually decreased the number of incidents reported. Total incidents have decreased month-over-month in 2020, with 772 in January, 633 in February, and only 597 in March. The 2019 monthly average was about 792 incidents. So far, 2020 is tracking at 100 less per month, around 667.

That said, Meeker Volunteer Fire and Rescue has seen a bump in calls as the weather warms and residents try, and fail, to control ditch burns. Meeker Police Department's numbers don't seem to have a correlation to the shutdown at all. MPD took 246, 196 and 233 calls during the first three months of 2020.

Rangely Police Chief TiRynn Hamblin, however, said their calls have dropped. "Our work load has decreased. With less people in town for business or passing through we have had less calls for service."

Hamblin also mentioned that a more relaxed policing stance

"Due to COVID-19, we have changed our policing stance (temporarily) by not being as proactive. We anticipate this changing when things go back to 'normal,'" Hamblin stated via email.

Rio Blanco County Sheriff's Office echoed a similar sentiment a few weeks into the pandemic response, at least with regard to "enforcing" public health orders.

"The order from Governor Polis to 'stay at home' will not change the way Rio Blanco County Sheriff's Office conducts business," reads part of a pinned post on the SO's Facebook page.

The apparent lack of misbehavior matches trends both in the area and on a larger scale. The *Craig Press* reported April 17 that crime reports were down across the board in Craig and Moffat County, and *Time* magazine reported double digit drops in crime in places like Chicago, Peru and El Salvador in mid-April, as well.

Colorado State Patrol also chose to cut back on issuing citations for minor traffic violations, and from March 25 to April 27 encouraged residents to self-report accidents not involving injuries, drugs or alcohol. That has since been rescinded, so be sure to report all crashes to law enforcement like you normally would moving forward.

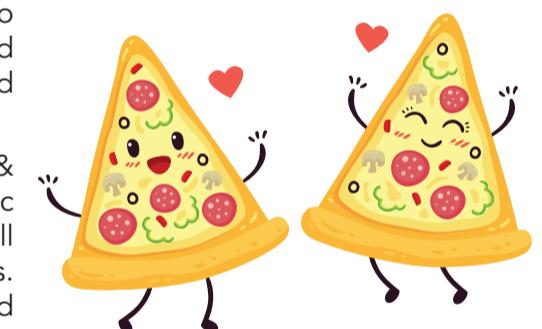
Conversely, CPS has seen more bad behavior behind the wheel. "The State Patrol has seen an increase in speed, as well as cars going through stop signs without stopping," according to a Trooper Tips article by Master Trooper Gary Cutler, who then reiterated the importance of safe driving.

With most people staying home, however, it seems the most trouble you're apt to get into right now is a heated game of Monopoly.

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Paddleboard safely this season

PRESS RELEASE Special to the Herald Times

RBC I As temperatures rise and Coloradans head to the state's rivers and reservoirs, Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) remind recreationists to be safe on — and off — the water.

Paddleboarders living close to recreational waters must be especially careful when heading out. The spring run-off has started and the water filling reservoirs is very cold. If you fall into water that's barely 50 degrees, hypothermia can set in quickly and be life-threatening. Paddleboarders are urged to wear a personal floatation device (PFD), no matter if they're on a river, pond or reservoir.

Colorado boating regulations require that adults carry a PFD on the pad-

bleboard, but it's much safer to wear it, said Kirsten Copeland, manager of Ridgway State Park. During the last few years, rangers and private boaters have rescued several people who have fallen off paddleboards. At Ridgway two weeks ago, a boater reported that he rescued a woman who had fallen off her paddleboard. She was not wearing a PFD and told the boater that she was barely able to hang on to her board before being rescued.

"So many people see paddleboards as low risk, but if you fall off your board into cold water you can get into trouble very quickly," Copeland said. "The water is really cold now, but at most other Colorado reservoirs the water stays cold enough throughout the summer season to be dangerous."

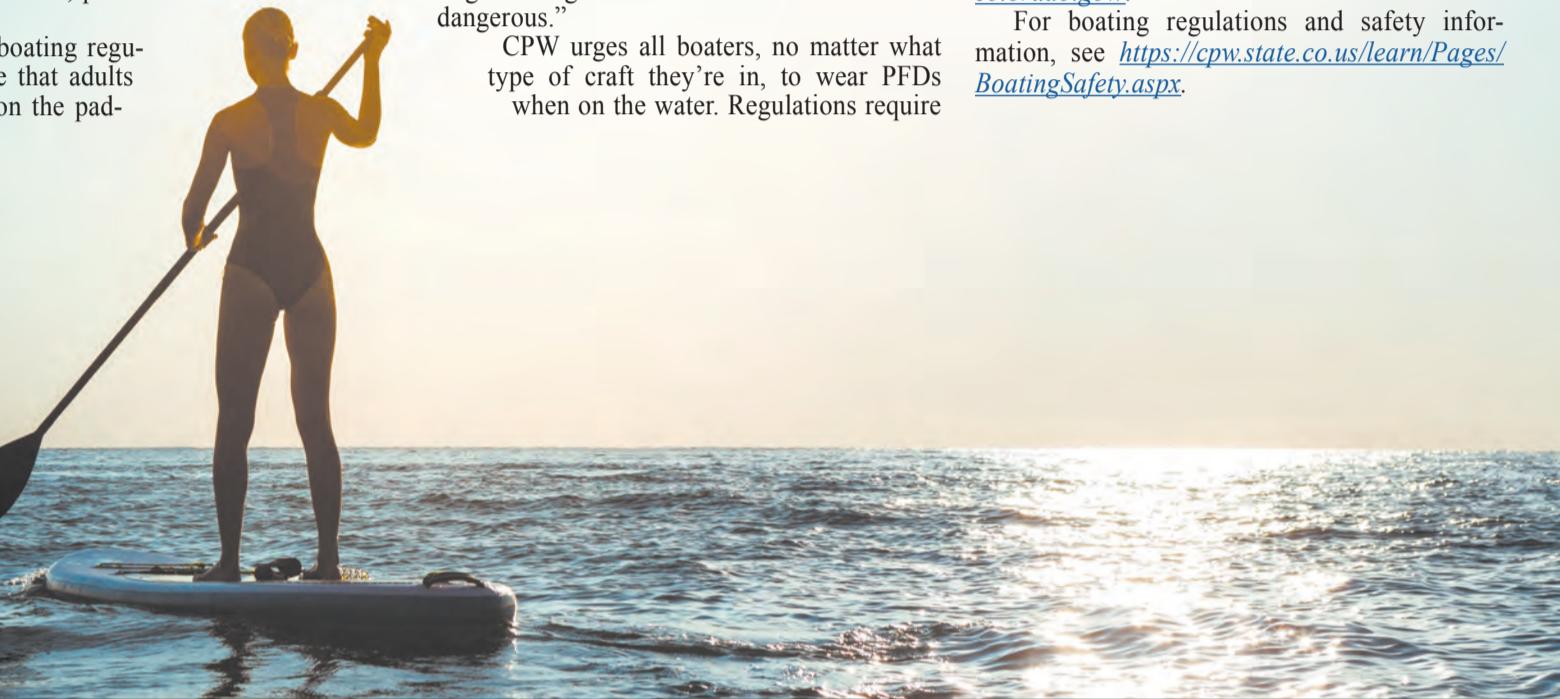
CPW urges all boaters, no matter what type of craft they're in, to wear PFDs when on the water. Regulations require

that the number of PFDs on a boat match the number of people on board. Children 12 years old and younger must always wear a PFD when on the water. The rules apply to all types of boats and watercraft.

Paddleboarders must also be aware of county restrictions, and follow their local public health orders when planning a trip. Off the water, CPW reminds all recreationists that they are required to follow the rules of Governor Jared Polis's "safer-at-home" order while recreating. Maintain a distance of six feet from other people, and wear a mask when in a public location.

For complete information about Colorado's coronavirus response, go to: <https://covid19.colorado.gov/>.

For boating regulations and safety information, see <https://cpw.state.co.us/learn/Pages/BoatingSafety.aspx>.



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

Start on your hands and knees (a blanket can be folded and put under your knees and/or hands for cushion), ensure your shoulders are stacked directly over your wrists, and your hips are stacked directly over your knees.

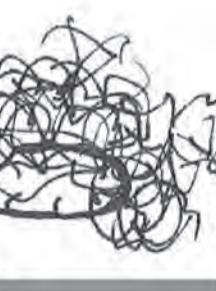
This is Table Top.

Taking a large inhale, exhale and dip your hips over to one side until you feel a stretch from the top of your dipping hip down the side of your leg. Inhale to bring your hips back to center, exhale to dip on the other side, continue to repeat until you feel your hips are nicely loosened up. These are Hip Dips.

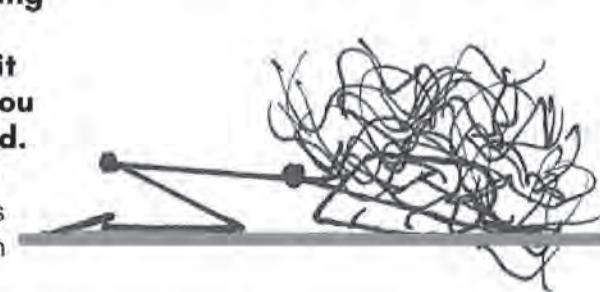
Returning to table top, bring your knees wide, toes together, and exhale to sit your hips back towards your heels, arms reach forward.

Allow all tension to release from the shoulders and hips nestling your torso between your thighs.

This is Devotional Pose.



From Devotional, inhale to shift your weight forward back into your Table Top position. Tuck your toes and with an exhale reach your hips high bringing your body into an inverted V. This is Downward Facing Dog.



In Downward Facing Dog you should maintain a micro-bend in your elbows and knees (do not lock out these joints...ever), your heels do not need to touch the floor but reach them back to feel a stretch down the back of your legs. You can relax your head down between your arms, letting it hang heavy and releasing your neck. Your ears should be about halfway down your biceps, not tight to your shoulders. **Begin to "walk out your dog," this means bend one knee and then the other, walking your legs out.**

State rec areas still closed to campers

PRESS RELEASE Special to the Herald Times

RBC I Camping at Colorado state parks and State Wildlife Areas will remain closed until further notice, as Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) works to implement system-wide safety protocols related to social distancing in campgrounds.

Customer, volunteer, and employee safety remain a top priority. CPW is committed to providing park services at the highest level possible while also ensuring public safety. System camping cancellations will be sent via email. Currently, no definitive date is known for when sites will reopen.

"We understand the strain these continued closures put on all of us, and we appreciate the public's flexibility as we work through the process of reopening," says Dan Prenzlow, Director of Colorado Parks and Wildlife. "Our staff is working hard to make sure we can provide safe and enjoyable experiences for everyone."

CPW is working with federal and local municipal partners as well as the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment to determine a timeline for camping. This coordination can make predicting definitive opening dates difficult as each county faces its

own unique circumstances.

State Park Rangers remain on duty protecting the parks and normal rules and regulations still apply. Park trail closures due to visitation or crowding will be reported on the Colorado Trail Explorer (COTREX) App and the CPW website.

Colorado counties, municipalities, and land management agencies continue to update their COVID-19 guidance including travel restrictions, road closures, and access limitations on the Colorado Counties Inc. Safer-At-Home map. Outdoor recreationists are responsible for researching and understanding park and county closures before participating in any planned local recreational activities. CPW encourages park visitors to follow trail safety etiquette and visit parks responsibly.

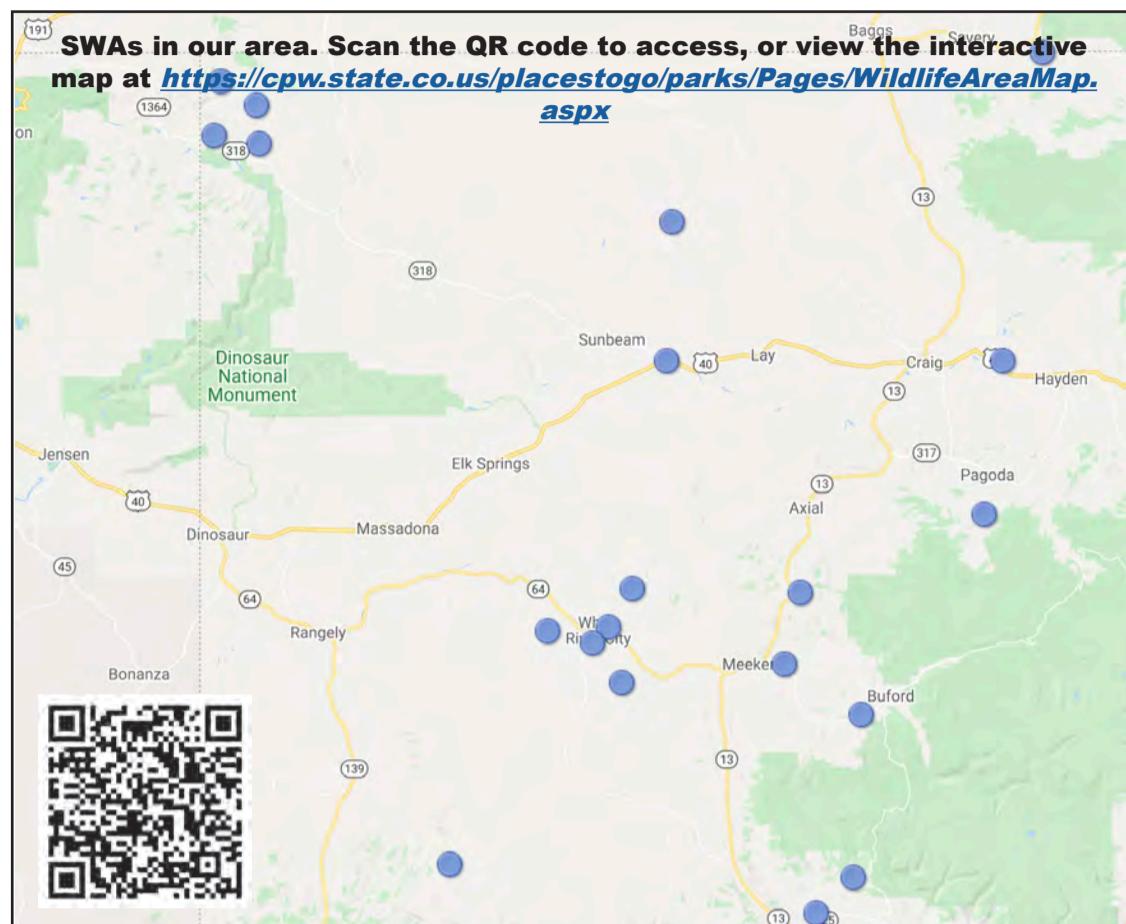
CPW asks all Coloradans to respect safer-at-home orders and stay close to your home and use local trails and parks for outdoor recreation. Limiting travel for recreation helps minimize the strain of visitors on small mountain communities and creates less burden for our search and rescue and emergency responders.

For more information, visit the CPW COVID-19 Response website for updates on park closures, permits and licenses, and outdoor recreation policies.



STOCK PHOTO
Colorado state parks and wildlife areas remain closed to campers during the COVID-19 pandemic. CPW is working on a protocol to implement social distancing regulations.

Valid hunting or fishing licenses are now required to enter CPW State Wildlife Areas or State Trust Land



PRESS RELEASE

Special to the Herald Times

RBC I A valid hunting or fishing license will be required for everyone 18 or older attempting to access any State Wildlife Area or State Trust Land leased by Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW), beginning July 1.

The rule change was adopted unanimously April 30 by the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Commission.

"By policy, state wildlife areas are acquired with hunter and angler dollars, and are intended specifically to provide wildlife habitat and wildlife-related recreation," Southeast Regional Manager Brett Ackerman told the commission at its meeting. "This rule is aimed at curtailing non-wildlife-related use of these properties."

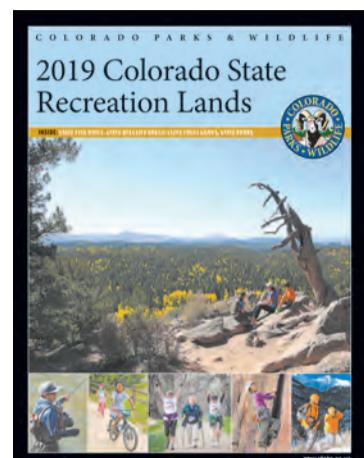
At the meeting, Ackerman presented examples from across the state of the increasing use of state wildlife areas inconsistent with their purpose, including set up of temporary residences, vehicular use on big game winter

range, vandalism, and other uses detrimental to wildlife and wildlife-related uses.

"There's certainly an impact on staff and resources, potential public health impact, degradation of habitat and displacement of wildlife," Ackerman told commissioners. "There is a pattern of non-wildlife related issues we're seeing out there."

Beginning on July 1, 2020, anyone entering a state wildlife area or state trust land leased by CPW must hold either a valid hunting or fishing license in Colorado.

Ackerman emphasized that, "As with all new regulations, especially one as far reaching as this, our policy is to first educate. Especially when talking to constituent users of state wildlife areas, we want to help people understand why we're taking this action. We're not seeking to catch people off guard and write them tickets. We want to curtail non-wildlife use of these properties and return them to their original intended purpose."



Check out specifics for each SWA in the Colorado State Recreation Lands brochure. Scan the QR code with your smartphone to access, or visit <https://cpw.state.co.us/Documents/RulesRegs/Brochure/lands.pdf>



WHAT IS A STATE WILDLIFE AREA?

State Wildlife Areas (SWAs) are state- or privately-owned lands that offer wildlife-related recreation to the public. While most activities focus on hunting and fishing, each SWA has different allowed activities, based on location and available resources. These parcels of SWA land are paid for by sportsmen and managed under state law by Colorado Parks and Wildlife employees for the benefit of wildlife. Colorado Parks and Wildlife manages about 350 SWA lands around the state.



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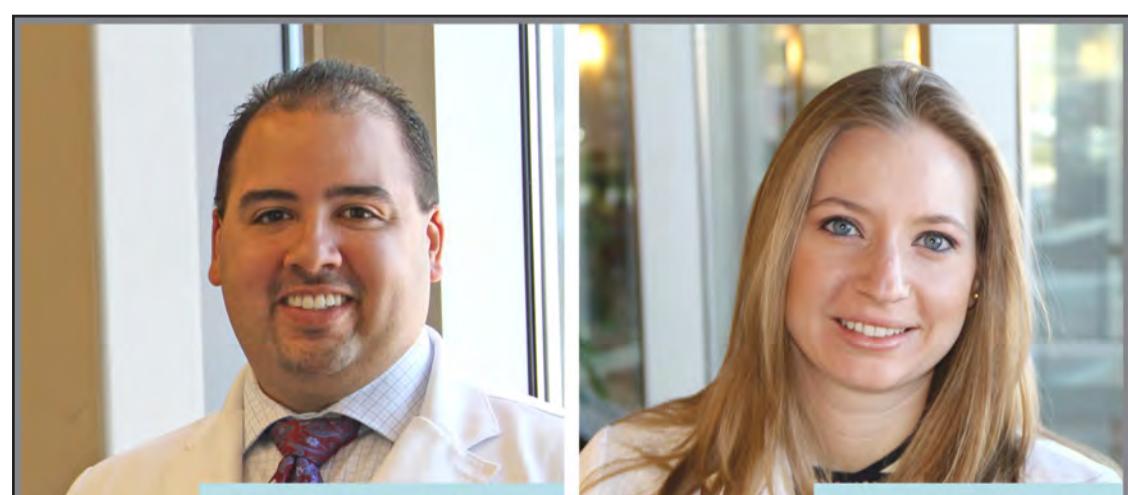
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■ The railroad surveyors are on 14-Mile Creek. They have encountered no rock work whatever between that point and New Castle.

■ J.B. Wheeler and P.C. Coryell are developing five coal mines near where the White River Valley railroad will cross Piceance Creek.

■ Hugus & Co. have over 70,000 pounds of freight at Rifle awaiting transportation to Meeker, and their corps of freighters are on the "hump" endeavoring to catch up.

■ Governor McIntire has appointed J. D. Moog water

commissioner for this (the 43rd) district. The selection was made upon the recommendation of our county commissioners, and it meets with approval.

■ All persons indebted to J.P. Klein for blacksmithing will kindly call and settle same at earliest convenience.

*The Meeker Herald
100 years ago*

■ As far as we can learn, there is no opposition to a new county high building (which is generally conceded as necessary to keep pace with our rapidly growing school population), but the taxpayers

will require some assurance that they will get 100 cents in value for every dollar spent before they will vote bonds in any amount.

■ Commissioner Harp has a force of men and teams improving his end of the Rangely road. This road should be put in shape so that oil and gas development work be added in every way possible; and to the end that we get cheap gasoline from Rangely.

■ Under the direction of Commissioner Harp a lot of native cottonwoods were set out in the county park this week. The proper thing to do.

■ W.J. Frizzell is now town marshal. "Bill" is going

at the job in a way that would indicate that he believes in doing some work in exchange for the salary that comes with the job. He is fixing up the crossings and cleaning up the streets, all of which is badly needed.

*The Meeker Herald
50 years ago*

■ Saturday, May 9, the Meeker community will be celebrating what is planned to be an annual event, Freeman Fairfield Day, and all merchants and homes are requested to fly our Flag, the red, white and blue!

■ The expectation of some

controversy concerning the development of up to 50,000 population in the White River Valley brought approximately 60 persons to the Chamber of Commerce meeting.

■ The former Guy Ramsey Ranch at Elk Springs has recently been sold. Mrs. Nigel Pittman said last week that the property owned by her family since 1921 had been sold to Berry Brothers of Louisiana. They'll operation the ranch as the Three Springs Corporation with Minford Beard of Meeker as the general manager.

*The Meeker Herald
25 years ago*

■ We wanted moisture. We got moisture. Now we face a real danger of flooding. According to Sheriff Phil Stubblefield and the White River Soil Conservation District, creeks in Rio Blanco County already are bank to bank. Now we can expect some warm weather, which will melt the snowpack, which is at 191% of normal, and some more rain.

■ Thirteen Meeker High School track athletes have qualified for the state championship meet in Denver.

*Rangely Times
50 years ago*

■ A free all-night dance will be held in the Rangely Park Friday night starting at 10 p.m. All ages are welcome. An orchestra will provide music for the dance.

■ A request was made

Monday of the Rio Blanco county commissioners at their regular meeting to redistrict the county before June 1. Dale Frisby and Wilton Horton made the request of the commissioners. Frisby told the Times Wednesday that each of the three districts in the proposal would have approximately 775 registered voters.

■ Money works two ways. It talks, and it stops talk.

■ The Epsilon Chi Chapter of USA held its annual Founders' Day Tea in the home of the sponsor, Miss Grace Petz.

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■ Rifle Gap Fish Hatchery delivered approximately 4,000 rainbow trout to Kinney Reservoir on April 28. This brings the total stocked trout in the reservoir this spring to around 24,000.

■ As the flux period of board members nears an end, the Rangely Chamber of Commerce is making an effort to be more visible in the community.

■ The Rangely High School National Honor Society held an induction ceremony. They inducted 17 new members: three juniors, Liz Bailey, Kathy Miller and Mandy Staley; and 14 sophomores, Misty Splanalp, Zach Padilla, Ty Petersburg, Ann Hermanson, Liz Allred, John Morril, Mary Ann Lewis, Heather Douglas, Jolene Rhodes, Alisha Stockman, Rebecca Olree, Mindy Estes, Jennifer Lancaster and Mandi Gates.



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ACROSS

1. A bit cracked
5. Traitor's blow?
9. Cause of Princess' downfall
12. Hawaiian tuber
13. Prospector's mother?
14. Heavy footsteps
16. "Iliad" or "Odyssey"
17. Caribbean color
18. Frustration, in print
19. *Proponent of colonization of Mars
21. Small island
22. *Edmond Halley's apparition, 2061-2062
23. Expression of disgust or recoil
24. *2007 "Invention of the Year"
27. Give satisfaction
31. Neither a win nor a loss
32. Having no courage
35. Medicinal houseplant
36. Dodge, as in a tax bill
38. Take the gold
39. Anti-seniors sentiment
40. Immigrate
41. Bold and without shame
43. Take illegal drugs
44. Adverb of steep
46. Tower of London guard

48. *Legalized in many states
49. Cambodian monetary unit, pl.
51. Gift toppers
53. *Major spring 2020 occurrence
56. *23andMe unit
57. Baron Munchhausen, e.g.
58. Original thought
60. Not yes or no
61. Nobel Peace Prize home
62. Long forearm bone
63. Formal wear, colloquially speaking
64. *Review service
65. *Walter White's concoction

DOWN

1. Polished off
2. Mock or make fun of playfully
3. Seed covering
4. Late Baroque
5. *Harvey Weinstein's new home, slangily
6. Part of chef's uniform
7. Sunbaked, archaically speaking
8. Bird's groomer
9. Opposite of knit
10. Competitive advantage
11. Combustion product
14. Boreal forest, in Russia

15. *Number sign turned metadata tag

20. Time being
23. Coffin alternative
24. Agenda entries
25. Turning point
26. Launch or throw
27. *Millennials' followers, for short
28. One hipbone
29. "Madagascar" predator
30. *Site of Abdabbuh Mansur Hadi/Houthi conflict
33. Best-laid plans often go
34. Roman road
37. *Sites with no easy access
39. Anoint
41. Sandwich with acronym name
42. Ophthalmologist's prescription quantity
45. Wild West group
47. Os
49. Pay hike
50. All told
51. One of the Bridges
52. December stone
53. Clever tactic
54. Opposite of busy
55. Copper coin
56. Greenwich-related acronym
59. Expression of pleasure

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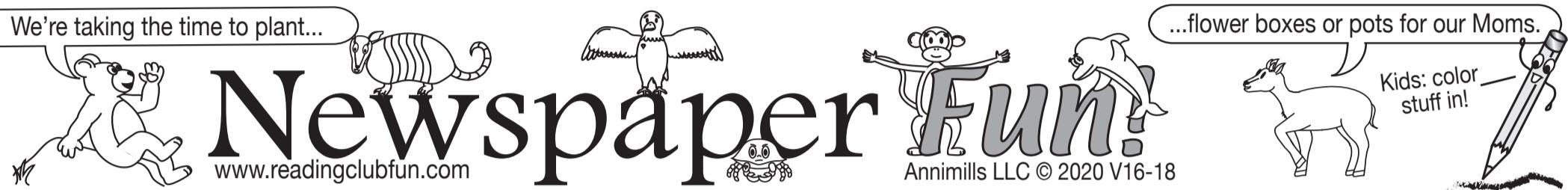
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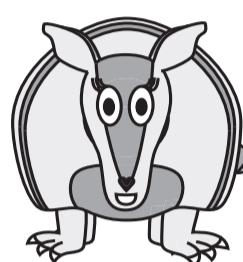
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Happy Mother's Day!

I love Mother's Day! I was wondering how this lovely holiday for moms began, so I went to the library to do research to find out. I searched web sites on the computer. I found beautiful books full of stories and pictures. To find out what I learned about Mother's Day **read my clues below, then fill in the crossword puzzle.**

1. Mother's Day is a time to honor a mother, _____ or even a special aunt.
2. Soon after the death of her mother (in May 1905), a woman named Anna Jarvis urged people to support the idea of a national _____ for moms.
3. Anna wanted people to show respect for _____ and to give thanks for all the work that mothers do for us.
4. She gave out her mother's favorite _____, the white carnation, a custom that spread to many states.
5. Her home _____ of West Virginia was the first (in 1912) to have an official Mother's Day celebration.
6. On May 9, 1914, U.S. President Woodrow Wilson declared the first _____ Mother's Day to honor mothers whose sons had died in war.
7. Mother's Day is celebrated on the second _____ in May (U.S., Canada).
8. A beautiful, historic building in West Virginia was named The International Mother's Day Shrine and Museum. They hold teas and programs to promote the _____ of mothers (and other women) to our country.
9. Businesses promote the _____ of cards, flowers, jewelry and other gifts for Mother's Day.
10. Although it is nice when children give a gift, it is even more special when they take the _____ to write a letter or to do something special with their moms.
11. Often families attend religious services, have picnics or do _____ get-togethers or calls.
12. Can you _____ a breakfast, write and decorate a card or plan an activity for your mom's special day?



grandmother Sunday

Things Moms Do For Us!

Oh my gosh! If I listed all the things our moms do for us I'd have to list a **billion bajillion** things.

When we are tiny newborns our Moms feed us, comfort us, diaper us, rock us to sleep, burp us, walk us, sing to us and keep an eye on us all day long. Gee, how tiring must **that** be?

Now we are older and go to school, but moms still do so much for us. Here is a list my friends and I put together.

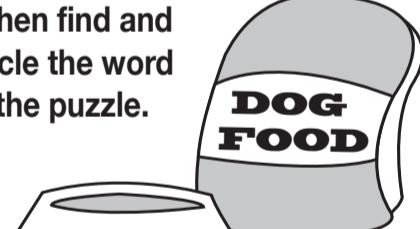
1. _____ the beds
2. _____ for groceries
3. _____ us to the dentist
4. _____ to our fears
5. _____ us to practices and lessons
6. _____ our sports team
7. _____ for the school sale
8. _____ holes in our favorite clothes
9. _____ us to feed the dog
10. _____ supplies for school
11. _____ money for a rainy day
12. _____ our homework
13. _____ for us at our games
14. _____ us how to cook
15. _____ our favorite T.V. show
16. _____ vegetables or flowers
17. _____ the floors
18. _____ the windows
19. _____ the bills
20. _____ the laundry

1. Match each chore with the word that makes sense.

- A. bake
- B. buy
- C. drive
- D. take
- E. remind
- F. make
- G. listen
- H. shop
- I. coach
- J. mend
- K. watch
- L. mop
- M. save
- N. cheer
- O. check
- P. fold
- Q. plant
- R. pay
- S. teach
- T. wash



2. Then find and circle the word in the puzzle.



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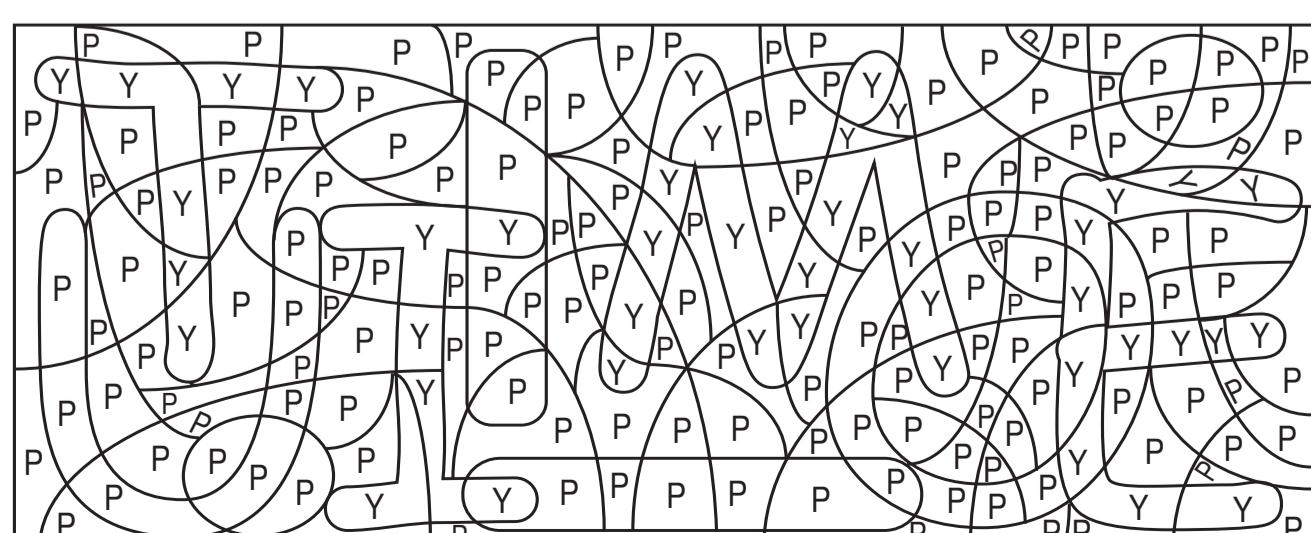
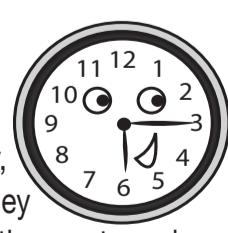
Moms give us many gifts: love, care, energy, money. They also give us a gift of something they can never get back for themselves. It is one of the most precious gifts they can ever give us: we watch it every day, we use it, it flies by, once we spend it, we can never get it back...

Color Key:

P = Pink

Y = Yellow

Mothers spend their _____ on us.



CALL REVIEW

WEEKLY CALL REVIEW
AT THE RIO BLANCO COUNTY
SHERIFF'S DISPATCH CENTER
April 27-May 3, 2020
Meeker Dispatch Center administered 477 phone calls last week including 18 911 calls, answered 59 calls for Meeker Police Department (MPD) and placed 128 outgoing calls. A total of 167 calls for service were created, 68 for the Sheriff's Office, 56 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 28 traffic stops
- Sheriff's Deputies issued eight warnings, two citations on 10 stops
- MPD issued 14 warnings, one citation and one arrest on 16 stops
- Three crashes, two involving wildlife
- One DUI arrest, three assists with CSP

Sheriff's Deputies responded to 68 calls for service

- Three 911 misdials/tests
- Three civil papers served
- 16 agency assists
- Nine animal calls
- Two civil calls
- Two transports for COVID tests
- Two illegal dumping cases
- Three suspicious incidents
- Three traffic complaints
- Three VIN inspections
- Two warrant arrests
- One each: ATV accident, disturbance, BLM fire, fraud, juvenile problem, K-9 deployment, motorist assist, property, trespass.

Meeker Police Department responded to 56 calls for service

- No 911 misdials/tests
- Four agency assists
- Seven animal calls
- 18 business checks
- Two citizen assists
- Four civil calls
- Three disturbances
- Two fraud cases
- Two juvenile problems
- Two restraining order violations
- Three suspicious incidents
- Three traffic complaints
- Two VIN inspections
- One each: abandoned vehicle, harassment, unattended death

Meeker Fire and Rescue responded to five calls

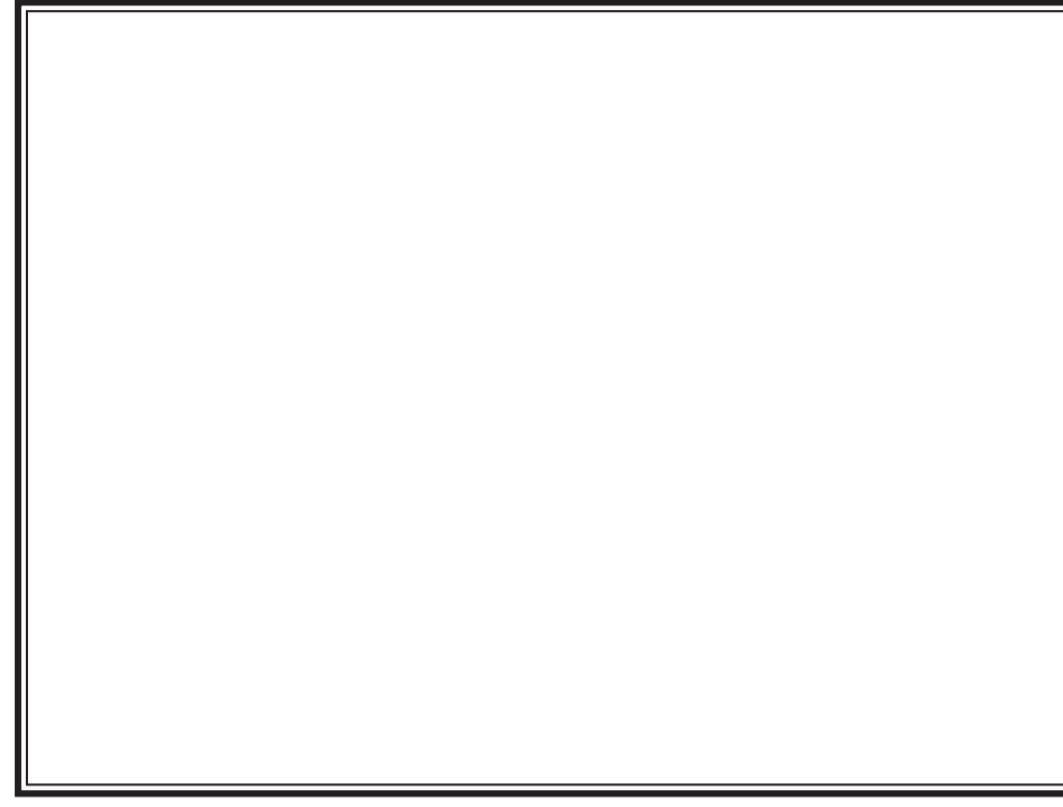
- Four ambulance requests, one assist with CSP on a traffic crash
- Rio Blanco Detentions
- 17 current inmates, 15 males and two females
- One jail transport to or from another facility
- Four arrests, RPD-one, RBCSO-three
- Three inmates released

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.

Mother's Day Press

BREAKING NEWS! A Special Edition to the Rio Blanco Herald Times ~ May 12, 2020

WORLD'S GREATEST MOM!



Pictured above, the World's Greatest Mom.

JUST IN! A mom named _____ from the town of _____ has officially been named the World's Greatest Mom! She received this prestigious award because she is _____ and _____.

Her family was not surprised by the announcement at all. "Mom is always _____, she loves to _____ with us and she never _____. We love it when mom _____."

She really deserves this honor, and we are so proud of her!"

Congratulations to the World's Greatest Mom!



Mom's Greatest Hits:

Something I love about her: _____

Best memory: _____

Something she loves to do: _____

Something she always says: _____

Her favorite color: _____

Her favorite food: _____

Her favorite animal: _____

Her favorite TV show: _____

Why I admire her: _____



Pictured above, Mom's favorite _____.



PUBLIC NOTICES

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Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado
This is a Telephone or Google Meeting Only.
Please do not plan to attend in person.

To attend by Google Meeting, please enter
Meeting ID: fbx-hntz-phv
If you will be participating by telephone, please
dial 970-878-9432.

Tentative Agenda May 12, 2020

Public Comment: Any member of the public may address the Board on matters which are within the jurisdiction of the Board. If you are addressing the Board regarding a matter listed on the Agenda, you are requested to make your comments when the Board takes that matter. Please limit your comments to three minutes per member or five minutes per group. The public comment time is not for questions and answers. It is your time to express your views.

11:00 a.m. Call to order:
A. Pledge of Allegiance
B. Changes to May 12, 2020 Agenda
1)
2)

2. CONSENT AGENDA For May 12, 2020

Items of routine and non-controversial nature are placed on the consent agenda. Any Commissioner or member of the audience may request an item be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered separately on the regular agenda prior to action being taken by the Board on the Consent Agenda.

A. Move to approve the below listed items of the Consent Agenda.

B. Consideration of the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado Meeting Minutes of April 28, 2020.

C. Approval of the Assessors Quarterly Abatement Report of March 2020 stating there were no abatements of \$10,000.00 or less.

D. Consideration of the Financial Management

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Report for April 2020.
E. Consideration of the DHS EBT Register and Warrant Register for April 2020.

F. Consideration of the Motor Vehicle Publication Report of April 2020.

3. BUSINESS

A. Move to approve/deny the re-appointment of Sandra Bessegini and Brian Conrado to the Historic Preservation Board for terms ending January 2023.

B. Move to approve/deny a County Retail Liquor License for Seven Lakes Lodge.

C. Move to approve/deny a letter from the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado to Strata Networks providing notice of termination of Prepaid Services Agreement and requesting the return of the unused pre-paid account in the amount of \$434,310.71.

D. Move to approve/deny a Second Amendment to the AAA Grant Award #20-11-16 between the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado and the Area Agency on Aging of Northwest Colorado, increasing the award amount from \$343,562.00 to \$88,198.41.

E. Move to Approve/Deny an Engagement Letter between the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado and Paul D. Miller CPA, LLC, to prepare a Solid Waste Disposal Report for presentation to The Department of Public Health and Environment of the State of Colorado and Rio Blanco County.

F. Move to approve/deny a waiver from the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado waiving the eighty percent Colorado labor requirement for CKC Asphalt for the 2020 Rio Blanco County Crackfill Project.

4. BID OPENINGS

A. Piceance Weed & Pest District Aerial Herbicide Spraying.

5. BID AWARDS

A. None

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6. MOU's, CONTRACTS, AND AGREEMENTS

A. Move to approve/deny Contract Modification Order No. 1 to an Agreement for Services between the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado and GMCO Corp. for the 2020 Dust Control Project extending the completion date from August 16, 2020 to October 30, 2020, adding magnesium chloride application and increasing the not to exceed amount from \$323,822.40 to \$345,224.00.

B. Move to approve/deny an Agreement for Services between the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado for the use and benefit of the Rio Blanco County Department of Public Health and Environment, and Rangely District Hospital and Dr. Abigail Urish for physician consultation and guidance in directing the Rio Blanco County Department of Public Health and Environmental Family Planning Program.

C. Move to approve/deny a Cooperative Forest Road Agreement #20-RO-11021500-020 between the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado and the USDA, Forest Service, White River National Forest for the cooperative planning, survey, design, construction, reconstruction, improvement and maintenance of certain Forest Roads in Rio Blanco County.

D. Move to approve/deny Contract Modification No. 01 to the Road Project Agreement #20-RO-11021500-020, an agreement between the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado and the USDA, Forest Service, White River National Forest, for the County Road 17 BNC Widening Project (NFR 245.1), agreeing to perform work in exchange for \$20,740.00.

7. RESOLUTIONS

A. None

8. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Road & Bridge Report - Dave Morlan

B. Public Comment

C. County Commissioners Updates

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9. PUBLIC HEARINGS

Adjourn

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

The next regular Board meeting is tentatively scheduled for May 19, 2020 in the Rio Blanco County Annex Building 1749 Hwy 64 Rangely, Colorado 81648. Please check the County's website for information at <http://rbc.us/186/>

Board-of-County-Commissioners. If you need special accommodations please call 970-878-9431 in advance of the meeting so that reasonable accommodations may be made.

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5. Minutes of Meeting

a. Discussion and Action to approve the minutes of April 28, 2020

6. Petitions and Public Input

7. Changes to the Agenda

8. Public Hearings - 7:10pm

9. Committee/Board Meetings

10. Reports From Council

11. Supervisor Reports - See Attached

12. Reports from Officers - Town Manager Update

13. Old Business

14. New Business

a. Discussion and action to approve the April 2020 Check Register

b. Discussion and action to approve liquor license renewal for Main Street Pub

15. Informational Items

a. Senator Bennet Letter Congressional Priorities

COVID fourth bill

b. RBC Letter COVID reopening Plan

16. Board Vacancies

a. Planning and Zoning Board Vacancy

17. Scheduled Announcements

a. Western Rio Blanco Park & Recreation District Board meeting is scheduled for May 13, 2020 at 7:00pm

b. Rangely District Library Board meeting is scheduled for May 13, 2020 at 5:00pm

c. Rural Fire Protection District Board meeting is scheduled for May 18, 2020 at 7:00pm

d. Rio Blanco County Commissioners Board meeting is scheduled for May 18, 2020 at 11:00am

e. Rangely Junior College District Board meeting is scheduled for May 19, 2020 at 12:00noon

f. Rangely School District Board meeting has been scheduled for May 19, 2020 at 6:15pm

g. RDA/RDC Board meeting scheduled for May 21, 2020 at 7:00am

h. Rangely Chamber of Commerce Board meeting is scheduled for May 21, 2020 at 12:00noon

i. Rio Blanco Water Conservancy District Board meeting is scheduled for May 27, 2020 at 6:00pm

j. Rangely District Hospital board meeting is scheduled for May 28, 2020 at 6:00pm

18. Adjournment

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MEEKER SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1
Board of Education Work Session
Meeker High School - 550 School Street
Meeker, CO 81641

May 11, 2020 - 6:00 pm

Due to restrictions currently in place by CDPE regarding public gatherings, this board meeting will be closed to the physical presence of community members. Community members wishing to observe the meeting may do so by using the following Google Hangout link: <https://meet.google.com/qfj-knag-vgv?hs=122>

Work Session:

1. Construction project update

a. Site walk - Haselden

b. Project Update - NV5

The remainder of the work session following the construction site walk will occur at the Meeker School District Administration Building (555 Garfield St.) and will start at approximately 7:00 p.m.

2. Construction project update - continued, if needed

3. Distance learning update

4. Board Policy

a. Final edits: BEAA - Electronic Participation in Board Meetings

b. Temporary suspension of evaluation policy provisions

5. Finance

a. State budget update

b. FY21 MSD budget projections (attached)

6. Items introduced by BOE members

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PUBLIC NOTICE
The public logic and accuracy test of the Dominion voting system to be utilized in the June 30, 2020 Primary Election will be held at 9:30am on Thursday, May 14, in the office of the Rio Blanco County Clerk at 555 Main Street, Meeker, CO.
To obtain more information concerning this test, please call (970) 878-9460.
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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 Herby 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

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;

• 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;

• IF THE BORROWER BELIEVES THAT A LENDER OR SERVICER HAS VIOLATED THE REQUIREMENTS FOR A SINGLE POINT OF CONTACT IN SECTION 38-38-103.1 OR THE PROHIBITION ON DUAL TRACKING IN SECTION 38-38-103.2, THE BORROWER MAY FILE A COMPLAINT WITH THE COLORADO ATTORNEY GENERAL, THE FEDERAL CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION BUREAU (CFPB), OR BOTH. THE FILING OF A COMPLAINT WILL NOT STOP THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS.

Colorado Attorney General
1300 Broadway, 10th Floor
Denver, Colorado 80203
(800) 222-4444
www.coloradoattorneygeneral.gov

Federal Consumer Financial Protection Bureau
P.O. Box 4503
Iowa City, Iowa 52244
(855) 411-2372
www.consumerfinance.gov

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Federal Consumer Financial Protection Bureau
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Iowa City, Iowa 52244
(855) 411-2372
www.consumerfinance.gov

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 (777) 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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DATE: 02/27/2020
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:
MARCELLO G. ROJAS #46396 SANDRA J NETTLETON #42411
Sayer Law Group, P.C. 3600 South Beeler St, Suite 300, DENVER, CO 80237 (303) 353-2965
Attorney File # C200022

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RIO BLANCO HERALD TIMES

Thursday, May 7, 2020

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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" from the outside of the bid.
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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
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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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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Initiation of the Section 106 Process-Public Participation in accordance with the FCC's Nationwide Programmatic Agreement. Hemphill, LLC intends to construct a communications facility at 3.32 mi SW of Co Rd 123 & Co Rd 67, Meeker, Rio Blanco County, CO 81641 (39.971694, -108.040864). The facility will include a self-supporting telecommunications tower with an approximate overall height of 127 ft. and associated equipment. Hemphill, LLC is publishing this notice in accordance with Federal Communications Commission regulations (47 CFR § 1.1307) for Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) and for the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). We respectfully request that parties interested in commenting on this Federal undertaking relative to potential effects on cultural or historic properties or with questions on the proposed facility should contact GSS, Inc., 1054 Texan Trail, Suite 300, Grapevine, TX 76051; Ph. (822) 651-0034 within 30 days of the posting of this notice. (GSS #D20019-CO)
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COMBINED NOTICE - MAILING

CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 20-05

To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust: On February 27, 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): Wesley J Torsell
Original Beneficiary(ies): Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. acting solely as nominee for American Brokers Conduit

Current Holder of Evidence of Debt: Specialized Loan Servicing LLC

Date of Deed of Trust: June 29, 2007

County of Recording: Rio Blanco

Recording Date of Deed of Trust: July 02, 2007

Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/Page No.): 289090

Original Principal Amount: \$60,000.00

Outstanding Principal Balance: \$54,885.51

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.

SUBLOT NO. 1 RANGELY TOWNHOMES 1, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED SEPTEMBER 8, 1977 AS RECEPTION NO. 176834, TOWN OF RANGELY, COUNTY OF RIO BLANCO, STATE OF COLORADO.

Also known by street and number as: 136 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 Herby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, 07/01/2020, at Office of the Public Trustee, Rio Blanco County Courthouse, 555 Main Street, Meeker CO 81641, sell to the highest and

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RIO BLANCO COUNTY
CR 7 M.P. 4.24 BRIDGE REPLACEMENT project
REQUEST FOR BID

Rio Blanco County is seeking a qualified contractor to replace a sub-standard bridge with a 16' x 10' concrete box culvert (poured in place) and remove existing bridge. Construction specifications will follow the "2019 Colorado Department of Transportation's Standard Specifications for Road & Bridge Construction". Project Special Revisions and Standard Provisions applicable to this project are included with the Bid Package. A State of Colorado DOLA Energy Impact Assistance Grant is funding 40% of the project costs. Successful bidder shall also provide an engineer-stamped Load Factor Rating Summary.

BID DOCUMENTS: Bid Documents shall be available on May 7, 2020 on-line at www.govbids.com/scripts/co1/public/home1.asp, or on the county's website at www.rbc.us on the Elected Offices & Boards/Bids & Requests for Proposals/Bid Postings page.

BIDDER QUALIFICATIONS: Vendors must be listed on the most current CDOT Pre-qualified Contractor Listing. Vendors must provide a current and valid copy of their Certificate of Good Standing issued by the State of Colorado Secretary of State. Vendors must provide a list of 5 of your most recent similar projects with contact information.

MANDATORY PRE-BID MEETING: Bidders must attend the mandatory pre-bid meeting: May 18, 2020 at 10:00 A.M. at the Rio Blanco County Road & Bridge Dept., 570 Second Street, Meeker.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, attendees must RSVP by 5:00 P.M. Thursday, May 14 to van.pilaud@rbc.us. Pre-Bid Meeting will be held in the County Shop area. Attendees will be screened at the door, must wear face masks (self-provided), and shall maintain 6 feet between them and others.

PROJECT ENGINEER AND QUESTIONS: Van Pilaud, County Engineer, (970) 878-9590, Fax (970) 878-3396. All Bidders are advised to examine the site and become familiar with all conditions. Any questions regarding this Project are to be directed in writing to Van Pilaud before 5:00 P.M. on May 20, 2020 at the above address or fax number.

WORK SCHEDULE: Project shall be complete by August 31, 2020.

BID SUBMITTALS: Bidder shall submit sealed bids for this project which shall include all information required by the contract documents. Bids shall have Bidder's name and address and "SEALED BID – 2020 CR 7 M.P. 4.24 BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT" printed on the outside.

Each bid must include a certified check or cashier's check in the amount of not less than five percent (5%) of the total bid, made payable to Rio Blanco County, or by a bid bond in like amount executed by a surety company.

Due to Memorial Day Holiday, mailed bids are due no later than 4:00 P.M. on Friday, May 22, 2020. Do not depend on overnight delivery. Mailing Address: Rio Blanco County Commissioners, Attn: Vicki Edwards, P.O. Box 599, Meeker, CO 81641.

Hand delivered bids will be accepted from 8:00 A.M. to 10:45 A.M. on May 26, 2020. Hand-delivery address: Rio Blanco County Commissioners, 555 Main Street, Meeker, CO 81641.

BID OPENING: Bids shall be opened and read in public at 11:15 A.M. on May 26, 2020 at the Rio Blanco County Historic

Courthouse, 555 Main Street, 3rd Floor, Meeker, CO. Bids submitted after 10:45 A.M. will be returned not opened. Bids submitted and opened shall not be withdrawn for 30 days thereafter.

BID AWARD:

This project cannot be awarded until the County receives a grant contract from the State of Colorado, anticipated to be by mid-May. Construction efficiency and timely completion are major considerations for the award of this project. A realistic construction schedule is required to be submitted with bid. A bar chart showing the salient features as set forth in the specifications is acceptable.

BID PREFERENCE:

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

COLORADO LABOR:

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

BID AWARD:

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

RIO BLANCO COUNTY:

Dated: May 4, 2020
By: Jeff Rector, Chairman
Published: May 7 and 14, 2020
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

RIO BLANCO COUNTY
2020 CULVERTS AND GABION BASKETS
REQUEST FOR BID

PROJECT NAME:
2020 Culverts and Gabion Baskets. THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF RIO BLANCO COUNTY IS SOLICITING BIDS FOR SUPPLYING MISCELLANEOUS SIZES CULVERTS AND GABION BASKETS.

BID DOCUMENTS:
Bid documents shall be available at the Rio Blanco County Road and Bridge Dept., 570 Second St., Meeker, CO 81641, at www.rbc.us, Public Announcements Page, and www.govbids.com/scripts/co1/public/home1.asp.

COUNTY REPRESENTATIVE:
Clint Chappell, Road & Bridge Coordinator, (970) 878-9590, Fax (970) 878-3396. Any questions regarding this bid are to be directed in writing to Clint Chappell before Friday, May 15, 2020 at 4:00 P.M. at the above fax number.

DELIVERY AND PAYMENT:
Delivery and payment

COMBINED NOTICE - MAILING

CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 19-23

To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust: On November 15, 2019, 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): DAWNETT L. PARMENTER and HOLLIS E. DAUTHERTY
Original Beneficiary(ies): MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC.
AS NOMINEE FOR FIDELITY MORTGAGE OF NY A DIVISION OF DELTA FUNDING CORPORATION, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS

Current Holder of Evidence of Debt: HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE FOR THE REGISTERED NOTEHOLDERS OF RENAISSANCE HOME EQUITY LOAN TRUST 2006-4

Date of Deed of Trust: November 10, 2006

County of Recording: Rio Blanco

Recording Date of Deed of Trust: November 28, 2006

Recording Information (Receipt No. and/or Book/Page No.): 286907

Original Principal Amount: \$131,840.00

Outstanding Principal Balance: \$114,643.38

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.

PARCEL NO. 13 OF MEADOWS AS SHOWN BY THE PLAT FILED NOVEMBER 1, 1978 RECEPTION NO. 184647 RIO BLANCO COUNTY, COLORADO, LESS AND EXCEPTING FROM SAID PARCEL NO. 13, THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PARCEL OF LAND, TO WIT: BEGINNING AT A POINT WHICH BEARS NORTH 88°56'00" EAST, 1153.63 FEET FROM CORNER NO. 3 OF TRACT 53, TOWNSHIP 1 NORTH, RANGE 95 WEST OF THE 6TH P.M., THENCE NORTH 88°56'00" EAST, 277.26 FEET; THENCE ALONG THE CENTER LINE OF THE WHITE RIVER, NORTH 12°23'25" WEST, 183.48 FEET; THENCE NORTH 28°57'34" WEST, 227.47 FEET; THENCE NORTH 53°2'31" WEST, 151.29 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 76°37'54" WEST, 12.76 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 00°46'14" EAST, 470.48 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

Also known by street and number as: 234 MEADOW LANE, MEEKER, CO 81641.

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, 07/01/2020, 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: 5/7/2020

Last Publication: 6/4/2020

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 DEFECT 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;

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;

IF THE BORROWER BELIEVES THAT A LENDER OR SERVICER HAS VIOLATED THE REQUIREMENTS FOR A SINGLE POINT OF CONTACT IN SECTION 38-38-103.1 OR THE PROHIBITION ON DUAL TRACKING IN SECTION 38-38-103.2, THE BORROWER MAY FILE A COMPLAINT WITH THE COLORADO ATTORNEY GENERAL, THE FEDERAL CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION BUREAU (CFPB), OR BOTH. THE FILING OF A COMPLAINT WILL NOT STOP THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS.

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www.coloradoattorneygeneral.gov

Federal Consumer Financial Protection Bureau
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Iowa City, Iowa 52244
(855) 411-2372
www.consumerfinance.gov

DATE: 11/06/2019
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:

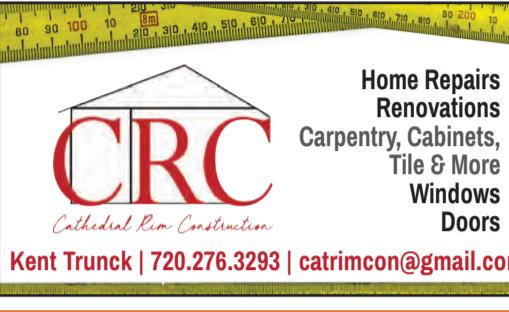
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The Attorney above is acting as a debt collector and is attempting to collect a debt. Any information provided may be used for that purpose.

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4/30/57

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Pioneers Medical Center

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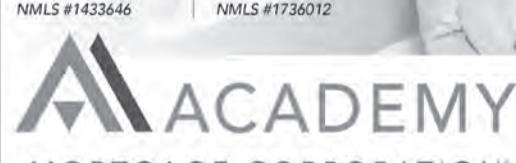
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