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Event Schedule, 2020 Royalty, the 'Common Sense Cowboy,' Parade & Fireworks livestream details, and messages from local businesses

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## RBC Public Health update

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**RBC I** As the state prepares to transition into the next phase of COVID-19 response, Public Health Director Alice Harvey met virtually with community stakeholders to answer questions, provide an update on case status, and to share information on the Protect Our Neighbor framework that will be the next phase of reopening in Colorado if metrics remain manageable.

Within a few hours of that meeting, the county announced the fourth laboratory-confirmed case of COVID-19 in Rio Blanco County. Public Health is still in the process of testing individuals associated with those cases and has conducted 40 tests between Meeker and Rangely.

"We could very likely see some additional cases this week," Harvey said.

At this time there is no evidence of community transmission of the disease. The three positive cases were acquired outside the county.

"It's all around us — Vernal, Grand Junction, Rifle, and Salt Lake City are locations we've seen people bringing it from," Harvey said. As people come in for Fourth of July celebrations from areas that have a higher incidence of the disease, our risk locally will increase.

"Everyone needs to be taking general precautions because it is here. It's a constantly changing landscape."

"Masks are recommended. The reality is, we're going to do a lot better if we start wearing masks. Will it [masks] be required, likely not, but it will continue to be recommended throughout," Harvey said. "Mask wearing, social distancing and hand hygiene will go a very long way. The take-home point is we're all at risk."

## Unofficial primary election results

By HT STAFF  
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**RBC I** With unofficial results from the Primary Election in, 46.74% of Rio Blanco County's 4,007 active voters cast ballots. Here are the Rio Blanco County results from contested races. Overall winners are in bold.

### ■ COUNTY COMMISSIONER - DISTRICT 3

**Ty Gates** - 62.49% - 1,043  
Mona Avey - 37.51% - 626

### ■ STATE SENATOR (R) - DISTRICT 8

**Bob Rankin** - 63.51% - 973  
Debra Irvine - 36.49% - 559

### ■ STATE SENATOR (D) - DISTRICT 8

**Karl Hanlon** - 62.50% - 95  
Arn Menconi - 37.50% - 57

### ■ U.S. REP (R) - DISTRICT 3

**Lauren Boebert** - 60.87% - 1,170

Scott Tipton - 39.13% - 752

### ■ U.S. REP (D) - DISTRICT 3



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**Ty Gates is the winner of the District 3 commissioner primary in Rio Blanco County, with 62.49% of the vote.**

**Diane Mitsch Bush** - 60% - 114  
James Iacino - 40% - 76

### ■ U.S. SENATOR - LIBERTARIAN

**Raymon Doane** - 87.50% - 7

Gaylon Kent - 12.50% - 1

### ■ U.S. SENATOR (D)

**John Hickenlooper** - 62.25% - 127

Andrew Romanoff - 37.75% - 77

## Stage 1 fire restrictions enacted on White River National Forest effective July 2

### PRESS RELEASE

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**RBC I** All lands within the White River National Forest will enter stage 1 fire restrictions beginning Thursday, July 2.

Under Stage 1 restrictions:

■ Campfires are only allowed within designated fire grates in developed campgrounds (i.e. a metal, in-ground containment structure — fire pans and rock campfire rings are not acceptable)

■ No fires of any type including charcoal outside of developed areas

■ No smoking except within an enclosed vehicle or building, a developed recreation site or in a barren area free of vegetation

■ No use of explosive materials, including explosive targets

■ No welding or operation of an acetylene or

other similar torch with open flame except from an area that has been cleared of vegetation

■ No operation of any internal combustion engine without a spark arresting device properly installed and in working order

Conditions vary by location



across the Forest, and a longer-term drying trend is forecast.

Officials consider a number of criteria when determining the need for fire restrictions, including current and anticipated fire danger, resource availability, and consistency with neighboring jurisdictions. Local, county, state and federal officials within the UCR area evaluate and coordinate fire restrictions weekly during fire season.

Rio Blanco County and the Bureau of Land Management White River Field Office are not entering fire restrictions at this time, although RBC Emergency Manager Ty Gates issued a warning Wednesday about dry conditions.

Land managers urge the public to be extremely careful in areas where fires are allowed and ensure campfires are completely out before leaving camp. Remember that fireworks are prohibited on Federal land.



ROXIE FROMANG PHOTO

**Sam Tolley shakes hands with veteran Lisa Hatch during the first All American Freedom March in Rangely last Friday. Tolley, along with Frank and Ryan Huitt and multiple volunteers, organized the event to honor first responders, veterans and local law enforcement.**

## 'All American Freedom March' in Rangely honors first responders, law enforcement and veterans

By HT STAFF  
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**RANGELY I** The ominous-looking clouds to the south held off their thunder, lightning and rain for the duration of the first All American Freedom March. The germination of the event, according to organizers, started in April when Rangely residents organized a "Cruisin' Main" parade as a socially-distanced way to get everyone out of lockdown during the pandemic.

Veterans of varying ages gathered around the statue at Hefley Park for a photo, and presented Sam Tolley with an award for his community service and volunteerism.

Lauren Boebert, a primary contender for the 3rd Congressional District seat held by Scott Tipton, made a rescheduled appearance (she was supposed to be in Rangely on Wednesday) to give a stump speech for her campaign.

Then local law enforcement officers and first responders led the way beneath a huge flag strung across the street by cranes, down South Stanolind Ave., between rows of police vehicles, ambulances, and fire trucks with their lights on, in a low-key, peaceful parade intended to be a show of support and appreciation for law enforcement and first responders. At Elks Park, parade marchers lined up for a plate of food.

"Today it seems that so many of our first responders are demonized by the very people they serve," Huitt said. "We have the utmost respect for the people in those tough, often thankless jobs. Sam Tolley and I talked about doing a community gathering to support our first responders including our military veterans back in April while attending the Cruisin' Main event. My son Ryan got the ball rolling for this event a few weeks ago and did most of the leg work. He even started cooking at 5 a.m. to ensure the food was ready for the crowd."

Tolley agreed that plans for the event began to be discussed in April. "The whole

world has been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic and it has changed everything. Sitting on the school board and the college board I have seen firsthand how hard it has been on the teachers, the parents, but especially our young kids. Our healthcare professionals, all the first responders, it's been tough on everybody. We wanted to thank our entire community, especially the police officers, the people who work at the hospital, our volunteer fire department, even our teachers. Everyone in town has just been so stressed. We want to thank all of the citizens of our town, no matter your politics, we love them, we are family here in this community. We have a lot more in common than we have differences. This gave everyone a chance to put the stress behind them for a few hours and just enjoy our community. We united behind our veterans and the people who have spilled their blood and put it all on the line for this country. There are a lot of people in Rangely who could live wherever they choose, and they choose Rangely because of the great people."

Ryan Huitt, who started cooking at 5 a.m. on Friday, said it was a community effort, from donations of food and money to people who gave their time to help cook.

"This was a big deal and we had a massive amount of community come out in support. In two weeks' time we had a showing of 400 plus people come out. It was a march in unity, proud Americans banded together and shared a meal together. Small town America is great but there is something incredibly special about Rangely. Hopefully, next year we can make it even bigger and better. I would personally like to thank everyone that helped and came out to make this successful!"

Plates of food were home-delivered to elderly residents at their homes who couldn't attend the event.

For a video of the march, scan the ZAP code, or visit <https://rioblancoheraldtimes.smugmug.com/All-American-Freedom-March> for more photos.

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Saturday: 80s/50s

Sunday: 80s/50s



# Iconic Meeker property up for sale

By **CAITLIN WALKER**  
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**MEEKER** I Take a quick look through the *Meeker Herald* archives from the 1960s to the early 2000s, and there's a good chance you'll come across a reference to Sleepy Cat.

From birthday celebrations to weddings, reunions, retirements, seminars, retreats, Sunday dinners, and of course the famous scones, Sleepy Cat was the place to be, well worth the 18 mile drive along a beautiful stretch of the White River.

That wasn't always the case. Sleepy Cat was built in the early 1940s, and enjoyed some popularity with celebrities, politicians (Dwight Eisenhower loved to fish at Sleepy Cat, according to area lore) and locals alike. Despite its renown, it was tough going. Several business owners walked away with nothing to show but bankruptcies prior to the purchase of the property by the Wix family in 1962.

It was no easy task to rebuild the reputation of the place, according to Steve Wix, who was eight years old when his parents, Clark and Charlotte, purchased Sleepy Cat. "Dad really pinched pennies. But it became world famous, really," he stated in an interview with the *HT* in 2010.

World-famous, indeed. Sleepy Cat's golden years in the latter half of the 20th century brought in tourists from all over the world to stay and play in the White River Valley, and also became a favorite with locals.

It wasn't all scones and sunshine for the Wix family. For one thing, management of the place was a ton of work. Even with four kids helping out on the property and later taking turns overseeing the place, "everybody would get burned out on it. There was never enough time and money to do it. It's hard on you, physically and mentally. But, boy, we made a lot of friends from everywhere," Wix said.

Then, the lodge was completely destroyed by a gas explosion and resulting fire in 1991. Two men were injured; both recovered. A *Herald* article detailing the damage highlighted the timing of the blast could have been much, much worse. "Officials shudder to think about what could have faced them had the explosion occurred on New Year's Eve when over 200 holiday revelers were inside the restaurant/lounge," the article states.

The lodge was rebuilt and reopened within the same year, and continued to be a favorite for travelers near and far until its sale.

"People really miss it, and we do, too. It was a hard decision to sell, but we all grew up and mom and dad got too old," Wix said in 2010, after reiterating the family was not interested in buying the property back (much to the chagrin of locals).

The Wix chapter of Sleepy Cat history was closed in 2002, when the property was sold to Rich and Ellen Dawe.

"I was always in love with Sleepy Cat," current owner Bob Regulski told the *HT* in 2010, but the path to ownership wasn't a straight shot.

First, Regulski purchased the neighboring property along the west end of Sleepy Cat and fixed it up. Next door: one step closer.

After about a year at that place (formerly owned by the Chambers family), Regulski struck up a relationship with Sleepy Cat owners Rich and Ellen Dawe, who happened to mention they might be interested in selling. "Lo and behold, I ended up buying it (in 2008). I traded them the Chambers place for Sleepy Cat, plus some cash as well," Regulski said.

Regulski devoted time and energy to fixing the place up, tearing down most of the cabins and completing other repairs. "When I do a project, I usually do it myself and it takes me years to do it," he told the *HT*.

"It's more a labor of love than anything else. You don't do proj-



ects like this for money. You do it from the heart. If you put all your heart and passion in it, it usually works out."

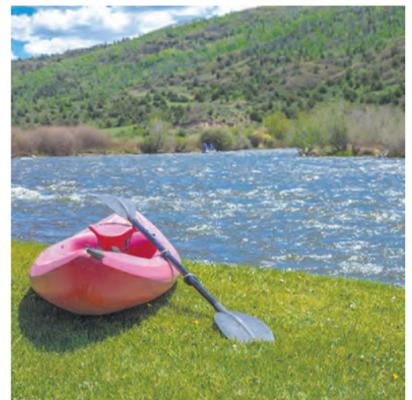
Things have indeed worked out for Regulski, but after 12 years, it's someone else's turn to own the "Crown Jewel of the White River Valley." Sleepy Cat has been listed with local agent Suzan Pelloni of Steamboat Sotheby's International Realty for \$7.9 million.

"Bob has really fixed up and improved the property in the years that he has had it," Wix said when asked about the sale. "He has put a lot of work into the lodge building and the landscaping."

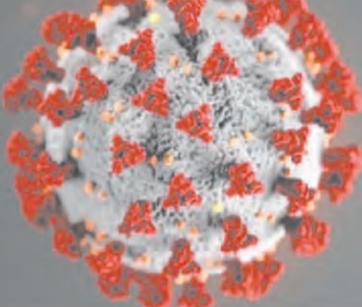
Pelloni is excited to find potential buyers for the much-loved place. "I am honored to represent Sleepy Cat Ranch. It's easy to share my passion for the property simply reflecting on my childhood memories. This property is truly a hidden gem: riverfront, lush meadows and a grandiose lodge."

Sleepy Cat adjoins the Oak Ridge State Wildlife area on the north, and comes with approximately 40 acres, including a half mile of river frontage with great fishing. There's also the option to purchase additional land on the south side of the river. The lodge itself is 10,000 square feet. Furnishings are included in the listing. A cabin and ranch quarters are included, as well.

View the full listing at <https://www.suzanpelloni.realtor/real-estate/16064-county-road-8-meeker-co-81641/164721/95654760y>



(Top left) An aerial view of Sleepy Cat during the Wix years. STEVE WIX COURTESY PHOTO  
(Top right) The Wix family in front of the iconic Sleepy Cat sign, now at home in Adrienne Wix's Sleepy Cat Yoga Shop on Market Street. STEVE WIX COURTESY PHOTO  
(Inset) A Meeker Herald article details the 1991 gas explosion that destroyed the lodge. HT FILE PHOTO  
(Center) The lodge now, currently on the market for \$7.9 million. MICHELLE COX PHOTOGRAPHY/STEAMBOAT SOTHEBY'S PHOTO  
(Bottom left) A current interior photo of the lodge and (Bottom right) the property includes a half mile of river frontage. MICHELLE COX PHOTOGRAPHY/STEAMBOAT SOTHEBY'S PHOTO



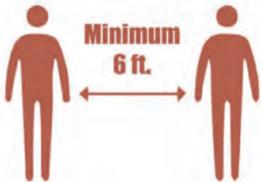
# COVID-19

## RIO BLANCO COUNTY

### SPREAD THE WORD, NOT THE VIRUS.

This summer may not look the same as always, but together we feel strongly that we can continue to enjoy the customs and traditions of our community while maintaining the health and safety of our citizens. In any situation where people are gathering, the risk for communicable disease transmission is increased. COVID-19 is a new virus that spreads quickly, and because it is a novel strain we do not have "herd immunity" at this time. It is because of this that we must all work together to prevent an outbreak from occurring here due to our summer activities. There are many simple things that you can do to protect the health of your community:

**KEEP DISTANCE**



Look out for lines and circles for guidance.

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Yampa-White-Green  
Basin Roundtable

## Yampa-White-Green Basin Roundtable Meeting

**Wednesday, July 8th at 6:00 pm**

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[yampawhitegreen.com](http://yampawhitegreen.com)

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## Free legal clinic at Meeker Library

**MEEKER** | Upcoming Rio Blanco County free legal clinic on Wednesday, July 8 from 2-5 p.m. Contact the Meeker Public Library at 970-878-5911 to be added to the sign-up sheet for a scheduled Virtual Pro Se Clinic (VPC) appointment. Space is limited.

## Meeker Library closing for July due to COVID-19

**MEEKER** | Due to rising concerns of the COVID-19 virus, the Meeker Public Library will be closed July 1-31. Reserve pickup will be Monday through Friday between 5-6 p.m. Instructions for reserve pickup are on our website at <https://meekerlibrary.booksys.net/>, on the front door of the library. Since the library will be closed, we will not be doing the summer reading program this year.

## Conservation District meeting

**RANGELY** | The White River Planning Advisory Committee (PAC) will meet Monday, July 6 at 6:00 p.m. in Rangely at the CNCC Weiss Room. Based on the public input gathered over the past year, the Committee will finalize the mission and goals to help move the process forward. They will also begin developing a scope of work. All will be vetted through the public again before being finalized later in the year.

## MHS alumni honored for college achievements

*Special to the Herald Times*

**MEEKER I** Meeker High School alumnae Alicia Mobley has been named a Presidential Scholar at Colorado Mesa University in recognition of earning a 4.0 GPA for both the Fall and the Spring semesters of 2019-2020. This is the second year in a row Mobley has earned a 4.0 GPA for both semesters.

■ Meeker High School alumnae Shelby Steele has been named to the Dean's List at Colorado Mesa University for the Fall 2019 semester, and has been named Presidential Scholar for achieving a 4.0 GPA in the Spring 200 semester.

■ Meeker High School alumnus Samuel Nieslanik was named to the President's List at Gonzaga University for spring semester 2020. President's List recipients have earned a 3.85-4.0 GPA.

■ Meeker High School alumnae Kinzy Burke has been named to the 2019-20 Dean's List of Distinction at the University of Northern Colorado. Students who earned this distinction earned a combined GPA of 3.75 or higher during at least two academic semesters and completed a minimum of 24 semester hours.

## DANCE ANYWAY ...



CAITLIN WALKER PHOTO

The 20th annual ERBM dance and tumbling recital had to adapt this year. With the auditorium at Meeker High School under renovation, the recital was held in the gymnasium of the Meeker Elementary School, and with COVID-19 precautions in place, seating was limited. That didn't stop the dancers and tumblers from performing the routines they've worked on for months, with lengthy disruptions during the Stay-At-Home Order.

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EDITOR'S COLUMN

Out of order

By NIKI TURNER  
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spread of bad social media behavior.

After editing my snarky post, I started taking steps to reduce the size of my social media world.

I'm purging my "friends" list. Here's my test: if I don't know someone well enough to sit down with them socially for coffee or a glass of wine, why are they still on my feed? When that's done I have some other ideas for escaping the dopamine snare that is social media.

To our local candidates for county commissioner, thank you for running clean, positive campaigns. I wish we could have five commissioners, but we would need a population of 70,000 and I don't see that happening anytime soon. Or ever.

This week there were three public events in 24 hours where face coverings were almost non-existent. When Caitlin told me an elderly lady asked to sit by her because "no one else is being safe" (no masks), I did something I shame other people for doing: I went toxic on Facebook (on my personal page).

It's not that I said something I don't believe, it's the way I said it. I ranted and yowled just like all the other yahoos I'm usually irritated by. Shame on me. Apparently bad social media behavior is contagious.

So, if a face mask and social distancing can help prevent the spread of COVID-19 (and they do, based on the numbers in other countries), social media distancing and "masking" should help stop the

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Meeker Mustang Makeover 2020

Dear Editor:

From "Wild to Mild," the Meeker Mustang Makeover has started a new Rio Blanco newsworthy event thanks to a hard-working board of volunteers, the active participation of the BLM, and the support of several community groups.

This year, the event has more than doubled in size, from 6 to 15 trainers. Ten of the trainers are youth and adults who will saddle train a 3-year-old mustang, and new this year is the inclusion of five Colorado youth from 10 to 18 who will halter gentle and auction off a yearling mustang. Six of the trainers are from Rio Blanco county, with the remainder spread across the state of Colorado. Total prize and scholarship funds for participants which were raised from area businesses, ranches and organizations is \$12,000. White River Electric Association, Basin Electric Power Cooperative and Tri-State are our grand

sponsors this year.

Last year's pilot used six area mustangs gathered from an area adjacent to the Piceance-East Douglas Herd Management Area. As a recent letter pointed out, the numbers in our county are exploding with herd sizes doubling every four to five years, as they are wherever wild horses are found. There is no time to lose.

Our hopes are high for a successful long term event that will bring economic development to Rio Blanco County though complicated this year with COVID-19, educate the public about the mustangs, and begin to help reduce the herd size in our County along with other efforts.

While this year's mustangs are from nearby Sandwash Basin and southern Wyoming, it is good news that the local BLM office was able to secure permission for a gather in 2020, which will begin a multiyear gathering process to provide area mustangs to the event in an effort to reduce our herd size to a more sustainable level. This year, because permission arrived

too late for use of local wild horses, the decision was made to use yearlings and 3-year-old wild horses from other areas for the event and begin gathers from our local areas starting this year.

Our volunteers are hopeful that the Meeker Mustang Makeover will provide a role model for other communities to showcase the horse knowledge and ranch expertise that so many rural western communities have and thus provide forever homes for these formerly wild horses.

The Meeker Mustang Makeover board appreciates the enthusiasm and support of Rio Blanco citizens and community and government groups. Our event this year will be just one more way Rio

Blanco County can showcase its creativity, ranching and equine knowledge, and our hometown welcome.

Deirdre Macnab  
Board President  
Meeker Mustang Makeover

GUEST COLUMN: WRITERS ON THE RANGE

Wildfire is meaner these days

By STEPHEN PYNE  
Writers on the Range



Stephen Pyne

RBC I As I look out my window, the smoke from the Bush fire is belching upward behind the fabled profile of the Superstition Mountains. The fire has closed Highway 87 that joins the Phoenix metro area to Payson, one of its exurbs. Some small communities are evacuating.

Otherwise the fire is foraging widely across Tonto National Forest and the Mazatzal Mountains, through wilderness and scattered inholdings alike. At the moment it's 90,000 acres and 5% contained. If it can't be stopped at Highway 188 and Lake Roosevelt, it will burn until the monsoon rains arrive. But this is not what I find interesting.

What is interesting is that a year ago I watched, through the same window, the 126,000-acre Woodbury fire boil out of the Superstitions. In 2004 I watched the 119,000-acre Willow fire shut down Highway 87. Meanwhile, the smoke from the Bighorn fire is lighting up the Santa Catalina Mountains north of Tucson. This is beginning to look like a pattern.

Which it is. What people had taken as a normal for fire in the West is in truth a historical anomaly.

What we are seeing is an old normal, like seasonal

flu, that has mutated into a meaner variant. Most of the West is built to burn. But for a few decades after the Second World War, climate was mild, landscapes were still recovering from the havoc of axe, pick, and plow during settlement, fire agencies aggressively suppressed any starts, and an industrial economy stripped away open fire from homes and cities. Fire had become increasingly missing from agriculture, and astonishingly, even from wildlands.

Fifty years after the Big Blowup of 1910 burned 3 million acres to announce an American way of fire, the United States, led by the Forest Service, had effectively contained landscape fire. The largest category of wild fire (Class G) applied to fires that exceeded 5,000 acres. Fire control accounted for 13% of the Forest Service's budget. The militarization of suppression through war-surplus equipment managed to sustain a cold war on fire.

But by then the folly of this strategy, both economic and ecologic, was becoming more apparent. Between

1968 and 1978 new policies were promulgated to restore good fire and shrink the prospects for bad fire. Results have been mixed.

Florida burns 2.5 million acres a year while the entire western United States burns only about 3 million. In the West, it has proved a lot easier to take fire out than to put it back. Still, most of the fire community appreciated that we were facing a fire crisis and that, when the weather veered into less benevolent forms, big fires would return.

By the time the fires of Yellowstone (1988) and Oakland (1991) burned, the contours of the new old normal were apparent. A long drought foreshadowed outright climate change. Fuels stockpiled. Landscapes degraded. Exurbs recolonized formerly rural lands with urbanites. Megafires blasted unchecked.

Fifty years after the federal agencies thought fire a menace of the past, like polio or smallpox, monsters romped over the mountains like a returned plague. A few killed crews. Some burned into and through towns. Fire suppression consumed over 50% of the Forest Service's budget.

A fire crisis was evolving into a fire epoch as the sum of humanity's combustion practices, including fossil fuels, were creating the fire equivalent of an ice age.

What we can say about fire in the West has been said, over and over again, notching every contributing cause, every rerun of tragedy, until it seems a white-noise hum like cicadas in the summer.

But covid-19, now complicating the maturing fire season, suggests an analogy because fire is also a contagion phenomenon. We protect communities by hardening against embers — wearing masks to protect against aerial droplets — and by social distancing — aka defensible space. We rely on herd immunity — the good fires help check the spread of bad ones. We flatten the curve. We prepare to live with coronavirus until a vaccine can be created.

Here, the analogy cracks. There is no vaccine for fire. It's not only omnipresent; it's necessary. We have some say over what kinds of fire happen and what damages they might inflict. But we will have to live with fire and air filled with its smoke. Forever.

Stephen Pyne is a contributor to *Writersontherange.org*, a nonprofit dedicated to lively discussion about the West. His most recent books on fire include *Between Two Fires: A Fire History of Contemporary America*, and *To the Last Smoke*, a series of nine regional fire surveys. He lives in Queen Creek, Arizona.

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# Pioneers Medical Center staying vigilant in fight against COVID-19 after relief employee tests positive

**PRESS RELEASE**

Special to the Herald Times

**MEEKER** | Pioneers Medical Center appreciates our community. You have been supportive and understanding about the necessary changes Pioneers has put in place to manage COVID-19. We give you our most sincere thank you for wearing your masks and practicing social distancing. We appreciate the sacrifices businesses have had to make. Without these efforts, our community could be having a much different experience with the coronavirus.

This week Pioneers Medical Center learned that a relief, as needed (PRN) employee had tested positive for COVID-19. The employee was asymptomatic (without symptoms) and is self-quarantined at home.

Since the beginning of the outbreak, the staff at Pioneers Medical Center (Pioneers) and the Walbridge Memorial Wing (The Wing) have thoughtfully prepared our employees and facility. We have put in place the most effective practices to protect our patients/residents and staff against COVID-19.

We have worked very hard in the Walbridge Wing nursing home to protect our most vulnerable population. Some examples of practices we are taking are:

- Nursing home staff are being tested weekly for COVID-19
- We are following

Governor Polis's Executive Order, which states that nursing homes must continue to have NO visitors. (We try to make exceptions for special circumstances such as the end of life. These will be handled on a case-by-case basis.)

- We are offering residents the choice to have a COVID-19 test.

"The lack of family visits is hard for our residents. We are using virtual family visits to help families still have time together," said Wanda Hughes, director of long-term care.

"People need healthcare. We do not want patients to not come to Pioneers, because they are afraid of COVID," said Dr. Kellie Turner, Pioneers Chief of Staff. "We are here to provide you the best care. We have made adjustments to give our patients the safest experience and protect them against COVID-19," continued Turner.

When you come to Pioneers, you will be asked to help us protect everyone by:

- Stopping at the Screening station at our entrances.
- Wearing a mask.
- Take a pump of hand sanitizer and rub over your hands.
- Practice Social Distancing in our waiting areas.
- Pioneers is taking additional precautions:
- Pioneers is utilizing specific patient flow to keep sick patients and well patients separate.
- Staff inventories

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to ensure Pioneers has an adequate supply.

- Our visitor policy has been restricted, and we encourage families to utilize other methods such as FaceTime or other platforms to stay in contact with their loved ones.

- Pioneers will allow one visitor who will be designated at the time of hospital admission.

- No one under the age of 18, unless approved for special circumstances

- End of Life policies are in place.

- Two designated primary caregivers will be allowed for the duration to stay with pediatric patients. They must stay and not come and go from hospital.

- Emergency room patients are allowed one visitor, who must remain in the room with the patient at all times. Visitors will be escorted in and out of the building.

- One visitor may accompany a patient receiving surgery, or an outpatient procedure

- One caregiver can accompany a patient with a disability or cognitive limitations.

- No visitors with fever, cough, or breathing problems.

Pioneers is proud to be able to provide our community its healthcare. Thank you for being diligent in your own practices against COVID-19.

For questions or more information, call 970-878-5047 and ask for Margie Joy, Pioneers Chief Communications Officer.

## TO MARKET WE WILL GO ...



DOMINICK CARDILE PHOTO

Residents took advantage of pleasant June weather to get outside for the first Farmers Market/Meekerpalooza event of the summer last Friday. For more photos from the downtown event, visit <https://rioblancoheraldtimes.smugmug.com/Farmers-MarketMeekerpalooza/>.

## CONSERVATION CORNER

### "Efficiency" versus "Conservation" of Agriculture Water

By Guest Writer Phil Brink, Consulting Coordinator, Colorado Cattlemen's Ag Water NetWORK ([agwaternet.org](http://agwaternet.org))

If farmers and ranchers use more efficient irrigation methods, won't they use less water? This is a common question which stems from confusion between the terms 'efficiency' and 'conservation'.

Conservation means using less water. Efficiency refers to the amount of water applied compared with the amount of water used by plants. Greater irrigation efficiency does not mean lower total crop water use. If 100 acre-feet of water is applied to a field over a growing season using flood irrigation, and the crop's consumptive use is 50 acre-feet, then the system is 50 percent efficient. The remaining half evaporates from the field surface or runs off the end of the field or percolates down below the root zone. Surface and subsurface flows leaving irrigated fields can recharge groundwater, support wetlands, and be used by others downgradient - including other farmers, municipalities, and domestic well owners. This practice enables multiple uses of water within basin systems as water is diverted and then some of it returns back to the river, augmenting mid- and late summer flows and enabling additional diversion and use.

Now, back to efficiency. If the same field upgrades to a sprinkler which is 85% efficient, edge-of-field runoff is eliminated. The rancher needs to divert less water from the ditch but there is also no field runoff. There is no actual reduction in water used by the crop. It still uses 50 acre-feet. So the irrigation system is more efficient, but there has been no net water conservation.

Scan the Zapcode below to read Phil's whole article! And stay tuned next week as we explore more water issues in Rio Blanco County!



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Carolyn Sullivan

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## Is America Really Exceptional?

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



Dr. J.D. Watson

Is America really exceptional? We hear many people today say, "No!" But what do the facts of history say?

The Massachusetts Bay and Plymouth colonies are well known and famous, but they were not the only ones founded. Another, which was the result of the labor of Thomas Hooker (1586-1647), is especially noteworthy. Because of his Puritan sympathies in England, he was forced to flee first to the Netherlands and finally to the

Massachusetts Bay Colony in 1633 aboard the *Griffin*. A gifted preacher and scholarly writer, he became the pastor of the earliest established church in Cambridge.

But a conflict arose. Only "freemen" (those who were not slaves and had been formally admitted to their church after a detailed interrogation of their religious views and experiences) were allowed to vote in Massachusetts. Hooker disagreed with this limitation of suffrage, which put him at odds with the influential pastor John Cotton (1585-1652), the preeminent minister and theologian of the Massachusetts Bay Colony. So, Hooker, along with another Puritan minister, Samuel Stone (1602-63), led a group of about 100 and founded the settlement of Hartford, Connecticut (named for Stone's birthplace, Hertford, England).

Now, most Americans are completely unaware of just how significant that was. More than a century before the "Founding Fathers" hammered out the brilliant American Constitution, Hooker preached his most famous sermon on May 31, 1638 before the General Court of Connecticut in which he delivered one of the clearest statements in the annals of history concerning the sovereignty of the people. Based on his text in Deuteronomy 1:13, and in true Puritan fashion, he first gave doctrinal statements drawn from scripture, then reasons to back up those statements, and finally the *uses* they should be put to:

"1ST DOCTRINAL STATEMENT: The choice of public magistrates belongs unto the people by God's own allowance. 2ND DOCTRINAL STATEMENT: The privilege of election which belongs to the people must not be exercised according to their whims but according to the blessed will and law of God. 3RD DOCTRINAL STATEMENT: Those who have power to appoint officers and magistrates have

it in their power also to set the bounds and limits of the power and places unto which they call them.

"1ST REASON: Because the foundation of authority is laid firstly in the free consent of people. 2ND REASON: Because by a free choice the hearts of the people will be more inclined to the love of the persons and more ready to yield obedience. 3RD REASON: Because of that duty and engagement of the people.

"USE 1: Here is matter of thankful acknowledgement in the apprehension of God's faithfulness towards us and the promotion of those mercies that God doth command and vouchsafe. USE 2: Reproof to dash the conceits of all those that shall oppose it. USE 3: Exhortation to persuade us as God hath given us liberty to take it."

That did indeed foreshadow the representative, constitutional republic government that would come to America more than a century later. Six months after that sermon, on January 1639, Connecticut voters ratified the *Fundamental Orders of Connecticut*, the first known written constitution to form a basis of government. As philosopher and historian John Fiske would write in 1889, this was "the first written constitution known to history that created a government. It marked the beginnings of American democracy, of which Thomas Hooker deserves more than any other man to be called the father. The government of the United States today is in lineal descent more nearly related to that of Connecticut than to that of any of the other thirteen colonies" (*Beginnings of New England*, 127-28).

So, while there are many today who deny, denounce, and even despise "American Exceptionalism," they do so in the face of the inarguable fact that America truly is unique from every country in the world. Before it even became a nation of "united states," it was already unlike anything the world had ever seen. Tragically, it seems we are trying nowadays to run away from that as fast as we can. Oh, what calamity and chaos that will bring!

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

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# MILESTONES ...



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Two long-term employees made the decision to begin a new chapter in their lives. Darrell and Liz Kendall retired from the Rio Blanco County Road & Bridge Department on June 25, 2020. Darrell worked for the department for 28-1/2 years, and Liz for almost 19. Both began as laborers and truck drivers, then moved up to grader operators. Darrell was a lead operator from 2001 to 2018 when he became the Meeker District Supervisor. Liz has been taking care of the Mesa grader route for 13 years. The Road & Bridge Department want to thank Darrell and Liz for their years of service. These two will be missed. Their level of dedication maintaining our county roads to a high standard year after year, and their tireless response to road emergencies all hours of the day and night is much appreciated. Job well done!

# Suzan Pelloni of Steamboat Sotheby's International Realty recognized on 2020 REAL Trends 'America's Best' rankings

**PRESS RELEASE**  
Special to the Herald Times

**MEEKER** REAL Trends recently released its 2019 ranking report of "America's Best Real Estate Professionals" and Suzan Pelloni of Steamboat Sotheby's International Realty was among those recognized as the best in Colorado. The list includes more than 14,500 residential real estate professionals from every state and those ranked are among the top 1.5% of 1.4 million real estate professionals in the country.

In the Individuals by Transaction Sides category, Pelloni ranked second in Steamboat Springs and 22nd in the state of Colorado with 76.5 transaction sides in 2019.

The ranking of Pelloni is a testament to her professionalism and the level of service that she

delivers to her clients, her status as one of Colorado's top real estate brokers, and as the Meeker and Rio Blanco County expert. Her ranking further exemplifies SSIR's status as the premier real estate firm in Northwest Colorado and the power and reach of the Sotheby's International Realty brand, resources, and tools.

All production numbers are independently verified by a third-party to ensure accuracy and the integrity of the report.

To qualify for inclusion, an individual agent must have closed at least 50 transaction sides or \$20 million in sales volume in 2019. For real estate agent teams, the minimum is 75 transaction sides or \$30 million in closed sales volume.

The complete "America's Best" Top Real Estate Professionals list can be found on REAL Trends'

website, [www.realtrends.com](http://www.realtrends.com).

Steamboat Sotheby's International Realty is located at 610 Marketplace Plaza in Steamboat Springs, Colorado. For additional information, please visit our website [SteamboatSIR.com](http://SteamboatSIR.com) or contact 970-879-8100.

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# TRAIL & HITCH ...



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## 2020 BOARD OF DIRECTOR ELECTIONS

### Petitions for Nomination of Director Candidate Now Available

Petitions for nomination of director candidates for the White River Electric Association, Inc., Board of Directors are now available. Members can find petitions on WREA's website at [www.wrea.org](http://www.wrea.org) and are also available at WREA headquarters located at 233 6th St. in Meeker, Colorado.

At the September 9, 2020, WREA Annual Meeting, two directors from the Town of Meeker will be elected for three-year terms. Completed petitions must be signed by fifteen (15) WREA members and returned to WREA no later than Monday, July 27, 2020, by 4:30 p.m. Please note that the previous notice indicated petitions were due by Friday, July 24, 2020, but that has been extended to Monday, July 27, 2020. Please call WREA at 970-878-5041 for more information or with any questions.

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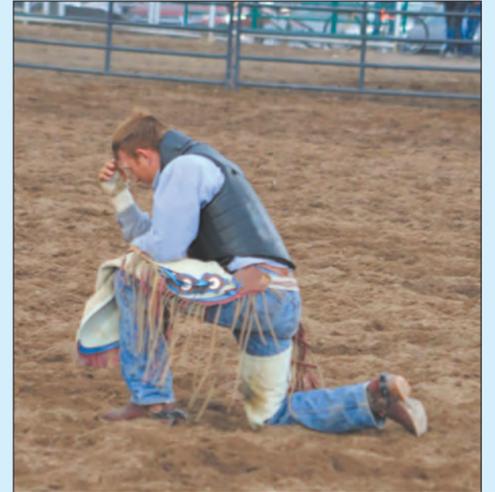
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## FLY HIGH, PRAY LOW ...



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The third week of the Meeker Summer Rodeo series is in the books. The results are: Bull riding - Tucker Gately; Jr. barrel riding - Leah Wood Open barrel riding - Kristie Grieve; Open pair roping Joe Wood/Kash Atwood; Number 11 roping - Drake Groom/Evan Kostner; Number 8 roping - Ripley Bellio/Clay Reynolds; Dally ribbon roping - Carlos Ruiz/ Deana Wood; Mixed pairs roping - Paula Cooper/Brett Watson Ladies open breakaway - Marley Hammer; Girls breakaway - Willow Nicholas. This week there are two nights of rodeos. Thursday is the weekly Meeker Summer Rodeo series and then Friday is the annual Meeker Range Call Rodeo. Friday's rodeo schedule is posted and available on Range Call, Inc Facebook page. View more photos from the June 25 rodeo on the Wendll's Facebook page.

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Sports stories are posted in the HT as space allows in the following order: varsity stories, junior varsity stories, junior high stories, miscellaneous stories. Contact us at editor@ht1885.com with questions.



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The Oak Ridge State Wildlife Area is one of many that will now require all visitors 18 or older to possess a valid hunting or fishing license for access.

## License requirement for SWAs now in effect

### PRESS RELEASE Special to the Herald Times

**RBC |** The Colorado Parks and Wildlife Commission recently adopted a rule change, requiring all visitors 18 or older to possess a valid hunting or fishing license to access any State Wildlife Area or State Trust Land leased by Colorado Parks and Wildlife. This new rule will be in effect beginning July 1, 2020.

"Colorado Parks and Wildlife manages more than 350 State Wildlife Areas and holds leases on nearly 240 State Trust Lands in Colorado, which are funded through the purchase of hunting and fishing licenses," said Southeast Regional Manager Brett Ackerman. "The purpose of these properties is to conserve and improve wildlife habitat, and provide access to wildlife-related recreation like hunting and fishing that are a deep part of Colorado's conservation legacy."

Because these properties have always been open to the public, not just to the hunters and anglers that purchased them and pay for their maintenance, many people visit these properties and use them as they would any other public land. As Colorado's population—and desire for outdoor recreation—has continued to grow, a significant increase in traffic to these SWAs and STLs has disrupted wildlife, the habitat the areas were acquired to protect, and the hunters and anglers whose contributions were critical to acquiring these properties.

Because funding for these properties is specifically generated by hunting and fishing license sales and the resulting federal match, requested options such as "hiking licenses" or "conservation permits" would not allow for the maintenance and management needed. Any funding from one of these conceptual licenses or permits would reduce the federal grant dollar for dollar and thus fail to increase CPW's ability to protect and manage the properties.

"This new rule change will help our agency begin to address some of the unintended uses we're seeing at many of our State Wildlife Areas and State Trust Lands," said CPW Director Dan Prenzl. "We have seen so much more non-wildlife related use of these properties that we need to bring it back to the intended use—conservation and protection of wildlife and their habitat."

"We do anticipate some confusion based on how the properties are funded, and the high amount of unintended use over time in these areas. We plan to spend a good amount of time educating the public on this change," said Ackerman. "But in its simplest form, it is just as any other user-funded access works. You cannot use a fishing license to enter a state park, because the park is not purchased and developed specifically for fishing. Similarly, you cannot use a park pass to enter lands that are intended for the sole purpose of wildlife conservation, because a park pass is designed to pay for parks." State law requires that the agency keep these funding sources separated.

CPW is a user-funded agency and, unlike most government agencies, receives very little money from the general fund. The new rule requires all users to contribute to the source of funding that makes the acquisition and maintenance of these properties possible. But the activities that interfere with wildlife-related uses or that negatively impact wildlife habitat don't become acceptable just because an individual possesses a hunting or fishing license. Each SWA and STL is unique and only certain activities are compatible with each property.

Many questions on the new rule are answered through our State Wildlife Area Frequently Asked Questions document. Visit cpw.state.co.us for additional information on agency projects and funding.

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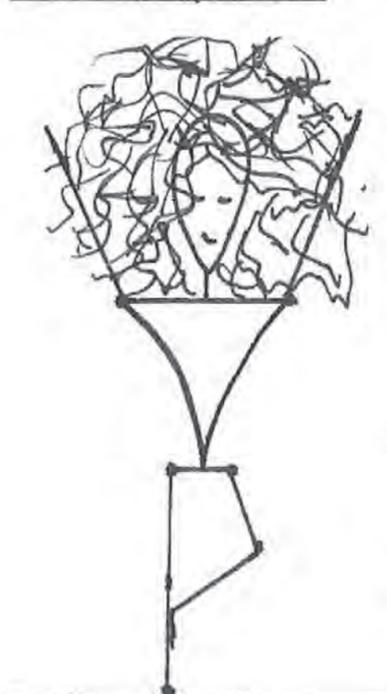
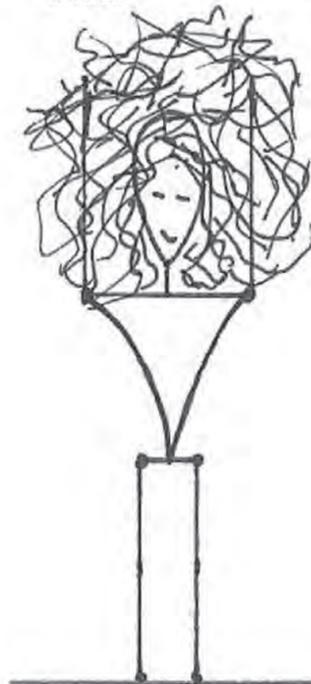
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# ERBM discusses budget projections, projects at June meetings

By **CAITLIN WALKER**  
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**MEEKER I** Double meetings in June focused primarily on the 2021 budget, issues with the Circle Park pond project, and bids for Meeker Recreation Center's roof replacement.

The first meeting, held Tuesday, June 16, began with ERBM's 2019 audit summary. ColoCPA's Marlo Coates presented the report, and stated, "the adjustments we had to do were so minimal you could have chosen not to do them."

Next, the board moved into a work session regarding 2021 budget assumptions and long-term planning. The work session was more of an overview of the numbers, with specifics to come as the board moves through their budget process.

Budget projections show consistent decreases to ERBM's fund balance, ranging from \$300,000 to \$800,000, for the next 10 years. Board President Kent Walter stated, "that continual red is a little scary ... I don't know that we need to address it right now but that's something we need to take a hard look at." Director Dan Chinn asked if the decrease was related to a difference in energy money being received, to which Administrative Manager Dondi Glasscock replied, "Absolutely." Walter stated, "it's hard to project ahead. If Jordan Cove goes through, most of that goes through Piceance, supposedly ... boards have always had challenges but maybe ours is just a little more significant." Chinn stated, "It can't get much worse."

Glasscock replied, "It can get worse if companies bail on Piceance and try to sell. If they try to unload it the value will continue to go down."

- Personnel costs increase by about \$100,000 over the next 10 years.

- Operations costs have remained fairly steady and are projected to do so, around \$1 million a year. According to Executive Director Sean VonRoenn, "That's not the place to really look for a cut, a lot of fat has been trimmed."

- Capital improvement project (CIP) amounts are projected to increase and decrease in alignment with scheduled maintenance projects. VonRoenn stressed, "none of this is set in stone," projections-wise.

- ERBM's biggest spending years were 2013, when \$1.6 million was spent on projects, 2016, when \$1.625 million was spent, and this year, with \$1.3 million either spent or budgeted.

- 2020's budget will decrease the fund balance by \$1.1 million, the largest decrease in the past 10 years, followed closely by 2017, when the fund decreased by \$1.037 million.

- Looking at personnel costs, the board visited the idea of freezing performance increases for employees. The district would save \$30-40K. Right now, the budget has a 3% performance increase budgeted, but not all employees receive the full 3% increase, so actual numbers end up being less. ERBM does not offer other raises such as cost of living adjustments. "We can't run forever on this budget. We're going to have to do something, no two ways about it," Chinn stated. However, he

was for keeping performance increases in 2021. "I think you're dealing with morale right now and you don't want to affect morale unless you absolutely have to. We'll have to look at some cuts or benefits or whatever. Right now my thinking is we've got money in the bank, this is a good time to use it, and we should use it for personnel." Other board members agreed.

- The board decided to decrease the amount of partnership commitments by \$5,000 to \$40,000 after the Meeker Golf Course, which was receiving \$20,000 from ERBM, only asked for half that this year.

- The District will be reassessing their cost recovery philosophy and existing fees, "doing due diligence and putting best foot forward ... it's not the lion's share of total revenue, but it is a thing we have a lot of impact on," VonRoenn stated.

- ERBM's investments are doing relatively well. Several will mature this year, \$735,000 total, and the board agreed to put the funds into ColoTrust, which yields 0.58% on average.

- The board rounded out the work session with a discussion of future CIP projects. In progress and scheduled for 2021 are Circle Park Phase I and some preliminary work on Phase II.

Out of 58 CIP projects, those at the top of the list for 2021 (after Circle Park) are as follows: IT-Fiber LAN installation and equipment replacement: \$300,000; Parking lots asphalt replacement: \$175,000; Lap pool resurfacing - \$60,000; Inflatable slide - \$15,000; Utility vehicle/mower - \$20,000; Scrubber - \$9,000; Fitness room equipment - \$10,000.

Director Travis Mobley proposed postponing the parking lot project for at least another year. Other board members agreed.

The board also took a look at a CIP prioritization exercise. According to the document, the top three priorities are: Expand Recreation Center with gymnasium/multi-use/gymnastics space (est. \$1.7 million); Improve in-river recreation features in town (tubing, kayaking, etc.) from 3rd St. to 10th St. (est. \$300,000); Expand Recreation Center fitness space (est. \$1 million)

A 2012 Master Plan survey put improvements and renovation/maintenance of existing park facilities at the top of the list (65%), followed very closely by expansion of the recreation center (64%).

Director Walter stated, "as far as looking at some of these other things that we got from expanding the recreation fitness center, perhaps we're a little early in the game when we're looking at Phase II of Circle Park. If anything, 'improve river recreation features' kind of fits with Circle Park more than anything else. I don't know that we want to get too far ahead of that."

Director Chinn stated improvement of the facility itself should be prioritized, and that maintenance projects or replacement could wait if something was still in working order. "I do think even though things are looking gloomy we should look down the road a little bit, put this facility first. In terms of bringing people to the community, this is what brought me here, this facility."

Director John Strate stated he didn't want to create an expansion plan that won't be followed through on, and Chinn stated anything proposed would need to be modest, but that, "this facility is crucial to the community."

Walter stated postponing maintenance projects would just be "kicking the can down the road." "To make assumptions of what's being presented here, with nothing extra if we look at our trajectory, we don't have room for a \$1.7 million addition to the rec center and the personnel costs to go with that. We still need to complete what we started at Circle Park."

General consensus was for a feasibility study/site plan to be postponed for the facility itself. The board did decide to add the purchase of new fitness room flooring to the list of 2021 CIP projects.

Bids for the roof replacement project had not been assessed by SGM in time for the June 16 meeting.

Finally, the board agreed to go in on a potential joint application with other recreation districts for DOLA's coronavirus relief fund.

## JUNE 25 MEETING

The June 25 meeting began with a discussion between board members and Circle Park pond contractor Travis Adams of TDA Construction. According to Adams, the Town of Meeker will not allow him to use the bridge during pond construction. "If I'm not allowed to use that bridge it's going to decrease efficiency a lot."

Board president Kent Walter stated he understood the town had given permission to use the bridge if Adams signed a no-fault clause. "They did give you an alternative."

"Yes, but I have no idea what that would cost," Adams said. "I didn't put that money in the bid to address that."

Walter continued, "the board went out of our way to create a haul road ... we already incurred additional expenses as a result of that. If you're coming to the board and you're asking us to do something, this is truly a matter between you and the town. And the town has already given you an alternative."

Adams said the road was only built because ERBM and the Meeker Cemetery District already wanted a trail there. "If you guys had not wanted a trail, we would not have done it."

Walter pointed out the document or contract made no mention of the bridge and stated, "We have a contract with you to complete the project. We've provided you adequate access and ... you also have an alternative access across that bridge if you so choose to do that. You'd incur additional expenses, but that's part of doing business."

Director Travis Mobley asked why Adams couldn't use the trail that goes up to the cemetery.

"We can use it, we will, but we don't want two-way truck traffic. We did want to keep that up and down to a minimum. We've talked about jake brakes and they [the cemetery board] have concerns about that and we'd be using that a lot more than we've told them we were going to."

According to Adams, his truck and trailer are about 10 tons less than the bridge weight capacity, and he plans on nearly 700 truckloads of material being removed from the site.

VonRoenn said they had already tried to facilitate alternatives on-site with the town and representatives of the project. "What we've heard is it's the responsibility of the contractor with the town to hammer out some agreeable terms on the use if it's critical to the project."

Adams said he thought his general liability would already cover what the town was asking for. Board members urged him to verify that, and reiterated that since the town has provided an alternative access option, further discussion should be between Adams and the town's board of trustees.

After Adams left the meeting, the board discussed helping Adams get on the town's agenda for a discussion, primarily due to the tight timeline of getting started on the project. "We're six weeks out and I feel there's going to need to be some back and forth interaction with TDA to work through some of the agreement terms. I also feel like that is what we have tried to do to this point," VonRoenn stated.

According to a copy of the Town of Meeker agenda for the July 7 meeting published this week, that has not yet happened.

The board then reviewed concept plans for the river corridor for Phase II of the Circle Park Pond Project to be discussed with the Town board at the July 7 meeting. Director John Strate stated, "I would like to make it as simple as possible with the budget concerns we have and the unknowns."

Walter stated the board didn't have to agree on everything all the time, but the concept plans and a final cost on Phase II could be helpful in making decisions.

The board reviewed bids for the roof replacement project budgeted for \$250,000. SGM reviewed the received bids and recommended two, one from FCI Constructors with a base bid price of \$374,605 and one from Eco Roof and Solar with a base bid amount of \$345,173.49. The board went with Eco Roof and Solar.

Eco's Project Manager Kayleen Kesterson has familial ties to Meeker. "My great-grandmother Dorothy (Kehrberger) worked at the old library for about 10 years and volunteered for the museum. She helped author 'This is What I Remember' volumes 1 and 2," Kesterson stated via email.

At the end of the meeting, Walter stated, "As a reminder, it's not our job to agree all the time. It's healthy if we already agree to disagree and I just want to continue to encourage that as a board. Sometimes it feels pretty uncomfortable, but that's okay, that's normal. We need to go there and have those discussions because what we're doing is really important."

"We're going to disagree and I think it's healthy," Chinn agreed.

## RBC WEEKLY CALL REVIEW

**WEEKLY CALL REVIEW AT THE RIO BLANCO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DISPATCH CENTER June 22-28, 2020**

Meeker Dispatch Center administered 501 phone calls last week including 34 911 calls, answered 62 calls for Meeker Police Department (MPD) and placed 168 outgoing calls. A total of 221 calls for service were created, 103 for the Sheriff's Office, 107 for Meeker PD.

Note the department breakdown of calls may differ from the total number reported due to individual incidents with multiple agencies responding.

- Law enforcement conducted 27 traffic stops

- Sheriff's Deputies issued 11 warnings on 13 stops

- PD issued 12 warnings on 14 stops

- 3 crashes, 1 involving wildlife, 3 assists with CSP

- Sheriff's Deputies responded to 89 calls for service

- 12 911 misdials/tests

- 9 animal calls
- 20 agency assists
- 2 abandoned vehicle
- 4 civil papers served
- 3 civil calls
- 2 citizen assists
- 18 business/security checks
- 7 directed patrols
- 3 disturbances
- 3 motorist assists
- 3 traffic complaints
- 4 traffic hazards
- 2 VIN inspections
- 1 each: alarm, BLM fire, juvenile problem, warrant arrest, wildland fire

Meeker Police Department responded to 82 calls for service

- 6 911 hangup/test
- 9 agency assists
- 9 animal calls
- 25 business/residential checks
- 4 citizen assists
- 10 code enforcement
- 5 disturbances
- 2 harassment calls
- 2 juvenile problems

- 2 traffic crashes
- 2 traffic complaints
- 7 VIN inspection
- 1 each: alarm, civil, patrol, fraud, motorist assist, property, suspicious incident, traffic hazard

Meeker Fire and Rescue responded to 12 calls

- 4 ambulance requests, 1 medical transport, 1 alarm, wildland fire, 2 BLM fire assists, 2 citizen assists
- Rio Blanco Detentions
- 16 current inmates, 14 males and 2 females
- 1 jail transport to or from another facility

- 1 arrest from RBCSO
- 2 inmates released

This information is a weekly review of the calls for service that were requested at the Rio Blanco County Sheriff's Communications Office. If you have any questions or would like an explanation of the call types listed please call 878-9600. We will not regularly post any information as to the names or addresses on any incident.

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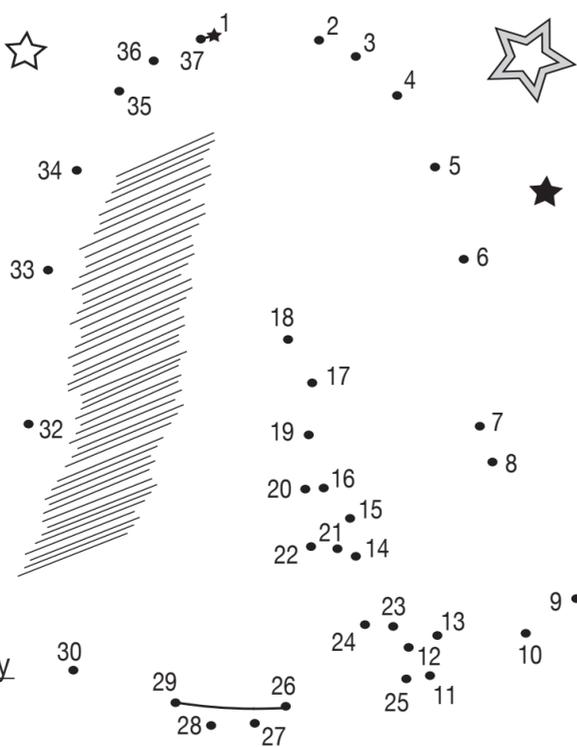
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The Declaration of Independence is the document that told the world that the 13 colonies were united as one country - the United States of America. It told that all ties to England were broken. The people wished to have a voice in their own government.

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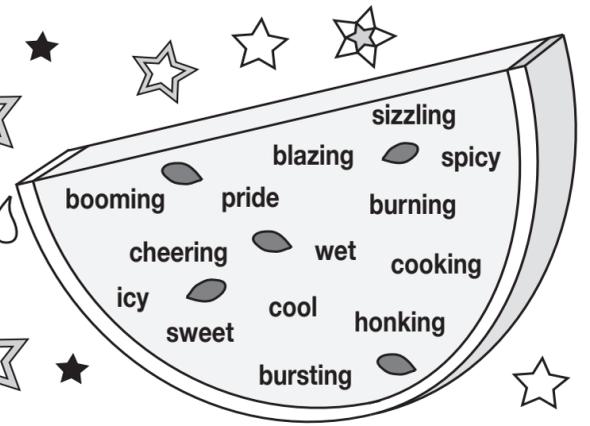
I can see colors \_\_\_\_\_ in the sky and bonfires \_\_\_\_\_.

I can hear fireworks \_\_\_\_\_ and car horns \_\_\_\_\_ and people \_\_\_\_\_.

I can taste watermelon \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, a hotdog, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

I can smell sulfur \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ food \_\_\_\_\_.

I can feel the \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ grass under my feet and \_\_\_\_\_ for my country in my heart!



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- Begone!
- Blue
- Instinctive motive
- Barbershop supply
- Cover with asphalt
- Twist and distort
- Dismounted
- Tiny particle
- Like smell of burning rubber
- \*King of Great Britain when America won independence
- Same as pleaded
- "Well-\_\_\_ machine"
- \*Abigail Adams \_\_\_ Smith
- \*Preferred cooking device on the 4th
- They play dead
- Tiller's tiller
- Santa's reindeer
- Dwarf buffalo
- Smart ones?
- \_\_\_ the hills and far away"
- Penicillin holder, e.g.
- Part of both levorotary and levorotary
- \*Like 4th of July
- Choler
- Egg dishes
- Actress Close
- \*Jefferson was three

- and Washington was \_\_\_
- Medal of Honor word
- Castle material
- \*Roman Candles and Fountains, e.g.
- Manuscript sheet
- Dirty money
- Diré fate
- Type of wrench
- Charitable contribution
- Genesis twin
- Dad's lads
- General Services Administration
- Job for a body shop
- DOWN
- Without a date
- \*American Revolutionary War spy, Nathan
- Miscellany
- Type of local tax
- French composer of "GymnopÉdies" fame
- Steer clear
- Prefix for half
- "U. S. personified
- Power system
- Former times
- Saffron-flavored rice dish
- Stares
- Decorates with gold leaf
- Negative conjunction

- Jewish folklore creature
- "Superman" star
- Machu Picchu country
- Remove from Pinterest board
- Grieve
- \*Many retailers hold one for the 4th of July
- Sign of a saint
- \* \_\_\_ of Liberty
- Rooster's girlfriend
- \*13 of these at the start
- Give a green light
- \*What contestants did at Nathan's Hot Dog Eating Contest
- Ends of shoe laces
- " \_\_\_ a high note"
- What river did to bank
- Viola da Gamba, pl.
- Wafting pleasantness
- Aria, e.g.
- Comrade in arms
- \*It should never touch ground
- Official flower of the Kentucky Derby
- Riddle without solution
- Obscenity
- Like The Beatles

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**RIO BLANCO COUNTY ROAD 73 BRIDGE REPLACEMENT**  
CDOT #BRO C490-007 – PROJECT # 23510  
REQUEST FOR BID

PROJECT NAME AND LOCATION: Rio Blanco County Road (CR) 73 Bridge Replacement, Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) Project No. BRO C490-007 Construction Project Code No. 23510. This project is located on CR 73 which is north of Colorado State Highway 64 Mile Post 34.5 on Rio Blanco County right-of-way in the County of Rio Blanco, Colorado crossing the White River. Construction will take place entirely within the Rio Blanco County's right-of-way. Construction specifications will follow the 2019 Colorado Department of Transportation's Standard Specifications for Road & Bridge Construction. Project Special Revisions and Standard Provisions applicable to this project are included with the Bid Package. SCOPE OF WORK: The project consists of construction of a new structure adjacent to the existing structure and using the existing structure and road alignment as an in-place detour. The Contractor shall obtain a permit for Stormwater Management during construction. The permit shall be transferred to Rio Blanco County after project is accepted by Rio Blanco County. The Erosion Control Supervisor will be provided by Rio Blanco County and will monitor the SWMP. Traffic Control Management (TCM) will be provided by Rio Blanco County as required along County Road 73. This project includes funding by a CDOT-administered FHWA Grant, but due to project location and road classification the project is exempt from Davis-Bacon wage requirements. There will be 2% DBE contracting goals and 0 hours of On the Job Training. CONTRACT DOCUMENTS: Contract Documents shall be available on July 2, 2020 at [www.govbids.com/scripts/co1/public/home1.asp](http://www.govbids.com/scripts/co1/public/home1.asp), on the County's website at <https://www.rbc.us/bids.aspx>.

**BIDDER QUALIFICATIONS:** Vendors must be listed on the most current CDOT Pre-qualified Contractor Listing.

**PROJECT ENGINEER AND QUESTIONS:** Van Pilaud, County Engineer, (970) 878-9590, Fax (970) 878-3396. All Bidders are advised to examine the site and become familiar with all conditions. Any questions regarding this Project are to be directed in writing to Van Pilaud before noon on July 23, 2020 at the above address or fax number.

**WORK SCHEDULE:** The Project shall start after the Notice to Proceed is issued and be completed according to the contract document.

**MANDATORY PRE-BID MEETING:** Bidders must attend the mandatory pre-bid meeting: July 22, 2020 at 10:00 A.M. at the Rio Blanco County Road & Bridge Dept., 570 Second Street, Meeker.

**BID SUBMITTALS:** Bidder shall submit sealed bids

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**ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS**

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- Roll Call
- Approval of the Agenda
- Approval of the Previous Minutes
- Approval of Monthly Disbursements
- Public Participation

This is an opportunity for Citizens to bring comments and questions to the Board of Trustees not being addressed in the Regular Meeting Agenda. In consideration of other regularly scheduled agenda items, comments will be limited to 3 minutes or less. Citizens are asked to approach the podium state their name and address for the record.

- New Business:
  - Presentation of the White River at Circle Park Fluvial Assessment and Design Considerations.
  - Consideration of Resolution 8, 2020 appointing a Municipal Judge for the Town of Meeker.
  - Request from MCSCT for placement of a memorial plaque at Ute Park.
  - Consideration of Resolution 9, 2020 approving amendments to the Town of Meeker Fee Schedule regarding water tap fees.
  - Consideration of Resolution 10, 2020 appointing Chris Lockwood to the Planning Commission.
  - Decision regarding improvements to infrastructure for the NW corner of Meeker based on recent analysis by Mtn. Cross Engineering and Yeh and Associates, Inc.
- Mayor's Remarks
- Town Manager's Report
- Other Board Business
- Adjournment

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**MEEKER SANITATION DISTRICT**  
July 8, 2020  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING at 7:00 PM  
The Regular Board Meeting of the Meeker Sanitation District will be held at the Meeker Sanitation District Office, 265 8th Street, Meeker, Colorado.

- Call to order
- Additions or Changes to the Agenda
- Approval of Minutes
- Public Comments

**MEEKER HIGHLAND CEMETERY Regular Board Meeting**  
Thursday, July 9, 2020 8:30 a.m.  
265 County Road 4, Meeker, CO 81641

- Call to Order
- Approve Agenda
- Approve Minutes June 4th
- Approve deeds and bills
- Public input
- Audit presentation - ColoCPA
- Old Business
  - White River Basin Head gate & Measuring Device
  - Additional zone plan updates
- New Business
  - ARGIS
  - Pump monitor/smart app
  - Tree replacement
  - Walking Trail personal memorials
- Staff Updates
- Open Board Discussion
- Adjourn

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## PUBLIC NOTICES

6. New Business  
7. Old Business  
A. Plant Manager Report  
B. Office Manager Report  
8. Attorney  
9. Board  
A. Reports  
B. Delinquent Accounts  
C. Approve Current Bills  
10. Adjourn

This agenda is subject to change without further notice.  
Agenda is posted at the office of the Meeker Sanitation District, 265 8th Street.  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
A public hearing has been scheduled for July 21, 2020 at 7:00 pm at the Meeker Town Hall, 345 Market Street, to consider a request by: Meeker Fair Board, for two (2) Special Event Liquor License for the following events at 700 Sulphur Crk. Rd, RBC Fairgrounds, Meeker Colorado for RBC Fair Events at: Grandstands and Outdoor Arena - August 7, 2020 from 4:00 pm to 12:00 am  
4-H Venue Building - August 8, 2020 from 4:00 pm to 12:00 am  
§ Kathleen Sizemore  
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## PUBLIC NOTICES

**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 19th.  
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.  
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**WHITE RIVER ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION, INC. 2020 BOARD OF DIRECTOR ELECTIONS**  
Petitions for Nomination of Director Candidate Now Available

Petitions for nomination of director candidates for the White River Electric Association, Inc., Board of Directors are now available. Members can find petitions on WREA's website at [www.wrea.org](http://www.wrea.org) and are also available at WREA headquarters located at 233 6th St. in Meeker, Colorado.  
At the September 9, 2020, WREA Annual Meeting, two directors from the Town of Meeker will be elected for three-year terms. Completed petitions must be signed by fifteen (15) WREA members and returned to WREA no later than Monday, July 27, 2020, by 4:30 p.m. Please note that the previous notice indicated petitions were due by Friday, July 24, 2020, but that has been extended to Monday, July 27, 2020. Please call WREA at 970-878-5041 for more information or with any questions.  
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Veterans Service Offices Rio Blanco County: Veterans Service Officer - Joe Dungan, Wednesday, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., County Administration Building, 200 Main Street Suite 300, Meeker. 878-9690 office, 878-3219 home. Fax 878-9581. Rangely: Veterans Service Officer - Hoot Gibson, Tuesday and Thursday, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., County Annex, 17497 State Hwy 64, Rangely. 878-9695 office, 675-2669 home.

AA & Al-Anon Meetings - Rangely Alcoholics Anonymous - Open meetings Tues & Thurs, 7 p.m., 115 Kennedy Dr., St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, Rangely.  
Al-Anon meets Monday, 8:15 p.m., 207 S. Sunset, 1st Baptist Church, Rangely. Al-Anon info call 970-629-5064 or 970-629-2970.  
Women's NA/AA meetings, Monday 1:30 p.m., St. Timothy's.

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Thursday, September 24, 2020  
Wednesday, October 22, 2020  
Wednesday, November 25, 2020  
Wednesday, December 23, 2020

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Rangely: Mondays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Thursdays, 1 p.m. to 7 p.m., 219 Sunset Avenue Rangely. Email: [newedenrangely@gmail.com](mailto:newedenrangely@gmail.com) or (970) 675-2300. All services are confidential.

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**HOME + BUSINESS** Bear Mountain Inn  
**HOME + BUSINESS** 10 E. Market St.

**PRICE REDUCED** 880 Cleveland St.  
**MOTIVATED SELLERS** 410 Cleveland St.  
**MUST SEE THIS ONE** 1346 Sage Ridge Rd.

**FOR SALE IN MEEKER**

- CR 15 Ranch - A rarely available 390± acre property with 2 Wells-3BD/2BA/1,412 SF, log home...\$825,500
- Bear Mountain Inn - Income producing Bed&Breakfast w/Apartment Unit-Beautiful Yard...\$625,000
- 880 Cleveland St - Spacious 5BD/2BA family home with fresh updates on 2 lg. corner lots...\$295,000
- 410 Cleveland St - 2BD/1.75BA/1,732 SF home with nice views, privacy, storage+lg. garden...\$290,000
- 1346 Sage Ridge Rd - 3BD/2BA 1,460 Custom log home, large 0.35ac lot, picturesque views...\$287,000
- 10 E Market St - Residential/Hwy.Commercial property with Water/Ice vending machine...\$258,000
- 1947 CR 12 - 3BD/1BA Log cabin with vaulted ceiling and fishing access on the White River...\$250,000
- 1959 CR 12 - 3BD/1BA Log cabin offering a rustic charm, fishing, BLM-Forest access nearby...\$250,000
- 600±610 Garfield St - Single level duplex offering 2BD/1BA per unit w/separate back yards...\$200,000
- 1042 Park Ave - Classic 2 story 3BD/1BA/2,340 SF home w/ rustic barn, 3 lg. lots-fruit trees...\$195,000
- 440 Cross L - A spectacular 4+ac building lot with 360° views, utilities nearby and irrigation...\$85,000
- 1085 Pinyon St - Two lovely lots ready for building w/ 1 water and sewer tap already paid...\$43,000
- 1134 Michael Cir. SALE PENDING
- 6321 CR 7. SALE PENDING
- 112 Main St. SALE PENDING
- 1104 Mark Cir. SOLD
- 1217 Main St. SOLD

**FOR SALE IN RANGELY**

**NEW 102 W Rangely Ave** - Gorgeous well kept single level 3BD/2BA home with a great floor plan, spacious rooms, vaulted ceilings, recessed lighting, walkout dining and a large easy keep yard. Enjoy central A/C in the summers with this rare home buying opportunity in a quiet Rangely neighborhood...\$220,000

**2534 E. Main St** - A spectacular 4BD/2BA home located on 15±ac w/irrigation water, roller sprinklers & livestock barn. The floor plan offers abundant space with the master and guest rooms split for privacy. You'll enjoy the custom finishes throughout...\$480,000

**FREE ONE YEAR HOME WARRANTY!**

**PRICE REDUCED** 102 W Rangely Ave

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**936 9th St.**  
**NEW!** Meticulously maintained, frame built home. Fun country kitchen, lots of storage & plenty of parking. All this with 380 SF deck for enjoying BBQs, sunsets & views.  
**\$338,000**

- ◆ 550 County Rd. 60 - Sportsmans Delight! 103 acres, 4 BD, 2.5 BA with unfinished full basement. Nice detached workshop, corrals and loafing sheds. Short distance from HWY 13. \$595,000
- ◆ 1065-1075 Cleveland St. - Six townhouse units, all 3BD/1 1/2BA with W/D and open living space, upgrades throughout. Same ownership for 19 years. \$498,000 **UNDER CONTRACT!**
- ◆ 1091 Cleveland St. - Vacant lot \$29,000 **UNDER CONTRACT!**

**Enjoy the freedom of home ownership!**

Contact these local professionals today!

**Real-Tea Roundtable**  
Wednesday, Sept. 2  
7:30 a.m., Wendli's

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NEW Sleepy Cat Ranch-40± Acres, Lodge & Riverfront	\$7,900,000	100 Mesa Dr.	PENDING	662 12th St.	PENDING
40± Unencumbered Acres-1,449' Riverfront	\$1,950,000	1368 Juniper Rd.	PENDING	850 7th St.	PENDING
2204 Rd. 7-618 Acres, 2 Homes, Shop, Grazing Permit	\$1,760,000	29± Acres Up Rd. 8 - Valley Views, Building Area, Fishing	\$320,000	870 4th St.	PENDING
NEW 4267 Rd. 10-Towering Views, Home, Guest House, Horses Welcome	\$1,290,000	887 Cleveland St.	PENDING	117 6th St.	PENDING
Elk Mountain Inn-21 rooms, Bar, Restaurant, Courtyard	\$975,000	45304 Hwy. 13	PENDING	NEW 851 2nd St.-Peaceful 3+BD/2BA, Fenced Yard, Carport & Storage Shed	\$187,900
1986 Rd. 41-640 Acres, Hunting & Grazing	\$879,000	Top of 6th St. - 8.5± Acres, Room to Build Your Dream Home	\$299,000	109 Market St. - 1/2 Acre, Corner Lot, Highly Visible	\$175,000
223 8th St. - Wyatt's Sports Center and Attached Residence	\$775,000	589 6th St.	PENDING	NEW 1106 Mark Cir.-Ranch Style 3BD/2BA, 1 Car Garage & Carport	\$169,000
658± Acres, Rd. 143-North of RB Lake, Hunt Unit 11	\$660,000	960 Garfield St.	PENDING	1105 & 1107 Market St. - Corner Lot, Commercial Opportunity	\$149,000
319± Acres, Rd. 77-Colorow Cabin, Well, Grazing Permit	\$640,000	885 Garfield St.	PENDING	629 10th St.	PENDING
39970 Hwy. 13	SOLD	555 8th St.	PENDING	460 S. Cross L: 4 Acres, Valley Views, Residential Vacant	\$72,000
431 E. Market St.-22± Acres, Shop, Office, Living Quarters	\$549,000	NEW 959 Garfield St.-Ranch Style 3+BD/3BA, Garage, Off-Street Parking	\$272,000	2 Sage Hills Lots - Panoramas, Build Your Dream Home	\$59,000
NEW 455 8th St.-Masterpiece 2 Story 3BD/3BA, 2 Car Garage, Double Lot	\$413,000	950 Cleveland St. - 3BD/3BA, Large Workshop	\$267,000	Ridge Estates Subdivision - 21 Rural Residential Lots	Starting at \$45,000
NEW 474 S. Hwy. 317 HAMILTON-7± Acres, Riverfront, 4BD/3BA	\$389,000	NEW 760 3rd St. - 3BD/3BA, Wonderful Neighborhood, Expansive Lot	\$237,000	2 Vacant Lots, Andrea Cir. - Great Views	\$29,000 each
NEW 1301 Sage Ridge Rd.-Views from 4BD/3BA, Shop/Garage, Fenced Yard	\$365,000				

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