

Herald Times



Cattledogs ...

'Hunker Down' drew rave reviews from those attending the Meeker Classic National Cattle Dog Association Finals in Meeker from Wednesday through Sunday, when roughly 2,000 folks visited the inaugural five-day trials. More photos are placed throughout today's edition and there is a photo page on Page 11A.



SEAN MCMAHON

Nothing is more impressive to watch than the combination of handler, dog and horse during the two horseback classes out of five at the 2016 Meeker Classic National Cattle Dog Association Finals held in Meeker beginning June 15 and running through Sunday. More than 2,000 people were estimated to have visited Ute Park during the trials to watch 140 of the best cattledogs from Colorado, the United States and Canada.



SEAN MCMAHON

Braving high temperatures and intense heat from eight Dutch ovens early Saturday, Rio Blanco Commissioner candidate Jeff Rector, left, and Meeker School Board member Bud Ridings, right, were busy in the outdoor kitchen at the Meeker Classic Cattle Dog Trails baking raspberry, peach, apple and cherry cobbler for those at the Heritage Culture Center fundraiser at the Wilbur Barn in Ute Park. The fundraiser for a state-of-the-art theater at the center is expected to cost roughly \$25,000.

One week until end of Plein Air art

Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER | The Plein Air Meeker 2016 art competition has returned this year, and the competition paint-out is now underway through June 30.

During paint out, which began June 15, fans can keep an eye open for artists painting outside, almost anywhere throughout Rio Blanco County.

The finished paintings will be available to view and purchase at the Meeker Public Library at the close of the paint-out. Pre-event purchasing privileges will be available to patrons only on July 1.

The public Plein Air Art Show and Auction will be open July 2 through July 4. All are welcome.

For those who aren't familiar with the term "plein air," a plein air painting is loosely defined as a "painting completed in the field."

The term "plein air" derives from the French term "en plein air," which translates "in the open air." It has been actively practiced for the last 150 years and came to prominence with the Impressionist movement.

Plein air's popularity followed on the tails of the westward expansion in America. Many familiar names are associated with plein air art such as Thomas Moran, John Singer Sargent, Vincent Van Gogh and Claude Monet, to name just a few.

Painting plein air in a natural setting is very different from working from a photograph or in a studio. An artist has about 90 minutes to two hours on a sunny day before the light changes—often drastically.

Sometimes to finish a piece they have to wait for the same time/conditions another day or year.

Plein air painting forces one to make quick decisions about composition, color and finishing. These pieces also tend to express the true feel of a place more completely.

The immediacy of painting amid the heat, cold, gnats, wind or rain translates into the work and, sometimes, interesting challenges arise. Plein air requires a more accurate knowledge of color, atmosphere and sometime wildlife.

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CAITLIN WALKER

Monica Flores of Valencia, Calif., and her Labrador retriever Rudy work through the container search at the National Association of Canine Scent Work trial held June 10-12 at Meeker High School. Flores and Rudy were one of 105 dog and handler teams who competed.

Canine scent work competition draws more than 100 dog and handler teams

By CAITLIN WALKER
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MEEKER | Dogs are pets, friends, protectors, helpers, comforters and companions. They may eat our slippers and dig holes in our flower beds, but there's nothing quite like coming home to happy eyes and wagging tails at the end of a long day.

Strengthening the relationship with your pet is one way to keep your slippers unharmed.

One type of behavioral training—scent work—is growing more and more popular. While the term may bring to mind the K-9 sniffers on your favorite police drama, scent work is purely for fun and enjoyment.

It doesn't require any special skills, and all breeds and ages of dog are welcome. Scent work is especially good for pet owners who may have a hard time with more physically demanding types of training and for dogs that have physical limitations or are shy, reactive or fearful.

The basic premise of scent work is to teach your pup to locate specific scents.

Training begins with birch

essential oil as the target odor, then anise and clove oils are used.

Once the dog learns to associate scents with treats, they'll start exhibiting a special behavior to let you know when they've found a scent.

Some dogs bark, some spin in circles, some lie down. Every dog has its own unique "tell" and part of the fun is learning how your dog communicates.

There are four search locations or "elements" involved as well: containers, interior, exterior and vehicles.

Arlene Estes and her Border collie, Deuce, travel from Meeker to Craig, Colo., a few times each month to do scent work training with the Colorado Northwestern Community College Canine Sniffers.

Estes and Deuce started doing scent work two years ago. Recently, they competed in their first trial. The competitions, sanctioned by the National Association of Canine Scent Work (NACSW), take place all across the country. There are four different levels of competition, and participants work through each element while being timed and scored by trial officials.

One such trial took place at Meeker High School June 10-12. More than 100 teams from 13 states participated.

Dana Zinn, who was instrumental in getting nose work going in Colorado, competed with her 11-year-old Belgian Tervuren named Kudos.

"I was hooked pretty much immediately," she said about scent work. "It's all about partnership with your dog and it's really fun."

Zinn and Kudos have competed in trials in Chicago, Oregon, Washington, Texas and many other states. Last year, they won the national championships.

They particularly enjoyed Meeker as a trial location and are hopeful more trials will be scheduled here in the future.

Of course, if competition isn't your style, there's no requirement to participate in the trials.

"You have fun and that's what matters," Estes said. "It's all about teamwork with my dog."

To find out more about getting started with scent work, contact Canine Sniffers instructor Laura Tyler at 970-824-5148 or Arlene Estes at 970-878-5655.

Meeker High grads detail scholarships, future plans

By REED KELLEY
Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER | Meeker High School counselor Trina Kennedy Smith introduced the 2016 graduates at this year's commencement exercises, presented the scholarship awards they received and revealed their plans for the future.

Smith thanked scholarship donors, saying, "Each and every year, we are humbled and honored by the outpouring of financial support from our community organizations, businesses and families. Even in tough economic times, you all continue to support our students. Each and every bit of the scholarship monies is greatly appreciated."

"Some of our scholarships are given in the memory of a loved one," Smith continued. "Some of our scholarships are given by charitable organizations. But none of this money was free, someone had to work for it. The people who worked to give you all scholarship money are in the audience and in our community. It says so much for our community that so many people are willing to work so hard because they believe in you and want to invest in your future."

Several organizations award scholarships to numerous students. The Meeker Lions Club, White River Electric Association, and Freeman Fairfield Trust are prime examples. The Fairfield Trust is the largest. Their recipients are selected based on GPA,

ACT scores, extra-curricular participation, community service, leadership activities, the neatness and completeness of their application and how they present and conduct themselves during an interview with the trust's selection committee. Each award is for \$800 per year, renewable for up to four years. This year, there were 13 recipients. This totals \$41,600 from the trust.

"The total amount of scholarship money that our small community has awarded to the Meeker High School graduating class of 2016 is \$97,200," Smith reported.

Colleges and universities, as well as several statewide and national organizations awarded scholarships to this year's graduating class totaling \$306,768. When added to the local awards, this graduating class of 2016 is eligible to receive at least \$404,000 during their time in college.

Through Meeker School District's ongoing partnership with Colorado Northwestern Community College, many graduates have earned college credits while in high school. Seniors in this class earned up to 65 concurrent enrollment college credits. The Class of 2016 earned 781 total credits, saving the families of Meeker seniors well more than \$117,000.

Faith Patterson, valedictorian, will attend Bellarmine University in Louisville, Ky., to major in biochem-

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SEAN MCMAHON

Standing out in the middle of short bushes on the far side of the White River on County Road 8, which runs east out of Meeker, was this lone cow elk on Sunday afternoon. She stood out among the darker green leaves about 50 yards up the hill on the far side of the river. Little game was visible on Sunday afternoon as the critters may have just been enjoying a relaxing day in the sun.

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■ **Ultimate Frisbee Open Gym** 7 p.m. Thursdays at 6th Street Field. Adult Open Gym is free for all 18 and older. Visit meekerrecdistrict.com or call 878-3403 for more information.

■ **Science Friday with Doc Bob.** Fridays from 10-11 a.m. at the Meeker Public Library.

■ **Flag Football Open Gym** Saturdays at 10 a.m. at the 6th Street Field, weather permitting, through Aug. 27. Visit meekerrecdistrict.com or call 878-3403 for more information

■ **Quilting Group.** Tuesdays from 6-9 p.m. at the Parker Mall. Bring your sewing machine and project.

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

■ **The Meeker Library Book Club** meets at 1 p.m. the second Monday of each month (excluding holidays). The next meeting will be July 11. We will be discussing "Swamplandia" by Karen Russell. All interested readers are welcome. Stop by the Meeker Library for details.

■ **The 5th annual Plein Air Meeker 2016 art competition** is underway. Join us as an artist, patron, buyer or observer. Painters will have 15 days (June 15-30) to paint, culminating in an auction and art show with awards.

The event will be held in collaboration with the 4th of July celebration and Range Call event. Contact the Meeker Chamber of Commerce for more information at meekerchamber.com or call 970-878-5510.

■ **Bee Colony Ecology** presentation by Dr. Bob Dorsett at the Meeker Public Library Thursday, June 23 at 7 p.m. 490 Main St. Call 878-5911 for more information.

■ **Folks and Spokes Ride to Breakfast** this Saturday, June 25. Meet at the Courthouse pavilion at 8:30 a.m. for an informal, leisurely ride around town and then go to breakfast (place of your choice) afterwards. Bring own bike, helmet, water and breakfast money.

■ **Youth Fishing Day & Movie Under the Stars.** 4 p.m. at Circle Park. A free family event for all ages. Bring your fishing rod, chair and blanket to enjoy an afternoon and evening of fishing and movie watching. Visit meekerrecdistrict.com or call 878-3403 for more information.

■ **Volleyball Open Gym** begins June 28 at 7 p.m. at the MES gym. Adult open gym is free for all 18 and older. Volleyball will meet every Tuesday through Aug. 23. Visit meekerrecdistrict.com or call 878-3403 for more information.

GOOD CATTLE CROWD ...



There was only a small breeze and some tough heat on Sunday afternoon as a good number of spectators braved 93-degree temperatures at Ute Park during the last round of the Meeker Classic National Cattledog Association Finals. The five days of trials began June 15 and ran through Sunday with roughly 2,000 people in attendance

SEAN MCMAHON

RBC fourth in state in CDHS performance ratings

Special to the Herald Times

RBC Colorado Department of Human Services Executive Director Reggie Bicha recognized 13 counties Thursday for "2015 C-Stat Distinguished Performance" at the Colorado Counties Inc. Summer Conference, including No. 4-ranked Rio Blanco County.

County commissioners and human-services employees statewide were in attendance as high-ranking performers on 23 measures tied to timeliness, accuracy, safety and well-being were honored.

The Distinguished Performer designation is awarded to counties that met C-Stat goals at least 75 percent of the time. Their responsive efforts were tied to a wide array of

programs, including Colorado Works, Low-Income Energy Assistance Program (LEAP), food assistance, adult financial applications, child support services, the Colorado Child Care Assistance Program (CCCAP), adult protection and child welfare.

Of the 64 Colorado counties, those eclipsing the 75 percent mark were Sedgwick (86.1), Washington (84.7), Jackson (82.9), Rio Blanco

(82.5), Phillips (81.2), San Miguel (81.1), Boulder (79.7), Pitkin (78.5), Yuma (78.4), Crowley (76.3), Eagle (76.2), Douglas (75.9), and Routt (75.8). The list of Distinguished Performers rose by three since 2014.

"These counties are leaders in using timely data to improve outcomes for the people they serve in their communities," Bicha said.

C-Stat is a performance management approach that allows CDHS to

better focus on and improve performance outcomes that enhance people's lives. By identifying areas of focus, CDHS can determine what is working and what needs improvement.

By measuring the impact of day-to-day efforts, CDHS is able to make more informed, collaborative decisions to align its efforts and resources to affect positive change for the people it serves.

Free fishing, movie Friday

Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER Friday will be Youth Fishing Day in Meeker followed by Movie Under the Stars, all free and all held at Meeker's Circle Park, across the bridge from Meeker Town Park.

The fun will begin at 4 p.m., when the entire family is invited to fish for free although fishermen and women 16 years of age and older are required to have fishing licenses. The fishing event runs until 8:45 p.m., when the movie "Pan" will be shown. Pan is rated PG.

The ERBM Recreation and Park District has partnered with Colorado Parks and Wildlife and the Meeker

Lions Club to bring you this fun-filled family event.

Colorado Parks and Wildlife will provide fishing rods, reels, hooks, bobbers and bait for youth participants in need of supplies.

The CPW will also stock Circle Park Pond with fish for the event and provide educational demonstrations about fish throughout the afternoon.

The Meeker Lions Club will be cooking up a free dinner for all to enjoy, so bring the entire family to event and stay for the s'mores before the movie.

Folks are encouraged to bring chairs or a blanket to sit on while enjoying the movie "Pan."

ART: Contest

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There has been a resurgence in plein air painting in recent years. Many painters travel to different locations from the East Coast to the West Coast and to Europe to paint.

It is not uncommon to see painters working off the side of the road all around Rio Blanco County. Please keep your eyes open when traveling throughout the county.



Join Dr. Dorsett for a presentation on **BEE COLONY ECOLOGY** June 23, 2016 7 p.m. 490 MAIN ST. 970 878 5911 MEEKER PUBLIC LIBRARY

BIRTH NOTICE

Brooke Marie Adams

June 1, 2016

Travis and Michelle Adams of Meeker are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Brooke Marie Adams, at 7:05 p.m. on June 1, 2016. Brooke weighed 6 pounds and was 19-1/4 inches long.

Grandparents are Stuart and Judy Adams of Arbon, Idaho, and Vern and Vickie Butler or Marriott-Slaterville, Utah.

The baby was welcomed home by Brittney Adams and Tucker Ercanbrack.

YOUTH FISHING DAY

Friday, June 24
Circle Park - Meeker, CO
4:00pm-8:45pm

Join ERBM Recreation & Park District as we partner with the Colorado Parks & Wildlife (CPW) and Meeker Lions Club. CPW will provide fishing rods, reels, hooks, bobbers, and bait to youth participants in need of supplies. The CPW will stock Circle Park Pond with fish for the event. Educational demonstrations about fish will be occurring throughout the afternoon. The Lions Club will be cooking up a FREE delicious dinner for all to enjoy. Bring the whole family to the event and stay for s'mores before the Movie Under the Stars!

FREE

This event is for all ages (fishing license required for participants 16 years of age and older).



MOVIE UNDER THE STARS

8:45pm at Circle Park
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The White River Electric Association board of directors, management and staff joined representatives from the Meeker School District for the ribbon cutting ceremony of the Meeker Solar Garden on June 15. A cooperative effort between WREA and the Meeker School District allowed for the solar garden to be built at 450 School St., and the solar garden began generating solar power on June 1. WREA members who signed up for the solar lease program will begin receiving their monthly solar lease credits on their electric bills at the end of June. On hand for the ribbon cutting were, from left to right: Dale Dunbar (WREA CFO), Chris Reidinger (WREA Staff Engineer), Bill Jordan (WREA Board President), Alan Michalewicz (WREA General Manager), Gary Dunham (WREA Board of Directors), Hal Pearce (WREA Board of Directors), Richard Welle (WREA Board of Directors), Rich Parr (WREA Board of Directors), Stan Wyatt (WREA Board of Directors), Trina Zagar-Brown (WREA General Counsel), Chris Selle (Meeker RE-1 Superintendent), Todd Shults (Meeker RE-1 Board of Directors) and Ron Hilkey (WREA Board of Directors). Please see related story on Page 10A.

County's unemployment rate climbs to fourth

By SEAN McMAHON
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RBC 1 The unemployment picture improved from April to May in Rio Blanco County, rising from the No. 2 highest county jobless rate in the state to being tied for the No. 4 highest, seeing an increase of 93 employees who are working and a decrease of 10 persons who are unemployed.

Colorado has 64 counties and Rio Blanco County had fallen to No. 63 in April, but the beginning of the tourism season in the county dropped the unemployment rate of 6.3 percent in April to 5.7 in May, tying Mesa County (Grand Junction) for 61st in the state.

In May 2015, Rio Blanco County's unemployment rate was 5.1 percent and was tied as the No. 15-highest in the state.

In May, there were 2,784 in the available county workforce, and 2,624 residents were working with 160 listed on unemployment. In April of this year, there were 2,701 residents in the available workforce but only 2,531 were employed. In May of 2015, there were 2,848 in the available workforce while 2,704 were holding jobs and there were 144 on the jobless list.

That equates to a loss of 64 people in the available workforce and an increase of 16 people who are unemployed in May 2016 compared to a year ago.

Overall, Colorado continues to do well. While the jobless rate in the state

rose from 3.5 percent in April to 3.6 percent in May, Colorado continues to be one of the states in the country with the lowest unemployment rate. The national unemployment rate fell from 5 percent in April to 4.7 percent in May.

In May of this year, Colorado had 2,888,463 in the state's available workforce along with 2,785,606 who were employed and 102,857 who were on unemployment. In April, the state had 9,000 fewer people in the available workforce of 2,777,558 while 101,892 were on unemployment. In May of 2015, there were 2,824,897 in the available workforce, there were 2,712,880 and 112,017 who were jobless for an unemployment rate of 4.0 percent.

Rio Blanco County was tied with Mesa County for 61st in the state and the three counties with higher unemployment rates in Colorado (and their county seats) were: San Miguel (Telluride) with 7.9 percent; Pitkin County (Aspen) with 6.8 percent; and Huerfano County (Walsenberg) with 6.0 percent.

There were six counties with the lowest percentages of unemployment in May: Baca County (Springfield) was lowest and the only county under 2 percent with a 1.9 percent jobless rate. At 2 percent was Sedgwick County (Julesburg); at 2.1 percent were Phillips (Holyoke) and Kit Carson (Burlington) counties; and at 2.2 percent were Hinsdale (Lake City) and Kiowa (Eads) counties.

Events planned at The TANK

RANGELY 1 Several events are on schedule for this weekend involving The TANK, starting today with an open house from 7 to 9 p.m.

On Friday is a "Deep Listening Workshop" with Elaine diFalco at 10 a.m. Call Heather Zadra at 629-9937 to reserve space.

Saturday is The TANK's first open Saturday, when the facility will be open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Starting on July 2, The TANK will be open all Saturdays through October and it will be open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

On Sunday, there will be another open house from 4 to 6 p.m., and the will be a concert from 7 to 9 p.m. with the doors opening at 6:30 p.m.

Please join the White River and Douglas Creek Conservation Districts for the Landowner Appreciation Barbeque!!

Friday, June 24, 2016

Upper Colorado Environmental Plant Center
5538 County Rd 4, Meeker, CO
5:30 - 8:30 PM

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FROM MY WINDOW...

Heat, wind, delays don't deter those at cattledog nationals

By SEAN McMAHON
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It was sunny, hot and windy, but few seemed to mind. There were some serious glitches, but not many folks were bothered.

There was a decent turnout for the inaugural five-day Meeker Classic National Cattledog Association Finals Cattledog Trials in Meeker running Wednesday through Sunday, and the spectators and contestants seemed to enjoy themselves.

A good sidelight to the event was the food vendors did well, especially those who sold lots and lots of cold water, iced tea, cold lemonade, sno-cones, root beer floats and icy soda pop.

Contestants from Manitoba and Saskatchewan, Canada, many towns in Colorado and from many other states were repeatedly heard praising the virtues of Meeker's merchants and its beautiful surroundings. All that despite the timing clock that put the competition well behind on the first morning of the time trials, a horse and rider accident that ended up with the rider being airlifted to Grand Junction when his horse rolled over on him after stepping into a hole. The horse is OK, but the rider, Tom Blasdel of Oregon, remains hospitalized in serious condition. A gofundme.com page has been set up in his name. There were also several ornery cows that jumped over or ran through the fence barrier, which caused several long delays.

In the slack times, however, there were several other diversions

available for the handlers, their families and the spectators to take in during the delays and between the classes of competition.

There were food vendors selling hot dogs, hamburgers, lamb gyros, steak tacos, a couple types of fajitas, and nearly every imaginable Mexican-style food that can be carried in a box, napkin or tortilla. Every imaginable non-alcoholic beverage was also in evidence as well as beer and wine showing up for some of the special events.

There was also a large arts and crafts tent on premises which included the seasonal return of long-time Meeker artist Andy and Susie Goettel, who now live in southeast Colorado after just moving there from Wray, which is in northeast Colorado. They are reportedly doing well, she is working at Otero State College while he said he spent the winter doing his pottery and playing golf.

There were several other crafts people on hand including three Navajo women from Arizona selling jewelry, a representative of a national company with an incredible assortment of knives mostly for use in the kitchen, goat milk soaps, other lotions, straw and felt cowboy hats, gift baskets, wood carvings and leather work and saddle making by Meeker locals Bob Klenda and Mike Brennan.

There were some great people and new friends to meet. All of the handlers I had the chance to speak with—with one exception—were absolutely thrilled to spend their five (or more) days in Meeker.

They were impressed with the number and the quality of places to get good food for the size of the town.

They were impressed with how friendly the locals were in the stores and the restaurants and that they had received very good to excellent service in the stores and restaurants.

And they were definitely

impressed with the beauty of the area—even those from Colorado who had never been to this part of the state—and most commented on how nice it was that there were a couple of the higher mountains to the east of Meeker where snow was still visible when it was 90 degrees at Ute Park.

The one exception to all the good, and the only negative I heard over the five days was from one man and woman I overheard telling another couple, "I hope I never see Colorado again!" They didn't go on to elaborate to their listeners what it was that turned them so sour on Colorado, but the next thing she said was, "I just want to be home on the good ol' grasslands of Oklahoma. I know now why I have never left Oklahoma before."

Well, folks, I have been through Oklahoma before on many occasions and even lived for a while in Fayetteville, Ark., for a while, and that is less than about 30 minutes from the border with Oklahoma—near Siloam Springs—and I will take just about any one of Colorado's 64 counties over any one of those counties I have visited in Oklahoma.

I was born here, raised here, left here for roughly 40 years, and I am back—because I want to be and because Colorado, from border to border, has just about any other state in the lower 48 beat hands down.

Those who are understandably familiar with the Meeker Sheepdog Classic would be surprised to see the difference between the sheep trials and the cattledog trials. There really isn't much of a comparison between the two except the bottom line is to get the animals from Point A to Point G, winding through the other points.



How they go about it, the different routes the dogs have to take and the dogs' treatment of the sheep or cows are quite different.

And within the cattledog trials, there are different routes, differing numbers of cows and different times required depending on the class of competition. There are the Nursery, Intermediate and Open classes for the foot-bound handlers and Intermediate Horseback and Open Horseback classes, and these each offer a different look at the roles of the dogs, the handlers and, in some cases, the horses.

It was also nice to see a fair contingent from Rangely during the five days of the trials.

I spoke to three couples who came over together to watch the cattle for a couple days. They said they had really enjoyed the sheep trials last year and wanted to come over and see the how the dogs work the cattle.

They were evenly split three and three as to which trials they enjoyed the most. Two men and one woman preferred the sheep trials and two of the women and one guy preferred the cattle.

Rangely was also represented at the chuckwagon dinner on Saturday night as the food for the fundraiser for Meeker's new Heritage Center was prepared by Giovanni's and county commission candidate Jeff Rector of Rangely was assisted by Meeker School Board member Bud Ridings in making Dutch oven apple, cherry, peach and raspberry cobbler for the same meal.

I spoke to a couple from Rangely as well who said they had lived there for four years and never had been to Meeker. They were impressed with the downtown, the neighborhoods and the residents, who, they had been told, weren't very friendly. They pointed out how friendly the people had been and how good the service was in the store and one restaurant (Mexican House) they had been to.

Nothing makes the wheels spin smoothly at an event of this magnitude as much as the volunteers who help at every level. Numbering in the several dozens if not roughly a hundred of them, they do what needs to be done from helping with parking, recordkeeping, taking photos, emptying trash, keeping the tables clean, making certain the portable toilets are clean and had toilet paper to every imaginable job you wouldn't want to do, these folks carried out their duties well and, amazingly, with smiling faces.

They said they were well fed and well hydrated with help from other volunteers and I didn't hear a single complaint although several did say they felt it was pretty hot (90 on Saturday and 93 on Sunday) and that winds were good and bad. Kudos to them.

And lastly, something has to be said on behalf of trial director Maym Cunningham and the rest of the 2016 Meeker Classic Cattledog Committee, particularly Cunningham and Regas Halandras, who was in charge of setting up everything. These people are either

outright crazy, severely masochistic or just plain dedicated. And while it is easy to picture the crazy and masochistic, I do believe the dedication is there, and a big thanks and kudos go out to them, for truly the whole cattledog trials and even sheepdog trials would likely not be held without them.

"We had a few glitches, but you always do when you do something big for the first time," Cunningham said. "We'll work those problems out and learn from what went wrong so we are just much better off next time."

Great job, all!!!

Just a quick reminder to all of the Republicans in Rio Blanco County that Tuesday is election day and that all of the ballots have to be in the hands of—not postmarked by—election officials by the end of the business day on Tuesday.

This year's races, particularly for the Rio Blanco County commissioners, are of utmost importance so, please, turn in your ballot.

A LOOK AT THE WEST

Women help fund public land; sexism repels them

By LIZ THOMAS
Special to the Herald Times

RBC I Women often wonder whether it is safe for them to hike solo. For me, the answer clearly is yes. I've hiked 8,000 miles by myself, pioneered routes in Utah and the Columbia River Gorge, and set an Appalachian Trail speed record. But others argue that in the eyes of a good chunk of women—heck, in the eyes of many people in this country—what I do is an exception.

Which makes me wonder: Since no one questions female pilots, police officers or professional athletes these days, why should hikers be any different?

The truth is, as the daughter of two conservative, middle-class parents, I grew up internalizing the idea, rooted in historic and cultural sexism, that walking solo is unsafe for women, whether in nature or in urban settings.

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A LOOK AT THE WEST

Safe oil and gas nothing to complain about; fracking no contaminant

By JEFF STIER

Special to the Herald Times

RBC I Geologists at the University of Cincinnati just wrapped up a three-year investigation of hydraulic fracturing and its impact on local water supplies. The result? There's no evidence—zero, zilch, nada—that fracking contaminates drinking water. Researchers hoped to keep these findings secret.

Why would a public research university boasting a top-100 geology program deliberately hide its work?

Because, as lead researcher Amy Townsend-Small explained, "Our funders, the groups that had given us funding in the past, were a little disappointed in our results. They feel that fracking is scary and so they were hoping our data could point to a reason to ban it."

That an environmentalist ideology would see evidence of fracking's safety as "disappointing" is to be expected. But that a university would so flagrantly put politics before science is deeply troubling.

Hydraulic fracturing has significantly bolstered America's energy independence by unlocking an abundance of domestic oil and gas. In fact, our country has officially surpassed Russia and Saudi Arabia as the global leader in natural gas and oil production, respectively.

Just as important, these new-found energy resources have delivered economic benefits to Americans.

In 2012, the average U.S. household had an extra \$1,200 thanks to the energy boom. The oil and gas industry, meanwhile, supports more than 2 million jobs—a number that is expected to grow to nearly 5 million by 2025.

This energy renaissance has also helped the environment since fracking provides a cheaper, cleaner alternative to coal. Last April, energy-related CO2 emissions hit a 27-year low, according to the U.S. Energy Information Administration, thanks largely to a widespread transition from coal to natural gas.

None of these benefits would matter if fracking endangered drinking water.

So the University of Cincinnati's report comes as good news. Of course, the findings only confirm what experts and policymakers have been saying for years.

Back in 2011, for instance, for-

mer EPA Administrator Lisa Jackson admitted that there hasn't been a "proven case where the fracking process itself has affected water."

Two years later, current EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy affirmed Jackson's remark, stating, "I am not aware of any definitive determinations that would contradict those statements."

A review of the available research bears out both claims. Consider the Ground Water Protection Council's recent study on gas exploration in Ohio, from 1983 until 2007, and in Texas, from 1993 until 2008.

According to that report, neither officials in Texas nor those in Ohio "identified a single groundwater contamination incident at any of these horizontal shale gas wells" during those periods.

Similarly, a 2013 USGS study on the Fayetteville Shale in North-Central Arkansas found "that shale gas development, at least in this area, has been done without negatively impacting drinking water resources." A 2015 EPA draft report confirmed these findings.

Fracking's impressive safety record is partly due to the energy industry's own vigilance; it has worked aggressively to improve the safety of oil and gas production.

The University of Cincinnati's fracking research further establishes what myriad studies have already shown: concerns about groundwater contamination are baseless. As Townsend-Small stated, "We haven't seen anything to show that wells have been contaminated by fracking."

This might be disappointing to certain environmentalists, as Townsend-Small suggests. And it may interfere with the university's fundraising efforts. But for the rest of us, the study demonstrates that fracking is a safe source of jobs, prosperity and low-cost energy.

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WOMEN: Hiker encourages others to go out alone

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For centuries, unaccompanied women frequently were attacked because women, for religious or cultural reasons, aren't "supposed" to be out. That's still true in many countries. Even in supposedly safe places that don't hold such religious or cultural norms, like U.S. cities, women walking alone experience high rates of street harassment. For women, going into the outdoors sometimes is a confidence issue—the fear of being alone, paired with just the plain, old fear that everyone has going outdoors, whether because of four-legged critters or just the two-legged.

The perception of the outdoors as "not a woman's place" even has been reinforced by institutions charged with managing public lands.

At its inception in 1916, the National Park Service listed park ranger jobs as "men's only." Things hadn't changed much by 1967. With a line straight out of Mad Men, then Secretary of the Interior Stewart Udall responded to a woman's discrimination complaint by assuring the public that it was "our concern and affection for girls that prevents our saddling them with the full load of ranger duties."

Sporting airline-attendant inspired uniforms, so-called "rangerettes" were barred from law enforcement training and the ability to carry a gun until 1971. *High Country News* recently has published stories chronicling decades of sexual harassment and gender bias in the Park Service with a survey showing more than half of the female rangers and three-quarters of the female park police reporting on-the-job sexual harassment.

Despite the cultural taboos, I decided almost 10 years ago to backpack solo from Georgia to Maine on the Appalachian Trail. Those first few nights camping alone I was on such high alert that the U.S. Army Rangers, who use the trail to practice stealth

travel skills, failed their mission.

As they attempted to sneak past my lone hammock, I shined my headlamp on them. Dejected, the men disappeared into the woods with their training officer chastising them.

The more I hiked, the more I saw that, mile after mile, night after night, nothing bad happened. The vigilance that kept me up at night stirring with every sound quickly seemed unnecessary.

My concerns about hiking solo were similar to those of a teenager learning to drive a car: Those first miles are exciting and scary, and then it becomes normal and routine. In fact, solo hiking and camping reinforced my sense that good things happen when going alone. I gained skills, bolstered my self-reliance and observed and appreciated nature differently than when I hiked with men.

My story of discovery on the trail is not unique. Women have proven they can excel and can even surpass men in outdoor abilities, particularly during the past decade. Jennifer Pharr Davis was the National Geographic Adventurer of the Year in 2012. Heather Anderson is the thru-hike record holder for unsupported treks of both the Appalachian and Pacific Crest trails. Kristin Gates was the first female to solo hike the 1,000-mile-long Brooks Range in Alaska. Female outdoor adventurers have let their love of the mountains be their reward; their stories rarely get the traction (or, like their sports-athlete sisters, the sponsorship and funding) that male adventure athletes receive.

Still, while elite women are pushing the limits and shattering the glass ceiling, the message that hiking is safe and fun still hasn't filtered down to your average elementary school girl.

That's why I urge all women—especially younger women—to get outdoors during Hike Like a Girl

Weekend, which is held in May each year. Whether you hike solo or with other women, the weekend is not only supposed to be fun, it also is meant as an act of defiance against norms that seem 100 years old yet persist today. It's standing against every stereotype or micro-aggression ever foisted our way—from the women who are told "be safe" instead of "have fun," to every company that designs women's gear by shrinking-and-pinking men's models, to the ranger who asks the solo female hiker, "Are you doing this all by yourself?"

Women's tax dollars also go to fund public land—yet we still live in a world where that public asset isn't perceived as safe for all people to enjoy. Trees, rivers and mountains should be spaces that feel welcoming to everyone.

Knock on wood, but I've never had a problem while hiking alone. I also try to be smart about making sure conditions are right, doing research and keeping a rational head.

While I'd like to believe my anecdotal evidence—female adventurers like me sharing stories that hiking solo is safe—will inspire other women to get outdoors, either by themselves or with a friend, real change happens when women go out and take that first step in the woods.

The real empowering education and confidence comes from showing yourself that you can do something that previously seemed impossible. The experience becomes proof more powerful than any athlete's testimony

that hiking is safe and not a strange thing for a woman to do.

Hiking doesn't require you to go out and buy fancy gear. A pair of running shoes, polyester gym clothes and a school backpack will do. Bring water, snacks, a flashlight, sun protection and some extra layers. Bring friends or family, too, if you'd like. For just one day or just one weekend, try something completely off your radar—something that seems outside your limits—whether it's going beyond your routine run, visiting a new park or trail or hiking solo for the first time.

You may be surprised by what you learn. Like me, you may find yourself coming back to hike again.

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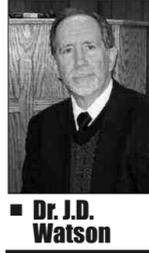
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Spiritual Devotion: Level 5

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I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me (Gal. 2:20). Setting aside the emptiness of mere curiosity, what more could there be above a devotion that is concerned, constant, and communicative?

Fifth, there is the level of *commitment*. Sadly, here is a word that has lost much of its impact in our day, thanks mostly to many evangelists who speak of a vague commitment to Christ that amounts to little more than a shallow profession of faith, which in-turn constitutes no change of life or intention of obedience. Webster, in contrast, defines this word as "a promise to do or give something; a promise to be loyal to someone or something." What does this entail?

(1) A life that is *sacrificed*. What did Paul mean when he wrote **I am crucified with Christ**? Yes, it was Christ who was sacrificed, but we were with Him spiritually. It, therefore, means such things as the end of a sinner's condemnation, the end of one striving to merit salvation, and the end of the law. But most of all, Paul simply meant that it was the end of *Paul*. The old man, that is, all that he was in Adam, was dead and a new man took his place (Rom. 6:6-11; cf. Eph. 4:22-32). That leads immediately to another principle.

(2) A life that is *sanctified*. **Nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me**, Paul added. It was no longer the self-righteous, legalistic Paul (Saul) who was living but rather Christ. The sanctifying resurrected life of Christ through the Holy Spirit that empowered Paul to

live as the new man he now was. Here is the greatest *transition*, one from death to life, the greatest *transformation*, from sin to holiness, and the greatest *translation*, from the road to hell to the gates of heaven.

(3) A life that is *steadfast*. Paul's pen was always practical, so he added finally: **the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God**. As we have noted previously, the word **faith** is another that has come to mean very little nowadays. It is vague and nebulous and is reduced simply to "faith in faith" minus any object, but a verb without an object has no meaning. Scripture, however, is not ambiguous. Every time we see faith being exercised in Scripture, it always has an object, and that object, however manifested, is always in what God has said. (Hebrews 11 provides a representative list of examples.)

In that light, then, what does Paul tell us here? He tells us that the new life he received from Christ is **now** lived by continued **faith** in Him, a life of total and complete obedience, a life of true commitment, loyalty, and fidelity, a life not *dictated* by the *law* but rather *defined* by *liberty*.

Let us each examine ourselves and discern our level of spiritual devotion.

Scriptures for Study: Read Ephesians 4:22-32. What are the characteristics of the "new man"?

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One of the vendors at the Meeker Classic Cattle Dog Finals was Farm Girl Goat Milk Soap & Lotion, owned by Shawna Sturgeon Eubanks of Meeker. Nubian and Alpine goats supply their wonderful milk for these products—soaps in various shapes, sizes and fragrances. They also sell notecards with photos of animals and Critters Candles in various fragrances.

Grants available to lessen fire dangers

Special to the Herald Times

RBC | The Colorado Department of Natural Resources is accepting applications for a fifth round of awards under the Wildfire Risk Reduction Grant Program. This phase will provide \$1 million to reduce the risk of wildfire in areas where human development and forested lands overlap, often called the wildland-urban interface.

The program, created under Senate Bill 13-269, is focused on projects that reduce the risk for damage to property, infrastructure and water supplies, and those that limit the likelihood of wildfires spreading into populated areas. Funds will be directed to non-federal lands within Colorado. Senate Bill 16-003 authorized an additional \$1 million for the program.

Across four grant cycles, the program has awarded \$10.8 million to 116 projects in 27 counties to treat thousands of acres in high-risk areas.

Eligible applicants include community groups, local governments,

utilities, state agencies and non-profit groups. Applicants must contribute 100 percent matching funds, which can include in-kind resources, for a 50-50 grant-to-match ratio. Applicants must identify plans to make use of the woody material resulting from the projects. Those plans can include using the materials for biomass energy and/or traditional forest products.

Examples of projects considered for funding include: Creation of defensible space around homes and structures, based on Colorado State Forest Service (CSFS) guidelines; Construction of fuel breaks, based on CSFS guidelines; Fuels reduction beyond defensible space, designed to protect water supplies and/or reduce fire intensity; and Removal of useable materials with specific utilization plans; and removal of slash, including chipping, mulching, grinding, pile burning, broadcast burning or mechanical removal.

Up to 25 percent of total grant funds are available to pay for the purchase of equipment that will increase

current and future capacity for hazardous fuels reduction. Applicants interested in using funds for these purposes can use a specific application form for capacity building.

All applicants must coordinate proposed projects with appropriate county officials to ensure consistency with county-level wildfire risk reduction planning. The deadline to receive proposals is Aug. 8 and awards are anticipated in mid-September.

A more detailed overview of the grant program and its requirements and limitations, as well as the grant applications, instructions and other materials, is available through this link at the Department of Natural Resources website.

Earlier grant recipients have been working with Colorado Forest Restoration Institute to measure conditions before they begin treatment; this is part of a significant monitoring effort that will help forestry officials understand the impact of grant funds when the projects have been completed.

Awardees have also been working with the Colorado Wood Utilization and Marketing Program (CoWood) to maximize opportunities for woody material that is removed from sites. Additionally, awardees have been working with Colorado Youth Corps to identify opportunities for youth to get involved as a labor force on the ground.

State parks and libraries team up to provide greater access

Special to the Herald Times

RBC | Colorado Parks and Wildlife, in partnership with the Colorado Department of Education and Colorado State Library, announced Tuesday the expansion of the Check Out Colorado State Parks program to 287 libraries statewide.

Check Out Colorado State Parks Program is an initiative offering residents the ability to check out a hang-tag park pass from their local library for entrance into any or all of Colorado's 42 state parks.

"An adventure backpack, filled with park information and educational activities goes with the pass," said Bob Randall, Department of Natural Resources executive director.

The program provided each participating library with two park passes and two adventure backpacks. The pass and backpack can be checked out for up to seven days.

"We encourage all Coloradans to explore and learn through their libraries," said Colorado State Library Development Director Sharon Morris. "This pass and backpack program gives residents the opportunity to liter-

ally "check out Colorado State Parks."

The success of the pilot partnership and now the expansion of the program showcases Colorado's quality state parks system and improves accessibility, goals common to both CPW and the Colorado State Library.

Based on annual visits of participating libraries, the goal is within reach.

The estimated exposure, based on annual visits to the participating libraries, exceeds 34 million visitors annually.

Deadline for WREA photo contest nears

RBC | Attention photographers, the White River Electric Association is wrapping up its annual photo contest.

This is a chance to showcase your photography on the cover of the 71st annual Meeting Report and Poster in September.

Prizes will be awarded to first-, second- and third-place and the photos must be taken within the White River Electric Association's service territory. All entries must be submitted by June 30. Contestants can stop by the WREA temporary offices on Market Street to pick up entries.



RIO BLANCO COUNTY Community Update

RIO BLANCO COUNTY CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

TRUST FUND

By: Karen Arnold - Treasurer/Public Trustee
Chris Singleton - Budget/Finance Director

Just how far can \$20 million dollars go? In the first 30 years of the County Capital Improvement Trust Fund's life (1983-2013), this principal was parlayed into \$31 million interest earned and grants given to a multitude of taxing districts in Rio Blanco County.

The State of Colorado established the Oil Shale Trust Fund (OSTF) to receive federal leasing bonus payments from oil shale that began in 1975. From 1975 to early 1982, Associated Governments of Northwest Colorado (AGNC) made recommendations to the State for funding of projects of which taxing entities within Rio Blanco County were awarded \$19 million. In 1982, the "County Capital Improvement Trust Fund Act" enabled RBC to establish a special fund (CCITF) to receive its share of the balance remaining in the state's OSTF. Rio Blanco County received two payments totaling close to \$20 million and began awarding grants from the earnings on the principal - \$38 million to date. So, taxing entities in Rio Blanco County have received \$57 million of benefit over the last 40 years from federal revenues on oil shale.

With the assistance of State Treasurer Roy Romer, the CCITF was established by Rio Blanco County, allowing more local control. Other area counties also received allocations in 1982, however they spent their monies rather quickly, on large infrastructure projects. The Rio Blanco Commissioners Tim Schultz, Allen Jones and Kenneth Kenney chose to be visionary. Their course of action was to invest the principal of \$20 million and distribute the interest earned. Following this path were subsequent Commissioners W. Grant Peel and Ed Coryell. At that point, interest of 10-15% per year could be earned on Certificates of Deposit and U.S. Treasury instruments.

During the "bust" years in Rio Blanco County, 1983-1990, interest rates were still healthy. In those 7 years, \$14.5 million was awarded for projects which helped keep the local economy alive. Both hospitals, both schools, both fire districts and both Towns were awarded funds to help with water lines, pumper trucks, water tanks, roads, ADA compliance, and various equipment purchases. Every year, each Board has distributed to funds to Rangely and Meeker School Districts, Rangely Junior College District (CNCC), the Rangely Library, both Cemetery Districts, and County projects.

The balance in CCITF has fluctuated between \$17.5 million and \$20 million since 1982. In 2011, Commissioners Kai Turner, Shawn Bolton, and Ken Parsons decided to rebuild the principal balance back to \$20 million using annual severance tax distributions from the State. It will have taken four years, but the fund balance is expected to return to nearly \$20 million by the end of 2016. Commissioner Hill stated, "Since the CCITF is fully funded, there is potential for more available grants."

The 2016 budget for CCITF includes distributions of - \$150,000 to the Rangely District Hospital for an ambulance and \$222,682 to the Town of Rangely for town hall renovations. The budget also includes two precautionary items. A \$2 million contingency was budgeted to allow the Courthouse renovation to proceed if a \$2 million DOLA grant was not awarded. The grant was awarded, thus CCITF funding will not be needed. A \$1.5 million contingency was budgeted to pay for broadband drop runs. The County's arrangement with the network operator allows the County to offset this cost with a profit sharing mechanism over time, thus the County may not need to access the CCITF funding for this purpose.

Our current Commissioners, Jeff Eskelson, Jon Hill and Shawn Bolton are dedicated to preserving the practices and the principal of CCITF.

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RIO BLANCO COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

The Rio Blanco County Fairgrounds project is wrapping-up with the majority of work to be completed by the end of June. The Commissioners would like to thank the staff at County Road & Bridge along with other County employees and community partners who have worked hard to make this project possible. The Commissioners would also like to extend their thanks to the local contractors who have been a part of the project and helped to improve the Fairgrounds facility.

A tremendous amount of work has been completed at the Fairgrounds. The burying of overhead utility lines and installation of an electrical panel for the open central plaza and grassy area has been completed. The new electrical panel for the plaza area will provide opportunities for music events and provide opportunity for additional events that require a significant power source. The new rodeo arena from Priefert Manufacturing was delivered June 1st and installed by June 3rd. The arena is prepped and ready for Moto Mayhem on June 25th and upcoming Range Call festivities over the Fourth of July weekend.

Rio Blanco County Road & Bridge is finishing prep work to the parking area in front of the 4-H Community Building. Paving will be completed the week of June 20th. Paving will include of a small area in front of the 4-H Community Building and the area between the 4-H Building and the Indoor Arena. With paving completed, drainage issues that occur between those two buildings will be resolved.

The existing livestock wash racks have been removed and the area prepped for new wash racks. The new wash rack area will consist of retaining walls, drains and new steel cages. Additional pig wash racks, featuring a load out area, and additional steer and small animal wash racks will be installed. Goedert Construction began working on the wash racks the week of June 13th. Once work is completed, Shelton Welding will be ready to install the steel cages for the wash racks.

On June 16th, Musco Sports Lighting, LLC visited the Fairgrounds and assessed the electrical and lighting needs at the arena. This assessment will identify lighting system needs at the rodeo arena, allowing the County to plan for future, phased improvements when budgets allow. Commissioner Bolton conducted a tour with Elyse Ackerman, Regional Representative from Colorado Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) on June 9th. The tour consisted of conversations about the removal of RV parking and hookups and the possibility of utilizing existing DOLA grant funds in another area at the Fairgrounds. Two possible projects being considered are upgrades to existing restroom facilities under the grandstands and painting the exterior of the indoor arena to match the 4-H Community Building. Shawn Bolton stated "With Rio Blanco County Fairgrounds project coming to a close at the end of June, the only major project remaining for 2016 is the Courthouse Renovation."



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In the midst of the dinner and music on Saturday evening, there was a well-attended event copying the TV Reality Show "Chopped" with our own competition cowboy style, involving three local "chefs," facing a primitive open fire cooking challenge and two local judges determining who gets chopped on each round. From right, Tania and Arturo Rodriguez, Reno Roybal and Rene Barr, brought their own skills and personalities to the contest. Judges Kathy Sizemore and Lynn Lockwood, with their own expertise, watched as each contestant was given a basket of food mandatory to use and only unveiled when the clock started. In the end, Arturo Rodriguez of Meeker Café and The Mexican House was declared the winner along with his lovely wife and sous chef, Tania.

County historical society and heritage center plan full slate of summer events

By ELLENE MEECE
Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER Saturday evening at the inaugural 2016 Meeker Classic NCA National Cattledog Finals, the Rio Blanco County Heritage Society and the Heritage Culture Center Committee brought a celebration of our cowboy heritage with history on Cattle Drive Days in Rio Blanco County.

This was accomplished by Kyles Seely of Ogden, Utah, weaving heritage stories with cowboy music and then, his pretty wife, Abbie, joining him as they thoroughly entertained the crowd with their songs and tales.

Gary Zellers, our charming and fun emcee for the entire event, informed the audience their nickname was "Abbie Cadabbie and Ripple Creek Ranger."

As advertised, a delicious chuckwagon dinner was provided and was prepared by Giovanni's in Rangely with a "cow trail menu" of pulled pork, fried potatoes, beans, biscuits and cowboy coffee.

To further enhance the cowboy spirit, Jeff Rector of Rangely brought

a Dutch oven demonstration with desserts that pleased the crowd. And local citizen, Pamela Benthall Smith, baked an additional six homemade cobbler that garnered rave reviews.

Blanco Cellars with Vanessa Trout, donated their time and product to a wine tasting table delighting those who came through the line.

In the midst of the dinner and music, there was a well-attended entertaining event copying the TV Reality Show "Chopped" with our own Chopped Challenge Competition—cowboy style, involving three local "chefs," facing a primitive open fire cooking challenge and two local judges determining who gets chopped on each round.

Reno Roybal, Rene Barr and Arturo Rodriguez bravely volunteered and brought their own skills and personalities to the contest. Judges Kathy Sizemore and Lynn Lockwood, with their own expertise, watched as each contestant was given a basket of food that was mandatory to use and only unveiled when the clock started.

As the two rounds of contest clicked on and the "chopped" chefs

were announced, the crowd observed and cheered their favorite participant as they feverishly worked to create a tasty entree dish then dessert out of the basket items and other basic ingredients provided.

In the end, Arturo Rodriguez of Meeker Café and The Mexican House was declared the winner along with his lovely sous chef and wife, Tania.

The heritage event was organized and carried out to not only bring the community and visitors a cultural heritage experience but to bring awareness to the dedicated group's capital campaign goals to raise \$25,000 toward the theater system for the Old West Heritage Culture Center, furthering heritage education.

White River Electric Association was a prime sponsor of the event and has already donated an additional \$3,500 toward this effort.

The Heritage Culture Center welcomes any donations toward their ambitious efforts. You can contact them by email at president@rioblanco-county.org or go to their website to give online: rioblanco-county.org/join-and-give/project-support/

Host families sought for foreign students

Special to the Herald Times

RBC World Heritage Student Exchange Programs is now looking for American families to host high school students from European, Asian, former Soviet Union, Middle Eastern and African countries.

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Meeker Golf Course a busy place, to host RBC Cup this weekend

By **BOBBY GUTIERREZ**
bobby@theheraldtimes.com

MEEKER I White River Electric Association's annual golf tournament filled the Meeker Golf Course on Friday, followed by the annual two-day, two-man best-ball tournament, and this weekend Meeker will host the annual Rio Blanco County Cup, which is currently on display in Rangely.

The WREA tournament drew a field of 68 for the four-person scramble, and many stayed over for the two-man best-ball tournament, which featured 21 teams playing in two flights.

Perennial champions Doug Choate and Joe Elliot won the championship flight of the two-man best ball tournament, with a gross score of 131. Local golfer George Back teamed up with his son, Jason, and the two pushed the champions until the end, taking first place net honors, after finishing one shot behind the champions.

Patrick Burwell and Cole Mannupella of Rifle were tied with Choate and Elliot after the first day of play, and the Backs were one shot back.

Burwell and Mannupella shot a 71 on the second day to finish with the second-best gross while local brothers Andy and Pat Coryell finished with the second best net score (127) in the championship flight.

Mitch Carter and Tim Roe finished with the best gross score (144) in the second flight, giving Meeker locals Donny McPherson and Irv Griffin second place, one shot behind the champions.



BOBBY GUTIERREZ

Meeker's Erik Brown makes contact out of the sand trap on the No. 9 hole at Meeker Golf Course while playing in the annual two-man best-ball tournament, where he teamed up with Lex Collins. Brown and Collins have partnered for years for this tournament and usually finish in the money—but not this year. Jason Back (pictured to Brown's right) and his dad, George, shot two-under-par 66's both days and finished with the best net score in the championship flight. The Meeker Golf Course will host the annual Rio Blanco County Cup this weekend.

Jeff Austin and Nick Rocco had the best net score (120), four shots ahead of second-place Wendell Good and Steve Stanek.

The Meeker Golf Course will host the 2016 Rio Blanco County

Cup, a match-play format between golfers from Meeker and Rangely's Cedar Ridges Golf Course, to determine which clubhouse gets to display the traveling trophy for the next year.

CNCC volleyball camp July 27-28

Special to the Herald Times

RANGELY I Chris Vergnaud, the head volleyball coach for the Colorado Northwestern Community College Spartans, has announced that the CNCC Spartan Volleyball Camp is now scheduled for July 27 and 28.

The two-day youth skills camp costs \$65; the specialty camp is \$65 and it is \$120 for those who wish to take both camps.

The individual skills camp will run from 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. for youths aged eight years to 18 who are beginners and intermediates.

Training in that camp will focus on all skills: passing, setting, serving, blocking, attacking and defense.

The specialty camps will run from 5 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. for youths aged eight years to 18 who are intermediate to advanced.

Training in that camp will focus on training in specialty positions,

such as hitting, setting and defense.

Vergnaud was named the 2015 NJCAA Region XVIII Coach of the Year. He will be assisted by Ashley Bryant, the CNCC assistant volleyball coach who was the 2014-15 assistant coach at Eastern Florida State College.

To register, email Vergnaud at: chris.vergnaud@cncc.edu. For more information, call Vergnaud at 970-675-3263 or Bryant at 970-629-3261.

Success of area youth turkey hunt due to great partners and mentors

Special to the Herald Times

RBC I Colorado Parks and Wildlife's long-running efforts to help youths experience the joys of hunting continued this spring as CPW District Wildlife Managers Mike Swaro of Craig and Bailey Franklin of Meeker, along with fellow officers and volunteers, all took time from busy schedules to give seven lucky young hunters memories they will not soon forget.

As part of the agency's Hunter Outreach Program, the hunts took place in early May on private land, made possible with access donated by local landowners from Craig and Meeker.

According to the officers, the key to stirring a lifelong passion for hunting is patient guidance from experts. They add that CPW's guided hunts help build a good foundation for the young novices if they decide to continue hunting in the future.

"Good mentoring is the most important consideration for kids who do not have someone at home who can teach them," said Franklin. "Hunting is one of Colorado's most treasured traditions and is very important for the successful management of our wildlife. Kids like this will be the future stewards of our natural resources, but unless someone shows them how to hunt safely and ethically, they probably would have never tried it on their own."

"Too many kids spend a lot of time indoors, usually with electronics," added Swaro. "But I'll bet once any kid experiences something like this, it will change their lives. They may even become lifelong hunters."

All of the youths selected for the experience earned the opportunity by submitting an essay describing why they should be selected for the hunt. Preference went to youngsters who have never hunted and do not come from hunting families.

During a half-day orientation prior to the hunts, the youths learned about the safe use of firearms and hunting basics, ethics and safety. When they were ready, 10-year-old Judd Harvey of Meeker, 12-year-old Jordan Breck of Grand Junction and 8-year-old Peter McDonald of Fort Collins followed DWM Franklin and other officers from the Meeker area to hunt on private land with access



CPW PHOTO

Three Colorado youth participants pose together during their youth turkey hunt in Northwest Colorado, organized by Colorado Parks and Wildlife. From left to right are: 12-year-old Jordan Breck of Grand Junction, 8-year-old Peter McDonald of Fort Collins and 10-year-old Judd Harvey of Meeker.

provided by several local landowners.

"High quality hunts like this would not be possible without key partnerships with private landowners and access to their lands," said Franklin. "Special thanks to the Jensen Family Ranch, Clark White River Ranch, Seven Lakes Lodge, M/R - K/K Ranch, Elk Creek Ranch, Mike Fritzier, Pete Swenson, Scott Casto and Jim Goff. I would also like to thank several property managers, including Travis Flaherty, Brett Harvey, Bill Wheeler, Tom Hazelton and John Etchart for their tremendous efforts to support CPW's Youth Hunter Outreach program."

Joining DWM Mike Swaro and fellow officers were 11-year-old Chase Blaisdell of Grand Junction, 11-year-old Shiv Ghosh of Littleton, 11-year-old Sophie Hough of Craig and 10-year-old Nathan Bomgaars of Aurora.

This group of young hunters found adventure on private lands belonging to John Raftopoulos, Jimmy Horton, Dawn Nottingham, and Scott and Debbie Estes, all of whom allowed access for the hunts.

With tough weather conditions, including snow, rain and cold temperatures adding to the experience, each young hunter saw and heard turkey, but only two of the four were successful.

Although young hunter Shiv Ghosh did not harvest a bird on his first hunt, he gained valuable, first-

hand experience hunting in tough conditions. In an essay he wrote about his hunt, Ghosh stressed that he learned one of the primary lessons the Hunter Outreach program espouses.

"To me, hunting is more than the harvest; it is experiencing the adventures of being outdoors and creating memories with family and friends that will last a lifetime," wrote Ghosh. "It left me wanting more."

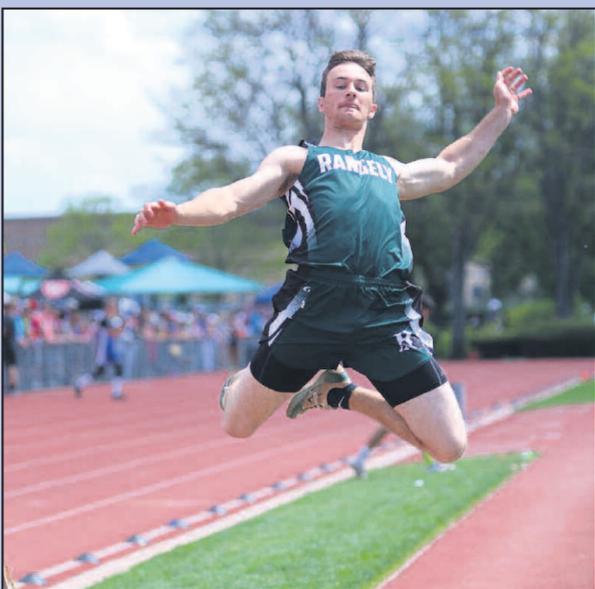
"I couldn't be prouder of these kids," said Swaro. "They all understand that this is all about getting outdoors—even when the weather is not the best—learning new skills, experiencing the thrill of the hunt in beautiful scenery and seeing wildlife up close; and I'm pretty sure it won't be long before Shiv bags his first gobbler on his own."

Franklin adds that getting involved, either by providing mentorship to a novice or allowing access to private lands for guided hunts can go a long way to keep the traditions of hunting alive in the next generation.

Landowners interested in supporting CPW's youth hunting programs in Northwest Colorado are encouraged to call Colorado Parks and Wildlife's Meeker office at 970-878-6090.

Anyone interested in learning more about youth hunting opportunities can also call the same number and request an application for upcoming youth hunts.

BIG LEAPS...



MATT SCOGGINS

Rangely trackster and senior Kaulan Brady had one of the best state track meets in recent years for the Rangely Panthers. Above, Brady is competing in the long jump, where he finished sixth in the state with a leap of 19-11.5. He also competed in the high jump, where he finished fourth in the state by clearing 6 feet and he ran in the 100-meter dash, where he placed 14th for the Panthers.

Rangely girl to national v-ball camp

Special to the Herald Times

RANGELY I Korryn Wenzel, a Colorado Connections Academy ninth grade student from Rangely, was recently accepted to the National USA Volleyball team's (usavolleyball.org) skill camp.

Wenzel will be heading to Sonoma, Calif., July 19-23 for the National A3 Skill Camp. Participants of this camp are extremely talented and dedicated as they start their journey early within the USA pipeline.

The girls are on track to be successful as the future athletes of USA Volleyball.

Wenzel was on three waiting lists for camps across the country (Colorado Springs, Las Vegas and Sonoma), and served as an alternate.

She made the cut when a spot became available in Sonoma.

Specific details on the camp are available at: teamusa.org/usa-volleyball/high-performance/hp-indoor/girls/girls-programs/girls-youth.

Wenzel started playing volleyball in the third grade through the Western Rio Blanco Metropolitan Recreation & Park Center in Rangely.

In the sixth grade, she started playing for her area school and joined the United Volleyball Club of the Rockies.

Wenzel is a self-motivated student and plays anywhere from 10-14 hours of volleyball a week, during the school year. She plays three to six games a day when she plays and travels for her volleyball club. This is in addition to the hour she spends getting

to practice and back.

The flexibility she has as a student with Colorado Connections Academy ensures that she stays on track with her schoolwork, and she has developed a well-rounded relationship with her teachers.

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Chloe Noel Rangely Hurricanes

Chloe Noel competed at the Craig Invitational Swimming Meet on Saturday and, as an 8-year-old from Rangely, she completed the 24-meter butterfly in perfect form. She was able to place in all of her events, putting in a great swimming meet.



Faith Patterson Meeker High School Valedictorian

Faith Patterson will attend Bellarmine University in Louisville, Ky., to major in biochemistry and molecular biology. She received the Monsignor Horigan Scholarship from Bellarmine for \$14,000 renewable, Colorado State Patrol Foundation Scholarship for \$1,500 renewable, Pioneers Medical Foundation Scholarship for \$1,500, Meeker Sportsman's Club Scholarship for \$800, White River Electric Association Scholarship for \$500 renewable and the Freeman Fairfield Scholarship for \$800 renewable as well as other local scholarships for a total of \$70,000.



BOBBY GUTIERREZ

Winter Blazon, who plays for the defending coed softball champions Ace Trucking, is pictured getting a hit during a recent game at Paintbrush Park. The ERBM Recreation and Parks District sponsors the coed league, hosting games on Mondays and Wednesday in June and July. Ace Trucking remains undefeated and the team to beat.

Dirt bike racing makes Meeker debut

Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER | Dirt bike racing will make its Meeker debut on Saturday with "Meeker Moto Mayhem" at the Rio Blanco County Fairgrounds.

The full-day event will begin at 10 a.m. and run until roughly 10 p.m.

It is an arena enduro-style race.

The public is invited to load up your bikes and come race or just bring your friends to watch.

"The action will not disappoint," say the organizers, Montrose Moto Mayhem.

There is a full circuit of races this summer on the Western Slope, with

several races in Montrose as well as Meeker, Hotchkiss, Delta, Rifle and wrapping up in Eagle on Sept. 24.

Moto Mayhem is arena enduro-style racing.

Concessions for the event will be provided by the Meeker Lions Club.

For more information visit montrosemotomayhem.com online.

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Community solar gardens gain popularity throughout West

By MARK JAFFE
Special to the Herald Times

RBC I As soon as her electric cooperative started selling panels in a community solar garden, Doris Shennum of Bear Lake, Mont., signed up. It will take 21 years for her to break even on her \$900 panel, but 91-year-old Shennum doesn't mind.

"My solar panel is now part of my legacy to my children and grandchildren," she said.

Shennum and the Kalispell-based Flathead Electric Coop are enthusiastic about "solar gardens," an arrangement in which customers share the cost as well as the electric output of a solar array. While the concept seems simple and appealing, solar gardens have been slow to sprout in the West due to a host of regulatory and economic challenges.

That's changing as states like Oregon and California (and Meeker,

Colo.) open new markets, and electric generators from tiny rural co-ops to investor-owned giants build community arrays.

The slow growth is surprising, given that solar gardens were pioneered in the West. In 2006, the first community-supported array went into operation in Ellensburg, Wash. It was small, expensive and developed by a not-for-profit municipal utility. Still, it showed that it could be done.

Entrepreneur Paul Spencer furthered the concept in Colorado by creating a business—the Clean Energy Collective—to build gardens and sell the panels to the public and the electricity to utilities. His first customer, in 2010, was Holy Cross Energy, based in Glenwood Springs, Colo. Today, the company has 50 projects in 10 states, though none in the West outside of Colorado.

Spencer's approach allows households to buy a share in a solar array,

which is 10 to 400 times larger than the average rooftop unit, at a cost of between a few hundred to a few thousand dollars. The electricity is fed into the grid, and the household either receives a credit for its portion of what the garden generates or gets its slice of the energy at a long-term, fixed rate as a cushion against utility rate increases.

The National Renewable Energy Laboratory in Golden, Colo., estimates that nearly half of U.S. households cannot install solar on their roofs, often because they rent or have shaded roofs. Others are discouraged by the expense, since an array can cost as much as \$30,000. Solar gardens represent as much as a \$16 billion market by 2020, NREL says. Nevertheless the complexity involved in developing them, including calculating energy credits and setting tax rates, has slowed their spread in the West.

"You need some legislative action

to set the stage for solar garden development," said Rick Gilliam, a program director at Vote Solar, an advocacy group. "The Western states tend to be conservative, and there hasn't been that legislative support."

In 2010, Colorado passed the Community Gardens Solar Act and created the largest solar garden program in the West. Other Western states have been slow to follow. In 2015, Montana state Sen. Mike Phillips, D, sponsored legislation that would have enabled customers to get credits on their bills for solar gardens at for-profit utilities the same way a homeowner gets net metering credits for electricity put on the grid by a rooftop unit. It was opposed by industry and died in committee.

Still, some Western states are opening the way for community solar.

California's Green Tariff Shared Renewables Program, established in 2013, requires the state's three-investor-owned utilities—Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E), San Diego Gas & Electric and Southern California Edison—to develop 600 megawatts of shared solar. It wasn't, however, until this past March that the California Public Utilities Commission issued initial rules for the program.

That same month, Oregon passed the Clean Electricity and Transition from Coal Act bill, which aims to end coal-fired generation in the state by 2035 and double renewable-energy generation to 50 percent by 2040. The law also establishes a community solar program.

"There are still some unanswered questions about California, but we

expect both California and Oregon to become big markets," said the Clean Energy Collective's Spencer.

In the meantime, much of the development is in the hands of rural co-ops, like Flathead Electric, which are customer-owned and can build gardens and issue credits. "It has been promising to see the co-ops pursue community solar, but we'd like to see it expand more broadly," said Diana Maneta, executive director of the Montana Renewable Energy Association.

And Western for-profit utilities, which have fought solar on some fronts, including net metering, are developing their own form of community solar.

Tucson Electric Power set up the nation's first such program in 2011. In Utah, Rocky Mountain Power is building a 20-megawatt solar array for a community solar program and San Francisco-based PG&E and other California utilities are rolling out their own programs. But instead of investing in the project, and getting some return, customers merely opt to buy its electricity—at a premium.

Tucson sells 150 kilowatt-hour blocks with a \$3 monthly charge for each block. In PG&E's Solar Choice program, customers can get all or a portion of their electricity from solar, which could cost up to an extra \$18 a month on an average bill, the utility estimates.

Yet even as solar gardens appear to be taking root, the future remains uncertain.

The fate of a projected 60 megawatts of solar gardens in

Colorado, a community solar garden leader, is in limbo after the state's Public Utilities Commission in March rejected an agreement between Xcel Energy, the state's biggest utility, and solar developers over what it considers overly generous renewable energy credits. Xcel is asking the commission to reconsider its decision.

And while Washington state adopted subsidies to support solar gardens, it capped their size at 75 kilowatts and limited the subsidies to locally made equipment.

"They didn't really create a market for solar gardens," said Evan Ramsey, a senior renewable-energy project manager with the Bonneville Environmental Foundation, a Portland, Ore.-based nonprofit.

In the end, economics may win the day, says Joseph Goodman, a manager in the Boulder-based Rocky Mountain Institute's electricity practice. The institute is working with New Mexico's Springer and Kit Carson electric co-ops to reduce costs and eventually make solar gardens cheaper than coal- or gas-fired generation.

"The key is the pricing," Goodman said. "If we can get that down, there will be a lot of interest in solar gardens in the West from co-ops, utilities; even the native tribes and pueblos are interested. Community solar as we see it today is just the starting point."

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ERBM turns 35, wants 35,000 visits

Special to the Herald Times

RBC I Through the end of 2016, the Eastern Rio Blanco Metropolitan (ERBM) Recreation & Park District will be running a campaign to reach 35,000 visits at the Meeker Recreation Center during the District's 35th year of operation.

Patrons who scan in using their membership card will receive a free T-shirt once they have visited the

center 35 times this year.

Approximately 100 patrons have already reached their 35th visit and have picked up their T-shirt from guest services at the Meeker Recreation Center.

As of the middle of June, the total usage of the center is approximately 18,500, which means ERBM should be on track to reach 35,000 visits by the end of the year.

In 2015, the center had 33,354

total visits, including membership scan-ins and drop-in visits. Numbers and member names are updated by noon each Monday throughout the year.

An official kick-off hospitality table will be set up on Tuesday for all Meeker Recreation Center members and visitors to enjoy.

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I have traveled the extra mile to testify on bills, and Federal planning/regulatory hearings. As Chairman of the Yampa-White Green Roundtable I was involved in the writing of the State Water Plan, and am the only sitting Commissioner or Commissioner Candidate with a knowledge of water and water rights and it's importance to the residents of the White River Valley. I also have a lifetime of experience on Range, Oil & Gas, Travel Management, and Endangered Species.

I understand the fiscal responsibilities of the office. It is not an option to be frivolous with the Taxpayers Dollar. You must budget operations first, then you can plan repairs and projects, with amenities such as employee raises or economic development projects considered if there is still funds available. The County Reserves are in good shape and the County Capital Improvement Trust Fund is at the highest level in it's history.

I will always be willing to travel any time to any meeting the future and economic well being of Rio Blanco County is in question. In this day and age you cannot afford to stay home and expect it to go away.

I believe I have and will continue to do a good job for the County and I ask for your vote on June 28, 2016. Please exercise your right to vote.

Thank you for allowing me to serve you,
Jon D. Hill

Inaugural Meeker Classic Cattledog Trials: National Finals



SEAN McMAHON PHOTOS

Some of the metal works on display in the crafts tent.



One of the many dog/cattle related paintings in the art exhibit.



Ellene Meece, left, looks on as Jenn Barr played young Kitty Fairfield and her father, Jarrod Barr, played Kenneth Sanderson, aka. Buddy Roosevelt.



On a roll, the border collie urges the cows to enter the chute.



Nothing like the cowboy and his dog working together.



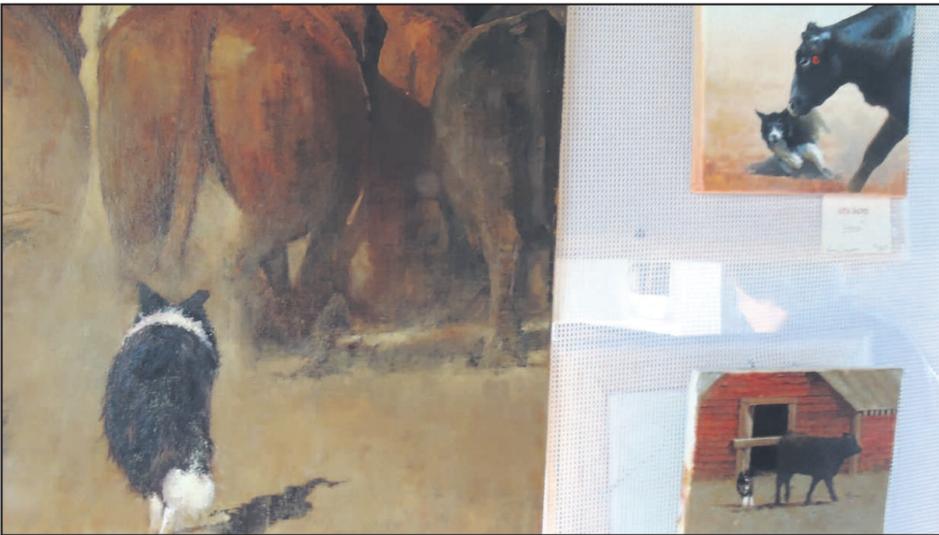
Abbie and Kylen Seely of Ogden, Utah, entertained at the Cultural Heritage Center fundraiser event.



Andy and Susie Goettel returned to Meeker to show their pottery, other artisan items



The old-fashioned chuckwagon dinner on Saturday evening was provided by Giovanni's of Rangely and consisted of pulled pork, potatoes, beans, other goodies and cobbler for desert.



Several fine works of art were on display, including these at the art exhibit.



On Sunday most certainly there was a good lineup of spectators.

Final results for National Cattledog Championship event

Open Class – Finals Results

- 1.Lyle East; dog Max; Mo.; 12.48.
- 2.Steve Knipmeyer; Pete; Okla.;14.24.
- 3.Campbell Forsyth; CKF Meg; Can.; 15.55.
- 4.Myra Bradford; Lex; Ark.; 10.1.
- 5.Wendy Schmalz; Floss; Can.; 13:39.

Nursery Class – Final Results

- 1.Brian Jacobs; GS Levi; Calif.; 804.
2. Kevin Lippe; Silver Leaf Dan; Mo.; 11:59.
3. Ken Carel; Tucker; Wash.; 11:19.
4. Lyle East; Chip; Mo.; 9:41.
5. Brian Jacobs; BaileyBlue; Calif; 10:05.

Open Horseback Class – Final Results

1. Brian Jacobs; Moose; Calif.; 9:35.
2. Dorrance Eikamp; Scott; Wyo.; 11:31.
3. Jeff Mundorf; "1"; Mo.; 11:29.
4. Brian Jacobs; GS Levi; Calif.; 10:08.
5. Tim Gifford; Jean; Neb.; 13:00

Intermediate Horseback – Final Results

1. Ken Carel; Milo; Colo.; 8:21.
2. Gene Roberts; Copper; Wyo.; 12:00.
3. Mike Collins; Grace; Colo.; 12:00.
4. John Porter; Spur; Kan.; 12:00.
5. Ed Matke; DH Sue; Kan.; 12:00.

Intermediate Class – Final Results

1. Denny Ashcraft; Shine; Kan.; 7:27.
2. Dottie Packard; Mouse; Wyo.; 7:39.
3. Tim Feddes; Charlie; Mont.; 8:27.
4. Dottie Packard; J.R. Snap; Wyo.; 10:48
5. Eli Eastman; Jane; Wyo.; 11:42

GRADS: Meeker High School Class of 2016 shares future plans and scholarship details

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chemistry and molecular biology. She has received the Monsignor Horrigan Scholarship from Bellarmine for \$14,000 renewable, Colorado State Patrol Foundation Scholarship for \$1,500 renewable, Pioneers Medical Foundation Scholarship for \$1,500, Meeker Sportsman's Club Scholarship for \$800, White River Electric Association Scholarship for \$500 renewable, Fred and Annie Burke Memorial Scholarship for \$500, Meeker Lions Club Scholarship for \$500, Freeman Fairfield Scholarship for \$800 renewable and PEO highest math/science GPA award for \$200.

Madison Shults, salutatorian, will attend South Plains College in Levelland, Texas, where she will study animal science, agricultural business and compete on the South Plains College Livestock Judging team. She received \$16,220 from South Plains College plus the Chuck Urano Memorial Scholarship for \$2,000, John & Amy Rakestraw Scholarship from the National FFA Foundation for \$1,000, RBC 4-H Scholarship for \$400, RBC 4-H Foundation Scholarship for \$500, WREA Scholarship for \$500 renewable, Freeman Fairfield Scholarship for \$800 renewable, Lacey Oldland Memorial Scholarship for \$500, Lions Club Scholarship for \$500, RBC Farm Bureau Scholarship for \$1,000, RBC Stockgrower's Association Scholarship for \$750, RBC Woolgrower's Scholarship for \$500, and PEO Highest Language Arts GPA award for \$200.

Kash Atwood will attend Western State Colorado University, Gunnison, to major in wildlife biology with his goal becoming a Colorado Parks and Wildlife officer. Kash has received a Western Merit Scholarship from Western State of \$2,000 renewable and the WREA Cowboy Shootout

Scholarship for \$150.

Amanda Begaye will attend Metro State University in Denver, majoring in fine arts. She received the Colorado Grand (Colorado Lions Club) Scholarship for \$7,500, Colorado PEO Scholarship for \$5,000, Tri-State Generation and Transmission and WREA Scholarship for \$500, Meeker Masons for \$600, Freeman Fairfield Scholarship for \$800 renewable, and Johnny Wix Memorial Scholarship for \$500.

Bradi Bland's diploma was accepted in his behalf by his brother, Tyler Bland.

Austin Bradford plans to enter the workforce in technology or culinary arts.

Nick Burri will attend Missouri Valley College, located in Marshall, Mo., where he will study conservation biology and play collegiate golf. He has received \$13,000 from Missouri Valley College in academic and athletic scholarships plus the Freeman Fairfield Scholarship for \$800 renewable, the Coach Bob Tucker Scholarship for \$1,000, and Tri-State G&T - WREA Scholarship for \$500.

Leah Bykerk-Pool will be attending CNCC in Craig, where she plans to pursue an associate's degree in business management.

Marshal Bykerk-Pool will pursue an associate's of applied science degree in aviation maintenance at CNCC. Marshal received the Meeker Mason's \$1,000 Scholarship and Coca-Cola Scholarship for \$250.

Matthew Devore will study computer science at Colorado Mesa University. He received a Colorado County Officials and Employees Retirement Association Scholarship for \$500 renewable, WREA Scholarship for \$500, Meeker Band Parents Association Scholarship for \$500, and Freeman Fairfield Scholarship for \$800 renewable.

Ty Dunham will attend South Plains College at Levelland, Texas, where he will study pre-veterinary medicine and compete with the South Plains College Livestock Judging Team. Ty was awarded \$9,040 by South Plains College as a result of his livestock judging expertise. He has also received the WREA Scholarship for \$500 and the Freeman Fairfield Scholarship for \$800 renewable.

Dillon Frantz will attend Western State Colorado University, where he will major in wildlife biology.

Taylor Frantz will attend the University of Northern Colorado in

Greeley to study criminal justice. She was awarded a student merit scholarship from UNC, as well as an \$800 renewable scholarship from the Freeman Fairfield Foundation and \$600 from Meeker Masons.

Sarah Gerloff will continue pursuing her pre-nursing degree at CNCC in Craig and working for The Haven in Hayden, and Sandrock in Craig, long-term care facilities as a certified CNA.

Kadie Hummel will attend the University of Northern Colorado, where she will pursue a bachelor's degree in business management. She received a Meeker Masons Scholarship for \$600.

Robert Jensen is currently employed in the energy industry. He plans to continue working in the energy field for the foreseeable future.

Lisa Lombardi is moving to Pennsylvania, where she will become a nanny for two small children.

Maegan McGruder will attend Colorado Mesa University in fall 2017 to study nursing. In the meantime, she is excited about being a stay-at-home mom, caring for her new baby boy, Benjamin.

Jamie Moyer will attend Northeastern Junior College (NJC) in Sterling, where she will double major in agriculture education and agriculture communication with a minor in animal sciences. Jamie received a \$200 scholarship from RBC 4-H.

Jacob Nielsen will pursue an associate's of applied science in aviation maintenance at CNCC. He received a Colorado Mason's Vocational Scholarship grant for \$1,000, Craig Calver Memorial Scholarship for \$250, CNCC Concurrent Enrollment Scholarship for \$500, Charlotte Tucker Scholarship and Guild of the Children's Diabetes Foundation Scholarship for \$4,000, and Freeman Fairfield Scholarship for \$800 renewable.

Noah Overton will attend WyoTech of Laramie, where he will study diesel technology and off-road power. He received a \$5,000 renewable scholarship from WyoTech and the James Sizemore Memorial Scholarship of \$1,000, as well as an \$800 renewable scholarship from the Freeman Fairfield Scholarship Trust.

Sammy Palmer plans to take a year off from school but says he will train to become a certified nursing assistant.

Connor Pfister was accepted to CNCC in Craig, but he is planning to

move to Denver, where he will work, participate in skate contests and attend college for mechanics, auto body and custom painting.

Tyler Pollock will enter the workforce, where he plans to work hard and save up money for his future.

Devon Pontine plans to attend Western Colorado Community College, a part of Colorado Mesa University, to become an electric line-man.

Cole Purcell will work as a welder's apprentice.

Giovany Rascon plans to move to Oklahoma City, where he will study aviation.

Trenton J. Shelton will attend the Colorado School of Mines, where he will major in chemical engineering, minor in explosive engineering, and wrestle for the NCAA Oredigger's. Mines has awarded him \$17,842 renewable for up to four years as a result of his athletic and academic excellence. In addition, he has received the W.C. Striegel, Inc., Engineering Scholarship, Caddo Scholarship for \$5,000, Meeker Cowboy Football Top Hand Scholarship for \$300, Natural Soda / Bill Gunn Scholarship for \$5,000, WREA Scholarship for \$500 renewable and Freeman Fairfield Scholarship for \$800 renewable.

Caitlyn Shepherd will attend Johnson and Wales University in Denver, where she will pursue an associate's degree in baking and pastry arts. She received \$6,500 from Johnson and Wales for her involvement in FCCLA as well as a \$3,500 academic scholarship from Johnson and Wales, the Colorado PEO Scholarship for \$1,500, Meeker Chapter PEO Vocational Scholarship for \$500, Colorado Mason's Benevolent Fund Vocational Grant for \$1,000, Basin Electric and WREA Scholarship for \$1,000, Hazelbaker Education Fund Grant for \$1,000, James Sizemore Memorial Scholarship for \$1,000, Welle Family Scholarship for \$500, Freeman Fairfield Scholarship for \$800 renewable, and RBC Woolgrowers Association Scholarship for \$500.

Kurstin Slauch will be attending Colorado Mountain College in Glenwood Springs, to study veterinary technology.

Marrisa Slone plans to enter the workforce, first by pursuing employment with the U.S. Forest Service.

Jacob Smith will attend Oklahoma State University in Stillwater, where

he will pursue fire science, technology and fire management degrees. He has received the Georgia M. Hellberg Memorial Scholarship from the National FFA Foundation for \$5,000, James Sizemore Memorial Scholarship for \$1,000, WREA Scholarship for \$500 renewable, the Meeker Friends of the FFA Scholarship for \$250, Lions Club Scholarship for \$500, Richard G. Lyttle Memorial Scholarship for \$250, and Freeman Fairfield Scholarship for \$800 renewable.

Cody Stickler is entering the workforce as an employee of Texora Land and Cattle Co. in Meeker.

Jenna Walsh will attend Iowa State University in Ames, where she will pursue a bachelor's degree in agricultural business. She received a Wenstrand/Pride of the Farm Scholarship in agricultural business from ISU for \$500, Iowa State's Academic Recognition Award for \$22,000, the Nonresident Initiative to Command Excellence Award for \$12,000, the John Wesley and Eda

Coles Scholarship in Agriculture from Iowa State for \$1,000, and ISU Grant for \$5,400. In addition, Jenna has received a Colorado PEO Scholarship for \$1,000, Lacey Oldland Memorial Scholarship for \$500, Colorado Farm Show Chuck Urano Scholarship for \$2,000, WREA Scholarship for \$500 renewable, White River Soil Conservation District Scholarship for \$500 renewable, WREA Cowboy Shootout Scholarship for \$150, RBC 4-H Foundation Scholarship for \$500, RBC 4-H Scholarship for \$400, White River Swine Club Scholarship for \$500, Lion's Club Scholarship for \$500, RBC Abstract Scholarship for \$1,000, and Freeman Fairfield Scholarship for \$800 renewable.

AJ White will attend the Auguste Escoffier School of Culinary Arts in Boulder. Prior to that, however, he will work with the School to Work Alliance Program (SWAP) pursuing training in hotel maintenance with Hyatt Hotels and possibly look for a career in film.

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White River travel inventory up for review

Special to the Herald Times

RBC The Bureau of Land Management seeks the public's help in reviewing its road and trail inventory for lands managed by the White River Field Office in northwestern Colorado.

"If you use the roads and trails within the White River Field Office, we would like to hear from you," said White River Field Manager Kent Walter. "We are not making any decisions on any routes at this time, just verifying and correcting information. Are the maps depicting routes accurately? Are there roads or trails missing from the maps?"

The field office is undertaking a comprehensive, multi-year look at the roads and trails that it manages. The first step is to confirm the inventory of the roads and trails – collectively called routes – is accurate.

During the summer of 2015 the field office completed route invento-

ries across 700,000 acres of the 1.5 million acres it manages. Public review will help ensure the 2015 inventory is as accurate as possible.

With the addition of the 2015 inventory, the field office currently has comprehensive travel route data on 90 percent of the 1.5 million-acre field office. The remainder of the field office will be inventoried this summer.

To review the route inventory, visit the White River Field Office homepage, www.blm.gov/co/st/en/fo/wrfo.html, and click on the Travel and Transportation Management link. Hard copies of the 2015 Travel Route Inventory are also available for review in Meeker at the BLM White River Field Office, in Rangely at the Town Hall and Chamber of Commerce, and in Dinosaur at the Town Hall.

The BLM is hosting a public open house meeting to give people an opportunity to review the maps, ask

questions and provide written comments July 7 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. in Rangely at the Recreation Center, 611 Stanolind Ave.

Comments may be sent to blm_co_wrfo_tmp@blm.gov or by mail to BLM, White River Field Office, 220 East Market St., Meeker, CO 81641 and will be most helpful if received by Aug. 31. For more information, contact Aaron Grimes, Outdoor Recreation Planner, (970) 878-3837.

Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time.

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OBITUARY

Tom Farris

Sept. 20, 1940~June 17, 2016



Tom Farris

Tom Farris, the devoted husband of Lori Farris, peacefully entered heaven's glory on Friday, June 17, 2016, while surrounded by loving family and friends.

Tom was born in Cheyenne, Wyo., on Sept. 20, 1940, to Ottis and Wanda (Peterson) Farris. Most of his growing-up years were in Pueblo, Colo., where he was graduated from Pueblo County High School.

He faithfully served in the United States Navy from 1959 to 1963 and then in the Navy Reserves from 1963 to 1965. Tom served as an aircraft mechanic on board the USS Kitty Hawk, USS Hancock and the USS Ranger. While in the Navy, he received a Good Conduct Medal.

Tom married Lori Hermanson in July 1963, in Pueblo, where he

worked at CF&I Steel. The Farris later moved to Salida and then to Meeker in 1977. There, Tom worked at Colowyo Coal Co. for about 20 years.

Tom's passion was hunting and fishing. He also loved bowling, teasing and ice cream.

Tom will be remembered for being a hard worker, faithful provider, devoted husband, protective of his children and grandchildren, compassionate and courageous.

Along with his wife, he is survived by: his family, Jonalie and David Comeau and Robert Farris; his grandchildren, Anna and Garrett Boon, Adia and Bill Wayman, Rachael Comeau, Andrea and Cesar Lopez, Naomi Comeau, Jonathan Comeau and Nathaniel Comeau; his

three great-grandchildren, Teslyn Boon, Sequoia Wayman and Aeshan Lopez; his sister, Gloria and Clifford Heifner; and his brother, Wayne Farris.

He was preceded in death by: his parents, Ottis Farris and Wanda Peterson; and his son, Tracy.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, June 22, 2016, at Grace Bible Church in Meeker.

Donations can be made to Grace Bible Church, P.O. Box 235, Meeker, Colo. 81614 in lieu of flowers.



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Sealed Bids for the construction of The Meeker Coultter Field Airport 2016 Pavement Maintenance project, will be received by Rio Blanco County, by mail at P.O. Box 1, ATTN: Vicky Edwards, Meeker CO 81641, with the envelope clearly marked with the name of the bid, until 4 pm local time on June 24, 2016, or hand delivered to Rio Blanco County Commissioners, 455 Main Street, Rio Blanco County Justice Center, Meeker, CO 81641 with the envelope clearly marked with the name of the bid, until 10:00 am local time on June 27, 2016.

The bids will be publicly opened and read aloud in the presence of Bidders at 11:00 am on June 27, 2016 during the County Commissioners Meeting. The project is divided into 3 bid schedules.

Bid Schedule 1 includes: Crack Seal, seal coat, temporary and permanent marking Runway 3-21, all connectors, taxiway A and teacup pavement. Bid Schedule 2 includes: Large Aircraft Apron crack seal, seal coat, and temporary and permanent markings.

Bid Schedule 3 includes: GA Apron crack seal, seal coat and temporary and permanent marking. No bids will be received after the specified hour and date, and may not be withdrawn after the time fixed for opening them.

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2016 PAVEMENT MAINTENANCE PROJECT
FAA A.I.P. No. 03-08-0047-12-2016
State No. 16-4V0-01
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Notice of Proposed Budget

Notice is hereby given that a proposed budget has been submitted to the Board of Education of Rangely School District RE-4, Rio Blanco County, Colorado, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016 and has been filed in the District's Administration Office located at 402 W. Main, Rangely, CO, where it is available for public inspection. The proposed budget will be considered for adoption at a Regular meeting of the District's Board of Education to be held at the District's Administration Office located at 402 W. Main, on Tuesday, June 28, 2016, at 6:15 P.M. Any person paying school taxes in the District may, at any time prior to the final adoption of the budget, file or register his/her objections thereto. Dated this 15th day of June, 2016
Board of Education
Rangely School District RE-4
/s/Annette L. Webber
Secretary/Treasurer
Date: 1st publication 6/23/2016
Published: June 23, 2016
Rio Blanco Herald Times

**NOTICE OF INVITATION TO BID
Meeker Town Park
Renovation and Improvements Project
A Public Works Project
Eastern Rio Blanco Metropolitan Recreation
and Park District
101 Ute Road Meeker, Colorado 81641**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Eastern Rio Blanco Metropolitan Recreation and Park District ("ERBM"), a political subdivision of the State of Colorado, is inviting bids from qualified General Contractors for the renovation and improvement

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of the Meeker Town Park, located in Meeker, Colorado. BID SUBMITTAL Contractors must submit their proposals before 4:00 p.m. on July 14, 2016, at ERBM's administrative office located at 101 Ute Road, Meeker, Colorado 81641; (970) 878-3403. Proposals shall be delivered in a sealed envelope titled: Meeker Town Park. A pre-bid meeting will be held at ERBM's administrative office at 101 Ute Road, Meeker, Colorado 81641, on June 23, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. Attendance by the Prime Contractor is highly recommended and encouraged for submission of bid. A tour of the site will follow the meeting. Last day for additional site tours by appointment only with ERBM is June 30, 2016. Last day for bidding questions is noon July 7th, 2016. PROPOSED SCOPE This is a guaranteed maximum price construction project. The project is comprised of renovation and improvements to the Meeker Town Park, including but not limited to site demolition, grading, concrete, asphalt, seal walls, bank stabilization, fencing, signage, restroom renovations, climbing feature, resilient surfacing, sandblasting, landscape, irrigation, and site electrical. The design and administration of the project is the responsibility of Design Concepts, located at 211 North Public Road, Suite 200, Lafayette, Colorado 80026. BID DOCUMENTS A copy of the Invitation to Bid, the Owner-Contractor Agreement, Bid Set Construction Documents complete with plans and specifications, which are an integral part of the Invitation to Bid, may be obtained through dropbox-Request for Bids-Meeker Town Park or by email request to Shanan Weber, Landscape Architect, "mailto:shananw@dcla.net" shananw@dcla.net or Ben Simms, Landscape Architect, "mailto:bens@dcla.net" bens@dcla.net, beginning June 10, 2016. QUESTIONS Questions regarding

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this Invitation to Bid shall be directed to Shanan Weber, Landscape Architect shananw@dcla.net or at 303.664.5301 or Sean Von Roenn, Executive Director, "mailto:seanv@meekerrecdistrict.com" seanv@meekerrecdistrict.com or at 970.878.3403. Publish: June 9, June 16, June 23, 2016
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The Rangely School District RE-4 has a part-time, possible full-time, custodial position open at this time; please refer to www.rangelyk12.org for information and application. RIO BLANCO COUNTY NOTICE OF FINAL CONTRACTOR SETTLEMENT 2016 RIO BLANCO COUNTY CHIP SEAL PROJECT

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 11th day of July, 2016 at Meeker, Colorado, final settlement will be authorized by the Rio Blanco County Board of County Commissioners with Oldcastle SW Group, Inc., dba United Companies of Mesa County of 2273 River Road, Grand Junction, CO 81505 for all work done by said CONTRACTOR on the project known as 2016 Rio Blanco County Chip Seal Project. 1) Any person, co-partnership, association, or corporation who has an unpaid claim against the said project may at any time, up to and including the date specified in item 2 below, file a VERIFIED STATEMENT of the amount due and unpaid on account of such claims. 2) All such claims shall be filed with Van Pilaud, County Engineer, Rio Blanco County Road & Bridge Department, 570 2nd Street, Meeker, Colorado 81641 on or before July 7, 2016.

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3) Failure on the part of a creditor to file such a statement will relieve Rio Blanco County from any and all liability for such claim. Dated at Meeker, Colorado this 16th day of June, 2016.
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF RIO BLANCO COUNTY
BY SHAWN J. BOLTON, CHAIRMAN
Published: June 16, June 23, 2016
Rio Blanco Herald Times

**Rio Blanco County Combined Courts
455 Main Street Meeker, CO 81641
NOTICE OF PUBLICATION
BY CONSOLIDATED NOTICE
16DR1**

**Petitioner, Ivalene Kindred
Respondent, Zell Kindred, Jr.**
This court has entered an order directing Publication by Consolidated Notice of the proceedings filed in the above listed case under the Uniform Dissolution of Marriage Act after finding that due diligence has been used to obtain personal service but to no avail. The foregoing proceedings have been filed and are served by this publication. If your name appears above, you may obtain a copy of the petition and summons from this court. If you fail to respond within thirty-five (35) days, a default judgment may be entered against you.
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All real estate advertised herein is subject to the Federal Fair Housing act, which makes it illegal to advertise "any preference, limitation, or discrimination because of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status, or national origin, or intention to make any such preference, limitation, or discrimination." This newspaper will not knowingly accept any advertising for real estate which is in violation of the law. All persons are hereby informed that all dwellings advertised are available on an equal opportunity basis.

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NOTICE OF AERIAL SPRAYING FOR CONTROL OF FLIES AND MOSQUITOES
The Town Board has determined that it is in the public interest to conduct aerial spraying along the river within the Town limits and outlying adjacent areas. Aerial spraying will be conducted within the Town limits just after daybreak beginning June 20th through July 1st, 2016 depending upon weather conditions. Further information is available at Town Hall, 345 Market St., 970-878-5344 or from Coulter Aviation, 970-878-5045.
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Pursuant to the Rules and Regulation of the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation

Board published August 1980, and pursuant to the Colorado Surface Coal Mining Reclamation Act 34-33-101, et seq., notice is hereby given of the filing of an application for Phase III Bond Release of a portion of the Colowyo Mine site. The application pertains to the existing Colowyo Coal Mine, Permit No. C-1981-019, Colowyo Coal Company L.P., 5731 State Highway No. 13, Meeker, Colorado 81641, filed with the Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (CDRMS), Colorado Department of Natural Resources, 1313 Sherman Street, Room 215, Denver, Colorado 80203, and approved by the Division on April 5, 2013 (latest Permit Renewal). The Colowyo Mine is located approximately 28 miles south of Craig, Colorado. The application areas for Phase III bond release were reclaimed from 2000 through 2003. These areas total approximately 209 acres that are shown in detail on Map 1 within the application. The status of the reclaimed areas is consistent with the requirements of the approved reclamation plan which includes achievement of Phase I and Phase II bond release, a minimum of 5 years since the last seeding and fill and gully repair, and the reclamation parcels have met the requirements of the revegetation success criteria for two years. Listed below is a general legal description of this area: Township 3 North, Range 93 West of the 6th P.M. Section 3 NW ° SE °, SW ° NE °; Section 4 NW ° SE °, NE ° NW °; Section 10 SE °, NW °; Section 11 SW ° W Colowyo currently holds a self-bond (Bond No. SB-010) in the amount of \$80,517,829. With this bond release application, the Colowyo Mine will be requesting relinquishment of 100% of the bond held for the parcels applied for under this application. A copy of the bond release application is on file

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at the Moffat County Clerk and Recorder Office located in the Moffat County Courthouse, 221 West Victory Way, Craig, Colorado 81625 and the Rio Blanco County Clerk and Recorder Office in the Rio Blanco Courthouse located at 555 Main Street #303, Meeker, CO, 81641. Written comments, objections, and requests for a public hearing or informal conference concerning this bond release application should be addressed to the Colorado Division of Reclamation Mining and Safety, Colorado Department of Natural Resources, 1313 Sherman Street, Room 215, Denver, Colorado 80203. Comments must be filed within thirty (30) days from the last date of this publication, or within thirty (30) days of the completed inspection by the CDRMS, whichever is later.
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**Board of County Commissioners
Rio Blanco County Justice Center
455 Main Street, Courtroom A
Meeker, Colorado 81641
Monday, June 27, 2016**

Items of routine and non-controversial nature are placed on the consent agenda. Any Commissioner or member of the audience may request an item be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered separately on the regular agenda prior to action being taken by the Board on the Consent Agenda.
Public Comment: Any member of the public may address the Board on matters which are within the jurisdiction of the Board. If you are addressing the Board regarding a matter listed on the Agenda, you are requested to make your comments when the Board takes that matter. Please limit your comments to three minutes per member or five minutes per group. The public comment time is not for questions and answers. It is your time to express your views.
11:00 a.m. Call to order:
•Pledge of Allegiance
•Changes to June 27, 2016 Tentative Agenda
•Approval of the June 27, 2016 Agenda
CONSENT AGENDA FOR JUNE 27, 2016
•Consent 1.Consideration of the Board Minutes of June 20, 2016. (All Sign)
•Consent 2_ Enter into the record the signed OMB A-87 Cost Allocation Plan FY 15 Actual Expenditures. (Chairman Only)
•Consent 3.Financial Statement Management Representation Letter to Paul D. Miller, CPA, LLC provided in connection with the audit of Rio Blanco County financial statements as of December 31, 2015 (Chairman Only)
•Consent 4_ Contract Modification No. 1 between the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco

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County, Colorado and Priefert MFG, expanding the scope of work to provide a loading chute and additional panels at the Rio Blanco County Fairgrounds Arena, and increasing the contract amount by \$5,074.55, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$105,609.05. (All Sign)
•Consent 5_ Contract Modification No. 1 between the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado and Shelton Welding Service LLC., expanding the scope of work to provide materials and install a Crow's Nest at the Rio Blanco County Fairgrounds Arena, extending the contract date through August 30, 2016 and increasing the contract amount by \$70,512.00 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$130,385.00 (All Sign)
•Consent 6_ Contract Modification No. 1 between the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado and JKS Industries increasing the scope of work for additional abatement and selective demo work for the Rio Blanco County Historic Courthouse Project, increasing the contract amount by \$15,680, and extending the contract completion date to July 31, 2016. (All Sign)
•Consent 7_ Contract Modification No. 1 between the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado and Grande River Environmental increasing the scope of work for additional abatement and selective demo work for the Rio Blanco County Historic Courthouse Project, increasing the contract amount by \$10,524 and extending the completion date to August 1, 2016. (All Sign)
•Consent 8_ Contract Modification No. 1 between the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado and Goedert Construction LLC., extending the contract date to July 31, 2016 in order to complete the install for the Wash Racks at the Rio Blanco County Fairgrounds with no increase to the original contract amount. (All Sign)
General Business:
•Business 1_ Presentation of the 2015 County Audit's Presentation by Paul Miller and Motion to Accept the 2015 Financial Statement. (Documents will be available at Meeting)
•Business 2_ Cancellation and revocation of the approval for the Agreement for Services executed on June 13, 2016, between the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado and Weatherford Electric for the Rio Blanco County 2016 Fairgrounds Announcers Booth Electric Project due to changes in the agreement. (No Signature Required)
Bid Openings:
•Bid Opening 1_Meeker Airport Pavement Improvement and Maintenance Project.
•Bid Opening 2_Rangely Airport Pavement Improvement and Maintenance Project.
•Bid Opening 3_ Four Wheel Drive Backhoe Loaders.
•Bid Opening 4_Landfill Compactor.
•Bid Opening 5_(3) Three Wheel Loaders.

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•Bid Opening 6_All Wheel Motorgrader with Attachments.
•Bid Opening 7_Motor Grader Roller Compactor Attachment.
Bid Awards:
MOU's Contracts and Agreements:
•MCA1_Agreement for Services between the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado and QDS Communication, Inc. for the Rio Blanco County 2016 Justice Center Dispatch Relocation in an amount not to exceed \$24,999.63. (All Sign)
•MCA2_Agreement for Services between the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado and Weatherford Electric for the Rio Blanco County 2016 Fairgrounds Announcers Booth Electric Project in an amount not to exceed \$9,950.00. (All Sign)
Resolutions:
•Resolution 1_A Resolution of The Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado, Establishing the distribution of Title I Federal Forest Reserve Fund Money. (All Sign)
Other Business:
•Public Comments
•County Commissioners Updates
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 July 11, 2016, 11:00 a.m., in Meeker at the Rio Blanco County Justice Center, Courtroom A, 455 Main Street in Meeker. Please check the County's website for information at: <http://www.rbc.us/departments/commissioners>. If you need special accommodations please call 970-878-9573 in advance of the meeting so that reasonable accommodations may be made.
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RANGELY BOARD OF TRUSTEES (TOWN COUNCIL)

The Regular Town Council Meeting of June 28, 2016 will be cancelled. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held Tuesday, July 12, 2016 at 7:00P.M. Thank You!
By: Lisa Piering, Clerk/Treasurer
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

ATV, BOAT and Snowmobile Owners! You can now renew your Colorado OHV registrations on line at: www.parks.state.co.us

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

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

SAFEHOUSE

If you are being abused physically or mentally, you can call SAFEHOUSE for confidential shelter and help.
878-3131

THE RANGELY Moms Group gives pregnant women and mothers of newborns through elementary school-aged children time to take a break, join in discussions and crafts, and build relationships with other moms. We meet the first Thursday of each month from September through May, from 9-11 a.m. at Grace Baptist Church (144 S. Stanolid Ave.). Join us! For more information, call Heather Zadra at (970) 629-9937.

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

ATTN: RIO BLANCO COUNTY VETERANS: If you do not receive VA travel allowance for visits to the Grand Jct VAMC or to the Craig VA Clinic please contact the RBC Veterans Service Office, Meeker: Joe Dungan, 878-9690 Rangely. John "Hoot" Gibson, 878-9695

Food Bank of the Rockies mobile pantry truck will be in Rio Blanco County providing Food assistance to community members. Scheduled Dates for 2016: June 23, July 28, Aug. 25 - See more at: The Food Bank will be at the Meeker Fairgrounds from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

I am Voting for Jeff Rector for Rio Blanco County Commissioner. Your Vote in the upcoming Primary for JEFF RECTOR would be very much appreciated. Thankyou.

MEEKER STREAKER MONTHLY SCHEDULE
JUNE, 2016

NOTE: Please call 878-9368 in advance to set up all medical appointment rides. Activities are subject to change. Bus available on dates noted below.
6/23 Craig Bus in Town
6/24 Bus in Town
6/25 No Bus
6/26 AM Bus
6/27 Bus in Town
6/28 Bus in Town
6/29 Bus in Town
6/30 Bus in Town
Due to Daylight Savings Time, please schedule out-of-town medical appointments before 2:00 PM. Call Streaker for a ride 878-9368. Reservations for Rec. Center Trips should be made at 878-3403. Chuckwagon 878-5627. Please call in advance for a ride to medical appointments- (970)878-9368. For Rangely dental appointments, please call (970)675-3250.

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

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

NEW EDEN PREGNANCY CARE SERVICES - pregnancy tests, emergency supplies, guidance by trained volunteers, classes on pregnancy and child care, post-abortion support, referrals. Mondays and Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., 345 Main Street, Meeker. Email: newedenpcs@gmail.com or (970)878-5117 and 219 Sunset Avenue Rangely. Email: newedenrangely@gmail.com or (970) 675-2300. All services are confidential.

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

COMBINED NOTICE - MAILING

CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 16-07

To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust: On April 8, 2016, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Rio Blanco records.
Original Grantor(s) Kenneth R. Sheley and Sheryl K. Sheley
Original Beneficiary(ies) Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. acting solely as nominee for Advanced Financial Services, Inc.
Current Holder of Evidence of Debt Embrace Home Loans, Inc.
Date of Deed of Trust June 01, 2009
County of Recording Rio Blanco
Recording Date of Deed of Trust June 12, 2009
Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/Page No.) 296024
Original Principal Amount \$99,715.00
Outstanding Principal Balance \$99,791.63

Pursuant to CRS §38-38-101(4)(i), you are hereby notified that the covenants of the deed of trust have been violated as follows: failure to pay principal and interest when due together with all other payments provided for in the evidence of debt secured by the deed of trust and other violations thereof.
THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN.

THE LAND REFERRED TO HEREIN BELOW IS SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF RIO BLANCO, STATE OF COLORADO IN DEED BOOK 524, AT PAGE 318, AND IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

A PARCEL OF LAND LYING IN H.E. 177 (HOMESTEAD ENTRY 177 (LYING IN SECTION 1, TOWNSHIP 1 NORTH, RANGE 102 WEST OF THE 6TH P.M., TOWN OF RANGELY, STATE OF COLORADO, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINNING AT A POINT 1360.4 FEET WEST OF AND 469 FEET SOUTH OF CORNER NO.1 OF SAID H.E. 177;
THENCE SOUTH, 100 FEET;
THENCE WEST, 38 FEET;
THENCE SOUTH, 10 FEET;
THENCE WEST, 124 FEET;
THENCE NORTH, 10 FEET;
THENCE EAST, 100 FEET;
THENCE NORTH, 100 FEET;
THENCE EAST, 62 FEET TO THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING.
AND KNOWN BY STEET AND NUMBER AS 244 SOUTH BIRCH, P.O. BOX 281, RANGELY, COLORADO 81648
Also known by street and number as: 244 S Birch Ave, Rangely, CO 81648.
THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUIMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED OF TRUST.

NOTICE OF SALE

THEREFORE, Notice Is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, 08/10/2016, at Office of the Public Trustee, Temporary Office, 1032 Jennifer Drive, Meeker CO 81641, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s)' heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.
First Publication 6/16/2016
Last Publication 7/14/2016
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• A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE FILED PURSUANT TO SECTION 38-38-104 SHALL BE FILED WITH THE PUBLIC TRUSTEE AT LEAST FIFTEEN (15) CALENDAR DAYS PRIOR TO THE FIRST SCHEDULED SALE DATE OR ANY DATE TO WHICH THE SALE IS CONTINUED;

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

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

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

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DATE: 04/08/2016
Karen Arnold, Public Trustee in and for the County of Rio Blanco, State of Colorado
By: Karen Arnold, Public Trustee
The name, address, business telephone number and bar registration number of the attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is:
MARCELLO G. ROJAS #46396 SUSAN HENDRICK #33196
Kiatt, Odekkir, Augustine, Sayer, Treinen & Rastede, P.C. 9745 EAST HAMPDEN AVE., SUITE 400, DENVER, CO 80231 (303) 353-2965
Attorney File # 160086
The Attorney above is acting as a debt collector and is attempting to collect a debt. Any information provided may be used for that purpose.

ADVERTISE in the Range Call SPECIAL SECTION next week!
Email caitlin@theheraldtimes.com
or call 970.220.2229
DEADLINE: FRIDAY, JUNE 24 at 5 p.m.

COMBINED NOTICE - MAILING

CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 16-05

To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust: On March 29, 2016, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Rio Blanco records.
Original Grantor(s) Angela S. Brister and Tommy L. Brister
Original Beneficiary(ies) Wells Fargo Financial Colorado, Inc.
Current Holder of Evidence of Debt Wells Fargo Financial Colorado, Inc.
Date of Deed of Trust May 18, 2007
County of Recording Rio Blanco
Recording Date of Deed of Trust May 24, 2007
Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/Page No.) 288747
Original Principal Amount \$194,897.00
Outstanding Principal Balance \$192,046.58

Pursuant to CRS §38-38-101(4)(i), you are hereby notified that the covenants of the deed of trust have been violated as follows: failure to pay principal and interest when due together with all other payments provided for in the evidence of debt secured by the deed of trust and other violations thereof.
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LOT 50 SANDERSON HILLS SUBDIVISION ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED DECEMBER 19, 1978 AS RECEPTION NO. 185454 TOWN OF MEEKER, COLORADO
Also known by street and number as: 568 LARRY LANE, MEEKER, CO 81641.
THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUIMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED OF TRUST.

NOTICE OF SALE

THEREFORE, Notice Is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, 07/27/2016, at Office of the Public Trustee, Temporary Office, 1032 Jennifer Drive, Meeker CO 81641, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s)' heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.
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DATE: 03/30/2016
Karen Arnold, Public Trustee in and for the County of Rio Blanco, State of Colorado
By: Karen Arnold, Public Trustee
The name, address, business telephone number and bar registration number of the attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is:
Erin Robson #46557 Holly Shilliday #24423 Iman Tehrani #44076
McCarthy & Holthus, LLP 7700 E Arapahoe Road, Suite 230, Centennial, CO 80112 (877) 369-6122
Attorney File # 16-707127
The Attorney above is acting as a debt collector and is attempting to collect a debt. Any information provided may be used for that purpose.

COMBINED NOTICE - MAILING

CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 16-06

To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust: On April 7, 2016, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Rio Blanco records.
Original Grantor(s) Stephen Rowlett and Aimee Rowlett
Original Beneficiary(ies) Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., acting solely as nominee for Countrywide Home Loans, Inc. dba America's Wholesale Lender
Current Holder of Evidence of Debt LSF9 Master Participation Trust
Date of Deed of Trust June 14, 2007
County of Recording Rio Blanco
Recording Date of Deed of Trust June 15, 2007
Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/Page No.) 288908
Original Principal Amount \$417,000.00
Outstanding Principal Balance \$254,818.56

Pursuant to CRS §38-38-101(4)(i), you are hereby notified that the covenants of the deed of trust have been violated as follows: failure to pay principal and interest when due together with all other payments provided for in the evidence of debt secured by the deed of trust and other violations thereof.
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LOT 43, BLOCK 3 OF SAGE HILLS RESUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED APRIL 1, 1998 AS RECEPTION NO. 261792, TOWN OF MEEKER, COLORADO.
Also known by street and number as: 1312 Sage Ridge Road, Meeker, CO 81641.
THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUIMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED OF TRUST.

NOTICE OF SALE

THEREFORE, Notice Is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, 08/10/2016, at Office of the Public Trustee, Temporary Office, 1032 Jennifer Drive, Meeker CO 81641, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s)' heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.
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DATE: 04/08/2016
Karen Arnold, Public Trustee in and for the County of Rio Blanco, State of Colorado
By: Karen Arnold, Public Trustee
The name, address, business telephone number and bar registration number of the attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is:
Lisa Cancanon #42043 Monica Kadrms #34904
Barrett Frappier & Weisserman, LLP 1199 Bannock Street, Denver, CO 80204 (303) 350-3711
Attorney File # 3125.100140

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RADINO & CHUCKWAGON

Please call before 9:00 a.m. day of meal
878-5627 or 675-8112
Senior Citizen Nutrition Program
Meals served at noon.
Reservations appreciated.
Suggested Donation Over 60 - \$2.50. Under 60 - Guest Fee \$7.

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

Fri., June 24: Chicken sandwich, oven fries, coleslaw, sliced apples, cookie

Mon., June 27: Baked ham, broccoli & cauliflower, Harvard beans, Italian bread, fresh fruit

Tues., June 28: Cheesesteak, potato salad, coleslaw, pears

Wed., June 29: Baked chicken, mashed potatoes/gravy, peas & onions, cupcake

Fri., July 1: Sub sandwich, potato salad, peaches, cookie

****MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE****

Milk, Tea and Coffee are offered with all meals. Menu subject to change. Food Bank of the Rockies Mobile Food Pantry, Meeker Fairgrounds, June 23, Thursday, 11:00-12:30

AUCTIONS

LIZ BACKES ESTATE SALE

Complete Close-Out of Liz Backes Estate
826 2nd Street, Meeker, CO
All furnishings, appliances, cookware, fabulous decor, mirrors,

new Harley leathers, clothes galore, tools, yard supplies, snowblower, etc.

Fri, 6/24. Preview by appt. (970)846-9026
Sat, 6/25, 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Sun 6/26, 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. (1/2 price)
Exquisite Estate Sales, Auctions, Events and more.

YOUR SALE, AUCTION, or EVENT NEXT!

Moving Country Auction, Saturday, June 25th, 10:00 AM, 696 County Rd 22, Craig, CO (5 miles North of Craig)

35 HP tractor w/loader, fodder solutions seed to feed machine, 3 pt attachments, 330 T posts, JD riding mower, saddles & tack, feeders, scrap pipe, stock tanks, gelding, 3 registered miniature Hereford bulls, cattle chute, flatbed & 4 horse trailers, fuel tank on stand, hand & power tools, very nice clean household furniture of all kinds, very nice western art, tables & chairs, leather couch set, beds all clean, patio furniture, single livestock scale, Donna & Bill Shue moving. Very clean items.

Estate Auction, Sunday, June 26th, 10:00 AM, 1947 Wheatridge Dr., Craig, CO (3 miles South of Craig)
Suburban, Chevy S-10, Chevy Deluxe, hand & power tools, wood planes, hand drills, lots of electric wire, cinder blocks, torch set, welder, riding mower, 9 rifles, 2 pistols, 50 knives, fishing poles, etc., saddle, tack, tires & rims, scrap iron. Lots of antiques & collectibles of all kinds, cook stove, cast iron, tools, fishing poles, traps, yard art, 50 Tonka toys, 2 coat of arms, marbles, etc. Huge & large John Wayne & Dale Ernhart collections. Estate of Jon Jon Hall. For more info call Steve Claypoole, CP Auction Service, 970-260-5577. See web www.cpauction.com "Call us about a sale for you"

ELDER CARE SERVICES

Would like to provide in-home care service, Colorado certified CNA, to include light housekeeping. (970)620-0917.

LAWN & GARDEN

Emerald City Lawn Care
Lawn, Leaf, and Garden. Free Estimates. Insured (970) 220-2040

MISCELLANEOUS

I am Voting for Jeff Rector for Rio Blanco County Commissioner. Your Vote in the upcoming Primary for JEFF RECTOR would be very much appreciated. Thankyou.

ASK ABOUT OUR CNC MACHINING

Can't get a metal part? We can make all kinds of parts. We have CNC Machine equipment, lathe and tooling to do the job. Contact Phil at Family Automotive and Machine. (970)878-5606.

LOST & FOUND

Missing Verizon cell phone. Call 760-524-6176 or Contact Kay @ Rangely Camper Park.

YARD SALES

MEEKER: Holy Family Catholic Church, 9th & Park, Sat, 6/25, 7-11 AM. Assorted household, tools, etc. No early birds.

MEEKER: Wood Family Garage Sale, **July 2nd, 8 AM - 2 PM.** Alley behind 734 Water St. Lots of family heirlooms and stuff.

MEEKER: 940 Garfield, June 24-26, 8:00-3:00. Household, exercise equipment books, automotive, clothes, snowmobile gear, collectibles and lots more.

MEEKER: 788 Park Ave, June 25, 8:00-2:00. Lots of miscellaneous.

MEEKER: 7800 County Road 7 (Strawberry Creek), Friday, June 24 only, 8:00 - 6:00. Multi-family yard sale with something for everyone!

MEEKER: 775 11th Street, Saturday, June 25, 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Please see our Exquisite Auction & Estate Sale ad under "Auctions".

MEEKER: 843 County Road 6 (Little Beaver), Saturday, June 25, 8:00 a.m. To 2:00 p.m. Multi-family, lots of furniture, clothes, electronics, building materials..

HELP WANTED: GENERAL

RANGELY - Need person willing to cover town council meetings, school board meetings, and/or possible High School sports. Contact Sean at The Herald Times office. Phone: (970) 878-4017.

HELP WANTED: GENERAL



New and Used Salesman/Manager
All aspects of auto sales. Pay commensurate with experience. Email resumes/references to office@nwautogmc.net or call (970)878 5026 for more information.



Auto Technician needed, pay based on experience, send resume to office@nwautogmc.net or call 970-878-5026 for more information

Energetic people needed for the front of the house at Ma Familia Restaurant. Full-time and part-time positions available. Positions available immediately for qualified applicants. Pick up an application at 410 Market St., Meeker.

Rangely District Hospital has an opening in the Dietary Department for a cook. This is a Fulltime position working 40 hours per week. High school diploma or equivalent preferred but not required. Experience preferred or will train. Competitive benefits available.

Knowledge of cooking methods/procedures, including types of preparation and related routines. Must be able to stand 80% of the time. Must be able to reach 5 feet heights and 3 feet depths and be able to lift 50 pounds. Must be able to work evenings, weekends and shifts as assigned. If interested in this position, please contact Veronica Reeves, Dietary Director at 970-675-5011 ext. 161. You may apply online at www.rangelyhospital.com http://www.rangelyhospital.com/->. A complete job description and application are available in the Human Resources department at 225 Eagle Crest Drive, Rangely CO 81648.

Aviation Technology Instructor
Colorado Northwestern Community College, Rangely Campus, is seeking a full-time instructor in the Aviation Technology Program. Minimum requirements include on, including ALL REQUIREMENTS, and the application procedure, please visit our website at: www.cncc.edu/human-resources/employment-opportunities-2/ Review of applications will begin immediately. CNCC is an Equal Opportunity employer.

HELP WANTED: PT

The Rangely School District RE-4 has a part-time, possible full-time, custodial position open at this time; please refer to www.rangelyk12.org for information and application.

HELP WANTED: FT

Overton Recycling is looking for a laborer. Starting pay \$14.00 an hour. Pay increase based on experience and work ethic. Must have driver's license and clean driving record. Contact Lee @ (970)683-8219

Ranch Manager sought by Winslett Ranch, Inc. in Meeker, CO. Plan, direct and coordinates the management of a cattle ranch in an alpine setting including hay operations. Req's incl. 2 years experience as Ranch Manager, Ranch Hand or Ranch Worker; and in an alpine setting, working knowledge of all aspects of cattle handling, the swathing and baling of hay, the operation and repairing of heavy machinery, and using herbicides to counteract weeds or other pests. Available for on call for emergencies and background check required. Required to live at the employment site; employer provides free housing. Resume to: Winslett Ranch, Inc. c/o Beth Ann Parsons, 125 Locust St, Denver, CO 80220.

The Meeker Colorado Police Department is accepting applications for the position of Police Officer. Starting pay for the Officer position it is \$43,000 - \$47,000 per year depending on qualifications, plus full medical/family benefits, and an excellent retirement plan. Applicants must be Post Certified and have a valid Colorado driver's license, experience is preferred. Application deadline will be July 22, 2016 at 5:00 pm, accepted by mail, fax or email. For application/information call Kathleen at 970/878-4969 or 970/878-5344 Email kathy@town.meeker.co.us. AAEOE

RE: HOMES: MEEKER

FOR SALE: 14x70 mobile home on 2 acres, 4 miles west of Meeker, 3 BDR/1BA, cistem, (970)756-0718 or (970) 878-4629.

FSBO: 4BDR/2BA, 2000 sq ft. Nice location. Auto sprinkler, all appl & extras. 871 10th St. \$230,000. 970-629-0151

Motivated Seller Great Home for \$150,000 1718 SF, 3 Bdrm, 1 Bath, Huge F.R. w/stone hearth, pellet stove; 2 storage sheds Lrg. Lot Make Offer VIP Investments (970) 625-3992

1307 Sage Ridge Rd, 1756 sf, 3 bed, 2 bath, log home. Great yard, gardens, views. Many updates. 970-878-9968. www.zillow.com

PIONEERS MEDICAL CENTER

A community oriented medical center with high patient standards, is hiring for the following positions:

- PRN:**
- Patient Care Technician
 - RN - Acute/ED
 - RN - LTC
 - LPN - LTC
 - Certified Nursing Assistant - Wing

- FULL-TIME (eligible for sign-on bonus & benefits):**
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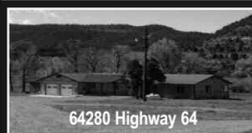
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- ◆ 642 Cleveland - 2996 SF, 5 bdrm home, large corner lot **\$225,000**
- ◆ 939 Strawberry Patch, 12.4 acres, 3bd,2ba home, 2 car garage **\$199,900**
- ◆ 1361 Robert St. - 4bd, 2 ba, very motivated **\$193,000**
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