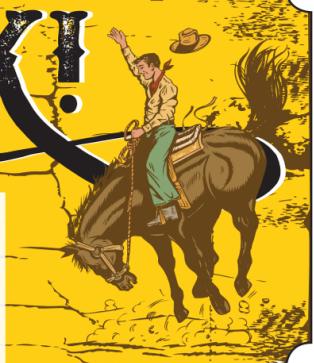


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## DRAGON FIRE ...



The Dragon Fire, discovered midday Tuesday, grew to 322 acres by Tuesday evening. The lightning-caused fire is approximately 15 miles south of Rangely in juniper and pinyon. Multiple agencies are on scene. Red Flag warnings prohibiting open burning are in place in the county, as fire danger is high.

MATT SCOGGINS PHOTO

## Recall repeat: part one

By LUCAS TURNER  
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**RBC I** "You take close to 900 people in 38 days, that should send a statement on how they feel," said former RBC Road and Bridge director Dave Morlan to the *HT* this week, referencing the 879 signatories who put their name on a petition to recall RBC Commissioner Gary Moyer.

Morlan, who worked at the county for more than 30 years, decided to lead the recall effort following a January board of commissioners meeting, where commissioners voted 3-0 against reappointing him as road and bridge director, a title he had held for 17 years. According to Morlan, this would have been his last year in the position before retiring.

"I'm just one of many," said Morlan, emphasizing that his loss of employment and personal conflicts with Moyer were just a small part of what motivated him and fellow petitioners to begin collecting signatures.

"It seems to me like, when I stepped up to do it, people were just waiting for somebody to step up and take the bull by the horns."

### FIRST RECALL

Morlan's grounds for the first recall included statements about Moyer's conduct as a commissioner, including that Moyer:

- verbally abused and made unsubstantiated claims against Public Health staff in a meeting

on Feb 9, 2021

- misused power by intimidating and terminating long-term dedicated employees without having a replacement plan - creating a "leadership void" which fostered a fearful/hostile work environment for remaining employees

- was instrumental in attempts to eliminate the RBC dispatch center without giving citizens or the Sheriff the opportunity to voice their concerns
- has "repeatedly demonstrated a total lack of transparency in the manner in which he has conducted County business"

RBC Clerk and Recorder Boots Campbell and her staff assisted Morlan with the initial petition process on Feb. 26, 2021, including approving the language of the recall grounds and petition format, and printing petition sections for circulation. Campbell asserts that upon approving the petition, as required by law, she mailed the notice of the approval to both Dave Morlan and Gary Moyer.

Campbell additionally was the first eligible elector to sign the petition, though her signature was later disqualified based on a notarization mistake. Hers was one of 68 signatures disqualified/invalidated for various reasons, leaving a total of 811 valid signatures for submission, which met the required sufficiency threshold of 749. In almost 20 years working for the county, Campbell said she could only remember two other recall attempts, both of which she said

failed to move forward due to a lack of signatures.

The Clerk's office determined the petition to be sufficient in late April.

### THE PROTEST

Following notifications of sufficiency to relevant parties, Commissioner Gary Moyer and son-in-law Matt Scott filed a protest to the petition, setting the stage for a special hearing on May 6, 2021. Though Clerk Campbell would normally oversee such a hearing, she recused herself by appointing attorney/part time judge Timothy Graves as the hearing officer.

Petition protestors (represented by Attorney Suzanne Taheri of Maven Law Group) challenged the validity of the recall for several stated reasons, including:

- The Petition format was not approved, nor was notice provided to Protestor Moyer prior to circulation.

- The Petition contains false statements in its grounds for recall, in summary: 1. "Moyer terminated a county employee in his capacity as County Commissioner" and 2. "Moyer was instrumental in an attempt to close a county dispatch center without allowing citizens and governmental departments the opportunity to comment on the closure."

- That RBC Clerk Boots Campbell had a personal inter-

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SOPHIA GOEDERT PHOTO

New store owner Julianne Belland pairs olive oil from her favorite specialized oil flavors.

## Off the Olive Branch

By SOPHIA GOEDERT  
*Special to the Herald Times*

**MEEKER I** "It changes the way people cook, and it changes the way people view food," says one of Meeker's newest store owners, Julianne Belland. It has been a little over a month that Off The Olive Branch has been in business, with a solid start to top it off.

Belland's main selling point to her store is her variety of fresh-filled oils and vinegar. She has always cooked at home while homeschooling her children and always used oils and vinegar, but it wasn't until she came across a Greeley store that she discovered a new side of the olive branch.

"It was a completely different experience in terms of the

freshness and quality of the oils," Belland said. Visiting this store started her thinking about running a store with the same oils here in Meeker. Space was not an issue as she and her husband already owned the space where her shop is now, but finding out if the store would be a good fit in the community was the next point to brainstorm. After asking around town, people were very positive with their feedback. Noting that they would no longer have to go out of town to get their specialty oils or vinegar anymore, adding yet another opportunity to shop local in this community.

Belland's store offers 24 different flavors of oils and vinegar. With a variety of different sizes of reusable jars to fill and

refill. Customers can start small and eventually work their way up depending on how fast they use their products — also offering the opportunity to try out many different flavors depending on what they are cooking. If some don't know where to start, Julianne offers different recipe cards to go with each of the 24 oils and vinegar.

Every quarter, a different oil and vinegar tap is sold with a few salt seasonings paired with them. This quarter a maplewood smoked bacon infused olive oil and bourbon barrel-aged balsamic vinegar are offered, along with smoked bacon and applewood barbecue salt seasonings.

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## RALLY RETURNS ...



ROXIE FROMANG PHOTO

Racers made their way into Rangely for the annual Rally Colorado June 5 and 6. The races took place on Western Rio Blanco County roads. On Friday, June 4 Rangely residents enjoyed a Rally Car parade down Main Street (above). This year Travis Nease and Daniel Norkus took the top spot in their Mitsubishi Lancer EVO VIII with Jacob Despain and Michael Despain following them for second in their Subaru Impreza RS. Krishna Gandhi and Jake Baxter placed third with their Subaru Impreza wagon.

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# COUNTY BEAT

By NIKI TURNER  
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**RBC** Rio Blanco County commissioners met June 8 to discuss the following public business.

**DHS UPDATE**

With caseloads for DHS staff at around 400 cases each, the RBC Department of Human Services requested permission to use American Rescue Plan funds to hire a full-time eligibility technician. All caseloads — for medical assistance, food assistance, etc. — have been on the increase, partly due to backlogs caused by COVID.

**PUBLIC HEALTH**

Rio Blanco County hit an unfortunate new milestone this month, with four hospitalizations due to COVID and one death.

“It lines up with what’s happening regionally,” said RBC Public Health Nurse Alice Harvey. The Indian, or Delta, strain has been identified in surrounding counties and Harvey said her department is fairly sure based on close contact with positive cases that it’s in Rio Blanco County as well. The strain is considered more contagious.

A more contagious strain of COVID, coupled with Rio Blanco County having one of the lowest vaccination rates in the state — at about 35% of eligible people — could mean continued growth in new cases and hospitalizations.

Asked by Commissioner Moyer if the vaccine is effective against the variant, Harvey said the data indicates the vaccines are effective.

**FACILITIES UPDATE**

Eric Jaquez updated on current staffing and completed projects. Completed coroner’s office relocation and remodel, done in-house. The maintenance department also worked to update the connections for the town’s PA system to improve connectivity. “They can announce from Fourth St. to Sixth St., wherever they want to,” Jaquez said, without moving costly equipment in and out of the building.

To reduce utility expenses at county buildings, Jaquez said

his department has been resetting schedules for heating and cooling cycles. The efforts have reduced expenses by about \$1,000 a month. Commissioner Jeff Rector said he has been in conversation with James Talley who said installation of solar power could reduce costs by up to 80%.

“It’s worth the conversation,” Rector said, though he anticipates cost reduction to only be about 40%.

**TREASURER’S OFFICE**

RBC Treasurer Rhonna Waldref said there was some confusion about property taxes stemming from an agreement made in 2017 with the commissioners to waive fees to help the property owner clean up some old mobile homes. The owner believed property taxes were also waived. He has since paid the back taxes, but Waldref asked the board to make sure any further agreements clarify what is to be waived and what is not.

Waldref also told the board there are three oil and gas companies that still have not paid last year’s taxes and “it doesn’t look like they’re going to pay this year’s taxes.” The total amount still owed to the county is about \$375,700.

In the regular meeting, commissioners:

■ Approved a permission letter for Meeker Lions Club to serve alcohol during Range Call events.

■ Approved an advertisement for hiring an eligibility technician for DHS utilizing COVID funds, good through 2024 or until the funds are not available.

■ Tabled discussion for funding to WRBM for 4th of July Fireworks, Septemberfest and Range Call. “I think we have some different money we can use to pull these events off,” Rector said.

■ Approved an advertisement for a registered nurse for the RBC Detention Center.

■ Approved final reports for the Rangely Airport drainage project.

■ Approved a letter of support for the Town of Rangely for Congressionally Directed Spending

for some solar projects. Last week, in a special meeting, commissioners approved a letter of support for spending on the Wolf Creek Reservoir project.

■ Approved an advertisement for a part-time Rangely 4-H coordinator/administrator.

■ Tabled a request by Cimarron to provide multiple addresses service for a single fee at 550 CR 54 to allow for emergency services. It’s separate addresses, but a single owner, requiring an exception to county policy. Approving the request would set a precedent, and commissioners asked for additional discussion and review before making a decision that affects policy.

■ No bid awards for the Meeker fairgrounds campground concessionaire were received, leaving the commissioners with the decision to amend or extend the contract or not offer any fairgrounds camping.

■ Approved federal and state funding agreement amendments related to public health totalling.

■ Approved agreements for the Airport Coronavirus Response Grant Program for the Rangely and Meeker airports for \$9,000 each.

■ Approved an increase in federal funding for increasing or maintaining immunization coverage for vaccine-preventable diseases.

■ Approved a modified cooperative agreement with the RBC Sheriff’s Office, USDA and USFS for 2021 to provide forest patrols for \$3,900.

■ Approved agreements with Colorado West Regional Mental Health for intensive family therapy and sexual abuse treatment services, and day treatment alternative, preventative intensive family therapy and preventative sexual abuse treatment services totalling \$9,500.

■ Increased the not-to-exceed amount for the Meeker Airport Outfall Project to \$7,003,220. The amount is a running total with HDR Engineering over a 10-year period.

**ROAD & BRIDGE REPORT**

New Road and Bridge Director Scott Marsh said Buford Road, Ripple Creek, Dunckley Pass and the road to Meadow Lake are all open, about a month earlier than usual.

Improvements to CR 17 in conjunction with the Forest Service are

expected to begin in mid-July.

Construction on CR 8 began yesterday. Paint shortages due to the freeze in Texas may necessitate extending the timeline.

In Rangely, repairs and cattle-guard replacements are underway. CDPHE’s inspection of the landfill found them in compliance.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Frank Huitt of Rangely shared information about the second annual Freedom March in Rangely to honor law enforcement and first responders on June 24 at 6 p.m. at Elks Park. The event includes a speaker, a short march and a barbecue. “Last year we fed about 400 people,” Huitt said.

**COMMISSIONER UPDATES**

Jeff Rector:  
■ Said there’s no intention to do away with Rangely 4-H.

■ “This 30x30 thing, some people are really for it and some people are really against it,” Rector said, after a phone conference with the National Association of County Commissioners.

Ty Gates:  
■ In discussion with a prescription consortium group about opioid treatment and prevention.

“With all those meetings with mental health, opioid crisis, prescription drug abuse, it’s going to progressively get worse. In my meeting with the hospital they are happy they have the funding to put in a dual-treatment facility,” Gates said, but the housing shortage is prohibitive. “They estimate they could fill up 50 houses.”

Gary Moyer:  
■ Commissioners signed a letter supporting Rep. Lauren Boebert’s (R-Rifle) proposed legislation in a special meeting last Thursday to address both the 30x30 program and wolf reintroduction and “the definition of conservation.”

■ Moyer also attended a virtual Club 20 national meeting about forest management and protecting water sources.

At the close of the meeting, the board went into executive session to receive legal advice from County Attorney Don Steerman and former county attorney Todd Starr regarding pending or threatened litigation.



RBC Sheriff Anthony Mazzola and RBC Search and Rescue's Bud Ridings received a 'surprise' commendation from the State Senate at the request of Kerry Donovan (D-Vail).

## RBC Search and Rescue receives commendation from Colorado Senate

**PRESS RELEASE**  
Special to the Herald Times

**RBC** On April 27, 2021, at the request of Senator Kerry Donovan, the Colorado State Senate issued the commendation and congratulation to Rio Blanco County Search and Rescue for their ongoing service to the people of Colorado. They stated Rio Blanco SAR has demonstrated commitment to the well being of all those who explore the outdoors. The Senate thanks Rio Blanco SAR for their many years of effort to provide Colorado citizens with help when they need it most.

Rio Blanco County Search and Rescue is made up of local volunteers who have dedicated themselves to helping people in distress. This commendation goes to the volunteers.

Rio Blanco County Sheriff’s Office is proud of all the Search and Rescue volunteers and recognizes that we could not do this mission without you!

search and rescue in Rio Blanco County for many years.

During this legislative session Senate Bill 21-245, titled Backcountry Search and Rescue (BSAR), has been working its way through a process that will affect search and rescue in Colorado. The aim of the BSAR Bill is to protect and provide for the BSAR volunteer responders across Colorado. SB21-245 will provide three things for the volunteers: 1) Define what a Backcountry Search and Rescue is 2) Requires that a study be conducted to determine the best options for creating a sustainable Backcountry Search and Rescue system for Colorado, 3) Develop a system to proactively educate Backcountry SAR volunteers regarding stress injuries and the emotional strain put on the volunteer responders.

**White River Community Association**

# Annual Fish Fry Fundraiser

**Saturday, June 12, 2021**

**4 p.m. to 6 p.m.**  
**Buford Schoolhouse on County Road 17**

East on CR 8 about 20 miles, turn right at the Lake Avery spillway, then left at the stop sign on CR 17, over the bridge and around the curve for about 1-1/2 miles.

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2021 BOARD OF DIRECTOR ELECTIONS

## Petitions for Nomination of Director Candidate Available June 2, 2021

Petitions for nomination of director candidates for the White River Electric Association, Inc., Board of Directors will be available beginning June 2, 2021 and shall be returned no later than 5:00 pm Thursday, July 8, 2021. Members can find petitions on WREA’s website at [wrea.org](http://wrea.org) and at WREA headquarters located at 233 6th St. in Meeker.

This fall, the WREA membership will elect One Director from the Town of Meeker and One Director from the Rural District. The election will be conducted by mail with ballots due at Noon on September 8, 2021.

The WREA 2021 Virtual Annual Meeting will take place Wednesday September 8, 2021.

In lieu of the traditional Annual Meeting luncheon, WREA will host a Member Appreciation Dinner at the Meekerpalooza Friday Night Summer Concert Series on Friday, July 23, 2021.

Questions?  
970-878-5041  
[www.wrea.org](http://www.wrea.org)

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**7/2 Friday = N-Z**

Light snacks & refreshments will be provided

# HOLY HOSES ...



Rio Blanco Fire Protection District completed annual hose testing Monday. Hundreds of feet of hose were laid out in front of the firehouse along 7th Street (left) and checked out by employees of fire hose testing company Waterway. The hoses were then loaded back onto trucks (right) and are ready to go for what is predicted to be an intense fire season due to exceptional drought conditions.

CAITLIN WALKER PHOTOS



## NEWS BRIEFS

### White River annual fish fry this weekend

**MEEKER** | The annual fish fry will be held at the Buford School June 12 from 4-6 p.m. Everyone is invited to enjoy the deep fried whitefish from our own White River, along with all the home cooked fixin's. Proceeds will be used for the continued maintenance of the historic Buford School. See you there!

### Library book club returns

**MEEKER** | The Meeker Library book club will be meeting on Monday, June 14 at 1:00pm to share favorite books read in the past year. All are welcome to join in the fun.

### Class of 1961 reunion July 3

**MEEKER** | The Meeker School Class of 1961 will celebrate the 60th anniversary reunion of classmates on July 3. The event will be hosted at the home of Jerry and Mary Ann Seely and will feature a tour of the newly renovated Meeker High School. Former teachers have been invited to join with classmates to reminisce and share memories. For more information, contact Mary Ann Seely or Carol Brown at [brown.carol43@gmail.com](mailto:brown.carol43@gmail.com).

### OHV Club Work Day June 12

**MEEKER** | The Wagon Wheel OHV Club's work day originally set for June 5 has been changed to June 12. Meet at the BLM/USFS office parking lot at 8 a.m.

### WREA initiates System Fire Settings

**MEEKER** | WREA initiates Seasonal System Fire Settings. Due to high wind advisories, dry conditions, and increased fire danger WREA will move to System Fire Settings which may increase power blinks and temporary outages. WREA monitors conditions to adjust its electric breakers to more sensitive "fire settings" so the system can quickly detect line interferences. These settings are a necessary fire mitigation effort but can result in more than normal power fluctuations and temporary outages. WREA thanks its membership in advance for their cooperation. Please call WREA if you have questions or have issues at 970-878-5041.

## Nielsen, Rogers named to Dean's List at Montana State

*Special to the Herald Times*

**MEEKER** | Karlee Nielsen and Cole Rogers of Meeker have been named to the Dean's List at Montana State University for the spring semester 2021. To be eligible for the lists, students must have earned at least 12 college-level credits. The Dean's List includes students who earning grade point averages of 3.5 or above for the semester.

*In last week's edition, this notice incorrectly stated Nielsen and Rogers were students at Mesa State University. We regret the error.*

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# EDITOR'S COLUMN

## Collective energy

By NIKI TURNER  
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Imagine a house on fire. Now imagine the residents of the house standing in the living room, surrounded by flames, having a heated argument about whose fault it is that the house is burning. Seems strange, right? And yet we do it every day. We spend an inordinate amount of time and energy fixated on the cause of society's woes and not nearly enough on solutions. It doesn't matter if the problem is "who forgot

to take out the trash" or "where did COVID come from" or "why is the planet getting hotter every year"? Instead of focusing our attention on solutions (setting a reminder for trash day, encouraging vaccinations, or doing less of things we know are bad for the environment), we obsess over who or what we can blame. Why do we do this? It's easy. If we can point a finger at someone or something else, we can excuse ourselves from responsibility and walk away. It's someone else's problem. Someone else is to blame. I once heard a woman who lost her husband and a child in a car accident (she was driving the car) describe it this way: "I

wanted to find someone to blame, but every time I pointed my finger at someone, there were three fingers pointing back at me." Ouch. We may not personally carry the full weight of blame for the troubles to be found on our Big Blue Marble — poverty, racism, disease, violence, war ... pick one — but as collective inhabitants, we're all impacted and we all have an opportunity to apply our collective energy toward making things better, one small step at a time.



### KAYE'S CORNER

## On the road again

By KAYE SULLIVAN  
*Special to the Herald Times*

**MEEKER I** We are among the folks anxious to travel the highways and byways this summer. After over a year of being isolated, 2021 brings us new opportunities to get outdoors and appreciate new or old places. Thankfully, our little travel trailer keeps us warm and dry, saves money from dining out, and keeps us socially distanced from others. It has been through a few tests ... or was that us learning how all the components work?

We're not traveling in a mega RV, nothing fancy. But I sure do love the shower and furnace for cold nights. A three-burner stove beats all those two pan Coleman stove meals. The mini frig even has a small freezer — as in ice cubes and ice cream, all while camping! Total luxury to me.

I was an avid tent camper even as a child. Then as a single gal, I camped in my panel van with a day bed. Once married, I had to convince Jay to get a down sleeping bag so he could endure chilly Colorado summer nights and embrace the camping spirit.

Once the kids came along, we kept camping and adjusted our plans to their abilities. As our family got busy with sports activities, Colorado's short summers never seemed to provide enough camping time for me. We took our sons all over Colorado and beyond including many memorable trips to the Tetons in Wyoming.

If we did one parenting thing right, it was camping and traveling. Our children became committed outdoorsmen, respecters of the environment, and sought jobs/recreation when they could camp. I am so thrilled to see the next generation continuing to get "out there."

Fast forward and after a snowy, freezing camping trip at Deep Lake on Labor Day four years ago, I gave up. It was cold, miserable, and not fun. After much discussion and realignment with our senior limitations, we transitioned to a small travel trailer along with apologies to our sons for going soft!

We'll be visiting a combination of BLM parks, seaside spots, national parks, and several boring travel day in/out spots. Even the KOA's have many perks now. These days, you can't hope to get a camp site unless you make reservations, so I have been a vigilant shopper.

Google maps and I have spent many cozy hours together searching our trips and potential camping sites. I am pleased that the Grand Tetons National Park finally has a campground reservation system, so we don't have to hope and pray for a site.

You should feel proud of Colorado State Parks who instituted an online camping reservation system years ago. It's easy to use and provides in-depth information about the parks and site conditions.

The KOA folks are pretty slick too and have stored my data — two adults, no kids, no pets, 20-foot trailer so I don't have to keep re-entering the basics all the time.

Best of all, we will finally get to visit with our two grandsons, son, and daughter-in-law in Oregon. This is a trip we cancelled last year due to COVID and wildfires. It's been about 1.5 years since we've seen these loved ones and I can't wait.

So dear readers, if you don't hear from me constantly this summer, I will be traveling and I choose not to write when new places beckon. All the better for fresh stories when we return. Stand by.



Kaye Sullivan

### LOOSE ENDS

## The most important thing I learned was

By DOLLY VISCARDI  
*Special to the Herald Times*

**MEEKER I** Graduation speakers from all walks of life usually touch on this theme and often contain some version of this sentence. Dr. Seuss's beloved book, "Oh, The Places You'll Go" is one favorite gift book given to all ages of students for a matriculation ceremony. Some other gift books contain pithy quotes from successful individuals.

One common thread is the emphasis on broadening one's horizons. Most everyone assumes

that because a student leaves the community to try to gain some training or education, they will be able to "spread their wings and fly." What is often missing for many students is the extension of every good thing they have gotten from growing up here. It is that sense of community.

Small towns often give individuals the emotional support they have gotten so used to from their families and friends. School and community activities are filled with mentors. These individuals provide students with what they need to leave home. Every student

needs to learn they are important and are loved.

Going to college away from my home was a great experience, but I was tempted to move home more than once that first year. I was desperately homesick and had even pleaded with my mother to let me take a needed break. My friends weren't allowed to do that either, and the financial help that I needed made it impossible. There was that key element of my learning that



Dolly Viscardi

I made a difference in my community. I was important to somebody outside my family, as I was offered two unique opportunities before ever leaving the small town that had been so nurturing to me.

My work at a summer camp run by the Easter Seal Society for six weeks, earning room and board plus a small salary, ensured that I got used to living away from home gradually. I worked in the kitchen, arts and crafts center, and eventually became a counsellor. That experience was not only instrumental in my career choice, it helped me learn that I could leave home for a while and come back. My introduction to a Headstart preschool program also played a strong role in ensuring my future success.

Everything I learned in school was due to the hands-on experiences I was so fortunate to have been given. Most graduation speakers exhort students to move forward to gain the experience they need to be successful in life. Yet they neglect to mention how important learning to use those experiences is to do just that.



## Kilowatt Korner

JUNE 2021

There is not much better than summer in the mountains and we hope you have lots of great outdoor adventures planned. As you travel around the White River Valley this summer, you will see WREA and our subcontractors trimming trees and completing pole testing. These efforts are essential to maintaining a safe and reliable electric system. In June, crews will focus tree trimming efforts along RBC County Road 8 and will continue to work throughout our system as fire danger remains high in our area. We appreciate your cooperation and patience with these efforts. Tree trimming guidelines are set forth by National Electric Safety Code which include trimming trees ten (10) feet away from primary power lines or fifteen (15) feet from the centerline. Please call WREA if you have questions or if you see trees encroaching upon the power lines.

Optimize your energy resources this summer by shopping for electric power tools and turning in your rebates. Check out all WREA's Rebate options at <https://wrea.org/rebates>. The form is easy to fill out and must be turned within 120 days of purchase. WREA works with Tri-State Generation & Transmission to provide rebates for electric power tools, electric bikes, electric appliances, electric lawn mowers, heat pumps and LED lighting. Call WREA (970)878-5041 with questions or for more information.

Summers are busy so plan to save time by signing up for WREA's Smarthub. Smarthub is an easy, convenient and free way to receive electronic bills, pay online and monitor your energy usage at <https://wrea.smarthub.coop/Login.html>.

WREA is also looking forward to Meeker's many great summer community events. Mark your calendars for WREA's Member Appreciation Dinner during the Meekerpaloza Summer Concert Series on July 23, 2021. It will be a fun evening filled with music, member appreciation gifts and a free barbeque dinner prepared by the Meeker Lions Club.

Also, a quick reminder that WREA Director Election Petitions are now available and due back to WREA by July 8, 2021. WREA members will elect one director from the Town of Meeker District and one from the Rural District at this year's Annual Meeting on September 8, 2021. Petitions are available at WREA or online at <https://wrea.org/annual-meeting>.

WREA is grateful for all our employees, but we want to share a special thank you and congratulations to recent retirees Toby Leavitt, Sondra Garcia and Cheryl Houser. On behalf of WREA and all our members, we thank you for your hard work and dedication throughout the years, "Congratulations and enjoy your well-deserved retirement!"

~ White River Electric Association

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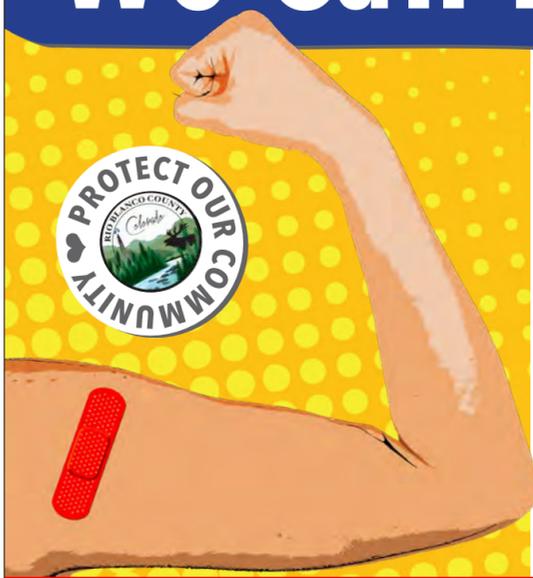
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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Public lands group protesting Buffalo Horn land exchange

Dear Editor:

We are writing to follow up on a recent land exchange proposal in your community. Public lands in the Strawberry Creek area that are being used by adjacent land owners, outfitters with hunting permits, and other recreationists, are slated to be removed from public ownership and become privatized. This is going to happen because the BLM recently approved a land exchange with Buffalo Horn Properties, LLC, called the Buffalo Horn Land Exchange, see

<https://eplanning.blm.gov/eplanning-ui/project/69551/570>

After the decision was announced, Hogan Lovells, Attorneys, submitted a protest on March 8, on behalf of our organization, Colorado Wild Public Lands (COWPL). COWPL represents the interests of all public land users, including hunters and fishermen. The following are key concerns about this project whereby the BLM's decision approves an exchange of 2,652 acres of BLM land composed of 14 parcels for one 1,327-acre parcel owned by the Proponent. (In addition, the Proponent will donate the remainder of the split Parcel B, totaling 508 acres.)

### Reasons for Protesting the Decision:

■ The Land Exchange does not serve the public interest as the public lands BLM is giving up are vastly more valuable than the private ones it will receive in return.

■ BLM seemingly ignored the needs of state and local residents as a whole, and favored the desires of the Proponent instead. The EA acknowledges that the public parcels are "located in areas highly valued by big game hunters and outfitters," and that some local private landowners operate hunting lodges or lease portions of their land to earn supplemental income. (Final EA at 52, 59). Several outfitters also hold Special Recreation Permits on the public parcels at issue, which allow them to use the parcels for guided hunting trips. (See id. at 9-11). If the Land Exchange proceeds, these outfitters will lose this source of income and the Proponent will acquire the benefits of exclusive use of these high-value hunting grounds. Several local landowners will also experience property-value decreases because their properties will no longer have access to adjacent BLM parcels.

■ BLM's preferred alterna-

tive also trades away important wildlife habitat, cultural and paleontological resources, wilderness, and aesthetic values while receiving nothing comparable in return.

■ BLM's public-interest determination conflicts with established management objectives for the Greater Sage-Grouse.

■ BLM failed to consider alternative means of acquiring the Non-Federal Parcel, for example via purchase.

■ The BLM's valuation determination was flawed in that it provided unequal valuation standards to the private and Federal parcels. As a result, it over-valued the private land while under-valuing the public land to be exchanged.

### About Colorado Wild Public Lands

Colorado Wild Public Lands Inc. was formed in 2014 and is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation. COWPL's mission is to protect the integrity, size, and quality of public lands in Colorado from diminution by private interests. COWPL's members are concerned citizens who value Colorado's public lands and waters for recreational use, for providing habitat for wildlife, for their wild-land character, and for their economic worth. COWPL advocates for economically and environmentally sensible management of Colorado's public lands and their related resources and assets. Through the monitoring of public-land transactions, decision-making, and management, COWPL advocates for retention of, increased access to, and maintenance of the ecological integrity and true economic value of public lands and their

assets.

### Conclusion

Finally, this land exchange will make it easier for future assaults on public lands. Since additional public lands will have been privatized, previously contiguous public land parcels become further isolated, making those future targets for privatization.

Thank you for your consideration of this information. If you would like to help prevent this exchange from occurring, and prevent future losses of valuable public land, please contact us at [coloradowildpubliclands@gmail.com](mailto:coloradowildpubliclands@gmail.com), and/or consider joining COWPL by visiting our website at <http://coloradowildpubliclands.org/>

Yours truly,

Franz Froelicher, Hawk  
Greenway, Stef Davis, James  
Katzenberger, Jean Perry and  
Anne Rickenbaugh  
Board of Directors  
Colorado Wild Public Lands

## Moyer speaks out

Dear Editor:

Section 1-12-108, C.R.S. Statute states that NO FALSE STATEMENT ON A RECALL PETITION ARE ALLOWED!!! General statement of grounds for recall:

1. "Commissioner Gary Moyer misused his power by intimidating and participating with the other Commissioners in the termination of long-term, dedicated employees and department heads without prior notice, without having any plan in place for replacing them, leaving County departments with a leadership void and creating a fearful

hostile work environment for all remaining employees." THIS IS FALSE STATEMENT

Facts: There is a total of 2 nonappointments (see below A&B) of annual contracts (political appointments) and 1 department head termination (see below C) while Gary Moyer has been a commissioner. A total of 3.

A. Former road and bridge director – Dave Morlan

• 3-0 vote to not reappoint him in January of 2021.

• Former disgruntled employee.

• Has refused the last 4 months to sign a release that would let the public know why he was not reappointed.

• Responsible for spearheading this recall effort, after first attempt was invalidated for multiple statute violations.

• Does not represent or speak for all county workers.

• Stormed into the county attorney's office and demonstrated extreme insubordination with a verbal attack directed towards a single commissioner "Moyer" who was meeting with the attorney. Tried to demand confidential information and special treatment regarding a Human Resource issue. Morlan was threatening, aggressive and unprofessional. {This did not occur during an executive session}

• Flagrantly defied and ignored a specific directive publicly given to all county road and bridge employees, including Morlan, by the com-

missioners.

• Having a predetermined replacement for job opening would be HIGHLY UNETHICAL as the recall statement states. It is normal for a county high level job search to take a few months.

• Clearly demonstrated his unwillingness to take direction from the commissioners the Road and Bridge Director answers too.

B. Former county attorney Kent Borchard

• 2-1 vote to not reappoint January 2019.

• Former disgruntled employee

• The county attorney is a political, annual appointment. Borchard's personal political beliefs were not consistent with the majority opinion of the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC). He clearly demonstrated his unwillingness to support the direction of the BOCC, of which the county attorney answers directly too.

• Clearly demonstrated his unwillingness to take direction

from the commissioners.

C. Former building official and department head Jeff Kummer

• Refused to follow commissioner direction.

• Demonstrated blatant insubordination.

• Undermined commissioners.

2. "Commissioner Gary Moyer participated in an attempt to eliminate the Rio Blanco County Dispatch Center without giving citizens or the sheriff the opportunity to voice their opposition or have any input on the decision." THIS IS A FALSE STATEMENT

• As Moyer testified to, under oath, in a public recall hearing: A public work session was held, near the end of August 2020. Discussions regarding multiple budget reduction measures were being considered. This was required due to large reductions in county revenue. Department consolidation, as well as optional approaches about dispatch, were

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### State of the River

As the summer warms up and our river run-off is minimal, join the Colorado River District for the White River State of the River webinar on Tuesday, June 15 at 6 p.m.! Experts and special guests will be presenting on the issues that affect your water supply throughout the White River Basin.

Learn more about the river's hydrology and water level forecasts as we enter another drought year. Hear updates on management plans to provide water for endangered fish species and learn about current efforts to study the impact of algae blooms in the river.

Agenda includes:

• The Community Funding Partnership – Amy Moyer, Colorado River District, Director of Strategic Partnerships

• Water Supply and Drought in the White River Basin – Becky Bolinger, Colorado Assistant State Climatologist

• Measurement and Abandonment on the White River – Erin Light, Colorado Division of Water Resources, Division 6 Engineer

• Water Management Planning in the White River Basin – Callie Hendrickson, Executive Director, White River and Douglas Creek Conservation Districts

• Algae Issues on the White – TBD

• Rio Blanco Water Conservancy District Update – Alden Vanden Brink, Rio Blanco Water Conservancy District, District Manager

• Fish Tales: The White River Basin and the Endangered Fish Recovery Program – Jojo La, Colorado Water Conservation Board, Endangered Species Policy Specialist

Please visit [www.coloradodistrict.org/state-river-meetings-2021](http://www.coloradodistrict.org/state-river-meetings-2021) or scan the QR code to register for the webinar. If you cannot attend the webinar live, register to receive an emailed webinar recording to watch later!



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## The Third Commandment: The Law Concerning Reverence (4)

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



■ **Dr. J.D. Watson**

**T**HE Old Testament commandment—**Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain** (Ex. 20:7)—and its New Testament counterpart—**Hallowed be thy name** (Matt. 6:9)—combine into a very pointed confrontation. First, there is the idea of using God's name in oaths, that is, vows or promises, but it goes far deeper.

### The New Testament Counterpart

*Second*, is the way in which God's name is disrespected, demeaned, and disparaged in our day. It is used as an expletive or to pronounce a curse on someone. Our Lord's name is used in so many flippant, careless, and thoughtless ways in our culture that it permeates every thought, word, and action. Especially appalling, of course, is combining the word "God" with the word "damn" to curse someone, or using "Jesus Christ" as a swear word. I would submit further, however, that this is really no worse than the expression, "Oh, my God!" or the ever so popular acronym "OMG." Even more tragic, however, some Christians have been infected by this and use these terms. This needs to stop because it is blasphemy.

*Third*, and flowing from that, a lack of reverent speech in our churches violates this commandment. Quite frankly, God is often given mere lip-service and little more. We use His name to appear respectable, but all the while we are doing whatever we want to do and saying whatever we want to say and calling it "worshipping God." That is actually taking His name in vain. We are not using His name the way it should be used, that is, reverently and soberly. I cannot think of a better example than the so-called "Christian comedian" who flippantly uses God and spiritual things just to "get a laugh." Please do not misunderstand me. I greatly enjoy clean standup comedy, but not when it turns irreverent. Neither should we do this in our private speech, making jokes at God's expense. Sadly, this is all too common nowadays; we see it all the time.

To put it succinctly: *Do not use God's Word as a punch line.* R. W. Dale put it very well, and he wrote in the *nineteenth* century: "A far more common form of irreverence in our own time is the practice of finding material for jesting in Holy Scripture. . . . Nothing is more easy than to create a laugh by a grotesque association of some frivolity with the grave and solemn words of Holy Scripture." My Dear Christian friend, we are handling holy matters, so we must do so in a reverent manner.

*Fourth*, we violate this commandment is by "vain repetition," as Jesus Himself declared in his introduction to the Model Prayer, "When ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking" (Matt. 6:7). The Greek behind "vain repetition" is the key to a proper understanding of our Lord's statement. It is *battologēō*: logos, meaning word, and *battos*, one who stammers and repeats words, one who babbles and chatters. That is indeed what pagans do. They think that by endless repetitions of the same words they would inform their gods of their needs and weary them so much that they would grant their requests, as did the Baal worshippers (1 Kings 18:26) and the worshippers of Diana (Acts 19:34).

Tragically, all this still exists today. From the chanting of monks in a monastery, to reciting the Lord's Prayer in a liturgy, to any unthinking ritual, to our mechanical preaching, and even to our own empty, routine prayers, we can act like pagans. Please notice that the backdrop of much of our study has been paganism, and God wants His people to be different.

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

# OBITUARIES

## Janet Marie (Patterson) McPherson

May 22, 1947 ~ May 26, 2021

Janet Marie (Patterson) McPherson was born on Thursday, May 22, 1947, in Rifle, Colorado, to Garrold Henry Patterson (known as Pa Pa Pat to all the grandkids) and Edith Burdick. She was welcomed into the world by her older brother Gerald and Rochelle. Janet died on May 26, 2021 in Meeker, Colorado.



Janet McPherson

Janet grew up in Rifle, Colorado, was married and had two children, Rhonda (Troy) Hilkey of Meeker, Colorado, and Raeanne (Cody) Meeker of Kersey, Colorado. Janet remarried in 1970 to Kenneth Warren McPherson. They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Oct. 6, 2020. They had a son together, Keith (Melissa) McPherson of Lander, Wyoming. Preceding in death are her parents and brother. Her only surviving sibling is her sister Rochelle Linn of Pineville, Missouri.

Janet also leaves behind four stepchildren: Les (Theresa) McPherson of Grand Junction, Colorado; Carrie (Rich) McGrath of Rock Springs, Wyoming; Tina (Greg) Cobbs of Laveen, Arizona; and Kenny (Misty) McPherson of Rock Springs, Wyoming. She

also leaves behind many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Jan was a wife, mother and also worked out of the home. Jan kept books for McPherson Trucking. She worked outside of the home after Keith began school. She worked at the Midland Hotel in Rifle, K-Mart in Glenwood, drove a school bus for the Meeker School District, worked at Valley Motel/Meeker Answering Service, Jiraks Drug Store, Rio Blanco County, child care provider, self-employed: Jan's Day Care Center, opened her own answering service, then she began working for Rio Blanco County Assessor's office where she retired. She and Kenny traveled and spent some winters in Arizona, enjoying the weather and each other. Jan loved getting back to her home in Meeker where she could enjoy her family.

Jan volunteered for Range Call for more than 20 years. She was in charge of the Meeker High School Rodeo program for four years, and was on the Fairfield Center Board for many years.

She enjoyed sewing, drawing, painting, crocheting and was an avid reader.

She had a funny sense of humor and always had a smile on her face. She was loved and admired by all she touched in her life.

We will miss you Mom/Grandma Jan. Love, your family!

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## OLIVE: oil, vinegar, beef and gifts

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The store also includes the Highland Beef Shop, which is the Bellands' grass-fed, locally finished beef with many different cuts available.

Even though she has just started, Julianne is already looking into the future. Since there is not much room to expand, she came up with the idea for cooking classes during the winter months. It's still a rough idea but could be something for the town to look forward to in the future.

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**7 yrs – 10 yrs**  
Longest Fish;  
1st : 18 3/8 inch (carp) - Carter Abbott  
2nd: 17 7/8 inch (carp) - Hailey Armstrong  
Longest Crappie;  
1st: 10 3/8 inch - Hannah Geer  
2nd: 9 3/4 inch - Kaisley Sanford

**11 – 15 yrs**  
Longest Fish; 18 1/8 inch (carp) – Peyton Armstrong  
Longest Catfish; 6 1/2 inch (black bullhead) – Audy Ryder  
Longest Crappie;  
1st Place: 10 inch – Aspen Steele  
2nd Place: 9 5/8 inch – Kaelyn Geer

### 2-DAY DERBY (85 REGISTRANTS)

Shortest Fish; 67mm (green sunfish) – Terry Smalec  
Longest Fish; 25 5/8 inch (carp) - Miranda Casto  
Longest Crappie; 13 1/4 inch - Joe Sherman  
Heaviest Crappie Stringer;

1st Place: 59.24 lbs. - Team Gone Fishing (Team Members; Steve Rodriguez, Manny Rodriguez, Zeke Beasley, Phil Maniscalchi)  
2nd Place: 25.62 lbs. – Team SSL (Team Members; Mike Sanford, Justin Steele, Jeremy Lohry, Kassidy Sanford)

Total pounds of crappie weighed in = 145.74 lbs.  
Heaviest Stringer;  
1st Place: 177.74 lbs. – Team Whisker Whisperers (Team Members; AJ Auerbach, Miranda Casto, Jessie Vigil, Brandon Martinez)

2nd Place: 139.02 lbs. – Team ShermanAbbonators (Team Members; Joe Sherman, Bekah Sherman, Nathan Sherman, Jerod Abbott)  
Total pounds weighed in for heaviest stringer = 582.88 lbs.

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## RECALL: second petition circulating

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est in the outcome of the recall and that this was a disqualifying interest.

■ That Campbell's alleged "disqualifying interest," among other things should lead to nullification of all sections notarized by Campbell, a total of 318 signatures.

As the HT reported on May 8, 2021, designated hearing officer Timothy Graves ruled in favor of the protestors, invalidating the petition based on three specific procedural errors. As per Colorado Revised Statutes 1-40-112 and 1-40-113:

■ petition circulators must wear proper identification while collecting signatures

■ petition sections are required to be pre-numbered serially

■ a printer's proof must be provided to the clerk

Because these requirements were not met by the petition committee and Clerk Campbell, the petition was declared insufficient and invalid.

Graves' did not rule in favor of protestors on any other challenges. In his ruling he specifies that claims regarding alleged false statements, disqualifying interests of Campbell, and failure to notify Moyer of the approved petition were unsubstantiated. He notes in all instances not regarding procedural errors, that "the protestor failed to prove this challenge by a preponderance of the evidence."

### OPPOSING VIEWPOINTS

RBC Commissioner Gary Moyer has from the start of the recall process denied all claims made by Morlan and others about his conduct in elected office, describing the entire recall campaign as "a nasty smear." Moyer has repeatedly expressed interest in moving

on so that he and fellow commissioners can focus on issues facing the county.

Supporters of Moyer's, including fellow petition pro- tester Matt Scott have all made similar remarks, including claims that the recall is a "liberal scam." Others have also called into question the legitimacy of both Morlan and Campbell's testimony during the May 6 hearing, despite the statements in Graves' ruling.

Protestors' Attorney Suzanne Taheri also pointed out other elements of Campbell's testimony, including that Campbell did not send notice of the petition's approval to Morlan/Moyer as certified mail, or by email. Taheri noted that this seemed strange, since other recall-related communications had been sent as certified mail and via email. Additional details about the hearing from Taheri can be found in her letter to the editor below this article

Following the invalidation of the recall petition by Graves, RBC Clerk and Recorder Boots Campbell submitted a letter to the HT noting that she was unaware of the specific statutes that invalidated the petition. She later told the HT that she was not made aware of those specific requirements by her "attorney contacts at the Secretary of State's office," whom she said she "keeps on speed dial." In her letter, Campbell also expressed the sentiment "lesson learned" noting that the procedural errors would not happen again.

### RECALL REPEAT

After some consideration, Dave Morlan and other petition circulators have decided to pursue Moyer's recall for a second time.

Reflecting on some criticisms noted by protestors in the May 6 hearing and considering additional input from interested parties, the recall grounds for

round two of the petition have been revised. Specific changes include stating that Moyer "participated in" alleged actions regarding the termination of long-term employees, and removing the dispatch center. Prior language noted that Moyer was "instrumental," in those actions. Updated grounds also note removal of language about a treatment of public health staff at a past meeting, instead alleging that Moyer has been "instrumental in undermining Rio Blanco County Public Health's efforts..."

Morlan noted that from the petitioner's view, the invalidation of the first petition based on procedural grounds did not invalidate the main substance of the petition, namely the grounds listed for recalling Moyer.

In the opinion section this week, Commissioner Moyer has submitted a letter listing the updated grounds for recall, along with his rebuttals. The HT reached out to Moyer this week with questions about the recall so as to include his views in this article, as well as questions seeking further clarification of statements made in his letter to the editor this week. That letter has been printed in its entirety beginning on PAGE 5A and continuing below this article. Moyer informed the HT he "had not had time to adequately respond" on short notice.

The second round of petitions are currently being circulated. Petitioners have 60 days to gather the necessary 749 signatures.

### CORA REQUESTS

The HT has submitted Colorado Open Records Act requests for various documentation surrounding the grounds for recall and allegations made by both sides, and is awaiting receipt of that information for further reporting.

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discussed by all three commissioners. Each commissioner contacted various departments and elected officials, on a Friday afternoon, at the completion of this public work session. The same message was conveyed to each department informing them as to what was being strongly considered and that no decisions had been made. Commissioner Moyer contacted sheriff Mazzola and repeated that very message, three times to the sheriff. Moyer invited the sheriff to attend a meeting, for all potentially effected elected officials, depts, and personnel, planned for the following week. Sheriff Mazzola then went out on social media and the radio station broadcasting from Craig Colorado, as the County Sheriff, and told the public that Rio Blanco County Commissioners had already made the decision to move dispatch out of Meeker. The sheriff blatantly misrepresented and misspoke about what he was told, in what appeared to be an effort to anger the public regarding this consideration by the board of county commissioners. The intent of the commissioners was to have a discussion about why RBC is spending over \$500,000.00 on dispatch when Moffat County is about \$69000.00 for dispatch.

• A large public turnout for the above-mentioned meeting occurred. Every member of the public in attendance or by telephone was allowed to provide input to the commissioners, as well as the sheriff and other county employees who desired to. Several public meetings, with all parties involved, followed. Every one of these meetings mentioned are a matter of public record. How the recall committee could make this kind of accusa-

tion defies the public record and is a blatant false statement.

3. "Commissioner Gary Moyer has repeatedly demonstrated a lack of transparency in the manner in which he has conducted county business." THIS IS A FALSE STATEMENT

• There has never been a single shred of evidence by anyone to support this allegation. Despite this narrative continually being promoted by the political left in our community, they have never provided any kind of proof or any kind of evidence to support this leftist narrative.

• At best, this is nothing more than an opinion and is not an objective statement. For the designated election official (County Clerk) to approve such a statement, on a recall petition, is improper.

• This is a typical allegation, constantly levied by left wing activists, against any elected official that is a true fiscal conservative, at every level of politics. It is very disappointing that too many of us see this level of unsubstantiated accusations play out in our own county. For both the recall committee and the county clerk to embrace this, is very dishonest on both their parts.

4. "Commissioner Gary Moyer has been instrumental in undermining Rio Blanco County Public Health's efforts aimed at keeping Rio Blanco County citizens safe during the COVID pandemic." THIS IS A FALSE STATEMENT

• The commissioners, including commissioner Moyer, always supported the effort put forth by the county public health department in educating, testing, and vaccinating the citizens of Rio Blanco County.

• The policy set forth, by the majority of the Board of County

Commissioners, directed the Public Health Department to make recommendations only regarding COVID restrictions from the state of Colorado. While any illness or death because of the COVID virus is very unfortunate, there is no evidence that this policy by the commissioners jeopardized the health of the citizens of Rio Blanco County. This policy decision, by the majority of commissioners, was and continues to be based on respecting the Constitutional Rights of our citizens. The policy decision also respects their right to choose for themselves how to handle their own health care concerns. This policy set forth by the commissioners, resulted in Rio Blanco County being one of the least impacted counties in the nation, from the COVID virus. Our county experienced very few positive cases of COVID from its beginning until November of 2020. Rio Blanco County never experienced higher than average COVID incidents. Because there are those within our own public health department who do not agree with this policy, in no way means that commissioner Moyer undermined the public health department.

• This statement sounds like a talking point straight from the Democrat party's playbook. So, Gary Moyer having a different point of view than Governor Polis, regarding state COVID restrictions, makes him dangerous to Rio Blanco County citizens? This statement really shows the left-wing political ideology of those pushing this recall petition and how dangerous they believe it is for someone to have a different opinion than theirs.

• Again, this is another example of a false statement being allowed on a recall petition. RBC Clerk and Recorder should not be allowing this statement. She

is not doing her job and she is biased. Because of this, the RBC Clerk and Recorder should stop refusing to recuse herself from the recall process.

Gary Moyer  
Rio Blanco County  
Commissioner  
District 1

### Rangely Hospital Foundation thanks community for support

Dear Editor:  
Thank you Rangely residents who donated items for and all who bought items at the Rangely Hospital Foundation's community yard sale. Contributing to the North Park project, this fundraiser made more than \$1,500.

The project's stage one, site preparation, has begun. Trees and stumps have been removed; next the ground will be leveled, and the area will be prepared for electric and waterline installation, and measured for the fence line.

The next fundraiser will be a September golf tournament, and a suggested horse n' tack auction is being discussed.

By working together our community continues to develop strong relationships with one another as we move forward on this project.

Members of the Rangely  
Hospital Foundation  
Rangely

### Moyer lawyer presents concerns

Dear Editor:  
Everyone who has ever been through one knows that a recall is an ugly affair. The recall attempts

of Commissioner Gary Moyer are no different, except for the added twist of questionable conduct of the County Clerk. In Colorado, County Clerks are entrusted to run fair elections and serve as neutral parties in the process. They are not supposed to assist in the effort to sway an election.

Colorado law provides a structure for recall petitions. The law sets a specific petition format and gives instructions for how to notify the elected official of the accusations against him. The law also sets out requirements for petition circulators. In her eagerness to aid the recall effort against Commissioner Moyer, Rio Blanco County Clerk Boots Campbell made several errors, either intentional to deprive Commissioner Moyer of his rights, or by incompetence in the performance of her job.

She didn't even notify Commissioner Moyer of the recall, didn't give him an opportunity to challenge the accusations being made against him and didn't properly approve the petition. Mr. Moyer challenged those mistakes, and he proved that the procedural errors stacked the deck against him and invalidated the recall petition.

What occurred at the hearing was disturbing. Recognizing her errors, Clerk Campbell testified under oath that she did notify Commissioner Moyer of the recall by mailing him a copy of the approved petition. This testimony is contradicted by the fact that Commissioner Moyer never received the mailing, the County Attorney never approved the petition or saw this document, every other document delivered by Clerk Campbell was by email, the document was not turned over in a records request and the computer trail shows she never printed the document for mailing and most importantly she altered

the document days before the recall hearing. This is why I have sent a letter to the District Attorney asking for an investigation into abuse of public office and perjury.

Politics is a contentious business. There are often well-meaning parties on both sides of an issue. But this recall isn't about public policy disputes or even about inappropriate conduct. It's simply a former county appointee, Dave Morland [sic], embittered because he lost his job by a unanimous vote of the Commission for issues that remain confidential. Mr. Morlan's choice to keep his personnel record confidential puts Commissioner Moyer at a disadvantage defending against the false accusations leveled against him.

Now, a new recall petition has been filed. Apparently, Clerk Campbell used the last one as a training exercise. But, after her behavior in the last recall she should immediately recuse herself from overseeing this effort. She is clearly biased against Commissioner Moyer and has lost the trust necessary to conduct her duties in an impartial manner.

Before you sign any recall petition, please consider the source. Refuse to reward this dishonesty and half-truths. Colorado has historically used the recall for serious cases of public corruption, not as a never-ending election cycle spearheaded by disgruntled current or former employees.

Suzanne Taheri  
Denver

Editor's Note: Suzanne Taheri is the former Colorado Deputy Secretary of State and represented Commissioner Moyer at the recall hearing.

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## Panther baseball ends season with a win over Cedaredge

Special to the Herald Times

**RANGELY I** On June 3 Dove Creek came to town for a non-league double header. Justin Cudo took the hill for the Panthers. Under a pitch limit, he threw 3.1 innings, striking out three with one walk. Luis Quintana threw three innings in relief.

“We just couldn’t get our bats going against their ace with only six hits in the game with Braxton Moore driving in our only run of the game,” said head coach Jerry LeBleu. The final score was 9-1.

In the second half of the double header the Panthers put up 17 hits in the game. But was outscored 17-8 leaving nine runners on base. Keihlin Myers started on the mound giving up six runs on seven hits striking out three with one walk over 3.1 innings on a 60 pitch limit due to league games on Saturday. We brought in freshman Kobe Chism and sophomore Kevin Wren to close out the game. Cudo, Myers, Mackay, Davis, Chism and Richens all had

multiple hits with Cudo going four for four at the plate.

On Saturday, June 5 the Panthers squared off against the Cedaredge Bruins in a league double header. The Bruins — one of the top teams in the conference — was a tough foe.

“It was tough going as we only had five hits in the game. We saw the ball well but it just kept finding a Bruin. We had five strikeouts against the league leader in strikeouts,” LeBleu said.

Cudo got the start allowing eight hits and 10 runs over five innings and striking out five. Davis and Wren had a multiple hit day. Final score was 10-0.

In the second half of the double header the Panthers played with attitude and grit in a back and forth game. Junior Keihlin Myers took on the pitching duties for the Panthers surrendering seven runs on 12 hits over 6.2 innings striking out nine with zero walks. The Panthers were back in double digit hitting with 13 hits in the contest. Mackay, Quintana, Myers, Wren and Brent Cantrell all had multi-

ple hits during the game. Cantrell getting his first start of the season came through in the clutch with the Panthers down 8-6 going into the last inning the Panthers never gave up.

“I told them to dig deep, we just need some base runners as we were in the bottom half of our lineup we got a couple half of our lineup, with a couple of kids on base,” LeBleu said.

Freshman Dalton LeBleu came in as a pinch hitter and drew a walk to load the bases with two outs. Myers and Wren drove in a couple of runs to tie the game. Cudo stepping up to the plate drove the first hit he saw up the middle for a walk off base hit for a 9-8 win.

“A great way to end the season with a win. I am so excited for this team next year as we were a young team this year and played against good competition in our league losing three games by one run. Thanks, boys, for all the memories this year as your head coach,” LeBleu said.



MATT SCOGGINS PHOTO

Coach LeBleu is excited to see this young team in action next year.

## Cowboys head into post-season play with 9-5 record

By TIFFANY JEHOREK

Special to the Herald Times

**MEEKER I** The Cowboys wrapped up their regular season and are 9-5 headed into the postseason.

Last Thursday the team headed to Hotchkiss for their final league games of the year. In game one Liam Deming pitched and maxed out 110 and got through six innings. Braydon Garcia came in and pitched through the final two innings.

“Both boys pitched really well,” commented head coach Donald Blazon, “We came back in top of the seventh, Josh Murphy hit his first home run of the year, but couldn’t hold them down in the bottom. Hotchkiss is ranked number six in the state and this was the best game the boys played all year.”

“We lost 6-1 and it was still a respectable game,” said Blazon, “the boys could not string the hits together. We played good but couldn’t come away with the win.”

“The JV had a really good game,” said Blazon, “the guys were down a few early but kept chipping away and ended the night with a win.”

“It was John Duvall’s last game as he is headed back to France,” commented Blazon, “he has progressed all season and I was glad to get him some playing time.”

In the 2A rankings they are sitting in the 20th position according to the RPI, needing to be in the top 24 to make it into the postseason they have sealed their position. Only the top 16 teams will be hosting so the Cowboys will hit the road for their games. Saturday is the last day of the regular season, the scores are required to be in within eight hours of gameplay so this Sunday the final RPI will be posted and postseason brackets announced to see where the Cowboys will be playing.

JV has a couple more games, they will be playing at home Friday at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. against Moffat County.

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MEEKER	0	0	1	0	0	0	0		1
HOTCHKISS	1	2	1	2	0	0	-		6



AMBER GARCIA PHOTO

JT Fitzgibbons at third base.

## With extended season, Meeker track team has one more regular meet

By TIFFANY JEHOREK

Special to the Herald Times

**MEEKER I** The Meeker Invitation was held last week with six teams in attendance, Coal Ridge, Grand Valley, Rangely, Plateau Valley, Soroco and Meeker. The Meeker boys took second place behind Coal Ridge and the girls took third place.

“I am always so grateful for all the volunteers we get in Meeker to help with our home track meet,” began head coach John Strate, “Everyone doing their part makes the meet work. Without all the quality help there is no way we could pull it off. I am so appreciative for those that gave up their day, and stood out in the heat all day.”

The girls 4x100 consisting of Sarah Kracht, Savannah Mendenhall, Aspen Merrifield and Shyann Dilley put themselves into sixth place in the state with a time of 53.19 seconds.

“The girls team overall has really been working hard and it shows,” commented Strate, “They are getting faster and moving up in the rankings each week.”

“The boys team was again led by our strong senior group,” said Strate.

Jeremy Woodward and Ryan Phelan dominated the triple jump once again. Woodward jumped 39 feet 10.5 inches and Phelan 39’8”. Colby Clatterbaugh remains undefeated this season in the 400

meter dash with a time of 53.40 seconds.

“This senior group is reaping the rewards of four years of hard work on the track and in the weight room and It is really fun seeing their hard work pay off,” wrapped-up Strate.

This week is the league meet and final chance for the kids to try and make it to state, league pole vault will be at Coal Ridge on Wednesday and the rest of the meet will be in Grand Junction on Thursday and Friday.

Full results from the track meet can be found on Colorado Milesplit and by searching Meeker High School. The majority of the performances were in the top ten, so this week those placing in the top three will be listed.

Girls results:  
100 Meter Hurdles  
Jayden Overton, third place with a time of 18.01 seconds

300 Meter Hurdles  
Natalie Kracht, third place with a time of 56.05 seconds

4x100 Meter Relay placed second  
4x200 Meter Relay placed second  
4x400 Meter Relay placed second  
High Jump  
Ruby Holiday placed second with a height of 4 feet 9 inches

Pole Vault  
Merrifield placing second with a height of 8 feet 4 inches

Boys Results:  
400 Meter Dash  
C. Clatterbaugh, first place, 53.40”  
4x100 Meter Relay team placed second  
High Jump  
C. Clatterbaugh, 58”



BOBBY GUTIERREZ PHOTO

(Above) Ryan Phelan.

Long Jump  
Woodward placed first, 20 feet 2.5 inches  
Triple Jump  
Woodward placed first 39’10.5”, and Phelan second with 39’8”  
Pole Vault  
C. Clatterbaugh, first place, 11’10” and Brendan Clatterbaugh third place, 10’4”  
Shot Put  
Woodward, first place 41 feet 2.25 inches, Phelan placed second with 39’3.5”, and Eskelson placed third with 39’2”

## Multiple PRs for Panthers

Special to the Herald Times

**RANGELY I** The Rangely Panthers showed that in the case of track meets more really is better. Competing in two separate meets in a matter of three days, the Panthers traveled to Hayden for the Tiger/Bulldog Invitational on Wednesday, June 2 before making the short trip over to Meeker for the Meeker Invitational on Friday, June 4. Having two meets gave many of the student athletes opportunities to compete in multiple different events and set lots of new personal bests.

Mary Scoggins set the tone for the week on Wednesday when she beat the defending state champion and claimed the No. 1 ranking in 2A for the triple jump, covering a distance of 35 feet 0.25 inches. Scoggins also went on to win the long jump with a leap of 16-1.75 and placed sixth in the 400-meter as she crossed the line in 1:05.18. Dixie Rhea also finished the first meet with two wins, claiming the 100-meter and 200-meter titles in a personal best effort of 12.63 for the 100 and 26.53 in the 200. Rhea finished sixth in the long jump with a distance of 15-7.25.

Rylee Allred, Brooke Filfred and Kyras Phelps scored big for the Panthers in the throwing rings. Allred took home the discus crown as she threw 95-0 to go with a fifth place finish in the shot put of 23-10. Filfred grabbed a third and a sixth place finish, throwing the shot put 26-5

and the discus 73-5, respectively. Phelps had a big personal best as she finished runner-up in the shot put after throwing 27-8. Phelps finished second again in the discus with a distance of 89-7.

Hayley Burr continued to compete well on the hurdles and improve her sprinting, winning the 300-meter hurdles in 52.97, finishing second in the 100-meter hurdles in a personal best 18.39, and lowering her 200 time to 28.61. Maya Mercado cleared 4 feet 9 inches to finish third in the high jump to go with personal records in both the 100 and 200, finishing in 13.75 and 28.66, respectively. Macy Morgan completed the 1,600-meter in 9:21.26 and the 400 in 1:53.72. Emma Smith ran the 100 in 15.17, the 200 in 31.75, and leaped 13-2.75 in the long jump.

Hayden proved to be a good location for jumping, as Timothy Scoggins sailed over the second highest clearance in 2A this season to finish fourth overall with a jump of 5-11. Scoggins also ran the 400 in 56.46 and threw the shot put 33-9.5. Kenyan Cochrane threw well yet again, finishing runner-up in the discus with a throw of 125-6 and taking fifth in the shot put with a throw of 35-2. Cochrane also cleared 5-6 in the high jump. Andrew Dorris ran several tough races, finishing second in the 1,600 in 5:11.10 along with completing the 400 and 800-meter in 57.90 and 2:40.43, respectively.

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### SCHEDULES

■ **MHS GOLF**  
June 10 @ Regionals @ Monte Vista

■ **RHS TRACK**  
June 10-11 @ Western Slope League-GJ

■ **MHS TRACK**  
June 10-11 @ League Meet - GJ

June 15 @ State Track - Rangely  
June 24-26 @ Denver

State Track - Denver

June 15 @ HOME - 4pm

June 24-26 @ State Track - Denver

**LUCE QUALIFIES FOR BEACH NATIONALS ...**



United Volleyball Club of the Rockies is pleased to announce Emma Luce (right) and Trinity Hafey of Fruita (left) qualified for Beach Nationals by placing second at the AVP/USAV Beach Qualifier in Denver June 4. (Center) Coach AJ Egli. The doubles team of Luce and Hafey went undefeated on the day, only to lose in the Championship match 21-17, 21-15. They will compete in Fort Lauderdale, Florida July 10-12.

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**CPW selects membership for wolf groups**

**Stakeholder advisory group will include local rancher, outfitter Lenny Klinglesmith**

Special to the Herald Times

**RBC |** Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) has selected the membership for both the Technical Working Group (TWG) and the Stakeholder Advisory Group (SAG) convened to serve as advisory bodies to the agency as the Commission and CPW staff plan the implementation of Proposition 114.

The combined experience and input of these groups will help guide CPW staff and the Commission in the final direction to restore and manage gray wolves in Colorado no later than Dec. 31, 2023.

"We want to thank all of those that submitted an application or considered an offer to participate in these important advisory groups," said CPW Director Dan Prenzlow. "While this is certainly an opportunity to share perspectives and expertise, it's important to note it is also a significant commitment of time and energy, and we greatly appreciate all those who volunteered their time. We are now eager to get to work with those selected to move forward with us on the implementation process."

The TWG will review and contribute expertise towards the development of conservation objectives, management strategies and damage prevention and compensation planning. The members selected for the TWG are:

■ Scott Becker - United States Fish and Wildlife Service - Wyoming Wolf Coordinator

- Alan Bitner - Bureau of Land Management - Deputy State Director - Resources
- Stewart Breck - National Wildlife Research Center - Research Wildlife Biologist
- Roblyn Brown - Oregon Fish and Game - Wildlife Biologist
- Wayne East - Colorado Department of Agriculture - Agricultural/Wildlife Liaison
- Justin Gude - Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks - Research and Technical Services Bureau Chief
- Jonathan Houck - Gunnison County Commissioner
- Mike Jimenez - USFWS retired
- Merrit Linke - Grand County Commissioner
- Steve Lohr - United States Forest Service - Renewable Resources Director Rocky Mountain Region
- Martin Lowney - Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service - State Director
- Carter Niemeyer - USFWS retired
- Eric Odell - Colorado Parks and Wildlife - Species Conservation Biologist
- Mike Phillips - Rocky Mountain Wolf Project
- John Sanderson - Center for Collaborative Conservation - CSU - Director
- Doug Smith National Park Service - Project Leader Yellowstone/Jennifer Carpenter -Associate Regional Director for Resource Stewardship and Science
- Robin Young - Colorado State University Extension Service - Extension Agent

The SAG will provide a range of viewpoints from diverse geographic areas of the state and propose considerations for the plans developed by the TWG. The members selected for the SAG are:

- Matt Barnes (W) - Dolores. Runs range science business and works with the Northern Rockies Conservation Cooperative (human/carnivore coexistence)
- Donald Broom (W) - Craig. Moffat County Commissioner
- Jenny Burbey (W) - Hesperus. President of CO Outfitters Association, Outfitter, livestock producer
- Bob Chastain - Colorado Springs. President/CEO of Cheyenne Mountain Zoo
- Renee Deal (W) - Somerset. Rancher, outfitter, member of agricultural groups
- Adam Gall (W) - Paonia. Wolf biologist for 5 years in Idaho, employed by Nez Perce tribe
- Dan Gates - Canon City. Chair of Coloradans for Responsible Wildlife Management
- John Howard (W) - Grand Junction. Former CPW commissioner
- Francie Jacober (W) - Carbondale. Pitkin County Commissioner
- Lenny Klinglesmith (W) - Meeker. Rancher and outfitter, member of agricultural groups
- Darlene Kobobel - Divide. Colorado Wolf & Wildlife Center
- Tom Kourlis - Castle Rock. Rancher and Outfitter, Former Commissioner of Agriculture, member of agricultural groups
- Brian Kurzel - Denver. Rocky Mountain Regional Executive Director for the National Wildlife Federation
- Hallie Mahowald (W) - Salida. Program Director of Western Landowners Alliance
- Jonathan Proctor - Denver. Regional Director for Defenders of Wildlife
- Gary Skiba (W) - Durango. Wildlife Program Manager, San Juan Citizen Alliance

Department of Natural Resources Executive Director Dan Gibbs, Colorado Parks and Wildlife Director Dan Prenzlow and Colorado Department of Agriculture Commissioner Kate Greenberg will serve as Ex-Officio members.

For additional information on the next steps and phases of planning for the reintroduction of gray wolves, please visit the Stay Informed page on the CPW website at <https://cpw.state.co.us/>, or sign up for CPW's Gray Wolf Reintroduction eNewsletter.

(W) - Denotes Western Slope representation

**PANTHERS: tracksters compete in GJ Thursday, Friday**

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Anthony Dorris and Colton Noel hopped in the 400 as well, finishing in 1:04.49 and 1:01.87, respectively. Noel ran the 3,200-meter later that day in 11:54.97 to place fifth. Justin Allred snagged a fifth place finish in the 800 when he completed the two laps in 2:35.30. Allred also threw the discus 72-4 and leaped 14-6 in the long jump.

The team made good use of Thursday, taking a bit of time to recover and work on their skills before competing hard again on Friday at the smaller, but still very competitive, Meeker Invitational.

The crew of Andrew Dorris, Justin Allred, Timothy Scoggins and Colton Noel started the morning in Meeker with a second place finish in the 4x800-meter relay in 9:35.91. This event was just the start for a very busy day for each of these student athletes. Dorris went on to win the 800 (2:14.11) and place second in the high jump (5-7); Allred long jumped (14-7.5), threw the discus (67-7), and ran the 400 (1:06.91); Scoggins claimed fourth in the high jump (5-7) to go with throwing the discus (83-9) and shot put (36-3); and Noel took on another six laps as he ran the 1,600 (5:40.08) and 800 (2:32.58). Kenyon Cochrane kept himself rather busy as well as he won the discus (131-11) and competed in the high jump (5-7), 200 (25.72),

and shot put (34-0.5).

Several of the girls kept with the theme of packing their day, with many of them competing in three to four events. Hayley Burr ran the 100 hurdles (fourth, 18.92), 300 hurdles (second, 51.55), 4x200-meter relay (fourth, 1:59.57), and 800 sprint medley relay (second, 1:55.88). Annika Cantrell ran the 200 (34.35) and 4x200 relay, threw the discus (59-4), and high jumped (fifth, 4-7). Maya Mercado was a part of both relays and high jumped (third, 4-8). Macy Morgan ran the 1,600 (9:15.26) and 400 (1:46.31) to go with her long jump (7-7). Dixie Rhea competed in the 400 (first, 1:03.27), 100 (13.09), 800 SMR, and long jump (second, 15-1). Mary Scoggins won both the 800 (2:37.15) and triple jump (33-5) as she also ran in the 800 SMR and 1,600 (5:57.29). Emma Smith raced in the 4x200 relay and 200 (31.52) as well as long jumped (fourth, 14-1.5).

The lady Panther throwers of Rylee Allred, Brooke Filfred and Kyrah Phelps again doubled in both shot put and discus. Allred threw 92-8 to finish third in the discus and 25-1 in the shot put. Filfred threw 25-8 and 71-7 in the shot put and discus, respectively. Phelps ended the day with a 26-2.5 throw in the shot put to go with a throw of 80-4 in discus.

The team will travel to Grand



Junction this Thursday and Friday for the Western Slope League Championships.

Plenty of events have the Panthers ready for league competition.

MATT SCOGGINS PHOTOS

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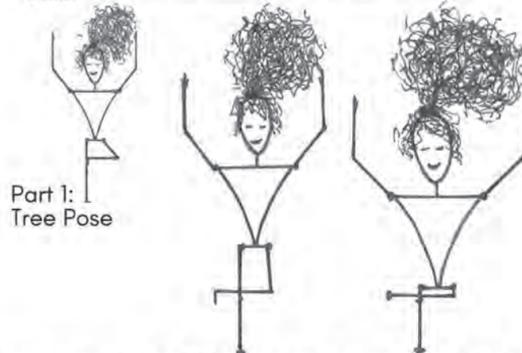


**THE STRIP #58**

THE STRIP from SLEEPY CAT YOGI SHOP For Greater Balance: Part 2

First Steps To Every Pose

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



Part 1: Tree Pose

This pose is called Standing Pigeon and is the second in a three part series that allows us to rejuvenate the balance of our bodies and challenge our minds into stillness.

**Begin by standing tall through the crown of your head, feet hips-width distance apart, and steady your breath. Next, shift your weight onto your right foot and find a focal point directly ahead of you to keep your eyes on. Now bring your left leg up bending the knee to cross your calf over your right thigh. Take a moment here then when you are ready begin to sit your hips low as your right knee bends. Option to bring your hands to heart center and you may even need to pick a new focal point lower than the first.**

Hold this pose for as long as if comfortable then release and repeat on your left leg.

# From 'Most Handsome Boudoir Cap' to catching the Fair bug

By **KAREN ARNOLD**  
RBC Fair Board

**RBC I** How many of us were around for the first County Fair? The Fair Board and our County Commissioners are anticipating a barn-buster turn out in celebration of our 100th fair this year.

So much is being offered with every county resident in mind. The County Fair is showcasing all creations for all to see and offer inspiration to all attendees.

The open indoor show, the open livestock show, and the open horse show mean just that. Anyone can enter, no residency requirement. In particular, for indoor classes. Grandkids visiting for the summer or class and family reunions are most welcome to exhibit their talents.

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Did grandma show you how to can produce? You tried scratch-board art, tie-dye, or your new COVID chickens are laying

eggs? How about making cheese, a favorite pet photo on your cell phone? Okay, what is a boudoir cap? There are no limits — you bring it, we'll exhibit it!

Next year's 2022 theme is "Catch the Fair Bug." It's a coloring design contest, and imaginations are welcome. A possible contest this year may be a composition category with this theme in mind. Prose or poetry, we have a judge who enjoys judging both. So much more information will be coming.

Someone once told me the fair is for getting all those "started projects" done. Now is the time to get your COVID projects in order, I have goals for several projects, and some bets are involved.

**Join me!**

In June of 1919, the local paper reported on the plans of the Commercial Club to start a county fair and a horse racing association. World War I (1914-1918) was felt in Rio Blanco

County with residents focusing on war efforts and the service of our young men. Once the war ended in November 1918, the community began recovering back to normal.

Starting with the call in June 1919 for a "get together in the fall," plans were well on the way to realization by July 1920. J.N. Wyman offered a 20 acre parcel in the northeast part of town (the old Sanderson alfalfa tract) and a horse racing track with grandstands was installed. The first unofficial fair was held Aug. 26-27, 1920. The event was very well advertised in the Meeker Herald, and made news statewide in the "Denver Record Stockmen" publication. The main features of the fair were various horse racing competitions and baseball games with the Duchesne Indians, along with band music.

With this promising start, the Rio Blanco County Fair Association hosted the first annual county fair Aug. 25, 26 and 27, 1921. Compared to the prior year, the fair was a full fledged county fair.

**It's the centennial celebration of the Rio Blanco County fair this year.**

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**"County fairs are not gotten up for financial gain. They never pay for the cost of running them but they do pay big dividends in educating people to the vast amount of the good they accomplish.**

**They arouse people to the great benefits to be derived from better farming methods, better livestock and better household management. In fact their educational features for the general betterment of the county and community cannot be overestimated.**

—The Meeker Herald,  
Aug. 20, 1921



Local landowners and interested citizens met last Thursday with representatives from Colorado Wild Public Lands to discuss an ongoing protest of the Buffalo Horn land exchange.

## Landowners, citizens discuss COWPL protest of Buffalo Horn land exchange

By **CAITLIN WALKER**  
[caitlin@ht1885.com](mailto:caitlin@ht1885.com)

**MEEKER I** If you've been following the Buffalo Horn land exchange saga, you may think it's a done deal, but you'd be wrong.

Even though a decision was issued in January, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) allows for a 45-day protest period. Several protests were filed. The group behind one of them, Colorado Wild Public Lands (COWPL), met with interested citizens in Meeker last week to discuss their mission to keep public lands public.

Here's the backstory. In 2011, the Buffalo Horn Ranch approached the Bureau of Land Management about exchanging private land acreage for public land parcels in the Strawberry Creek area. The next several years were spent formulating a plan — looking at maps, hiring consultants, doing appraisals and finalizing exact details — with all of the work being completed on Buffalo Horn's dime. This is what is known as a "proponent-driven land exchange."

In early 2017, a preliminary plan was released and received major opposition, with more than 50 people submitting negative comments during the public comment period. Due to the overwhelmingly negative response, many thought the plan would be scrapped altogether.

Those people received an unwelcome and unexpected surprise in 2018, when a preliminary environmental assessment of the land exchange appeared for another round of public input. More comments were submitted, and interested parties waited to see what would happen.

In January 2021, the BLM issued their decision. The deal would go through. COWPL submitted a protest March 8.

Anne Rickenbaugh, COWPL board member, spoke to a group of about 20 interested citizens and area landowners about that protest last Thursday. One primary concern of the group is a lack of transparency about the

process. Adjacent landowners said they were unaware of the deal until it was nearly too late to comment, and were not given an opportunity to bid on parcels adjacent to their ranches. Rickenbaugh also pointed out one particular parcel on a large map during her presentation, stating that it was implied the parcel was removed after one round of public opposition, but suddenly showed up in later documents.

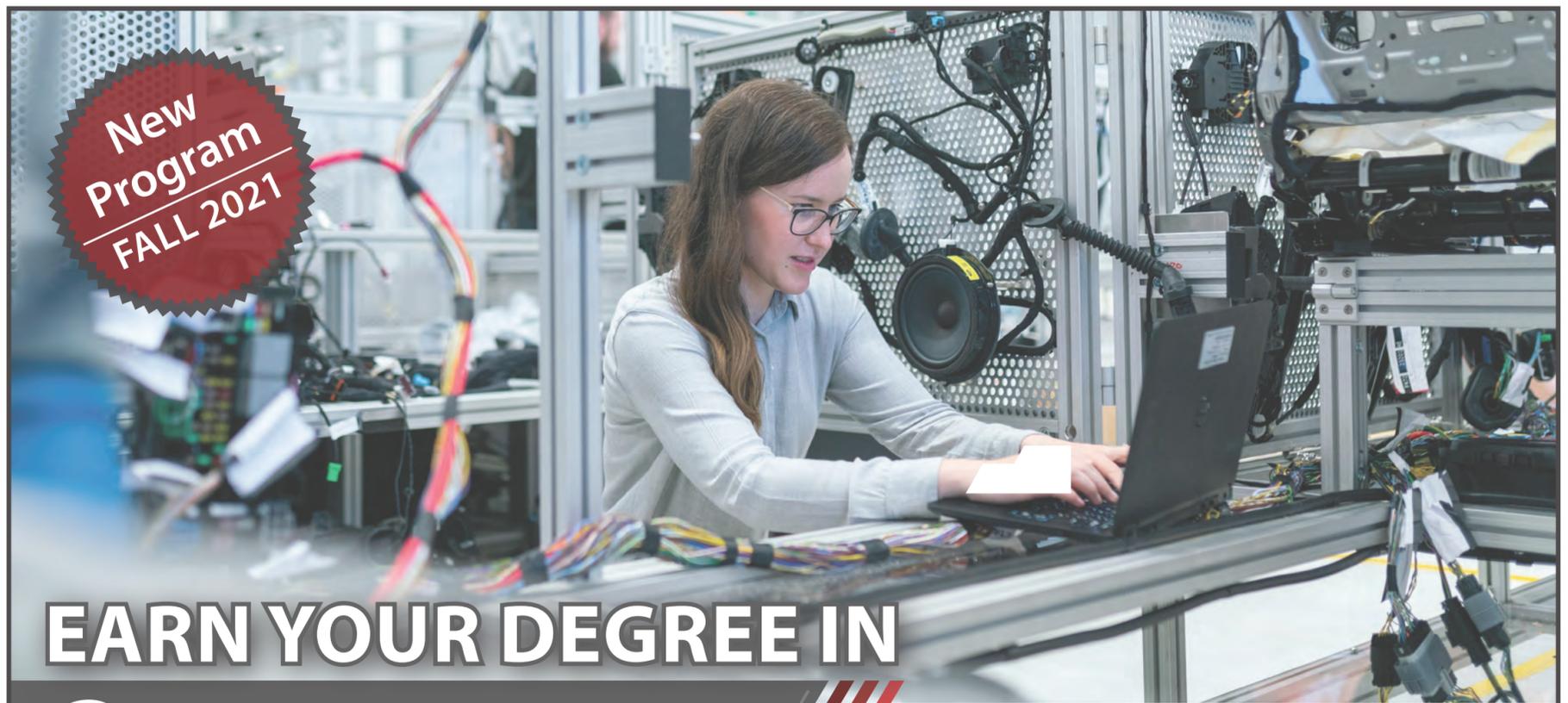
Local opposition also seems to have been disregarded in favor of backroom Washington deals. One of the owners of Buffalo Horn — Steve Feinberg — was deeply enmeshed in the 2016 election and Trump administration. "It seems," Rickenbaugh stated, "the landowner had more sway than the public."

Dr. Albert Krueger, owner of the centennial Villa Ranch adjacent to Buffalo Horn, stated, "this land exchange is in the interest of the owner, otherwise there's no reason for them to initiate it."

COWPL is concerned the exchange is unfair to not only landowners, but also to the public — for instance, they say Buffalo Horn will gain control of the only water in the area as well as the majority of the migration corridor for the elk herd that resides there. Some will lose outfitting and grazing permits in the exchange, and there are also mineral rights issues with a portion of a large parcel.

One Meeker resident stated he does not have a problem with BLM exchanging smaller islands of land for larger chunks, and COWPL agrees. They are focusing instead on the broader issues.

Buffalo Horn Ranch is the result of approximately 10 ranches being bought up by one person, crowding out opportunities for smaller outfitters and public land hunters. COWPL sees the land exchange as further encroachment on public lands and public access. "Land exchanges start to metastasize," Rickenbaugh stated. She thinks with a new administration in Washington and continued local input, there's a good chance COWPL's protest will be approved. "We have confidence we can turn this thing around ... it's a really strong protest."



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# PUZZLES

Answers on PAGE 7B

**THEME: SUPERHEROES**

- ACROSS**
- Golf club handle
  - Aviation safety agency
  - Although, for short
  - "Give me your tired, your \_\_\_\_\_"
  - Homecoming guest
  - PhD in Great Britain
  - Legendary NFL quarterback Graham
  - Like Old Mother Hubbard's cupboard
  - Propelled like Argo
  - "Batman's romantic interest
  - Wildebusts
  - Use the other end of a pencil
  - Cherry middle
  - \*Thor's weapon
  - Brays like a donkey
  - Another word for Tokyo
  - Makes a sum (2 words)
  - \*Like The Joker

- Without self-control
- Black gold
- Buddy
- Site of Leaning Tower
- Canvas ceiling fan
- \*\_\_\_\_\_man, one of original X-Men
- Comes to the fore
- \*\_\_\_\_\_Woman, first female in the Justice Society of America
- "Rub A Dub Dub" vessel
- Paralysis-causing disease, for short
- Smoothie berry
- \*a.k.a. the Caped Crusader
- "Encore!"
- Pupil's place
- Like Arizona in summer
- \*Ben Grimm of "It's clobberin' time!" fame, with The
- Eyeglasses glass
- Buggy terrain
- Gingerbread creation
- \*Superhero creator, Stan \_\_\_\_\_

- Eurasian duck
- DOWN**
- Government Printing Office
  - Campus military acronym
  - Letter before kappa
  - For the time being, Latin (2 words)
  - Basic drumming pattern, pl.
  - Saints' crowns
  - End of grace
  - Through, for short
  - Hie, third person singular
  - Not new or borrowed or blue
  - "All \_\_\_\_\_!"
  - Motherless calf
  - \*Wakanda's Black \_\_\_\_\_
  - Make havoc
  - Coach's locker room speech
  - Oodles
  - \_\_\_\_\_one, on a pass
  - \*Mighty \_\_\_\_\_
  - \*Known to say: "You wouldn't like

- me when I'm angry"
- Steer clear
- Grimace in pain
- More cunning
- Make pretty, two words
- Break a commandment
- \*America's title
- Vienna Boys' group
- Public house, for short
- Devoid of reverence
- Seeking damages
- Wondering ones
- Put through a blender
- Offer two cents
- Turkish honorific
- Jealous biblical brother
- Perfect houseplant spot
- Bob \_\_\_\_\_, famous boxing promoter
- Cat o'how many tails?
- Cash dispenser
- Morning condensation

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**DAYS GONE BY**

*The Meeker Herald*  
125 years ago

Hay and JoHantgen will supply the public on the Fourth with lemonades, milkshakes, soda water and cherry phosphates.

After a few weeks spent in looking over his large interests in this section, Mr. Ike Baer left on Wednesday morning for Leadville.

George B. Fravert, the Rifle nursery man, came in Wednesday and spent some time with the town authorities negotiating the sale of some trees for the town park. The trade is not completed yet, but we believe it will be. The town cannot spend its money for any better purpose than that of setting out trees.

*The Meeker Herald*  
100 years ago

Meeker is going to have a rip roaring Fourth of July. In these times of gloom and depression we need something like this to drive away the blues.

Will Meeker ever amount to anything? Yes, when we get a railroad.

Today is the day set for the Odd Fellows' annual Fish Fry, which will bring Odd Fellows from far and near. Fishermen have been in the upper country for several days and they brought down a big lot of trout and other food fish.

*The Meeker Herald*  
50 years ago

Today's Chuckle: It doesn't seem to make much difference at meetings what's right and what's wrong. What's said will take the longest.

For all those interested, the road to Trappers Lake is now open. Bob Burnside also reported this week that the road over Ripple Creek is also open to thru traffic.

*The Meeker Herald*  
25 years ago

Dr. Kellie Borchard

Turner received her Doctor of Medicine degree from the University of Colorado on May 25.

Corrections... Burning the candle at both ends on Tuesday nights to get everything ready for press day Wednesday invites mistakes. 'Tis an imperfect world. Sorry about the goof ups.

*Rangely Times*  
50 years ago

Rangely Days Rodeo queens or attendants for each year since the rodeo was started participated in this year's festivities: Pam Powell ('71), Evelyn Warren ('70), Sharon Wardell ('69), Marsha Christensen ('67), Jane Powell ('66), Ellen Wilson ('65 rep.), Brenda Broome ('58 rep.), Sandy Percifield ('57 rep.), Linda Rector ('53 rep.), Pat Carter ('54 rep.), Betty Percifield ('53 rep.), Patty Percifield ('52), Louise Powel ('51), Ada Steele ('50 rep.), Mary Edna Clark ('49 rep.) and June Steele ('48). Also attending the parade were Zandra Mobley ('60 rep.), Gae Mangus ('64), and Bonnie White ('68). Absent were Carla Storey ('56) and Vicki McCoy ('59).

Rangely's city council accepted a bid from Mile Hi Aviation in Rifle for spraying three times for mosquitoes this summer. To partly finance the spraying this summer, a charge of \$1 per family will be made with the three monthly water bills.

*Rangely Times*  
25 years ago

Frigid waters and fast current turned play into danger. Ben Maynard was chilled to the bone after being rescued from the White River on June 10 by Fire Chief Jeremy Lancaster, Sheriff's Deputy Dave Curtis and EMT Darrell Freeman.

Gas prices aren't keeping the visitors from traveling around the state. There were 3,845 visitors hosted at the Colorado Welcome Center in Dinosaur in May compared to 3,434 a year ago. This is a 12% increase.

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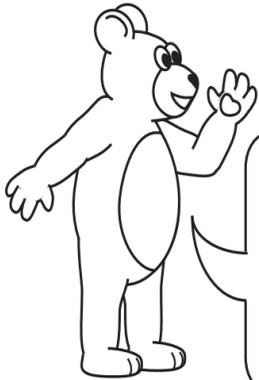
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Kids: color stuff in!

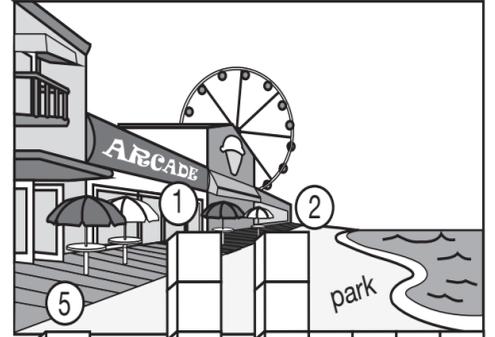


## Long Weekends Away!



Long weekends away! More families are taking a few long weekends away from home in place of one longer vacation. It takes a lot of planning to get ready, but people like the change of pace from their weekly routines and feel that they get more breaks.

Some families like the idea of visiting three or four different places during the year. It's also a good way to make time to visit relatives and still be able to have a couple of private getaways for just your own family.



### What Should We Pack?

Find and circle:

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| hairbrush  | soap      | shirt | slippers     |
| shampoo    | comb      | pants | pajamas      |
| toothbrush | facecloth | shoes | bathrobe     |
| toothpaste | towel     | socks | underclothes |

I've stuffed everything into my pack, Forest!



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Fill in the crossword with things you might do or places you might visit:

- tropical \_\_\_\_\_ getaway
- national \_\_\_\_\_
- fly to a foreign \_\_\_\_\_
- visit the stores along the \_\_\_\_\_
- your Mom's or Dad's Mom or Dad \_\_\_\_\_
- place to ride horses: Dude \_\_\_\_\_
- higher than hills; you can see the peaks \_\_\_\_\_
- take a tour on a ship \_\_\_\_\_
- learn about animals, growing crops \_\_\_\_\_
- cabin in a \_\_\_\_\_ near a lake
- place to ski and be entertained \_\_\_\_\_
- ride a Ferris wheel at the \_\_\_\_\_ park
- beach \_\_\_\_\_
- busy place full of people, tall buildings, lights and cars \_\_\_\_\_

### What Will We Pack It In?

You can pack your belongings in a knapsack, nylon bag or:

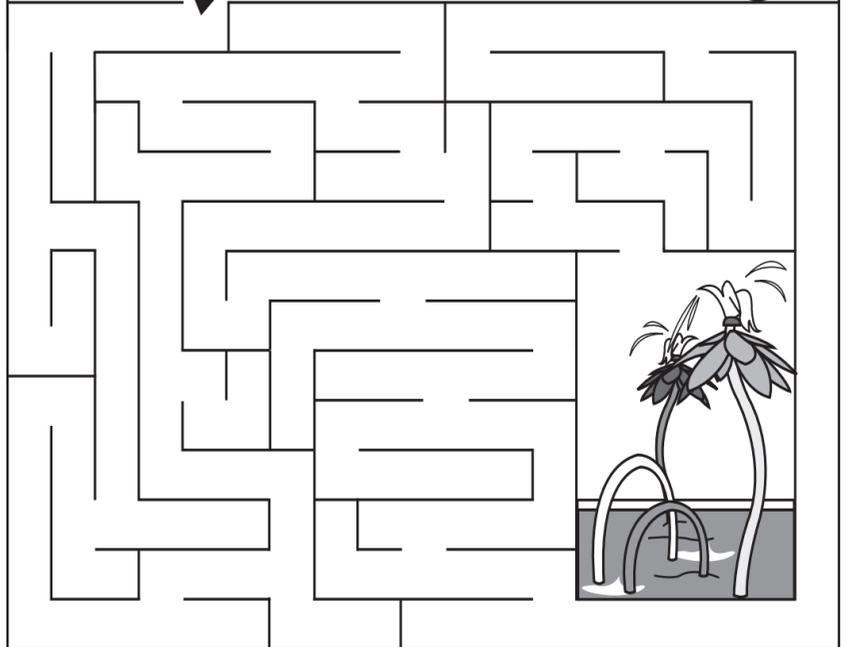
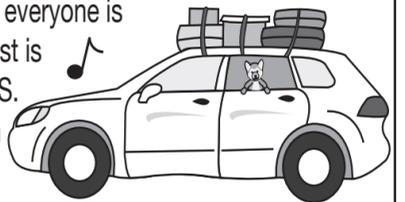
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Find and circle 10 compound \* words, including the word that will appear when you unscramble the letters above. \* (2 small words put together to make a new one)

*Forest's Stuff*  
*Keep Your Paws Off...*

Traveling Along...  
Singing A Song...

The car is packed, everyone is buckled in and Forest is helping with the GPS. Can you help them find their way?



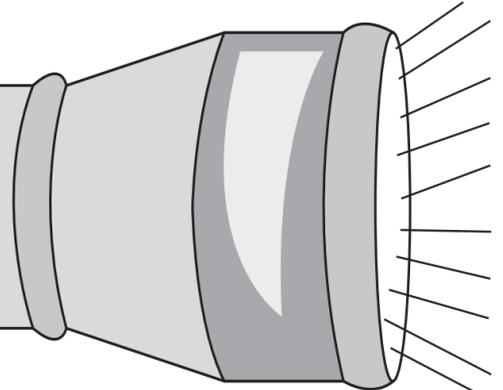
### What Belongings Would You Need?

When you travel away for a long weekend you need to think about what you need to bring. Match the things in the first column with items you would need in the second column:

Ugggh! Heavy! I need to find my book.

For:

- |                     |                   |
|---------------------|-------------------|
| 1. sleeping         | A. umbrella       |
| 2. rain             | B. sleeping bag   |
| 3. directions       | C. First Aid kit  |
| 4. comfort          | D. cooler         |
| 5. boating          | E. stuffed animal |
| 6. small cuts       | F. radio          |
| 7. seeing           | G. flashlight     |
| 8. news and weather | H. life vests     |
| 9. drinks           | I. books          |
| 10. reading fun     | J. maps           |



# PUBLIC NOTICES

• MISC. NOTICES •

• MEETING AGENDAS •

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Jesse H. Leech does intend to adopt Kalysta M. Menzel. If biological father, David D. Myers, does plan to contest please contact F. Joseph Fennessy attorney at 970-878-4783, or by email joe@fennessylaw.com.

Published: May 13, 20, 27, June 3, 10 and 17, 2021  
Rio Blanco Herald Times

The Town of Rangely will be accepting letters of interest to fill a vacated seat on the Town Board of Trustees. The remaining term of office on the position will be until April 2024. Please submit all Letters to the Town of Rangely, 209 E Main, Rangely, CO 81648, ATTN: Town Clerk, no later than July 6, 2021.

If you have any questions please contact Lisa Piering or Marybel Cox at (970) 675-8476.

By: Marybel Cox, Clerk/Treasurer  
Published: May 27, June 3, 10, 17 and 24, 2021  
Rio Blanco Herald Times

Rio Blanco County is seeking a Contractor for the **2021 Rio Blanco County Airport Outfall** in Meeker, Colorado. The intent of this Invitation for Bid is to have a Contractor submit a written response to address the services, fee, and a well-considered plan of execution for the Project. The Project is primarily for drainage and grading to create a storm sewer network routing stormwater runoff from the Rio Blanco County Airport property to a drainage ditch along SH-13. All Bidders are required to attend the Mandatory Site Visit. The Mandatory Site Visit will be held on **Tuesday, June 8, 2021, at 2:00 P.M. MT.** Bid must be received by mail no later than **5:00 P.M.** Mountain Time on **Monday, June 28, 2021, or hand-delivered** no later than **9:45 A.M.**, Mountain Time, on **Tuesday, June 29, 2021.**

Published: May 27, June 3, 10, 17 and 24, 2021  
Rio Blanco Herald Times

**Painter Needed**

Rangely Rural Fire Protection District needs someone to paint Training Facility, 2121 E. Main Street, Rangely, CO interior walls. Needs to have Proof of Insurance. Will provide paint. To view inside of facility to give bid, call Linda 970-629-1116. Cannot start until after 4th of July.

Published: June 10 and 17, 2021  
Rio Blanco Herald Times

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**CUT AND REMOVE WEEDS**  
Meeker Municipal Code Sections 8.20.104 and 8.20.105 requires that owners of land within the Town or any agent in charge of such property are required to cut and remove the weeds and brush, including weeds that have grown along alleys and in the public right-of-way adjacent to such property. Weeds and brush must be maintained to a length no greater than a height of 12 inches at all times. A written notice may be served upon the owner or agent if not complied with by the 20th of June, the owner may be cited and required to appear in Municipal Court or the Town will cut the weeds and assess a tax lien against the property in which the

weeds and brush have been removed.  
By: Lisa Cook, Town Administrator  
Published: June 3 and 10, 2021  
Rio Blanco Herald Times

**Garage Floor Epoxy Coat Needed**  
Rangely Rural Fire Protection District needs someone to refinish the floor at the Training Facility, 2121 E. Main Street, Rangely, CO with epoxy or something that will last. Needs to have Proof of Insurance. Will provide material if needed. To view inside of facility to give bid, call Linda 970-629-1116. Cannot start until after 4th of July.

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**Notice of Final Settlement Circle Park Fishing Pond Construction Project**

In accord with the Colorado Revised Statutes, Section 38-26-107(1), public notice is hereby given of Final Settlement in connection with the following construction project:

**Project:** Circle Park Fishing Pond  
1 South 5th Street  
Meeker, Colorado 81641  
**Owner:** Eastern Rio Blanco Metropolitan Recreation and Park District  
101 Ute Road  
Meeker, Colorado 81641  
**Contractor:** TDA Construction Inc. 1080 Garfield Street Meeker, Colorado 81641

**Final Settlement of this construction project is scheduled for June 21, 2021, at 12:00 pm at the District's administrative offices located at 101 Ute Road, Meeker, Colorado 81641.**

Any individual, corporation, government or governmental subdivision or agency, business trust, estate, trust, limited liability company, partnership, association, or other legal entity that has furnished labor, materials, sustenance, or other supplies used or consumed by the above-referenced contractor or its subcontractor in or about the performance of the work contracted to be done or that supplies laborers, rental machinery, tools, or equipment to the extent used in the prosecution of the work, whose claim therefor has not been paid by the above-referenced contractor or its subcontractor may, at any time up to and including the date and time of Final Settlement, file a verified statement of the amount due and unpaid on account of the claim with Executive Director Sean VonRoenn. The verified statement may be either mailed or hand delivered to:

Sean VonRoenn, Executive Director  
ERBM Recreation and Park District  
101 Ute Road  
Meeker, Colorado 81641

The verified statement must be **received** by the District at or before the date and time of Final Settlement set forth above. Failure to timely file a verified statement shall relieve the District and its directors, officers, and representatives from any liability for making final payment to the above-referenced contractor.

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/s/ Sean VonRoenn  
Executive Director  
Published: June 10 and 17, 2021  
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**MEEKER SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1**

**Board of Education Work Session and Special Board Meeting**  
555 Garfield Street  
Meeker, CO 81641  
June 14, 2021 - 7:00 p.m.

**Community members wishing to observe the board meeting/work session may do so by using the following Google Meet link:** <https://meet.google.com/fmn-fyzk-tn>  
**Community members wishing to attend the board meeting/work session in person are asked to RSVP to chris.selle@meeker.k12.co.us, no later than 72 hours prior to the meeting.**  
**Special Board Meeting:**

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Pledge of Allegiance: Mr. Smith will lead the Pledge of Allegiance
3. Welcome of Guests
4. Approval of Agenda

**General Public Comment Session:** (comments limited to three minutes)

- Action Items:**
1. Acceptance: Resignation - Mandi Etheridge (MHS Head Secretary)
  2. Approval: Personnel Hires - Mike Jones (MHS Custodian)
  3. Approval: Expenditure up to \$500,000 from Capital Reserve (Fund 43) for Stadium Restrooms

**Other BOE Information:**

**Executive Session (if needed):**  
**Special Meeting Adjournment:**  
**Work Session:**

1. Construction project updates
  - a. Transportation Facility
  - b. BMS Security Upgrades
  - c. Emergency BEST Grant for BMS air quality improvements
  - i. Board Approval on June 28 - Sample Form
  - ii. Final Application
  2. 2021-2022 Budget
  3. COVID-19 Update/Discussion
  4. 2021 BOE Election
  5. Educational Programming Goals
  6. Principal hiring processes
  7. Community guidance regarding public comment at BOE meetings
  8. Items introduced by board members
- Published: June 10, 2021  
Rio Blanco Herald Times

**TOWN OF MEEKER BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
Tuesday, June 15, 2021  
7:00 P.M. Board Meeting  
Town Hall  
345 Market Street, Meeker, CO

**Due to COVID-19 precautions, the public is invited to attend by calling 970-878-8091.**

- Call to Order  
Pledge of Allegiance  
Roll Call  
Approval of the Agenda  
Approval of the Previous Minutes  
Approval of Monthly Disbursements  
Public Participation  
*This is an opportunity for Citizens to bring comments and questions to the Board of Trustees not being addressed in the Regular Meeting Agenda. In consideration of other regularly*

*scheduled agenda items, comments will be limited to 3 minutes or less. Citizens are asked to approach the podium state their name and address for the record.*

Staff Updates  
Public Hearings:  
a. Request from Meeker Lions Club for 5 Special Event Permits: RBC Fairgrounds, Grandstands & Concession area July 2nd, 3rd and 4th; RBC Indoor Arena & Ballfield July 2nd and 3rd, 2021, 700 Sulphur Creek Road, Meeker, Colo.

New Business:  
a. Request from Range Call for event sponsorship.  
b. Request from RBC Fire Protection District for fireworks donation.

c. Presentation by Mario Coates, Colorado CPA, of the Town's 2020 Financial Audit.  
d. Discussion regarding mosquito control measures.  
e. Resolution 07-2021 appointing a Town Administrator and Town Clerk.

f. Administering the Oath of Office to newly appointed officer.  
Mayor's Remarks

Town Manager's Report  
Town Attorney's Report  
Other Board Business  
Adjournment

A workshop will be held following the meeting to discuss creating an economic/community development position within the Town.  
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**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF RIO BLANCO COUNTY, COLORADO**  
**RIO BLANCO COUNTY ANNEX BUILDING**  
17497 HWY 64  
RANGELY, CO 81648

This meeting will be streamed live on the RBC YouTube Channel:

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBicrhMpb47tL\\_NjNOFg](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBicrhMpb47tL_NjNOFg)  
To provide public input please call (970) 878-9432

**Tentative Agenda June 15, 2021**

1. 11:00 a.m. Call to order:
- A. Pledge of Allegiance
- B. Changes to June 15, 2021 Agenda
- C. Move to approve the June 15, 2021 Agenda including any changes.

**2. CONSENT AGENDA FOR JUNE 15, 2021**

- A. Move to approve the below listed items of the Consent Agenda.
- B. Meeting minutes of June 8, 2021.

**3. BUSINESS**

A. Move to approve/deny a Certificate for the approval of the FY20 Cost Allocation Plan.  
B. Move to approve/deny the Rangely Airport Master Plan, Airport Layout Plans (ALP) drawings.

**4. BID AWARDS**

**None**

**5. MOU'S, CONTRACTS, AND AGREEMENTS**

A. Move to approve/deny an Agreement for Services with Pioneers Medical Center to provide access to Provider Services through the Rio Blanco County Department of Public Health and Environment Family Planning Program on an as needed basis.  
B. Move to approve/deny an Agreement with Chris Tonzzi, MD to provide access to Provider Services through the Rio Blanco County Department of Public Health and Environment Family Planning Male

Sterilization Program on an as needed basis.  
C. Move to approve/deny Task Order Contract – Waiver #154 with the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, Division of Environmental Health and Sustainability, to inspect and assure regulatory compliance in retail food establishments, child care facilities and schools, State Funding Dollars not to exceed \$10,000.00.

**6. RESOLUTIONS**

**None**

**7. OTHER BUSINESS**

- A. Public Comment
- B. County Commissioners Updates

**8. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**None**  
**Adjourn**  
*The agenda is provided for informational purposes only; all times are approximate. Agenda items will normally be considered in the order they appear*

*on the agenda. However, the Board may alter the Agenda, take breaks during the meeting, work through the noon hour and even continue an item for a future meeting date. The Board, while in session, may consider other items that are brought before it. Scheduled items may be continued if the Board is unable to complete the Agenda as scheduled.*

*The next regular Board meeting is tentatively scheduled for June 22, 2021 in the Rio Blanco County Historic Courthouse, 555 Main St., 3rd Floor Hearing Room, Meeker, CO. Please check the County's website for information at <http://rbcc.us/186/Board-of-County-Commissioners>. If you need special accommodations, please call 970-878-9431 in advance of the meeting so that reasonable accommodations may be made.*

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• ACCOUNTS PAYABLE •

**TOWN OF RANGELY**

**Check Register**

**May-21**

**VENDOR, AMOUNT, DESCRIPTION**

AFLAC, 289.87, Payroll Deduction  
ALL COPY PRODUCTS INC, 1062.51, Expenses  
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, 2284.00, Expenses  
APCO INTERNATIONAL INC, 379.00, Expenses  
ARAMARK, 464.86, Expenses  
BADGER METER, 38.40, Expenses  
BASIN NURSERY & GARDEN CENTER, 1575.46, Expenses  
BOY-KO SUPPLY CO, 218.28, Expenses  
CACP, 187.50, Expenses  
CALDWELL, JEANNIE, 40.00, Expenses  
CASELLE, INC, 1418.00, Software Support  
CENT, 34490.60, Life Insurance  
CENTURYLINK, 1714.91, Communication  
CIMARRON TELECOMMUNICATIONS LLC, 55.00, Communication  
CMI INC, 49.05, Expenses  
COLOCPA SERVICES PC, 270.00, Expenses  
COLUMN SOFTWARE PBC, 74.96, Expenses  
DAN E WILSON, ATTORNEY AT LAW LLC, 1232.16, Services  
DEWCO INC, 1346.37, Expenses  
DIRECTV, 475.50, WRV Expenses  
ELLIS, KEELY, 100.00, Council Stipend  
EMC PLUMBING & HEATING INC, 85.00, Expenses  
EMD OF COLORADO, 300.00, Expenses  
FAMILY SUPPORT REGISTRY, 1302.46, Expenses  
FIDELITY ADVISOR FUNDS, 17071.59, Payroll deduction  
FIRST BANKCARD, 4699.81, Expenses  
FPPA, 819.21, PD Insurance  
GALLS LLC, 193.80, Expenses  
HARRING, JR RICHARD E, 100.00, Council Stipend  
GEER, LUKE D, 100.00, Council Stipend  
GLOBAL CHEMICALS, 2797.72, Expenses  
GRAND JUNCTION PIPE & SUPPLY, 772.11, Expenses  
GRAND JUNCTION POLIC DEPARTMENT, 200.00, Expenses  
GRANGER, ALISA, 100.00, Council Stipend  
HAMLIN, TIRYNN, 40.00, Expenses  
HIGHLANDS RANCH LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING, 2400.00, Expenses  
HILTON, KELLER, 40.00, Expenses  
HUGHES, JORDAN, 40.00, Expenses  
INSIGHT PUBLIC SECTOR INC, 6512.24, Expenses  
ITRON INC, 2745.33, Expenses  
MAIL SERVICES, 649.27, Services  
MASTER PETROLEUM CO INC, 817.40, Expenses  
MCDONALD, CHERYL, 260.09, Expenses  
MOON LAKE ELECTRIC ASSN, 13915.86, Electricity  
NETWORKS UNLIMITED, 2878.68, Support/ Services  
NICHOLS STORE, 171.90, Expenses  
PIERING, LISA, 40.00, Expenses  
PINNACOL ASSURANCE, 3221.98, Expenses  
PROFESSIONAL TOUCH, 453.22, Expenses  
QUILL CORPORATION, 91.46, Expenses  
RANGELY AREA CHAMBER, 990.00, Expenses  
RANGELY AUTO PARTS & SUPPLY, 575.83, Expenses  
RANGELY HARDWARE, 6212.52, Expenses  
RANGELY SCHOOL FOUNDATION INC, 14039.60, Sales Tax Funding  
RANGELY TRASH SERVICE, 815.00, Services  
RANGELY, TOWN OF, 5131.49, Utilities  
RESPOND FIRST AID SYSTEMS, 75.70, Expenses  
RIO BLANCO COUNTY, 26283.60, Expenses  
ROBIE, TREY, 100.00, Council Stipend  
SBT INTERNET, 45.00, Expenses  
SCHELLER, TIM, 120.00, Expenses  
SENERGY BUILDERS LLC, 3914.00, Expenses  
SGS ACCUTEST INC, 553.38, Expenses  
SHAFFER, ANDREW, 150.00, Council Stipend  
SPLIT MOUNTAIN GARDEN CENTER, 1052.00, Expenses  
STANDARD INSURANCE COMPANY RC, 633.01, Life Insurance  
SUMMIT ENERGY LLC, 27822.28, Gas  
Transmission/Transport  
SYNTECH SYSTEMS, 550.00, Expenses  
TRANSUNION RISK & ALTERNATIVE, 75.00, Services  
UNCC, 85.80, Services  
VAN DIEST SUPPLY COMPANY, 18563.50, Expenses  
VERIZON WIRELESS, 716.76, Expenses  
VOICE PRODUCTS SERVICE LLC, 4182.00, Expenses  
WEBBER, TIMOTHY, 100.00, Council Stipend  
WELLS FARGO VENDOR FINANCIAL SERVICES, 10056.50, Expenses  
WEX BANK, 4227.84, Fuel  
WHITE RIVER MARKET, 65.91, Expenses  
WILCZEK, KAREN, 300.00, Judge's Fee  
WRB REC & PARK DISTRICT, 34.00, Expenses  
ZORO TOOLS INC, 165.10, Expenses  
TOTAL: 240,316.13  
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**PAYROLL ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

**TOWN OF MEEKER**

**5/31/21**

**GENERAL FUND**

Town of Meeker, Payroll, \$48,380.19  
CRA, Emp. Retirement - PD, \$3,387.66  
CRA, Emp. Retirement, \$7,083.46  
CRA, Emp. Loan Payments, \$1,426.59  
CEBT, Health, Dental, Vision & Life Ins., \$22,556.63  
Emp. Withholding, Federal Withholding, \$4,019.01  
Emp. Withholding, State Withholding, \$1,633.80  
Emp. Withholding, Medicare Withholding, \$1,866.44  
Emp. Withholding, SS Withholding, \$4,377.34  
MHRC, Emp. Donation, \$27.00  
Standard Ins. Co., Life/AD&D Ins., \$976.52  
Washington National Ins., Cancer Ins., \$173.22  
A-1 Heating & Cooling, Replace Glycol Feeder / Town Hall, \$2,940.00  
Atmos, May Natural Gas, \$404.85  
BoyKo, Trash Bags, Toilet Tissue, Hand Towels, \$271.45  
Business Radio Lic. Renewal, FCC Radio Lic. Renewal, \$52.50  
CMRS- PB, Reimburse May Postage, \$47.48  
Edwards, Jay Atty., Muni Judge Service, \$325.00  
Employer's Council, Annual Memberships, \$1,832.84  
Herald Times, May Legal Publications, \$71.00  
Jean's Printing, Business Cards / PD, \$41.17  
Jean's Printing, Business Cards / PD, \$62.80  
McGuire Auto, Motor Oil / PW, \$14.57  
MVB - VISA, Meals, Trng., Lodging / PD; Dog Bed / AC; Office Supplies, Phone Svc, \$2,176.45  
Networking of the Rockies, June Monthly IT Support, \$1,666.67  
Networking of the Rockies, Annual Microsoft Lic. Renewal, \$6,000.00  
Newman Signs, Signs for Bridge, \$126.30  
Olszewski, Massih & Maurer, May Legal Fees, \$2,983.00  
Overton Recycling, May Recycling Contribution, \$1,250.00  
Overton Recycling, May Trash Service, \$282.00  
RBC Sales & Use Tax, April Sales Tax Adjustment, \$13,011.32  
RMR, May HRA Claims, \$1,936.91  
RMR, May Monthly Admin Fee, \$70.20  
Union Telephone, May Cell Phone Service, \$559.36  
Wagner Equip., Travel Expense for Warranty Work on Loader / PW, \$258.00  
Watt's, Dog Food / AC, \$59.56  
White River Distributing, Bottle Water / BOT, \$6.75  
WREA, April Electricity, \$1,863.31  
Total General Fund \$134,221.35

**WATER FUND**  
Town of Meeker, Payroll, \$13,304.82  
CCOERA, Emp. Retirement, \$2,255.58  
CCOERA, Employee Loans, \$653.47  
CEBT, Health, Dental, Vision & Life Ins., \$6,510.93  
Emp. Withholding, SS Withholding, \$2,369.40  
Emp. Withholding, Medicare Withholding, \$554.12  
Emp. Withholding, Federal Withholding, \$1,680.82  
Emp. Withholding, State Withholding, \$700.20  
MHRC, Employee Donation, \$18.00  
Standard Ins. Co., Life/AD&D Ins., \$277.90  
Washington National Ins., Cancer Ins., \$102.18  
US Postmaster, Water Billing Pstg., \$199.56  
Atmos, Natural Gas, \$115.04  
Business Radio Lic., FCC Radio Lic. Renewal, \$52.50  
CMRS- PB, Reimburse May Postage, \$147.74  
Craig Colo., Water Test, \$90.00  
Fed Ex, Pstg. / Water Test, \$17.64  
Maybury, Steve, Credit in Water Account, \$84.55  
MVB - VISA, Office Supplies, Phone Svc, \$85.91  
Olszewski, Massih & Maurer, Legal Fees, \$561.00  
RMR, HRA Claims, \$578.58  
RMR, Monthly Admin Fee, \$19.80  
Union Telephone, Cell Phone Service, \$90.98  
UNCC, Line Locates, \$135.96  
Wagner Equip., Travel Expense for Warranty Work on Loader / PW, \$258.00  
White River Electric, Electricity, \$2,255.70  
Total Water Fund, \$33,120.38  
Total All Funds \$167,341.73  
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**NOTICE OF APPLICATION IN THE COLORADO P.U.C. NO. – 7 GAS TARIFF OF ATMOS ENERGY CORPORATION**  
**1555 BLAKE STREET, SUITE 400, DENVER, COLORADO 80202**

You are hereby notified that Atmos Energy Corporation (“Atmos Energy” or the “Company”) has filed with the Colorado Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”), in compliance with the Public Utilities Law, an advice letter and associated revised tariff sheets to modify the Company’s Gas Demand-Side Management Cost Adjustment (“G-DSMCA”) rate and G-DSMCA Factors to be effective on July 1, 2021.

The proposed G-DSMCA modification will allow Atmos Energy to continue recovering prudently incurred costs for the gas demand-side management (“DSM”) programs based on the Company’s DSM achievements during the 2021 program year. The proposed filing revises the Company’s existing natural gas rates in its tariff, Colorado P.U.C. No 7- Gas, to reflect modifications to the G-DSMCA Factor, the volumetric DSMCA and the total volumetric rate for class, resulting in increase to the G-DSMCA surcharge for Residential customers and an increase for Small Commercial and Commercial customers. The present and proposed monthly G-DSMCA rates are as follows:

	Present G-DSMCA rate	Proposed G-DSMCA rate
Residential Base Rate	\$0.20	\$0.21
Residential Volumetric Rate/ccf	\$0.00315	\$0.00345
Commercial Base Rate	\$0.74	\$0.81
Commercial Volumetric Rate/ccf	\$0.00289	\$0.00316

The proposed and present rates and tariffs are available for examination at the business office of Atmos Energy Corporation located at 1555 Blake Street, Suite 400, Denver, Colorado, or at the Public Utilities Commission at 1560 Broadway, Suite 250, Denver, Colorado, 80202. Customers who have questions may call the Company at 1-888-286-6700 or email the question to [Jennifer.altieri@atmosenergy.com](mailto:Jennifer.altieri@atmosenergy.com).

Anyone who desires may file written comments or objections with the Commission. The filing of a written objection by itself will not allow you to participate as a party in any proceeding on the proposed action. If you wish to participate as a party in this matter, you must file written intervention documents in accord with Rule 1401 of the Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure and of any applicable Commission order.

The Commission may hold a public hearing in addition to an evidentiary hearing on the proposed revisions and if such a hearing is held members of the public may attend and make statements even if they did not file comments, objections, or an intervention. If the filing is uncontested or unopposed, the Commission may determine the matter without a hearing and without further notice.

Anyone desiring information regarding if and when a hearing may be held shall submit a written request to the Commission or contact the External Affairs section of the Commission at its local number of (303) 894-2070 or toll free number (800) 456-0858.

Atmos Energy Corporation  
Colorado-Kansas Division  
By: Jared Geiger  
Vice President Rates & Regulatory Affairs

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# CLASSIFIEDS

# BUSINESS & SERVICE DIRECTORY

## HELP WANTED

**Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator**  
MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:  
High School or Equivalent Education  
Mechanical Aptitude  
Willing to learn a wide variety of job functions  
Good public relation skills  
Willing to work weekends, holidays and be on call as needed  
Computer knowledge helpful  
Ability to lift 100 lbs  
Wastewater treatment experience preferred  
CDL (Class B) required within six months  
Class D Wastewater License required within one year  
Class 1 Collections License required within one year  
Furnish copy of driving record  
Physical and Drug testing required for employment  
Salary \$15.00 to \$28.00 hourly  
Position will remain open until filled  
Information available from:  
Meeker Sanitation District Office  
PO Box 417, 265 8th Street  
Meeker, CO 81641  
970-878-5192  
FAX 970-878-5988  
e-mail: [gail@meekersanitation.org](mailto:gail@meekersanitation.org)

**THE FORK**  
Seeking servers Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights. Bring resume in person between 3-5 p.m. Thursdays to The Fork, 364 7th Street.

**Elk Creek Ranch**  
Seasonal dishwasher/prep position PT and short order cook. \$16/hr. Seasonal June 15-Oct. 1. Contact Scott Creecy, [creecyscott@gmail.com](mailto:creecyscott@gmail.com)

## MEEKER SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1 Employment Opportunities

**Meeker Elementary School**  
• Elementary Classroom Teacher  
Vacant Positions: 2  
Application Deadline: June 10, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. MST

**Barone Middle School**  
• Head Football Coach  
• Head Volleyball Coach

**Meeker High School**  
• Head Secretary  
Full-time w/ benefits, open until filled.  
Apply online: [meeker.k12.co.us/domain/10](http://meeker.k12.co.us/domain/10)

ADA/EOE  
Subject to change at any time!  
For details and an application, please visit our website at [Meeker.k12.co.us](http://Meeker.k12.co.us) or Meeker School District Administration at 555 Garfield St., Meeker, CO  
**970-878-9040**

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**Classified/Legal Deadline:**  
**Tuesdays, 3 p.m.**  
[ads@ht1885.com](mailto:ads@ht1885.com)

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**RIO BLANCO HERALD TIMES**  
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**970-878-4017**  
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**304 4th Street  
PO Box 720  
Meeker, CO 81641**



## PIONEERS MEDICAL CENTER

With the growth of Pioneers Medical Center and Colorado Advanced Orthopedics Sports Medicine & Spine, we are excited to fill several positions. To see the full list of open positions, visit our website or scan the code below.



Complete an application online by scanning the code or by navigating to [pioneershospital.org](http://pioneershospital.org)

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- Building Official
- Caseworker
- Detentions Deputy
- Eligibility Specialist
- Extension Admin. Asst. or Coordinator, Rng
- Facilities Seasonal Laborer
- Jail RN
- Relief Control Room Operator
- Relief Radino Driver, Rng

For details and a Rio Blanco County application, please go to [www.rbc.us](http://www.rbc.us) or Rio Blanco County HR at 555 Main St., Meeker, CO. 970-878-9570.  
ADA/EOE

**HELP WANTED**  
Full-time front desk  
Part-time housekeeper  
Stop by White River Inn, 219 E. Market St., for an application.

**JUST IN TIME FOR BUSY SEASON!**  
MA FAMILIA'S is looking for servers and experienced kitchen help. Must be 18 years or older. Please stop by for an application at 410 Market Street.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**  
Delivery of meals for senior meals Meeker and Rangely  
11:00 - 1:30 M, T, W, F  
Contact White River Roundup, 878-9652



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