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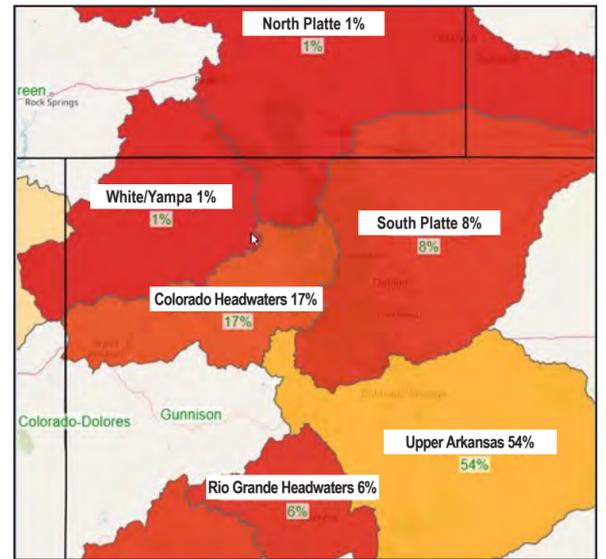
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OIL SPRINGS FIRE ...



High temperatures, extremely dry conditions, and wind have contributed to the growth of the lightning-caused Oil Springs Fire south of Rangely to more than 7,000 acres, prompting evacuations and multiple road closures, including the closure of Highway 139 — Douglas Pass. In response to fire activity and current conditions, including the possibility of additional lightning and gusty winds through Saturday, the Rio Blanco County Sheriff's Office will implement Stage 2 Fire Restrictions beginning Friday, June 25. Multiple large fires regionally and nationwide have made it difficult to access requested resources — additional crews and equipment — for full fire suppression thus far. A Type 3 incident team is working the fire along with BLM crews.

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The above map shows the snowpack water equivalent today versus 1981-2010 median.

River flow near record low

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RBC I "Every organization needs a Cassandra and an Eeyore, and I'm it," is how Dr. Bob Dorsett pre-empted his presentation to the White River Alliance last week. He discussed conditions on the White River, covering subjects like snowpack, streamflow projections, long term precipitation trends and algae blooms.

Dr. Dorsett painted a picture he described as "grim" and "dismal" for the summer of 2021 and continuing "for the foreseeable future," based on a few key points:

- runoff is very low
- algae is already beginning to bloom in the White River
- there are early signs of stress to fish due to low flows and high temperatures
- the projected long term trends are "not hopeful"

STREAM FLOWS/RUNOFF

The White River is running well below the 25th percentile for this time of year, and has been for virtually all of 2021. Dorsett pointed out that even prior to the noted recent flow trends, flows were still "barely above" the 25th percentile, lining up with a much longer trend of increasing temperatures and decreased precipitation/snowpack/runoff.

"We have two years [of] water flow now since the big 2019 runoff,

where the flow in the White River has been towards record lows," said Dorsett. As of Tuesday, June 22, the river discharge measured at 425 cubic feet per second (CFS) near Elk Creek. From 2014 through 2020, measurements at the same location averaged around 1,636 CFS on the same date. The river peaked this year on June 5 at 1,290 CFS, compared to the average peak of around 1,884 CFS from 2014-2020, years in which for the most part also saw below-average flows, apart from 2019 when the river peaked at 4,660 CFS.

Near term streamflow projections are not looking so good either. NRCS snotel sites report remaining snowpack in the White/Yampa River drainage at around 1% of the historical median for this time of year. Snowpack in nearby basins isn't much better, with the South Platte at 8%, Colorado headwaters at 17%, and Rio Grande headwaters at 6% of the historical median. The Upper Arkansas basin is faring the best amid the drought, at 54% of the historical median.

STREAM TEMPERATURES

The White River near Meeker on June 13 measured around 63 degrees Fahrenheit, which Dr. Dorsett said was "within a couple degrees of stopping growth

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RBC enters Stage 2 restrictions Friday

By HT STAFF
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In response to fire activity and current conditions, including the possibility of additional lightning and gusty winds through Saturday, the Rio

Blanco County Sheriff's Office has announced the implementation of Stage 2 Fire Restrictions beginning Friday, June 25.

As of press time Wednesday, firefighters were prioritizing securing a containment line around a 37-acre spot fire between East Douglas Creek and Willow Creek and keeping the fire on the west side of the highway.

Multiple large fires regionally and nationwide have made it difficult to access requested resources — additional crews and equipment — for full fire suppression thus far. A Type 3 incident team is working the fire along with BLM crews.

Road Closures: Highway 139, County Road 23 and County Road 113 intersection, County Road 122 at mile marker 10.

Evacuations: County Road 116, County Road 27, County Road 28, County Road 120, County Road 26A, County Road 103 and County Road 128.

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with a current permit, contract or letter of authorization).

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- a. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service Standard 5100-1a;
- b. or Appropriate Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) recommended practice J335 (b) and J350 (a).

EXEMPTIONS:

- A. Persons with a written permit that specifically authorizes the otherwise prohibited act.
- B. Any Federal, State, or local officer or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty. This order becomes effective at 12:01 a.m., June 25, 2021, and will remain until rescinded.

Recall update: County to release recordings, hire firm for investigation

By LUCAS TURNER
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RBC I In response to legal counsel from Rio Blanco County contract attorney Todd Starr, RBC commissioners and staff convened a special meeting on June 23 to discuss the handling and/or release of particular executive sessions and hostile work environment claims, and authorization to act on either matter as directed. Commissioner Ty Gates attended the meeting in person along with the county legal assistant Vicky Edwards and other staff. Commissioner Jeff Rector,

contract attorney Todd Starr and county attorney Don Steerman attended the meeting by phone. Commissioner Gary Moyer was excluded from both the meeting and communications about it, due to what Starr described as a "direct conflict of interest." Other meeting attendees included both proponents and opponents of the recall effort against Moyer.

MOTIONS

By the end of the meeting commissioners Ty Gates and Jeff Rector approved two motions, the first of which was to authorize the release of all prior executive session recordings involving Dave

Morlan and RBC road and bridge employee Roy Gilbert by declaring them as "open sessions." The same motion also authorized the release of Morlan's personnel file, pending a waiver from Morlan.

The second motion authorized contract attorney Todd Starr "to procure an independent firm to investigate claims of a hostile work environment," though Starr noted he would let the board know an estimated cost before moving forward with any investigation.

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

The majority of Wednesday's special meeting involved discussion about executive sessions, and

claims by former RBC employees of a "hostile work environment." On executive sessions, Starr spoke about the increase in sessions over the last two and half years. RBC commissioners have convened a total of 35 executive sessions from the beginning of 2019 through the present, with 18 of those occurring in 2020. From 2017-18 RBC commissioners held one executive session total.

Starr said he agreed "there were a large number of executive sessions," but asserted that the increase was justified, and noted that the number of meetings "doesn't matter" as long as they

were convened properly and discussion in meetings was limited to the reason the meeting was called, as allowed by state statute. On the subject of executive sessions specifically involving Dave Morlan, Starr advised that any meetings also recorded by Morlan should be declared by the BOCC as having been not convened in strict compliance with state statutes, and thus subject to open meeting laws.

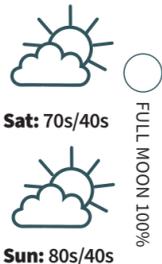
THIRD PARTY INVESTIGATION

Starr advised that multiple, public claims of a "hostile work environment" from former county

employees could open the county to liability if not properly investigated, hence his recommendation to hire an independent firm. He said such an investigation would be costly, potentially upwards of \$10,000. Normally an expenditure of that size would require a request for proposal (RFP) but Starr advised an RFP could be bypassed and the process expedited if he procures the firm through his law firm. An expenditure of \$10,000, if approved by the BOCC, would represent about 1% of the county's average monthly expenditures.

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COUNTY BEAT

County to address Mormon cricket problem

By NIKI TURNER
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RBC | ERBM Rec District summer camp students visited the Rio Blanco County Courthouse Tuesday during the commissioners' work sessions and meeting and had pictures taken with the commissioners.

During work sessions, Weed and Pest Control Director Jane Turnburke told the commissioners this year's outbreak of Mormon crickets is well underway. "They're already laying their eggs," Turnburke said.

In Moffat County, pesticides

have been placed along the roadsides to stop the insects from migrating.

Commissioner Rector, attending by phone, said the goal this year should be to help the landowners protect their crops. "They're full adults, they're already laying eggs and banded up," he said. "This is mostly just for the ag community to keep their crops intact. Hay will be a premium this year."

In the regular meeting, the board approved emergency funds of up to \$10,000 to buy pesticides, which should be delivered by the end of the week. Landowners impacted can contact Turnburke at

(970) 878-9670 for more information about the pesticides.

In a work session with facilities project coordinator Eric Jaquez, the board responded to a request from the fair board to improve an inadequate power supply at the fairgrounds. Funding the improvements would require use of contingency funds or reallocation of another project, or using emergency funding.

Commissioner Gates suggested there are other options available to fair participants, including bringing their own trailers and generators.

Jaquez also requested further direction about the airport outflow

project to address water issues. Jaquez said the engineering firm he spoke to estimated \$11,000 for the project. Commissioner Moyer suggested using "local expertise" such as contacting NRCS (Natural Resources Conservation Service) to see if they can provide information at no charge.

In other business:

■ The board heard the annual financial audit from Paul Miller.

■ Approved the solid waste landfill certification.

■ Discussed the camping management concessionaire agreement. The initial bid was declined by Rimrock Campground because it

required the provider to supply their own insurance. Camping at the fairgrounds is considered "overflow" camping during events when other campgrounds in the area are full.

■ Denied emergency funding for fireworks shows as those are not "unforeseen" events, as well as funding for Range Call and Septemberfest from that same emergency fund. The board intends to use alternative funding mechanisms to support Range Call and Septemberfest.

■ Denied a waiver of fees for multiple internet services at one address because it would create a precedent and is in violation of the

current contract.

■ Approved airport grants to address pavement maintenance at both airports and the Meeker airport master plan.

Approved round two of federal funding for public health related to COVID expenses that extends funding to 2023.

■ Approved a contract modification with United Companies increasing the chip seal contract by \$2,532 to add the airport parking lot to the project. The overall project is approximately \$694,000. The additional cost can be allocated from airport COVID funding.

WATER: algae growth could stress fish populations due to oxygen levels in water

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in brook trout," noting that other species including brown/rainbow trout and white fish are more temperature tolerant. "But we're approaching temperatures in the river already this summer that will stress fish," said Dorsett.

Looking at data through 2020, mean daily temps in August and January at Trappers Lake are pushing 9 degrees Fahrenheit warmer compared to mean daily tempera-

tures 35 years ago in August 1986. Burrow Mountain and Ripple Creek SNOTEL sites show the same temperature trends.

Increasing temperatures correlate with "significant downward trends" of cumulative precipitation on the flats. "We've lost about 50,000 acre feet [of] total yearly runoff from 100 years ago," said Dr. Dorsett.

ALGAE

Algal growth has also been

observed in the White River, including "about 10 percent coverage" near County Road 14 according to one White River Alliance member, who also described it as "more visible than any other time since 2018," another year with very low stream flows. Dorsett noted that high oxygen saturation levels, which were also measured June 13, also indicate significant activity from algae in the river. The normal range for oxygen saturation is around 84%. He said algae was

"going to town" pumping oxygen into the river, which is good during the daytime but has a negative effect at night time as the algae reverses its metabolism and sucks oxygen out of the water. Dorsett added that he had not taken nighttime measurements yet, but said oxygen saturation levels in the past have dropped low enough to stress fish populations.

CLIMATE WHIPLASH

On a broader and more long term scale, the country's southwest is predicted to see an "enormous shift" in vegetative zones by the end of the century. Temperatures are expected to increase by 10 degrees centigrade minimum.

Dorsett took time to comment specifically on a common point he hears when discussing both historic and projected climate trends, for example that "we've seen this before," or that this is "just an unusual year," part of a broader narrative that recent/current conditions are part of a natural cycle, and thus nothing to be concerned about.

"I would come back to these trends that we're seeing in temperature, snowpack, precipitation and runoff," he said. "We are on a long downward trend historically, even though there is considerable year-to-year variability."

Dorsett spoke further about

noted "variability" specifically in precipitation trends most recently observed during the 2018-2019 winter season. "The hope is that the variability will dump a whole lot of moisture occasionally from time to time," he said, describing the phenomenon as a "bifurcation." He said the term means as temperatures increase and overall precipitation levels continue to trend downward, occasional

"enormous storms" like hurricane Harvey and other recent weather events could result in sudden, massive precipitation increases in specific years.

"On the other hand, in off years, we will see really, really bad drought," he said, adding that worsening drought would continue in the long term despite potential increase in intermittent major weather events.



Algae is visible on the substrate of the White River. This photo was taken near Sleepy Cat Ranch on June 10.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Piceance Mustangs barbecue June 26

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Fourth of July parade entries due June 30

MEEKER | Enter the July 4 parade! Anyone can enter the parade – whether you are an individual, an organization, a business, or a vehicle with a message! Just fill out the form and send it to the Chamber of Commerce by June 30. It's free! Call the Chamber for an entry form (970) 878-5510 or visit: <https://meekerchamber.com/july-4th-downtown-events/>
The theme of the 2021 parade is "Honky Tonk Round-up." The annual parade is hosted by the Meeker Chamber of Commerce and is held downtown Meeker on July 4 on Main Street starting at 10 a.m.

Class of 1961 reunion July 3

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

Library book club meeting July 12

MEEKER | The Meeker Library book club will be reading "Anxious People" by Fredrik Backman. We will discuss the book on Monday, July 12 at 1 p.m. at the library. All are welcome to join in the fun.

Meeker Hopewest upcoming events

MEEKER | With this Fourth of July quickly approaching, Meeker HopeWest would like to invite all current and past volunteers who have helped in any way, be it with patients, youth grief groups, horse camp, helping with the annual gala or fundraisers, to walk with us in the Fourth of July parade. HopeWest would also like to extend the invitation to anyone HopeWest has helped. You can walk with a poster or bring your ATV, whatever you would like.
On Sept. 25 we will be hosting a Cornhole Tournament fundraiser. This will act as this year's gala so if you are interested in being a team sponsor or being a team let us know. A silent auction, food vendors, prizes, and music are to follow. More details along with a time will be coming soon.
Contact Solveig Olson at 970-878-9383 or solson@hopewest-co.org if you would like to join us in the parade or would like more information about the cornhole tournament.

Court strikes down P.A.U.S.E. Act 7-0

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RBC I In a 7-0 unanimous vote, the Colorado Supreme Court ruled against Initiative 16 on the basis that it did not meet the single subject requirements for a citizen ballot initiative.

The PAUSE initiative, (Protect Animals from Unnecessary Suffering and Exploitation) was widely opposed by the agriculture industry and by veterinarians as it would have criminalized many commonly accepted animal care practices and banned livestock slaughter of animals younger than one-quarter of their anticipated lifetime.

Coloradans for Animal Care, a coalition of state agriculture leaders and organizations, appealed to the Colorado Supreme Court after losing a challenge with the Title Board. Citizen initiatives are required by law to include a "single subject," and the state Supreme Court determined Initiative 16 violated that requirement.

"The Colorado Cattlemen's

Association appreciates and agrees with the Supreme Court's ruling that Initiative 16 covered multiple subjects and should not advance to the ballot," says Janie VanWinkle, president of the Colorado Cattlemen's Association stated in a press release. "We appreciate the coalition and statewide support in opposing this measure. It would take away consumer choice and in the process hurt our environment, economy and the very animals the proponents claimed they wanted to protect."

"The Colorado Wool Growers Association would like to thank our members and allied organizations at Coloradans for Animal Care that made this successful legal challenge possible," said Bonnie Brown, executive director of the Colorado Woolgrowers Association, in a press release. "Colorado's farmers and ranchers produce high-quality food and fiber, and will continue to adhere to best management practices to provide humane care for our animals."

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TANK SOLSTICE ...



The Tank Center for Sonic Arts Executive Director James Paul (left) pictured with Los Angeles-based composer, songwriter, violinist, and board of director member Joshua Hill (right) during the Solstice Festival in the Tank's recording studio. The festival featured modular synth legend Todd Barton on Saturday, June 19 and Slow Beethoven, a walk-through installation of a slowed down and electronically stretched movement from a late Beethoven string quartet on Sunday, June 20.

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With responsibility comes accountability

By HT STAFF
Special to the Herald Times

We learned this week of the death of our former newspaper delivery person, Paula Maguire. Paula delivered the Herald Times and helped with distribution of our annual hunting guide for many years. She was also a rural mail carrier for the postal service.

Originally from the East Coast, she often mentioned how much she loved the mountain scenery and the wildlife she saw on her routes. She passed away on Monday, during her mail route upriver. Godspeed, Paula. May your next journey be filled with great music, scenic vistas, and lots of beautiful creatures.

Yes, we're all sick and tired of conflict, drama, upheaval, partisan politics, voter intimidation tactics, secret illegal meetings, questionable executive sessions, lame excuses, interpersonal noise and decades-old grudges. But being tired of something, or wanting to avoid controversy, doesn't mean it's OK to ignore problems and hope it goes away.

We've been waving the red flag about Sunshine Law violations, transparency issues, bizarre policy decisions, and the like for quite some time. At least since January 2019. If we didn't, we wouldn't be doing our job. It's entirely possible we haven't waved that red flag quite high enough, or made enough noise about it all.

We've realized a majority of citizens — including the ones working on the taxpayers' dime — are often ill-informed about how boards, budgets, meetings, executive sessions, personnel matters, public notices or elections are handled. Employees don't know their rights and officials don't know their limits. That leaves everyone dependent on their lawyers for guidance, which comes with quite a price tag.

In a small pond, it's incredibly easy to make all these conflicts personal, particularly when everyone devolves to churlish behavior in the comment section (and how easy it is to fall into that trap, particularly late at night after a stiff drink or three), and occasionally, with that kind of bad behavior, it does get personal. But that's not

the real issue at hand.

The issue is this: with authority comes corresponding responsibility, and with responsibility comes accountability. The greater the authority, the greater the need for accountability.

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On a similar note, while we do take pride in our journalistic ethics and the legacy of the longstanding community institution we now own and operate, readers should be aware that our word is not the be-all end-all on any matter. The conclusions you come to will always be your own, and thus separating fact from fiction will always hinge on your ability to understand, and engage with the information presented to you, no matter where it comes from.

WRITERS ON THE RANGE



COURTESY PHOTO
Fruit farmer Jamie Jacobson with his daughter Jodie in 1979 looks back 50 years to a time when there was of plenty of water and even flooding. Now, his irrigation ditch will go dry at the end of June, and he's facing severe orchard losses.

Looking back to when water was plentiful

By DAVE MARSTON
Special to the Herald Times

RBC I During his 50 years in rural western Colorado, Jamie Jacobson has seen a lot of flooding. While caretaking a farm in 1974, Jacobson watched three acres of its riverfront float away. More recently, it's been drought, and then worse drought.

Jacobson farms on Lamborn Mesa, perched above Paonia, population 1,500. He keeps his orchard of peaches, nectarines and cherries alive thanks to the Minnesota Canal that serves 170 customers.

The ditch is nine miles long and carries water from the snowpack that's accumulated around 12,725-foot-high Mt. Gunnison. This mountain of many ridges used to hold water like a sponge, but snowfall has been light year after year, and the ground sucks up a lot of the melting snow.

"Back in the 1970s it was different," says Jacobson, who moved from New York where he started his career as a cameraman on film shoots. "Paonia was snow-covered in winter, and when the melt came, the river tore at its banks. One of my first jobs was using machinery to stuff boulders into junked cars and then cabling them to the riverbank. Now it's scary because of water that isn't there."

This summer, Jacobson's ditch rider told him irrigation water would run out by the end of June. "That would have been unthinkable decades ago," Jacobson says. But the canal's two reservoirs have filled only one year out of the last four. "In the old days, daily highs in summers were in the 80s," Jacobson says. "Last May it got really warm, and in June this year the temperature is hitting 100 degrees."

So it's not surprising that his orchard is suffering. "My trees are stressed, and some I've had to let go. I've lost a great deal," he says flatly.

But Jacobson, 75, remains resilient and upbeat, though he was diagnosed with arthritis at age 10 and has suffered from back pain all his life. He even underwent a kidney transplant from a friend three years ago.

Now getting around in a wheelchair, he still hopes to fly in his ultralight — equipped with a parachute. During the 1970s, he enjoyed a moment of fame when he turned 20,000 gallons of spoiled apple cider into alcohol that substituted for gasoline.

"Coal company execs visiting their mines around Paonia all wanted to try out my alcohol-fueled car," he recalls. "We

had some great joyrides on moonshine."

Jacobson's ditch company was founded in 1893 by farmers and ranchers who knew they had to import water to make the semi-desert land valuable.

"They dug those ditches with hand labor and mule scrapers and built the canals incrementally," says Western historian George Sibley. "You either bought in with money or sweat equity, enlarging the canals as neighbors down the ditch bought in." It's a similar story throughout the Western states, moving water from mountains through a system of prior appropriation — first to put water to work, first to claim it.

For example, Southern Idaho, in the grip of extreme drought, is braced for prior appropriation cutbacks. Junior water users in the Wood River Valley who pump water from wells have been notified that their water might be shut off early this summer. Meanwhile New Mexico's ancient system utilizes a water master or mayordomo to administer cutbacks. And if one state knows drought, it's Nevada, where Las Vegas sends most of its sewage-treated water back to where it came from — Lake Mead.

The water flowing through piped canals or open ditches into Paonia and its mesas was never meant to stick around. Farmers who flood-irrigate use roughly 20 percent of the water on their land. Eventually, that water may be reused by farmers and homeowners as much as seven times before crossing into Utah as part of the Colorado River.

These days, a lot less water ever gets there. The river's two big reservoirs, Lake Powell and Lake Mead, are only about 35 percent full, and river managers in the seven states that rely on the Colorado are trying to figure out how to cope. It's a daunting prospect, squeezing out water in the midst of a drying climate.

Meanwhile, Jacobson looks at his diminished orchard and hopes he'll have enough fruit for the people who came last summer. They brought their own baskets and wandered the orchard to pick what they wanted.

"People had a good time, and at \$1.50 per pound we sold out the crop last year," Jacobson says. "If we go down this year, we'll do it in style."

Dave Marston is the publisher of *Writers on the Range*, writersontherange.org, an independent nonprofit dedicated to spurring lively conversation about the West. He owns land with shares in Minnesota Canal.



Dave Marston

"If once the people become inattentive to the public affairs, you and I, and Congress and Assemblies, Judges and Governors, shall all become wolves. It seems to be the law of our general nature, in spite of individual exceptions."

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KAYE'S CORNER

'Broke down'

By KAYE SULLIVAN
Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER I When equipment didn't function on the ranch, my father-in-law would call it "broke down." Being a teacher of grammar, I always wanted to say, "broken" but the message is clear either way. Something ain't working.

If Joe Sullivan, a master mechanic, and a life-long fixer of about everything was "broke down," it was serious stuff. He could repair anything, large or small.

Fast forward to our 2021 vacation and we are "broke down." Our ever-faithful Tahoe, after enduring too many miles, whined, spit out smoke, and essentially quit.

Since we are camped near a town about the size of Meeker, we drove 40 miles north to investigate more options. The auto repair folks are overwhelmed as America takes to the roads again with apparently many auto issues.

But we found a good 'ole Italian-accented guy who is a transmission expert. This is what he does every day and the online reviews were overwhelmingly positive. He told us he was booked for a month out but given our sob story would try to work us in earlier.

Although it would be fun to stay on the Oregon coast for several weeks, we can't do that. We investigated rental trucks but finding something that can pull our trailer was a challenge. Campgrounds everywhere are already booked to the hilt, so we couldn't move closer to the hoped-for repair place.

After several hours of researching auto repairs, campgrounds, rental cars, and finally lunch options, we drove the Tahoe back to the competent Italian guy, arranged a quick as possible repair, walked down the road to a restaurant, hailed a cab, rented a tiny car, and returned to our campsite.

At the end of the day, we were exhausted but survivors of "broke

down". The sun is shining in our campsite, we enjoyed an excellent home cooked meal, and have more adventures to look forward to tomorrow.

The shiny side of "broke down" is all the kind strangers who help you with practical information, advice, and assistance. As we investigated our options, many of our "trail angels" didn't make a penny from our woes, but they helped anyway.

One pointed out we could have friends Fed Ex us our prescription meds as we didn't bring a sufficient supply for three or four weeks but have plenty at home. Done, thanks to great Meeker friends! Fed Ex even delivers to camp sites! (Well, for a price, of course.) Who knew?

The campground host extended our stay in the same place, since now we can't move the trailer. Then when the gray water needed dumping, they loaned us a portable disposal tank. Trees provide barriers between every camp site, laundry facilities exist, and it is very peaceful in camp.

With our tiny rental car, we go sight-seeing every day and have discovered many beautiful coastal sites, lots of sand dunes, and even some seals. Some days we dine in restaurants to enjoy the local seafood and take a break from tiny 160 square foot trailer living.

As our days here linger, we were thrilled to have a visit from our son, daughter-in-law and two grandkids. Even better, it was Father's Day, so we rejoiced together over the weekend. This was a bonus visit following a previous three-day camping outing together.

While writing, I don't know the end of this story and we don't know when the repairs will be done. But we carry on and hope for a happy ending.

P.S. When internet connections permit and wind or rain drive me inside, I keep writing thus some articles written on the road!



Kaye Sullivan

WRITERS ON THE RANGE

What do we owe wildland firefighters?

By JONATHON GOLDEN
Special to the Herald Times

RBC I "It's like having gasoline out there," said Brian Steinhardt, forest fire zone manager for Prescott and Coconino national forests in Arizona, in a recent AP story about the increasingly fire-prone West.

Now something else is happening — and at the worst possible time.

Federal firefighters are leaving the workforce and taking their training and experience with them. The inability of federal agencies to offer competitive pay and benefits is creating hundreds of wildland firefighting vacancies.

Vacancies, of course, limit how much federal firefighters can do. If Western communities want to be protected, they need to ensure that their firefighters receive better pay and benefits.

In my 11 years of work as a wildland firefighter, I've managed aircraft, trained people and run fires myself, but I also did outreach and recruitment for the Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management. I know how hard it is for hiring managers to make 2,000 hours of grueling work, crammed into six exhausting months, sound appealing when the pay is \$13.45/hour. The pay doesn't come close to matching the true demands or everyday dangers of the job.

Federal wildland firefighters, by necessity, are transient workers. During the fire season — now nearly year-round — they must be available to travel anywhere in the United States at any time. And to advance in their career, they have to move to other federal duty stations to gain more qualifications.

Finding affordable housing has always been a problem for career firefighters on a federal salary. To make matters worse, federal agencies revoked the "Transfer of Station" stipend for career employees, which helped offset the cost of moving. Just recently, a national forest supervisor also revoked a "boot stipend." It might sound minor, but it isn't: When you're in the firefighting business, boots tough enough to save your life can easily cost you \$500.

Some states aren't relying on the government to act quickly. "We aren't just waiting for the next crisis to hit," said California Gov. Gavin Newsom, in establishing an \$80.74 million Emergency Fund that delivers an additional 1,256 seasonal firefighters to boost CALFIRE's ranks. This Emergency Fund is in addition to the governor's \$1 billion budget request for California's Wildfire and Forest Resilience Action Plan.

In Washington, state legislators unanimously passed a \$125 million package that will enable the state's Natural Resources

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~ Jonathon Golden

Department to hire 100 more firefighters. The legislation furthers the state's efforts to restore forest health and creates a \$25 million fund to ensure community preparedness around the state.

Utah's House Bill 65, recently signed into law, appropriates money to help Utah's communities offset the cost of wildfire suppression. Most importantly, it commissions a study to evaluate the current pay plan for firefighters within Utah's Natural Resources Department.

The bill's sponsor, Rep. Casey Snider, was amazed to learn that frontline wildland firefighters make more money at McDonald's: "These positions are critical," he said. "They are

the first ones on fires." This year, Utah has already had five times the number of wildfires it normally experiences in a year.

And firefighters are organizing and speaking up. The Grassroots Wildland Firefighters is working to halt the exodus of firefighters from federal agencies by advocating for pay parity with state and local fire protection agencies. The group also supports initiatives to assist the physical and mental health of firefighters and their families. The statistics they highlight are shocking: Wildland firefighters have a suicide rate 30 times higher than the average. They also experience high incidences of cardiovascular disease and lung cancer.

There is talk on the federal level of creating a permanent, year-round firefighting workforce. I think this is a necessary step, but it won't fix the workforce capacity issue unless increased pay and benefits are used to encourage the recruitment and retention of federal firefighters.

We all know that today's wildfires are longer, more damaging and more frequent than ever before. We also know that men and women are putting their lives on the line for less than they'd earn at a McDonald's.

Our firefighters do all this to protect our lives, our forests and our communities. We owe them at least a living wage and a chance for a healthy life. I hope more states and legislators will start paying attention. This is a debt that needs to be paid.

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Jonathon Golden

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Thanks for help, volunteer support

Dear Editor:

At the Meeker Golf Course this week with record hot temperatures, we recently had a pipe burst on the golf course that limited our ability to water the course in its entirety, and in these current conditions that means trouble as we are all aware. Local general contractors, Berry Brothers, have had a long relationship with our golf course and have donated much-needed equipment that is not affordable to us, and more importantly their time. Dillon Berry received a last-minute and frantic call from us this week

about our dire situation and trailed out a backhoe to the course and helped excavate the damaged pipe to allow us to repair it and then resuming watering on his own time. The Golf Association is indebted to Berry Brothers and their constant and generous support. I for one would like to thank them and all of the local volunteers that help out and support our outstanding Course Manager Becky Ridings to provide Rio Blanco County with a wonderful golf course. This is a prime example and testament to our community.

Kyle Hookes
Rio Blanco Golf Association

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CONSERVATION CORNER

Conservation Planning

Every landowner has their own natural resource concerns. The USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is a resource for helping farmers, ranchers, and forestland owners reach their land use and conservation goals. Whether you rent or own your land, a conservation plan is critical to maintain and improve productivity. Conservation plans are roadmaps for improving your operation while conserving natural resources. They provide proven strategies that landowners can use to solve identified natural resource concerns and take advantage of conservation opportunities.

A conservation plan is valuable and one of the best tools around to help landowners assess and inventory their resources. NRCS can recommend a suite of conservation practices and strategies to help producers make the right decisions for their operation. The first step in receiving NRCS assistance should be the development of a Conservation Plan. The NRCS provides this service at no cost to the landowner.

An NRCS conservation plan includes:

- Operator/landowner objectives
 - Aerial photographs or a diagram of the fields
 - Soils map and soil descriptions
 - Resources inventory data which can include forage, crop production potential, or livestock carry capacity
 - List of treatment decisions
 - Location and schedule for applying conservation practices and systems
 - Plan of operation and maintenance of conservation practices and systems
- Important benefits of having a conservation plan include:
- Identification of immediate and potential problems that may result in the degrading of resources and the decrease in productivity
 - Compliance with environment regulations
 - Establishment of reasonable schedules for applying needed conservation practices that fit individual landowner's timetable and resources

Colorado farmers, ranchers, and forest landowners are encouraged to sign up before the July 23rd cutoff date. Contact your local NRCS field office at 970-878-5628 or visit the NRCS website by scanning the QR code to complete the online Conservation Plan Request today!



The Fourth Commandment: The Law Concerning Time (2)

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



Dr. J.D. Watson

As noted last time in the Old Testament commandment, while it is true that this is the only command of the Moral Law that is not restated in the New Testament (e.g., Rom. 2:15), it is equally true that we should still live in the *spirit* of this law even though we do not live by the *letter* of it.

The New Testament Counterpart

Here is where debates have sadly arisen. While there are some sincere believers who insist that the Sabbath is still in force and binding today, that is simply not so. Yes, there are 60 occurrences of the word **Sabbath** (*sabbaton*) in the New Testament, but all except one are in the Gospels and Acts and are used as historical reference only, that is, something that occurred on a Sabbath day (e.g., Mk. 1:21). The *only* occurrence in the Epistles then is actually a *rebuke* of man-made religious traditions (Col. 2:16). It is beyond any doubt whatsoever that the Sabbath is not in force in the New Testament.

Neither do we need a *prescribed* "day of rest" as Hebrews 4:1-11 wonderfully demonstrates, where we read of the perfect rest provided by the finished work of Christ. As we have seen, the primary purpose of the Sabbath was not *rest* but *remembrance*. This is the real issue. Since we no longer are under the Sabbath, do we, therefore, conclude that a time of remembrance is no longer important? God forbid! While the *letter* of the Law (the Sabbath) is no longer in force, the *spirit* of that Law remains just as strong. The first day of the week, the day of our Lord's resurrection, inarguably became the Church's day for public worship (Jn. 20:19; Acts 20:7;

1 Cor. 16:2, Rev. 1:10).

Some sincere, well-meaning "Sabbath keepers" insist that Sunday did not become the day of worship until Constantine decreed it in the fourth century, but that is a historical blunder. Up until his time, Christianity was an illegal religion. His decree simply made it legal and recognized Sunday as the day Christians had always worshipped and allowed churches to be built. In other words, the decree did not *make* Sunday the day of worship, rather it *recognized* it as the day of worship for Christians. How do we know this? Writing in the *second* century, early church fathers Justin Martyr, Barnabas, and Ignatius all verify the Lord's Day as the day of worship.

Oh, what a fulfillment the Lord's Day is! Think of this: in the old economy, they worked *toward* their Holy Day; in the new we work *from* ours. And that day is not for *work*, much less one for *worldliness*, rather one for *worship*. In his exposition of the Ten Commandments, Puritan Ezekiel Hopkins wrote of the Lord's Day: "God sanctifies it by *consecration*, we sanctify it by *devotion*. He hath set it apart for His worship; and, on it, we ought to set *ourselves* apart for His worship." That leads us to our third principle.

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ANNUAL FISH FRY ...



Area residents enjoyed the return of the annual White River Community Club fish fry June 12 at the Buford School. Proceeds from the fundraiser, which includes deep-fried whitefish from the White River and all the accompanying side dishes, go toward continued maintenance and improvements at the historic schoolhouse. Minewa Bell Roosevelt donated the schoolhouse to the White River Community in 1953 in memory of her father, Alfonso Bell. The building was placed on the state historical register in 2006.

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It's Showtime Report

By **MONTEY FRANKLIN**
Special to the Herald Times

RBC I The It's Showtime Livestock club meeting began with Cambree, Mollee, and Miles leading us in our pledges, and soon after we got straight to business. We carried out the icebreaker, and soon after Tatum Kennedy read the secretary report, Hayden Shults informed us on the treasurer's report, and Klayton and Teagan did the county council report (well, all that they could remember).

Important upcoming dates are the poultry

weigh in on June 27, animal ID for poultry, rabbit and all breeding projects June 30, county change of ownership on June 30, DNA kits due for state fair on July 1, and finally July 15 is fair entry deadline. Stall sign-up is in the office for fair. Keep our leaders posted if you need any help on record books as well!!

Upcoming jackpots include the June Classic on June 19 in Hotchkiss and the Moffat County Jackpot in Craig for all species on June 20.

To finish off the meeting, Miles Franklin and Davin Rust carried out their demonstrations. Next meeting is Monday, July 12 at 6:30 p.m.

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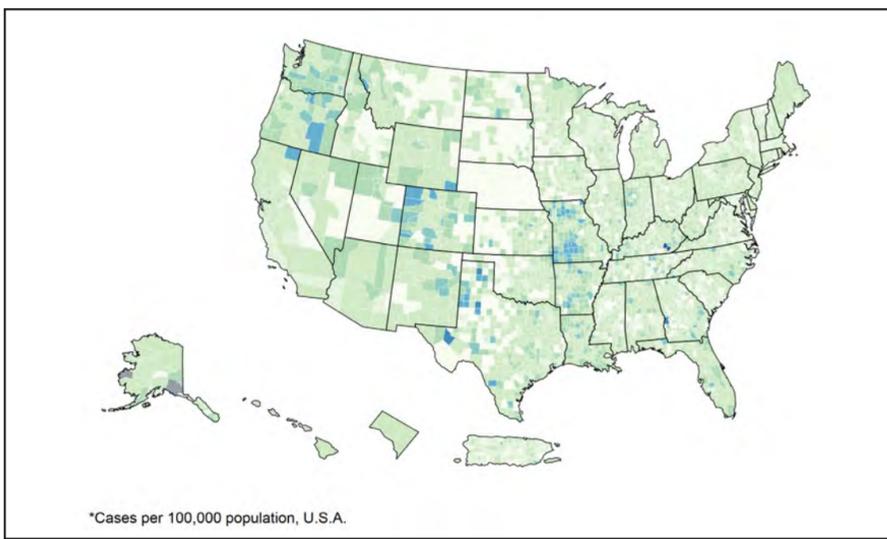
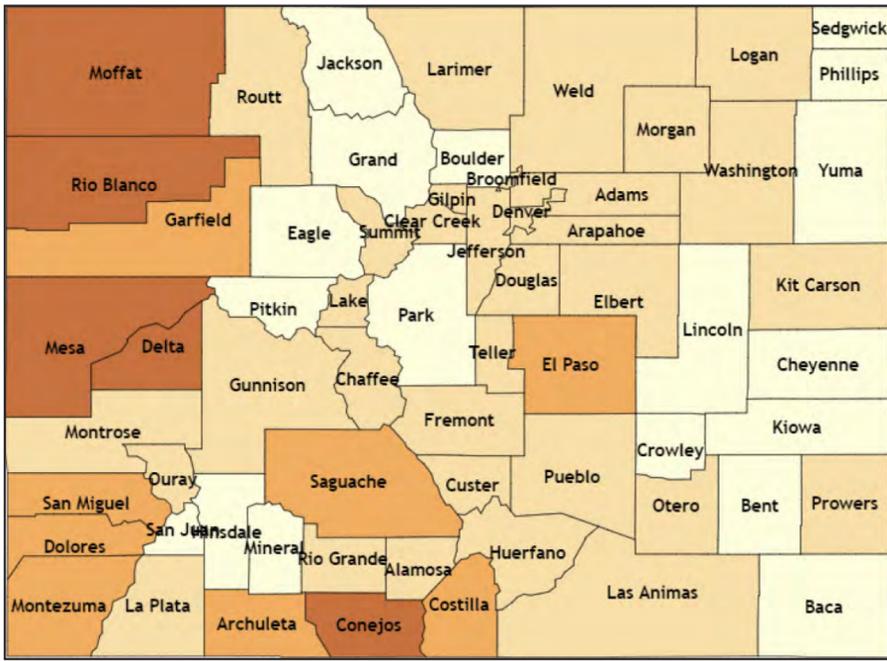
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(Top) Percent new cases per 100,000 compared to percent vaccinated by county. (Bottom) Cases per 100,000 population in the U.S.A.

RBC second highest COVID infection rate behind Moffat

By NIKI TURNER
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RBC I Rio Blanco County now has the second highest rate of COVID cases per population in the state of Colorado, just behind Moffat County. Eighteen new cases were reported between June 14-20, with three new hospitalizations during that time. Currently, 20% of all reported cases are requiring hospitalization. As of Monday, two were hospitalized and 16 cases were still active.

The increase in cases is suspected to be due to a combination of factors: the higher transmission rate of the Delta variant of the virus and a low rate of vaccinations, with less than 40% of the eligible population receiving at least one dose. Because the Delta variant has a higher rate of transmission from person to person, unvaccinated people are especially vulnerable. Also of concern is the higher rate of severe illness with the Delta variant.

A June 17 press release from Memorial Regional Health in Craig said conditions are concerning for the entire region, as Mesa County hospitals are full and not accepting transfers.

“While our current levels of COVID-19 admissions and discharges are certainly manageable, we are concerned again about our ability to transfer patients from MRH to higher levels of care. We have been notified that the Delta Variant of COVID-19 is now testing positive in over 70% of the cases being admitted in Mesa County. Both SCL Health/St. Mary’s and Community Hospital are ‘full’ and not accepting transfers from rural Colorado.”

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Please be advised that testing for COVID-19 is recommended for all symptomatic individuals (please see CDC website for list of symptoms), and all individuals who are exposed to a known case. If you have no symptoms, but have been exposed, it is advised to test 5-7 days after your last known exposure, or as soon as possible after you begin to develop symptoms.

In Rio Blanco County, free antigen and/or molecular testing is available by appointment for all citizens at both Meeker and Rangely Public Health. Travel and pre-surgical testing is also available by appointment.

SAFETY AWARD ...



Blue Mountain Energy's Deserado Silver Mine Rescue Team cleaned house at their state level competition this past week. First place Mine Rescue Day 1; first place Mine Rescue Day 2, third place Mine Rescue Combination, first place BG4 Novice Bench, Bryan Noyes; first place Team Tech – Colt Nickson and Aaron Peacock; third place first aid – Chad Bradley, Aaron Peacock and Colt Nickson. (Back row) Chance Peters (Rangely), Bryan Noyes (Vernal), Larry Martinez (Vernal), Ryan Olsen (Vernal). (front row) Caden Pummell (Vernal), Colt Nickson (Rangely), Aaron Peacock (Vernal), Chad Bradley (Vernal). Trainer Hank McKay (Meeker) not pictured.

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Rangely School District to pursue BEST grant

By KATIE KING
Special to the Herald Times

RANGELY The Rangely School District board met last week. The board approved participation in the 2021 November election with Shari Plummer appointed designated election office.

Board member Sam Tolley shared information with the board about CNCC President Ron Granger's retirement party.

Superintendent Matt Scoggins commended the district staff for their hard work and dedication throughout their year and their efforts to continue in-person learning. Tolley seconded Scoggins' praise.

Parkview Elementary Principal Carlene Cantrell's May update indicated an enrollment of 242 students at the end of the school year. May students of month were Everlea Goddard, Pre-K; Indica Rayburn, Kindergarten; Kylor Henson, first grade; Jayme Roessner, second grade; Kesleigh Kennedy, third grade; Ian Guzman, fourth grade; and Cutler Mergelman, fifth grade.

Field Day was held at Parkview Elementary on May 13 for all kindergarten through fifth grade students. Angie Hill was thanked for all of her planning and organization that made the day a success. All staff also stepped up to help out that day with supervision and running events. A special thank you was issued to Sam Tolley for grilling burgers for all staff and students for lunch on field day.

Elementary students took several field trips in May. Second graders visited the Rangely Outdoor Museum; third graders visited Frank Huit's trophy room; fourth graders had a fossil/ treasure hunting Canyon Pintado archaeology day; and fifth grad-

ers went treasure hunting at Kenney Reservoir.

K-second graders had parties at Elks Park for their hard work on MAPS assessments, and third-fifth graders were rewarded for MAPS and CMAS assessments with an afternoon of swimming at the Rec Center, plus popsicles at Elks Park.

A new English language arts curriculum for kindergarten through fifth graders has been ordered. Teachers will receive training in Benchmark Workshop in July.

Applications are open for an elementary special education and music positions.

Jr./Sr. High School Principal Crandel Mergelman reported enrollment at the junior high was 133 and 105 at the high school at the close of the school year.

Positive remarks were received about the separation of senior awards and scholarship announcements from graduation ceremonies. The junior high awards ceremony was held during the school day.

Several positions are open at the jr./sr. high school, including HS special education, agriculture education, jr. high math, jr./sr. high science, and two high needs special education paraprofessional professionals.

Superintendent Matt Scoggins began his report with an acknowledgement of the community's heartwarming response for Isabella Cox and her family.

A large supply of cinderblock at the high school is for a bathroom remodel to accommodate students who need wheelchair accessibility.

The district has a new website and mobile app. Scoggins said both include features such as a live feed, ability to upload photos, and more effective communication in the event of an emergency.

Scoggins also spoke about the Colorado Rural Schools Alliance opportunities. He noted that the Governor's office was working on a few things. Last year, a lot of effort was put forth early on only to be changed and Scoggins does not want to repeat that. He wants to show Rangely as a strong district especially with its athletics department successes.

Regarding the budget, Scoggins shared plans to step in staff pay increases, obtaining an assistance fund grant, expanding the free lunch program for all students and a specific position for front office admin assistant. Chris Denny is moving into a private office in the administration wing. The new IT position was filled by Jesse McCann. Blake Mobley is stepping down from his role but will serve the district when needed.

The board also agreed to pursue a BEST grant for needed work on electrical, roofing, and HVAC systems at Parkview and the jr./sr. high.

Currently, Rangely's school buildings are about 35 years old. Scoggins explained the formal process for evaluating needs and how he is applying that to his evaluations. This process includes knowing early figures in the budget and speaking with Meeker Superintendent Chris Selle, as Meeker has recently renovated their facilities. Scoggins emphasized that Rangely has awesome facilities and is dedicated to keep them that way. Board member Jason Cox requested a work session to discuss proposed needs. Scoggins suggested a board "field trip" to look at all of Rangely's buildings and trips to Meeker and Hayden to tour new facilities and options. Board Member Sam Tolley seconded the need for details to be fine-combed and consideration of opinions from a skilled board.

MEEKER'S Range Call JULY 1-4, 2021



★ SCHEDULE OF EVENTS ★

★ THURSDAY, JULY 1 ★

Pageant Dusk, Fairgrounds

★ FRIDAY, JULY 2 ★

Vendors 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Downtown Meeker

CPRA Rodeo 3 p.m., RBC Fairgrounds

FMX Motocross 7 p.m., RBC Fairgrounds

UTV Rodeo following, RBC Fairgrounds

Barn Dance 9 p.m., RBC Fairgrounds

Featuring Lendon James and the Highway 34 Band



★ SATURDAY, JULY 3 ★

Vendors 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Downtown Meeker

CPRA Slack 8 a.m., RBC Fairgrounds

CPRA Rodeo 3 p.m., RBC Fairgrounds

Country Concert

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Barn Dance following concert, RBC Fairgrounds
Featuring South Side Highway Band

★ SUNDAY, JULY 4 ★

Pancake Breakfast 7 a.m. to 10 a.m., Downtown Meeker

Vendors 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Downtown Meeker

ERBM 5K Race 7:45 a.m., Downtown Meeker

Registration from 6:30 to 7:15 a.m.

"Honky Tonk Roundup" Parade 10 a.m., Main Street

Milk Creek Battlefield Park Tour 10 a.m.

Hosted by the Rio Blanco County Historical Society. Tour will meet at the White River Museum at 9:30 a.m. and travel by vehicle to site. Donations appreciated.

ERBM 3-on-3 Basketball Tourney 12 p.m., Town Park

Registration from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Bank Robbery Reenactment 1 p.m., Downtown Meeker

Ranch Rodeo 5 p.m., RBC Fairgrounds

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Rio Blanco tracksters head to state

23 MHS athletes head to Lakewood

By **TIFFANY JEHOEK**
Special to the Herald Times



MATT SCOGGINS PHOTOS

Some of the Panthers heading to state include Kenyon Cochrane, Rylee Allred, Dixie Rhea, Timothy Scoggins, Mary Scoggins, Andrew Dorris, Maya Mercado and Hayley Burr (not pictured.)

MEEKER I The Meeker Cowboys are sending 11 boys and 12 girls, including alternates, to the 2021 Colorado High School Track Meet. The meet begins Thursday and will wrap up Saturday in Lakewood at Jefferson Stadium.

- Boys 100 meter dash—Jeremy Woodward, Kelton Turner
- Boys 400 meter run—Colby Clatterbaugh
- Boys 300 meter hurdles—Brendan Clatterbaugh
- Boys 4x100 meter relay—Woodward, Porter Hossack, Zach Eskelson, Turner
- Boys 4x200 meter relay—Connor Blunt, B. Clatterbaugh, C. Clatterbaugh, Hossack
- Boys 4x400 meter relay—B. Clatterbaugh, Cooper Main, Pole vault—B. Clatterbaugh, C. Clatterbaugh, Main
- Triple jump—Woodward, Ryan Phelan
- Long jump—Woodward
- High jump—Main, C. Clatterbaugh
- Shot put—Eskelson, Zagar Brown
- Alternates—Owen Hanneman
- Girls 1600 meter run—Brighton Bair
- Girls 3200 meter run—Bair
- Girls 100 meter hurdles—Jayden Overton
- Girls 4x100 meter relay—Shyann Dilley, Savvy Mendenall, Aspen Merrifield, Sarah Kracht
- Girls 4x200 meter relay—Jaydee Turner, Mendenall, Merrifield, Kracht
- Girls 4x400 meter relay—Turner, Merrifield, Mendenall, Ellie Hossack
- Girls high jump—Ruby Holliday
- Girls pole vault—Merrifield
- Girls discus—Hailey Knowles
- Alternates—Natalie Kracht, Ainsley Selle

Panthers off to state

Special to the Herald Times

RANGELY I The Rangely Panthers had two meets this last week before heading into state competition. On Tuesday, June 15 the Panthers hosted their second meet of the year and then a few went to West Grand for a last chance meet.

The Panthers at Dusk meet had 10 teams competing, so there was plenty of competition. For many this was their last chance to compete at a meet so they laid it on the line. Leading the boys' team was Andrew Dorris who took first place in the 800-meter run with a time of 2 minutes, 6.95 seconds, securing him a trip to the state meet. Kenyon Cochrane took second in the discus with a throw of 131 feet 11 inches, then threw the shot (34-05) and high jumped (5-03.5). Colton Noel went out to see what he could do in the 3,200; he took second (11:59.29). Timothy Scoggins high jumped (5-05.5) and shot put (35-10) for eighth place. Brent Cantrell had his second meet of the year and saw some improvement in the shot (23-06) and discus (66-11). Kevin Wren also improved for only his second meet of the season in triple jump (30-10) and long jump (15-02).

He also ran the 800 for the first time with a time of (2:36.24). Anthony Dorris ran the 400-meter (1:03.41). The boys put together two relays: 4x800 made up of Timothy Scoggins, Anthony Dorris, Colton Noel and Andrew Dorris. They took second place against Cedaredge with a new personal record of (9:25.13). The 4x400 had no competition so the boys ran with sunglasses on and had a good time. The team was made up of Kevin Wren, Colton Noel, Timothy Scoggins and Andrew Dorris.

For the girls, Mary Scoggins led the team in points. She was able to take first place in the 800 (2:29.73), 200-meter dash (29.20), and the long jump (16.02). Hayley Burr was able to take fifth in the 100 hurdles (18.09) and third in the 300 hurdles (50.79). MacKenzie Manchester competed in the 100 dash (15.20), discus (70-03) and the shot (24-07). Brooke Filfred threw the shot (25-04) and discus (71-07). Kyrrah Phelps took fourth in discus with (86-08) and sixth in shot (26-01). Rylee Allred took seventh in discus (83-01) and shot (22-05). Macy Morgan decided to put some miles on her legs as she ran the 1,600 (9:13.55) and the 3,200 for first place (20:43).

Emma Smith ran the 200 (31.54) and long jumped (14-02). Annika Cantrell high jumped (4-07.05) and ran the 200 (34.55). The girls also put together a 4x200 made up of Hayley Burr, Emma Smith, Mary Scoggins and Annika Cantrell. They took fifth place with a time of 2:00.54.

At the Joe Shield meet in West Grand on Friday, Andrew Dorris secured a place in high jump, and Hayley Burr moved up in rankings for the 100 hurdles.

Rangely will be sending eight girls and three boys to the state meet June 24-26. Dixie Rhea and Maya Mercado will be the two seniors heading to state. Rhea will be competing in the 100 dash and 200 dash, Mercado will compete in the high jump, and they both will be helping the sprint medley relay. Mary Scoggins and Hayley Burr will be the other two on the sprint medley relay. Mary Scoggins will also be competing in the 800 run as well as the long and triple jump. Burr will be running both hurdle races, 100 and 300. Rylee Allred was able to slip in for the discus. Timothy Scoggins will be high jumping as well as Andrew Dorris. Dorris will also be running the 800 run. Kenyon Cochrane will be throwing the discus as well.

STATE GOLF ...



COURTESY PHOTO

Pictured above are Vivian Brown (left) and coach Amanda Back. Brown is the first Meeker Cowboy girls' golfer to make it to the state championship. Results will be published in next week's paper.



JENINE MYERS PHOTOS

Current RHS baseball players faced off against former alumni, coaches and fathers.

'Cheaters v. Slackers'

Special to the Herald Times

RANGELY I On Saturday, June 19, at the Field of Dreams in Rangely, one of the most highly contested, trash-talked, non-stop laughing, dream extending, age proving baseball games took place. In the sweltering heat, the Rangely High School baseball team took the diamond against their former alumni, coaches and fathers. There was not a moment where you did not hear heckling from players towards their coaches or fathers, and when there was no heckling, there was enormous laughter from the spectators. The two teams were named Slackers (current RHS players) versus the Cheaters (alumni, coaches and fathers). The game was an excellent time for all and the players to enjoy the diamond with their

fathers. 2020 graduate and current CNCC baseball team member Dylan LeBleu started on the mound for the Cheaters toeing the rubber against junior Justin Cudo for the Slackers. The Slackers jumped out to an early 3-0 lead as the Cheaters showed their age to chase down bloop singles to the outfield or track down what is deemed a "routine" ground ball for the high schoolers. As a result, the Cheaters found themselves in an early hole. The Cheaters chipped away at the lead and scored two runs in the bottom of the fifth inning, bringing the game to 3-2. The Slackers responded with two more runs to make the game 5-2. Not to be shown up by the younger team, the Cheaters could plate three runs in the next two innings to force a tie game after seven

innings. The tie game left the determination that each team will pick one member to do a sudden-death hitting competition and a winner will be determined then. The Slackers fell to the Cheaters due to living up to their team name as the hitter for the Slackers was dealt a less than perfect soft-toss. With the game being 6-5 in favor of the Cheaters, it will only leave motivation in the years coming to defeat the Cheaters. The RHS baseball program would like to thank the players' mothers for cooking lunch for everyone involved following the game. They would also like to thank all of the fathers who took the field with their sons one more time. This event will continue for the future and continue to build the tradition of baseball for Rangely.



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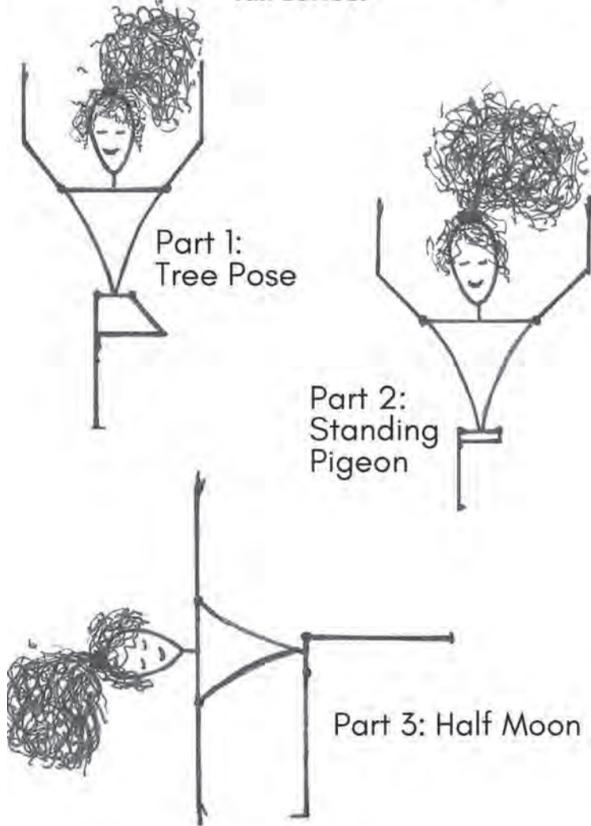
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CPW commission appoints new officers

PRESS RELEASE
Special to the Herald Times

RBC I The Colorado Parks and Wildlife Commission voted to appoint Dr. Carrie Besnette Hauser as the commission chair for a term until 2023. The commission also elected Charles Garcia as vice chair and Luke Schafer as secretary of the Parks and Wildlife Commission.

Hauser was appointed to the Commission in 2017, and currently serves as the vice chair as a representative for outdoor recreation and utilization of parks. She will replace current commission chair Marvin McDaniel, whose term expires in July 2021.

Dr. Hauser is president and CEO of Colorado Mountain College, which includes 11 campus locations in the state's north-central mountain region. CMC has been a leader in outdoor education for decades, offering dozens of degrees and programs in outdoor recreation leadership, sustainability studies, ecosystem science and management, avalanche science and ski area operations. Hauser, a resident of Garfield County, is an accomplished outdoorswoman and athlete committed to issues of access and equity.

Newly elected vice chair Charles Garcia has served on the commission as a sportspersons' representative since 2018. Garcia is a Life Sponsor of Ducks Unlimited, a Life Member and current Headwaters Chapter Board Member of Trout Unlimited and a Centurion Member of the Ruffed Grouse Society. He is the Past President of the Colorado Bar Association and Chair of a Standing Committee of the American Bar Association. Garcia lives and works in both Denver and Grand County.

Secretary Luke Schafer was elected to replace current secretary Marie Haskett, whose term also ends July 2021. Schafer was appointed to the commission as a member at large in 2018. He is currently the West Slope Director of Conservation Colorado, residing in Moffat County. An avid sportsman and recreationist, his personal and professional passion is advocating for Colorado's public lands, waters and wildlife, with a particular focus on fostering collaborative conservation opportunities.

"The diverse experience among our newly elected commission leaders is invaluable to CPW as we discuss initiatives and decisions that impact how



COURTESY PHOTO

Dr. Carrie Besnette Hauser has been appointed chair for the CPW commissioner.

our state's public lands and wildlife populations should be managed," said CPW's Director Dan Prenzl. "We want to share our gratitude for the leadership of Chair McDaniel and Secretary Haskett, and thank them for their dedication to protecting Colorado's outdoor heritage and conserving our natural resources.

"We now look forward to continuing our important conversations regarding how our agency maintains our parks,

conservation programs, wildlife legacy and provides varied outdoor recreation activities for all Coloradans under new Commission leadership."

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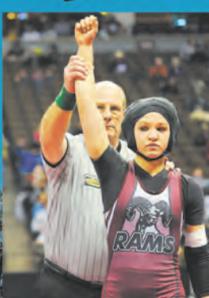
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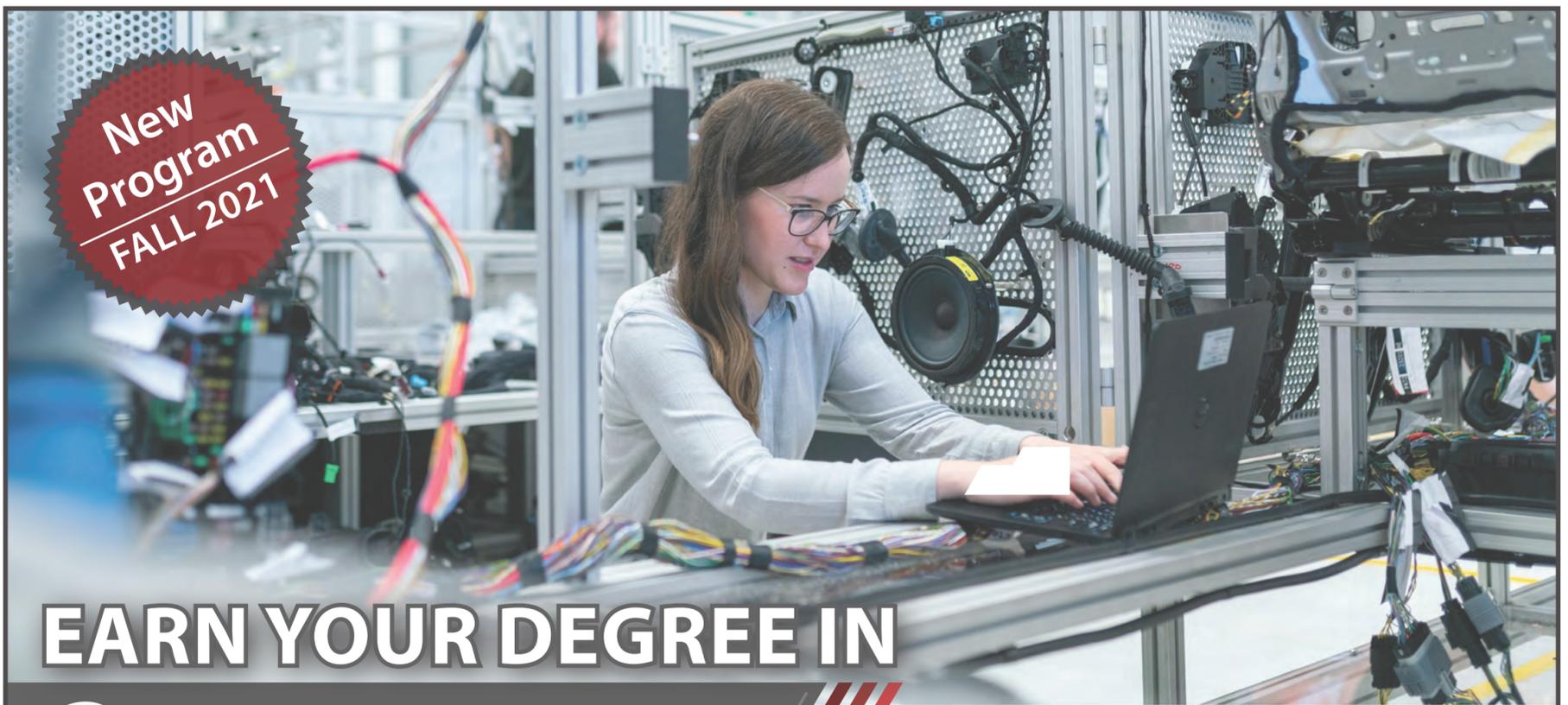



RODEO RESULTS ...



Meeker Summer Rodeo Series, June 17 Results: Ranch Bronc - Adam Millermon, #8 Team Roping - Sheridan Harvey/Kash Atwood, Mixed Team Roping - Lori Ann Klinglesmith/Lenny Klinglesmith, #11 Team Roping - Spike Meyring/Emmitt Meyring, Open Team Roping - Cody Edinger/Kash Atwood, Jr./Sr. Team Roping - Jace Vroman/Ryan Vroman, Dally Ribbon Roping - Leah Wood/Deana Wood, Open Breakaway - Teresa Anderson, Ladies Breakaway - Katie Jo Knez, Open Barrels - Haiden Kracht, Junior Barrels - Leah Wood, Bulls - Colton Martindale. The next rodeo in the series is tonight, June 24 at 7 p.m. at the Rio Blanco County Fairgrounds.

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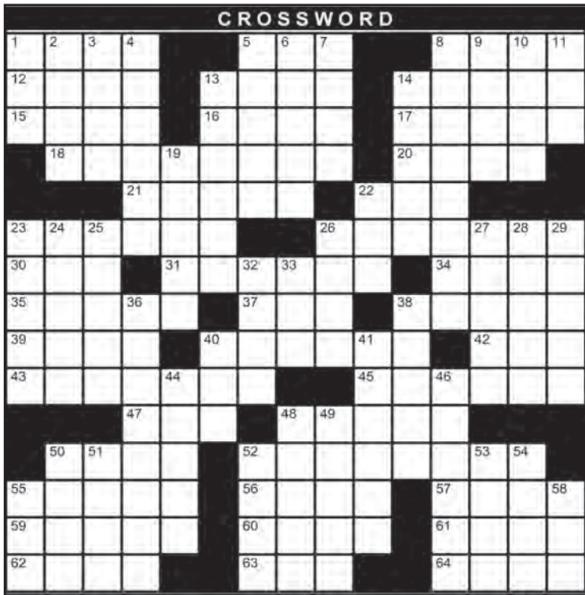
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 - Ship pronoun
 - ____ vera plant
 - Tiny piece of anything
 - Dateless one
 - Twist and distort
 - "Animal House" party garb
 - Cantatrice's offering
 - Frost-covered
 - *Mary ____, star of 52 films and recipient of 1976 Academy Honorary Award
 - Rounded protuberance

- Breaks off
- Crime scene acronym
- One who insists on implementing #1 Across
- Anxiety, pl.
- U.N. working-conditions agency
- A-one
- Do like exhaust pipe
- Students' dwellings
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- Parkinson's disease drug
- Larger-than-life
- For the most part
- ____ Aviv
- Allow to rejoin
- Between Paleocene and Oligocene

- FEMA provisions, e.g.
- *Instrument central to 1945's "A Song to Remember"
- Manage without help
- *Marx Brothers' 1933 classic
- Florentine iris
- Fourth largest Great Lake
- *Hitchcock's "The Man Who ____ Too Much"
- Make children, biblical
- Malicious look
- Highest volcano in Europe
- Object of worship
- Always, in verse
- Like happy people's glasses

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The Meeker Herald
100 years ago

■ The grass is better on the

ranges than it has been in several years.

■ Several reports are saying there is a large number of deer in the hills of Upper White River country.

The Meeker Herald
50 years ago

■ Mrs. Joe Sullivan will be recognized in the art magazine "LaRevue Moderne" for her realism paintings. The editor of the european magazine found her work at the New Mexico Art League where Sullivan had entered some of her work.

■ The inauguration of the new United States Postal Service will be on July 1st and will be celebrated in Washington D.C., and every post office across the country. Visitors to the Meeker post office will be given a souvenir envelope.

The Meeker Herald
25 years ago

■ The moving Vietnam Wall memorial arrived in Meeker this week and will be set up on the courthouse lawn for all of the fourth of July festivities.

■ High winds caused a large tree limb to land on two vehicles on 12th St. Neither vehicles were seriously damaged.

Rangely Times
50 years ago

■ Four young men have been arrested and charged with burglary by the Rio Blanco County Sheriff's Department. Two of the men stole a sheep wagon from Nine Mile while the other two stole a trailer home from Little Beaver.

■ Rangely College elected Dr. James H. Bos as the new President. He will begin on July 1.

Rangely Times
25 years ago

■ Two wildfires broke out on the White River Resource Area. They are believed to be started by lightning holdovers and were about 40 acres each.

■ CNCC received the \$40,000 Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Applied Technology Act from the State Board for Community Colleges and Occupational Education.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Jesse H. Leech does intend to adopt Kalysta M. Menzel. If biological father, David D. Myers, does plan to contest please contact F. Joseph Fennessy attorney at 970-878-4783, or by email joe@fennessylaw.com.
Published: May 13, 20, 27, June 3, 10 and 17, 2021 Rio Blanco Herald Times

The Town of Rangely will be accepting letters of interest to fill a vacated seat on the Town Board of Trustees. The remaining term of office on the position will be until April 2024. Please submit all Letters to the Town of Rangely, 209 E Main, Rangely, Co 81648, ATTN: Town Clerk, no later than July 6, 2021.
If you have any questions please contact Lisa Piering or Marybel Cox at (970) 675-9476.
By: Marybel Cox, Clerk/Treasurer
Published: May 27, June 3, 10, 17 and 24, 2021 Rio Blanco Herald Times

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

Visual Lease Services has been contracted by Rio Blanco County to GPS and map all oil and gas wells, compressor stations, gas plants, pipelines and lease roads in the county. Inspections will begin July 10.
Rio Blanco County would appreciate the cooperation of all landowners and oil and gas companies during this process. Please provide access through gates, etc. If you have any questions, please contact the Rio Blanco County Assessor's office at 970.878.9410.
Published: June 24, 2021
Rio Blanco Herald Times

**Public Notice Town of Rangely
Rangely Town Council consideration and approval of the
Lot Line adjustment of lots 5A and 5B of the resubdivision Lot 5 of the redwood estates resubdivision
Section 2, T1N, R102W of the 6th pm, Town of Rangely, Rio Blanco County, Colorado**

On July 13, 2021 at 7 pm, Rangely Town Council will consider the lot line adjustment for the property as described below.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION LOT 5A

Lot 5A of the Resubdivision of Lot 5 of Redwood Estates Resubdivision according to the plat thereof filed December 4, 2008 as Reception No. 294444 Town of Rangely, Colorado Less & Excepting: Parcel "A" a parcel of land located in Section 2, T1N, A parcel of land located in Section 2, T1N, R102W of the 6th P.M., Town of Rangely, County of Rio Blanco, State of Colorado and Lot 5A of the Resubdivision Lot 5 of the Redwood Estates Resubdivision and being more particularly described as follows: Beginning at a common corner between said Lot 5A and Lot 5B said corner lies S31°26'45"W, 28.83 feet from the N.E. corner of said Lot 5A; thence S31°26'45"W, 20.79 feet; thence S63°06'46"E, 105.90 feet to a point on the easterly line of said Lot 5A; thence along said line, N51°52'09"W, 106.29 feet to the point of beginning. Containing 0.025 acres more or less.

Together With: A Mutual Driveway Access Easement located in said Lot 5A and being more particularly described as follows: Beginning at a common corner between said Lot 5A and Lot 5B said corner lies S31°26'45"W, 28.83 feet from the N.E. corner of said Lot 5A; thence S31°26'45"W, 20.79 feet; thence S51°15'12"E, 128.93 feet to a corner of said Lot 5A; thence along the boundary line of said Lot 5A, S51°15'35"E, 42.89 feet to a corner of said Lot 5A (also on the right-of-way line of West Redwood Lane); thence along said R.O.W. line, 23.39 feet along the arc of a non-tangent curve to the right having a radius of 50.00 feet and a central angle of 26°47'54" to a common corner between said Lot 5A and Lot 5B; thence along the common line between said Lots 5A and 5B, N51°52'09"W, 179.84 feet to the point of beginning.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION LOT 5B

Lot 5B of the Resubdivision of Lot 5 of Redwood Estates Resubdivision according to the plat thereof filed December 4, 2008 as Reception No. 294444 Town of Rangely, Colorado Together With: Parcel "A" a parcel of land located in Section 2, T1N, A parcel of land located in Section 2, T1N, R102W of the 6th P.M., Town of Rangely, County of Rio Blanco, State of Colorado and Lot 5A of the Resubdivision Lot 5 of the Redwood Estates Resubdivision and being more particularly described as follows: Beginning at a common corner between said Lot 5A and Lot 5B said corner lies S31°26'45"W, 28.83 feet from the N.E. corner of said Lot 5A; thence S31°26'45"W, 20.79 feet; thence S63°06'46"E, 105.90 feet to a point on the easterly line of said Lot 5A; thence along said line, N51°52'09"W, 106.29 feet to the point of beginning. Containing 0.025 acres more or less.

Together With: A Mutual Driveway Access Easement located in said Lot 5A and being more particularly described as follows: Beginning at a common corner between said Lot 5A and Lot 5B said corner lies S31°26'45"W, 28.83 feet from the N.E. corner of said Lot 5A; thence S31°26'45"W, 20.79 feet; thence S51°15'12"E, 128.93 feet to a corner of said Lot 5A; thence along the boundary line of said Lot 5A, S51°15'35"E, 42.89 feet to a corner of said Lot 5A (also on the right-of-way line of West Redwood Lane); thence along said R.O.W. line, 23.39 feet along the arc of a non-tangent curve to the right having a radius of 50.00 feet and a central angle of 26°47'54" to a common corner between said Lot 5A and Lot 5B; thence along the common line between said Lots 5A and 5B, N51°52'09"W, 179.84 feet to the point of beginning. All interested citizens and groups are invited to attend and participate in the consideration of the lot line adjustment.

By: Mary Cox, Clerk/Treasurer
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NOTICE

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), Plant Protection and Quarantine, is making available to the public a finding of no significant impact (FONSI), together with the underlying environmental assessment for Federal involvement in the Moffat, Rio Blanco and Routt Counties, Colorado Rangeland Grasshopper and Mormon Cricket Suppression Program. Persons wishing to obtain a copy of the document(s) can visit the APHIS website; <https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/planthealth/plant-pest-and-disease-programs/ea/grasshopper-cricket-ea/grasshopper-cricket-by-state> or contact Michael Winks, michael.l.winks@usda.gov, 3950 N. Lewiston St., Suite 104, Aurora CO 80011, 303-887-7410. Inquiries should request the environmental assessment and/or the finding of no significant impact for Moffat, Rio Blanco and Routt Counties, Colorado Rangeland Grasshopper and Mormon Cricket Suppression Program, Environmental Assessment, June 2021.
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**PUBLIC NOTICE
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 may be conducted within the Town limits just after daybreak or at dusk beginning June 25 through July 1, 2021 depending upon weather conditions and product availability. Further information is available at Town Hall, 345 Market St., 970-878-5344 or from Coulter Aviation, 970-878-5045.
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**PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Estate of Gary C. Hicken,
Deceased**

Case No.: 2021PR4
All persons having claims against the above-named estate are required to present them to the Personal Representative or to the District Court of Rio Blanco County, Colorado on or before October 17, 2021, or said claims may be forever barred.
**Kristine M. Hicken,
Personal Representative
587 12th St., PO Box 2201
Meeker, Colorado 81641**
Published: June 17, 24 and July 1, 2021
Rio Blanco Herald Times

**PUBLIC NOTICE
RIO BLANCO COUNTY PLANNING
COMMISSION HEARING**

Notice is hereby given that on Thursday, July 22, 2021 the Rio Blanco County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Rio Blanco County Historic Courthouse, 555 Main Street, 3rd Floor Commissioner Meeting Room, Meeker, Colorado to consider the following:
Rios Single Lot Creation PSUB-0001-21 and Rezoning PRZ-0001-21. The applicant is requesting to subdivide one +/- 10.8 acre lot from an existing +/- 65 acre parcel. The property is located at 749 County Road 60, Meeker Colorado, Lying within the NW ¼, Section 32, T2S, R94W, 6th P.M.
Address – 749 County Road 60, Meeker Colorado. Assessor Parcel Identification Number (PIN) - 166732200084
Copies of the documents may be obtained from the Rio Blanco County Planning Department at 555 Main Street in Meeker, Colorado, or you may call (970) 878-9510 for more information between the hours of 8:00 am and 5:00 pm.
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**Rio Blanco County Board of Equalization
Public Notice**

Notice is hereby given that the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado will sit as the Rio Blanco County Board of Equalization between July 26, 2021 and July 28, 2021, to review the assessment roll of taxable property located within Rio Blanco County, as prepared by the Rio Blanco County Assessor, and to hear appeals from determinations of the Rio Blanco County Assessor. Petitions for appeal may be filed pursuant to Chapter 39, Article 8, C.R.S. All hearings will be set by appointment and conducted in the Commissioner's Hearing Room, located on the 3rd floor of the Rio Blanco County Historic Courthouse, 555 Main Street, Meeker, Colorado.
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**MEEKER SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1
Board of Education Regular Meeting
555 Garfield Street
Meeker, CO 81641
June 28, 2021 - 7:00 p.m.**

Community members wishing to observe the board meeting may do so by using the following Google Meet link: <https://meet.google.com/kgq-rhnb-cqv>
Community members wishing to attend the board meeting in person are asked to RSVP to: chris.selle@meeker.k12.co.us **no later than 72 hours prior to the meeting.**
1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Pledge of Allegiance: Mr. Allen will lead the Pledge of Allegiance
3. Welcome of Guests
4. Approval of Agenda
Student Celebrations:
Staff Recognition: Perfect Attendance
General Public Comment Session: (comments limited to three minutes)
Public/Committee Reports: DAC, Meeker Education Foundation, BOCES
Principal Reports: - Attached

• FORECLOSURE •

**COMBINED NOTICE- MAILING
CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 21-01**

To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust. On April 9, 2021, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Rio Blanco records.
Original Grantor(s): JERRY REEVES AND VERONICA REEVES
Original Beneficiary(ies): MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS INC AS NOMINEE FOR CWB MORTGAGE VENTURES, LLC DBA FNBR MORTGAGE, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS
Current Holder of Evidence of Debt: NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC D/B/AMR, COOPER
Date of Deed of Trust: July 16, 2009
County of Recording: Rio Blanco
Recording Date of Deed of Trust: July 21, 2009
Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/Page No.): 296385
Original Principal Amount: \$192,867.00
Outstanding Principal Balance: \$160,809.85
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 evidences of debt; secured by the deed of trust and other violations thereof.
**THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN
LOT 13, BLOCK 6, AMENDED LA MESA P.U.D. ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED AUGUST 18, 1992 AS RECEPTION NO. 246542 TOWN OF RANGELY, COLORADO**
Also known by street and number as: 1205 LAS MESA CIR, RANGELY, CO 81648.
THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED OF TRUST

NOTICE OF SALE

The current holder of the Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, described herein, has filed Notice of Election and Demand for sale as provided by law and in said Deed of Trust.
THEREFORE, Notice is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, 08/11/2021, at Office of the Public Trustee, Rio Blanco County Courthouse, 555 Main Street, Meeker CO 81641, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s) heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.
First Publication: 6/17/2021
Last Publication: 7/15/2021
Name of Publication: Rio Blanco Herald Times

NOTICE OF RIGHTS

YOU MAY HAVE AN INTEREST IN THE REAL PROPERTY BEING FORECLOSED. OR HAVE CERTAIN RIGHTS OR SUFFER CERTAIN LIABILITIES PURSUANT TO COLORADO STATUTES AS A RESULT OF SAID FORECLOSURE. YOU MAY HAVE THE RIGHT TO REDEEM SAID REAL PROPERTY OR YOU MAY HAVE THE RIGHT TO CURE A DEFAULT UNDER THE DEED OF TRUST BEING FORECLOSED. A COPY OF SAID STATUTES, AS SUCH STATUTES ARE PRESENTLY CONSTITUTED, WHICH MAY AFFECT YOUR RIGHTS SHALL BE SENT WITH ALL MAILED COPIES OF THIS NOTICE. HOWEVER, YOUR RIGHTS MAY BE DETERMINED BY PREVIOUS STATUTES.

- A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE FILED PURSUANT TO SECTION 38-38-104 SHALL BE FILED WITH THE PUBLIC TRUSTEE AT LEAST FIFTEEN (15) CALENDAR DAYS PRIOR TO THE FIRST SCHEDULED SALE DATE OR ANY DATE TO WHICH THE SALE IS CONTINUED.
- A NOTICE OF INTENT TO REDEEM FILED PURSUANT TO SECTION 38-38-302 SHALL BE FILED WITH THE PUBLIC TRUSTEE NO LATER THAN EIGHT (8) BUSINESS DAYS AFTER THE SALE.
- IF THE SALE DATE IS CONTINUED TO A LATER DATE, THE DEADLINE TO FILE A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE BY THOSE PARTIES ENTITLED TO CURE MAY ALSO BE EXTENDED.
- IF THE BORROWER BELIEVES THAT A LENDER OR SERVICER HAS VIOLATED THE REQUIREMENTS FOR A SINGLE POINT OF CONTACT IN SECTION 38-38-103.1 OR THE PROHIBITION ON DUAL TRACKING IN SECTION 38-38-103.2, THE BORROWER MAY FILE A COMPLAINT WITH THE COLORADO ATTORNEY GENERAL, THE FEDERAL CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION BUREAU (CFPB), OR BOTH, THE FILING OF A COMPLAINT WILL NOT STOP THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS.

Colorado Attorney General Federal Consumer Financial Protection Bureau
1300 Broadway, 10th Floor P.O. Box 4503
Denver, Colorado 80203 Iowa City, Iowa 52244
(800) 222-4444 (855) 411-2372
www.coloradoattorneygeneral.gov www.consumerfinance.gov

DATE: 04/09/2021
Rhonna Waldref, Public Trustee in and for the County of Rio Blanco, State of Colorado
By: Rhonna Waldref, Public Trustee
The name, address, business telephone number and bar registration number of the attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is:
The name, address, business telephone number and bar registration number of the attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is:
Alison L. Berry #34531 David R. Doughty #40042 Elizabeth S. Marcus # 16092
Lynn M. Janeway# 15592 Nicholas H. Santarelli #46592 Sheila J. Finn #36637
Janeway Law Firm 9800 S. Meridian, Suite 400, Englewood, CO 80134 (303) 706-9990
Attorney File# 18-020385
The Attorney above is acting as a debt collector and is attempting to collect a debt Any information provided may be used for that purpose.
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Superintendent Report - Attached - Link to Handbooks

Consent Agenda:

1. Approval: Minutes from Regular Board Meeting on May 24, 2021
2. Approval: Minutes from Special Board Meeting on June 14, 2021
3. Acceptance: Financial Reports and Check Vouchers for May 2021
4. Approval: Legal Counsel for 20-21 - Semple, Farrington & Everall, P.C.
5. Approval: Worker's Compensation insurance broker for 20-21 - Mountain West Insurance
6. Approval: Property, Liability, and Auto insurance broker for 20-21 - Mountain West Insurance
7. Approval: Financial Auditor for FY20 - Hays, Maggard & Hood, P.C.
8. Approval: Bus purchase from Bluebird - Bid Summary
9. Approval: Educator Effectiveness Assurances
10. Approval: Letter of Intent to Participate in November Coordinated Election

Action Items:

1. Approval: Personnel
 - a. Elementary Teachers - Nancy Richardson, Laura Rosling, Liana Rosling
 - b. MHS Head Secretary - TBD
 - c. MHS Class Sponsors - As presented
 - d. Fall/Winter Coaches - As presented
 2. Approval: Supplement FY21 Budget Resolution: Transfer from General Fund to Food Service
 3. Approval: FY22 Preliminary Budget
 4. Approval: Appointment/Review of BOCES Board Members
 5. Approval: IKF - Graduation Requirements (2nd Reading)
- Other BOE Information:**
1. Construction update
 2. COVID-19 update
- Executive Session:**
Adjournment:
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PUBLIC NOTICE

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF RIO BLANCO COUNTY, COLORADO HEARING

Notice is hereby given that on Tuesday, July 27, 2021 the Rio Blanco County Board of County Commissioners will hold a public hearing beginning at 11:00 a.m. in the Rio Blanco County Historic Courthouse, 555 Main Street, 3rd Floor Commissioner Meeting Room, Meeker, Colorado to consider the following:
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Rio Blanco County Historical Society
Revised Boar Meeting Agenda
Tuesday, June 29, 2021
5:45 to 7:00
Call to Order:
-Agenda Additions & Approval:
-Public Participation: Historic Preservation Board
-Minutes of Last Board Meeting:
-Secretary Appointment
Committee Reports:
-Executive Directors Report: Teresa R Reed
-Facilities - Museum, Garrison, Gift Shop, HCC
-Financial Report
-Need for Newsletter Ideas
-Funding Mechanisms, History Colorado
-Marketing
-Geocaching
-Signage
-Banner for Range Call
-QR Codes

Meekerpalooza - Farmers Markets
4th of July Plans
- Capturing Our Culture - Sparky Pappas
- Accessions: Kay Bivens
- Rural Schools - Coal Creek School: Janet Cook
- Milk Creek Battlefield Park: Jay Sullivan
- Bank Robbers Trail: Kay Bivens
- Designated Signage: Teresia R Reed
Liaison Organization Reports
- Meeker Arts and Cultural Council: Nancy Richardson
- Mustang Makeover: White River Alliance - Deirdre McNab
- Main Street Project 45: Niki Turner
Old Business:
New Business:
Adjourn: Next Meeting: July Meetings - Ctriy
Membership and Board
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• NOTICE OF SALE •

DISTRICT COURT, RIO BLANCO COUNTY, COLORADO

Rio Blanco County Combined Court
455 Main Street
PO Box 1150
Meeker, CO 81641
Telephone: 970-878-5622
Plaintiff(s):
Donald T. Bollinger,
Joseph P. Moyet, also known as Joseph Paul Moyet, aka Joseph P. Mayet, aka Joseph Paul Moyet, and Stephanie Boyd Moyet, aka Stephanie Boyd Moyet, vs.
Defendant(s):
1) Rio Blanco Properties, a Colorado Limited Partnership,
2) Succession of Doyle Galloway Berry, Probate No. 20835, 16th Judicial District Court, Parish of St. Mary, A COURT USE ONLY A State of Louisiana,
3) Succession of Doyle Galloway Berry, as General Partner of Rio Blanco Properties, a Colorado Limited Partnership
4) Bert Kyle Berry, as independent co-executor of the Succession of Doyle Galloway Berry,
5) Scott Thomas Berry, as independent co-executor of the Succession of Doyle Galloway Berry,
6) Rhonna Waldref as Public Trustee of the Rio Blanco County, Colorado,
7) And all unknown persons that claim under or through the above named defendants.
Case Number: 19 CV 30033
Attorney or Party Without Attorney:
John P. Gormley Atty. Reg. #: 12292
SPIECKER, HANLON, GORMLEY & VOLKMAN, LLP
P.O. Box 1991/ Grand Junction, CO 81502
Phone #:970.243.1003/FAX #:970.243.1011 e-mail: john@shglv.com
SHERIFF'S COMBINED NOTICE OF SALE AND RIGHTS TO CURE AND REDEEM
Under a Corrected Default Judgment and Decree of Foreclosure entered March 15, 2021, in the above entitled action, I am ordered to sell certain real property, as follows:
Original Grantor: Rio Blanco Properties, a Colorado Limited Partnership
Original Beneficiary: Donald T. Bollinger, Joseph P. Moyet, also known as Joseph Paul Moyet, aka Joseph P. Mayet, aka Joseph Paul Moyet, and Stephanie Boyd Moyet, aka Stephanie Boyd Moyet.
Current Holder of the evidence of debt secured by the Deed of Trust: Donald T. Bollinger, Joseph P. Moyet, also known as Joseph Paul Moyet, aka Joseph P. Mayet, aka Joseph Paul Moyet, and Stephanie Boyd Moyet, aka Stephanie Boyd Moyet
Date of Deed of Trust: December 29, 1983
Date of Recording of Deed of Trust: December 30, 1983
County of Recording: Rio Blanco County, Colorado
Recording Information: Book 434 Page 369 Reception # 214480
Date and Recording Information of Extension Agreements:
1. Extension Agreement dated December 22, 1989, and recorded December 29, 1989, at Reception #238680, Book 481 Page 416.
2. Extension Agreement dated December 21, 1994 and recorded April 9, 2002 at Reception # 272160, Book 4571 Page 69.
3. Extension Agreement dated December 28, 2000 and recorded July 31, 2001 at Reception # 270269, Book 563 Page 700, re-recorded March 2, 2002 in Book 570 Page 448 and re-recorded April 9, 2002 in Book 571 Page 59.
4. Extension Agreement dated December 14, 2005 and recorded December 27, 2005 at Reception # 283615.
5. Extension agreement dated December 20, 2012 and recorded December 28, 2012 at Reception # 305463.
County of Recording Extension Agreements: Rio Blanco County, Colorado
Original Principal Balance of the secured indebtedness:
Note to Donald T. Bollinger \$114,153.42
Note to Joseph P. Moyet and Stephanie Boyd Moyet \$100,000.00
Outstanding Principal Balance of the secured indebtedness as of the date hereof:
Note to Donald T. Bollinger \$57,076.71
Note to Joseph P. Moyet and Stephanie Boyd Moyet \$50,000.00
Amount of Judgment entered March 15, 2021:
Judgment in Favor of Donald T. Bollinger: \$358,103.36
Judgment in Favor of Joseph P. Moyet and Stephanie Boyd Moyet: \$312,914.15
Description of property to be foreclosed located in Rio Blanco County, Colorado:
This action has been commenced to foreclose a Deed of Trust encumbering the following real property located in Rio Blanco County, Colorado, and more particularly described as follows:
A tract of land located in a portion of Tract 76, Section 25 and Section 24, Township 1 North, Range 93 West of the 6th P.M., Described by metes and bounds as follows:
beginning at angle point 4 of said Tract 76, thence South 00°10' West, 905.72 feet along the western most line of said Tract 76,
Thence North 30°55'07" East, 327.36 feet;
Thence North 70°17'35" East, 350.28 feet;
Thence North 66°12'53" East 285.0 feet;
Thence North 66°56'49" West 416.63 feet;
Thence South 85°35'05" West 265.30 feet;
Thence North 01°23'38" East 247.17 feet more or less to the North line between angle point 3 and 4;
Thence North 89°00" West 114.29 feet along said North line to the point of beginning.
AND
A parcel of land lying in Tract 76 in Section 25, Township 1 North, Range 93 West of the 6th P.M., County of Rio Blanco, State of Colorado, being more particularly described as follows:
Beginning at angle point 5 of said Tract 76 being an original stone;
Thence North 00°21'54" East along the West line of said Tract 414.73 feet;
Thence North 31°07'01" East 327.36 feet;
Thence North 70°29'29" East 185.62 feet to a point on the centerline of an access road right-of-way, said point being on a P.O.C. (point on curve) of a non-tangent curve to the left having a radius of 140.6 feet in a central angle of 26°35'06";
Thence along the arc of said curve 65.24 feet to P.T. (point of tangency) the chord of said arc bears South 31°46'39" East 64.65 feet;
Thence South 45°04'12" East, 502.8 feet to a P.C. (point of curvature) of a curve to the left having a radius of 1322.3 feet in a central angle of 7°43'00";
Thence along the arc of said curve 178.1 feet to a P.T.;
Thence South 52°47'12" East, 177.9 feet to a P.C. of a curve to the right having a radius of 148.7 feet and a central angle of 52°44'00";
Thence along the arc of said curve 136.9 feet to a P.O.C., the chord of said arc bears South 26°25'12" East 132.13 feet, said P.O.C. being on the South line of said Tract 76;
Thence South 89°46'51" West along said South line, 1071.4 feet to the true point of beginning.
Also known by street number: Vacant Land, Meeker, Colorado.
Tax parcel 141125200138 situate in the County of Rio Blanco, State of Colorado.
THE PROPERTY TO BE SOLD AND DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ONLY A PORTION OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED OF TRUST
THE LIEN BEING FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN.
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First Publication: June 17, 2021
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This Sheriff's Notice of Sale is signed June 14, 2021.
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By: /s/ Anthony Mazzola
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