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Summer rodeo series coming to Meeker

By NIKI TURNER
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MEEKER Weekly rodeo is returning to Meeker for the summer.

"Regas (Halandras) talked to me a couple years ago about bringing rodeo to Meeker," said Tyler Farris of Silt. Farris, 25, owns and operates Farris Bucking Bulls, providing professional quality stock for rodeos nationwide. "I've been thinking about it, and decided this year was the year to do it."

Farris is handling the organization of the Meeker rodeo series. He'll haul a full complement of rodeo stock—bulls, broncs, calves and more—to Meeker from Silt each week for 13 weeks, excluding July 6.

"It'll be one, if not two, semi loads and a gooseneck trailer," Farris said.

The rodeos in Meeker will be amateur, non-sanctioned rodeos, but Farris said he expects "a lot of pro-level contestants."

While he has entrants lined up from Nevada, Wyoming and Idaho already, he wants to encourage locals to sign up.

"Bring your own horse or borrow one," he said.

The rodeo series will include all the usual events: ranch bronc, saddle

bronc, bareback, ladies and junior breakaway roping, team roping, junior and amateur bull riding, big kids and adult dally ribbon roping, a calcutta cowhide race, open bull riding, barrel racing and mutton bustin'.

For this first season, prizes will come out of the entry fees in a weekly jackpot format. At the end of the season, Farris plans to offer prizes for top point-getters, but what those prizes will be hasn't been decided.

"The first year it's hard to get sponsorships," he said. Farris said the cost to put on each rodeo is between \$7,000 and \$8,000 a week.

He hopes to have between 80 and 150 competitors each week. Entry fees range from \$10 a ride for mutton bustin' to \$80 for a big kid dally ribbon roping team. Interested vendors may also apply.

Tickets for rodeo spectators will be \$12. Children 8 and under are free.

For more information call 970-274-9833 or visit the Facebook page at facebook.com/meeker2017summerrodeoseries/.

To sign up for an event, call 970-274-3994. Entries will be taken beginning the Tuesday prior to each rodeo from 6-8 p.m.

The rodeos will begin at 7 p.m. starting Thursday, June 1 at the Rio Blanco County Fairgrounds.



Weekly summer rodeo is coming to Meeker beginning Thursday, June 1 at 7 p.m. at the Rio Blanco County Fairgrounds and will continue through the summer months. Local rodeo competitors are welcome to participate. Call 970-274-3994 to sign up.

KIM EKSTROM PHOTO

First results from water samples in, no analysis yet

By NIKI TURNER
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RBC In what may have been the shortest county commissioners' meeting on record (less than five minutes), RBC commissioners (BOCC) approved items on the consent agenda and gave brief commissioner updates Monday. There was no new business, bid openings, or memorandums of understanding on the agenda.

Consent agenda items included contract modifications to: a U.S. Forest Service Grant, increasing the funding amount by \$10,000 for activities and projects; AM-PM Sweepers and Stripes for the 2017 crackfill project and spot graveling on CR 10.

The commissioners also approved a joint letter from the White River and Douglas Creek Conservation Districts and the board of county commissioners to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) requesting a meeting to discuss the Piceance-East Douglas

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After 29 years of serving and protecting the citizens of Meeker and Rio Blanco county, Mike Washburn retires from the Meeker PD at the end of May.

DOC WATSON PHOTO

Mike Washburn retires from Meeker PD after 29 years

By DOC WATSON
Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER After 29 years of service to the citizens of Meeker and Rio Blanco County, Mike Washburn is retiring from the Meeker Police Department (MPD) at the end of May, having also served with the Sheriff's Department before the MPD.

Born in Racine, Wisc., in 1950, Washburn grew up not only there but also in Macomb and St. Louis, Mo., and Houston, Texas, as his father served parishes in each as an Episcopal priest.

It was while in college at

Kansas State that Washburn's fraternity brothers set him up with a girl who was attending Cottey College, an all girls school in Nevada, Mo. While that relationship didn't work out, the one with another girl he met there certainly did, Mary Oldland.

Married in 1971, they moved into the house here in Meeker that has been in Mary's family since her well-known grandparents, Ambrose and Mary Delaney Oldland.

Soon after moving to Meeker, Washburn joined the volunteer fire department, where he served for 23 years as a firefighter and EMT.

In 1989 Sheriff Ron Hilkey hired Washburn to serve in the detention center. Washburn, Bob Ruckman and several others, however, wanted to become POST certified police officers, which they accomplished through CNCC in Rangely.

POST (Peace Officer Standards and Training) provides peace officers with the training and certification mandated by the state.

Finishing his career in the sheriff's department in 2003, where he had reached the rank of

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Parents encouraged to have children screened for developmental problems

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RBC Imagine you're an air traffic controller watching a flight on radar. Early into the flight you notice the plane is veering slightly off course. The longer you wait to tell the pilot to make an adjustment, the harder it will be to get that plane back on track, so you tell the pilot right away.

Now apply that same thinking to your infant or young child. Maybe the child isn't reaching those babyhood milestones at the same pace as other kids in the same age range. Maybe, as a parent, you just feel concerned, or sense something isn't quite right. Using the same analogy as the airplane, it makes sense that early intervention would be best for the child. But how do you find help?

That was the subject of a recent meeting of healthcare providers, educators, county health department staff, and others who work with young children.

The benefits of early intervention are well-documented.

"The most typical local early intervention services are in the area of motor (skills) and speech," said RBC Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES, pronounced bo-seees) Director Teresa Bandel-Schott via email. "We have several young children that have delays in these two areas. When we are able to provide services in the early years, a high percentage of these children no longer qualify for services once they reach the age of three."

From birth to three years of age is a time of critical brain development for young children.

"When it comes to learning language and social skills, you have to have real interaction with a 3D person," said William Campbell, M.D., during the meeting. Sometimes that means parents need coaching to provide natural learning opportunities at home.

Bandel-Schott said early developmental screenings are important for all children.

"We've gotten better at finding potential problems earlier." Screenings, either through programs like RBC Horizons (for children birth to age 3), BOCES (for children 3-5 years of age), or during a doctor's office visit, are opportunities for families to answer questions about a child's growth, learning and behavior.

"It is also important for a parent that has a concern to be able to share that concern with their child's doctor or another professional."

Sometimes parents don't speak up because they feel embarrassed, or like they are "failing" their child, but that's not the case.

"Parents are their child's first teacher and early intervention is not therapy, but an opportunity for families to learn new knowledge and build their capacity for how they can support their child's development. This provides for increased opportunity for the children's success as they grow," she said.

Concerns about money are another reason parents avoid early intervention, but many services are available at no cost to families.

Of the families who receive early intervention treatment, 90 percent of those surveyed say it was beneficial.

"Parents often know when some-

thing about their children's development doesn't seem quite right."

For further information about the value of early intervention, please visit dracess.org/videolibrary/HarperHope and www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/actearly/pdf/parents_pdfs/milestonemomentseng508.pdf.

What to watch for

RBC What parents of children birth-3 should watch for (in all such cases, medical and developmental evaluations are needed):

- Regression or loss of previously learned motor, communication or social skills at any age
- No cooing (oohs, aahs, goohs or gaahs) sounds by 6 months of age
- No babbling (mamamama, dadadada, papapapa, yabadabadoo) by 12 months of age
- No back and forth gestures such as pointing and making eye contact
- No 2-word spontaneous phrases ("doggy bark", "big truck", "mommy home") by 24 months
- Not walking by 18 months, or having other motor problems even before that, such as seeming to have unusually stiff or floppy arms, legs or trunk, or not using one side of the body well compared to the other side.

WEATHER



Saturday: 74/48 Mostly sunny



Sunday: 75/50 Sunny

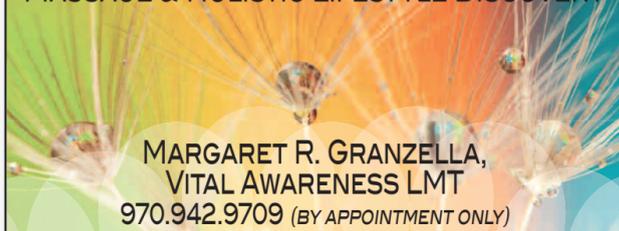


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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

■ **Modified hours May 27**
Meeker Recreation Center Pool will be closed all day; Center open 8-Noon for Meeker graduation. Call 878-3403 or visit meekerrecdistrict.com.

■ **Meeker Recreation Center Closed May 29.** Pool and center closed all day for Memorial Day. Call 878-3403 or visit meekerrecdistrict.com.

■ **Softball and baseball clinic** May 16 from 6-8 p.m. at Paintbrush Park Ball Fields. Free clinic for K-8th grade youth taught by the high school baseball and softball teams. More details at meekerrecdistrict.com or call 878-3403.

■ **Mountain Valley Bank** will be doing a "Lobby Blitz" every Wednesday to provide customers with a one on one online banking and mobile banking mini course. Our staff are eager to assist our community and banking family with the information available to them 24/7.

■ **The Meeker Library Book Club** meets at 1 p.m. the second Monday of each month (excluding holidays). The next meeting will be June 12. We will be discussing "Before the Fall" by Noah Hawley. All interested readers are welcome. Stop by the Meeker Library for details.

■ **Community members are meeting** to make grocery bag mats for the homeless. Mondays 1-4 p.m. at 600 Main St.

■ **Quilting Group.** Tuesdays from 1-9 p.m. at the Meeker Public Library. All are welcome. Come during hours that fit your

schedule. Bring your sewing machine and project. Making quilts for the Walbridge Wing and hospice care.

■ **Game Day** for adults 50-plus on Wednesdays at 9 a.m. in the Meeker Recreation Center lounge. Call 878-3403 or visit meekerrecdistrict.com.

■ **Storytime at the Rangely Regional Library** Tuesdays at 10 a.m.

■ **Children's Story Hour** Wednesdays at 10 a.m. at the Meeker Public Library.

■ **Gentleman's Club** meeting at 10 a.m. each Thursday morning at the VFW, 290 4th St. in Meeker.

■ **Real-Tea Roundtable.** Join real estate expert Suzan Pelloni for helpful hints on buying and selling property. First Monday of the month, 7:30 a.m. at Wendll's.

■ **Adult Open Gym Volleyball** Tuesdays from 7:30-8:30 p.m. in the MES gym. Adults 18-plus. Call 878-3403 or visit meekerrecdistrict.com.

■ **Adult Open Gym Pickleball** Wednesdays from 1-2:30 p.m. in the admin gym. Adults 18-plus. Call 878-3403 or visit meekerrecdistrict.com.

■ **Adult Open Gym Basketball** Wednesdays from 7:30-8:30 p.m. in the MES gym. Adults 18-plus. Call 878-3403 or visit meekerrecdistrict.com.

Send calendar items to calendar@theheraldtimes.com

WING PALS...



Good friends Mickey Reagle (left) and Doris Welle (right) enjoyed a Mother's Day meal together at the Walbridge Wing in Meeker.

BOBBY GUTIERREZ PHOTO

**EMS week
May 21-27**

MEEKER May 21-27, 2017, has been designated Emergency Medical Services (EMS) week to recognize EMS providers for the services they perform. This year's theme is "Always in Service." "They endure grueling hours and miss holidays and family celebrations," said Meeker Fire Chief Terry Skidmore of the 26 EMS responders who volunteer for Meeker Fire and Rescue.

According to the American College of Emergency Physicians, "...emergency medical services has grown to fill a gap by providing important, out of hospital care... the emergency medical services system consists of first responders, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, emergency medical dispatchers, firefighters, police officers, educators, administrators, pre-hospital nurses, emergency nurses, emergency physicians, trained members of the public and other out of hospital medical care providers."

Meeker FD gets grant for expansion

By **NIKI TURNER**
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MEEKER The Rio Blanco Fire Protection District (Meeker Fire and Rescue) has achieved another milestone toward the expansion and renovation of its headquarters at 236 Seventh St. in Meeker.

Following the purchase of the former Rocky Mountain Bowstrings building on the corner of Seventh and Main streets in 2012, and the demolition of that building in 2015, the district applied for and has been awarded a Colorado Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) grant in the amount of \$1 million. This will

offset the district's cost for the construction of a new administration building and the renovation of the current fire house. The grant will come from DOLA's Energy/Mineral Impact Assistance Fund.

The new administration building will be home for the offices for the fire chief, office administrator and EMS services. It will also showcase the historic fire engine from the 1930s, as well as other artifacts related to the department's

long history in Meeker.

After careful consideration by the board, the district has awarded the construction bid for the project to local contractor Renninger Log Homes, with the understanding that Renninger will use local subcontractors "as much as possible."

The building will feature sustainable design elements and eco-friendly aspects.

"We're hoping to help enhance the downtown corridor with this building," said Fire Chief Terry

Skidmore.

The district is awaiting a building permit from the Town of Meeker. Once the permit is received, groundbreaking will take place.

The district currently has 38 fire and emergency medical volunteers. "We're always looking for more volunteers," said Skidmore, adding that daytime help—people who can respond to calls during regular daytime hours—is the biggest need.

WATER: More results to come

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Herd Management Area (PEDHMA); a letter to Colorado Parks and Wildlife supporting a conservation and access easement on a parcel of land on the Flag Creek Ranch; and a letter from the BOCC to BLM, the Ute Indian Tribe, the Town of Dinosaur, the Town of Rangely, and the Board of County Commissioners of Moffat County opposing any transfer of land from the BLM to the Ute Indian Tribe for the purposes of building a casino.

Also on the consent agenda were the approval of a liquor license for Seven Lakes Lodge and approval of a letter to the RBC Treasurer to verify accounts at the Bank of the San Juans.

All three commissioners said it had been a "quiet" week in their updates to the board.

Commissioner Si Woodruff said

he had received the first round of results from water and snow samples taken last month in response to questions about nitrogen and metals in water samples that may be related to last year's algae bloom on the White River. Results from a second lab are still pending. Woodruff said he plans to speak with local experts for an analysis of the results.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Visit Rangely Day today

RANGELY | It's Visit Rangely day today, Thursday, May 25. The day will begin with a meet and greet from 8:30-9:30 a.m. at the Rangely Automotive Museum, followed by a visit to the TANK Center for Sonic Arts, a visit to the Rangely Outdoor Museum, lunch and a presentation by the Colorado Tourism Office at the Rangely Chamber and a rock art tour from 1-3:30 p.m. on Hwy. 139 and Dragon Trail Road. Call 675-5290 for more information.

Meeker FFA selling hanging baskets today

MEEKER | The Meeker FFA Chapter is hosting its annual plant sale. All plants in the greenhouse have been cultivated by horticulture students in the high school's greenhouse. Bedding flowers, filler plants, vegetables and even perennials available Monday through Thursday in the ag shop (south side of Meeker High School) from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. providing hardy starts for your garden. Single vegetables (cucumbers, squash, peas, tomatoes) \$2; single flowers (geraniums and columbines) \$3; 4-pack flowers (begonias, ornamental grass, filler plants) \$2; 6-pack flowers (pansies, petunias, columbines, Kwik Kombo) \$3; fill-a-flat special: \$15 for a full flat of flowers. Thursday, May 25 only: hanging basket arrangements will be for sale \$20 a pot. Thank you for supporting the Meeker FFA Chapter!

Meeker School District meeting June 1

MEEKER | Meeker School District informational community meeting to learn about Meeker School District facility deficiencies and discuss the vision for possible remedies at Meeker High School Thursday, June 1 at 6 p.m. All community members invited.

Register now for Old Timers Reunion

MEEKER | The Rio Blanco County Pioneers Association will host the 105th Old Timers Reunion on Saturday, June 3. The theme this year is "Ride for the Brand," honoring the dedication of our pioneers. Social hour begins at 5 p.m. Help the Rio Blanco County Historical Society preserve our local history by sharing oral histories on video. Contact heritagetourism@rioblancocounty.org to schedule a specific time. Dinner, prepared by Ma Famiglia, will be served at 6 p.m. followed by a presentation about some of the brands in our county. After dinner the Caleb Dean band will perform live music for your dancing pleasure. Tickets are \$35. Visit rbcopioneers.org to register online or to print a registration form to mail in.

Summer kids' camps start June 6

MEEKER | CNCC summer kids' camp opportunities: Stamp Camp (ages 10-14) June 6-July 18 (six sessions), 10 a.m. to noon; Chef Camp (ages 12 and up) June 7, 14, 22 from 5-7 p.m.; Lego Mindstorm Robotics Camp (fourth through eighth grade) Monday-Friday, June 19-23 from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. For further information, call 878-5227 to get on a class list, stop by CNCC Meeker Center at 345 Sixth Street on Tuesday or Wednesdays to register. Registration forms may be mailed to CNCC, PO Box 1542, faxed to 878-4145, or emailed to iris.franklin@cncc.edu

TANK kicks off 2017 season June 16

RANGELY | The TANK Center for Sonic Arts kicks off its 2017 season with Sound Circle, an 18-voice women's a cappella ensemble. Join us for a free concert, "Widening Circles" at Rangely High School on Friday, June 16 at 5 p.m. The concert will last for 70 minutes with no intermission. Meet the artists after the concert. Come and experience the contagious joy of 18 women making music.

Paleontology dig June 25 through CNCC

RANGELY | Paleontology field experience June 25 from 7:30 a.m. to noon. Located in the heart of dinosaur country, CNCC is offering the chance to work alongside professional paleontologists to uncover fossils that have been buried for more than 65 million years. Under the guidance of a professional, students will learn about paleontology by digging, brushing and uncovering a unique fossilized specimen. No prior experience required. Individual students must be at least 18. Students 12-17 may participate if accompanied by an adult also registered for the same session. Class fee is \$50 and includes instruction, travel to and from the dig site and the use of necessary tools.

Full-scale emergency exercise a success, and a learning experience for all involved

By **NIKI TURNER**
Special to the Herald Times

RBC | The Piceance Basin in Rio Blanco County encompasses a vast swath of acreage. Beginning at the Colorado State Highway 13 turnoff, County Road 5 winds through the basin to emerge between Meeker and Rangely on Highway 64.

At first glance the basin appears to be primarily agricultural, at least on the Hwy. 13 side, but before long, signs of the basin's complex infrastructure begin to dot the landscape. Natural gas pipeline ground valves, protected by a framework of bright yellow pipes, spring up like dandelions in lush green fields, accompanied by larger compressor stations along the side of the road.

A hand-painted sign—"fresh eggs, \$4 doz."—hanging on a fence is quite a contrast to the professional signage along the road marking the way to

large industrial facilities owned and operated by some of the largest energy companies in the world: Williams' Willow Creek Gas Plant, Enterprise's Meeker Gas Plant, XTO Energy (a subsidiary of Exxon Mobil), Kinder Morgan and Encana, to name just a few. Additionally, the basin is home to Natural Soda, the second largest producer of sodium bicarbonate (baking soda) in North America.

In 2016, the U.S. Geological Survey said the Mancos formation in the Piceance Basin is estimated to hold about 66.3 trillion cubic feet of gas, up from the 1.6 trillion estimated in 2003, just before the last "energy boom" in Rio Blanco County. The various operations employ dozens of workers.

All of that activity, and the potential for additional growth when gas prices rise, made the Piceance Basin the perfect location for a multi-agency full-scale exercise last weekend to simulate a multi-layered attack on the

basin's resources and infrastructure.

Just under 100 people from throughout the state participated in the exercise, which tested the county's emergency systems—dispatch, sheriff's department, fire and ambulance, road and bridge, Colorado Parks and Wildlife, U.S. Forest Service, RBC Search and Rescue, and more. It also gave the industry the opportunity to test their emergency and evacuation protocols and procedures. The exercise also offered an opportunity for local officials to work together with members of the Northwest Colorado Type 3 Incident Management Team (NWCOIMT), who would be sent in to assist local government in the event of a large incident.

At the close of the two-day event Saturday, participants said they were "encouraged" by how well the systems worked in the exercise, and felt more confident about responding to a complex event.

Memorial Day tradition in Meeker

MEEKER | Members of the Meeker V.F.W., Ladies' Auxiliary and American Legion will meet Monday at Circle Park at 9 a.m. to throw a wreath into the river commemorating the soldiers who have died in active military service.

Following the wreath ceremony, a Memorial Day service will be held at Highland Cemetery.



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16 oz. Daily's Big Buy	BACON	\$1⁹⁹

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**RIO BLANCO COUNTY ROAD 10,
SOUTH FORK ROAD**

Rio Blanco County Road & Bridge crews are currently improving South Fork Road near the South Fork Campground. For the next few weeks, vehicles travelling between Mile Marker 10 and the campground during the work week will be affected.

Road Affected: County Road 10, Mile Marker 10 (Hill Creek Campground) to 12

Week of 5/29: Closed Tuesday through Thursday, 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM, open after work hours and Friday through Sunday
Week of 6/5: May be closed Monday through Thursday, 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM depending on progress. Open after work hours and Friday through Sunday

The construction will improve the Spring Creek Cave Parking Lot and widen South Fork Road for ¼ mile before South Fork Campground. Because the road is extremely narrow, this is the most efficient way to handle the traffic.

Thank you for your patience and cooperation. For updates, call the Rio Blanco County Road & Bridge Office, 970-878-9590.

EDITOR'S COLUMN...

This too shall pass

By NIKI TURNER
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It's an old saying that can be traced back to Persian poets. Abraham Lincoln, prior to becoming America's 16th president, used it in a speech: "It is said an Eastern monarch once charged his wise men to invent him a sentence, to be ever in view, and which should be true and appropriate in all times and situations. They presented him the words: 'And this, too, shall pass away.' How much it expresses! How chastening in the hour of pride! How consoling in the depths of affliction!"

One of my early childhood memories, around the age of 3, involves pointing at our tiny black and white television screen and identifying "Tricky Dicky," aka then-President Richard Nixon. My parents were quite amused.

Since then multiple presidents have come and gone, all with some degree of angst and dissatisfaction. Ford inherited a huge mess in the form of Watergate. Carter went down in flames after the Iranian hostage crisis, and was widely blamed for high inflation. Reagan—much beloved in memory these days—had his own troubles. He had some great diplomatic successes—"Mr. Gorbachev, tear down this wall!"—and yet the national debt, federal budget deficit and trade deficit skyrocketed, in spite of the so-called "trickle down" theory of economics. The first George Bush we elected said "read my lips, no new taxes" during his campaign, then promptly raised taxes. And while the economy may have soared under Clinton's administration, his personal ethics (or lack thereof) left much of the nation in moral turmoil. The second Bush's election came amid tremendous controversy (hanging chads, anyone?), yet he carried the country through the

terrors of 9/11. He also carried us into two Middle East wars. With Obama's election, the nation polarized more than ever, and that division has

only widened since the most recent election.

What's the point?
Presidents come and go like weather systems.
Family, friends, neighbors, community... those things remain.
Relationship overrides political posturing. Or it should. Will we be the American people who come together in unity around our shared history and belief in the Constitution and Bill of Rights, or will we allow ourselves to be torn apart and destroyed by extremist ideologies on either side of the aisle?

I watched the movie "Spotlight" a few weeks ago. It's about investigative journalism. There were a number of thought-provoking things in the movie, but the one that stuck with me was the new editor of the *Boston Globe*, an outsider from Florida, asked his reporters something to this effect: "What would make this newspaper essential to our readers?"

It's a question I'm asking myself every week now, and one I'd be interested in hearing your responses to.

Memorial Day weekend is upon us once again. Between all our three-day weekend activities, may we take at least a moment on Monday to honor the men and women who have died in active military service to our country. Have a safe and happy weekend!

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'American Pickers' returning to Colorado

Special to the Herald Times

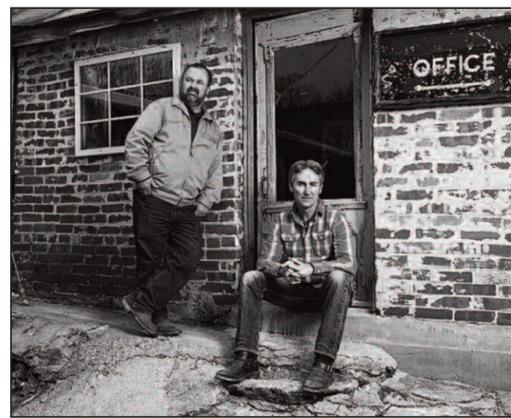
RBC I Mike Wolfe, Frank Fritz and their team are excited to return to Colorado. They plan to film episodes of the hit series "American Pickers" throughout the region in July 2017. "American Pickers" is a documentary series that explores the fascinating world of antique 'picking' on the History Channel. The hit show follows Wolfe and Fritz, two of the most skilled pickers in the business, as they hunt for America's most valuable antiques. They are always excited to find sizeable, unique collections and learn the interesting stories behind them.

As they hit the back roads from coast to coast, Mike and Frank are on a mission to recycle and rescue forgotten relics. Along the way, the Pickers want to meet characters with remarkable and exceptional items.

The pair hopes to give historically significant objects a new lease on life, while learning a thing or two about America's past along the way.

Wolfe and Fritz have seen a lot of rusty gold over the years and are always looking to discover something they've never seen before. They are ready to find extraordinary items and hear fascinating tales about them.

"American Pickers" is looking for leads and would love to explore your hidden treasure. If you or someone you know has a large, private collection or accumulation of antiques that the Pickers can spend the better part of the day looking through, send us your name, phone number, location and description of the collection with photos to: americanpickers@cinetflix.com or call 855-OLD-RUST. Facebook: @GotAPick



Mike Wolfe and Frank Fritz of 'American Pickers' on the History channel.

RIO BLANCO COUNTY DAYS GONE BY

The Meeker Herald — 100 years ago

■ Notice to wolf hunters: There is a band of wolves operating in the Thornburg region. For the next 10 days I will pay \$50 per head for the destruction of the same. J.P. Wyman.

■ Reports say they had two feet of snow in Leadville last Sunday. The Cloud City had nothing on us in the moisture line. We had two feet of rain here.

■ Ed Wilber, pioneer of the pioneers, was in town Tuesday. Ed says if the old timers could refresh their memories they could recall plenty of spring seasons during the past 30 or more years when the spring was as backward and erratic as this. Guess Ed is about right.

■ Be sure and show up for registration day June 5. Registration does not mean you will be drafted into the army. Only a small proportion of those registering will be called for military service. The large majority will be called on to perform other, and valuable services, such as taking care of the needed crops and turning out various military supplies. All can render the Nation great

service no matter where placed. The Nation not only expects, but demands that all do their "bit."

The Meeker Herald — 50 years ago

■ Thirty-four members of the Meeker High School senior class received their diplomas during impressive commencement exercises held in the high school auditorium Tuesday evening.

■ Cadet Harry Alva Tucker Jr. will receive his gold bar and second lieutenant's commission in the U.S. Army at commencement exercises from West Point Academy June 7.

■ Lorie Ann Crawford, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Crawford of Meeker, is one-year-old today, Thursday, May 25. Helping their younger sister celebrate her birthday are her four brothers: Jay, 10, Danny, 8, Kelly, 6, and Stanley, 3.

■ Michael McCrary, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer McCrary of Meeker, was recently advanced in rate to Gunner's Mate third class. GM McCrary, serving on board the USS Ticonderoga off of Vietnam the past 19 months, is due home

for a 25-day leave the first of June.

The Meeker Herald — 25 years ago

■ "The market for nahcolite could very possibly be a million tons a year before the turn of the century," according to Bill Gunn, president of AmerAlia, who called from Australia to report on the company's lease on Piceance Creek.

■ Local Tae Kwon Do students were among the 160 competitors in the 1992 Martial Arts Championship in Grand Junction on May 2.

■ Harry Watt and Kelly Sheridan took their maiden skydives on Sunday, free falling 4,000 feet in 30 seconds.

Rangely Times — 50 years ago

■ Commencement was held Tuesday night for 54 seniors at Rangely High School. Dr. Donald M. Luketich, professor of education at Colorado State College, was speaker at the commencement.

■ This western Colorado town, which boasts one of the earliest rodeos in the state each year, will jerk open the chute for its annu-

al Saddle Club rodeo June 2 and 3.

■ On May 21 three Rangely young men were injured in a Jeep accident at 4:20 p.m. on Rio Blanco 2. Joe Mike Turner, 17, was traveling west in a 1947 Willys Jeep and ran off the roadway to the right. He swerved to the left, attempting to regain control, and skidded back onto the roadway in a side-skid to the left before overturning once in the roadway and 1-1/2 times off the left side of the roadway. Turner and two passengers, George W. Baker, 18, and Jay E. Rector, 17, were ejected from the vehicle, which caught fire.

Rangely Times — 25 years ago

■ Radio carbon results of 23 samples found in various hearths excavated at Hanging Hearths Shelter date from 390 AD to 1410 BC. The site is located near the Douglas Creek road approximately 15 miles south of the CNCC campus in Rangely.

■ For the second year in a row Rangely captured the Top Town Cup in the ninth Maybe Annual Almost Meeker to Rangely Canoe Race.

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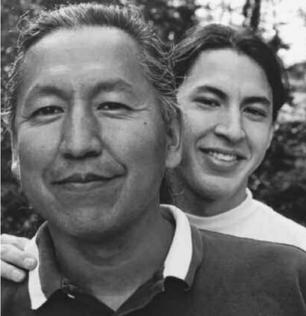


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Helena Roxanna 'Roxie' Copeland

March 20, 1949~May 17, 2017

Helen Roxanna "Roxie" Copeland passed away peacefully on May 17, 2017, surrounded by her family, after a long fight with lung cancer. She was 68 years old.

Roxie was born to Woody and Dolores Asselin on March 20, 1949. She married Kenneth Earl Copeland on Jan. 21, 1967. Together they have three children, Robert Copeland, Rex Copeland and Shawn Luce (Copeland). She is survived by two brothers, Walt Asselin and Woodrow "Chipper" Asselin and a sister, Vian Stirrett.

Roxie was an amazing woman. She cared and nurtured her family and friends. She will be remembered by all for her spirited and outgoing nature. She was fiercely dedicated to her family, especially her 12 grandchildren and four great-grandchild-



Roxie Copeland

dren. She was deeply loved by her family and will be greatly missed.

Roxie chose to donate her body to science and then be cremated. The family will hold a private ceremony

later in the summer to spread her ashes next to her family in Michigan. In lieu of flowers please send any donations to the Bank of the San Juans, P.O. Box 600, Meeker, Colo., 81641 (reference Helen Copeland). Donations made by check need to be made to Kenneth Copeland and not to Roxie Copeland.

Adah Geraldine McSweeney Bossart

May 11, 2017

Adah Geraldine McSweeney Bossart, 97, passed away May 11, 2017, in Carbondale, Colo. Adah was born to Edward and Agnes (Anderson) McSweeney. She is the last of the McSweeney family that "homesteaded" between Meeker and Rifle. Adah is survived by her daughter, Elaine Hutchings; two grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Please join us for a celebration of life for Adah on Saturday, May 27, 2017, from 2-4 p.m. at the Rifle Funeral Home.

MEMORIAL DAY DECORATION REGULATIONS

All decorations placed on graves for Memorial Day must be picked up from the graves by 6pm Saturday, June 10th.

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We wish the very best to all in the future.

Joyce Muller, BSN, DC
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Local artist selected for esteemed Arizona show

Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER Local Meeker wildlife artist Jay Sullivan is showing his newest drawings at the prestigious 43rd Annual Western Art Show

in Prescott, Ariz. during the Memorial Day weekend May 27-29. Only 100 artists specializing in western themes are juried into this event held at the historic Prescott Courthouse Plaza.

Sullivan enjoys the challenge of creating realistic drawings of wildlife he has encountered in national parks, local scenery, and even the back yard. Each drawing requires extreme concentration, cre-

ated at the rate of about one square inch per hour with charcoal pencils. Locals may recall Jay's mother, Claire Sullivan, an accomplished painter whose art still resides in many Meeker locations.

Although Sullivan has been juried into fine art festivals for the past 15 years, this is his first event that includes only two-dimensional art (drawings and paintings) with an emphasis on original works. The Phippen Museum, sponsor of the festival, hosts additional events for artists and visitors.

Sullivan's art includes limited edition prints and occasional commissions along with 250 original works of art that can be viewed at www.jsullivanart.com.



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'On the Attack' is a 14x22" charcoal drawing by Jay Sullivan of Meeker.

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Bring the Book (1)

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... bring the book ... (Neh. 8:1)



Dr. J.D. Watson

AMONG several biblical examples of God's people demonstrating their love and desire for God's Word, the scene in Nehemiah 8 is one of the most notable and dramatic. Having returned from 70 years of Babylonian exile and completing the reconstruction of the walls and gates of Jerusalem, the people gathered to hear the Word of God read and exposted.

First, they recognized the sacredness of the Word (v. 1). Demonstrating a unique unity, some 42,000 people "gathered as one man at the square which was in front of the Water Gate." This gate was so named because it led to the Gihon Spring in the Kidron Valley, but most notably, water is often used in Scripture as a picture of the Word of God (Jn. 15:3; Eph. 5:26; cf. Ps. 119:9; Jn. 17:17) as it rinses, refreshes, and revives. It is also significant that while every other gate needed repair, this one needed none (cf. 3:26). No matter what attack is launched against God's Word, it remains unscathed. While Higher (Historical) Criticism attacks the Bible's historic accuracy and Lower (Textual) Criticism questions the authenticity of the text itself, this gate holds strong against every assault.

Most notable of all, however, is that the people "asked Ezra the scribe to bring the book of the law of Moses which the LORD had given to Israel." People nowadays ask for everything under the sun *except* the book, but these people did not want to hear Ezra's rhetoric, Nehemiah's stories, Zerubbabel's philosophy, or be entertained in any way. After 70 years in a pagan land, they wanted one thing only—the Word of God. Like the simplicity of a child who climbs up into the parent's lap and says, "Read to me," they pleaded,

Bring the book. This is not bibliolatriy, the worship of a book, rather it is the worship of the One who wrote it, for it is only there that we learn about Him.

Second, they realized the seriousness of the Word (vv. 3-8). Instead of little snatches of Bible teaching, these people stood for several hours listening to the reading and exposition of God's Word. While today we keep our eyes on the clock to make sure we don't go "too long," time is irrelevant to the truly spiritual believer. Also, instead of sitting on padded pews or theater seats, they stood for hours because they were captivated by the Truth, underscoring that true believers are hungry for the Word of God. And again in contrast to our day, instead of an artsy, informal lectern (and often not even that), a large pulpit was built to elevate the Word over the people. This is, in fact, the first mention of such a podium in the Bible. It was large enough to hold not only Ezra but thirteen others as well. Just as John Calvin replaced all the altars in the churches with pulpits, and just as Martyn Lloyd-Jones had the pulpit bolted to the floor at Westminster Chapel in London, that should likewise be the heart and hub of our churches today.

Scriptures for Study: Read Luke 4:14-21 (cf. Is. 61:1-2). Who was reading, what was the message, and what was the result?

You are invited to worship with us at Grace Bible Church (on the corner of 3rd and Garfield) at 10:30 A.M. each Lord's Day, where the ministry is: "continu[ing] steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers" (Acts 2:42). Please visit our website (www.TheScriptureAlone.com), where you will find many resources for Christian growth, including messages in MP3 media files.

PMC names 2017/2018 board officers

Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER | The Pioneers Medical Center Board of Directors held its regular monthly board meeting and within that held their annual election of officers. The 2017/2018 slate of officers are: Dick Welle, president; Kim Brown, vice president; Karolyn Michalewicz, secretary.

"We have a great board to guide PMC," says Ken Harman, Pioneers CEO. "These seven individuals have a passion for local healthcare and come together to ensure we fulfill the mission of Pioneers Medical Center, and that we are always evolving to meet the needs of our community members and their health."

"I'm honored by the confidence



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Pioneers Medical Center board officers for 2017/2018 are Kim Brown, Dick Welle and Karolyn Michalewicz.

of my fellow board members who voted me in as president," said Welle. "At PMC, we strive for continuous improvement all the way through the continuum of patient care; from the first call you make to

set your appointment, through your clinic or hospital visit and on through the billing process."

Other board members are Mike Hoke, Bill Jordan, Steve Parr and Kai Turner.

Colorado Hay Directory accepting listings from producers, buyers

Special to the Herald Times

RBC | The Colorado Department of Agriculture is accepting listings for the 2017 Colorado Hay Directory. The annual publication connects hay producers with buyers.

"We receive calls from across the country requesting information about Colorado hay," said Wendy White, marketing specialist for the Colorado Department of Agriculture. "This publication helps Colorado producers market their hay."

The listing fee is \$25, and the

deadline is June 16, 2017. Forms are available at Colorado State University Extension offices or by contacting the Colorado Department of Agriculture.

This free directory will be available in August through CSU Extension offices and various horse and livestock associations in the state as well as at agricultural events such as the Colorado State Fair, National Western Stock Show and the Colorado Farm Show. The directory will also be online.

Each listing includes the type and amount of hay available, bale type and

size, whether or not laboratory analysis is available, certified weed free status and identifies organic hay. Listings are grouped by region of the state. The directory also includes listings for companies that offer hay-related products or services. Advertising opportunities are also available at \$50 for a half-page ad or \$90 for a full-page ad.

For more information or to receive a Colorado Hay Directory listing form, contact the Markets Division at 303-869-9175, email

Loretta.Lopez@state.co.us or visit www.coloradoagriculture.com.

WASHBURN: Retires after 29 years of service

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sergeant, Washburn wanted something new. There was an opening at the time at the MPD, so he made the move.

Washburn's style of law enforcement was molded much by experience.

"I'm fairly laid back," he said. "After my time in the jail, I found it was easier to work with the inmates if I treated them with respect. And if you do that, they will generally return the favor. If they don't, however, you will see that right away and know that you have to deal with them differently to try to bring them back around to being respectful."

That approach has served Washburn well. He has had few physical confrontations in his career, though there have been some.

"I have always found that when I see my way is not working, to then make sure that I'm the first one who changes the rules, not the one I'm dealing with, which forces me to catch up."

One such incident occurred in March 2008, when Officer Washburn and Lt. Glenn Wilson were involved in a fatal shooting of a suspect at the Valley Motel. Wilson, who was forced to fire on the suspect, received a medal of valor, and Washburn received a medal of honor.

While a big part of Washburn's life, of course, has been law enforcement, it has never been the most important part.

"Part of who you are is a police officer, but I have tried very hard not to let it become me," he said. "I've seen cops go through their whole career with their entire life being the cop part to the detriment of the family. So, when I'm not on duty, I'm still watchful, but it's not my life."

That marriage and family emphasis came shining through as Washburn recounted the times he and Mary would not see each other much because he was on the night shift. When he got home at 3 a.m., there would be a note waiting for him sharing the day's events, saying "I love you" or even reminding him to take out the trash. He would in turn leave her a note, and she still has some of those.

"It was a little thing like that, among many, many others, that made the marriage work," he said. "It's about communication and mutual respect."

That emphasis also comes through in another area, and Mary "outranked" him on this one. She has insisted throughout his career that he wear his bulletproof vest.

"She touches my chest before I leave the house to make sure," he said with a smile. "It's really the wise thing to do, I think. You never know what's going to happen, however remote the possibility. That's actually a problem with being a cop in a small town. Things don't happen frequently enough to keep you on your toes."

Having been planning for this retirement for awhile—Mary will soon retire as well—the Washburns are looking forward to the coming years. They enjoy doing short trips, such as to the Four Corners area, having more time with their grandchildren and putting out a garden.

What Washburn said he will miss upon retirement is dealing with people, that is, those "in pleasant situations," he said, as well as "the camaraderie with other officers."

In a series of brief interviews, it was quickly discovered that the appreciation of and affection for Mike Washburn in Meeker is palpa-

ble. One of many comments was, "He is a good hometown policeman. Every department needs one." He's "genuine and sincere" another stated and "a people person" added another.

A common thread running through all the comments was that throughout his career Washburn has not reflected, as one citizen put it, "the cop persona" that is sometimes true of police officers. Another put it very well: "He's able to balance between professionalism and compassion and has a calming effect on situations."

"He's a constant," someone said. "He's there when you need him," said another. "He's just helpful, always doing the right thing and giving a hand up."

Several times people noted their appreciation for Washburn's "looking after the young people" of Meeker, which was manifested in many ways (and not just for the candy he's a living legend for handing out).

Such appreciation was certainly evident in 2015 when the students of Meeker High School chose the Washburns to be their homecoming parade grand marshals.

The capstone of our poll, however, was perhaps the citizen who stated, "Mike Washburn is the exemplar of what a cop should be. His attitude of being a servant of the people is unequalled."

Indeed, to the citizens of Meeker, the old saying "to serve and protect" is not just a motto to Washburn but a way of life. It's easy for the "protect" part to become the major focus for a police officer, but it's the "serve" part that has been his passion.

Though his retirement is well earned, his uniformed presence will be sorely missed.

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Former teacher speaks at Rangely High School graduation

By JEN HILL
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RANGELY I On Sunday the Rangely High School gym filled with square caps, green and white gowns, the smiling faces of graduates and the joyful tears of parents. Each year the senior class is allowed to pick the speaker they hope to be inspired by. This year the twenty five graduates of the Class of 2017 chose Cody Brunton, former RHS English teacher.

In true English teacher style Brunton's speech centered around a theme of the power of words, defining both graduation and intention. "What we say is a reflection of who we are," Brunton told the graduates.

To illustrate his point Brunton described a semi-scientific study which compared water droplets exposed to low temperatures. Some were placed on positive words such

as love, while others were put on negative words, such as hate. According to Brunton the words near the happy thoughts developed into aesthetically pleasing ice crystals, while the negative ones formed lopsided and less appealing ones. Brunton told the graduates that good energy vibrations really can make a difference.

Brunton had saved an assignment that the graduates had completed in his class at the end of their freshman year. Four years ago those students had responded to the prompt "I hope you will remember...". The gymnasium was full of the laughter of the graduates as they reminisced about what they'd hoped to remember four years prior.

As the 2017 Rangely graduates prepare to enter the workforce, military, trade schools and colleges they were reminded that kindness and love matter.



Former RHS English teacher Cody Brunton addressed the Class of 2017. See more photos from Rangely High School's 2017 commencement exercises on page 15A of this week's paper.

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Please submit your sealed bids to the Town of Rangely at 209 E. Main Street in Rangely, CO 81648 or hand deliver them to the Utility Office. The Town reserves the right to accept and/or reject any and all bids. Inquiries can be made by calling (970)675-8476.

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Pioneers Healthcare Foundation announces 2017 scholarship winners

Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER | “We are excited to award \$4,500 in healthcare scholarships this year,” said Healthcare Foundation Executive Director, Margie Joy. Five outstanding students and healthcare professionals received this year’s scholarships, awarded to Kinzy Burke (nursing), Meghan Gerloff (nursing), Alexis Gutierrez (nursing), Maggie Phelan (occupational therapy) and Brittany Smith (occupational therapy).

This group of scholarship winners has illustrated their commitment to healthcare and their studies.

Both Burke and Phelan will graduate at the top of their high school class. They both have immersed themselves into their future area of study. Burke has been a Certified Nurse Assistant (CNA) at the Walbridge Wing for almost two years. And Phelan has spent the past year as an intern working with the Pioneers Medical Center physical and occupational therapy team. Gerloff and Gutierrez have both been working as CNAs in the Walbridge Wing. Each is attending Colorado Northwest Community College pursuing their nursing degrees. Smith carries a 3.9 G.P.A.

from Regis University, where she will graduate from next spring with a degree in health and exercise science. This will position her for post graduate studies in occupational therapy.

In 2008, the Pioneers Medical Center felt the need to pique awareness and interest in local healthcare careers, so the “Grow Your Own” program was created. Its primary components include scholarships, career days, internships and shadowing programs. The healthcare scholarships have been awarded to Meeker residents pursuing careers in healthcare. “We want to support our local students and residents to pursue a career in healthcare. We recognize they could be our future workforce and we want that local talent,” continued Joy.

The scholarship program is funded and managed by Pioneers Healthcare Foundation. The foundation seeks support for the program through generous donations and sponsorships. Westland’s and Colorado Northwestern Community College have been sponsors of the program since its inception. In 2011, the PMC employees created a scholarship for a fellow employee. Each year the employees hold various fundraisers among the employees to raise funding for the Employee to Employee Scholarship. With this type of commitment and kindness Pioneers Healthcare Foundation is able to award \$4,000 to \$5,000 in scholarships each year.

People typically think scholarships are just for undergraduate studies. Pioneers Healthcare Foundation also offers a post-graduate renewable scholarship—the Kris Borchard Strive for Excellence Scholarship. Many healthcare degrees require post-graduate studies. This scholarship, which is generously funded by the Borchard family, gives assistance during those post-graduate years.

For more information on the Grow Your Own program and Pioneers Healthcare Foundation please call Margie Joy.



COURTESY PHOTO

Pioneers Healthcare Foundation Scholarship winners from left to right, Alexis Gutierrez, Meghan Gerloff, and Brittany Smith. Not pictured Kinzy Burke and Maggie Phelan.

Second ‘Visit Rangely’ event happening today

By JEN HILL
jen@theheraldtimes.com

RANGELY | The Rangely Area Chamber of Commerce has been preparing for their second Visit Rangely day for months, and today is the day. The purpose is to showcase the Rangely area to outsiders and those who Chamber Director Konnie Billgren calls “movers and shakers.”

The event, which is not intended for locals, will expose visitors to various treasures within and surrounding the community. Included in the itinerary are visits to local petroglyphs, the outdoor and automotive museums and The Tank.

The guest list includes Colorado Welcome

Centers, other northwest Colorado Chambers, employees of the Colorado Tourism Office, representatives of the film industry and magazine publishers.

Billgren began the event in 2016, shortly after taking the position of chamber director. Last year’s event, which Billgren says she didn’t have much time to plan, was quite successful with 15 participants, many of whom asked her to repeat the event in 2017.

Billgren says she was inspired to create the event after attending a Colorado Tourism Conference where she discovered that most people had no clue where Rangely was.

“Rangely is a hidden gem. My purpose with Visit Rangely day is to let people know we are here, so they will come to see the night skies, mountain views, rock art and the wildlife,” she said.

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Financial compensation available for landowners to protect forestlands

Special to the Herald Times

RBC | Colorado landowners who want to protect environmentally valuable private forest areas that could be threatened by development or conversion to other non-forest uses have the opportunity to submit proposals to protect their forestlands.

The Colorado State Forest Service is now accepting Forest Legacy Program proposals from Colorado landowners. The program authorizes the CSFS or U.S. Forest Service to purchase permanent conservation easements on private forestlands to prevent those lands from being converted to non-forest uses.

The purpose of the Colorado

Forest Legacy Program is to protect environmentally important private forest areas that are threatened by conversion to non-forest uses. The program provides an opportunity for private landowners to retain ownership and management of their land, while receiving compensation for unrealized development rights.

Forestlands that contain important scenic, cultural, recreation and water resources, including fish and wildlife habitat and other ecological values, and that support traditional forest uses, will receive priority. Landowners who elect to participate in the program are required to follow a land management plan approved by the CSFS. Activities consistent with the management plan, including timber harvesting,

grazing and recreation activities, are permitted.

The Colorado State Forest Stewardship Coordinating Committee will evaluate proposals and recommend to the state forester those proposals that have sufficient merit to forward to the U.S. Forest Service. Forwarded proposals will then compete at a regional and national level for funding.

The application deadline is July 28, 2017, for federal fiscal year 2019 funding. Proposals must be submitted by standard mail.

For additional information or to obtain an application packet, contact Susan Matthews at 970-491-6303. Applications also are available online at csfs.colostate.edu/funding-assistance.

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Congratulations GRADUATES!

Meeker High School Class of 2017 Baccalaureate tonight *Commencement exercises on Saturday, Etheridge chosen to speak*

By REED KELLEY
Special to the Herald Times

RBC I Today is the last day of school for all underclass students in Meeker. The last day for this year's seniors was a week ago. Graduation activities for the Class of 2017 begin in earnest this morning with commencement rehearsal at 8 a.m. and the senior class hosting the Meeker Board of Education (BOE) for a 9:30 a.m. brunch. Saturday, at 10 a.m. in Starbuck Stadium (unless inclement weather forces a move into the gymnasium), Meeker School District RE-1 expects to send 54 graduates on to their next adventure, according to

Principal Amy Chinn.

Chosen by the senior class, head high school secretary and former three-term Meeker mayor, Mandi Etheridge, will give Saturday's commencement address. Etheridge was graduated from Brantley High School in Longwood, Fla., and earned her bachelor's degree from Florida State University, majoring in hospitality administration while minoring in French.

Etheridge came to Meeker with her husband, Jason Hightower, in the summer of 2001, from Atlanta, Ga., as he took the job of school psychologist and then, after six years, became principal at Meeker

Elementary School. Hightower passed away in January 2015, after battling brain cancer for nearly a year. He served as the staff psychologist and elementary school principal for most of this year's graduates. Etheridge accepted the high school position in spring of 2015.

Baccalaureate for the senior class will be held tonight at 7 p.m., hosted by the Meeker Ministerial Alliance in the high school auditorium. The MMA is the association of Christian ministers of Meeker member churches and is dedicated to: faith in Jesus Christ, unity in the Holy Spirit, fellowship, friendship and service to the Meeker communi-

ty. According to the MMA chair, Aaron Zielinske, pastor of the Assembly of God church, Baccalaureate will be led by eight Meeker ministers with the primary address to be given by Pastor Richard Ford from the Church at Meeker. Baccalaureate is not sponsored by Meeker High School.

Graduating from MHS means having been enrolled in eight full-time, seven-class semesters and satisfactorily completing the required credits in language arts, math, social studies including U.S. history and American government, science, career technical (vocational) education, teen life and health skills, fine

arts and physical education or three sports seasons, and electives.

A credit is defined as the successful completion of a course which meets a minimum of four days per week for a minimum of 50 minutes daily for at least 36 weeks or the equivalent. Successful completion means that the student obtained a passing grade for the course.

The Meeker Board of Education policy on graduation states, "Graduation from high school is a culminating event that results from the foundations built at the elementary and middle levels. Graduation is a collaborative effort among levels

in a student's public school career. Each level of school and each staff member or parent/guardian who instructs or counsels a student shares responsibility for the ultimate ability of that student to demonstrate proficiency in the academic standards and to meet the expectations for graduation."

Meeker High School teachers and staff as well as BOE members will be participating in Saturday's commencement. Principal Chinn told the *Herald Times*, "Graduation is an exciting time at MHS. It is rewarding for the staff to see these seniors move on to the next step of their lives."

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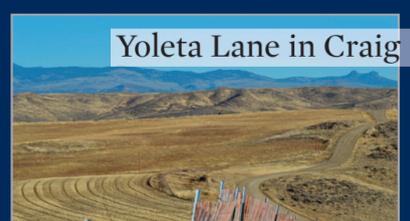
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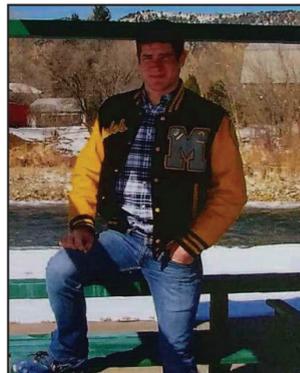
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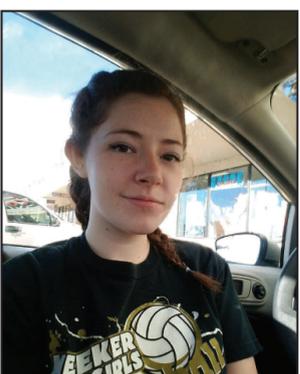
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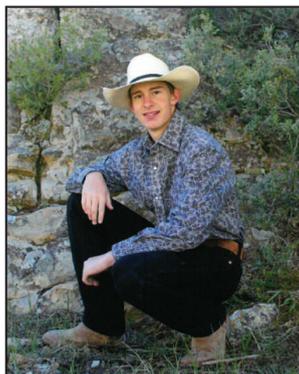
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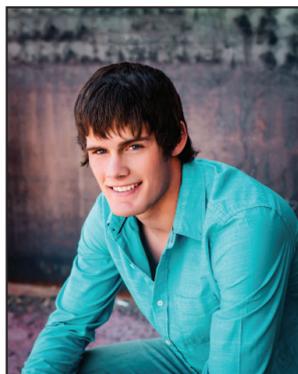
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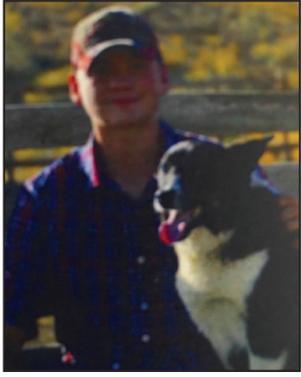
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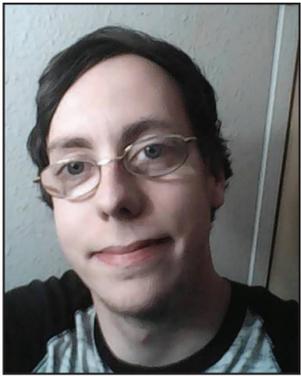
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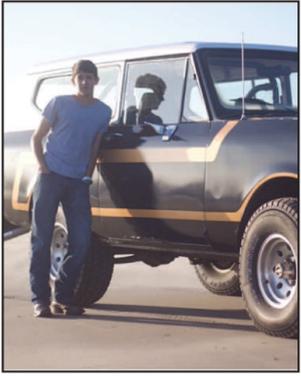
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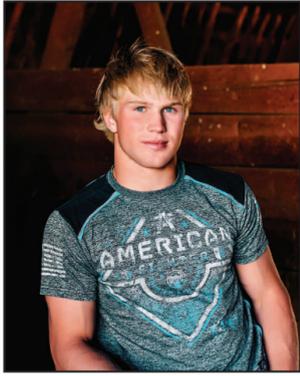
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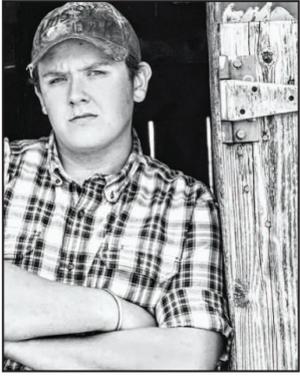
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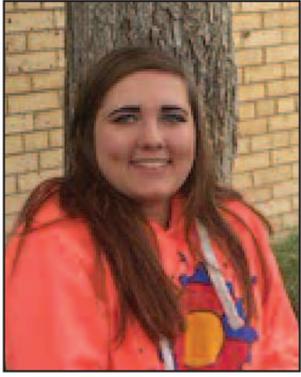
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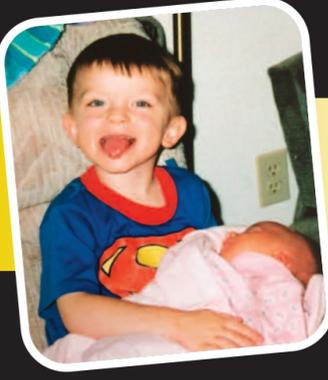
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Tucker & your guardian
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Kendra,

Even back then we knew you could do it! Trust and follow your Plan.

Love,
Mom & Dad

Halle,

We are so proud of you!

Love,
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PEYTON.

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We are proud of you

Bailey!

Love,
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Western Slope woman in Extreme Huntress competition

Special to the Herald Times

RBC I Once again, a Western Slope woman is vying for the role of Extreme Huntress, a competition dedicated to the preservation of our nation's outdoor heritage and creating positive role models for women who want to participate in hunting. This is the contest's eighth year.

Erin Clark, who lives in Collbran, Colo., and works full time in the oil and gas industry in the Piceance Creek basin, first learned about the Extreme Huntress contest through her friend and 2012 winner Jackie Guccini.

"She has inspired me to push my own limits and get out of my comfort zone to become a positive role model for women getting into the hunting industry," Clark said via email.

Clark, like many men and women who grow up on the Western Slope (Clark is originally from Carbondale, Colo.), started hunting with her dad during childhood.

"I have been hunting for as long as I can remember. When I was



Erin Clark

COURTESY PHOTO

young my dad would always take me out with him. I harvested my first animal, a cow elk, when I was 13," she wrote.

Clark mostly hunts mule deer and elk, but harvested her first whitetail deer—a buck and a doe—this year, and said the experience was very different than hunting for mule deer.

Asked whether she's a trophy

hunter or a meat hunter, Clark said, "I always hunt for meat. I am all about providing the most organic healthy meat that I can for my family and there is no better way to do that than to harvest it yourself."

Her family includes her husband, Steve, and three children, aged 17, 14 and 1-1/2.

Clark has made it to the semi-finals in the Extreme Huntress competition this year and needs community support in the form of online votes to move on to the finals in July in Texas. The six finalists will compete in a head-to-head skills and hunting challenge for a week.

To vote, www.extremehuntress.com/main/2017-voting. Select Erin Clark and click vote, enter your email address and click the vote tab again. Then check your email to validate your vote through Poll Daddy.

"I would love nothing more than to represent Western Colorado in July in Texas," Clark wrote.

You can follow her journey on Facebook and Instagram at [@hunting.fishing.everyday](https://www.instagram.com/hunting.fishing.everyday).

Host families for exchange students sought in RBC

Special to the Herald Times

RBC I World Heritage Student Exchange Programs is now looking for American families to host high school students from Eurasia, Germany and countries with significant Muslim population. All these exceptional students have received scholarships through the U.S. State

Department sponsored programs. These scholarship recipients will spend an academic year in the U.S.

World Heritage is currently seeking host families for these coming from various parts of the world, including Latvia, Ukraine, Poland, Egypt, Jordan, Ghana, and Germany. By living with local host families and attending local high schools, these

scholarship students acquire an understanding of American values and build on leadership skills.

To become a host family or find out more please contact Regional Coordinator Courtney Wade, at 720-209-1145 or 866-939-4111, via email at Courtney@World-Heritage.org or visit www.whhosts.com.

COLLEGE GRADUATION...



Congratulations to Chevy Mohr, who was graduated from Meeker High School in 2014, and was graduated from Western State Colorado University in Gunnison on May 6, 2017. He graduated with a bachelor of arts in environment and sustainability with Cum Laude honors. He was also a part of Western's first national leadership honor society: Omicron Delta Kappa. His parents, Mike and Cheryl Mohr, his sister Cori Mohr, and grandparents Bobbi and Phil Mass and Joy Mohr, all from Meeker, are very proud.

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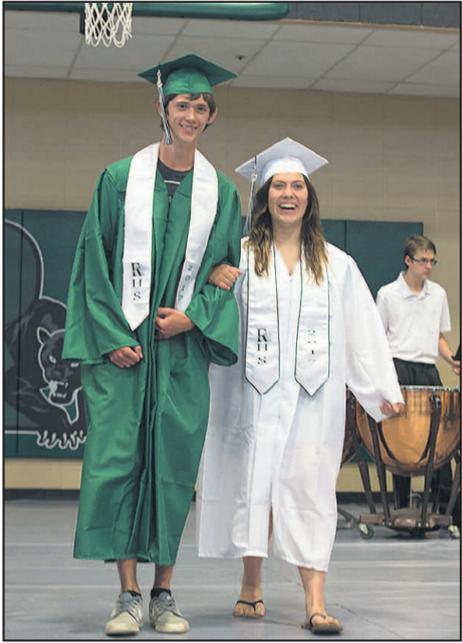
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David Fox and Ciara Wilson look jubilant, as is fitting for a graduation ceremony.



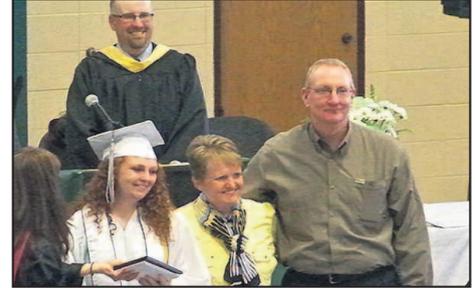
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Class President Braylee Cassavaugh addresses her classmates with optimism for the future.



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Valedictorian Lindzey Thacker receives her award alongside her parents.



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Valedictorian Savannah Nielsen smiles with her parents.



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Proud members of the Rangely High School Class of 2017 pose for a final class photo together.



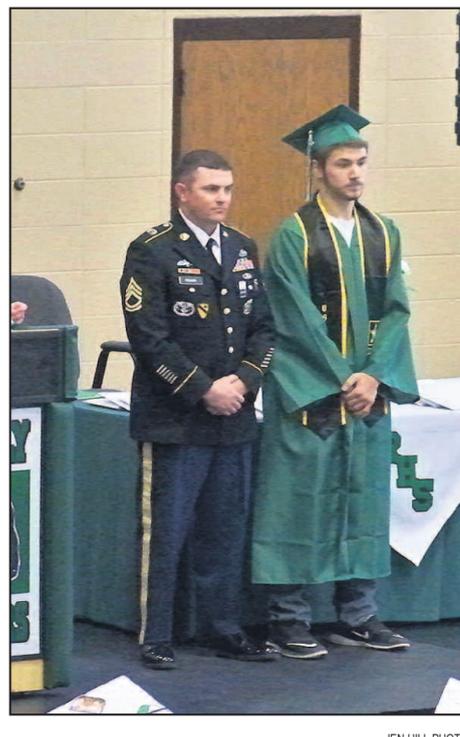
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Co-Valedictorians Savannah Nielsen and Lindzey Thacker gave an address chock full of memories of the good, the bad and the funny years the class of 2017 has spent together.



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Katye Allred receives one of the salutorian awards from Dr. Bryant.



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Zach Sulser stands beside the Western Slope Army recruiter. Sulser is headed to Fort Benning in Georgia in July.



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Adriana Lopez and Taylor Heil received soccer scholarships to CNCC.

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Meeker superintendent receives satisfactory rating from board

By REED KELLEY
Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER Last week's Meeker Board of Education (board) meeting started off, after the pledge of allegiance, with some student celebrations. Via high tech video, freshman Jenifer Kincher presented her Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) STAR project. STAR here stands for Students Taking Action with Recognition, which involves identifying a challenge in their community and seeking a solution to help overcome the challenge. Within FCCLA, participating students compete with their projects and presentations, and if successful, are recognized for proficiency and achievement in chapter and individual projects, leadership skills, and career preparation. Kincher's issue was entitled "Recycle and Redesign" about repurposing materials ("household trash") that would otherwise hit the dump, as useable items.

Freshman Kolbi Franklin's identified challenge was

"Unwelcome Chatter" dealing with rumors and gossip in a society. She emphasized how rumors and gossip are different. The former can be, and often are, harmful or hurtful, often intentionally, while gossip is typically more idle or innocent. Franklin suggested ways to deal with negative rumors and gossip. Both Franklin and Kincher have done so well on their projects they are going to the FCCLA national competitions to be held in early July in Nashville, Tenn., and are focused now on raising the money to support their trip.

Graduating senior Casey Turner described for the board all the steps, iterations, interviews, and essays involved, beginning at least a year and a half ago, which he went through in applying for appointment to the Air Force Academy and for a Colorado Boettcher scholarship. Turner succeeded in both efforts.

The board acknowledged and expressed their appreciation for all these student successes. Another celebration announced by high school principal Amy Chinn, was

that counselor Trina Kennedy Smith had successfully completed her master's degree in school counseling.

The board approved and released a statement of the evaluation they had conducted of Superintendent Chris Selle over the last couple of months. To no one's particular surprise, Selle was given satisfactory (as opposed to unsatisfactory) ratings in fulfilling adopted district objectives, fiscal management, district planning responsibilities and supervision and evaluation of district personnel.

A large number of policies were approved on first, second or third reading. On third and final reading, policies approved concerned employment of retired staff members, privacy and protection of confidential student information including hearing and compliance procedures, conflict of interest for board members, staff ethics and conflicts of interest, voting methods, employee and board member expense authorization and reimbursement, board member compensation and insurance, federal fiscal compliance, and federal procurement.

On second reading, a revised district graduation requirements policy, proposed by a staff work group, for students beginning with the Class of 2020 was reviewed and moved forward. This policy will be re-visited for final adoption at the June 20 board meeting. The proposed policy changes the high school grading system to allow some weighting for higher level courses in determining final student grade point average standings.

On first reading, policies concerning school wellness and implementation, food services, free and reduced price food, use of school vehicles by community members and the cooperative education program (BOCES) were considered. These policies will be up for second

reading in June with final reading in August (there is no board meeting planned in July).

Further discussion ensued on the 2017-2018 preliminary budget which will be reviewed again at the board's June 6 work session and will be finalized at the regular June 20 meeting. This proposed budget totals \$9.7 million, with a student headcount of 736, compared to the current year's approved budget of \$10.9 million for 743 students, and a 2015-2016 budget of \$9.8 million for a 705 student count. Selle presented that there would be changes made yet due to final actions by the State Legislature.

New budget items in the preliminary budget include an elementary/middle school counselor, an additional sixth grade teacher, a cost of living increase and step increase for all eligible staff, a five percent increase in health benefits, and an increase required by the state retirement fund.

Hiring and coaching personnel approved by the board were Barone Middle School football head coach Jason Browning with Clinton Kilduff as assistant coach; BMS volleyball co-coaches Michelle Selle and Keely Winger; new MHS volleyball head coach Greg Cravens; and continuing MHS head coaches: Marty Casey, cross country; Shane Phelan, football; Briana Williams, softball; and Becky Ridings, cheer.

Meeker Elementary School principal Kathy Collins reported how pleased they are with the addition of Hallie Blunt as the new counselor, who has already been working with small groups and individuals, thanking the board for the new position. She further reported that the third grade was enthusiastic about their Glenwood Caverns field trip, the fourth grade their fish release experience, and the fifth grade their middle school orientation tour.

New MHS student council elected for 2017-18

MEEKER In elections held electronically over the weekend, the current freshman, sophomore and junior classes at Meeker High School chose their officers for the 2017-2018 student council. The election process followed "campaign speeches" given by the candidates at the end of last Thursday's student assembly.

Sophomore Briar Meszaros and junior Natalie Simonsen were the president candidates; freshman Annelle Amack and junior Christopher Strate, currently the council vice-president, were the vice-president candidates; sophomore Kallie McCain was the sole candidate for secretary; junior Shelby Steele and sophomore Pake Burke vied for treasurer; and freshman Zack Harman was the sole candidate for parliamentarian. Meszaros, Amack, McCain, Burke and Harman were elected.

In her speech, Meszaros promised she has a "passion for excellence and a passion to make the MHS student council everything it can be."

Student Council teacher-sponsor Kathleen Kelley told the *Herald Times*, "The election went very smoothly this year, with a high student election turn-out of nearly 90 percent. MHS students have selected a Student Council executive committee which will bring lots of energy and plenty of fresh ideas to their jobs."

Career Day at BMS; FFA officers

MEEKER Barone Middle School Principal Jim Hanks reported to the school board last week that the school hosted a career day for students on May 4. Presenters included Desiree Moore from the administration at Colorado Northwestern Community College in Craig on hospitality, human services and education; Gardner Mendenhall with the Meeker Police Department on business, marketing and public administration; Clint Shults of Farmers Insurance on agriculture, natural resources and energy; Christy Knight of SnapClickDesign, Meeker, on STEM (science, technology, engineering and math), arts, design and information technology; Wade Bradford of Meeker Collision on skilled trades and technical sciences; and Dr. Kevin Borchard of Northwest Colorado Orthopaedic and Total Joint Center on health science, criminal justice and public safety.

Denee Chintala, FFA teacher-sponsor, has announced the FFA officers for the upcoming year. These officers were installed at the FFA Banquet held earlier this month: Macy Collins, president; Riley Pertile, vice-president; Ellie Anderson, secretary; Tannen Kennedy, treasurer; Kenzie Turner, reporter; Dayton Willey, sentinel; Allie Willey, historian; and three executive committee additions: for chapter, Jasmyn Wakefield; for community, Mary Baylie; and for students, Emily Beene.

Rocky Mountain Youth Corps opportunity for students

MEEKER It was also reported at last week's school board meeting that high school teacher Michelle Selle is urging students to consider short-term summer job opportunities with the Rocky Mountain Youth Corps. A group of seven biology students is already working with RMYC in establishing a competition for student artwork to be put on benches being made this summer of recycled materials for the community. Other work experience is available this summer through the Meeker RMYC community development crew program which will involve U.S. Forest trail building and clean-up. Contact Lauren VandenHurk at 970-879-2135, ext. 102 or visit their website at www.rockymountainyouthcorps.org.

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Mike and Lori Chintala of Meeker, Colo. riding on their Forest livestock grazing allotment.



Permanent photo point established in Lost Park in 1994. Note the cut stream bank and limited shrub growth.



Same photo point taken in June 2013. Note the healed stream banks and increase in shrub growth.

MARY GILLESPIE PHOTOS

By MARY GILLESPIE
U.S.F.S. BLANCO DISTRICT
Special to the Herald Times

RBC I The White River National Forest is truly the land of many uses. Some of the more visible uses include downhill skiing, mountain biking, camping and hunting. Meeker, home of the Blanco Ranger District, remains a stronghold for a more traditional use—livestock grazing. Livestock grazing has occurred on the White River National Forest since the forest was established and is an essential part of the rural economies that surround the forest.

The cycle of use between public and private lands to grow livestock and feed local communities is an activity that has taken place for generations across the West. Many ranchers and grazing permit holders in Meeker are fourth-generation or longer residents of the White River Valley, and they own much of the vast open hay fields, river bottom and mountain shrub covered hillsides, which is essential transition and winter range for the movement of both domesticated and big game animals such as elk and deer.

In alignment with tradition, livestock are kept on these private ranches through the winter. Between mid-June and mid-July, livestock

are moved to forest grazing allotments, parcels with boundaries designated for each grazing permit holder; and between mid-September and mid-October, livestock is again transitioned back to ranchland.

The district rangeland management specialist and the permit holder work together closely throughout the summer to make sure permit holders adhere to Annual Operating Instructions which are agreed upon in their permit. These instructions define the number of livestock authorized to graze, the dates livestock are to move between specified areas within the allotment (pastures), and other management requirements. The permit holder must maintain any fences, gates, spring developments, ponds or other “range improvements” that are within the allotment during this operating season.

By working closely together, the agency and the permit holder to seek to maintain or improve resource conditions on National Forest System lands, while also providing high quality forage for permitted livestock. Perhaps the most important part of the job is developing strong working relationships with the permit holders, which leads to well-managed rangelands. When this relationship is built on mutual respect and an effort to understand each other’s goals, the results can be

incredibly rewarding for both partners.

This partnership is taken to a higher level under a Coordinated Resource Management Plan, which is a tool for agencies, partners and permit holders to come together to solve resource issues. The Oak Ridge/Lost Park Coordinated Resource Management Plan formed in 1989 on the Blanco Ranger District, is the longest-running coordinated resource management plan in the state of Colorado. The plan was formed as a partnership between the Forest Service, Colorado Parks and Wildlife, the Bureau of Land Management and two cattle grazing permit holders.

This Oak Ridge/Lost Park Plan sought to improve the poor range conditions documented in Lost Park, a valuable elk calving area with two Colorado River cutthroat streams running through it. Historically, the park was grazed season-long, from mid-June through mid-October by cattle. The cattle grazing, in addition to the elk use, led to degraded conditions in both upland areas and stream corridors. The management plan defined a strategy to improve the rangeland in the area through coordinated improvements, management activities and monitoring.

The result was a great working partnership between ranchers, federal and state agencies that allowed for the betterment of the land. To

help restore the Lost Park riparian area, CPW allowed cattle to graze early season on the Oak Ridge State Wildlife Area allowing a later and shorter window for cattle grazing in Lost Park. The USFS assisted the CPW with prescribed burning and noxious weed treatments on the State Wildlife Area. Wakara Ranches, owned by Richard Bachmann and managed by Joe Collins, opened a half-mile of private land fishing access on the White River to sportsmen.

Mike and Lori Chintala of Meeker were active and valuable participants in the plan from 2007-2015 and are current grazing permit holders on the Blanco District. Lori’s father, Collins, was involved in the creation of the plan in the mid-1980s and held a goal of “leaving the mountain better than he found it” as applied to livestock management.

Executing the management plan is time-consuming and requires a great amount of daily riding and communication with other partners as each grazing season progresses. The Chintalas assisted range managers with annual and long-term monitoring and many range inspections were completed together.

Changes in natural ecosystems occur slowly over time. Monitoring photos, taken annually since 1994 by both range personnel and cattle managers, have shown increasingly

positive results. After 30 years since the inception of the plan, Lost Creek, once wide and warm, has narrowed with riparian vegetation and increased willow and alder growth along the banks.

Through their involvement in the management plan and an increased understanding of healthy rangelands and riparian areas, the Chintalas have become advocates for riparian restoration, monitoring and proper management of livestock grazing.

In early 2017, the Blanco District was proud to learn that the Chintalas were bestowed the National Award for External Partner by the Society for Rangeland Management, the professional society dedicated to supporting persons who work with rangelands and have a commitment to their sustainable use.

The Lost Park management plan is an example of how successful rangeland management relies on cooperation and a shared vision among partners. Livestock grazing permit holders remain one of our most important partners on public lands. It is through continued and excellent communication that we can learn more about our shared goals, and forge ahead in the effort to maintain our public lands in excellent condition for the enjoyment of all users and future generations.



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LEGAL NOTICES

TOWN OF MEEKER ORDINANCE NO. 3-2017

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE MEEKER MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 10.5, MEEKER OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE CODE, TO ADD GOLF CARTS

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees has determined it to be reasonable and necessary to amend the Town of Meeker Municipal Code, Chapter 10.5 to add golf carts; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees conducted a public hearing on this request on May 16, 2017; and WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees hereby acknowledges that changes shall take effect immediately following the subsequent publication requirement and 30-day time period of this action as mandated by law; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees has determined that such amendments and updates are in the best interests of the citizens of the Town of Meeker to promote the legitimate public purposes of the health, safety and welfare of the Town of Meeker and the inhabitants thereof.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF MEEKER AS FOLLOWS:

1. Section 10.5.101- Definitions shall be amended to delete 10.5.101(1)(d) Golf carts and the subsections in Section 10.5.101(1) shall have the new lettering as follows:

(d) Vehicles designed and used to carry disabled persons;

(e) Vehicles designed and used specifically for agricultural, logging, or mining purposes; or

(f) Vehicles registered pursuant to article 3 of title 42, C.R.S.

2. Section 10.5.103- Operation of off-highway vehicles shall be amended to add the following subsection: (e) This Section 10.5.103 (a)-(d) applies to Golf Carts. In addition, the drivers of Golf Carts must use hand signals to indicate stops, right and left hand turns.

3. Section 10.5.104- Safety Equipment shall be amended to add the following:

If driven at night, Golf Carts will be required to have the equipment set forth in subsections (1) and (2) above. Depending on if electric or gas powered, Golf Carts will be required to have the appropriate equipment as set forth in subsections (3), (4) and (5) above.

4. Except as specifically modified herein the remaining provisions of the Meeker Municipal Code shall remain in full force and effect.

5. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this Ordinance is, for any reason, held to be invalid or unconstitutional by the final decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall take effect thirty days after its publication as provided in C.R.S. §31-16-105. INTRODUCED, PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED on May 16, 2017, by a vote of 6 for and 0 against, and ordered published in full in the Rio Blanco Herald Times.

TOWN OF MEEKER, Regas K. Halandras, Mayor

ATTEST: Lisa Cook, Town Clerk

Published: May 25, 2017

Rio Blanco Herald Times

COMBINED NOTICE - MAILING CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 17-10

To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust: On February 27, 2017, 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)

Original Beneficiary(ies)

MICHAEL L CHRISTOFF
Mortgage Electronic
Registration Systems, Inc.
acting solely as nominee for
Prospect Mortgage, LLC
LAKEVIEW LOAN
SERVICING, LLC
November 04, 2011
Rio Blanco
November 07, 2011
302520
\$72,526.00
\$67,048.39

Current Holder of Evidence of Debt

Date of Deed of Trust
County of Recording
Recording Date of Deed of Trust
Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/Page No.)
Original Principal Amount
Outstanding Principal Balance

Pursuant to CRS §38-38-101(4)(i), you are hereby notified that the covenants of the deed of trust have been violated as follows: failure to pay principal and interest when due together with all other payments provided for in the evidence of debt secured by the deed of trust and other violations thereof.

**THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN.
SUBLOT II RANGELY TOWNHOUSES NO. II ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED AUGUST 17, 1978 AS RECEPTION NO. 183494 TOWN OF RANGELY, COLORADO**

**Also known by street and number as: 54 DARIUS AVENUE, RANGELY, CO 81468.
THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED OF TRUST.**

NOTICE OF SALE

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

THEREFORE, Notice is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, 06/28/2017, at Office of the Public Trustee, Rio Blanco County Courthouse, 555 Main Street, Meeker CO 81641, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s)' heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.

First Publication 5/4/2017

Last Publication 6/1/2017

Name of Publication Rio Blanco Herald Times

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

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

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

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

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(855) 411-2372
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DATE: 02/28/2017

Karen Arnold, Public Trustee in and for the County of Rio Blanco, State of Colorado

By: Karen Arnold, Public Trustee

The name, address, business telephone number and bar registration number of the attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is:

Lisa Cancanon #42043 Monica Kadmas #34904
Barrett Frappier & Weisserman, LLP 1199 Bannock Street, Denver, CO 80204 (303) 350-3711
Attorney File # 6377691

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

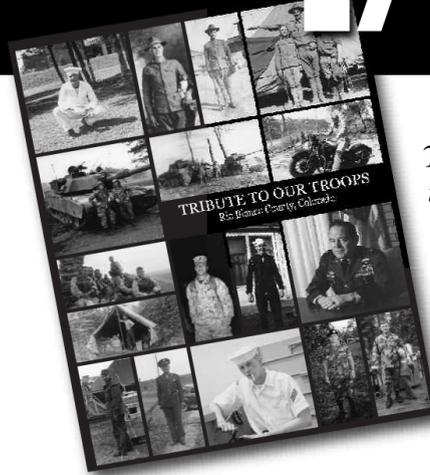
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TOWN OF DINOSAUR DISBURSEMENTS FOR APRIL 2017
Gross Salaries, \$8,031.75
PERA, Monthly Contributions, \$1,737.49
CO Dept of Revenue, CWTV, \$244.00
IRS, FWT/Med, \$1,042.24
Centurylink, Phone, fax, internet, \$270.61
Moon Lake Electric, Electricity, \$1,153.10
Rangely Trash Service, Trash Svc, \$82.00
Rio Blanco Herald Times, Disbursements, \$66.96
Mesa County Health Dept, Water test, \$20.00
Casselle, Inc., Support, \$251.00
LR Gateway Services, LLC, Gas, oil, grease,

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\$432.75
Sands Law Office LLC, Professional Svcs, \$2,676.50
WestWater Engineering, Sewer Project, \$3,868.30
The Mountain States, Sewer Project, \$278.64
Zions, Motel & food training, \$232.07
Pinnacol Assurance, Workers Comp, \$487.00
CNA Surety, Bond, \$50.00
Lizard Analytical Lab, Waste water test, \$40.00
Colorado Water Resources, Sewer Loan, \$2,500.00
Blue Locker Diving, Cleaned & repaired tanks,

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\$3,895.00
Colorado State Patrol, Dispatch services, \$330.00
City of Grand Junction, Waste water test, \$198.00
TOTAL ACCOUNTS PAYABLE, \$27,887.41
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Colorado Volleyball Officials Association (CVOA) is looking for those interested in becoming a certified official. This certification allows you to officiate high school and middle school games. The certificate process begins in late July. Call or text 970-942-7500 if interested. *5/18-6/15*

Alcoholics Anonymous

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

AA & AI-Anon Meetings - Rangely

Alcoholics Anonymous - Open meetings Tues & Thurs, 7 p.m., 115 Kennedy Dr., St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, Rangely. AI-Anon meets Monday, 8:15 p.m., 207 S. Sunset, 1st Baptist Church, Rangely. AI-Anon info call 970-629-5064 or 970-629-2970.

ASPEN LEAF DENTAL OFFICE

Dr. Cliff Chapin is still accepting patients at his office at 341 7th Street, Meeker, CO. By appointment only Please contact the office for available times. Please call (970)878-3696 or email us at aldooffice341@gmail.com We will contact you as soon as possible. *5/11-6/8*

The Rangely Moms Group gives pregnant women and mothers of newborns through elementary school-aged children time to take a break, join in discussions and crafts, and build relationships with other moms. We meet the first Thursday of each month from September through May, from 9-11 a.m. at First Baptist Church (207 S Sunset). Join us! For more information, call Britt Campos at 801-589-4803.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Rangely Food Bank is open on Wednesdays from 4:30-5:30 p.m. at 204 E. Rio Blanco. To donate, please call 970-620-2407.

MEEKER HOUSING AUTHORITY Board of Directors meets the 3rd Thursday of the month at 9:00 a.m. at The Pines, 875 Water St., Meeker.

Flagstone Sale!

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5/25

NEW EDEN PREGNANCY CARE SERVICES - pregnancy tests, emergency supplies, guidance by trained volunteers, classes on pregnancy and child care, post-abortion support, referrals. Thursdays, 12p-5p, 345 Main Street, Meeker. Email: newedenpcs@gmail.com or (970)878-5117 and Thursdays, 1p-6p, 219 Sunset Avenue, Rangely. Email: newedenrangely@gmail.com or (970) 675-2300. All services are confidential.

Veterans Service Offices

Rio Blanco County: Veterans Service Officer - Joe Dungan, Wednesday, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., County Administration Building, 200 Main Street Suite 300, Meeker. 878-9690 office, 878-3219 home. Fax 878-9581.

Rangely: Veterans Service Officer - Hoot Gibson, Tuesday and Thursday, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., County Annex, 17497 State Hwy 64, Rangely. 878-9695 office, 675-2669 home.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The VFW, American Legion, and their Auxiliaries will meet the second Thursday of each month at 5:30 PM at 290 4th St. For further information call (970) 878-5326.

Rangely Victim Services

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

RADINO & CHUCKWAGON

Please call before 8:00a.m. day of meal 878-5627 or 675-8112
Senior Citizen Nutrition Program Meals served at noon. Reservations appreciated. Suggested Donation Over 60 - \$2.50. Under 60 - Guest Fee \$7.

(Did you know? Homebound trays can be ordered for over 60, suggested donation \$2.50 - 12-10 p.m. pickup.)

Friday, 5/26/17, Chili dog w/bun/onions/cheese, 5 bean salad, Fresh orange, Banana, Rice Krispy Treats

Monday, 5/29/17, Closed Memorial Day
Tuesday, 5/30/17, Lemon baked fish, Rice pilaf, Tossed salad, Oriental vegetables, Cheesy garlic biscuit, Orange sherbet

Wednesday, 5/31/17, Ham w/glaze, Apple dressing, Green beans w/caramelized onions, Melon, Birthday cake

MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE
Milk, Tea and Coffee are offered with all meals. Menu subject to change.

Food Bank of the Rockies Mobile Food Pantry, Meeker Fairgrounds, Thursday, May 25, June 29, July 27, August 24, September 28, October 26, November 30, December 28 11:00-12:30. *5/25*

COMBINED NOTICE - MAILING

CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 17-11

To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust: On February 27, 2017, 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) JEREMY A BOE and MICHELLE A BOE
MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR CARRINGTON MORTGAGE SERVICES, LLC
J.P. MORGAN MORTGAGE ACQUISITION CORP.
May 06, 2016
Rio Blanco
May 13, 2016

Date of Deed of Trust 12310
County of Recording 142,930.00
Recording Date of Deed of Trust \$142,930.00
Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/Page No.) \$142,508.18
Original Principal Amount
Outstanding Principal Balance

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 FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY LOCATED IN RIO BLANCO COUNTY, COLORADO: LOT 3, BLOCK F, SOUTH SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED DECEMBER 29, 1955 AS RECEPTION NO. 97332, TOWN OF RANGELY, COLORADO.

Also known by street and number as: 121 FOOTHILL DRIVE, 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, 07/19/2017, at Office of the Public Trustee, Rio Blanco County Courthouse, 555 Main Street, Meeker CO 81641, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s)' heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.

First Publication 5/25/2017
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DATE: 03/17/2017
Karen Arnold, Public Trustee in and for the County of Rio Blanco, State of Colorado
By: Karen Arnold, Public Trustee
The name, address, business telephone number and bar registration number of the attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is:
Alison L. Berry #34531 David R. Doughty #40042 Elizabeth S. Marcus #16092
Lynn M. Janeway #15592 Nicholas H. Santarelli #46592 Sheila J. Finn #36637
Janeway Law Firm 9800 S. Meridian, Suite 400, Englewood, CO 80134 (303) 706-9990
Attorney File # 17-014637_FC01
The Attorney above is acting as a debt collector and is attempting to collect a debt. Any information provided may be used for that purpose.
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that at a regular meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Dinosaur, Colorado, to be held on June 13, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at Town Hall, 317 Stegosaurus Freeway, Dinosaur Colorado the Council will consider the adoption of the Ordinance entitled:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF DINOSAUR, COLORADO, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO 60, THE TOWN'S ZONING ORDINANCE, BY PROVIDING FOR THE ZONING OF RETAIL MARIJUANA BUSINESSES AND MEDICAL MARIJUANA BUSINESSES.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Ordinance to be considered at said public Hearing is on file with the Dinosaur Town Clerk and is available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Dinosaur Town Hall, 317 Stegosaurus Freeway, Dinosaur, Colorado 81610. Any questions concerning the proposed Ordinance before the Town Council of the Town of Dinosaur, Colorado, being considered for adoption may be directed to the Dinosaur Mayor in person or by telephone at (970) 374-2286.

TOWN OF DINOSAUR, COLORADO, a Municipal corporation
By: Richard A. Blakley, Mayor
ATTEST: Tamara Long, Town Clerk
Published: May 25, 2017
Rio Blanco Herald Times

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MEEKER SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1
School Bus
Route/Activity/Substitute Driver

Meeker School District Re-1 is seeking individuals to drive a school bus route and activity trips beginning with the 2017-2018 school year. While it is preferred that applicants hold a current CDL Class B P2S license, the district will train approved applicants in obtaining this license.

For job requirements, details and an application, please visit Meeker.k12.co.us or Meeker School District Administration, 555 Garfield St., Meeker, CO.

Review of applications will begin immediately and close when position is filled.

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■ RN - Orthopedic Case Coordinator
■ Patient Access Rep - ED
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Submit Resume and/or Application to: Pioneers Medical Center, HR, 100 Pioneers Medical Center Dr., Meeker, Colo., 81641
Visit our Website at: www.pioneershospital.org

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- NEW! 846 6th St. - 3 full lots, large frame built garage with 996 sq. ft. 2 BD/1 BA home. Stucco exterior and recently remodeled. \$153,700
- NEW! White River Ranch Estates on Hwy. 64. Two 35 Acre Parcels - Both parcels have river frontage. Lot 12 has 3 phase electrical. \$225,000. Lot 13 is on South side of river. \$200,000.
- 345 Cleveland St. - GREAT POTENTIAL! A full City block, over 99,000+ square feet, offering 12 individual lots all being sold as one parcel. \$225,000.
- 1247 Garfield St. - Cute 3 BD, 1 BA ranch-style home w/ one car garage. Great stater home, large fenced backyard, big apple tree & two storage outbuildings. \$125,000. PRICE REDUCED!
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- NEW 223 Main St. - Full quarter block near downtown. Beautiful 3 BR, 2 BA home. Plus three 1 BR, 1 BA fully equipped rental cabins, big garage, storage sheds, lots of trees and space. \$369,000.
- NEW 1112 Mark Cir. - Awesome views from this 4 BR, 3 BA, 2,492 sq ft home. Full basement, garage. \$186,000. SALE PENDING!
- NEW 148 Main St. - 3 BR, 2 BA, 2,076 sq ft single level home with loft, 2 car heated garage. REDUCED! \$182,000.
- NEW 112 Main St. - Historic 2 story, 3 BR brick home on large corner lot plus a small cottage for Mom. \$219,000.
- NEW 780 11th St. - 3 BR, 2 BA freshly upgraded bi-level home. Fenced back yard, storage shed. \$199,500.
- NEW 1134 Park Ave. - 4 BR, 2 BA log home. Remodeled, with several upgrades. Fenced yard, shed. \$169,000.
- NEW 1109 Park Ave. - 4 BR, 1 BA, 1,600 sq ft home on a corner lot, shed/work shop. \$69,000. SALE PENDING!
- 1266 Cleveland - 3BR, 2BA home on a quiet street. Detached garage, beautifully remodeled kitchen with S.S. appliances, updated bathrooms, A/C, fenced BACK YARD. \$207,000. SALE PENDING!
- 125 Main St. - Lg corner lot with an impeccable 5 BR, 2.5 BA, 2 story home. Living room, dining room, family room, walk-in closets, large covered back patio, oversized 3 car garage, 2 kennels, beautiful yard. \$319,000.
- 990 Main St. - 3BR, 1.5 BA, log home w/attached 2 car garage. Updated and spotless. \$159,000. SALE PENDING!
- 908 Market - Space 24 - Updated 3 BR, 2 BA mobile home in trailer park. In good condition, storage shed, covered deck. \$10,000.
- 1111 Wall St. - 3 BR, 2 BA one level home. Large master suite, storage shed. \$128,000. SOLD!

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- NEW 17501 CR 8 - 19 miles upriver, 2.57 acres bordering Oak Ridge Wildlife area public land. Walk out hunting! Newer 678 sq ft log cabin, 2 BR, 1 BA. Decks with great river views. Good water well. \$195,000.
- NEW 439 Agency Dr. - 6 Acres, 1 mile S of Meeker, beautiful 2 story log home, 4 BR, 3 BA, finished walk-out basement, family room, storage, attached 2 car garage. Horse barn/shop. Awesome views. \$483,999.
- NEW 1560 CR 15 - 390 acre ranch, 5 miles NE of Meeker. Fenced and cross fenced, well and spring, 1,412 sq ft log home, storage shed, loafing shed. Great pasture. Secluded and private with great views. \$995,000.
- 210 CR 75 - Papoose Creek Cabin in Forest Service lease land, log cabin, outhouse. \$55,000.
- 29100 CR 8 - 12 Acres with River. Updated 3 BR, 2 BA cabin, borders BLM. \$420,000. SALE PENDING!
- 6500 CR 7 - 2 Acres NW of Meeker. 2,592 sq ft updated home, 4 BR, 2 BA, fireplace, well. \$265,000. REDUCED!
- CR 8 - 88 Acres just east of Meeker. Hunting, dry land pasture, development potential. \$400,000. REDUCED!

BUSINESS & INVESTMENT ...

108 Market St. - 3+ lots on the corner of 1st & Market. Great location next to the Dollar Store \$250,000. REDUCED!

RAW LAND AND HOMESITES ...

- NEW 29063 CR 8 - 6.3 Acres, 30 miles upriver, borders BLM, river fishing rights. \$125,000. SALE PENDING!
- NEW 12924 CR 8 - 5 Acres with River, great fishing. Vacant land, good building site. 13 miles upriver, awesome views. \$149,000.
- NEW 8432 CR 15 - 7.5 Acres, 10 miles NE of Meeker. Great home site with a creek flowing through with great fishing, water well, pasture. \$175,000.
- NEW 8432 CR 15 - 18 Acres, 10 miles NE of Meeker. Great home site with a creek flowing through, great fishing and hunting, good pasture. \$185,000.
- 5807 CR 7 - Vacant 20 acre parcel, 9 mi. North, on Strawberry Creek. Good home site & views. \$75,000.
- CR 8 - 88 Acres just east of Meeker. Hunting, dry land pasture, development potential. \$400,000. REDUCED!
- 358 Love Lane - 5 acres, Cross L Estates, Lot 13, great horse property, well. \$100,000.
- Little Beaver Estates - 35 acre lot bordering DOW hunting land. Lot 11 - \$95,000.
- Little Beaver Estates - 35 acre lot bordering Division of Wildlife public land. Lot 14. \$93,000. REDUCED!
- 100 acres - 29 miles east of Meeker, surrounded by Nat'l Forest, covered with Aspens. \$1,395,000/00.
- Little Beaver Estates Lot 13 - 35 acre lot bordering Division of Wildlife public land. \$89,000. SOLD!

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- NEW 891 3rd St. - Extremely well kept 3BD/1BA home that has been recently remodeled. The home sits on a corner lot and features a beautiful yard. \$172,000 UNDER CONTRACT!
- 585 Cleveland St. - Picturesque 3,806 sq ft home in downtown Meeker. Beautifully landscaped private yard. \$389,000
- 959 Garfield St. - Wonderfully kept 4BD/2.5BA home, detached garage, workshop and lots of storage. Price Reduced: \$255,900
- 855 5th St. - Wonderful view over town from this 5BD/2BA home. New roof, siding, windows and flooring. \$200,000
- 767 12th St. - Two-story, 2BD/1.5BA Townhouse, well-kept and tastefully remodeled. Great fenced area for children or pets. \$70,000
- 945 & 975 Cleveland St. - Two older homes, great lot space and potential. \$69,000

RURAL RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY

- NEW 613 Strawberry Patch Rd. - Country home on 10 acres with a well and shed. Enjoy country living with a short drive into town. This home is not a modular. \$211,500

- 1972 RBC Rd. 36 - Well kept 16+ acres with over 6,500 sq ft in shop space. Hay sheds, spring water, 2,160 sq ft home and cabin. \$589,000
- 1400 Flag Creek Dr. - Stunning 4BD/2.5BA home moments from town. Pole barn, acreage and outstanding views. Price Reduced: \$459,900
- 8505 RBC Rd. 8 - Lovely up river home on 1.76 acres. Nice views, fenced yard and year round access. Price Reduced: \$258,000
- 346 N. Cross L Dr. - Adorable 3BD/2BA stucco home on 3 acres. Only minutes from town, miles of views. Price Reduced: \$269,900

RANCH PROPERTY

- River Ranch on Yampa: 63322 W Hwy. 40 - 128.68 acres with over a mile of Yampa River frontage, senior water rights, partial mineral rights, and a beautiful 3BD/4BA home, plus a 2,160 sq ft metal barn. Perfect for a cattle ranch headquarters or an equestrian retreat. Price Reduced from \$1,250,000 to \$1,050,000
- NEW Baker's Peak Vista Ranch: 2113 County Road 70, Craig - 506± acres with 10cfs water rights, gravity flow sprinkler system or flood irrigation. Currently hay. Future expansion for grain possible. Several outbuildings and a domestic well in place. BLM and State land on three sides. Great hunting area with Baker's Peak and Black Mountain a short distance away. Elk, mule deer and pronghorn. \$1,300,000
- NEW Four Springs Ranch: 60401 US Hwy 40 - 343.98± acres with Yampa River frontage, water rights, and beautiful pastures. 1596 sq ft remodeled ranch house,

- barn, equipment shed, numerous buildings and corals. Mixed grasses alfalfa and clover pastures. Current owner raises cattle, horses, and sheep. Great Ranch set-up in the perfect location. \$1,250,000
- VACANT LAND
- NEW 2 lots in Sage Hills - Two beautiful view lots in prestigious Sage Hills. Build your dream home near hiking trails, recreation center, school and conveniences. Very motivated sellers. \$30,000 each or both \$58,000
- NEW 10 Acre Lot on Strawberry Patch Rd. - Includes storage building and fencing. A clean property in the country with great potential. \$68,500
- NEW Two 5 Acre Lots on Strawberry Patch Rd. - Ponds, fenced and electricity. Really nice. \$56,500
- 37 Vacant Lots - Sanderson Hills Subdivision. Located on the northwest side of the subdivision. \$29,000 each or \$25,000 each in packages of 5 lots.
- 459 Cross L Dr. - 3 acres in Cross L Estates, good building location on corner lot. Price Reduced: \$69,500
- 49 Acre Lot - off Highway 13 at Mile Marker 24 for \$55,000
- 50 Acre Lot - off Highway 13 at Mile Marker 24 with great views for \$55,000

2.25 Acres off Hwy. 13, north of Meeker - Nice building location, close to town! \$45,000

2 Lots on Silver Sage Rd. - Sage Hills. \$45,000 for both.

COMMERCIAL PROPERTY

- NEW 73544 Hwy. 64 - This 15,840 sq ft building on 2.4 acres is absolutely a bargain just 2 miles west of Meeker. \$150,000
- NEW 101 E. Market St. - Excellent location in Meeker, Colorado, the Brothers Property offers .43 ± acres, paved parking, 3,985 sq ft of well kept building, for retail, restaurant, deli, a meat processing plant or whatever your entrepreneurial heart desires. Trade fixtures not included, but are negotiable. \$375,000
- Gravel Pit for Sale - WRC Wet Pit is located about 20 miles west of Meeker, containing approximately 110 acres, water rights, and an estimated 1,500,000 tons of gravel ready for extraction. \$1,500,000
- 680 Water St. - Playa del Rio Apartments sits on 4 lots, feature 19 apartment units, 17 storage units, off street parking and park area. Buy before the market booms! \$950,0



Lori Ann Klinglesmith is pictured competing in the Breakaway roping event, one of two, along with team roping, that the Meeker High School senior competes in in the Wyoming High School Rodeo Association. Klinglesmith has yet to decide if she will attend her graduation this Saturday or rodeo in Buffalo, Wyo., to earn more points before the state finals in an effort to qualify for the National High School Finals Rodeo in July.

JENNIFER BOHN PHOTO

Klinglesmith still deciding between rodeo and graduation

By **BOBBY GUTIERREZ**
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MEEKER Life is full of tough decisions and Lori Ann Klinglesmith, a senior at Meeker High School, is trying to decide if she will attend her high school graduation this Saturday or pursue her passion to rodeo by traveling to Buffalo, Wyo., to compete in a rodeo Saturday, then another one in Sheridan, Wyo., Sunday and Monday, all in an effort to earn more points before the state finals, where the top four will qualify for the National High School Finals Rodeo, in July.

Klinglesmith, along with Meeker sophomore Ellie Anderson, like to rodeo so much, they travel the state of Wyoming, competing in the Wyoming High School Rodeo Association (WYHSRA), both in team roping and breakaway roping events.

Anderson's younger brother Lane also travels the Wyoming Junior High School Rodeo circuit and recently qualified for a second year, for the Junior High School National Finals Rodeo, coming up in June, in Lebanon, Tenn. The Barone Middle School eighth-grader recently became

a Wyoming state champion header and a state runner up in goats, qualifying for the national finals in both events.

According to Klinglesmith, she is currently seventh in the standings and Ellie Anderson is fourth, with two rodeos before the state finals.

"I am still making decisions regarding graduation but I think I will go rodeo in place of graduation," Klinglesmith said. "It has been a hard decision for me but I have given up a lot and worked very hard to get where I am and being on the bubble of qualifying, I would like to go to Buffalo and try to get some more points, but the decision is not final yet."

Klinglesmith has made tough decisions before, like when she stopped playing high school sports to pursue her passion to rodeo two years ago. She plans to continue competing in her favorite sport when she starts college this fall at the University of Wyoming.

"I like to rodeo because it is a very individual sport, you have to work hard and what you put in, you get out, kinda thing," Klinglesmith said. "I'm motivated to rodeo because I love to train horses. I really like that aspect, you have to get your horse working

how you want and how your horse works is a big part of whether or not you're successful."

Klinglesmith trained both of her horses, Bay Buck and Boots, using Bay Buck to head for team roping partner, Ira Dickinson and Boots to breakaway.

"I have had Bay Buck since he was three and started roping on him three years ago," Klinglesmith said. "Boots, I got a couple of years ago and trained him to be a breakaway horse. It is very rewarding to see how far my horses have come and I am proud that with the help of my dad's coaching, to have made them what they are, rather than buying them already trained."

Klinglesmith is thankful for the help she has received and the people she has met while pursuing her passions.

"I would like to thank Dee Norell and Travis Anderson for all their help and coaching to get me where I am," Klinglesmith said. "I also think it is very cool how you make such good friends but your friends aren't on your team, like they are in high school sports. You're competing against them but you work together to make each other successful."

Meeker girls finish third in 2A at state track meet

Athletes bring home three relay titles and set new school records

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MEEKER "Our girls knew heading in they could compete at the state level and they were right," Meeker head track coach John Strate said after the 2017 Colorado State Track and Field Championships held last weekend in Denver. The girls' team finished third as a team in 2A.

Although the girls did not receive a team plaque for the trophy case, they did win three state relay titles and between the girls and boys, they set five new school records and several Meeker athletes experienced the view from the podium in Jefferson County Stadium.

Because of a spring snowstorm, the meet was postponed two days and the Cowboys seemed rested and ready to perform when the meet started Saturday.

"Instead of a three-day meet with preliminary heats, all the races were finals," coach Strate said. "Our kids did a great job with the downtime, we took a trip to the Denver Art Museum, did some bowling and studied for final exams. They really handled themselves well over the course of the two-and-a-half days we were delayed."

The state meet started Saturday morning with Meeker track veterans, seniors Austin Russell and Julia Eskelson, both entered in the 3,200-meter run, which was the first race of the meet and where Russell made the podium in the eighth position. Eskelson, who has been recovering from an injury, did not, but she did get on the podium in the eighth position as a member of the 4x800 relay team with Sierra Williams, Avery Watt and Briar Meszaros.

Russell also medaled in the 1,600-meter and broke the school record in the 800-meter run, which was set by Coley King in 1988.

"I've wanted that school record since I was a sophomore," Russell said of the record held by the son of Meeker's new track namesake, Bob King.

"Austin ran his career best time of 2:00.16 and his time earned him eighth place overall in an incredibly



Meeker seniors Madison Russell and Maggie Phelan hold the baton atop the podium in the 2017 Colorado State Track and Field Championships with teammates Gracie Bradfield and Sierra Williams behind them after winning the 4x400 relay. Russell was on four relay teams and a champion on three, while Phelan won two gold medals as a relay team member and also medaled in the triple jump (5th) and 400-meter run (9th).

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loaded field," coach Strate said. "The top seven were under two minutes and a new state record was set by the winner."

Russell's twin sister Madison will also go into the Meeker High School record books as she was in the second race of the day, helping her 800 medley relay team win a state championship and she also won gold medals on two other relays and placed fifth in a fourth relay.

Coach Strate said senior Loran Casias, sophomore Gracie Bradfield and Russell set up a "nice lead" for senior anchor Maggie Phelan in the medley relay.

"Maggie was able to hold off the top two 400-meter dash runners in the state from Paonia and Hotchkiss," coach Strate said. "They ran a four-second personal record and broke the school record by more than three-seconds with a time of 1:50.93."

The previous record was set in 2007 by Marki Cook, Kelsey Rundberg, Janae Kindall and Beth Hollowed.

Casias, Bradfield and Russell, along with sophomore Tori Lasker, set the pace most of the season in the 4x100 relay team, holding the fastest 2A time until the Calhan team "bumped them" to number two one week before the state meet.

"Our girls were not to be outdone and they responded in a big way," coach Strate said. "Their best time of the season coming in was 51.34 and at the state meet, they blew up the rest of the field by almost a second, with their new school record of 50.10."

Russell was on the last record-setting team in 2014 with Linda Olivias, Sydney Hughes and Halle Ahrens.

Russell was not on last year's 4x400 relay team, which set a school record at last year's state meet, but she was on the this year's team, which shattered last year's record and earned her a third gold medal as a relay teammate.

"I'm so happy for my sister and all the girls," Austin Russell said.

Madi Russell, along with Phelan, Williams and Bradford, saved their best for last, running in the final event of the state meet Sunday at 4:35 p.m., the 4x400 relay.

"The girls' 4x400 relay was a concern I had with the format changing, since we had not run our strongest team yet this season, our plan was to get them into the finals and then stack it with our strongest group and try to win it," coach Strate said. "With the format change, the girls ended up running in the slow heat but they turned a lot of heads, dropping a time of 4:08.07. We all waited on the edge of our seats to see what would come out of the fast heat and after the first three legs of the race, it was evident the girls would be state champions in another relay. They ended up winning the overall race by seven seconds

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Panthers bring home new school record from state meet

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RANGELY The Rangely Panthers sent six athletes to the CHSAA state track and field meet this past weekend. The team as well as other teams had to deal with bad weather which led to a two day delay in the meet. The Panthers left Wednesday for the meet and then found out on Thursday, the first day of the meet, that the meet was going to be postponed until Saturday. Instead of a three-day meet with prelims and finals they condensed the meet to a two-day meet with everything run as finals. For field events the athletes were allowed four attempts and no finals.

"It was not an ideal situation for the athletes but we made the best of it," said head coach Beth Scoggins.

For the two extra days in Denver the Panthers went bowling, to the Denver Museum of Nature and Science and to the movies. They played games in the evening when there was down time. At the museum there was a special exhibit on the Vikings.

With the delay some of the events were held Sunday, conflicting with Rangely's

graduation. Lindzey Thacker had to make a very tough decision whether she was going to stay and compete in the high jump and 400-meter dash or go back to graduation where she was the co-valedictorian. After talking with friends and family she decided to head back to Rangely where she would give her speech and spend time with out-of-town relatives. She stayed in Denver through Saturday to support the athletes who competed.

Troy Allred, senior, started the state meet for the Panthers in triple jump. He had four good attempts with his best being 39-01 which had him placing 13th. Sophomore Marshall Webber was able to run the 300 hurdles. He didn't get a personal record in the race but he moved up in positions of where he was going in at. He was ranked 18th but was able to get a 13th place. He ran a smooth race and was relaxed his time was a 44.02. Patrick Scoggins was the next one up on the track in the 200-meter dash. The race was a close one but he was able to pull out a fourth place with a new personal record of 22.88. Katelyn Brown was the next competitor in triple jump. She also had

four good jumps with her best being 33-6.25 for a seventh place. With graduation on Sunday and several needing to get back the bus returned home, leaving Austin Ficken and Patrick Scoggins to compete on Sunday and Sarah Connor to cheer them on.

Scoggins started Sunday for the Panthers in the 800-meter run. It was a very fast race with lots of good competition. He was able to set a new school record and get second place with a time of 1:56.77. Then after a couple of hours of rest he went for the 400-meter dash. Once again he was able to place second with a time of 50.36 just barely missing first place. Austin Ficken was the last Rangely competitor for the state meet throwing shot put. Ficken went in the ring knowing what he had to do and did a great job. He placed 10th, just barely missing the podium. He was able to get four good throws in with his best being a 42-01.5.

The Panthers had a great year and will bring four of the state qualifiers back next year. They are hoping to add more to their team and look forward to taking more to the state meet next year.



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Patrick Scoggins won two silver medals and a fourth place finish at the state meet.



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RHS senior Lindzey Thacker made the tough decision of returning to give a co-valedictorian speech instead of competing at the state track meet held on the same day because of a weather delay.

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and they beat the school record of 4:15 set by Eskelson, Bradfield, Williams and Phelan at last year's state meet.

"Winning out of the slow heat really showed the confidence these girls had in themselves and their teammates," coach Strate said.

Coach Strate attributed a big part of the program's success this year to the "great senior leadership," which included the Russell twins, Casias, Phelan, Eskelson, along with qualifiers Peyton Burke, Joshua Cochran, Cole Brown and Caleb Bradford.

"It's a group that loves to work hard, compete and believes in themselves and their teammates," coach Strate said. "Their passion for the sport is contagious. The countless hours these kids have spent in the

weight room and on the track really paid off for them.

In addition to the two gold medals won in the relays, Phelan also stood on the podium in the fifth position in the triple jump and ninth in the 400-meter, while classmate Cole Brown turned heads as he won his heats in the 200-meter and 400 dashes, placing ninth and sixth respectively after qualifying for the state meet with the 17th and 15th best times, respectively.

Bradford set a personal record (45 feet 6.5 inches) in the shot put and ended his three-sport career with a fourth place state medal in the event.

"Peyton (Burke) ran on a sprained ankle but still set a personal best in the 100-meter hurdles," Coach Strate said. "That's a tough race to run with an ankle injury, so I

was really proud of how she pushed through it."

Cochran led underclassmen distance runners Tannen Kennedy, Pake and Kale Burke to the state meet in the 4x800 relay, while freshmen Kirstin Brown and Tevin Pelloni gained state experience, both qualifying in individual events, Brown in the triple jump and Pelloni in the pole vault, a new event this year for the Cowboys.

Sophomores Megan Shelton and Syndie Main both made the podium in the discus, with Shelton throwing a personal best by more than 5 feet (117-4), placing her fourth and Main finished fifth, with a throw of 116-9. Shelton also earned a fifth place medal in the shot put.

Bradfield, also a sophomore, also earned a fourth place medal in the 200 dash.

"Our state meet and season as a whole was a huge success," coach Strate said. "Between the boys and the girls, there were nine new school records set this season and five of those were at the state meet."

Coach Strate was thankful for his coaching staff, most of whom are volunteers, including Kris Casey, Terrence Casias, Ben Quinn, Shane Phelan, Brittany Shubnell, Heather Burke and Coley Turner.

"Our kids are so fortunate to have all these people dedicate so much time," coach Strate, who was also thankful for the new track, said.

"I think with the success we have had this year and a top notch facility, including the addition of pole vault, our numbers will continue to look good for our program. We are looking to be competitive at the state level again next year."



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Meeker senior Austin Russell broke a MHS record set by Coley King in 1988 in the 800-meter run. "I wanted that record since I was a sophomore," Russell, who is excited he will be running in college on a scholarship. "I get to do this for another four years."



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Campgrounds currently open in the Blanco Ranger District include East Marvine, Himes Peak, Marvine, South Fork and North Fork. Call 970-878-4039 or visit www.fs.usda.gov/detail/full/whiteriver/recreation for more information.

Area campgrounds opening just in time for Memorial Day weekend

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www.fs.usda.gov/goto/whiteriver/campgrounds

RBC | Despite snow and rain across much of the White River National Forest for the month of May, the summer season is fast approaching. Most campgrounds across the Forest officially opened May 19 with a few exceptions such as the higher elevation campgrounds and campgrounds in Summit County experiencing spring snowfall.

It is a priority of the Forest to provide high-quality recreational experiences. The White River National Forest offers 68 family campgrounds, six group sites, 17 picnic areas and 26 other developed sites such as interpretive sites, overlooks and boat launches. These facilities provide space for recreational enjoyment during the late spring, summer and fall seasons.

Fees at most of our concession-operated campgrounds have slightly increased since last year to help offset the increased costs of the higher minimum wage that was implemented Jan. 1, 2017, in Colorado. Please view a list of campgrounds and associated fees here:

A few things to remember for your camping trip:

- Remember, a food storage order is in place for developed recreation sites and designated dispersed sites on the Aspen, Sopris, Eagle, Holy Cross, Rifle and Blanco Ranger Districts. Food and all attractants (garbage, pet food, beverages etc.) must be acceptably stored either by hanging, sealed inside containers inside vehicles, sealed inside a bear-resistant container or canister while outside of vehicles or stored within a food locker if available at the site.

- Seeing a wild black bear or moose is an exciting and memorable experience. When visiting, recreating or living in or near black bear or moose country, it is always important to be aware that you may encounter one of these animals at any time. Most conflicts between people and black bears or moose are the result of people approaching too closely, or allowing a bear to obtain garbage and pet/livestock feeds.

- Please keep dogs on leash while in the campground or at the

trailhead.

- Be careful with fire and make sure it is dead out before leaving your campsite. Please do not leave your fire unattended even for a brief minute.

- Keep an eye on the weather. Afternoon thunderstorms can build suddenly and bring lightning or high winds. Carry appropriate clothing when out on an excursion and seek shelter if a storm is approaching. Watch for falling trees or tree limbs.

Campgrounds can be reserved up to 240 days in advance. Group campsites can be reserved 12 months in advance. Make your reservation soon at www.recreation.gov or call 1-877-444-6777.

Camping is fun for all, the Forest encourages you to take a child camping so they can connect with nature and explore and experience the spectacular views in the White River National Forest. The Forest is all yours to explore, enjoy and care for. The White River National Forest is the most visited national forest in the nation with approximately 2.3 million acres of recreational opportunities.

Women's fly fishing, shooting clinic June 10

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RBC | Women interested in learning the basics of fly fishing and how to handle and shoot a shotgun safely are invited to a women-only "Cast 'n' Blast" clinic in Kremmling, Saturday, June 10, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Designed for novices 18 and older, no experience or equipment is required. Participants should dress for the elements and bring all necessary supplies, including water, insect repellent and sunscreen. Lunch, snacks and drinks will be provided.

The class fee is \$20 and pre-registration is required.

Call Colorado Parks and Wildlife's Hot Sulphur Springs office at 970-725-6200 to register. Space is limited and the seminar is expected to fill quickly.

Participants are reminded that the class is not a hunter education course, which is required to purchase a hunting license. To find a hunter education course, go to cpw.state.co.us/learn/Pages/HunterEducation.aspx, or call your local Colorado Parks and Wildlife office.

"Cast 'n' Blast" is offered through Colorado Parks and Wildlife's Hunter Outreach Program. The program includes workshops, clinics, seminars and educational hunts that focus on teaching the skills, ethics and traditions of hunting to novice youth and women.

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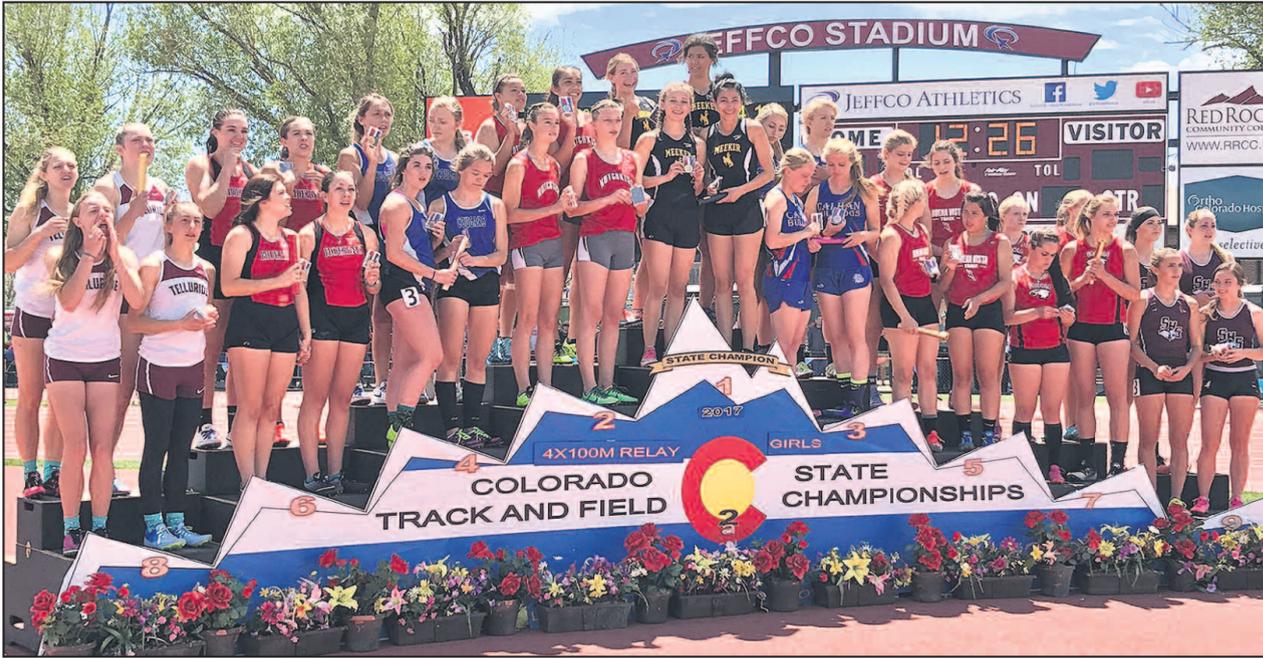
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Colorado State High School Track Championships 2017



Meeker seniors Madison Russell and Loran Casias, along with sophomores Gracie Bradfield and Tori Lasker, are Colorado 2A state champions in the 4x100 relay and set a new school record (50.10).

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Meeker senior Caleb Bradford flexed his muscles and finished fourth in the shot put.

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MHS senior Loran Casias and Gracie Bradfield fly during a championship handoff.

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Rangely senior Troy Allred qualified for the state meet in the triple jump.

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MHS senior Maggie Phelan won four medals, including two gold.

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RHS junior Katelyn Brown earned a seventh place medal in the triple jump.

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RHS junior Austin Ficken qualified for state in the shot put.

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Rangely's Patrick Scoggins and Meeker senior Cole Brown both placed in the 200-meter dash.

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Marshall Webber, RHS sophomore, gained state experience in the 300 hurdles.

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MHS freshman Kristin Brown qualified in the triple jump.

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Colorado State High School Track Championships 2017



Meeker senior Loran Casias confidently holds her arms up after handing off the baton to Gracie Bradfield who helped set a new school record and win a gold medal in the 4x100 relay.

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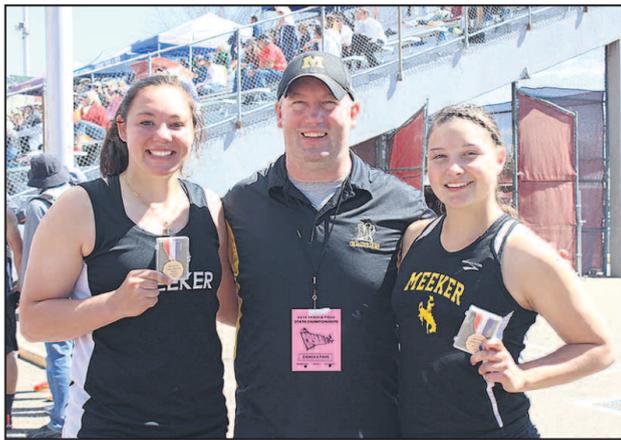
MHS senior Cole Brown won both of his heats in the 200 and 400 meter dashes and placed ninth and sixth respectively.

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MHS senior Peyton Burke competed in the 100-meter hurdles on a sprained ankle, yet finished the race.

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Sophomore throwers Megan Shelton and Sydnie Main, pictured with coach Ben Quinn, both placed in the state meet. Shelton was fourth in the discus and fifth in the shot put, while Main placed fifth in the discus behind her classmate.

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Meeker girls wore a Henna tattoo which read, "We didn't come this far to only come this far."

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Meeker sophomores Tannen Kennedy and cousins Kale and Pake Burke teamed up with senior Josh Cochran to compete in the 4x800 relay.

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Avery Watt, Julia Eskelson, Sierra Williams and Briar Meszaros stood on the podium in the eighth position after running the 4x800 relay.

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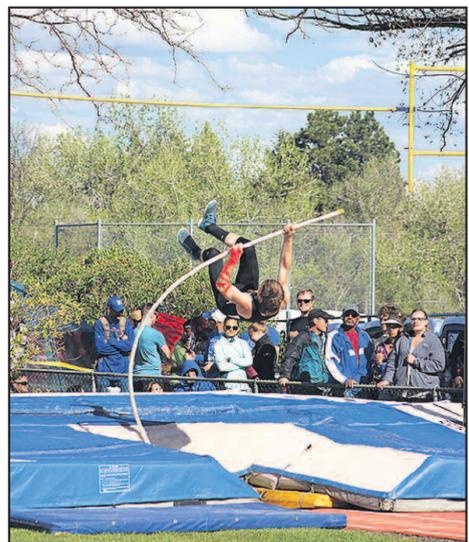
MHS senior Julia Eskelson also ran the 3,200.

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The Meeker girls' track team was not the biggest or the best at the 2017 Colorado State Track and Field Championships, as they finished third as team, but they were right in the middle (like Avery Watt) of the competition, winning gold medals in three relays, two in record fashion and several girls experienced the view from the podium in front of 1000's of track and field fans. Watt, a junior, medaled on two relay teams.

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Meeker freshman Tevin Pelloni represented the Cowboys in a new event to the team this year, the pole vault.

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