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Whistleblowers say they falsified patient records at Mind Springs Health

BY SUSAN GREENE

Colorado News Collaborative

RBC I A troubled Western Slope mental health care center falsified assessments of its patients' conditions for at least nine years in an effort to make its treatment programs seem more effective and secure funding from the state, whistleblowers say.

The state overlooked what former workers describe as a long practice by the Grand Junction-based Mind Springs Health of intentionally writing bogus patient evaluations. The three departments tasked with regulating Colorado's mental health safety net system failed to notice the allegedly falsified reports during a recent multi-agency audit of the center, and over years of lax oversight.

"You've got to wonder how closely these so-called regulatory agencies are really looking," says Sunny Sullivan, one of 29 current and former Mind Springs workers who have come forward to tell the Colorado News Collaborative (COLab) what they see as legal and ethical breaches.

Among the allegations, Sullivan and five other former workers say their supervisors had them and their colleagues fill out mental health assessments of patients they knew little or nothing about and hadn't actually evaluated. The whistleblowers, who were not trained in behavioral health care and had no clinical licenses or experience at the time they worked for Mind Springs, say their bosses also told them to:

■ Make up diagnoses for patients to justify treating them

fy treating them

Diagnose

Diagnose certain patients with disorders they did not have in order to qualify them for costly, Medicaid-funded treatment they did not need

■ Show progress among all patients they were assigned to assess — including those whose symptoms had not actually improved — because state funding for the center hinged partly on the success of its treatment

Mind Springs' langtime CEO Sharen

Mind Springs' longtime CEO Sharon Raggio and two of its other top executives resigned following a Colorado News Collaborative investigation about access to and quality of the center's care. Interim CEO Doug Pattison and the center's spokeswoman had not returned multiple emails and phone calls over several months about these latest allegations before the deadline for this story.

The former workers' accounts span from 2012 to 2021, suggesting that falsifying records wasn't merely a one-off or occasional mistake in a state whose law is silent about specifically who should complete those records and how. Rather, whistleblowers say this was an intentional, at least nine-year practice of concocting patient information that gave state regulators and policy makers a

distorted view of Mind Springs' effectiveness and, most likely, resulted in the center reaping more public funding than it would have otherwise.

"I'm no legal expert, but I'm pretty sure what we were doing was fraud," says former case manager Amy Jensen, who estimates she took part in doctoring at least 1,000 patient assessments between 2014 and 2018.

"I've wondered how long it could go on without anyone at the state bothering to do something about it."

CCAR PARTIES

Mind Springs is one of 17 regional community mental health centers statewide that have long made up the core of Colorado's safety-net system.

The center serves people in 10 Western Slope counties: Eagle, Garfield, Grand, Jackson, Mesa, Moffat, Pitkin, Rio Blanco, Routt and Summit. Its last financial disclosure, from 2019, shows it received \$26 million annually to provide inpatient hospitalization, intensive outpatient treatment, outpatient psychiatric care, counseling, and other forms of treatment for Medicaid recipients and indigent people under its exclusive contracts with the

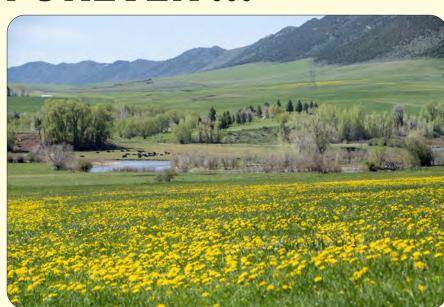
Those contracts – and the contracts of the 16 other community mental health centers – would no longer be exclusive if Gov. Jared Polis signs into law a massive bill passed last week to reform Colorado's safety net system under a new cabinet-level agency called the Behavioral Health Administration, which, upon its launch in July, will replace the state's current Office of Behavioral Health within the Department of Human Services.

The Behavioral Health Office long has required the centers and other mental health care providers complete evaluations called Colorado Client Assessment Records, or CCARs for short, for each person receiving Medicaid or other publicly funded care. One CCAR must be filled out upon intake for treatment and another when treatment has ended. Care providers must submit additional CCARs for clients in long-term therapy and for psychiatric patients who are medicated or hospitalized long-term.

The 8-page evaluation asks, among other information, for the client's diagnosis. It also poses 25 subjective questions meant to assess their current mental health status: their levels of depression or hope, their grasp on reality, and their ability to function without treatment, for example. The person filling out the questionnaire is supposed to interpret often complex and contradictory answers, synthesize them with what they know about the client's current mental health status, and rank each on a severity scale from 1 through 9 – 1 meaning wellness and 9 indicating crisis.

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DANDELION FIELDS FOREVER ...





CAITLIN WALKER PHOTO

A man who took great pride in his lawn found himself with a large crop of dandelions. He tried every method he knew to get rid of them. Still they plagued him. Finally he wrote the department of agriculture. He enumerated all the things he had tried and closed his letter with the question: What shall I do now? In due course the reply came: We suggest you learn to love them.

— Anthony de Mello

The lowly dandelion has been vilified for decades as an enemy in the American quest for a perfect lawn. Now, health risks associated with weed killer, concerns for the future of honeybees and other pollinators, and the beginning of a paradigm shift away from perfectly manicured grass to more sustainable, functional, drought-tolerant outdoor spaces, the dandelion is

experiencing a bit of a reprieve.

Dandelions are one of the first plants to appear in the spring, and one of the earliest flowering plants for bees and other pollinators. They're good for humans, too. Every part of the dandelion has well-documented nutritional or medicinal properties. You can find dandelion tea on the shelves of most grocery stores and tinctures and supplements made from dried dandelion roots and leaves in health food stores.

Or you can find an unadulterated patch of dandelions and collect your own. The leaves are edible and can be added to salad and eaten raw or steamed like spinach or other greens. The roots are edible, too, and can be consumed like other root vegetables. The showy yellow flowers can be turned into "dandelion honey" — a kind of simple syrup, or with a little time and patience, made into dandelion wine. Recipes abound, some of them from cultures as old as the ancient

Recipes abound, some of them from cultures as old as the ancient Egyptians. Even in the 1800s in America, dandelions were showcased at county fairs, and seed books sold dandelion seeds for cultivation. Since "landscaped lawns" became a status symbol in the last century, homeowners have been trying to eradicate dandelions with every tool in their arsenals. And yet the dandelions continue to thrive and survive despite suburbia's best efforts to do them in.

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COUNTY BEAT Airport water supply, fire codes discussed

By LUCAS TURNER lucas@ht1885.com

RBC I County staff and local fire officials are actively discussing the need for additional water at the Meeker Airport following multiple inquiries about new hangar construction on the property. RBC Building Inspector Matt Franks and Emergency Manager Eddie Smercina discussed the issue with the Board of Commissioners Tuesday following their own separate discussions with the local fire protection board, Meeker Fire Chief Luke Pelloni and the state fire marshal.

In past work sessions about adding water capacity at the Meeker airport, county staff and officials discussed installing a new water line. Unfortunately such a project would be costly, and might not start until at least 2025 according to Budget and Finance Director Janae Stanworth.

Building Inspector Matt Franks proposed an alternative, intermediate solution to allow hangar construction in the near term — "an 18,000 gallon cistern hooked to a hydrant in a central location." He said such a system could be used to suppress a fire if necessary, though con-

structing it would require a special fire code variance from the local fire chief.

Franks said the local fire board has already indicated an unwillingness to grant additional variances for fire suppression cisterns in the event of future hangar construction requests. This means the county will still have to consider adding a new water line at the airport in order to facilitate additional hangar-construction projects. According to paralegal Vicki Edwards, an additional hangar construction inquiry is already in the queue.

Stanworth said facilities director Eric Jacquez plans to present possible funding solutions for a water line installation at the airport sometime in June. In the meantime, RBC board members will meet with the local fire board to discuss the issue in more detail.

FIRE CODE

As part of a broader discussion, Franks expressed his thoughts about the need for a more "localized" fire code. As it stands, RBC falls under state and federal codes, which Franks deemed "restrictive," and potentially inappropriate for a county with a large number of remote locations, many of which have already

been granted special variances in order to continue operation. County Attorney Don Steerman also expressed general support for a more local-specific fire code, noting that existing variances could pose a liability in the event of litigation.

RV SEPTIC REGULATION

Commissioners Ty Gates and Jennifer O'Hearon voted to send a proposed land use regulation (LUR) amendment back to the planning commission for the second time following discussion about confusing legal language. Under current regulations, residents cannot live in RVs longer than 120 days (from April to November) without being hooked up to a central water/sewer system. Franks explained the regulation could impact residents who were living in RVs while their permanent home was being constructed.

The planning commission's initial proposal was rejected by the board of commissioners who asked for more specifics. The latest version of the amendment was also rejected following concerns from Steerman about its language. He emphasized the benefit of requiring residents living in RVs to propose a specific plan about how exactly they will

dispose of wastewater. The amendment was tabled until the planning commission reconvenes for further discussion.

OTHER BUSINESSES

During a short regular meeting, the board approved an engagement letter with Paul D. Miller to prepare a Solid Waste Disposal Report for presentation to the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment. They also approved a liquor license to the Town of Meeker for 2022 Range Call events, as well as distribution of federal Title 1 "Forest Reserve Fund" money to local school districts.

RBC Board of Commissioners Chairman Ty Gates said he attended multiple meetings in the last week, including some with county staff, and others about recovery and agriculture.

Commissioner O'Hearon said she's been busy getting to know department heads, getting ready to attend the Colorado Counties Incorporated (CCI) conference, and catching up on all of the commissioner meetings from this year, which are archived and available on the county's YouTube page at https://www.youtube.com/c/RioBlancoCountyColorado/videos

JUST KEEP RIDING ...



On May 7, Joe Conrado hopped on his red Salsa bike and pedaled from Craig to Maybell to Meeker, covering more than 70 miles. "We like to say one mile for every birthday... and a few extra for insurance! Great job, Bop! We are so proud of you!" said photo submitter Ali Hootman.

Simonsen graduates from U Wyo

Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER I Natalie Simonsen of Meeker graduated from the University of Wyoming with her bachelor of science in nursing. Simonsen also received the Professional Nurse Award from the UW Fay W. Whitney School of Nursing for demonstration of excellence in practice, community and professional service.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF MEMBERS

Members of Moon Lake Electric Association. Inc.

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Meeting of the Members of Moon Lake Electric Association, Inc., will be held in Moon Lake's Operations Building at 800 West Hwy. 40 in Roosevelt, Duchesne County, Utah, on Thursday, May 26, 2022, beginning at 5:00 p.m. for the following purposes:

- 1) To elect Directors for the Board of Directors of Moon Lake Electric Association, Inc., to represent Districts 4, 5 and 7 each for a 3-year term.
- 2) Presentation of the Annual Report to the members.
- 3) For consideration of such other business as may come before said meeting.

Signed this 31st day of March 2022.

Josh Hunter Secretary-Treasurer



at PMC

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Meeker Drugs at PMC will be open for business on Tuesday, May 31st

The Prescription Transportation Program will end on Friday, June 10th

If you or a family member utilize the prescription transportation service, please have your prescription transferred from Rangely Pharmacy to Meeker Drugs at PMC as soon as possible. Please contact Rangely Pharmacy or Meeker Drugs at PMC for more information.

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NEWS NOTES

Coram coming to Meeker

RBC | State Senator Don Coram, Montrose is a Republican candidate for the 3rd Congressional District. He is a challenger to the incumbent Rep. Lauren Boebert, Rifle. Don Coram will be in Meeker this Saturday, May 21, 2022. There will be a meet and greet downstairs at the Hugus Building, 594 Main St. in Meeker. Please come and meet Don Coram. Beverages and snacks will be provided.

Piceance Mustangs work day and BBQ

MEEKER | Piceance Mustangs is having a work day and BBQ on the Piceance range on May 21. The work day will start at 10 a.m. We will meet at the Yellow Creek Corrals. BBQ will be at 1 p.m., Piceance Mustangs will provide hamburgers, hot dogs and beverages. Tours of the range will be available after the BBQ. Come meet our beautiful Piceance Mustangs. Directions: take Hwy. 64 to County Road 5, turn right on County Road 20, bear right at the intersection onto County Road 122 and take the first left into the Yellow Creek Corrals. Please bring a side dish to share. Hope to see you there.

Primary election affiliation

RBC | To vote on local races in the primary, you either need to be registered as a Republican or an unaffiliated voter. If you are registered as a Democrat, Libertarian, or other party, you have until Monday, May 23 to change your affiliation to Republican or unaffiliated at the Rio Blanco County Clerk and Recorder's office in order to cast a ballot on the primary ticket, which will determine the outcome of the District 1 commissioner and sheriff's race.

PAC meeting May 26

RBC | The Planning Advisory Committee (PAC) will be meeting on Thursday, May 26 at the Weiss Conference Room on the Rangely CNCC Campus. The meeting will run from 6:00 to 8 p.m. The PAC will review the Phase II Report, the Reach Reports, hear the results from the four public meetings, and discuss priorities for the Phase III Scope of Work.

VWF announcements

MEEKER | The VFW and Auxiliary have a few announcements:

- Community dinners at the VFW will resume in the fall.

- Poppies will be available at the Meeker Post Office on Friday, May 27 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. - Memorial Day ceremonies will be held on Monday, May 30 at 9:30

Monday, May 30 at 9:30 a.m. at the Fifth Street bridge and at Highland Cemetery immediately following (approximately 10 a.m.)

June book club

MEEKER | The book club will be reading "Dinner at the Homesick Restaurant" by Anne Tyler. We will discuss the book on Monday, June 13 at 1 p.m. All are welcome to join in the fun.

DANCING TO THE BEAT ...



MICHELLE COX PHOTO

Members of the Eastern Rio Blanco Metropolitan Recreation and Park District's dance program presented their annual dance performances in early May to a selection of musical "one-hit wonders." View more photos at https://www.facebook.com/michellecoxphotographyllc/photos



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EDITOR'S COLUMN

There is always the danger that those who think alike should gravitate together into 'coteries' where they will henceforth encounter opposition only in the emasculated form of rumor that the outsiders say thus and thus. The absent are easily refuted, complacent dogmatism thrives, and differences of opinion are embittered by group hostility. Each group hears not the best, but the worst, that the other groups can say.

~C.S. Lewis

By NIKI TURNER editor@ht1885.com

readers everal have asked if we are hosting a candidate forum/debate for the contested races at the county level as we have done in previous election cycles. Well, we were planning on it.

After waiting for the recall election results to come in, we sent out a "Doodle" poll

via email last Friday to the candidates for sheriff and commissioner (four candidates in all) to figure out a time and date where everyone could gather for a

nonpartisan public forum a job interview, in essence.

I received responses from three of the four candidates before the weekend was over. I was waiting on the last

one when RBC Republican Party President Sam Tolley called on Monday morning to let me know that the county GOP has decided to host its own forums/debates for the primary candidates, rendering our plans for a nonpartisan forum unnecessary.

One of the four candidates then deleted his poll responses for availability, and the fourth suggested we "just cover the Republican forum" instead.

We will report on the Republican pending forum, availability one of our three staff members. It is history in the making, as no one

we've asked seems to recall any time in the past when a political party hosted its own candidate forums for its own candidates. Exactly why the county GOP has chosen to

do so at this time, for this particular election, is open to speculation.

While it seems a little unusual to have a political party host its own candidate debates, the most important thing is that all RBC voters not just Republicans, because these officials won't just represent Republicans have access to the information they need about the candidates to make informed decisions when

If you have questions you'd like the candidates to answer, please submit those to us by phone, email, or in person as soon as you can, as we would love to have the candidates to join us for live interviews in our podcast studio, and to submit written responses to questions for



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By DOLLY VISCARDI Special to the Herald Times

t has taken a long time for me to get used conducting daily business in

this digital world. Many of us are moving steadily forward, but some of us continue to flounder around. I am one of those who remain baffled when a problem arises with my smartphone or laptop. That helpless feeling, of



Dolly Viscardi

obstacle first completing the task at hand appears. One morning I discovered that I could not make a phone

call because my contact list, with all the names, addresses, phone numbers and e-mail addresses had vanished. Suddenly faced with an empty screen, I only knew I had not deleted any of my contacts — business or family and

friends. I just decided to check the recent call list on my phone and start a new list. It didn't even occur to me that our old family iPad was freshly fine-tuned and all our information cleaned off for our favorite elementary school student's use. The other thing that slipped my mind was that I had been keeping all my documents and information uploaded to the Apple "Cloud." How silly this particular technological tool sounds with its whimsical name, but it's such a practical solution.

KAYE'S CORNER

Fire prevention, Part 3

By KAYE SULLIVAN *Special to the Herald Times*

f course, nothing is completely fireproof, but there are steps you can take to decrease your home's vulnerability. Here is a link to great article on wildfire mitigation.

https://csfs.colostate.edu/ wildfire-mitigation/protectyour-home-property-from-

Steps such as removing dead foliage near your house foundation, trimming tree branches that touch your roof, moving firewood away from the house, and using fire resistant materials on your roof can all help. Look at the trees near your house and think about how fire could be blown onto your property. Keep your grass mowed and store gas cans outside your house.

Our local fire department can visit your home and provide advice about how to mitigate fire hazards. A guideline for homeowners is to think in zones.

Zone 1 is 0-5 feet from your house. Keep your foundation safe and prevent fire from burning up the Be sure your gutters are

side by removing anything that might contribute to fire spreading up the side of your house.

Zone 2 is 5-30 feet out. Remember that fire can spread from treetop to roof. If you have growing grass

under the foliage near you house mow to four inches and keep the ground clear of combustibles.

Kaye Sullivan

Zone 3 is 30-100 feet away. Consider items such as wooden gates or fences that could easily contribute to fire issues. So named "ladder fires" can burn up trees with low or dead branches. Trim these and remove dry materials.

If you have smokers, be sure their discards go far away from the house. If you have an outdoor grill, dispose of charcoal in a safe area. Carefully position outdoor firepits away from your house. Don't leave your grill or firepit unattended and be sure the fire is completely out before you leave.

If you are re-roofing, stall fire registant materials

cleaned of debris. Keep

Keep your lawn, alley, and any other land mowed. The Town of Meeker includes a code for Trash and Weed Abatement. It requires mowing to a height of less than twelve inches

by June 20. Failure to comply can result in a citation. Remember, you will also be helping your neighborhood by maintaining your property and preventing the spread of

In the end property mitigation means smart and constant upkeep of your property. Be sure it is properly insured and update frequently.

Although firefighters will do their best to respond, it is up to each of us to maintain our properties, prepare, and address potential issues before they become fire dangers.

Many thanks to Mandi Etheridge, Administrator Town of Meeker for her assistance with this article.

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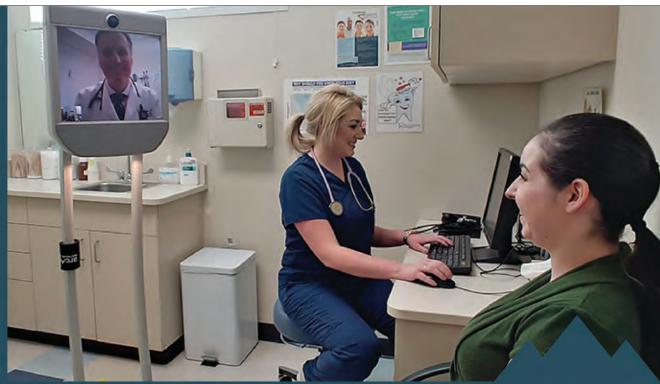
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Support for Overton

Dear Editor:

I am writing this letter both in support of Doug Overton for RBC Commissioner as well as to address unfounded concerns regarding Mr. Overton's relationship with Gary Moyer.

Are Doug and Gary friends? Yes, they are. Do they agree on every issue? Let me ask you this. Do you agree with your friends on everything or are you capable of agreeing to disagree, making your own decisions. Doug and Gary have had their fair share of disagreements, and at times it affects their friendship, but does that mean one should write the other off? Do they react to every situation in the same manner? No they do not. They are both strong individuals with very different styles and ideas.

Doug is very capable of making good decisions based on various sources of information. He is not someone who is easily influenced by anyone.

I have known Doug my entire life. We grew up in the same church and our parents were the best of friends. Doug and I also were volunteers on the Meeker Ambulance Service for many years where we worked closely and always with the best interest of the community in mind. Doug served as Fire Chief for a number of years on the

event (July 22, 2022).

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member.

a few of them.

Meeker Fire Department as well as serving on the Board of the Fire Protection

I served with Doug as a Fire Board Member for eight years. I found Doug to be one of the best numbers person I've ever known. Many people describe Doug as the voice of reason, which I definitely know to be true. I have never known Doug to make a knee jerk decision. He always has the patience and fortitude to glean all the necessary information before making an informed decision.

Doug is solid in every aspect of his life, from his family, to his business as well as his community.

When Doug left home after graduating high school in 1973, he had \$20 in his pocket. Doug is now a very successful business man as well as being responsible for the management of multiple employees. The experience he has in business and employee management will be a great asset for the people of this county. Where he and his family are today, is definitely a reflection of a lifetime of good business and financial decisions.

Doug has the background, knowledge and dedication to do the best job for Rio Blanco County.

Please vote Doug Overton for RBC Commissioner.

> Respectfully, Sherri Halandras Meeker

Kilowatt Korner

s we near the end of May, we prepare to celebrate our Meeker High

School graduates and take time to honor those who have made the

ultimate sacrifice for our country on Memorial Day. WREA would like

to thank all our military personnel and their families for their dedicated

and heroic service. We are especially proud of WREA's past and present employees and Board members who are U.S. military veterans. And a big

congratulations goes out to all those graduating this spring - great job on

candidates for the 2022 WREA Elections will be available on June 15,

2022, at WREA's front counter and on the website at https://wrea.org/

annual-meeting. Candidate petitions are due back to WREA no later

than Wednesday, July 13, 2022, and require fifteen valid membership

signatures. Please call WREA if you have any questions about becoming a director, the Director Elections (September 14, 2022), the WREA Annual

Meeting video (September 14, 2022), or the WREA Member Appreciation

fundamental element of the cooperative financial structure. Members

help build and sustain electric cooperatives by contributing revenues

generated through electric sales. Revenues that exceed annual expenses

are referred to as "margins". WREA retains these margins and uses them

as working capital to operate, maintain and expand the electric system.

Each May, WREA assesses its total margins from the previous year and

allocates those margins to the membership in the form of allocated

service in 2021. The allocated capital credits remain in the members' name until the WREA Board of Directors determine that it is financially feasible to pay (retire) those allocated funds back to the membership.

WREA traditionally "retires" (pays out) capital credits annually on an average 15 to 20 year rotation. In August, WREA will retire (payout) capital

Capital credits for deceased members may be retired (paid out) early.

A deceased member's heirs may apply for the early retirement of capital

credits previously allocated to the decedent. This Board policy was put

in place to help expedite payments owing to a decedent's estate. If a

deceased member held an account jointly, and the joint owner is still

living, the capital credits will be allocated to the surviving member and

paid as part of the normal rotation. Please contact WREA if you have

any questions about the early retirement of capital credits for a deceased

cooperative. Elections for local democratic control, the payment of

capital credits, commitment to customer and community service are just

and appreciates the member's positive responses to the recent articles.

WREA welcomes members to reach out with energy questions. WREA

offers solar leasing through the White River Solar program as well as Net

Metering options for rooftop solar. Please call our office if you have any

questions about rooftop solar or our solar leasing program.

There are many benefits to being a member of a rural electric

WREA kicked off an energy series with the Rio Blanco Herald Times

Members who received service in 2021 will receive an allocation notice in the mail later this month. These notices will detail the amount allocated (earmarked) to each member based upon their total electric

Capital credits are not only a member benefit they are also the

In WREA's recent survey, members identified that voting in director elections and receiving capital credits were two of the most important benefits associated with electric cooperative membership. The 2022 Board of Director Election will be held by mail-in ballot on September 14, 2022. In 2022, members will vote for two directors from the Rural District and one director from the Town of Meeker. Petitions for director

all your hard work and best of luck on your next adventures.

GUEST COLUMN

Market volatility continues

Market **Commentary by** Justin Kawcak, MBA, CLU(R), ChFC(R), CFP (R)

Special to the Herald Times

022 has been a challenging year for ■ investors so far. The S&P 500 Index just had one of its worst Aprils in decades, and May is off to a rocky start. Bond investors have not fared much better as rising interest rates have pushed down bond prices. Bond losses have made the stock market volatility feel even worse than usual. Markets don't like uncertainty but it's getting a healthy dose of it this year, dealing with high inflation, tighter Federal Reserve monetary policy, COVID-19 shutdowns in China, and snarling global supply chains, all while the war in Ukraine continues.

Investing mistakes often take place during periods of elevated volatility. One of the most frequent is trying to time the market by jumping in and out. Market timers must be right twice, and timing the return to the market can be extremely difficult to pull off. Markets can turn quickly, and missing even just one big up day can significantly reduce returns over time. The biggest daily gains tend to come in down markets, making them especially difficult to predict. Time in the market, not timing the market, may be more beneficial to long term investors.

When markets are shaky, it can be helpful to look to long-term fundamentals that have provided the foundation of positive returns for stocks and bonds over the long run. For stocks, gains depend on the ability of corporations to grow earnings, which they have continued to do during first quarter earnings season—S&P 500 Index earnings per share are on track to increase 10% year over year. For bonds, the key fundamental has simply been the ability of borrowers to make required payments. Corporations and consumers enjoy strong balance sheets and have the financial firepower to pay their debts. While the future is always uncertain, we believe those fundamentals

tially supportive fundamental backdrop, the volatility we've seen in stocks this year is not unusual. Although negative returns for a full calendar year are infrequent, corrections are fairly common. Since 1980, the S&P 500 has been negative for a calendar year just seven times, but the average decline within any year has been 14%. Mid-term election years have tended to see increased early year volatility, as political uncertainty rises. Inflation can also be challenging. Years with inflation over 5% have seen more frequent stock market declines than a typical year, but stocks

remain in place. Even against a poten-

above typical baseline levels. Job seekers are participating in a tight labor market with twice as many openings as unemployed people. Businesses are enjoying high profit margins despite cost pressures. The economy is expected to grow in the latter part of this year after a surprise contraction in the first quarter, though the growth path may be bumpy as monetary policy is recalibrated from exceedingly loose to moderately tight and consumers and busi-

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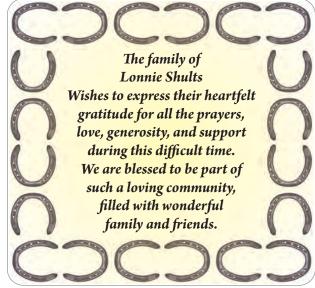
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nesses adjust to higher borrowing costs. Our base case is still for above-trend

economic growth in 2022. We believe patient investors stand a better chance of meeting their long-term goals. No one has a crystal ball, but at lower valuations, history suggests the chances of above-average returns going forward may be rising. It's tough to do during times like this, but we encourage long term investors to stick to their game plan.

Justin Kawcak, MBA, CLU®, ChFC®, CFP® is an LPL Financial Advisor and Investment Consultant with LPL Financial and Altitude Financial Services in Craig, Colorado.



White River Algae Study Public Meeting

Please Join Us!

June 2nd @ 6:00p.m. Meeker Fire Protection District's Training Room 240 7th St, Meeker, CO

USGS will be presenting their findings from the four-year White River Algae Study.









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What is a Riparian buffer, and why is a bunch of vegetation important?

Riparian buffers, what does that even mean? 'ripa' is Latin for bank, and

a buffer is something that neutralizes or softens a blow. The riparian buffer itself consists of natural vegetation from the edge of the stream bank throughout the area next to the stream (riparian zone). This strip of vegetation has a crucial role in the health of the environment. The riparian buffer provides a myriad of support for the stream, the wildlife and fish that utilize it. The vegetation offers a food source, as well as varying the amount of sunlight that reaches the stream, thus moderating temperature, and controlling the amount of algae growth. The vegetation growth on the sides of the river can also offer habitats for the aquatic animals, both with vegetation and piece of woody debris that get caught.

The vegetation itself is a tool for stabilizing the stream banks, which reduces erosion. The root system is also able to trap and hold sediments and filter other material from runoff, through being able to intercept and store water then slowly release the filtered water to the stream.

A restored buffer will have native plants, a diverse canopy, shrub, and ground layer vegetation. Ideally there will be no invasive species or eroding soils. This all takes time and preparation, but if it's an interest, feel free to contact the Meeker NRCS field office

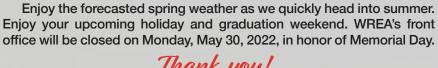
at 970-878-5628. For more information follow these links:

- https://dep.wv.gov/WWE/getinvolved/sos/Pages/
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Douglas Creek Conservation District

White River



Thank you!
~ White River Electric Association

GUEST COLUMN

What does a Scot wear under his kilt?

By ED PECK

Special to the Herald **Times**

hoes and socks of course! I attended the Grand Valley Scottish Festival in Grand Junction this weekend. And yes, I wore my kilt with my dirk (short dagger) in my right sock. The dirk is used more as an eating utensil than a weapon. It has been known to be used on fools who taunt us about wearing "skirts." REAL MEN WEAR KILTS! Feasts often included platters of venison or fowl. Parties were BYOC, "Bring Your Own Cutlery." You were expected to cut off a hunk with your dirk and eat with your hands. More and more venues have metal detectors at the gates. Not at Celtic festivals. Still, I don't know many public gatherings where "open carry" means daggers, broadswords, axes and the dreaded bagpipe.

American has a huge

immigrants. They are spread all over. They came in waves for economic reasons and political asylum. Scots financed many endeavors in the Colonies. Scots were proud of the reputation of holding tight on to their pennies, but they were also savvy about investing. They still are. When I first visited Scotland, a distillery tour guide told us that there was more Scotch in bonded warehouses than the English had gold in the treasury. Talk about liquid assets! That leads me to my first FAQ. Do not misuse the word Scotch. Scotch is a whisky distilled in Scotland. A proper Scotsman consumes it at room temperature often with a wee bit of spring water. I am sure there is law against ice in refreshments in Great Britain. A Scot or Scotsman is a person born in Scotland who probably consumes large quantities of Scotch. That's what makes

him Scottish, not Scotch.

population of Scottish It is said that a foreigner could become Scottish by absorption.

> Anyway, when the Scots came to America, much of their culture, language and stills came with them. There are large concentrations in the South in the Carolinas and Georgia. Appalachia suited them well. A certain disdain for governments, stubbornness, combativeness and pride in self-sufficiency still exists in rural areas family clans have occupied for generations. Try to think of Andrew Jackson's personality, Hatfield and McCoy feuds, prohibition stills and trespassers getting shot at. Time has softened the attitudes a little, but the heart of the Highland Scot is alive and well in America. The Highlands is the rough, rocky region of Scotland in the West. It has more sheep, less population and less flat farmland. It has many coastal islands and large inland lochs (lakes) with salmon to feed the world, and of course the world famous "Nessie," monster of the Loch Ness. It is also home to the Highland cattle which one of our local ranches raises here. There it is known as the "Mucklecoo" which roughly translates as messy cow. It is durable for cold climates due to its long hair. A Mucklecoo always looks like it needs its bangs trimmed. So, enough travelog, just remember, I DON'T DRINK SCOTCH, BUT I DO WEAR A KILT AND CARRY A DIRK.

LDS SEMINARY GRADS ...

Brooke Filfred, Joseph Adams, Hayley Burr and Aspen Lowe are Rangely's LDS Seminary graduates this year. For their four years of high school, they have attended seminary every morning Monday through Thursday from 6:30-7:20 a.m. during school year. Congratulations!

SCHOLARSHIP



(Above) Steve Coley, representing Rio Blanco Lodge #80 and the Colorado Grand Lodge of Masons, presented RHS Senior Autumn Curdy with the Colorado Masonic Scholarship, which is a four-year scholarship of \$30,000. For other awards presented, see Pages B6-B7 this week.



WREA proudly offers rebates for the following residential equipment and appliances:

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\$350/unit - 30 gallon minimum - Air Source Heat Pump Water Heater

Clothes Washers (Energy Star Rated) \$30/top load clothes washer \$40/front load clothes washer

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NEW Induction Cooktops

for 2022! (30' Minimum Surface Width)

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- 25% of cost up to \$50 on electric trimmer, leafblower or powerwasher (18 volt min)

- 25% of cost up to \$100 for electric

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Electric Heat Pumps

electric riding lawnmower

Air Source Tier 1- HSPF les than or = 9.0 and

SEER less than or = 15* 2 tons or less- \$675

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Journalism submissions from RJSHS freshmen

Special to the Herald Times

RANGELY I have had the pleasure of working with a group of students this year at Rangely High School. Part of our weekly routine became reading our local Herald Times every Wednesday and having discussions on what types of articles there are and what kind interest them. We also talked about the importance of following our local news to stay up to date on what is important in our own communities. I had a couple students really interested in writing and reading the local articles. These three freshman students decided to each take a different approach, but wanted to write something that really interested them to get published. I am so proud of each of them for really going above their daily duties to write something and learn a little more about media and writing than they are used to! I gave them no prompts or boundaries of what they should write about. They researched or chose completely and then had them looked over by Mrs. Hejl who volunteered to read and offer any advice and edits they should possibly make. After they felt confident with their piece they turned them in to me to send off to the Herald Times. I am so thankful to have had the time to work with these kids and seen how much they have grown!

~ Cherise Cardin

NEWS + 7A

Farewell

By KANSAS CORDS Grade Nine ~ Rangely High School

RANGELY I I would like to recognize a person in the Rangely community. This person has helped many in her time here. She is a loving mom, wife, coach, teacher, friend and much more. Cherise Cardin is moving due to her husband's work. Cherise was a great cheer coach at Rangely Junior/Senior High School.

She is also a photographer at Cherise Cardin

Photography. She is from Apple Valley, California. She loves to travel. Cherise has love for Disney of every category. Cherise is a lovely person and kinda just goes with the flow.

She became a teacher in the last two to three months left of school, but she had always helped the school whether it be with theater or just helping the kids that didn't know how to do something or did not know where to go. Some people will miss her more than others, but there is no doubt in my mind that she will be missed.

The new up and coming rockets

By JARVIS JENSEN Grade Nine ~ Rangely High School

RANGELY I There are two new life-changing rockets being built and tested that can change space exploration and our lives as we know it. The first of the two rockets that we're going to be talking about is the Space launch System (SLS) by NASA. The SLS is a multistage rocket made of two solid fuel rocket boosters which cannot be turned off and a massive liquid fuel booster that can be turned off and topped with the Orion crew capsule or a storage capsule. It is designed for us to go back to the moon and is not

reusable. It is supposed to launch later this year with a test mission.

The second rocket is named Starship made by SpaceX and the successor to Falcon 9. Starship is a two-stage rocket made of a liquid rocket booster and a liquid main stage. The Rockets main goal is to set up a colony on Mars and is fully reusable. It could then be used multiple times and is cheaper. This rocket is planned to launch this year for a space orbit test. If you want to learn more go to https://www.spacex. com/vehicles/starship/ and https://www.nasa.gov/ exploration/systems/sls/fs/ sls.html.

Game updates

By NICKOLAS LARSEN

Grade Nine ~ Rangely High School

RANGELY I Some of the games that you know and love have gotten updates and here is what has happened. One of the more popular games, Fortnite, had some updates recently. One of the main parts of the update is that they added a new game mode: No Builds. This game mode makes it where you can't build. (there is still the original game mode) you gain a recharging shield of 50. They have also added tanks in the game but they are louder than any other vehicle. Other than those two things it is pretty much the same game.

The next game that has gotten an update is a game called "Deep Rock Galactic." There are a lot of new things that will be done in this update. One is new missions to play, such as swarms of rival robots that there will be a little warning

that will pop up once the mission hexxes for it. Four new secondary weapons each of the classes are getting a new secondary weapon to use on the missions and little events. Those new secondary weapons will come to use because the next part is a new menace, now there is not a lot about this new thing but you should stay on your toes when it comes around. There will be a new suit that will be put on you when you die on a mission. A new ore has been added that you can use to buy new cosmetic ideams for your class. With this new season there will be a new season pass that is completely free and you can get beards, jobs, helmets, etc. New DLC-Robot Rebellion that will include 4 new sets of armor (one for each class (class: Driller, Scott, Engineer, and Gunner)) a unique new helmet in two variants, and new paint jobs. That is the new Season 2 Deep Rock

Galactic update.





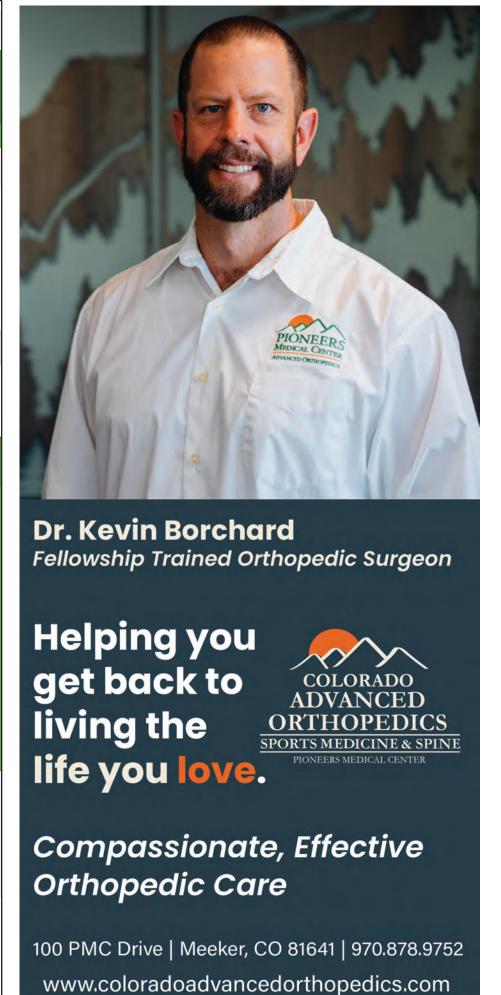
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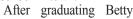
OBITUARY

Betty Kincher

April 18, 1928 ~ Feb. 13, 2022

Betty Kincher passed away peacefully at home on the Mesa at age 93.

Betty was the fourth child of Vera and William Warren. Her siblings were Glenn Warren (Pat), Harold Warren aka Cyclone (Doris), and Charlotte Wix (Clark), all deceased. She was raised on the Warren family ranch famously known as the K/K, which her grandfather George Warren homesteaded in the 1800s. She attended the Miller Creek School walking and riding horses to school, playing with her friend Deloris Pollard and having unbelievable adventures with her siblings. It was too far to go to high school so Betty boarded with local families and her step-grandmother Cora Strawbridge. Later, her parents had a ranch near the Russell Ranch and the Green Cabins and she rode a horse to school in town.





Betty Kincher

taught all grades of school for one year at the Coal Creek School during World War 2 when teachers were scarce. She again had to ride her horse from the ranch to teach school at Little Beaver even in the winter.

Elry Kincher came home after the war from England and he and Betty went on a double date with friends and that was the start of a lifetime together on the Kincher Ranch on the south side of the river only a few

miles from where she grew up. Betty was famous for her apples she sold in town and her hay samples at the fair and her garden which she loved. She was always eager to have activities such as cross-country skiing, downhill skiing, skating on the ditch, snowmobiling and riding horses and floating down the Miller Creek ditch. She became interested in quilt making and was always cooking for everyone that showed up at the ranch.

Elry Betty and supplemented income by outfitting hunters and some hunters became good friends, visiting even when it wasn't hunting season.

They especially kept in contact with dear friends, Norman (Buzz) and Dorothy Simillian and their three daughters. She also gained notoriety by riding her motorbike to town with a pink backpack and miles and miles of dirt bike riding with her friend Carolyn Sullivan.

Russell (Becky), Lewis Fay Kincher-Winoto Betty.

Meeker with lunch to follow challenges. at the Meeker Methodist Church. Services handled Rangely Mortuary.

OBITUARY POLICY:

We choose not to charge a publication fee for obituaries or death notices with a local connection to the county. It is our opinion that publishing obituaries is a matter of public record and part of our responsibility as a newspaper to maintain a living record of our local history. If you would like to donate to help cover the cost of obituary publication, please visit https://bit. ly/3JWE0jl. If you need to submit an obituary or death notice, please stop by the office or email editor@ ht1885.com

AGNC coming to Rangely May 25

By KATIE KING Special to the Herald Times

RANGELY I County Elry and Betty had four commissioner candidate children having lost son Ginny Love visited Rangely's Allen at one-year-old to Board of Trustees. She drowning in the Highland addressed the Board during ditch. She leaves behind the public input section to daughter Lois Williams; sons inform them of who she is and her goals as commis-(Stacie); grandchildren Brian sioner for the county which (Kina), include uniting the citizens Jeniffer Kincher, Laurie and building the community. Sizemore Jackson (Shad), A born and raised Meeker Lance Sizemore (Gretel) and resident where she raised great-granddaughter Britni her children, she continues Robbins and five great- to work in the community great-grandchildren, Britni's at Pioneers Medical Center. children, and extended She takes pride in the small Warren family and many communities of Rio Blanco close friends. Betty loved County and hopes to use her her family and we all loved communication skills and passion for people to unite the Memorial services to citizens of RBC and strengthbe held May 21 at 11 a.m. en the county against curat Highland Cemetery in rent and impending economic

Trustee Don Davidson provided updates on the under the care of Blackburn Cogency Power Project. A traditional solar farm uses significant acreage which reduces the opportunity for agricultural use. Cogency has developed an array that uses gallium arsenide chip technology to dissipate heat and store it geothermally for up to a year. The technology uses parabolas to absorb heat into the gallium arsenide chip and then transports it into the ground to be stored geothermally or via other methods including battery storage (also called "cogeneration" which describes the energy generated by various methods of storage).

Lisa Piering said she expects Doug Kiesewetter, CEO of Cogency Power, to present publicly to the board again after completing the necessary financial requirements related to the project. Davidson closed his update by sharing his optimism and anticipation looking forward to the implementation of the technology.

Supervisor reports were submitted in written format and can be accessed in the board packets on the Town of Rangely website. Mayor Andy Shaffer offered to tour the town facilities with the trustees on May 24.

Town Manager Lisa Piering offered her update with a list of upcoming meetings and brief explanations. She encouraged trustees to attend the AGNC and Club 20 meetings which will be held in Rangely. The Opioid Settlement Funding is beginning to process and she believes Police Chief Ti Hamblin will be interested in some programs available with the funding. The town has begun hiring seasonal workers and is interviewing for a utility operator. The town is additionally seeking applicants for positions in public works and an applicant to take over animal control/code enforcement. Town flowers have been planted and additional lights for the Kennedy Drive path were ordered. Piering said she is excited to have the lights installed and has received significant feedback that other community members are looking forward to the installation as well.

Trustee Kyle Wren was appointed as the Board's Club20 representative. Trustee Trey Robie was appointed as Mayor Pro-Tem. Marybel Cox was appointed as the Town of Rangely clerk and treasurer. Heather Cannon was appointed as Town of Rangely municipal attorney. Karen Wilczek was appointed as Town of Rangely Municipal Court Judge.

The Associated Governments of Northwest Colorado (AGNC) meeting will be on May 25 from 9 $a.m.-1.30\ p.m.$ at CNCC.

The Main Street publication featured Rangely's efforts to revitalize the park in front of Town Hall.

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Richard Ellsworth

July 1, 1945 - Dec. 8, 2021

Please join us for a celebration of his life on Saturday, May 21, 2022, at 10 a.m. at the Fairfield Center.

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

George Wenschhof

July 8, 1941 – Jan. 9, 2022

A celebration of his life will be held on May 21, at 10 a.m. at the 4-H Building in Meeker. In lieu of flowers, the family would like donations to be made to Meeker Education Foundation, in honor of George and Glenda Wenschhof at P.O. Box 255, Meeker, CO 81641 or to the George and Jaclyn Wenschhof Trade Scholarship at the Rio Blanco County Historical Society at P.O. Box 413, Meeker, CO 81641



Health Fair

Monday, June 6th - Friday, June 10th

7 a.m to 10 a.m. PMC Board Room

Stay on track of your health with low cost health screenings!

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6/6 Monday = A-F 6/7 Tuesday = G-N 6/8 Wednesday = O-Z 6/9 Thursday = A-M 6/10 Friday = N-Z



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We will have someone there to assist in getting patients set up for the portal if they don't currently have access.



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Lipid Panel	Cholesterol, Triglicerides, AHDL, Calculated LDL		\$126.00	
LDL, Direct	Needed if the Triglicerides are >400, usually if not fasting		\$69.00	
Uric Acid	Uric Acid		\$94.00	
Iron	Iron		\$49.00	
Direct Bilirubin	Direct Bilirubin		\$32.00	
Lactate Dehydranase	LDH		\$80.00	
gamma-glutamyl transferase	GGT		\$80.00	
Thyroid Stimulating Hormone	TSH		\$170.00	
Complete Blood Count	CBC	\$15.00	\$100.00	
Prostate Specific Antigen	PSA	\$20.00	\$116.00	
Vitamin D 25 Hydroxy	Vitamin D	\$25.00	\$74.00	
Vitamin B12	Vitamin B12	\$20.00	\$173.00	
Hemoglobin A1C	A1C	\$20.00	\$79.00	
Testosterone, Total	Testosterone Total	\$20.00	\$161.00	

MIND SPRINGS: 29 whistleblowers come forward

Continued from Page 1A

Clients typically don't see their CCARs. They're mainly administrative records to help guide the state in paying providers for services through Medicaid and tax-funded grants.

From a policy perspective, the evaluations help state agencies track who's getting state and federally funded mental health treatment and the extent to which it's helping. The state also uses aggregated data from the reports to inform lawmakers about the efficacy of Colorado's overall mental health safety-net system. The clarity of that picture depends on the accuracy – and truth – of the information providers like Mind Springs submit.

From a clinical standpoint, the mere mention of a CCAR form can trigger groans among psychiatrists, psychiatric nurses and other care practitioners who often complain the assessment and other mandatory state paperwork take too long to complete. Because the need for publicly funded mental health care services far exceeds the number of clinicians available, the people most familiar with patients' cases and who are most qualified to assess them often are slow to fill out the reports. That leaves backlogs of CCARs that need to be completed and submitted to the state in order for a provider to get paid.

At Mind Springs, management passed at least some of its CCAR backlog to employees in its hospital admissions office and to other workers who lack the behavioral health care training and experience most experts say is needed to diagnose people with mental health challenges and assess their well-being. They also lacked access to direct communication with patients, which state policy requires of people doing CCARs.

By the time they were assigned to fill out a CCAR, whistleblowers say the patient usually was long gone from treatment or discharged from Mind Springs'

psychiatric hospital. And so they typically filled in clients' diagnoses blindly, often guessing that they had conditions such as general anxiety disorder, major depressive disorder, or schizoaffective disorder. Sullivan - then a team leader in the hospital admissions office – says her supervisor told her and her staff to write in "adjustment disorder" under the reasoning "that everyone has trouble adjusting to something, so nobody would be questioning that diagnosis."

Mind Springs' objective, as whistleblowers tell it, was speed, not accuracy.

"They said just put down your best guess, and fast," says Sarah Mackie, who also worked in hospital admissions. "I had no sense of who these patients were. I had no clue how they would (have) answered these questions about themselves. And I had no idea what I was doing."

"I had zero business zero, zero, zero - diagnosing people," adds Jennifer Hector, another former employee of the admissions

Each of the whistleblowers savs she was encouraged to work on CCARs whenever she had downtime on a shift. Some were called in to work evenings or weekends to complete hundreds of the assessments in Mind Springs' backlog. Supervisors referred to those occasions as "CCAR parties," says Hector, who estimates she completed about 700 of the questionnaires in one year alone, 2015. "You just sat there, put your head down and did nothing but fill out those

The single mother of seven says she told her supervisors "I don't want to do this" and "I'm not comfortable... messing with the state of Colorado and funding.'

To her many objections, she says they had the same response:

"That I didn't have a

Jensen, the former Mind Springs case manager, also struggled with signing her name to phony assessments



Sunny Sullivan, a former team leader in the admissions department of Mind Springs' psychiatric hospital, West Springs, blew the whistle on a long pattern of falsifying patient records. She says she has little faith in state agencies' willingness to meaningfully inspect and regulate the troubled Grand Junction-based community mental health center.

of people she wasn't even sure were still alive. She says supervisors assured her the assignment was legal and urged her to stop raising objections.

"They had us flat-out making stuff up, then came down on us for asking if it was legal or even ethical," she says. "I felt like I was in the Twilight Zone. Like, am I nuts? Why does everybody think this is OK?"

Asked why she did not come forward about the falsified reports sooner, Jensen says she had no confidence in state regulators to do anything about it and says she feared that publicly acknowledging her own role in defrauding the state could damage her new career and license as a professional counselor.

FINANCIAL INCENTIVES

Four of the five whistleblowers say supervisors instructed them, when working on a client's discharge evaluation, to answer all 25 questions about mental health symptoms at least one number lower in severity than the corresponding number on that client's intake CCAR. Mind Springs' goal, they say, was to document that clients

had improved from its treatment, whether or not that was actually true.

"We'd ask can we go read their treatment plans or their charts, and they'd say no, just mark them better, just mark them a point or two lower on all the questions," Hector says.

Mind Springs' preoccupation with showing improvement sometimes caused tensions between employees and departments. Sullivan recalls terse emails from an inpatient nurse asking why a CCAR evaluation blindly filled out by a staffer Sullivan supervised did not mention the patient's extreme psychosis.

"She was frustrated. She had a hard time showing he had improved because what was written didn't reflect his real symptoms," Sullivan

Mental health care records are protected under HIPAA, leading the state to refuse the Colorado News Collaborative's requests for CCARs submitted by Mind Springs and for certain data gleaned from them. Without what likely would be a prolonged – and expensive – legal battle, there is little Mind Springs stood to lose

chance someone outside the system could ascertain how many of Mind Springs' clients have been misdiagnosed, mistreated or treated unnecessarily because the center falsified their assessments.

"What this means to people who needed help really bothers me. I hate to think of how many people weren't getting the right treatment because of that," says Reggie Bicha, who ran the Human Services Department under former Gov. John Hickenlooper.

It was under Bicha's leadership that the state started to hinge its exclusive contracts with community mental health centers partly on their performance. Bicha's behavioral health staff worked with each center to set quality improvement goals it had to meet in order to receive its monthly reimbursements from the state and renew its annual contract.

In fiscal year 2016-2017, for example, "improvement of symptom severity" was one of Mind Springs main performance goals. The state was only able to monitor progress through CCAR data.

In fiscal year 2017-2018,

up to \$257,000 in state funding if it failed to show that symptoms of its adult clients' depression were becoming less severe in the first six months of treatment and that the severity of those symptoms eased by 50% within a year. CCARs were key in demonstrating - or at least purporting to demonstrate -

progress. Mind Springs' contract in fiscal year 2019-2020 shows the Office of Behavioral Health had concerns about the accuracy of information the center was submitting to the state. The contract listed "successful data submission" - including more complete and accurate CCARs - as one of the key performance goals it had to meet that year. If Mind Springs didn't hit that target, the state warned that its unearned performance payment dollars could have been distributed to other community mental health centers that were meeting their goals.

That threat didn't materialize, says a state official who asked not to be named because her agency forbids

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Town of Meeker: May 3 meeting

By NIKI TURNER editor@ht1885.com

MEEKER I At the May 3 meeting, Meeker trustees and staff heard a presentation from Bryce Carter, program director for the Solar United Neighbors Colorado co-op.

The co-op is a vendor neutral non-profit that provides opportunities for residents and businesses to participate in a "group buy" program that saves costs on solar installation and equipment. Solar United Neighbors (SUN) has done about 70 projects in Mesa County, and plans to launch the Northwest Solar Co-Op for Routt, Moffat and Rio Blanco counties on May

The non-profit provides education and information about solar installations at not cost to interested parties. "We want to support education in the community," Carter said, "to build economic resiliency and environmental resiliency."

Meeker-area resident Deirdre Macnab, who serves on the advisory board for SUN, said because solar installations can be cost-prohibitive, the co-op can provide a "volume discount" averaging 15-20% for participants.

"There's no financial obligation for getting a quote," Macnab said. The co-op provides information sessions for those interest-

"It is a favorable financial investment for businesses and homeowners. You have to have a south-facing roof or enough room in your yard," she said. "Most people stay

on the grid and feed any excess back into the grid. Over 10-15 years you've paid off your system.'

Representing Meeker Skijor, Janelle Urista asked the board for approval in planning the next skijor event. Event organizers would like to use Ute Park going forward, and next vear's event will be held on New Year's Eve weekend, instead of in February, thanks to a change in the skijor calendar.

'We would be the final event of 2022 and the first event of 2023," Urista said. The group has been given permission to use snowmaking equipment from Ridgway if needed.

Head brewer Tyler Frye with Smoking River Brewing Co., shared potential plans to host a brew festival the third weekend in September as a fundraiser for the Meeker Arts and Cultural Council. "Western Colorado is hop growing region," he said, "but there's no regional fresh hop fest in Colorado." Such an event could bring in a number of visitors. Frye said they're also trying to connect a mountain bike race that would end at Ute

Town Administrator Mandi Etheridge updated the board on the status of a GOCO grant application for the river project. The town requested \$500K, but the grant was not awarded. Etheridge said feedback on the application was positive, but "we just weren't far enough along with the project" and said GOCO recommended reapplying for the next round.

MIND SPRINGS: little faith in state audits

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employees from speaking to the news media. She noted the irony that regulators may have carried through with the threat had anybody in the Behavioral Health Office thought to look for falsifications and not just for omissions on Mind Springs'

The often cash-strapped center had other possible reasons to falsify client assessments, including a program that gave centers the opportunity to earn extra funding if they "exemplify(ied) extraordinary performance." That statewide pot was small at first, at only \$50,000 in fiscal year 2016-2017, but by fiscal vear 2017-2018 had grown to \$3.9 million.

As Bicha tells it, a program that had real potential of boosting Mind Springs' cashflow may have back-

"The intention of our performance management was to understand problems, hold ourselves and our partners more accountable and to drive better results for the people of Colorado," he says. 'A system that has contractors gaming it flies in the face of all of those priorities."

Whistleblowers point to other incentives at play.

Jensen, for example, recalls being assigned to evaluate clients serving parole with a community corrections company that partnered with Mind Springs. She says two of her supervisors and one member of upper management instructed her to diagnose every one of those parolees with a substance abuse disorder, regardless of whether they had a history of substance abuse. The diagnosis ensured that each parolee would qualify for a costly. Medicaid-funded intensive outpatient program that brought in money for Mind Springs.

As a private nonprofit, Mind Springs is not required to disclose how much it made from its partnership with the company.

OVERSIGHT OVER-LOOKED

The Colorado News Collaborative's investigation into Colorado's mental health safety net focused not just on troubles at Mind Springs, but also more broadly on state agencies' longtime failure to regulate community mental health centers.

Shortly after those stories appeared in at least 30 partner news outlets statewide, Gov. Jared Polis's administration announced the state was conducting a surprise audit of Mind Springs, and touted that three state departments would be involved.

The Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment found "zero deficiencies," its records

The Department of Human Services found Mind Springs failed to report 40% of "critical incidents" such as botched prescriptions, violence, injuries, patient escapes and staff wrongdoing within the required 24 hours, and to provide patients being released from its hospital with the proper paperwork for continued treatment. It also found a few data submission errors, but falsified client evaluation was not among

The Department of Health Care Policy and Financing which controls the Medicaid funding that makes up most of community mental health centers' budgets - announced Thursday that it found Mind Springs has been using various auditing methods and statistics that have allowed it to expand its government revenues without expanding its services. It also found a need for Mind Springs to simplify its complex corporate structure and to improve the quality of its care.

As part of the audit, nobody from the three state departments reached out to any of the 29 current and former Mind Springs workers who at that time started contacting the Colorado News Collaborative about a long list of legally and ethically questionable practices at the center. Those include:

- Mind Springs executives discouraging its staff from reporting "critical incidents"
- Several accounts of West Springs Hospital inappropriately housing teenage patients alongside adult patients with histories of sex offenses
- Allegations of on-site sexual activity and violence among and between Mind Springs staff members and clients
- And a pattern, which almost all the whistleblowers described, of Mind Springs prioritizing care for privately insured clients over the Medicaid recipients and indigent people the state and federal governments pay it to

The whistleblowers hold little faith in state audits.

"Mind Springs Health was audited all the time. We saw auditors in and out of that place and they never seemed to see what we were seeing, or even ask us. It makes me wonder if they even took their jobs seriously or if they simply ignored possible issues of fraud," Sullivan says.

For months this win-

ter and spring, the Human Services Department downplayed the relevance of allegations about falsified CCARs, saying state law gives leeway in how mental health providers fill out state reports. A spokeswoman, who since has left the department, emailed in March that state policy "does not dictate the physical location in which CCARs must be filled out and in most cases does not specify who can fill out a CCAR."

"OBH Rule does not require an assessment to be performed in person... or by a licensed individual," Maria Livingston wrote an apparent attempt to justify Mind Springs' approach to the evaluations. "ÔBH staff routinely review CCAR data in line with the CCAR Data Reporting Policy as part of regular licensed/designated-provider site visits and reviews. The review involves checking to see if CCAR data is incomplete or missing."

She would not say whether the reviews also look for accuracy.

Medicaid officials at Colorado's Department of Health Care Policy and Financing also had little interest in whistleblowers' accounts of falsifying CCARs at Mind Springs when the Colorado News Collaborative asked about them in the winter. Although they rely on data from CCARs, they said, the assessments are the Behavioral Health Office's responsibil-

But earlier this spring, Rocky Mountain Health Plans, the company the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing pays to manage Mind Springs' Medicaid contract, responded to the Colorado News Collaborative's account of whistleblowers' allegations by launching an investigation into possible waste, fraud and abuse. The company's contract with the department obligates it to investigate and report about those types of

It was only then that the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing triggered its own internal review and said it is taking the allegations "very seriously."

Last week, the Human Services Department stopped downplaying whistleblowers' accounts and said it, too, is now launching its own new investigation into the accuracy of Mind Springs' CCARs, among other things.

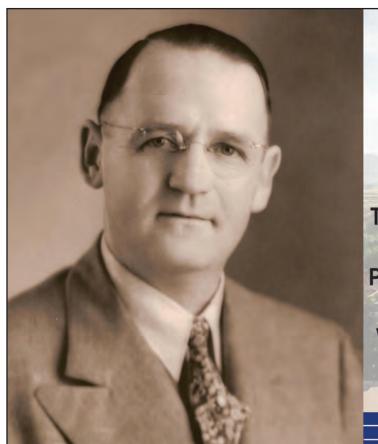
Whistleblowers, though buoyed by news of the state's sudden interest, are skeptical.

"I worry this is a disingenuous PR move," says Jensen.

Adds Sullivan: "I hope this time they actually take their investigations serious-

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State qualifiers in track head to Lakewood

BY TIFFANY JEHOREK

Special to the Herald **Times**

MEEKER I Cowboy track had a dual successful weekend, qualifying a few more kids for state. The boys took second at the Cardinal Open and the girls took third.

"We were so excited to get both of our 4x200 meter relay teams qualified in Parachute," commented head coach Hallie Blunt. "We were also able to get Reese Clatterbaugh qualified in the triple jump with her jump of 30 feet 9.75."

Results for those in the top three from the Cardinal Open: Sarah Kracht took first in the 200 meter dash, Brighton Bair took first in the 1600 meter run, Jayden Overton took third in the 100 meter hurdles and her time of 17.98 seconds qualified her for state, Aspen Merrifield took first in pole vault, and Hailey Knowles took first in discus. For the boys, the relay teams all placed in the top three, Casey Brink took first in Pole Vault while Owen Hanneman and Connor Blunt tied for second, and in shot put Zagar Brown took first with a throw of 43 feet 11.75 inches that qualified him for state, Zach Eskelson took second, Judd Harvey took third, and it was a sweep as

Kelton Turner took fourth.

Here are the state qualifiers and schedule of events for which they will be competing in. This list is not all-inclusive of everything that will be happening at state track.

Thursday

2:00 p.m.-Boys shot put prelims featuring Brown and Eskelson.

2:10 p.m.-Girls 800 sprint medley relay of Kracht, Merrifield, Jayde Turner and Ellie Hossack; the team qualified with a time of one minute, 0.46 seconds.

2:45 p.m.-Turner will run the 100 meter dash in heat three of three; he qualified with a time of 11.41 seconds and is third in the state.

3:40 p.m.-Girls 4x200 meter relay of Ellie, Addie Selle, Merrifield, and Kracht; they qualified with a time of one minute, 52.92 seconds.

p.m.-Mens 3:50 4x200 meter relay of Porter Hossack, Eskelson, Brendan Clatterbaugh, and Zach Simonsen will be in heat two of two; they qualified with a time of one minute, 36.13 seconds.

3:55 p.m.-Girls 4x400 meter relay of Addie, Ainsley Selle, Merrifield, and Turner, who qualified with a time of four minutes, 28.49 seconds.

4:05 p.m.-Overton will run the 100 meter hurdles

MATT SCOGGINS PHOTO



MHS throwers went first, second, third and fourth at the Cardinal Open. Zagar Brown (far right) took first place and set a huge PR to qualify for state, Zach Eskelson (second from right) took second and also qualified for state, Judd Harvey (far left) took third with a 3.5 foot PR and was just over 15" away from qualifying for state and Kelton Turner (second from left) took fourth after not throwing for a few weeks due to injury.

prelims in heat one of two. 5:00 p.m.-Girls 4x800 meter relay of Nora

Gianinetti, Brighton Bair, Taylor Garcia, and Ellie who qualified with a time of 11 minutes, 12.70 seconds. These are finals.

Friday

8:30 a.m.-Boys pole vault featuring Turner, Owen Hanneman, and Casey Brink-this is prelims and finals.

9:15 a.m.-Girls 4x100 meter relay of Ellie, Ainsley, Merrifield, and Kracht, prelims.

9:32 a.m.-Men's 4x100 meter relay prelims of Hossack, Connor Blunt, Eskelson, and Turner will be in heat one of two and qualified with a time of 44.80 seconds, which is second in the state.

12:00 p.m.-Girls medley relay finals

12:30 p.m.-Boys shot put finals

1:40 p.m.-4x200 meter relay finals for girls

1:45 p.m.-4x200 meter relay finals for boys

11 a.m.-Girls pole vault with Merrifield, who is fourth in the state and vaulted at a height of nine feet, one inch. This is prelims and finals.

Saturday - All events on Saturday are finals

9:30 a.m.-100 meter hurdle finals for girls

10:40 a.m.-100 meter dash finals for boys

12:50 p.m.-Bair will run the 1600; she is tenth in the state.

2:00 p.m.-Reese Clatterbaugh will compete in the triple jump; she qualified with a jump of 31 feet, 6.5 inches.

3:15 p.m.-4x100 relay finals for girls

3:20 p.m.-4x100 relay finals for boys

4:40 p.m.-4x400 relay finals for girls

The Colorado High School State Track Meet will be held at Jeffco Stadium in Lakewood, Colorado.



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See above for tentative state events featuring Meeker athletes. The competition is this weekend.

Panthers finish last regular season meet

Thirteen Panthers are headed to state this weekend. You can watch the competition at nfhsnetwork.com/events/chsaa/gam49c2a9b16b

Special to the Herald Times

RANGELY I The Rangely Panthers finished up their last regular season track meets this week They had two meets: Thursday in Olathe and Saturday at Grand Valley. Both meets were smaller but they had some great competition and most athletes had new personal best and have ended the season well. The Panthers will be taking 16 athletes to the state championship in Lakewood, Colorado, this coming weekend.

At the Olathe meet, Kyrah Phelps secured her place at state with a discus throw of 104-7, placing second. She also threw a 31-6.5 for shot put. At Grand Valley she threw the discus (97-11.5) and shot (31-10) for first place. Rylee Allred was only able to throw at Olathe with throws of (99-5) discus and (26-5) for shot. In Olathe Brook Filfred threw discus (76-6) and in Grand Valley (72-11) and in shot (26-3.5). Mackenzie Manchester (28-5) in shot at Olathe and (29-2) for shot and (71-2.5) for discus in Grand Valley. Manchester also ran the hurdles (21.81).

The boy throwers were Kenyon Cochrane, Joseph Adams and Ashton Bennett. Cochrane took first in discus at Olathe (140-9) and third in shot (40-2.5). In Grand Valley he took second (139-2.5) in discus and sixth in shot (40-1.75). Adams threw shot (31-5.5) and ran the 3,200 (13:26.76) in Olathe. While in Grand Valley he threw the discus (82-1.5) and shot (31-7). Bennett was able to get a throw of 31-3.5 in shot and then in Grand Valley he got a 31-2.25 and in discus a 61-0.75.

For the girls jump Mary Scoggins took first in triple jump (34-2) in Olathe and second in Grand Valley in long jump (16-1.75). Annika Cantrell took first in high jump in Grand Valley with (4-10.5) and second in Olathe (4-9.5). Kastyn Dembowski and Miah Wren took second in pole vault in Grand Valley with a 7-3. Dembowski, a high jumper, cleared (4-5.5) in Olathe. Wren triple jumped (28-11). Emma Smith triple jumped (29-8.5) in Olathe and

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Panthers win 8 of 10 games

Special to the Herald Times

RANGELY I The Rangely Panther baseball team has won eight of the last 10 games including six in a row within the 2A Western Slope Conference. The Panthers are also sitting at No. 25 in the Colorado RPI baseball rankings which determines who goes to the playoffs for the spring 2022 season. Recently the Panthers traveled to Parachute to take on the Cardinals of Grand Valley High School in a league double-header. The Panthers came away with 14-1 and 20-4 victories.

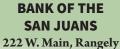
In game one, senior Keihlin Myers toed the rubber looking for his fifth win on the season. The Panthers were able to jump out to a five-run lead after the top of the first inning. The Panthers continued their hot hitting in the top of the third inning when they plated seven runs to bring the score to 12-0. Myers threw very well for the Panthers as he took a no-hit bid into the bottom of the fourth inning when The Cardinals were able to punch a hit to right-center and then later score their only run of the game. Myers struck out nine Cardinal hitters while only walking two. The Panthers added two more runs in the top of the fourth inning to make the game

In game two, senior Justin Cudo took to the mound for the Panthers looking for his third win on the season. The Panthers continued to hit the ball well as they plated nine runs in the top of the first inning off

the Cardinals. Myers plated three runs when he drove the first pitch the second time around the line-up of the inning for a home run over the left field fence. The Panthers scored in every inning of game two leading to their 20 runs in five innings. The 20-4 win put the Panthers at 11-6 overall and 4-0 in 2A Western Slope

Two days later the Panthers hosted the Olathe Pirates for league games. The Panthers continued their offensive onslaught as they outscored the Pirates 14-4 for win number 12 on the year. Junior Kevin Wren picked up his second win from the mound this year as he went five innings. Sophomore Kobey Chism came in for his first appearance of the season and was able to close the door on the Pirates. Chism also led the Panthers on the day with three hits and scoring two runs. Wren drove in three RBIs for the Panthers on their way to scoring 14 runs.

In game two the Panthers were held at bay by the Olathe pitching for the first two innings as the Panthers hit the very hard in their at-bats, but the ball was hit right at Pirate fielders. The Panthers erupted for ten runs in the bottom of the third inning and that is all the Panthers needed as they did not allow a Pirate hitter to cross the plate in the game. The Panthers secured their 13th win on the season and their sixth in league play with the game two victory. Chism brought home the win as he started game two and then gave way to junior Luis Quintana who threw for two innings.



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MATT SCOGGINS

Rio Blanco County athletes will head to state track this weekend.

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then (27-9) in Grand Valley. Ryan Mergelman had a personal record of (13-5.2) in long jump in Olathe

Fisher Winder led the boys in triple jump with 36-3.5 and long jump (17-2.5) in Olathe. Anthony Dorris long jumped 16-11 and triple 33-1 in Olathe and then in Grand Valley (17-6.5) long and (30-9.75) in triple. Adyan Christian long jumped (15-02) in Olathe and triple jumped (31-9.5) in Grand Valley. Robert Murray long jumped in both meets (11-7.7) and (14-6). Clay Allred triple jumped (35-7) in Olathe and then pole vaulted in Grand Valley (7-7). Justin Allred tripled (29-2) in Olathe but didn't compete in Grand Valley. Timothy Scoggins cleared (5-5.5) in Olathe then (5-8.5) in Grand Valley in high jump

In Olathe track events Smith (14.45) and Ward (17.69) for the 100-meter dash. In the 200-meter dash Smith (30.28), Mergelman (30.95) Cantrell (31.89) and Ward (37.79). Scoggins ran the 800-meter (2:29.34) with Macy Morgan (3:36.91). Morgan also ran the 3,200 (17:25.19). Hayley Burr ran the 100 hurdles (18.45).

The girls were also busy putting together some relay teams. In the 4x200 Burr, Mergelman, Wren and Ashlynn Ducey ran a 1:53.87. They then ran the 4x100 with Burr, Ducey, Wren and M. Scoggins for a new school record of 52.90. The same team and in the same order broke the school record in the 4x400 with a time of 4:17.62 by almost three seconds.

For the boys in Olathe Murray ran the 100 (15.04). Christian ran the 200 (26.49). C Allred ran the 400 (59.24). Colton Noel (2:25.79) and Justin Allred (2:31..40) ran the 800. James Talbot ran the 3,200 (11:05.72).

The boys also put together a couple of relay teams. The 4x200 was Christian,

Winder, Dorris and T. Scoggins for a time of 1:40.74. The 4x800 was T. Scoggins, Colton Noel, Clay Allred and James Talbot with a time of 9:06.98.

On the track in Grand Valley Rangely had three girls in the 100 dash: Smith (14.71) Cantrell (15.79) and Ward (17.59). Ducey was the lone girl in the 200 dash (27.72). Another three in the 400 dash: M. Scoggins (1:03.23) Wren (1:08.35) and Mergelman (1:11.62). Morgan in the 1,600 (7:36.25). Burr in the 100 hurdles (17.32) and 300 hurdles (50.44). Manchester ran the 100 hurdles (21.81). They put together two 4x200 relays: the A team was Burr, Ducey, Wren and Scoggins for a 1:50.72. The B team was Mergelman, Morgan, Smith and Dembowski (1:57.83).

In Grand Valley the boys had Murray in the 100 (15.22) and 200 (32.21). Christian also ran the 200 (26.23). T. Scoggins ran the 400 dash (59.23) while Noel (2:19.74) and Talbot (2:21.7) ran the 800 dash. Talbot (4:58.24) and Noel (5:19.65) ran the 1,600. The boys put together a 4x200: Christian, Winder, Dorris and T. Scoggins (1:43.52) and the 4x400: Christian, Noel, Dorris and T. Scoggins (4:04.52).

The following athletes will be competing in the state meet this Thursday-Saturday at the Jeffco Stadium in Lakewood, Colorado. Seniors: Mary Scoggins, 800 run, long jump, triple jump, and 4x400; Hayley Burr, 100 hurdles, 300 hurdles, 4x400 and sprint medley relay. Timothy Scoggins 4x800 and high jump. Colton Noel 4x800. Juniors: Kyrah Phelps discus, Rylee Allred discus and Kenyon Cochrane discus. Sophomores: Annika Cantrell high jump, Kastyn Dembowski high jump and Ryann Mergelman sprint medley relay, 4x100 and 4x200. Freshman: Miah Wren sprint medley relay, 4x100, 4x200 and 4x400; Ashley Ducey sprint medley relay, 4x100, 4x200 and 4x400; Clay Allred 4x800. You can watch them on NFHS https://www.nfhsnetwork. com/events/chsaa/gam49c2a9b16b.

BMS hosts Night Relays

Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER I Barone Middle School hosted the Meeker Night Relays on Thursday, May 12. All of the races were relays, and the competitors were grouped into "relay teams" for the field events as well, using combined measurements for scoring. Addie Knowles, Birdie McCaffrey, Lilly Newman and Ruth LeBlanc teamed up to win the shot put for Meeker. Knowles was joined by Sidney Keetch, Lili Piper, Autumn Stallings and Haylee Steele for first place in discus. The trio of Emma Bauer, Shailee Rundberg and Rylee Sullivan scored third in high jump. Bauer, Rundberg, Jacey Follman, and Lilly Newman finished long jump in second place.

Meeker's boys also had some successes, with Carlos Carrillo, Joshua Quinn, Rylan Vierra and Tucker Chinn finishing the shuttle hurdle race in third place. Andy Mondragon, Cameron Hanberg, Tucker Chinn and Sam Smithers took second place in the sprint medley. Mondragon and Smithers were joined by Tristin Rollins

and Dublin Price for second place in the 4x100 relay. The boys high jump team took third place, consisting of Carrillo, Chinn, Price and Smithers. Winning the long jump was the team of Chinn, Mondragon and Rollins.

Meeker also took a few student athletes to Moffat County's Best of the Best meet on Saturday, where Rylee Sullivan won the high jump competition. Addie Knowles took first place in the shot put and discus events, and Tristin Rollins finished second in the long jump.



Above, this year's seniors on the team.

COURTESY PHOTO

Cowboys ranked 31st in state and first in league

BY TIFFANY JEHOREK

Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER I The Cowboys ended regular season ranked 30th, making it into postseason playoffs. They will be traveling to Rye this weekend for their first game.

Grand Valley came to Meeker for a double header Saturday, Damek Chintala opened it up on the mound in game one, pitching the full five innings, striking out seven, only allowing five hits and two runs. Chintala also had his bat going, scoring three of the 12 runs.

The final score was 12-2 with two run contributions from John Hampton Hightower, Clay Crawford, Trinden Powell, and Johnathan Fitzgibbons.

In game two Ryan Sullivan pitched a complete game, throwing 74 pitches striking out seven, and allowing three runs in the 13-3 win. There was a lot of contribution from the bench with 11 guys scoring led by Sullivan and Deming who each had two.

The Cowboys then turned to their next games against the Rangely Panthers. Now a double header on Tuesday due to the postponement from weather, the Cowboys took a 2-1 lead by the second inning and were able to hold on to it through through the entire game when late in the game it stretched even further when Chintala hit a two run homer, making the final score 13-3.

Game two was a turn of events for the Cowboys when the Panthers came out swinging and took the lead early winning 14-3.

The split double header meant the Cowboys and Panthers were tied in the league for wins, but the win percentage and overall wins for the season is higher for the Panthers than the Cowboys, allowing them to be ranked higher in RPI as of press time.

Summer wrestling camp

Special to the Herald Times

RANGELY I Athlos Life Wrestling is excited to announce its first summer wrestling camp! The camp will be located near Meadow Lake and will take place from July 22nd to July 24th. We will focus on technique, mindset, and using kettlebells for strength and conditioning. Being near Meadow Lake, there will also be opportunities for outdoor activities such as fishing, hiking, and side by side tours. All wrestlers need to be accompanied by parents or parent-appointed guardians, as Athlos Life will not be responsible for the athletes outside of the wrestling, mindset, and strength and conditioning sessions. There will be options to purchase meals at the campsite, and some food will be provided by Athlos, but we highly recommend every athlete and accompanying family bring some food and water as well. It is also highly recommended that campers and families stay each night at or near the campsite in RV trailers. We will have a water tender

As we nail down further details concerning the daily schedules, we will put a flyer in the paper with these details over the upcoming weeks! In the meantime, please reach out to us via email (see below) if you are interested! The price will be \$150 per wrestler. Families

to refill RV water tanks.

SUMMARY:

Dates: July 22-24 **Location:** Meadow Lake

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Ages: First grade - 12th grade **Contact information:**

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bringing more than one wrestler will be given discounts for each additional wrestler. We will also have scholarship/ sponsorship opportunities for those wanting to attend but who also have financial need; please reach out to us specifically about these details if this is you. We are limiting the number of wrestlers for this first camp to 100 wrestlers, so reach out as soon as possible to reserve your spot! Welcome ages include wrestlers entering 1st grade through high schoolers entering their senior year. Stay tuned for updates through the paper, our Instagram page, and our Facebook page, and reach out with any questions or interest through our email foreverathlos@gmail.com

Meeker High School art show results

Grand Champion	Sarah Kracht	Linoleum Block Printmaking	
and Best of Show			
12th Grade First Place	Sarah Kracht	Linoleum Block Printmaking	
12th Grade Second Place	Shane Kobald	Watercolor Painting	
12th Grade Third Place	Gabe Richardson	Watercolor Painting	
12th Grade Honorable Mention	Kelton Turner	Ceramic Mosaic Tile	
12th Grade Honorable Mention	Shane Kobald	Ceramic Mosaic Tile	
11th Grade First Place	Brealyn Garcia	Graphite Drawing	
11th Grade Second Place	Elijah Leblanc	Ceramic Stoneware Vase	
11th Grade Third Place	Charlotte Que	Ceramic Stoneware Cup Set	
11th Grade Honorable Mention	Corbyn Hadden	Ceramic Low-fire Teapot	
11th Grade Honorable Mention	Casey Brink	Ceramic Stoneware Mug Set	
10th Grade First Place	Haley Blaisdell	Colored Pencil Drawing	
10th Grade Second Place	Shaelee Arrison	Colored Pencil Drawing	
10th Grade Third Place	Haley Weston	Colored Pencil Drawing	
10th Grade Honorable Mention	Allison Kobald	Mixed Media Drawing	
10th Grade Honorable Mention	Vivian Brown	Oil Painting Landscape	
9th Grade First Place	Abbi Schwartz	Colored Pencil Drawing	
9th Grade Second Place	Alayna Hauck	Marker Drawing	
9th Grade Third Place	Roxanna Lopez	Linoleum Block Printmaking	
9th Grade Honorable Mention	Callie Stout	Colored Pencil Drawing	
9th Grade Honorable Mention	Ella Dunn	Oil Pastel Drawing	
Woodworking First Place	Keira Forsythe	Cutting Board	
Woodworking Second Place	Jacob Palmer	Bird House with metal	
Woodworking Third Place	Cooper Arnold	Bird House	

Woodworking Honorable Mention	Madison Ridgeway	Bird House with paint
Woodworking Honorable Mention	Alex Garcia	Tortilla Press
Artist's Award	Jace Mobley (10th)	Colored Pencil Drawing
Artist's Award	Noah Leblanc (10th)	Oil Painting
Artist's Award	Wagner Brown (10th)	Linoleum Block Printmaking
Artist's Award	Roxanna Lopez (9th)	Graphite Drawing
Artist's Award	Annalee Goodwin (12th)	Charcoal Drawing
Artist's Award	Bryan Rosas (10th)	Colored Pencil Drawing
Artist's Award	Kassidy Wille (10th)	Linoleum Block Printmaking
Artist's Award	Sam Hightower (9th)	Ceramic Stoneware Bowls
Artist's Award	Antonio Martinez (12th)	Ceramic Stoneware Vase
Artist's Award	Annalee Goodwin (12th)	Ballpoint Pen Drawing
Artist's Award	Alayna Hauck (9th)	Marker Drawing
Artist's Award	Gabe Smithers (10th)	Colored Pencil Drawing
Artist's Award	Macy Ridgeway (12th)	Ceramic Sculpture
Artist's Award	Corbyn Hadden (11th)	Ceramic Stoneware Chalice
Artist's Award	Nora Gianinetti (11 th)	Ceramic Stoneware Cup
Artist's Award	Aiyana McCook (11th)	Ceramic Stoneware Vase
Artist's Award	Anders Jonsson (11th)	Linoleum Block Printmaking
Artist's Award	Ellie Hossack (10th)	Colored Pencil Drawing
Artist's Award	Alana Nielsen (12th)	Linoleum Block Printmaking
Artist's Award	Oliver Holmes (10th)	Oil Painting
Artist's Award	Brealyn Garcia (11th)	Charcoal Drawing
Artist's Award	Deana Wood (11th)	Watercolor Pencil Drawing

DAYS GONE BY

The Meeker Herald 125 years ago

- The curfew bell was hung in place over the fire department building on Thursday and its shrill tones will be heard in Meeker from now on. The bell will serve for fire alarm purposes as well as to warn the rising generation that it is time to "scoot."
- Water was turned on yesterday and those wishing to use it for graden or domestic purposes had better see Mr. D.T. Riley, superintendent, to whom water rents will be payable in advance.
- · Ed Fairfield is now pulling the ribbons over eight horses in one of the Hugus freighting outfits.

The Meeker Herald 100 years ago

- · Among those who think the country is going to the dickens is the office holder who is afraid he is going to be defeated for re-election.
- There is no substitute for butterfat.
- · Orville Clinard, as president of the class, presided with dignity. The class prophecy was illustrated by shadow pictures of the real characters portraying the events foretold, which added much to the force of the poem. The "Tatler" is the school paper started by the seniors this year. It gave much of the inside school history and was appreciated by the audience.

The Meeker Herald 50 years ago

- A pair of "lookalikes" who celebrated birthday their first Saturday, May 6, are Kirk and Kerry Conrado, twin sons of Mr. and Mrs. Brian Conrado of Meeker.
- Oil shale industry could start next 6-7 years.
- Mary K. Villa, junior student at UNC in Greeley, was a member of the Symphonic Winds, an ensemble group which was on tour in Montana last week. Mary plays the French horn.

The Meeker Herald 25 years ago

Meeker Mayor Bill Dunham, County

Commissioner Joe Collins and Hospital Administrator Jim Murphy turned the first spades of dirt for the new clinic and wellness center at Pioneers Hospital on May 9.

Western Slope Communications still plans to build and operate a large radio station in Meeker. That's the word this week from David Johnson, general manager of the Grand Junction company that owns a number a radio station in western Colorado.

> Rangely Times 50 years ago

- · This year's royalty for the Rangely Days Rodeo are Miss Kathy Caldwell, first attendant; Miss Dena Nickson, Queen; and Miss Billy Jean Bruckner, second attendant.
 - The committee is certificates.

asking for support for this year's parade, "How the West Stays Young," a theme submitted by Jana Stewart.

• Education is a funny thing. At 18 we know all the answers — 35 years later even the questions confuse us.

> Rangely Times 25 years ago

- The Rangely Times is happy to welcome a new addition to their staff. Daniel P. Chesnet has filled the news editor position, which has been vacant for over a month. Chesnet is a 1995 graduate of Mesa State College.
- Colorado Northwestern Community College held their 1997 Commencement Ceremony on Saturday, May 10. One hundred twenty-eight students earned degrees

Standing Knee Pulls

2. Pull your belly button up and then back towards your spine to engage your core and lift your pelvic floor.

3. Stoy relaxed through your shoulders and maintain steady/natural inhales and

This movement is

called Standing

To begin, stand tall

hips-width distance

apart. Next, you will

with your feet at

shift your weight onto your right leg

your chest. Wrap

your arms around

as you lift your left

knee up and towards

your left leg and pull

it snuggly into your

torso, release and

side.

repeat on the other

Move side to side until you have

done between five to ten

repetitions with each leg.

Knee Pulls, it

encourages

balance and

strength.

THEME: WEATHER 101 ACROSS

- 1. Found in Pandora's box
- 5. Kind of trip 8. Toothy freshwater fish
- 12. Medieval headdress
- 13. Ne on periodic table
- 14. Golfer's weapons
- 15. Biblical twin 16. Russian river or Russian
- mountains 17. Understand (2 words)
- 18. *Moisture in the air 20. Law school test acronym
- 21. Layers in plywood
- 22. Trigonometry abbr.
- 23. Uses a laser
- 25. Squawked or crabbed 29. Bitty
- 30. Two dots above a letter
- 33. Jasmine of "Aladdin,"
- 34. Forbidden, in Islam 36. Bruin legend Bobby
- 37. Lays in peace 38. "Metamorphoses" poet
- 39. Charge with crime
- 41. "For a jolly..."
- 42. Easily irritated
- 44. *No clouds 46. Gremlin or pixie
- 47. *Check the weather before hitting this hiking path
- 49. Speech defect 51. *Cloudy
- 54. Classic TV's Mrs. Brady
- 55. Same as island 56. "Cheers" regular
- 58. Elephant poacher's ware
- 59. Pb on periodic table 60. *The first sign of rain?
- 61. Declare untrue
- 62. Pig's digs
- 63. MacFarlane or Rogen

DOWN

- 1. *Road hazard
- 2. Eyelid hair
- 3. Oahu shindig
- 4. Assumes bad posture 5. Chill-inducing
- 6. Bearded ruminants 7. Unrivaled
- 8. *Barometer reading
- 9. Tiny bit
- 10. Purl partner 11. Three ahead of PST
- 13. Certain beachgoers' philosophy
- 14. *Cold weather is needed
- for this meltable home 19. Part of small intestine
- 22. Cathode-ray tube
- 23. Hit the road
- 24. Falcon's home
- 25. Mentor or expert 26. The Obamas' daughter
- 27. Bruce Lee's "____ the Dragon"
- 28. Treat without respect
- 29. Wallop
- 31. Scottish lake
- 32. *Rainbow shape
- 35. *Weather warning

- 37. Archeologist's find
- 39. Venom source
- 40. Filled with dread
- 43. State indirectly 45. African antelopes
- 47. Living room centerpiece? (2 words)
- 48. 4 x 4 race
- 49. Cleanse
- 50. #14 Across, sing.
- 51. They don't mix with
- 52. Sight for what eyes?
- 53. Between walk and canter
- 54. EI of medieval pain
- 57. *Knot alternative, acr.





Fill in the blank squares in the grid, making sure that every row, column and 3-by-3 box includes all digits 1 through 9.



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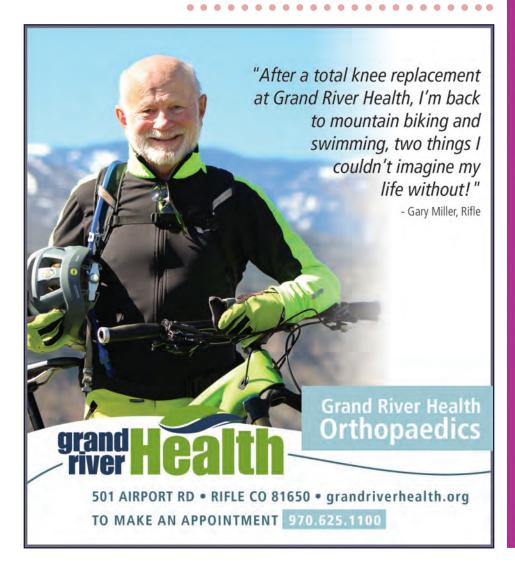
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William H. Schurz



Validativians: Ashton Bennett, Hayley Burr, Adelynn Halcomb, Aspen Low, Keihlin Myers, Mary Scoggins
Sultativians: Autumn Curdy and Timothy Scoggins

Class Colors: Green and White

Class Motto: "It's been real. It's been great. We've built a future that's worth the wait."

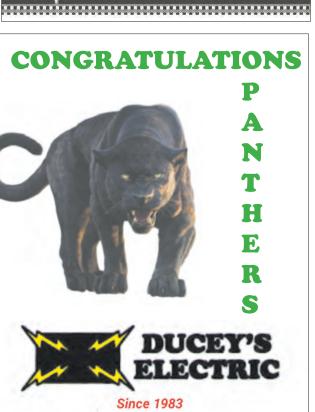
Class Flower: White Rose

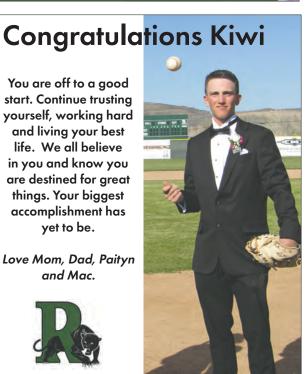
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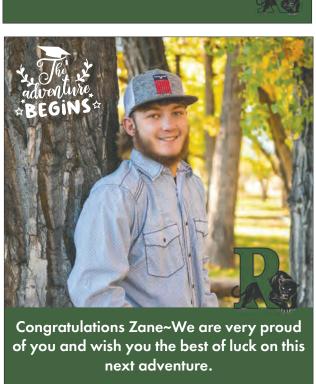












Love, Dad, Mom, Kenzie and Gracie



JOSEPH ADAMS

Future Plans: Electrical Journeyman, Ecclesiastical Mission

Scholarships: VFW Voice of Democracy \$300, WC Striegel Scholarship \$1,300

Senior Quote: "I believe our flag is more than just cloth and ink. It is a universally recognized symbol that stands for liberty, and freedom. It is the history of our nation, and it's marked by the blood of those who died defending it."

Parent Quote(s): Congrats to a smart, talented, charming, adventurous, sometimes-sarcastic, alwayshilarious son! The future is yours!



AUTUMN CURDY

Accomplishments: Co-Salutatorian, College Scholar 24 credits

Future Plans: Business Administration/Law, University of Colorado Denver

Scholarships: Colorado Mason's \$30,000, Douglas Chapman Family \$5,000, Moon Lake Electrical \$2,000, CU Merit \$750/year

Senior Quote: Don't tell me the sky's the limit when there are footprints on the moon- Paul Brandt. Parent Quote(s): Be Doctor, Be lawyer. - Love Mom and Dad



BRAXTON MOORE

Future Plans: Electrician, UBTech, Vernal, Utah Scholarships: WC Striegel Scholarship \$1,300, Rangely Elk's \$250

Senior Quote: Figure out who you can trust and take them with you all the way.

Parent Quote(s): Parent Quote: We are so proud of the young man you are turing into. Just remember to be yourself and work hard. This will take you far. Remember your family will always be here for you. We love you and congratulations.



MARY SCOGGINS

Accomplishments: Co-Valedictorian, ACT/SAT Recognition

Future Plans: Education, Colorado State University Pueblo

Scholarships: Douglas Chapman Family \$2,000, Tolley Family Scholarship \$6,000, National Honor Society \$500, CSU Distinguished Scholar \$5,000/year, CSU Track Scholarship \$3,000/year

Senior Quote: "Perfection is not attainable but if we chase perfection we can catch excellence." -Vince Lombardi

Parent Quote(s): You will change the world, not simply because you believe you can, but because you know how to put in the time and effort to find success. Hard work beats talent when talent doesn't work hard.



WYATT TULL

Future Plans: Workforce Scholarships: WC Striegel Scholarship \$1,300 Senior Quote: I don't always graduate but when

I do I barely graduate

Parent Quote: Promise me you'll always remember you're braver than you believe, you are stronger than you seem, and smarter than you think. - Winnie the Pooh



CHASE BEARD

Future Plans: Lineman/Pipeline, Oklahoma Scholarships: WC Striegel Scholarships \$1,300 Senior Quote: The Difference between School and life is in school you're taught a lesson and given a test. In life you're given a test and that teaches you a lesson.

Parent Quote(s): To my baby boy, never forget that I love you. Life is filled with hard times and good times. Learn from the hard times and enjoy the good times. Be the man I have raised you to be, the man I know you can be, LOVE MOM!!!



MADISON DOUGLAS

Future Plans: Child Development, CNCC



KEIHLIN MYERS

Accomplishments: Co-Valedictorian, ACT/SAT Recognition

Future Plans: Nurse Anesthetist, Colorado Mesa University

Scholarships: Douglas Chapman Family \$2,500, Rangely District Hospital \$1,000, 4-H & FFA Scholarship \$1,500, Colorado Elk's Association \$500, RHS Alumni Scholarship \$250, Student Council \$200

Senior Quote: It takes courage to get back up and try again. But courage is what makes you grow.

Parent Quote(s): Over the last few years you've shown amazing resilience and character. You have overcome several adversities that have no doubt challenged you. Your perseverance in coping with 'life's challenges' displays the amazing person you have become. You have a tremendous foundation on which to build. So build



TIMOTHY SCOGGINS

Accomplishments: Co-Salutatorian, ACT Recognition

Future Plans: Air Rescue, US Navy Scholarships: \$24K Bonus Air Rescue/Early Entry, Cork Powell & Sons Patriot Award \$500, Student Council \$200

Senior Quote: What you do makes a difference, and you have to decide what kind of difference you want to make.

Parent Quote: Your adventurous spirit and related goals will take you to great places because as you have proven, you are willing to work for them. Hard work beats talent when talent doesn't work hard.



ZANE VARNER

Future Plans: Lineman, Northwest Lineman College, Meridian, Idaho

Scholarships: Jerry LeBleu Senior Memorial

\$250, WC Striegel Scholarship \$1,300

Senior Quote: I know right from wrong. Wrong is the fun one!!

Parent Quote: Life isn't meant to be easy. Sometimes happy, other times rough. But every up and down you learn a lesson that makes you stronger.



ASHTON BENNETT

Accomplishments: Co-Valedictorian, College Scholar 60 credits, CNCC Associate of Arts, ACT/SAT Recognition Future Plans: Computer Science, Florida Polytechnical University

Scholarships: VFW Voice of Democracy \$100, Plumbers & Pipefitters Union \$500, Florida Polytech \$1,000/semester, Out-of-state \$6,150/semester

Senior Quote: "A state of society where men may not speak their minds cannot long endure." Winston Churchill Parent Quote(s): We are grateful to have been blessed with a son like you. You never fail to make us proud. This is just a few of your many achievements to come. We are so proud of you. Congratulations on all you have accomplished through your hard work and dedication. We love you. Mom



KASHEALEE EKKER

Future Plans: Health Science/Nursing, CNCC Scholarships: CNCC Dean's Scholarship \$1,000 Senior Quote: 4 years later and I'm still stupid. Parent Quote(s): Life is what you make it. I say you work hard and you'll be successful.



RYAN MORRILL

Senior Quote: I talk a lot, so I've learned to tune myself out. - Kelly Kapoor

Parent Quote(s): Your path for success may be rocky at times, working hard, doing your best and staying focused on your future. Will help you to turn the rocks into pebbles.



CARSON PALACIOS

Senior Quote: I might be dumb but I ain't stupid.



BRAXTON STUBBS

Senior Quote: Fighting with a bear is like fighting with your mom, not worth it.



BRANDON WILLIS

Future Plans: History/Cybersecurity, CNCC **Senior Quote:** "Everything we hear is an opinion, not a fact. Everything we see is a perspective, not the truth."

Parent Quote(s): We ordered this model back in 2003 and luckily have had no major issues for 18 years! As a matter of fact he continues to impress us daily with his amazing heart, super quick wit, and a mind that isn't satisfied until all the questions are answered. We know that he will continue to do amazing things for many years to come! 5 out of 5 would definitely do it all again! We love you Brandon, Mom & Dad



JAYDEN BRITT

Future Plans: Construction, Waco, Texas Senior Quote: Fourth wall break inside fourth

wall break? That's like.....16 walls

Parent Quote(s): "People will quit on you. You
gotta get up everyday and make sure you never quit on yourself!" Dwayne Johnson



ADELYNN HALCOMB

Accomplishments: Co-Valedictorian, ACT

Recognition
Future Plans: Dental Hygiene, CNCC
Scholarships: VFW Voice of Democracy \$200,
CNCC VP's Scholarship \$2,000, Sarah Nichole Huitt
\$5,000, Moon Lake Electrical \$2,000 Senior Quote: Best friends make good times

better and hard times easier.

Parent Quote(s): You have exceeded any expectations we ever had for you, and we could not be more proud of you for it! So thankful God chose us to be your family! Congratulations, your future's so bright, we can't wait to see what it holds. We love you Birdee Love, Dad Mom and Karlee



NORRAH PATCH

Future Plans: Theater, University of Montana Scholarships: U of M \$12,000/year **Senior Quote:** Save the earth, Raise a hippie. Parent Quote(s): Behind you, all your memories, before you, all your dreams, around you, all who love you, within you, all you need, love Dad



BAILEY TUCKER

Future Plans: Early Education, CNCC Scholarships: CNCC Dean's Scholarship \$2,000 Senior Quote: "You must not let anyone define your limits because of where you come from. Your only limit is your soul" - Gusteau, Ratatouille



DYLAN ZUFELT

Accomplishments: College Scholar, UB Tech 30 credits Future Plans: Heavy Equipment Mechanics, UBTech, Vernal, Utah

Senior Quote: Think Big! You're going to be thinking anyway, So think BIG! - Donald J. Trump Parent Quote(s): "The old souls of this generation will be the leaders into the future" Mom & Dad





HAYLEY BURR

Accomplishments: Co-Valedictorian, ACT

Recognition
Future Plans: Health Science, Brigham Young

University, Utah
Scholarships: Nancy Beard Scholarship \$1,000, Frank-3 Enroute Rod Harris Award \$1,000, Daughters of the American Revolution \$500, Student Council \$200 Senior Quote: Now, If you know what you're worth, then go out and get what you're worth. -Rocky

Parent Quote(s): Stay true to yourself, dream big, and believe that you can. Then work hard and you will accomplish anything!!



KENLIE JEWELL

Future Plans: Dental Hygiene, CNCC **Scholarships:** CNCC VP's Scholarship \$2,000 Senior Quote: Full Send or No Send, but only with a hard hat.

Parent Quote(s): Always stay true to yourself and your heart!! Love Dad

I couldn't be more proud of the amazing person you've become! Chase the sun, move mountains, and make waves. Don't settle for anything less. Love Mom



ANGALINA PECK

Future Plans: Child Development, CDA Certifi-

Senior Quote: "Just stick with it. It's worth it in

Parent Quote(s): If you are not willing to learn, no one can help you. If you are determined to learn, no one can stop you!



RACHEL BUSBY

Future Plans: Undecided Senior Quote: "Don't worry. I don't know what I'm doing here either."

Parent Quote(s): "Your future is only as good as the work you put into it."



MADISON LANCE

Future Plans: Chemistry/Forensic Science, University of Colorado Denver

Senior Quote: "The world is cruel; therefore I won't be." ~ Unknown Parent Quote(s): "Don't sweat the small stuff."



ALEJANDRO SANCHEZ

Future Plans: Amateur Boxing/Boxing Coach, Military-US Marine Corp

Scholarships: Cork Powell & Sons Patriot Award

Senior Quote: Nothing will ever be handed to

Parent Quote(s): Son, you fill our hearts with pride, joy and endless love. Always remember as you take new paths creating the life you want to lead; we are right behind you in everything that you do. We are immensely happy for you. We love you most, Dad



BRENT CANTRELL

Accomplishments: ACT/SAT Recognition Future Plans: Agricultural Business, Fort Haves State University, Kansas

Scholarships: Rangely Elks \$250, National Honor Society \$500

Senior Quote: See Ya!!

Parent Quote(s): Brent we are so proud of the young man you have become and can't wait to see what the future has in store for you. Go out and do great. "Life is not a spectator sport!" Jackie Robinson



ASPEN LOW

Accomplishments: Co-Valedictorian Future Plans: Business Administration, CNCC Scholarships: Tolley Family Scholarship \$6,000, CNCC VP's Scholarship \$2,000, Colorado Elk's Association \$500, Moon Lake \$2,000

Senior Quote: Life is too short to wake up with regrets. So love the people who treat you right, forgive the ones who don't and believe that everything happens for a reason. If you get a chance, take it. If it changes your life, let it. Nobody said it'd be easy, they just promised it would be worth it. -Dr. Seuss

Parent Quote(s:) If there was only one thing we could give you in this life, it would be the ability to see yourself how we see you every single day. Your beauty inside and out, your kindness, integrity, humor, and how happy you make us each day. We are so proud of you and all of your accomplishments. If you could see how we see you, perhaps you'd understand just how special you are! Always remember that we're your biggest fans & always stay true to yourself! Love, Mom & Dad





JUSTIN CUDO

Future Plans: Heavy Equipment Operator, Associated Training Services, Wisconsin

Scholarships: Rio Blanco Historical Society \$1,000, White River Alliance \$1,000, WC Striegel Scholarship \$1,300, Jerry LeBleu Sr Memorial \$250, 4-H & FFA Scholarship \$500

Senior Quote: The Biggest Fight you'll ever have is between who you are now and who you are capable of

Parent Quote(s): Justin, we are so proud of you and who you have become. We can't wait to see what you accomplish in your life and so excited to be a part of it. Laugh a lot, work hard and enjoy life. We love you. Mom, Dad and Stetson.



BYRON MACKAY

Future Plans: Exercise Science, Wrestling, Otero College, La Junta, CO

Scholarships: Otero College \$5,600/year,

Rangely Elks \$250

Parent Quote(s): A new door will open for you soon, stay focused and dedicated to your dreams, always give a hundred plus percent, hard work paves the way, stay humble and kind.

Congratulations sis we are so proud of you, what the future holds for you. We all love you very much.

Love, Mom, Dad, Brandi, Kobey, Karter, and Miley







Ashton, we are so proud of you. Your dedication and work ethic really shows with all your accomplishments. Keep those attributes and continue to be the man you have become and you will go far in life. Congratulations! We love you so much. We can't wait to see your next phase in life at Florida Poly!

Love Mom, Dad and Keegan





We made a wish. And two came true. You will both do great things and change the world. We could not be prouder.

Mom & Dad



We are proud to see how far you have come and where you will go in the future. Go Panthers!



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Match each graduating senior with their photos below.



1. Dylan Zufelt 2. Timothy Scoggins 3. Brandon Willis 4. Hayley Burr 5. Chase Beard. 6. Kenlie Jewell 7. Kashealee Ekker 8. Justin Cudo 9. Brent Cantrell 10. Carson Palacios 11. Braxton Moore 12. Aspen Low 13. Autumn Curdy 14. Adelynn Halcomb 15. Jayden Britt 16. Ashton Bennett 17. Joseph Adams 18. Rachel Busby 19. Madison Lance 20. Mary Scoggins 21. Angalina Peck 22. Ryan Morrill 23. Norrah Patch 24. Keihlin Myers 25. Alejan-



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June 10th | June 24th | July 29th

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PUBLIC NOTICES

BOCC AGENDA

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF RIO BLANCO COUNTY, COLORADO RIO BLANCO COUNTY HISTORIC COURTHOUSE

555 MAIN STREET, P.O. BOX 599 MEEKER, COLORADO 81641 This meeting will be streamed live on the RBC YouTube Channel:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/ UCBicnhlMpB47tzL NiN0FIg

This is a preliminary, tentative agenda which includes all information available as of the deadline for newspaper publication. Agenda items may be added up until 24 hours prior to the meeting time. The final tentative agenda will be posted no later than 24 hours prior to the meeting time at www.rbc s , the RBC Historic Courthouse, 555 Main St., Meeker, CO, and the RBC Annex Building, 17497 Hwy 64,

Rangely, CO.

Tentative Agenda May 24, 2022 1. 11:00 a.m. Call to order: A. Pledge of Allegiance

B. Changes to the May 24, 2022 Agenda C. Move to approve the May 24, 2022 Agenda including any changes

CONSENT AGENDA for May 24, 2022 A. Move to approve the below listed items of the Consent Agenda. 3. BUSINESS

A. Move to approve/deny a Notice of Final Contractor Settlement with Frontier Paving, Inc., for the 2022 Rio Blanco County Rangely Surface Treatment Project in an amount not to exceed \$39,738.00.

4. BID AWARDS 5. MOU's, CONTRACTS, AND AGREEMENTS

A. Move to approve/deny an Agreement for the use and benefit of the Rio Blanco County Department of Public Health and

store Personal Protective

Environment to participate in the CDPHE Child Fatality Prevention Act Program. B. Move to approve/deny an Agreement for the use and benefit of Rio Blanco County Department of Public Health and Environment for OPHP workforce support. C. Move to approve/deny an Agreement with Custom Fence Co. for the 4V0 Wildlife Fence Replacement Project in an amount not to exceed \$669,827.00.

7. OTHER BUSINESS A. Public Comment B. County Commissioners Updates 8. PUBLIC HEARINGS Adjourn

6. RESOLUTIONS

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 June 14. 2022 in the Rio Blanco County Historic Courthouse, 555 Main St., 3 rd Floor Hearing Room, Meeker, CO. Please check the County's website for information at http://rbc.us/186/Board-of-County-Commissioners. If you need special accommodations please call 970-878-9431 in advance of the meeting so that

reasonable accommodations may be

made. Published: May 19, 2022

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MEEKER SCHOOL DISTRICT AGENDA

Check Vouchers for April 2022

Action Items:

1. Personne

- Staff Leave

20220425 Policy Review

Other BOE Information:

Investigation Procedures

c. JICDA - Code of Conduct

Insurance Program)

5. School Safety

7. Other

4. Educational Outcomes

1. Policy First Reading:

Laborer

4. Acceptance: Resignation - Samantha

(HS English/Language Arts Teacher)

a. Approval: Job Description - Summer

Cheianne Pogline, Megan Hanberg, Middle

2. Approval: Policy Third Reading: GBGG

b. Approval: Elementary Teachers -

School Teacher - Debra McVicker

3. Approval: Policy Second Reading:

a. AC-R-2 - Sexual Harasssment

b. JH - Student Absences and Excuses

2. 2022-2023 Personnel Hiring Update

3. FAMLI (Family and Medical Leave

6. Potential Future Discussion Items

Gorney (3rd Grade Teacher), Torrie Gerloff

MEEKER SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1 **Board of Education Regular Meeting** 555 Garfield Street Meeker, CO 81641

May 23, 2022 - 6:00 p.m. Google Meet link: https://meet.google.

1 Call to Order and Roll Call 2. Pledge of Allegiance: Dr. Dorsett will

lead the Pledge of Allegiance 3. Welcome of Guests

4. Approval of Agenda **District Celebrations:** Student Celebrations:

Staff Recognition: Claudia Mosher, Kristen Fehlmann, Patti Merrifield, Torrie Gerloff - READ 180 General Public Comment Session:

(comments limited to three minutes) Public/Committee Reports: DAC, Meeker Education Foundation, BOCES/ SAC

Principal Reports: MES, BMS, MHS Superintendent Report:

1. 20220523 Board Meeting Report 2. FY23 Preliminary Budget Presentation

Consent Agenda:
1. Approval: Minutes from Regular Board

Meeting on April 25, 2022 2. Approval: Minutes from Special Board Meeting on May 9, 2022 3. Acceptance: Financial Reports and

Executive Session (if needed):

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PIONEERS MEDICAL CENTER CDBG GRANT APPLICATION

PUBLIC NOTICE AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Eastern Rio Blanco Health Services District dba Pioneers Medical Center, located at 100 Pioneers Medical Center Drive in Meeker, Colorado 81641 plans to submit a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application to the State of Colorado, Department of Local Affairs. CDBG funds are intended to provide decent housing, suitable living environments, and economic opportunities, principally for low and moderate-income persons through rehabilitation and preservation, economic job development and public facilities

The application being considered would request \$119,245 for a Sonosite Ultrasound Machine reimbursement to be used in COVID-19 isolation rooms, additional LIV pumps to run critical antibiotics, cardiac medications, and other intravenous treatments to care for COVID-19 patients and a Conex storage unit to be placed onsite at Pioneers Medical Center to Equipment (PPE). It is estimated that approximately 55 * % of the funds would benefit low and moderate-income persons. Permanent involuntary displacement of neighborhood persons or businesses is not anticipated. Should it later become necessary to consider such displacement alternatives will be examined to minimize the displacement. If no feasible alternatives exist, required/reasonable benefits will be provided to those displaced to mitigate adverse effects and hardships. Any low and moderate-income housing which is demolished or converted will be replaced In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals needing special accommodations (including auxiliary communicative aids and services) during these hearings should notify Rachel Gates at 100 Pioneers Medical Center Drive, Meeker, Colorado 81641 or at rgates@ pioneershospital.org a minimum of 3 A public hearing will be held at 12:00 p.m. on May 24, 2022, in the Board Room at Pioneers Medical Center located at 100 Pioneers Medical Center Drive, Meeker, Colorado 81641 to obtain citizen views and to respond to proposals and questions

The proposed CDBG application for this project; and

Community development and housing needs, including the needs of low and moderate-income persons, as well as other needs in the community that might be addressed through the CDBG program; and

The performance of the Eastern Rio Blanco Health Services District dba Pioneers Medical Center, in carrying out its community development responsibilities.

Potential historical effects. A copy of the application(s) as submitted to

18 Scheduled Announcements

scheduled for the June 2022

a. Planning and Zoning meeting is

b. Community Outreach meeting is

scheduled for June 6, 2022, at 6:00 pm.

c. Rangely District Library Board meeting

the State will be available for public review at 100 Pioneers Medical Center Drive,

must be received by Friday, May 20, 2022 Please send to 100 Pioneers Medical Center Drive, Meeker, Colorado 81641 attention Liz Sellers or via email to Rache Gates: rgates@pioneershospital.org.
Oral and written comments will be considered in deciding whether to submit an application for the proposed project. Written summary information will available at 100 Pioneers Medical Center Drive, Meeker, Colorado 81641 on May 24, 2022, until July 15, 2022, on any CDBG application(s) the Eastern Rio Blanco Health Services District dba Pioneers intends to submit to the State. Information and records regarding the Eastern Rio Blanco Health Services District dba Pioneers proposed and past use of CDBG funds are available at 100 Pioneers Medical Center Drive, Meeker, Colorado

Written comments are also welcome and

during regular office hours. Published: May 19, 2022 Rio Blanco Herald Times

TOWN OF RANGELY AGENDA

Council Tour of Town Facilities @ 5pm prior to Town Council Meeting Town of Rangely May 24, 2022 - 7:00pm

Agenda Rangely Board of Trustees (Town Council) ANDY SHAFFER, Mayor Trey Robie, Mayor ProTem Don Davidson, trustee Kyle Wren, trustee Tim Webber, Trustee Alisa Granger, Trustee

- Todd Thayn, Trustee 1. Call to Order
- Roll Call
- 3. Invocation 4. Pledge of Allegiance
- 5. Minutes of Meeting a. Discussion and Action to approve the

Denver, Colorado 80202

minutes of May 10, 2022, Town Council Meeting

days in advance so that appropriate aids

6. Petitions and Public Input 7. Changes to the Agenda 8. Public Hearings - 7:10pm

can be made available.

- a. Committee/Board Meetings b. RBC Commissioner Reports
- c. Council Reports 9. Supervisor Reports – See Attached a. Chief Hamblin
- 10. Reports from Officers Town Manager
- 11 Old Business 12. New Business
- a. Discussion and action to approve the April Financial Statement
- 13. Informational Items a. AGNC Legislative Summary

a. Community Garden Board Vacancies

14. Board Vacancies

- is scheduled for May 9, 2022, at 5:00 pm d. Western Rio Blanco Park & Recreation District Board meeting is scheduled for
 - May 9, 2022, at 7:00 pm e. Giant Step Preschool Board meeting is scheduled for May 11, 2022, at 6:00 pm f. Rural Fire Protection District Board
 - meeting is scheduled for May 16, 2022 g. Rangely School District Board meeting has been scheduled for May 17, 2022,
- h. Rangely Junior College District Board meeting is scheduled for May 17, 2022, at

12·00 noon

i. Rio Blanco County Commissioners Board meeting is scheduled for May 17, 2022. at 11:00 am

j. RDA/RDC Board meeting is scheduled for May 19, 2022, at 7:30 am k. Rangely Chamber of Commerce Board meeting is scheduled for May 19, 2022, at

12:00 noon I. Rio Blanco Water Conservancy District

Board meeting is scheduled for May 25, 2022, at 6:30 pm m. Rangely District Hospital board meeting

is scheduled for May 26, 2022, at 6:00 pm 19. Adjournment Published: May 19, 2022 Rio Blanco Herald Times

SANITATION ACCOUNTS PAYABLE cash, snow removal, \$20.00

Meeker Sanitation District Accounts Payable April 30, 2022 Total Payroll, \$16,293,54

Quickbooks Payroll Svc. Direct Deposit Fee, \$31.75 FICA: SS, Med, Fed w/h, \$4,524.97 PERA Retirement, \$5,245.88 U.S. Postal Service: Postage, \$351.27

\$13.023.11 Mountain Valley Bank: Merchant Srv. Fees, \$94.41

CEBT: Health, Dental, Vision, Life Ins.

Atmos Energy: Natural Gas Svc., \$1.576.18

Belding Tank Technologies: Tank Supplies, \$250.00

CDPHE: Annual Biosolids fee, \$229.28 Century Link: Telephone Svc., \$351.67 Cimarron Telecom: Broadband, \$155.00 ConvergeOne Inc.: Cloud backup Srv.,

\$208.18 First Advantage: Drug testing, \$42.18 First Bankcard Visa: Misc. supplies, \$166.30

JVA Consulting Engineers: Professional Srv., \$2,804.00

McGuier Auto Parts: Misc. Supplies.

Meeker Auto Parts: Misc. Supplies, \$14.71 Meeker Sanitation District: Replenish Petty Networking of the Rockies: April IT Support, \$2,450.00 Pioneers Medical Center: DOT physical. Rio Blanco County Fleet Dept.: Fuel,

\$479.00 Rio Blanco Herald Times: Publish accounts

payable, \$41.16 Samuelson True Value: Misc. Supplies. \$8.84

SGM: Professional Srv., \$1,064.00 Streamline: Website Maint., \$100.00 TDA Construction: Sewer line repair, \$4.250.00 Town of Meeker: Water Svc., \$24.00

Union Telephone: Cell Phone Svc., USA Bluebook: Misc. Supplies, \$757.04 Utility Notification Center: Line Locates.

\$49.40 Valley Hardware: Misc. Supplies, \$39.91 Watt's Ranch Market: Misc. Supplies,

White River Distributing: bottled water, \$33.75

WREA: Electric Svc., \$4,782.39 Total Accounts Pavable, \$60,457,30 Published: May 19, 2022

NOTICE OF CHANGE IN TARIFFS ON LESS THAN 30-DAYS' NOTICE Atmos Energy Corporation ("Atmos Energy") 1555 Blake Street

You are hereby notified that Atmos Energy has filed with the Colorado Public Utilities Commission of the State of Colorado ("PUC"), in compliance with the Public Utilities Law, an application for permission to file certain changes in tariffs, affecting all residential, commercial, interruptible and other consumers in its Colorado divisions to become effective June 1, 2022, if the application is granted by the PUC.

The purpose for this filing is to change rates by revising the Company's existing gas cost adjustment tariff to reflect changes in the rates charged Atmos Energy by its suppliers for natural gas purchases. The present and proposed natural gas rates are as follows:

Class of Service by Division	Present Rates	Proposed Rates ¹	<u>Percentage</u>
<u>Change</u>	Total Volumetric	Total Volumetric	
North Colorado*			
Residential	\$0.94725	\$1.27312	34%
Small Commercial, Commercial	0.82040	1.14627	40%
Irrigation	0.73618	1.06205	44%
Transportation	0.15568	0.15700	1%
	Average Monthly Bil	l Projected Average <u>Monthly Bill</u>	Percentage Change
North Colorado*			
Residential	\$71.0	3 \$91.23	28%
Small Commercial, Commerci	al 340.9	3 464.44	36%
Irrigation	291.9	3 400.77	37%
North Colorado*	Prior Year's Peak Month Bill	Projected Peak <u>Month Bill</u>	Percentage Change
Residential	\$ 135,44	\$ 177.81	31%
Small Commercial, Commerci	•	·	38%
Irrigation	1,459.57	1,861.05	28%

*Notification Published in our North Rate Area Newspaper

The proposed and present rates and tariffs are available for examination at the business office of Atmos Energy Corporation located at 1555 Blake Street, Suite 400, Denver, Colorado, or at the Public Utilities Commission at 1560 Broadway, Suite 250, Denver, Colorado, 80202.

Anyone who desires may either file written objection or seek to intervene as a party in this filing. If you only wish to object to the proposed action, you may file a written objection with the Commission. The filing of a written objection by itself will not allow you to participate as a party in any proceeding on the proposed action. If you wish to participate as a party in this matter, you must file written intervention documents under the Commission's rules.

Anyone who desires to file written objection or written intervention documents to the proposed action shall file them with the PUC, 1560 Broadway, Suite 250, Denver, Colorado, 80202 at least one day before the proposed effective date.

Members of the public may attend any hearing and may make a statement under oath about the proposed change whether or not a written objection or request to intervene has been filed.

> **Atmos Energy Corporation** Colorado-Kansas Division By: Kathleen R. Ocanas Vice President, Rates & Regulatory

Published: May 19 and 26, 2022 in the Rio Blanco Herald Times

FORECLOSURES

COMBINED NOTICE- MAILING CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 22-01

To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described

On October 5, 2021, 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): MANUEL MADRID AND LUZ ESTELA CAMPA DE MADRID Original Beneficiary(ies): MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS BENEFICIARY, AS NOMINEE FOR LOANDEPOT.COM, LLC. ITS SUCCES-SORS AND ASSIGNS

Current Holder of Evidence of Debt: FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION

County of Recording: Rio Blanco

Recording Date of Deed of Trust: May 24, 2017 Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/Page No.): 314540

Original Principal Amount: \$135,785.00 Outstanding Principal Balance: \$130,091.14 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 14 BLOCK 3 SAGEWOOD WEST SUBDIVISION AS PLATTED AND RECORDED UNDER RECEPTION NO. 189097 TOWN OF RANGELY, COUNTY OF RIO BLANCO,

STATE OF COLORADO Also known by street and number as: 1040 HALFTURN RD, RANGELY, CO 81648. THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY **ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED OF TRUST**

NOTICE OF SALE The current holder of the Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, described

herein, has filed Notice of Election and Demand for sale as provided by law and in said Deed of Trust THEREFORE, Notice Is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, 02/02/2022, 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.

Last Publication: 5/19/2022 Name of Publication: Rio Blanco Herald Times

First Publication: 4/21/2022

NOTICE OF RIGHTS YOU MAY HAVE AN INTEREST IN THE REAL PROPERTY BEING FORECLOSED, OR HAVE CERTAIN RIGHTS OR SUFFER CERTAIN LIABILITIES PURSUANT TO COL-ORADO 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 STAT-

• 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

 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) BUSI-NESS 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 BOR-ROWER 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

DATE: 2/11/2022 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: The name, address, business telephone number and bar registration number of the at-

tomey(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is: Amanda Ferguson #44893 Heather Deere #28597 Toni M. Owan #30580

Halliday Watkins & Mann, P.C. 355 Union Blvd., Ste. 250, Lakewood, CO 80228 (303)274-0155

Attorney File # CO11316 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. ised 1/2015 ©Public Trustees' Association of Colorado Re

RIO BLANCO COUNTY CHECK REGISTER

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE PUBLICATION LIST APRIL 29, 2022

RIO BLANCO COUNTY

FUND:GENERAL VENDOR NAME, ACCOUNT NAME, AMOUNT

USPS, PRCH SVCS, 790.55 RBC CLERK & REC, ADVC, 500.00 NICOLE MENDENHALL, TRVL ADVC, (599.61)ALSCO, PRCH SVCS, 1,388.28 AMAZON, SPPLY, 4,439.35 ATMOS ENERGY, UTL, 3,956.14 AXON ENTERPRISE SPPLY 2 560 00 CENTURYLINK, LND LN, 493.05 CENTURYLINK-LNG DSTC, LNG DSTC,

CENTURYI INK-LND LN. LND LN. 536.34 CHAOS INK, AWRD/PRZ, 25.00 CNCC, CNTRCT SVCS, 2,500.00 CO ASSESSORS' ASSOC, PRCH SVCS, 120 00

COLORADO, ST OF, PRCH SVCS, 473.08

COLUMN, PRCH SVCS, 171.64 COMMAND BALLISTICS, FIREARM SPPLY, 3.528.80

CORONERME, PRCH SVCS, 200.00 CSU EXTENSION, EXTN DIR/SAL, 31 668 99

DISTRICT ATTORNEY, PRCH SVCS,

DOMINION VOTING, SPPLY, 2,445.25 DOUGLAS CREEK CONSERV, CNTRCT

SVCS. 1.875.00 DUCEY'S ELECTRIC, PRCH SVCS, 120.00

GARRETT DUNCAN, PRCH SVCS, 75.00 DUNGAN, JOSEPH, PRCH SVCS, 299,98 EASTERN RB REC, PRCH SVCS, 175.00 FIRST ADVANTAGE, PRCH SVCS, 40.85 GARFIELD COUNTY CLERK, SPPLY. 24 34

GARRETT PLUMBING, PRCH SVCS, GME SUPPLY, TRNNG DEV. 1,900,00 GREAT DIVIDE CLEANING, PRCH SVCS, 367.00 BECKEY HUME PRCH SVCS 66 13 IDENTITY GRAPHICS. PRCH SVCS.

123.00 KCG DRUG ALCOHOL SOL, SPPLY, 218 13 KRAV MAGA WORLDWIDE, TRNNG

DEV, 850.00 LEDS, PRCH SVCS, 3,950.00 JORDAN LONG, ADVC, 162.00 BRITTANY MANCINI, ADVC, 162.00

MEEKER AIRPORT, CNTRCT SVCS, 3,000.00 MEEKER SANITATION LITE 488 00 MEEKER. TOWN OF, UTL. 434.60

MENDENHALL, NICOLE, TRVL ADVC, MICRO PLASTICS AWRD/PR7 29 89 MOBLEY, TRAVIS, PRCH SVCS, 237.00

MOFFAT COUNTY, PRCH SVCS, 4,278.24 MOON LAKE ELEC, UTL, 2,001.44 MVB-VISA, PRCH SVCS, 11,148,93

NICHOLS STORE, SPPLY, 84.00 OVERTON RECY, UTL, 1,513.68 PITNEY BOWES RES, PRCH SVCS, 347.98

PROFESSIONAL ELEVATOR, PRCH SVCS, 897.00 PYE BARKER FIRE & SAFE, PRCH SVCS, 221.00

QUALITY HEALTH NET, PRCH SVCS, 156.00 RANGELY, TOWN OF, UTL, 2,586,99 RANGELY TRUE VALUE, SPPLY, 91.39 RB HERALD TIME, PRCH SVCS, 429.47 SAMUELSON, SPPLY, 49.30

SHERATON DENVER, PRCH SVCS, 447.00 SHI INTERNATIONAL, EE SHRF, 10,537.32 SIDWELL COMP. PRCH SVCS. 300.00 SKAGGS COMP. UNFRM/CLTHS.

STAPLES, SPPLY, 115.97 STEERMAN LAW PROF SVCS

COLOWYO PERMIT

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given of the filing of a Permit Renewal Application for the Colowyo Mine, Permit No. C-1981-019, by Colowyo Coal Company L.P., 5731 State Highway 13, Meeker, CO. 81641, with the Colorado Division Reclamation Mining and Safety, Colorado Department of Natural Resources, 1313 Sherman Street, Room 215, Denver, Colorado 80203.

All of the areas to be affected by this Permit Renewal Application are owned by Colowyo Coal Company L.P., Axial Basin Coal Company, the Bureau of Land Management, and the Colorado State Land Board, and are located approximately 28 miles south of Craig, Colorado, west of Colorado State Highway 13 and west of Moffat County Road 51.

The affected area can be located on U.S. Geological Survey 7.5-minute quadrangle map Nos. N4015-W11245/7.5 (Axial. Colorado) and N4007.5-W11245/7.5 (Ninemile Gap. Colorado) and is more particularly described as follows: All or portions of Sections 2-6, 7-11, 14-22, and 28-30 of Township 3 North, Range 93 West, all or portions of Sections 13, 15-18, 20-24, 26-30, and 31-34 of Township 4 North, Range 93, all or portions of Sections 1-3, 10-12, and 14-15 of Township 3 North, Range 94 West, and all or portions of

Sections 12, 13, 18, 23-27, and 34-36 of Township 4 North, Range 94 West of the 6th P.M., Moffat County and Rio Blanco County, Colorado.

A precise description of the Permit Boundary can be found in Volume 16. Exhibit 1, Item 13 of the permit document and is included herein by reference. A copy of the application is on file at the Moffat County Clerk and Recorder's Office in the Moffat County Courthouse located at 221 West Victory Way, Craig, Colorado, 81625, and the Rio Blanco Clerk and Recorders Office in the Rio Blanco Courthouse located at 455 Main Street Meeker, CO 81641. Questions regarding this Permit Renewal Application should be directed to Tony Tennyson, Reclamation Manager at Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association Inc., at (970)

326-3560 Any person having an interest regarding this Permit Renewal Application has the right to provide written comments or objections to the Colorado Division Reclamation Mining and Safety at the address noted above. Comments to the Division must be made within 30 days after the last publication of this notice. Published: May 5, 12, 19 and 26, 2022 Rio Blanco Herald Times

FORECLOSURES

COMBINED NOTICE- MAILING CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 22-02

To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust On March 14, 2022, 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): JIMMIE SHERMAN, JR. AND BRENDA L. SHERMAN Original Beneficiary(ies); MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. ACTING SOLELY AS NOMINEE FOR AGIRE MORTGAGE CORPORATION Current Holder of Evidence of Debt. PHH MORTGAGE CORPORATION

Date of Deed ofTrust: December 01, 2009 County of Recording: Rio Blanco

Recording Date of Deed of Trust: December 09, 2009

Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/Page No.); 297499 Original Principal Amount: \$144,586,00

Outstanding Principal Balance: \$115,244.55

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

THE LAND REFERRED TO IN SCHEDULE A IS SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF RIO BLANCO, STATE OF COLORADO AND IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: LOTS 52 AND 53 OF DRAGON WASH SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THERE-OF FILED JULY 22,1986 AS RECEPTION NO. 226794, COUNTY OF RIO BLANCO, STATE OF COLORADO.

Also known by street and number as: 900 TROPIC STREET, RANGELY, CO 81648. THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED OF TRUST NOTICE OF SALE

The current holder of the Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, described herein, has filed Notice of Election and Demand for sale as provided by law and in said. Deed of Trust.

THEREFORE, Notice Is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M on Wednesday, 07/13/2022, at Office of the Public Trustee, Rio Blanco County Courthouse, 555 Main Street, Meeker CO 81641, self 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: 5/19/2022

Last Publication: 6/16/2022 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 COL-ORADO 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 STAT-

· 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) BUSI-NESS 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 BOR-ROWER 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 Federal Consumer Financial Protection Bureau

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

P.O. Box 4503 lowa City, Iowa 52244 (855) 411-2372 www.coloradoattorneygeneral.gov www.consumerfinance.gov DATE: 3/15/2022

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 attor-

ney(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is: Randall M. Chin #31149 Monica Kadrmas #34904 27 Nicholé Williams #49611 Lauren Tew #45041

Weldon P. Phillips, Jr #31827 Barrett Frappier & Weisserman, LLP 1391 Speer Blvd, suite 700, Denver, CO 80204 (303) 350-3711

Attorney File # 9449968 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 ©Public Trustees' Association of Colorado Revised 1/2015.

10.000.00 TATE, KELSEY LYNN, PRCH SVCS, 75.00

TEST GAUGE INC, TOOLS, 112.53 TYLER TECH, PRCH SVCS, 8,773.41 UNION TELEPHONE, PRCH SVCS, 144 73

US GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, WTR STDY, 22,154.00 VALLEY HARDWARE, SPPLY, 1,651.52

VALUE WEST PRCH SVCS 2 460 00 VOIANCE LANGUAGE PRCH SVCS WATT'S RANCH MARKET, SPPLY, 86.42

WHITE RIVER CONSERV CNTRCT SVCS. 18.875.00 WHITE RIVER DIST, SPPLY, 222.75

WREA, UTL, 10,361.62 YOUR PARTS HAUS, SPPLY, 10.50 US DEPT. OF THE TREASURY, FED W/H, 31,705.94

US DEPT. OF THE TREASURY, FICA W/H, 59,473.96 COUNTY HEALTH POOL, INSURANCE, 155,817.15 GREAT WEST, RETIREMENT, 43,889.32

AMERICAN FIDELITY, SPMNTL INSURANCE, 365,61 TEXAS LIFE INSURANCE, SPMNTL INSURANCE, 267.57

CO STATE WITHHOLDINGS, STATE W/H. 14.678.35 FAMILY SUPPORT REGISTRY, WAGE ASNMT, 44.10

GENERAL FUND TOTAL 516,077.51 FUND: ROAD & BRIDGE VENDOR NAME, ACCOUNT NAME, AMOUNT

MEEKER, TOWN OF, AP MNCPL, 11.740.13 RANGELY, TOWN OF, AP MNCPL,

8,831.45 ROUTT CTY R&B, INTR GOV, 19,333.08 COLUMN, PRCH SVCS, 59.40 FARIS MACHINERY, MISC EXPND, 1,637.60

FRONTIER PAVING OVRLY PRCH 1,328,184.81 ROY GILBERT, PRCH SVCS, 25.00

GMCO CORP, DUST CNTRL, 95,990.11 HAGGART JAMES PRCH SVCS 75 00 HONNEN EQUIP, MISC EXPND, 6,303.00 J.J. KELLER, TRNNG DEV, 385.00 JIM MAES, PRCH SVCS, 75.00 SCOTT MARSH PRCH SVCS 75 00 MEEKER, TOWN OF, SPPLY, 41.81 OFFICE DEPOT, SPPLY, 170.27 PILAUD, RICHARD VAN, PRCH SVCS,

PITNEY BOWES RES, PRCH SVCS, 23.76 RANGELY AUTO, SPPLY, 95.00

75 00

RANGELY TRUE VALUE SPPLY 89 94 RBC ABSTRACT CO. PRCH SVCS. 350.00

REINHARD, CRYSTAL, PRCH SVCS, 75 00 SAFETY AND CONST, SPPLY, 533.36 SAMUELSON, SPPLY, 40.50 SANFORD, DAVE, PRCH SVCS, 75.00

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MEEKER PLANNING COMMISSION

Town of Meeker Planning Commission Monday, May 23, 2022 7:00 P.M. ~ Town Hall 345 Market Street Meeker CO Due to COVID-19 precautions, the public is invited to attend by calling 970-878-8091

Pledge of Allegiance Roll Call Approval of the Agenda Approval of the Previous Minutes Minutes from May 9, 2022 Public Participation Public Hearings: Consideration of Allan and Jeanne Jones at 314 Garfield Street to split current lot into two (2) lots, Proposed Lot A & B where Proposed Lot B will be less than 7,500 sq. ft. and the frontage on 3rd Street will be less than 75 ft.

Adjournment Published: May 19, 2022 Rio Blanco Herald Times

Call to Order

MTRL. 158.50 VALLEY HARDWARE, SPPLY, 49.98 WREA, UTL, 87.23 THAD WHITE, PRCH SVCS, 75.00 US DEPT. OF THE TREASURY, FED W/H, 15,834.03 US DEPT. OF THE TREASURY, FICA W/H. 31.855.45 COUNTY HEALTH POOL, INSURANCE, 105,035.77 GREAT WEST, RETIREMENT, 24,497,09 AMERICAN FIDELITY, SPMNTL INSURANCE, 2,111.16 CO STATE WITHHOLDINGS, STATE

W/H 7 671 50 FAMILY SUPPORT REGISTRY, WAGE ASMNT, 1,765.35 ROAD & BRIDGE FUND TOTAL, 1 663 425 28 FUND: PUBLIC HEALTH

VENDOR NAME, ACCOUNT NAME, AMOUNT AMAZON, SPPLY 699 98 LABORATORY CORP, PRCH SVCS, 130.64

McKESSON MED, SPPLY, 350.74 MVB-VISA, PRCH SVCS, 616.31 PMC, PRCH SVCS, 105.00 PITNEY BOWES RES, PRCH SVCS, 1.59 R & S NORTHEAST, SPPLY, 420.00 RANGELY TRUE VALUE, SPPLY, 10.78 RB HERALD TIME, PRCH SVCS.

MEL TRUJILLO, PRCH SVCS, 250.00 US DEPT. OF THE TREASURY, FED W/H 1 879 91 US DEPT. OF THE TREASURY, FICA W/H, 4,462.06 COUNTY HEALTH POOL, INSURANCE,

11.413.82 GREAT WEST, RETIREMENT, 2,149.89 AMERICAN FIDELITY, SPMNTL INSURANCE 56 61 CO STATE WITHHOLDINGS. STATE W/H, 1,039.53

PUBLIC HEALTH FUND TOTAL, 25 686 86 FUND: DEPT OF HUMAN SVCS VENDOR NAME, ACCOUNT NAME,

AMOUNT MOFFAT COUNTY, CNTRCT SVCS. 4.754.60 PITNEY BOWES RES, CNYT EXPNC, 20.63

STEERMAN LAW, CNTRCT SVCS.

10.171.32 UNION TELEPHONE, PRCH SVCS, 227.16 US DEPT. OF THE TREASURY, FED W/H. 3.131.64

US DEPT. OF THE TREASURY, FICA W/H, 7,391.76 COUNTY HEALTH POOL. INSURANCE. 23.108.74 GREAT WEST, RETIREMENT, 3,079.43

CO STATE WITHHOLDINGS, STATE W/H 1 803 72 AP PAYMENTS, 9,605.73 DEPT OF HUMAN SVCS FUND TOTAL, 63,294.73 FUND: CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS VENDOR NAME, ACCOUNT NAME.

COLUMN, M AP RNWY, 8.04 RB HERALD TIME, RA ENTTLMNT, 62,70 T-O ENGINEERS, RA ENTTLMNT, 16,512.64 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FUND TOTAL. 16.583.38 FUND: AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN

AMOUNT

VENDOR NAME, ACCOUNT NAME, AMOUNT US DEPT. OF THE TREASURY, FED W/H. 330.06 US DEPT. OF THE TREASURY, FICA

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PUBLIC NOTICE The Rio Blanco Fair Board is now accepting bids for the 2022 Livestock Sale pictures at Fair. For a complete criteria packet, please call the Extension Office at 970-878-9490,

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stop by the office at the Fairgrounds or

W/H, 679.68 COUNTY HEALTH POOL, INSURANCE, 3,076.50 CO STATE WITHHOLDINGS, STATE W/H, 159.00 AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUND TOTAL, 4,245.24 FUND:USE TAX VENDOR NAME, ACCOUNT NAME, BOYKO, SPPLY, 142.93 HENDERSHOTT, MELAINE, PRCH SVCS, 150.00 MOON LAKE ELEC, UTL, 691.46 MVB-VISA, NSIP FOOD SPPLY, 237.80 NICHOLS STORE SPPLY 7 00 PITNEY BOWES RES, PRCH SVCS, 2.12 RANGELY, TOWN OF, UTL, 147.36 RANGELY TRUE VALUE, SPPLY, 536.12 STEWART WELDING, PRCH SVCS 28.20 U.S. FOODS, SPPLY, 4,562.12 WATT'S, FOOD SPPLY, 192,89 US DEPT. OF THE TREASURY, FED W/H, 2,076.78 US DEPT. OF THE TREASURY, FICA W/H 4 299 57 COUNTY HEALTH POOL, INSURANCE, 16.680.72 GREAT WEST, RETIREMENT, 3,022.77 AMERICAN FIDELITY, SPMNTL INSURANCE, 170.61 CO STATE WITHHOLDINGS, STATE W/H, 967.17 FAMILY SUPPORT REGISTRY, WAGE ASMNT. 537.42 USE TAX FUND TOTAL, 34,453.04 FUND: SOLID WASTE VENDOR NAME, ACCOUNT NAME, AMOUNT ACZ LAB, PRCH SVCS, 756.00 CAROLINA SOFTWARE, SPPLY, 574.42 CDPH_CNTRCT_SVCS_1.548.56 PITNEY BOWES RES. PRCH SVCS. 7.20 REDI SERVICES, PRCH SVCS, 80.00 SIGN SOLUTIONS, SPPLY, 266.96 SOUDER, MILLER & ASSOC, PRCH SVCS, 5,967,46 UNION TELEPHONE, PRCH SVCS, 46.06 VALLEY HARDWARE, SPPLY, 87.96 WREA, UTL, 164.48 US DEPT. OF THE TREASURY, FED W/H. 2.073.89

US DEPT. OF THE TREASURY, FICA W/H 3 073 96 COUNTY HEALTH POOL, INSURANCE. 7.542.74 GREAT WEST, RETIREMENT, 1,587.22 CO STATE WITHHOLDINGS, STATE

W/H. 863.00 SOLID WASTE FUND TOTAL, 24,639.91 FUND: WEED & PEST VENDOR NAME, ACCOUNT NAME, AMOUNT VALLEY HARDWARE, SPPLY, 33.53 VAN DIEST SUPPLY, CHEM USED,

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W/H. 252.00

US DEPT. OF THE TREASURY, FED W/H, 706.05 US DEPT. OF THE TREASURY, FICA W/H 978 18 COUNTY HEALTH POOL, INSURANCE, 3.076.50 GREAT WEST, RETIREMENT, 767.22 CO STATE WITHHOLDINGS, STATE

WEED & PEST FUND TOTAL, 28,062.08 FUND: COMMUNICATIONS VENDOR NAME, ACCOUNT NAME, AMOUNT AMAZON, SPPLY, 175.14 CALIX, CAP OTLY, 32,637.52 CROSSCONNECT, CAP OTLY, 149.679.90

GME SUPPLY, PRCH SVCS, 2,000.00 GRAYBAR ELEC, SPPLY, 3,758.09 KPE LOCATING, PRCH SVCS, 3,200,00 MAMMOTH NET, PRCH SVCS, 3,560.00 MOON LAKE ELEC, UTL, 907.99 MVB-VISA, PRCH SVCS, 873.43 NOANET PRCH SVCS 544 50 RANGELY, TOWN OF, UTL, 18.60 UTILITY NOTIFICATION, PRCH S\

WREA, UTL, 1,632.88 US DEPT. OF THE TREASURY, FED W/H, 1,579.10 US DEPT. OF THE TREASURY, FICA W/H. 3.636.99 COUNTY HEALTH POOL, INSURANCE, 11.253.64

GREAT WEST, RETIREMENT, 2,852,61 CO STATE WITHHOLDINGS, STATE W/H 878 23 COMMUNICATIONS FUND TOTAL, 219,266.62 FUND: FAIRFIELD VENDOR NAME, ACCOUNT NAME. AMOUNT ATMOS ENERGY, UTL, 709.69 MEEKER SANITATION, UTL, 40.00 MEEKER, TOWN OF, UTL, 588.00 OVERTON RECY, UTL, 365.70 SAMUELSON, SPPLY, 151.19 WREA, UTL, 1,580.39 US DEPT. OF THE TREASURY, FED W/H 484 90 US DEPT. OF THE TREASURY, FICA

W/H, 1,240.58 COUNTY HEALTH POOL, INSURANCE. 5.345.77 GREAT WEST, RETIREMENT, 960.84 CO STATE WITHHOLDINGS, STATE W/H 284 00 FAIRFIELD FUND TOTAL, 11,751.06 FUND: CENTRAL SVCS

VENDOR NAME, ACCOUNT NAME, AMOUNT IMAGENET CONSULTING, CNTRCT

SVCS, 1,262.57 PAUL D. MILLER CPA, PROF SVCS, 11,000.00 PITNEY BOWES, SPPLY, 165.00 PITNEY BOWES RES, PSTG, 36.51 ROCKY MTN COMPETITIVE, CNTRCT SVCS, 927.80 CENTRAL SVCS FUND TOTAL

13,391.88 FUND: FLEET VENDOR NAME, ACCOUNT NAME, AMOUNT 1st RESPOND, SPPLY, 49.18 ABI ATTACHMENTS, PRTS/ACCS, 4,183.34

AIRGAS, SPPLY, 218,86 COLUMBINE FORD, PRTS/ACCS, 395.00 CORNWELL TOOLS, SPPLY, 19.54 DENVER INDUSTRIAL, PRTS/ACCS, 669.95 FARIS MACHINERY, PRTS/ACCS, 336.60 GILBARCO, PRCH SVCS, 260.76

HILL PETROLEUM, GAS, 25,206.83 HONNEN EQUIPMENT, CAP OTLY, 11.424.27 IBS, SPPLY, 1,093.66 JACKSON GROUP, LUB. 1.646.44 LAWSON PROD, SPPLY, 184.80 MCGUIRE AUTO, PRTS/ACCS, 2,500.60

MEEKER COLLISION, RPR/MNTC, 8 155 59 MOON LAKE ELEC, UTL, 39.70 MVB-VISA, GAS, 586.92 NEXTRAN TRUCK CENTERS, PRTS/

ACCS, 3,770.87 NIX.CO, SPPLY, 292.67 NORTHWEST AUTO, RPR/MNTC, 480.52 POWER EQUIP, PRCH SVCS, 535.84 RANGELY AUTO PRTS/ACCS 353 86 RANGELY COLLISION, RPR/MNTC, RHINEHART OIL, GAS, 53,703.94 STEWART WELDING, CAP OTLY, 3.338.25

T & H PARTS, RPR/MNTC, 207.43 U.S. TRACTOR, PRTS/ACCS, 1,046.16 VALLEY HARDWARE, SPPLY, 39.12 VICTORY MOTORS, CAP OTLY, 28.057.00 WAGNER EQUIP, RPR/MNTC, 1,089.72 WEAR PARTS, SPPLY, 703.00 WREA, UTL, 418.12 XCEL ENERGY, UTL, 374.91 YOUR PARTS HAUS, PRTS/ACCS, 726 98

CUMMINS ROCKY MTN, CAP PRJCTS, (3,541.00)US DEPT. OF THE TREASURY, FED W/H. 2.784.72 US DEPT. OF THE TREASURY, FICA W/H, 7,101.85 COUNTY HEALTH POOL, INSURANCE, 15 883 46 GREAT WEST, RETIREMENT, 7,395.74 AMERICAN FIDELITY, SPMNTL

INSURANCE, 489.01 CO STATE WITHHOLDINGS, STATE W/H. 1.691.50 FLEET FUND TOTAL, 184,892.24 \$ 2,805,769.83 Published: May 19, 2022 Rio Blanco Herald Times

MOON LAKE ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION, INC. NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF MEMBERS NOTICE OF ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

MLEA Headquarters Operations Building, Roosevelt, Utah May 26, 2022

Notice is hereby given that the regular meeting of Members of Moon Lake Electric Association, Inc., will be held in the MLEA Headquarters Operations Building at 800 West Hwy. 40 in Roosevelt, Duchesne County, Utah, on Thursday, May 26, 2022, beginning at 5:00 p.m. for the following purposes:

To elect Directors for the Board of Directors of Moon Lake Electric Association, Inc., to represent Districts 4, 5 and 7, each for a 3-year term. Candidates are:

Candidates as a Result of District Nominating Meetings

District 4 Incumbent Tommy K. Olsen 1015 W 190 S Roosevelt, UT 84066

> District 5 Wayne Hanberg HC 64 Box 164 Duchesne, UT 84021

Ryan Harrison HC 64 Box 380 Duchesne, UT 84021

4665 S 2340 W Roosevelt, UT 84066 District 7

Bert Potts

Rangely, CO 81648 **Candidates as a Result of Petition**

Incumbent Alan Ducey

PO Box 606

District 4 None

District 5 None

District 7 None

2. Presentation of the Annual Report to the Members

3.

For consideration of such other business as may come before said meeting.

/s/Josh Hunter

Signed this 12th of April 2022

Josh Hunter, Secretary-Treasurer Moon Lake Electric Association, Inc.

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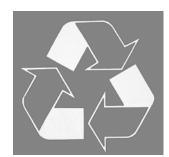
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Application Deadline June 1, 2022 *The District is willing to consider candidates for an Alternative Licensure Program.

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Compensation and Benefits can be found on our website at: https://www.meeker. k12.co.us/page/employment-opportunities ADA/EOE.

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Plant Operator

KT Resources is accepting applications for a full-time gas plant operator with experience in compressor operation and plant equipment and general oil field work. Pumper experience on gas wells is a plus as are computer skills. Good mechanical aptitude and being a team player is a must. High school education or GED required. Job will include some pumper and field work. Field is located between Meeker and Rangely on highway 64. Drug screen required prior to employment. Must possess a valid driver's license. Salary is commensurate with experience. Pay starting at \$30/hour. Please email your resume and/or questions to Tony@KT-Res.com

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RENTALS: MEEKER

850+ sqft apartment (recently remodeled). \$700/month + matching deposit. Heat, cable TV, water, sewer & trash included. Coin laundry in building. NS/NP. Email info@meekerapartments.com for application, or call/text (970) 756-

RENTALS: MEEKER

FOR RENT - Halandras Building. Interior commercial office space. @425 sq feet. Two rooms. Off street parking Electricity included. Call 970-

Main Street Building

Office and warehouse spaces available. Utilities included with monthly rent. Please call 970-683-

RENTALS: RANGELY

Rangely Duplex for Rent 1 or 2 bedroom duplex -Newly remodeled & landscaped. Please contact Rodney 970-462-6538 or Sandy 970-462-6459.

STORAGE

STORAGE DEPOT 10x25 unit. 878-



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1560 C.R. 15

6900 C.R. 7

1161 C.R. 8

939 Garfield St.

W.R. Condo, Unit 17

promo code N7017 1-866-943-9321

Alpine West

FOR SALE IN MEEKER

NEW! 1560 CR 15-Ranch, 390± ac of AG land with a 3BD | 1.5BA | 1412 SF cabin w/ vaulted ceilings, including 2 domestic wells, multiple outbuildings, fenced and cross fenced, perfect for horses/livestock. \$1,200,000
6900 CR 7-Unlimited opportunities await with this 35 acres rural property, featuring a domestic well, Lg. primary home w/ 5BD|2BA and a private guest house IBD/1BA, heated garage, and workshop. Reduced \$815,000
1161 CR 8-3BD | 2BA | 1952 SF log home on 5

1161 CR 8-3BD | 2BA | 1952 SF log home on 5 acres overlooking the river with a natural spring. Features include central air, updated electrical system, and domestic well. *Reduced* \$399,000

NEW! 939 Garfield St.-Well kept 2BD | 1.75BA

2693 SF home w/ quality finishes, hardwood & tile floors, ample storage, and a well planned

1251 White River Rd-Lot 6, Ridge Estates, 3.22 ± acres with domestic community water and use of the HOA irrigation system. \$135,000

White River Condo, Unit 17-2BD | 1BA | 877 SF, two-story floorplan, private laundromat & park w/ river frontage. \$89,000.

White River Condo, Unit 15-2BD | 1BA | 879 SF, two-story floorplan with a 50 SF storage unit included, Private Park. \$89,000

NEW! TBD CR 102, Rangely-8 Lots selling as one RES property, together they make up 0.64 acres. Great investment opportunity. \$18,000

White River Condo, Unit 19....UNDER CONTRACT

Alex Plumb Owner/Broke sold@alexplumb.realtor • 970.420.8076 Mallari Arnold Associate Broke mallari.alpinewest@gmail.com • 970.420.0585

Lori Plumb Associate Broker

1110 & 1114 Greta Cir...

1417 Silver Sage Rd...

1301 White River Rd.

White River Condo, Unit 3. 1307 Sage Ridge Rd.

138 Main St...

.....UNDER CONTRACT

....UNDER CONTRACT

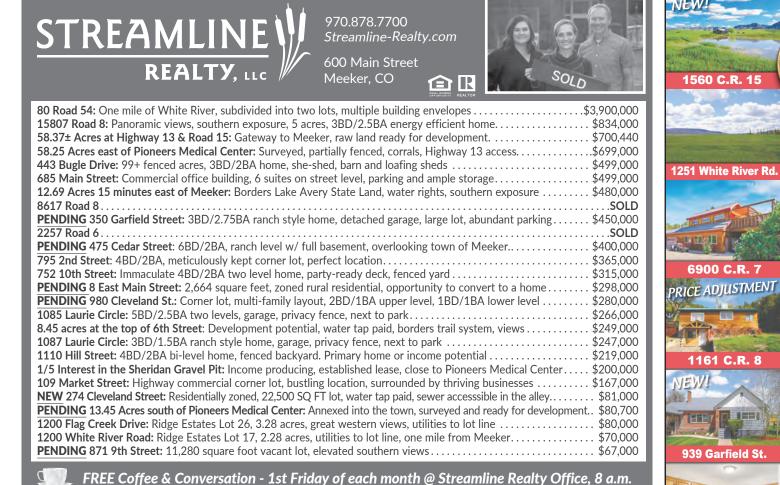
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*6.4 Acre lot E Main St., Rangely. SOLD! *195 Mesa Drive-5 Acres, large 2 story home, garage. \$502,000. SOLD!

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189 County Road 43-Large home, garage, shop, 11.5 irrigated acres. SOLD! Assisting real estate buyers and sellers in the northwest Colorado area.

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The property is 26 miles East of Meeker, in the upper White River Valley.

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metal roof and oversized fenced back yard \$285,000

◆ 79 Acres, C.R. 7 — Vacant land. \$141,000 SOLD!

RANCHES

1001 County Rd. 36. Meeker - 145± total acres, ranch with 4 BD/3BA home, metal insulated shop, insulated barn and pipe corrals. Mostly irrigated with water and spring rights and creek. Only 3 miles from town. \$1.100.000.

COMMERCIAL

NEW! Maybell Meat Processing, 60240 Hwy. 40, Maybell - Full wild game processing in one of Colorado's prime hunting areas. Fully equipped

building on 6 lots, also has two RV hookups and a private well. \$280,000. Call for more details!

VACANT LAND

135± acres - Vacant land with creek. pond, water rights and hay meadows. \$899,000.

NEW! Vacant Lot on Juniper Rd., Sage Hills. Nice 11,420 Sq.Ft. lot with great views. Easy lot to build on. Sewer tap paid for and available. \$54,500.

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RIO BLANCO COUNTY CHECK REGISTER

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE PUBLICATION LIST APRIL 29, 2022

RIO BLANCO COUNTY

FUND:GENERAL VENDOR NAME, ACCOUNT NAME, AMOUNT

USPS, PRCH SVCS, 790.55 RBC CLERK & REC, ADVC, 500.00 NICOLE MENDENHALL, TRVL ADVC, (599.61)ALSCO, PRCH SVCS, 1,388.28 AMAZON, SPPLY, 4,439.35 ATMOS ENERGY, UTL, 3,956.14 AXON ENTERPRISE SPPLY 2 560 00 CENTURYLINK, LND LN, 493.05 CENTURYLINK-LNG DSTC, LNG DSTC,

CENTURYLINK-LND LN LND LN 536 34 CHAOS INK, AWRD/PRZ, 25.00 CNCC, CNTRCT SVCS, 2,500.00 CO ASSESSORS' ASSOC, PRCH SVCS, 120 00

COLORADO, ST OF, PRCH SVCS, 473.08

COLUMN, PRCH SVCS, 171,64 COMMAND BALLISTICS, FIREARM SPPLY, 3.528.80 CORONERME, PRCH SVCS, 200.00

CSU EXTENSION, EXTN DIR/SAL, 31 668 99 DISTRICT ATTORNEY, PRCH SVCS,

26.763.42 DOMINION VOTING, SPPLY, 2,445.25 DOUGLAS CREEK CONSERV, CNTRCT

SVCS. 1.875.00 DUCEY'S ELECTRIC, PRCH SVCS, 120.00

GARRETT DUNCAN, PRCH SVCS, 75.00 DUNGAN, JOSEPH, PRCH SVCS, 299.98 EASTERN RB REC, PRCH SVCS, 175.00 FIRST ADVANTAGE, PRCH SVCS, 40.85 GARFIELD COUNTY CLERK, SPPLY.

GARRETT PLUMBING, PRCH SVCS, GME SUPPLY, TRNNG DEV. 1,900,00

24 34

GREAT DIVIDE CLEANING, PRCH SVCS, 367.00 BECKEY HUME PRCH SVCS 66 13

IDENTITY GRAPHICS. PRCH SVCS. 123.00 KCG DRUG ALCOHOL SOL, SPPLY, 218 13

KRAV MAGA WORLDWIDE, TRNNG DEV, 850.00 LEDS, PRCH SVCS, 3,950.00

JORDAN LONG, ADVC, 162.00 BRITTANY MANCINI, ADVC, 162.00 MEEKER AIRPORT, CNTRCT SVCS, 3,000.00

MEEKER SANITATION LITE 488 00 MEEKER. TOWN OF, UTL. 434.60 MENDENHALL, NICOLE, TRVL ADVC,

MICRO PLASTICS AWRD/PR7 29 89 MOBLEY, TRAVIS, PRCH SVCS, 237.00 MOFFAT COUNTY, PRCH SVCS, 4,278.24

MOON LAKE ELEC, UTL, 2,001.44 MVB-VISA, PRCH SVCS, 11,148,93 NICHOLS STORE, SPPLY, 84.00 OVERTON RECY, UTL, 1,513.68 PITNEY BOWES RES, PRCH SVCS, 347.98

PROFESSIONAL ELEVATOR, PRCH SVCS, 897.00 PYE BARKER FIRE & SAFE, PRCH SVCS, 221.00

QUALITY HEALTH NET, PRCH SVCS, 156.00 RANGELY, TOWN OF, UTL, 2,586,99 RANGELY TRUE VALUE, SPPLY, 91.39 RB HERALD TIME, PRCH SVCS, 429.47

SHERATON DENVER, PRCH SVCS, 447.00 SHI INTERNATIONAL, EE SHRF, 10,537.32 SIDWELL COMP. PRCH SVCS. 300.00

SAMUELSON, SPPLY, 49.30

SKAGGS COMP. UNFRM/CLTHS. STAPLES, SPPLY, 115.97 STEERMAN LAW PROF SVCS

COLOWYO PERMIT

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given of the filing of a Permit Renewal Application for the Colowyo Mine, Permit No. C-1981-019, by Colowyo Coal Company L.P., 5731 State Highway 13, Meeker, CO. 81641, with the Colorado Division Reclamation Mining and Safety, Colorado Department of Natural Resources, 1313 Sherman Street, Room 215, Denver, Colorado 80203. All of the areas to be affected by this

Permit Renewal Application are owned by Colowyo Coal Company L.P., Axial Basin Coal Company, the Bureau of Land Management, and the Colorado State Land Board, and are located approximately 28 miles south of Craig, Colorado, west of Colorado State Highway 13 and west of Moffat County Road 51.

The affected area can be located on U.S. Geological Survey 7.5-minute quadrangle map Nos. N4015-W11245/7.5 (Axial. Colorado) and N4007.5-W11245/7.5 (Ninemile Gap. Colorado) and is more particularly described as follows: All or portions of Sections 2-6, 7-11, 14-22, and 28-30 of Township 3 North, Range 93 West, all or portions of Sections 13, 15-18, 20-24, 26-30, and 31-34 of Township 4 North, Range 93, all or portions of Sections 1-3, 10-12, and 14-15 of Township 3 North, Range 94 West, and all or portions of

Sections 12, 13, 18, 23-27, and 34-36 of Township 4 North, Range 94 West of the 6th P.M., Moffat County and Rio Blanco County, Colorado.

A precise description of the Permit Boundary can be found in Volume 16. Exhibit 1, Item 13 of the permit document and is included herein by reference. A copy of the application is on file at the Moffat County Clerk and Recorder's Office in the Moffat County Courthouse located at 221 West Victory Way, Craig, Colorado, 81625, and the Rio Blanco Clerk and Recorders Office in the Rio Blanco Courthouse located at 455 Main Street Meeker, CO 81641. Questions regarding this Permit Renewal Application should be directed to Tony Tennyson, Reclamation Manager at Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association Inc., at (970) 326-3560

Any person having an interest regarding this Permit Renewal Application has the right to provide written comments or objections to the Colorado Division Reclamation Mining and Safety at the address noted above. Comments to the Division must be made within 30 days after the last publication of this notice. Published: May 5, 12, 19 and 26, 2022 Rio Blanco Herald Times

FORECLOSURES

COMBINED NOTICE: MAILING CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 22-02

To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust

On March 14, 2022, 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 Ria Blanco records

Onginal Grantor(s): JIMMIE SHERMAN, JR. AND BRENDA L. SHERMAN Original Beneficiary(ies): MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. ACTING SOLELY AS NOMINEE FOR AGIRE MORTGAGE CORPORATION Current Holder of Evidence of Debt: PHH MORTGAGE CORPORATION Date of Deed ofTrust: December 01, 2009 County of Recording: Rio Blanco

Recording Date of Deed of Trust: December 09, 2009

Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/Page No.); 297499 Original Principal Amount: \$144,586.00

Outstanding Principal Balance: \$115,244.55 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

THE LAND REFERRED TO IN SCHEDULE A IS SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF RIO

BLANCO, STATE OF COLORADO AND IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: LOTS 52 AND 53 OF DRAGON WASH SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THERE-OF FILED JULY 22,1986 AS RECEPTION NO. 226794, COUNTY OF RIO BLANCO, STATE OF COLORADO.

Also known by street and number as: 900 TROPIC STREET, 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 Dead 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, 07/13/2022, at Office of the Public Trustee, Rio Blanco County Courthouse; 555 Main Street, Meeker CO 81641, self 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: 5/19/2022 Last Publication: 6/16/2022

Name of Publication: Rio Blanco Herald Times

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YOU MAY HAVE AN INTEREST IN THE REAL PROPERTY BEING FORECLOSED, OR HAVE CERTAIN RIGHTS OR SUFFER CERTAIN LIABILITIES PURSUANT TO COL-ORADO 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 STAT-

*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) BUSI-NESS 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 BOR-ROWER 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 Federal Consumer Financial Protection Bureau

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

(303) 350-3711

P.O. Box 4503 Iowa City, Iowa 52244 (855) 411-2372 www.consumerfinance.gov

DATE: 3/15/2022 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:

Randall M. Chin #31149 Monica Kadrmas #34904 27 Nichole Williams #49611 Lauren Tew #45041 Weldon P. Phillips, Jr #31827 Barrett Frappier & Weisserman, LLP 1391 Speer Blvd, suite 700, Denver, CO 80204

Attorney File # 9449968 The Altorney 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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10.000.00 TATE, KELSEY LYNN, PRCH SVCS, 75.00

TEST GAUGE INC, TOOLS, 112.53 TYLER TECH, PRCH SVCS, 8,773.41 UNION TELEPHONE, PRCH SVCS, 144 73

US GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, WTR STDY, 22,154.00 VALLEY HARDWARE, SPPLY, 1,651.52

VALUE WEST PRCH SVCS 2 460 00 VOIANCE LANGUAGE PRCH SVCS

WATT'S RANCH MARKET, SPPLY, 86.42 WHITE RIVER CONSERV, CNTRCT SVCS 18 875 00 WHITE RIVER DIST, SPPLY, 222.75

WREA, UTL, 10,361.62 YOUR PARTS HAUS, SPPLY, 10.50 US DEPT. OF THE TREASURY, FED W/H, 31,705.94 US DEPT. OF THE TREASURY, FICA

W/H, 59,473.96 COUNTY HEALTH POOL, INSURANCE, 155,817.15 GREAT WEST, RETIREMENT, 43,889.32

AMERICAN FIDELITY, SPMNTL INSURANCE, 365,61 TEXAS LIFE INSURANCE, SPMNTL INSURANCE, 267.57

CO STATE WITHHOLDINGS, STATE W/H. 14.678.35 FAMILY SUPPORT REGISTRY, WAGE ASNMT, 44.10

GENERAL FUND TOTAL 516,077.51 FUND: ROAD & BRIDGE VENDOR NAME, ACCOUNT NAME, AMOUNT MEEKER, TOWN OF, AP MNCPL,

11.740.13 RANGELY, TOWN OF, AP MNCPL,

ROUTT CTY R&B, INTR GOV, 19,333.08 COLUMN, PRCH SVCS, 59.40 FARIS MACHINERY, MISC EXPND,

FRONTIER PAVING, OVRLY PRCH, 1 328 184 81 ROY GILBERT, PRCH SVCS, 25.00 GMCO CORP, DUST CNTRL, 95,990.11 HAGGART, JAMES, PRCH SVCS, 75.00

HONNEN EQUIP, MISC EXPND, 6,303.00 J.J. KELLER, TRNNG DEV, 385.00 JIM MAES, PRCH SVCS, 75.00 SCOTT MARSH, PRCH SVCS, 75.00 MFEKER. TOWN OF. SPPLY, 41.81 OFFICE DEPOT, SPPLY, 170.27 PILAUD, RICHARD VAN, PRCH SVCS, 75.00

23.76 RANGELY AUTO, SPPLY, 95.00 RANGELY TRUE VALUE, SPPLY, 89.94 RBC ABSTRACT CO, PRCH SVCS,

PITNEY BOWES RES, PRCH SVCS,

350.00 REINHARD, CRYSTAL, PRCH SVCS, 75.00 SAFETY AND CONST. SPPLY, 533,36 SAMUELSON, SPPLY, 40.50

SANFORD, DAVE, PRCH SVCS, 75.00

TRAFFIC SIGNAL CNTRL, ALL SIGN

MEEKER PLANNING COMMISSION

Town of Meeker Planning Commission Monday, May 23, 2022 7:00 P.M. ~ Town Hall 345 Market Street Meeker CO Due to COVID-19 precautions, the public is invited to attend by calling 970-878-8091

Pledge of Allegiance Roll Call Approval of the Agenda Approval of the Previous Minutes Minutes from May 9, 2022 Public Participation Public Hearings: Consideration of Allan and Jeanne Jones at 314 Garfield Street to split current lot into two (2) lots, Proposed Lot A & B where Proposed Lot B will be less than 7,500 sq. ft. and the frontage on 3rd Street will be less than 75 ft.

Adjournment Published: May 19, 2022 Rio Blanco Herald Times

Call to Order

MTRL, 158.50 VALLEY HARDWARE, SPPLY, 49.98 WREA, UTL, 87.23 THAD WHITE, PRCH SVCS, 75.00 US DEPT. OF THE TREASURY, FED W/H, 15,834.03 US DEPT. OF THE TREASURY, FICA W/H. 31.855.45 COUNTY HEALTH POOL, INSURANCE, 105,035.77 GREAT WEST, RETIREMENT, 24,497.09 AMERICAN FIDELITY, SPMNTL INSURANCE, 2,111.16 CO STATE WITHHOLDINGS, STATE

W/H, 7,671.50 FAMILY SUPPORT REGISTRY, WAGE ASMNT. 1.765.35 ROAD & BRIDGE FUND TOTAL. 1,663,425.28 FUND: PUBLIC HEALTH VENDOR NAME, ACCOUNT NAME,

AMOUNT AMAZON, SPPLY, 699.98 LABORATORY CORP, PRCH SVCS, 130.64

McKESSON MED, SPPLY, 350.74 MVB-VISA, PRCH SVCS, 616.31 PMC, PRCH SVCS, 105.00 PITNEY BOWES RES, PRCH SVCS, 1.59 R & S NORTHEAST, SPPLY, 420.00 RANGELY TRUE VALUE, SPPLY, 10.78 RB HERALD TIME, PRCH SVCS, 2,100.00

MEL TRUJILLO, PRCH SVCS, 250.00 US DEPT. OF THE TREASURY, FED W/H. 1.879.91 US DEPT. OF THE TREASURY, FICA W/H, 4,462.06 COUNTY HEALTH POOL, INSURANCE,

11.413.82 GREAT WEST, RETIREMENT, 2,149.89 AMERICAN FIDELITY, SPMNTL INSURANCE, 56.61 CO STATE WITHHOLDINGS, STATE W/H, 1,039.53

PUBLIC HEALTH FUND TOTAL, 25,686.86 FUND: DEPT OF HUMAN SVCS VENDOR NAME, ACCOUNT NAME, AMOUNT

MOFFAT COUNTY, CNTRCT SVCS. 4.754.60 PITNEY BOWES RES, CNYT EXPNC, STEERMAN LAW, CNTRCT SVCS,

10.171.32 UNION TELEPHONE, PRCH SVCS, 227.16 US DEPT. OF THE TREASURY, FED W/H, 3,131.64 US DEPT. OF THE TREASURY, FICA

W/H, 7,391.76 COUNTY HEALTH POOL, INSURANCE, 23.108.74 GREAT WEST, RETIREMENT, 3,079.43 CO STATE WITHHOLDINGS, STATE

W/H, 1,803.72 AP PAYMENTS, 9,605,73 DEPT OF HUMAN SVCS FUND TOTAL, 63,294.73 FUND: CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS VENDOR NAME, ACCOUNT NAME,

AMOUNT COLUMN, M AP RNWY, 8.04 RB HERALD TIME, RA ENTTLMNT, 62.70 T-O ENGINEERS. RA ENTTLMNT. 16.512.64 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FUND TOTAL, 16,583.38 FUND: AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN

VENDOR NAME, ACCOUNT NAME. AMOUNT US DEPT. OF THE TREASURY, FED W/H 330.06 US DEPT. OF THE TREASURY, FICA

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RANGELY, TOWN OF, UTL, 147.36 RANGELY TRUE VALUE, SPPLY, 536.12 STEWART WELDING, PRCH SVCS. 28.20 U.S. FOODS, SPPLY, 4,562.12 WATT'S, FOOD SPPLY, 192.89 US DEPT. OF THE TREASURY, FED W/H. 2.076.78 US DEPT. OF THE TREASURY, FICA W/H, 4,299.57 COUNTY HEALTH POOL, INSURANCE. 16.680.72 GREAT WEST, RETIREMENT, 3,022.77 AMERICAN FIDELITY, SPMNTL INSURANCE 170 61 CO STATE WITHHOLDINGS, STATE W/H 967 17 FAMILY SUPPORT REGISTRY, WAGE ASMNT. 537.42 USE TAX FUND TOTAL, 34,453.04 FUND: SOLID WASTE VENDOR NAME, ACCOUNT NAME, AMOUNT ACZ LAB, PRCH SVCS, 756.00 CAROLINA SOFTWARE, SPPLY, 574.42 CDPH, CNTRCT SVCS, 1,548.56 PITNEY BOWES RES PRCH SVCS 7 20 REDI SERVICES, PRCH SVCS, 80.00 SIGN SOLUTIONS, SPPLY, 266.96 SOUDER, MILLER & ASSOC, PRCH SVCS 5 967 46 UNION TELEPHONE, PRCH SVCS, 46.06 VALLEY HARDWARE, SPPLY, 87.96 WREA, UTL, 164.48 US DEPT. OF THE TREASURY. FED W/H. 2.073.89 US DEPT. OF THE TREASURY, FICA W/H, 3,073.96 COUNTY HEALTH POOL, INSURANCE, 7.542.74 GREAT WEST, RETIREMENT, 1,587.22 CO STATE WITHHOLDINGS, STATE W/H 863 00 SOLID WASTE FUND TOTAL, 24,639.91 FUND: WEED & PEST VENDOR NAME, ACCOUNT NAME, AMOUNT VALLEY HARDWARE, SPPLY, 33.53 VAN DIEST SUPPLY, CHEM USED, 22,248.60 US DEPT. OF THE TREASURY, FED W/H. 706.05 US DEPT. OF THE TREASURY, FICA W/H, 978.18 COUNTY HEALTH POOL, INSURANCE 3.076.50 GREAT WEST, RETIREMENT, 767.22 CO STATE WITHHOLDINGS, STATE W/H 252 00 WEED & PEST FUND TOTAL, 28,062.08 FUND: COMMUNICATIONS VENDOR NAME, ACCOUNT NAME,

W/H. 679.68

W/H. 159.00

TOTAL, 4,245.24

FUND:USE TAX

BOYKO, SPPLY, 142.93

MOON LAKE ELEC, UTL, 691.46

NICHOLS STORE SPRIY 7 00

AMOUNT

SVCS. 150.00

3,076.50

The Rio Blanco Fair Board is now accepting bids for the 2022 Livestock Sale pictures at Fair. For a complete criteria packet, please call the Extension Office at 970-878-9490, stop by the office at the Fairgrounds or

Bid Deadline: Wednesday, May 25, 2022

COUNTY HEALTH POOL, INSURANCE, CO STATE WITHHOLDINGS, STATE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUND VENDOR NAME, ACCOUNT NAME, HENDERSHOTT, MELAINE, PRCH MVB-VISA, NSIP FOOD SPPLY, 237.80 PITNEY BOWES RES. PRCH SVCS. 2.12

GREAT WEST, RETIREMENT, 2,852,61 CO STATE WITHHOLDINGS, STATE W/H, 878.23 COMMUNICATIONS FUND TOTAL. 219.266.62 FUND: FAIRFIELD VENDOR NAME, ACCOUNT NAME, AMOUNT ATMOS ENERGY, UTL, 709.69 MEEKER SANITATION, UTL, 40.00 MEEKER, TOWN OF, UTL, 588.00 OVERTON RECY, UTL, 365,70 SAMUELSON, SPPLY, 151,19 WREA, UTL, 1,580.39 US DEPT. OF THE TREASURY, FED W/H, 484.90 US DEPT. OF THE TREASURY, FICA W/H, 1,240.58 COUNTY HEALTH POOL, INSURANCE, 5,345.77 GREAT WEST, RETIREMENT, 960,84 CO STATE WITHHOLDINGS, STATE FAIRFIELD FUND TOTAL, 11,751.06 FUND: CENTRAL SVCS VENDOR NAME, ACCOUNT NAME,

IMAGENET CONSULTING, CNTRCT SVCS, 1,262.57 PAUL D. MILLER CPA, PROF SVCS, PITNEY BOWES, SPPLY, 165.00 PITNEY BOWES RES. PSTG. 36.51 ROCKY MTN COMPETITIVE, CNTRCT SVCS, 927.80 CENTRAL SVCS FUND TOTAL. 13.391.88

FUND: FLEET VENDOR NAME, ACCOUNT NAME, AMOUNT 1st RESPOND, SPPLY, 49,18 ABI ATTACHMENTS, PRTS/ACCS, AIRGAS, SPPLY, 218.86 COLUMBINE FORD, PRTS/ACCS, 395,00

CORNWELL TOOLS, SPPLY, 19.54 DENVER INDUSTRIAL, PRTS/ACCS, 669.95 FARIS MACHINERY, PRTS/ACCS, 336.60 GILBARCO, PRCH SVCS, 260.76 HILL PETROLEUM, GAS, 25,206,83 HONNEN EQUIPMENT, CAP OTLY, 11.424.27 IBS, SPPLY, 1,093.66

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MOON LAKE ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION, INC. NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF MEMBERS NOTICE OF ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

MLEA Headquarters Operations Building, Roosevelt, Utah

May 26, 2022 Notice is hereby given that the regular meeting of Members of Moon Lake Electric Association, Inc., will be held in the MLEA Headquarters Operations Building at 800 West Hwy. 40 in Roosevelt, Duchesne County, Utah, on Thursday, May 26, 2022, beginning at 5:00 p.m. for the following purposes:

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Candidates as a Result of District Nominating Meetings

District 4 Incumbent Tommy K. Olsen

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District 5 Wayne Hanberg HC 64 Box 164 Duchesne, UT 84021

Ryan Harrison HC 64 Box 380 Duchesne, UT 84021

Bert Potts

4665 S 2340 W Roosevelt, UT 84066 District 7

Rangely, CO 81648 **Candidates as a Result of Petition**

Incumbent Alan Ducey

PO Box 606

District 4 None

District 5 None

District 7 None

2. Presentation of the Annual Report to the Members

each for a 3-year term. Candidates are:

3. For consideration of such other business as may come before said meeting.

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/s/Josh Hunter Josh Hunter, Secretary-Treasurer Moon Lake Electric Association, Inc.

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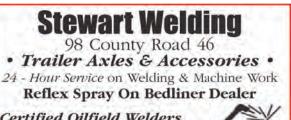


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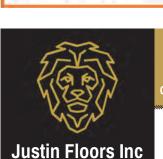
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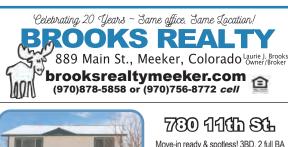
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