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Range Call ...

Fireworks, a parade, concerts and dances, famous root beer floats, fun shoots, fun runs, battlefield tour, a bank robbery, rodeos and re-enactment of the Meeker Massacre mean fun for everyone at Meeker's Range Call, a three-day festival that runs tonight through Saturday. See today's pullout section, Pages 9A through 16A.



Rangely has fun-packed Fourth of July holiday planned

By HEATHER ZADRA
Special to the Herald Times

RANGELY I If you're planning to stay in Rangely for this holiday weekend, you'll have plenty of entertainment options.

During the last few years, the Western Rio Blanco Metropolitan Recreation and Park District (WRBM) has scaled up its offerings, from family-friendly fun to serious competition, not to mention a fire-

works show rivaling that of many larger towns in the region.

Fourth of July weekend activities begin early this year, with teams set to tee off for a night golf competition at Cedar Ridges Golf Course on Thursday evening.

Friday at dusk kicks off the fireworks display put on by WRBM, the Rangely Rural Fire Protection District and local sponsors, with more than 4,400 rockets set to launch over Kenney Reservoir. Come a bit

early to snag a prime viewing spot from your favorite chair, tailgate or boat.

New Eden Pregnancy Care Services kicks off its second annual Color Run/Walk 5K Saturday morning at 9 a.m. from its new location at 219 S. Sunset Ave. Participants walk or run the stroller-friendly course and get doused with colored powders along the way, followed by an optional tour through the new center. The \$15 individual or \$55 immediate

family registration fees, all of which benefit New Eden, include T-shirts that will make nice souvenirs after their trip through the course. Register early at the WRBM Recreation Center or beginning at 8 a.m. Saturday morning at New Eden.

At 10 a.m., rib cook-off contestants will set up next to the Elks Park main pavilion to smoke or grill two racks of baby-back ribs for judging by a five-person panel at 5 p.m. Chefs may marinate or season meat

ahead of time, but actual cooking must be done on site. The WRBM will award cash prizes for first through third places.

From noon to 3 p.m., kids can come to Elks Park to get wet and wild on WRBM's multiple inflatables. Local family band Crossroads plays classic and current rock favorites at the same time.

Finally, the WRBM offers its third annual Surf 'n' Turf meal at 6 p.m., including steak, shrimp and all

the fixings at the Elks Park pavilion, with hot dog meals for kids. Tickets need to have been purchased earlier this week.

Local singer Angie Kenney will start up the evening's entertainment at 6:30 p.m. with a mix of country and pop tunes.

For more information, contact Camilla Kennedy or Kirsten Cushman at the WRBM Recreation and Park District in Rangely at 675-8211.

Rio Blanco's unemployment down again

By SEAN McMAHON
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RBC I The unemployment rates in Rio Blanco County and the State of Colorado continued to drop in May, setting a strong trend of new jobs as the state heads into summer.

In Rio Blanco County, the May unemployment rate dropped from 4.7 percent to 4.3 percent in April, and those two months compare to 5.5 percent reported in the county in May 2013.

County figures for May 2014 show 4,224 persons in the workforce, 4,041 who are employed and 183 residents unemployed.

Those figures compare to April 2014, when 4,079 were in the workforce; 3,888 who were employed and 191 were unemployed.

In May 2013, there were 4,306 residents in the workforce; 4,071 were employed and 235 were unemployed.

Statewide, non-farm payroll jobs increased 9,100 from April to May to 2,443,800 jobs, according to the survey of business establishments. Private sector payroll jobs increased 8,700 and government increased 400.

Colorado has had 31 consecutive months of payroll job gains. According to the survey of households, the unemployment rate decreased two tenths of a percentage point in May to 5.8 percent. The last time the Colorado unemployment rate was 5.8 percent or lower was November 2008, when the rate was 5.7 percent.

The number of people participating in the labor force increased 3,100 over the month and the number of people reporting themselves as employed increased 7,500.

The larger increase in total employment than in the labor force caused the number of unemployed to decrease 4,300 and the unemployment rate to decline to 5.8 percent. The national unemployment rate was unchanged in May at 6.3 percent.

The lowest unemployment rate was found in Yuma County with 3.0 percent unemployed. The counties with the highest rate of unemployment are Pitkin (Aspen) and San Miguel County (Telluride), both at 9.8 percent.

Over the year, the average work-week for all employees on private non-farm payrolls decreased from 34.6 to 34.1 hours and average hourly earnings increased from \$25.47 to \$26.28.

The largest over-the-month pri-

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AFTER A YEAR... Scoggins describes highs, lows in first year as RE-4 superintendent

By HEATHER ZADRA
Special to the Herald Times

RANGELY I A saying attributed to Confucius reads, "Choose a job you love, and you will never have to work a day in your life."

Almost a year into his role as Rangely School District superintendent, Matt Scoggins says with certainty that he loves his job and feels some elements have improved under his leadership. Without hesitation he adds that the job involves plenty of work, that the district has its challenges and that he himself has room to improve.

Currently, the district has filled nine of 11 openings from retirements and resignations earlier this year, the majority with new faculty hires and others via in-district transfers.

Longtime instructors Mark Skelton, Kathy Thorsby and Cheryl Blackburn have retired while five more have left or are leaving to be closer to family, return to school or follow a spouse elsewhere. While that doesn't mean some teachers aren't leaving for district-related reasons, much of the transition was planned, Scoggins said.

RE-4 Board of Education President Jennifer Hill also resigned last week. Hill took retiring board president Adair Norman's position last November while elected members Annette Webbber and Sam Tolley filled slots vacated by Norman and Rebecca Rector.

The board will meet July 15 to discuss policy and the next steps following Hill's resignation, Scoggins said.

Filling the Rangely Junior-Senior High School principal position topped the district's priority list after former principal Berry Swenson, who had announced he would resign at the school year's end, left two weeks sooner than expected.

Two weeks ago, the Board of Education hired Dr. Kevin Gates, a former teacher whose public school leadership experience includes principal positions in Aurora and Boulder and, most recently, an interim directorship of Federal Programs and Student Success position for the Boulder Valley School District.



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Rangely School Superintendent Matt Scoggins

Scoggins believes Gates' instructional background and leadership experience will help build an administrative team with a mix of skills.

"Why is that instructional element so important? Because it's my weakness," Scoggins said. "We can compensate with some of the people we have internally, but I want to build a team, and the board wants me to build a team that would be best for our students. Having someone who has that instructional leadership piece strengthens the team."

A district-wide survey administered in December indicated strengths and weaknesses of the schools' work and learning environments. Respondents were largely satisfied with facilities, the amount of time spent teaching and engaging with students and reasonable class sizes. They wanted to see changes toward consistent enforcement of student conduct rules, levels of community and parent support/involvement and profes-

sional development.

Other issues include affordable, available housing and pay rates, which rank in the approximately 50 percentile compared to other schools in the state. Scoggins believes the school's benefits package, however, makes the district's compensation offerings more competitive, especially for families.

Partly in response to survey results, administrators purchased PD360, an online professional development platform, last year. Following evaluations, teachers may watch videos or complete lessons to strengthen specific skills. The program also allows instructors to connect with master teachers and professional learning communities, develop online portfolios and train on their own.

Still, PD360 is a new program with little training or incentivizing yet for faculty members, who want to know that something more won't

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Republicans turn out to vote at 62 percent; 30 percent of Dems vote

By SEAN McMAHON
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RBC I Tuesday's election day belonged to the Republicans in Rio Blanco County as they had at least a couple of contested races while the county Democrats had none. Nevertheless, there is an indicator in even uncontested races as to how popular a candidate is when votes received are measured against other uncontested candidates.

There were 2,586 ballots sent out to Rio Blanco County Republicans, and 1,610 of those ballots were returned for a 62 percent turnout. There were 351 ballots sent out to registered Democrats in the county, and 105 ballots were returned, for a 30 percent turnout rate. The Democrats had no contested races and there are no Democrats running for office in Rio Blanco County races this year.

The race drawing by far the most interest was the GOP race for county sheriff. Anthony Mazzola, currently the chief investigator for the Office of the District Attorney in the Ninth Judicial District, drew 916 votes (57 percent) to 667 votes (41 percent) for Michael R. Joos, currently the Rio Blanco County Undersheriff, for a total of 1,583 votes between the two. Only 27 county GOP voters didn't

cast a vote in the sheriff's race.

"What I would like to say first of all is, thank you to the citizens of Rio Blanco County and all of the support I was given," Mazzola said. "It is humbling, and I am honored to serve as your next sheriff."

Mazzola announced that his undersheriff will be Brice Glasscock.

"He is very experienced in the EMS/fire field and with information technology, and he has had a law enforcement officer for many years," Mazzola said.

"During the next six months, I will be contacting the county commissioners and other county department heads to be briefed and brought up to the most current information so that I can be prepared when I take office in January," he said. "I look forward to serving the people and businesses of this county."

"I just want to tell the voters who supported me, thank you, and that I am sorry it didn't work out," Joos said. "I have truly enjoyed the last 12 years I have been the undersheriff and the past 24 years of my life and career here in Rio Blanco County."

"It's hard to believe that after a 35-year career, it's over just like

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CLOSE CALL ...



SEAN McMAHON

A variety of events were held Friday night as part of the demolition derby at the county fairgrounds in Meeker. In addition to the two-car demolition derby (five cars from Wyoming failed to show up) there were foot races and various competitions for four-wheelers, side-by-sides and large OHVs. Above, this driver cut it a bit close during the timed barrel race.

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Sunset Climbing Club at CNCC offers open hours at climbing gym

By HEATHER ZADRA
Special to the Herald Times

RANGELY I From now until Aug. 11, beginning and experienced climbers can participate in Colorado Northwestern Community College (CNCC) Sunset Climbing Club, with open hours at the college's climbing gym Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6-9 p.m.

CNCC outdoor leadership program coordinator John Whipple said participants of all ages and skill levels have something to gain by attending — aside from enjoying stellar sunset views from the gym's vantage point.

"If you are an experienced climber and are looking for a place to train and challenge yourself, then the Sunset Club is for you," Whipple said. "Even if you are a beginner or have never climbed before, our trained staff will 'show you the ropes' and teach the basics of climbing through instruction and demonstration."

The Sunset Climbing Club isn't just for individuals. Kids of all ages can attend climbing hours although children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult and all participants fill out a waiver form to get started. Families are welcome to attend, too.

It's a unique opportunity in an area where indoor climbing experiences can transition to outdoor climbs around the region, from desert rocks in Rangely's backyard to more serious challenges in Colorado National Monument.



RENE HARDEN

John Whipple, this year's College For Kids Climbing Course instructor and Colorado Northwestern Community College's Outdoor Leadership Program coordinator, taught 17 children about stretching, climbing techniques and safety at CNCC's climbing gym last week. Above, Whipple instructs students on technique while showing the standing children how to spot climbers overhead. Forty-five children filled all but one CNCC College For Kids class this year, said Angie Miller, CNCC's community education coordinator and the program's organizer. Miller said participation in College For Kids has climbed steadily since the program returned several years ago, and she attributed much of its success to instructors, parents and children bringing their enthusiasm and involvement to the courses.

To join the Sunset Climbing Club, individuals pay a pass rate of \$30 for the season, a family pass (four people or more) is \$60 and drop-in climbers pay \$5. The gym has some equipment,

including shoes and harnesses, available for use.

For more information, contact Whipple at 675-3217 or at john.whipple@cncc.edu.

Rangely soldier awarded second achievement medal for his bravery

Special to the Herald Times

RANGELY I The Department of the Air Force awarded the Air Force Achievement Medal (his second Oak Leaf Cluster) to Staff Sgt. Kyle T. Pittman on May 10 for outstanding achievement on April 22, 2014.

Pittman was distinguished by outstanding achievement as a load planner at Air Terminal Operations Center, 455th Expeditionary Aerial Port Squadron, 455th Expeditionary Mission Support Group, 455th Air Expeditionary Wing, Bagram Airfield in Afghanistan, according to the award signed by Lt. Gen. John W. Hesterman III, Commander, USAF-CENT.

According to the award citation, on April 22, 2014, while deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and subject to indirect fire attack, Sgt. Pittman, with complete disregard for his personal safety, led post attack recovery efforts following



COURTESY PHOTO
Staff Sgt. Kyle T. Pittman

a devastating indirect fire attack that injured three foreign national contractors near the Aerial Port Facility.

During the attack, with counter fire systems still engaged on a second incoming rocket, he observed a casu-

alty lying in a pool of fuel near a damaged vehicle. Sergeant Pittman immediately ran to the contractor and quickly pulled him to safety. He promptly recognized the man had sustained multiple life-threatening injuries and adeptly applied a tourniquet to the upper leg of a serious shrapnel injury.

With the bleeding under control, Sergeant Pittman prepared the injured man for medical transport to the Craig Joint Theater Hospital for medical treatment.

His life-saving aid and calm demeanor in the face of adversity led military healthcare personnel to remark that his actions directly contributed to saving the life of the contractor.

The distinctive accomplishments of Sergeant Pittman reflect credit upon himself and the United States Air Force.

Pittman grew up in Rangely, and his parents, Roger and Lois Pittman, have lived in Rangely for 30 years.

Plein Air art nears finish line

By SEAN McMAHON
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MEEKER I Artists taking part in Plein Air Meeker 2014 have been visible along Rio Blanco County roads and forests within 50 miles of Meeker as the painters have focused on outdoor art available thanks to Mother Nature.

"En plein air" is French for "in the open air," and the artists, who started the two-week painting competition on June 18, had been painting until Wednesday in the natural light to complete a painting on

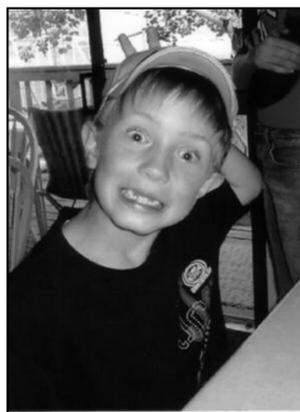
location. There are cash prizes, and the best of show art will win \$1,000.

The paintings must have been turned in by 5 p.m. on Wednesday. Most will be painted in water colors, oils, acrylics or pastels, but any medium may be used.

On Friday from 4:30 to 6:30

p.m. will be the champagne toast at the "Wanderlust Gallery," being set up at 640 W. Main St., a public meet and greet with the artists and the beginning of the silent auction.

Also on Friday, the quick-draw competition runs from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the courthouse lawn downtown.



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The Rio Blanco County Historical Society had its quarterly meeting on Sunday at Kilowatt Korner in Meeker and the main topic of the well-attended meeting was "Local Music History." Above, a couple of those in attendance were Mary K. Krueger, who performed and who brought some historical facts and instruments to the meeting, and Shirley Taylor, right, the daughter of musicians Sherm and Deltha Taylor.

Historical society has its quarterly meeting; reviews old local music

Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER I The quarterly meeting of the Rio Blanco County Historical Society drew large attendance from the community to reminisce about the early days of music in our valley.

After the presentation, RBCHS president Ellene Meece shared a brief slide show showcasing vintage photos of past musicians, school bands, dance bands and dancing. Tom Allen shared the history of music in the school, including marching band accomplishments and the legacy of many of the teachers who taught here.

Allen also brought photos and

yearbooks that presented a visual, adding to the dialogue.

Dave Main spoke about the musicians who inspired his musical career and shared stories of his own musician father, Gene Main.

Mary K. Krueger gave first-hand information from her famous uncle, Al Wear, about the musicians who got their start in Rio Blanco County and went on to reach further popularity.

She also brought an antique mandolin she inherited from Charles Tagert along with the letter he wrote when bestowing this treasure into her keeping.

Audience members responded enthusiastically and supplied their

own stories on the topic where frequent applause and laughter filled the room. It all ended with an amazing mini concert by Main and Krueger.

These historic presentations are open to the public. The RBCHS's next meeting, on Oct. 5, is set to tell the stories of the natural resources in our county.

The RBCHS is also looking forward to all the activities during Range Call, including a presence in the parade, root beer floats on the courthouse lawn from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., the bank robbery re-enactment at 3 p.m. and the Milk Creek tour, meeting at the garrison at 10 a.m. on Saturday, \$10 per person.

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The four-wheelers, side-by-sides and larger off-road vehicles got up some good speed taking two laps inside the outside track and had to clear some jumps on their way around. Above, this driver of a four-wheeler 'caught some air' and spewed mud upon the spectators at the south end of the track.



Among the activities at the fairgrounds in Meeker on Friday night was a series of foot races on a well-watered and slippery outer track. Above, the runners in this race had to run about 100 yards backwards. As can be seen above, not all the racers made it while running backwards and a couple of others didn't make it to finish line without eating a bit of mud.

Miller moths play vital role in life of area bears

By W.S. ROBINSON
Writers on the Range
Special to the Herald Times

RBC I Last year, I wrote a column for the Casper Citizen touting the annual migration of lowly miller moths (the army cutworm, *Euxoa auxiliaris*) through Wyoming as something to be celebrated. I said it was a lot like other great migrations made over hundreds of miles by creatures such as African wildebeests or monarch butterflies.

Reaction from most readers ranged from surprise to annoyed acceptance to "what a crackpot idea."

But now that the messy little flying nuisances are back all over the West, I want to make the case for millers because it's such a good case.

What's happening with millers these days is what's happening with so many insects in temperate regions. Climate change means that our winters are no longer all that cold. In particular, we don't have the two or three blood-crystallizing events that used to kill off many overwintering insects. It's generally warmer, too, so insects now successfully complete more generations than they used to.

That brings me to the crux of my miller advocacy. It's well known that the Rocky Mountains' high-altitude whitebark pines are being decimated by the onslaught of bark beetles, a pest that is new to them.

They were once protected from insect attack by intense winter cold at their preferred elevation, but no longer. That means that whitebark pine nuts are no longer available to provide needed energy for grizzly bears fattening up for their winter sleep.

And while native cutthroat trout used to provide good food for

bears, the fish face competition from introduced trout species with different spawning habits, like the lake trout.

For bears, that means there's less to fatten up on, except for the transient miller moths. Though the moths were born and raised on various grasses mostly on the High Plains east of here, as adults they "get the urge for going" and fly off for a cool summer in the mountains.

There, they mate, feed on nectar from wildflowers and shelter in huge numbers among the rocks on talus slopes.

That's where hungry bears find them and take advantage of their high fat content — up to 70 percent of their body weight.

Just crush one in your fingers and feel the oil. After summering in style in the mountains (yes, it's the miller high-life), the moths wing back through this area, returning to the plains, where the females lay their eggs in the soil. That migration is much smaller than their June one, partly because of the work of hungry bears.

During their migration, millers are like vampires, fearing daylight. So just before dawn, they stop their flight and find a nice tight cranny for daytime shelter. It might be a spot under bark, or maybe under a rock or fallen log. Or they'll creep deep into foliage and enjoy an occasional sip of nectar from a blooming Russian olive or lilac flower.

At our ranch, they seek out every single narrow dark spot on every building. They wedge their way into and through the shingles, the siding, the walls and trim, the edges of screens. They shimmy their way through windows and door frames. Unfortunately, many sleep.

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FROM MY WINDOW...

County election works impress; holiday fun in Meeker, Rangely

By SEAN McMAHON
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Spent last Tuesday night on special duty, acting as an Associated Press writer to cover the Rio Blanco County elections for the state media, and a heck of a night it was. I've done it before and it isn't really any fun, but it is always interesting to see the work being done.

I have done the same work in Colorado, Wyoming, Arkansas and Arizona over a lot of years, and it has been different every time in every location, the worst having been in those places — particularly in the early '70s and '80s — before all the kinks were worked out of the vote-counting machines and the ballots basically had to be hand counted.

It was not uncommon to be there well into the morning before all the counts were done — once as late as 10:30 a.m.

A couple sure things were observed in the office of Nancy Amick, the Rio Blanco County Clerk, on Tuesday night, and those two most notable things are that security is kept tight, and that the ladies who work for her put in one heck of a busy day (and night) as the last souls left her office with the ballot count complete at 11:30 p.m.

The big glitch — or delay — in the Rio Blanco County process is the necessary wait for the votes from Rangely to arrive in Meeker.

The voting closed at 7 p.m. as usual, but security measures and paperwork take a long time before those ballots can be sent out the door

from the clerk's satellite office in Rangely. This year they left the Rangely office at around 8 p.m. and arrived in Meeker at 9:10 p.m.

There were more ballots than initially expected, so the count took longer than expected after another hill of paperwork and seals were broken and all the security measures and state directives were followed.

The final tally was handed to me about 11:20 p.m., then I had to call the Associated Press in California to report for the third and last time what amounted to the last, complete ballot count.

Then I had to fill out another form for AP and fax that into the Denver office, where tallies were collected from each of Colorado's counties, reporting only the contested races.

Rio Blanco had three contested races that the AP cared about — all Republican. They wanted to know about the race between Scott R. Tipton and David Cox for the race for the U.S. House, District 3. Tipton handily won with a 1,030-429 Rio Blanco edge.



They wanted to know about the GOP race for governor, which was won statewide by Bob Beauprez.

However, in Rio Blanco County, the results were Tom Tancredo with 422 votes, Bob Beauprez with 382 votes, Mike Kopp with 336 county votes and Scott Gessler with 267 votes.

The third race was the GOP nod for the State Board of Education for Congressional District 3. This race was close all three times the county clerk's office released updates — never more than three votes apart. Barbara Ann Smith squeaked through Rio Blanco County voters by a 549-546 margin.

But anyway, the ladies who assisted in the county clerk's office were mighty relieved — no, downright happy — when they were released from duty to go home.

They put in a long grueling day and they were flat tuckered out. But they should be graciously thanked because they did a heck of a job on what has to be probably the second longest work day of the year, second only to general election day in November.

Terrific job, ladies. Thank you for your work!

I must admit that while it is a lot of work to cover all of the events associated with Range Call, it is also a fun time of year, spreading the Fourth of July out over a three-day period; four days if you count the demolition derby that was already held on Saturday night followed by a barn dance.

There is such a wide variety of events.

This week, the fun actually begins tonight with the Meeker Pageant, which sees local actors re-enact the Meeker Massacre, which certainly has a local slant that may be quite surprising to those who attend.

While there are hundreds of people from Meeker who attend each year, it is an event that every Rio Blanco County resident, Meeker-area resident and even visitors should see at least once.

It is a well-portrayed bit of history, acted out with the help of several local area residents, and it should be of interest to all people, especially those who live in Rio Blanco County and Colorado.

Tonight's events will start at 7 with the pageant beginning at dusk, which falls about 9 p.m.

Everyone loves a parade, and the 10 a.m. parade on Friday is no exception as area businesses, groups and individuals take part on Main Street. Local non-profit groups will be set up on the courthouse lawn offering refreshments, activities and information about their groups.

There will be a barbecue at noon, a three-on-three basketball tournament, a re-enactment of the robbery of the Meeker Bank taking place downtown, then the Range Call Ranch Rodeo begins at 5 p.m., followed by the Rodeo Rough Stock Showdown.

The fireworks will begin at dark, then the day's activities will wrap up with the Range Call Barn Dance after the fireworks. The dance will feature "Country Music Project" at the indoor arena at the fairgrounds.

On Saturday, beginning at 7 a.m., will be the Save the Track

fundraiser walk-a-thon on the high school track, which will be the beneficiary of funds raised through the walk-a-thon.

At 9 a.m. is one of my favorites from last year. Anyone can join in the Jon Wangnild Memorial Shoot, held at the Meeker Sportsman's Club range, located on the east side of Highway 13, 2.2 miles south of the intersection of highways 13 and 64.

The Rio Blanco County Historical Society has another interesting event with the Milk Creek Battle Site Tours beginning at 10 a.m., and the tours are followed at 2 p.m. at the fairgrounds by the Range Call Rodeo Rough Stock Showdown.

The main entertainment event of Range Call sees the gates open at 5 p.m. at the fairgrounds with Chris Cagle and his band following concert-opening Damsel. The music will begin at 7 p.m.

Events wrap after the concert, again, with a barn dance in the indoor area at the fairgrounds, again featuring "Country Music Project."

There certainly is something for everyone of all ages. See y'all out there at the activities.

For those in Rangely who don't want to make the trip across the county on July 4, there are plenty of activities, including an impressive fireworks display right at Kenney Reservoir.

There should certainly be something of interest for the kids of all ages to do this weekend all around Rio Blanco County while celebrating the birth of our nation.

There will be fun, food, history, entertainment and two great fireworks displays.

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Happy Independence Day. That is something to think about...

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For information and the application contact:
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THE MEEKER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE CHAMBER HAPPENINGS

The Chamber of Commerce Public Board meetings are on the second Wednesday of every month at 7:00am at Kilowatt Korner. Our Membership Focus Group and Tourism Focus Groups meet each month and if you would like to attend these meetings please call the Chamber, as dates and locations vary. We welcome your involvement!

The Chamber of Commerce is hosting and supporting several public meetings and events this month related to economic development and improving business in Meeker.

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Just a friendly reminder to watch for pedestrians, bicyclists, and OHV riders this summer. When riding an OHV in town, don't forget OHVs are not allowed on State Hwy 13/Market Street but may cross safely. To remain "OHV Friendly" all riders need to remember the rules of the road in relation to OHVs. If you have any questions regarding OHV rules or bicycle rules, stop by the Meeker Chamber of Commerce at 710 Market Street for information or call 970-878-5510.



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We are reducing the price to sell our "Meeker-opoly" games. "Meeker-opoly" is a monopoly-style board game customized for Meeker! Have fun on game night while buying and developing Meeker properties! It's a great gift for friends and family. Give them something to remember.

WAGON WHEEL OHV RENDEZVOUS

WAGON WHEEL OHV RENDEZVOUS
July 17-20, 2014

Join the Meeker Chamber of Commerce and the Wagon Wheel OHV Club for the Wagon Wheel OHV Rendezvous. The "base camp" will be at the Rio Blanco County Fairgrounds, where each morning will begin with a riders meeting, and pairing riders with local trail guides. Friday night and Saturday night will hold different events for the riders including the "Show-n-Shine" competition. The Meeker Chamber of Commerce, our local downtown businesses, and the Wagon Wheel OHV Club help organize this great event showcasing the fabulous Wagon Wheel OHV Trail System. Visit www.wagonwheeltrails.org for registration.



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

More details about these July events can be found on our Community Calendar on our website www.meekerchamber.com. Please visit our website to add your own public event! Items in bold are sponsored by the Meeker Chamber of Commerce. Events sponsored by others are indicated

- June-August: Wilderness Exhibition at White River Museum
- July 3: Free Champagne toast at "Wanderlust Gallery" for Plein Air Art**
- July 3: Meeker Massacre Pageant
- July 4: Range Call Parade**
- July 4: Run for Your Life 5k
- July 4 & 5: Range Call Rodeo
- July 5: Chris Cagle & Damsel
- July 12: Search & Rescue OHV Poker Run
- July 17-20: Wagon Wheel OHV Rendezvous**
- July 18: Summer Entertainment Series-Bonnie & the Clydes
- July 19: Community Appreciation Day featuring Matt Holliday
- July 21 & 28: Youth Mental Health First Aid Training
- July 25: Movies Under the Stars-LEGO Movie

UPCOMING EVENTS

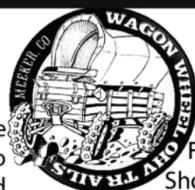
129th ANNUAL MEEKER RANGE CALL July 3-5
Come enjoy the 4th of July with Meeker's Annual celebration. There are lots of events happening starting with the Historical Meeker Massacre Pageant on July 3. On the 4th will be the parade, a rodeo, fireworks and a barn dance. Don't miss out on the Range Call Concert July 5, featuring Chris Cagle and Damsel. It is sure to be a good time for everyone. Wristbands are available for purchase at Wendell's Wondrous Things for \$35 for adults and \$30 for children 6-12 and Seniors 55+. The price increases \$5 at the gate. Individual event tickets are available at the gate.

COMMUNITY APPRECIATION DAY July 19, 9:00 am-2:00 pm Courthouse Lawn

The ERBM Recreation and Parks District will be having their Community Appreciation Day to show their thanks to community members for supporting them during the year. This is a carnival-themed event with games, live music, food, and more! Matt Holliday will be the live music for the event.



DOWNTOWN EVENTS July 18, 2014 Courthouse Lawn



Friday night bring your OHV downtown for the OHV Show-n-Shine event. The public will choose the winners. There will be live music by Bonnie and the Clydes for the ERBM Recreation and Park District's Summer Entertainment Series. Food Vendors will also be downtown during these events. Bring the family down for a fun filled evening.



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Udall seeks fall interns

Special to the Herald Times

RBC I U.S. Sen. Mark Udall's offices in Colorado and in Washington, D.C., are accepting internship applications from undergraduate students and recent graduates for the fall. The program offers students the opportunity for public service and to learn hands-on about constituent services and the legislative process.

Interns working in Colorado offices will assist staff as they help constituents resolve issues with federal agencies. State interns also meet with local partners and help

to represent the senator at community outreach events.

Interns in the Washington, D.C., office will attend committee hearings and briefings, compose memos for legislative staff, answer phones, research legislative issues, help with press outreach, lead Capitol tours, and participate in congressional events.

The deadline to apply is July 1 for the Washington, D.C., office and July 31 for Colorado offices. Those interested can apply at markudall.senate.gov/students. Internships are available on a full-time or part-time basis. This is an unpaid position.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Meeker High School walk-a-thon fundraiser

Dear Editor:

I would like to ask current Meeker High School athletes, Barone Middle School athletes and the community to support the Walk-a-Thon, which will take place Saturday, July 5 from 7 to 11 a.m. at the Meeker High School track.

The Meeker Education Foundation is sponsoring this event in order to raise funds for the replacement of the current track.

This project will not only help the current middle school and high

school athletes, but also the community.

Community members not only use the facility frequently, but it has the potential to provide vital economic development.

All who want to participate are welcome to pick up a sponsor packet at the Meeker Education Foundation booth on the courthouse lawn on the morning of July 4.

If you have any questions please call Debbie Cook at 878-5554.

John Strate
Track and Field Coach
Meeker High School
Meeker

MVB bank merger finalized

Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER I Hod Kosman, President/Chairman/CEO of Platte Valley Financial Service Companies, Inc., also known as Platte Valley Cos., announced Wednesday that the merger of Platte Valley Companies and Mountain Valley Bank has been finalized.

As of Monday, Platte Valley Cos. acquired all outstanding shares of Mountain Valley Bank and its parent holding company, Mountain Valley Bancshares, Inc. The merger agreement was approved by the boards of directors of Platte Valley Companies, Mountain Valley Bank and Mountain Valley Bancshares, Inc., the shareholders of Mountain Valley Bancshares, Inc., and bank regulators.

Mountain Valley Bank President Terry Jost said, "We are enthusiastic for this new chapter for Mountain Valley Bank as we look forward to

offering the same great customer service with the same people you know, but with enhanced products."

Platte Valley Cos. joined with a group of Colorado bankers and investors to form Mountain Valley Bank in 2004 with locations in Walden, Steamboat Springs, Hayden and Meeker, Colo. In 2007, Platte Valley Cos. sold its controlling interest to the Colorado shareholders of Mountain Valley Bank, but continued to hold a significant investment in Mountain Valley Bancshares, Inc.

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GUEST OPINION

Paonia could become marijuana capital

By **ANDREAS MINK**
Writers on the Range
Special to the Herald Times

RBC I In the garden of my cousin, Sepp, in Germany's Black Forest, there is a big tree that produces lots of yellow plums every year.

Sepp, a retired forest worker, keeps the grass cut very short around his Mirabellenbaum, so he doesn't miss a single fallen fruit.

Every evening in the fall, he gathers the plums and throws them into a big barrel to ferment. When winter comes, Sepp brings the barrel to a local distiller, who will return him some 10 bottles of Mirabellengeist, clear plum spirits. It is a unique and wonderful drink.

I thought about Sepp and his plums during a recent visit to the small town of Paonia, population 1,600, in western Colorado, where I met a handful of local marijuana growers during a reporting trip for a Swiss newspaper.

Their pride as cultivators, their fierce dedication to quality, reminded me strongly of the farmers and vintners I have met in the Black Forest. But unlike traditional growers such as Sepp, the cannabis cultivators in Delta County acquired much of their expertise working alone, learning their trade over decades of trial and error.

"We learned to grow world-famous pot from nothing," one of them told me at the town's micro-brewery, Revolution Brewing.

To this German reporter, they seemed like good examples of American self-determination. And while the "guerilla growers" I met disliked the idea of "working for the tax man," they said that the legalization of marijuana has now brought

them, their state and the country to a historic juncture: Colorado's rigid regulation of cannabis legalization smartly squeezes them into either giving up or going legitimate.

The growers I talked to all expressed a desire to take this opportunity and go legal. All of a sudden, I had a vision of this place's future.

Given the ideal microclimate around Paonia, many small fruit farmers struggling to maintain their operations could start growing cannabis, maintaining their families' and the region's way of life that way. As their production expands, new jobs and opportunities would be created.

Legalization of recreational marijuana has already created a new reality in Colorado. From my interviews with elected officials, growers and investors in Denver and Boulder, I came away with the impression that there is a massive "green gold rush" under way in the state.

Growing cannabis in Colorado has begun to attract capital from all over the country, and the state is becoming a laboratory for the rest of the United States and perhaps for other parts of the world as well.

Investors and politicians expect national legalization to become a reality in the next 10-15 years. As state Rep. Jonathan Singer, D-Longmont, told me, growing cannabis could quickly turn into an industrialized, nationwide endeavor controlled by big corporations.

While this train gets under steam, though, a window is opening for the town of Paonia and Delta County,

one of the poorest counties in the state.

Growers can't compete in an industrialized market that handles cannabis as just another agricultural commodity, but they could build on the global renown of locally grown marijuana, and follow the example set by the wine and liquor industries.

Think Oregon pinot noirs, French champagne, single malt scotch or small batch bourbon.

Paonia cannabis could have that same cachet and pedigree, as an artisanal, "premium" agricultural product grown by local farmers in a sustainable fashion.

One way to achieve that and preserve the North Fork Valley's unique characteristics would be to found a cultivators' cooperative, create and protect a brand such as "Paonia Grown" (along the lines of the Italian Denominazione di origine controllata — DOC — for wines such as chianti) and then establish their own labels, just like a Glenfiddich scotch, a Knob Creek bourbon or a Taittinger champagne.

This would put Paonia on the map globally for generations to come, much the way the monk Dom Pérignon did in the 1600s for champagne and the Champagne region of France.

I was told that there is an intense debate under way in Delta County over cannabis cultivation, and a referendum on how marijuana will be handled will be held in November. Marijuana comes loaded with symbolism, be it as the "evil weed" or a "food of the gods."

As a reporter, I was captivated by the tensions over the issue, which seems to have grown out of deeply ingrained — and antagonistic — cultural and political convictions.

For my part, I look forward to a place called Paonia and the North Fork Valley becoming the Champagne region of cannabis. This would benefit all of the region's inhabitants.

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Sin Can Be Adorable

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



Dr. J.D. Watson

IN HIS 1978 BOOK, *A View From the Zoo*, former zoo keeper Gary Richmond explains that raccoons, while positively adorable, actually go through a glandular change at about 24 months, which often results in their attacking their owners without provocation. Since a 30-pound raccoon can be equal to a

100-pound dog in a scrap, he felt compelled one day to mention this change that would soon come upon a pet raccoon owned by a young friend, Julie. She listened politely as he explained the coming danger. He then recounted that he would never forget her smiling answer: "It will be different for me. Bandit wouldn't hurt me. He just wouldn't." Three months later Julie underwent plastic surgery for facial lacerations sustained when her adult raccoon attacked her for no apparent reason. Bandit was released into the wild.

Sin, too, often comes dressed in an adorable guise, and as we play with it, how easy it is to say, "It will be different for me." The results, however, are predictable and far more severe. The fruit looked good to Eve (Gen 3), the spoils of war looked good to Achan (Josh. 7), Bathsheba looked good to David (2 Sam. 11). But every one of those cases, and many more, underscore the deceitfulness of sin. It should encourage us to "exhort one another daily, while it is called Today; lest any of [us] be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin" (Heb. 3:13). *Temptation*, in fact, can be defined as "the urge to do wrong (or evil) with the promise of benefit." So, as I

once heard Ravi Zacharias put the matter: "It is better to shun the bait than to struggle in the snare."

In 1982, *ABC Evening News* reported on an unusual work of modern art: a chair affixed to a shotgun. It was to be viewed by sitting in the chair and looking directly into the gun barrel. The gun was loaded and set on a timer to fire at an undetermined moment within the next hundred years. The amazing thing was that people waited in lines to sit and stare into the shell's path! They all knew that the gun could go off at point-blank range at any moment, but they were gambling that the fatal blast wouldn't happen during their minute in the chair. (*Leadership*, Vol. 4, no. 4).

Foolhardy? Certainly. Irrational? Absolutely. Yet many people do exactly the same every day of their lives. While they would never dream of sitting in that chair, they gamble even greater stakes (an eternity in hell; Rev. 20:15; 21:8) that they will get away with sin. They foolishly ignore the risk until the inevitable self-destruction. "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap" (Gal. 6:7). Dear Reader, do you know Christ as Savior and Lord? If not, you are sitting in that chair.

You are invited to worship with us at Grace Bible Church (on the corner of 3rd and Garfield) at 10:30 A.M. each Lord's Day, where the ministry is the expository preaching of God's Word. Please visit our website (www.TheScriptureAlone.com), where you will find many resources for Christian growth, including messages in MP3 media files.

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JULY 4TH

★ FIREWORKS
At Kenney Reservoir (Dusk)

JULY 5TH

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HEATHER ZADRA PHOTOS

When all was said and done and the Rangely firefighters had done their job, young Kesleigh was able to enjoy a good, old-fashioned s'more, one of the rites of summer.

Fire brings help, s'mores, large number of Rangely firefighters

By HEATHER ZADRA
Special to the Herald Times

RANGELY Ryan and Camilla Kennedy thought a fire extinguisher would put out the blaze started when a small gas fire grew beyond their control in their backyard last week.

That's when they called their neighbor, Rangely Rural Fire Protection District (RRFPD) Fire Chief Andy Shaffer, to borrow one.

Unfortunately for the Kennedys, it was Monday night, the fire crew's

usual meeting and training time.

"I thought, 'We carry water, not extinguishers,'" Shaffer said. "Then I realized we had 17 guys down at department who'd just finished their training. I said, 'Get every truck over there to take care of a couple-gallon gas fire.'"

When the firefighters and six emergency response vehicles showed up on the curb, all the Kennedys could do was laugh.

"The neighbors were all staring on their porches," Camilla Kennedy

said. "We needed a fire extinguisher, that's what I called the fire chief for, not the fire brigade. But it was nice, too, because I can call the neighbor for a fire extinguisher, but if we'd really needed something, there were six fire vehicles and 20 guys there."

The Kennedys' 1-year-old daughter, Kesleigh, for whom the fire was initially started, still got her chocolate s'mores by the evening's end.

"She's still telling people about it," Camilla Kennedy said.



A fire extinguisher would probably have extinguished the backyard fire at Ryan and Camilla Kennedy's home in Rangely, but when more than 20 members of the Rangely Rural Fire Protection District showed up to put out the fire and get a little training, it wasn't much of a challenge to extinguish the fire, started to fix s'mores for the Kennedy's daughter Kesleigh.

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COMMUNITY PICNIC...



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Moon Lake Electric Association fed approximately 200 Rangely residents at an appreciation picnic at Elks Park on Thursday. Although wind overturned a few of the camp chairs and plastic hard hats given out as gifts, attendees enjoyed the brisket and fixings MLEA employees dished out. "We do this to show people we appreciate their goodness, especially with the big (October storm) outage; everybody was so good about that," MLEA district manager Bob Kissling said. "We appreciate our customers, and this is our way to show that."

OBITUARIES

Judith Ellen Gaslin Clarke

May 4, 1949 ~ June 30, 2014

Judith Ellen Gaslin Clarke was born May 4, 1949, in Jordan, Mont., to Donald Gaslin and Helen Gaslin Groblebe. She spent her childhood in Billings, Mont.

She married Dave Clarke on Sept. 24, 1966, in New Castle, Colo. Anyone who knew Judy loved her. She touched everyone she met with her sweet, gentle spirit and her genuine caring heart. The love of Christ consistently flowed from her, and she put her touches of beauty on everything.

Most of all, however, she loved her family. She lived for the times everyone was together, and she made each gathering special.

She was a precious mother to four children: Chris, Joseph, who married Susi, Sheleen, wife of Vince Owens, and Laurel, wife of Stan Serafin. Judy was a sweet grandma to Justin, Dianalyn, Jacob and Monica, and a great-grandma to Matalie.

She is survived by: her husband; her children; her grandchildren; her brothers, Frank and Ben; many



Judith Clarke

nieces, nephews and other loving relatives.

She is preceded in death by her parents and a sister, Donna.

A celebration of her life will be held on Sunday July 6, 2014, at Emmanuel

Baptist Church in Grand Junction, Colo., at 2 p.m.

Opal Cornelia Murray

Nov. 4, 1914 ~ June 29, 2014

Opal Cornelia Murray was born Nov. 4, 1914, in Longmont, Colo. She passed away peacefully surrounded by her family on June 29, 2014, in Meeker, Colo.

Opal was married to Tom Murray and lived her adult life in Meeker. She had one son, Keith Murray.

She was active in the community and believed strongly in supporting the Meeker community as a whole. She was a business owner in Meeker of the Tom Murray Market. She belonged to the Rainbow Club, Fortnightly Club and was a member of the Buford Community Center.

She had a full life with her family and friends. She witnessed many historic events in her hundred years of life from horse and buggy to having a man land on the moon. She knew of the Internet but decided not to participate.

She was preceded in death by: her husband, Tom; her son, Keith; and siblings Jess, Gyle, Donald and Alice McCormick. She is survived by: grandchildren Thomas Dirk Murray, Jonny (Sabine) Murray and Cori Murray; great-grandchildren Lena Aspen Murray Mock, Christine Opal Murray, Sara Marie Murray and Alexis Manuel Murray; and



Opal Murray

great-great-grandchildren Meara and Torryn Mock.

Graveside services will be held today (July 3, 2014) at 2 p.m. at Highland Cemetery in Meeker. A visitation will be held

from 1 to 2 p.m. at Park Avenue Mortuary (517 Park Ave., old Cochran Mortuary) prior to the services. Services are under the direction of the Park Avenue Mortuary.

No fire restrictions during Fourth of July holiday

RBC | Federal fire officials from the Upper Colorado River Interagency Fire Management Unit encourage the public to be cautious with fire but will not initiate fire restrictions for the July 4 holiday.

For the first time in years, fuel conditions are favorable enough to avoid fire restrictions during the popular holiday on public lands that UCR provides fire management. UCR provides fire management to the White River National Forest, Colorado National Monument and Bureau of Land Management lands in Northwest Colorado in Mesa, Garfield, Pitkin, Summit, Eagle and portions of Rio Blanco Counties.

"During most years at this time we are already at critical levels for fire danger, especially at lower elevations, and institute fire restrictions," said Chris Farinetti, UCR fire management officer. "Although fire danger is increasing, we are not at critical levels, and people recreating in these areas over the past few years have generally been safe and cautious with fire, so we are not initiating fire restrictions at this time."

Moisture levels in large fuels are much higher than in previous years providing positive wild-land fire outlooks. Fire officials caution that fine fuels, such as grass, have already dried and cured for the season. Fine fuels remain available for burning and could easily spread wildfire quickly.

"Lower fire danger doesn't mean no danger, so people will still need to be vigilant, not only in their use of fire, but also with things like avoiding parking in dry grass," Farinetti said.

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Rifle fireworks display tonight

RIFLE | Rifle will celebrate Independence Day over two days this year with a concert and fireworks display at Centennial Park tonight. The concert begins at 8:15 p.m., followed by fireworks at dusk. Rifle special events manager Don Chaney said the fireworks were originally planned for Friday, July 4. Many years in the past have featured July 3 fireworks, so the city decided that the date would be better than no fireworks at all. According to city officials, Centennial Park is the best place for viewing.

KIDS AND THEIR BIKES...



As part of Bike to Work Day on June 25, dozens of children from Meeker gathered at the old elementary school downtown to take part in safety classes, bike inspections by the Meeker Police Department, a bike rodeo and some fun rides around the area. The event was sponsored by the Eastern Rio Blanco Metropolitan Recreation and Park District and the Meeker Chamber of Commerce.

BEARS:

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of them end up inside the buildings and can't figure out how to get back out.

Come nightfall, all they want is to be on their way. They bounce off the windows and screens. But if you turn on your lights, they'll be drawn to them and be with you all night.

Sure, you could do what the extension guys recommend: You can vacuum them up. Or get out the fly swatter, smack 'em and watch the dust fly. (And boy, will it ever. These moths get their common name "miller" from the abundance and looseness of those floury, dusty scales on their wings.) Or you can set up a bucket of soapy water under a light and watch the madly circling insects fall into it and drown.

But the compassionate thing, for both the moths and the bears, is to encourage your house guests to be on their way.

In the evenings at our house, we keep the house lights to a minimum and wait until large numbers of the moths are fluttering and beating against the screens. Then we remove the screens and wish them happy trails. Bats, nighthawks and late-flying swallows immediately appear and pluck many of them from the sky.

But many more moths make it through the gauntlet. They're off to high ground where the bears are waiting — and hungry.

W. S. Robinson is a contributor to *Writers on the Range*, a syndicated opinion column service of *High Country News* (hcn.org). He teaches biology at Casper College in Wyoming and also researches the behavior of Asian honeybees and Ecuadorian parasitoid wasps.

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The Ute children gather around their village in the good times (above left) but the future becomes less bright for all, culminating in the burning of the Meeker Indian agent's settlement (above right).

{ THE HISTORY OF THE RANGE CALL PAGEANT }

— Revising the Past —

By **WILDA WOODS**
Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER I The Meeker Massacre Pageant started in 1938, when the American Legion Auxiliary asked Laroy Purdy to organize the show.

The Auxiliary thought that adding this show that depicted the history of Meeker to the other Fourth of July festivities might draw more people and a little more money into town.

The American Legion members were the ones who put on the rodeo and they had been doing it for several years. With the rodeo, the concession stand and the pageant, there was a chance to earn a little more money.

There were quite a few interested townspeople who weren't Legion members who helped out a great deal.

"I (Wilda Woods) was involved from the very beginning, since I helped Laroy Purdy with the Indian scenes and also played the part of Chipeta. I helped make props, like the cabins. I took long pieces of sheets and put white paint on them, surfaced them so they would stand up and then painted logs to make them look like log cabins. I made two medium-size cabins and one long cabin for the agency. Then I helped with the costumes. I made more than 50 pairs of Conservation Corps pants into

Indian pants, painted all of them and fringed them. I made the Indian girls' costumes and helped to paint up the Indians. Then we had the pioneers and I helped to make their costumes too.

"Our first scene was with Escalante coming in with his Spaniards. There were two Indian runners who came down the track to tell that these funny, odd people were coming into the land. Of course the Indians at that time had never seen white people and these whites were dressed like the Spanish from years ago. Then we had the covered wagons coming in, bringing more white people.

"After that came the Thornburgh and Meeker battles. We always worked them out right together because we didn't have actors way back on the hill behind the rodeo grounds like they have now. We had them about where the corrals are now, and we had the Indians on the parade ground.

"In the second year, 1939, I directed all the Indian scenes and we worked on them every day for more than a month. I used to ride down the White River, pretty near to White River City, to this place where Ivo Shults lived, and trained between 40 and 50 boys to be Indians. It was kind of funny because these were all Eastern boys, from Connecticut, New York and New Jersey, and little places down in there. "Dr. Farthing, who had quite a lot of

experience around Indians, got out there and helped me show these boys how to do a war dance. He showed them how they kind of went into a little squatting position to dance and the boys thought it was one of the most wonderful things they had ever taken part in. It was all new to them and they did a good job.

"As Chipeta I had to ride down the track in front of the grandstand to where Johnny Williams was sitting by the fire as Chief Ouray, I took the news that the massacre had happened.

"For one or two years, I rode Cuppy Sanderson's horse, but then I got Peaches, my little palomino mare that I rode the last 10 years I was in the pageant. I would ride her with nothing but a rope in her lower lip and a blanket, just like the Indians. I rode without a saddle until the last two years. The last year I fringed and beaded it.

"I made my wig from my hair and Goldie LeFevre's hair that we had cut off years before. It made two large braids and our hair was nearly the same color at that time, so it blended right in and just worked fine. I made a headband and put on all my own makeup, besides making up all the Indians.

"After that first pageant, those boys from the East were interested in where the Thornburgh battle took place, so I told them I would take them out there. The CCC lieu-

tenant and captain furnished a truck to take us and helped us with a lunch and other refreshments. We all got together and went to the Thornburgh site for a picnic.

"They looked all over for arrowheads. I don't remember whether they found any or not, but they sure took pictures, lots of pictures, of the monument and the area around it.

"We didn't have as many Indians the first year as we did the second year. Then we had quite a lot of citizens who were interested and took part. The first year we had a big crowd and by the next year the word had gotten around and it seemed like the crowd just kept growing every year.

"The American Legion put on the celebration up until the early 1950s. Then, the town took it over. Of course, for a year or so during the war, we didn't put the pageant on because it was a little too hard to get enough people together to do it.

The part of Chief Ouray has always been very important and for years it was acted by Art Caywood. He got started when we had a little doing here for Gov Johnson, who was going to be in Meeker.

"I asked Art if he would want to be an Indian for the event and he did. After that he agreed to be in the pageant. He didn't have a full costume at first, but I made him a leather jacket and breechcloth he wore over his over-

alls and a headdress. His wife and their little boy played the part of his Indian squaw and their family.

"For several years in the pageant, they rented a costume for Art from Denver, but finally he had an old Indian chief make the costume that is now in the museum. This Indian made the headdress and everything. It cost Art around \$200 or better to have that suit made up. Art played his last role July 4, 1962. He wasn't well then. He passed away Aug. 20, 1962.

The next year we had a forest ranger play the part of Chief Ouray. He was part Indian and had a nose with a ridge just like some of those old chiefs and he got the biggest thrill out of being chief. Of course, wouldn't you know, he was transferred out of Meeker so we lost him for the part.

After Bob Burnside took the part of the chief and he was Chief Ouray for many years.

Many townsfolk played the same parts in the pageant year after year for many, many years. The pageant is a part of Meeker history as much as the actual events depicted in it.

This year, the Range Call Pageant will kick off events on Thursday at the Rio Blanco County Fairgrounds with the pre-pageant entertainment beginning at 7 p.m., followed by the pageant, which begins just prior to or at dark.

Don and Rosemary Hilkey chosen as 2014 parade grand marshals

By **HALLIE BLUNT**
Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER I From the snow on the mountaintops to the dirt in the arena, Don and Rosemary Hilkey help make events special in Meeker. This year, the ever-active couple will be celebrated as the grand marshals for the 2014 Range Call Parade, which will be held on Saturday in downtown Meeker.

Don was born and raised in Meeker and learned and has done ranch work all his life. He has been on the LaGrange Ranch for almost 40 years and, with that schedule, he, along with his brother, Don, and now-son Troy have kept the White River Snowmobile Club trails groomed and marked from the beginning.

Don was involved with the original marketing of the Meeker Massacre

re-enactment in the past. His kind mannerisms are evident in his children. Snowmobiling has been a family activity for the Hilkeys as their grandkids now enjoy the excitement of the sport.

Rosemary moved to Meeker her junior year of high school, graduating in 1958. She and Don were married in 1959. She was a beauty operator for a few years before going to work for social services where she worked for 27 years before retiring in 1996.

She has been very involved in the Range Call Association and got the idea to start the drill team after the 4-H club had one. She watched films on technical routines for the team and they began in 1987.

She has seldom missed an event with the drill team since then, performing in rodeos and parades all over the state.



Don and Rosemary Hilkey

The horse she used from the beginning is retired now at the age of 33. Rosh provided a consistent gentleness that enabled Rosemary to carry the flag through crowds in parades and the pageant. She has presented the flag for many occasions and plans to do the same again on her new horse of only six months.

When she is not practicing for the drill team, Rosemary has taken up barrel racing competitively for the past five years, competing in area NBRA events around. She has overcome injuries and helped the drill team persevere through times of difficulty with involvement, but she remains a steady figure in the Range Call Celebration.

The Range Call Celebration has become the oldest continuous celebration in Colorado. It began as just a rodeo, and added the parade, then the

re-enactment of the Meeker Massacre, and now all the events that make the 4th of July in Meeker the place to be in northwest Colorado.

Rosemary said about the celebration, "I like it all; all the people in town enjoying the events."

She added, "I have always liked rodeos."

Rosemary hopes the involvement and participation in the Range Call gets back to where it once was, and she praised the people working hard on the committee to make that happen.

"They are good people to work with," she said.

When asked about the drill team specifically, she said "We have fun together. It's what it's all about."

Rosemary also takes tickets and works the events at the celebration and is an

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7 AM Semi Final Eliminations - all day 30 dogs

7-9 AM Pancake Breakfast RBC Masons (Trial Site)

9 AM Food & Craft Festival, Art Contest, Portraits of
Pastoralism Exhibit
Demonstrations in Vending Area and
Education Exhibits

9 AM - 4 PM Flyball & Dog Agility Demonstrations

9 AM - 5:30 PM PEO Quilt Show (Location TBA)

12 - 1:30 PM Lunch Break

1 PM Border Collie Demonstration - Trial Site

4-9 PM Free Outdoor Concert (Court House Lawn)

5-7 PM Lion's Club Barbeque (Court House Lawn)

7 PM Jackpot Competition (RBC Fairgrounds)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2014

7-9 AM Pancake Breakfast RBC Masons (Trial Site)

8 AM Opening Ceremony

8:30 AM Final Round - 12 dogs (first 6 of 12 dogs)

9 AM Food & Craft Festival, Art Contest,
Portraits of Pastoralism Exhibit
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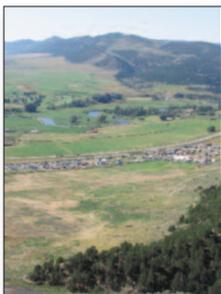
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Grand fireworks show set for dark on Fourth of July

Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER People might think they have to head to the big city for a decent fireworks display, but Meeker residents and past Range Call attendees know better. Thanks to a dedicated team of volunteers and community support, Meeker's annual Fourth of July fireworks display gets better every year.

The fireworks show in Meeker began almost 30 years ago with "a few guys" — Bren Sullivan, Roger Clare and Jim Riegel and others.

Unlike many towns, Meeker's fireworks show is entirely dependent on public and private donations.

The fireworks are ignited from the top of the hill near Highland Cemetery. A team of 11 people, plus four fire department trucks and an ambulance, take time away from their own families on the Fourth of July to create a display that's easily comparable to any of the larger communities in the region.

The 11-person team includes three "can tenders," six loaders and two shooters. The loaders load the shells. The can tenders keep the lids on the trash cans in case there is a low break or a fire. The shooters have their own bank of shells.

The loaded fireworks can't be left unattended, so two crew members wait for dusk to fall.



SEAN MCMAHON

This is one of the fireworks from July 4, 2013, shot off at dark from Highland Cemetery above Meeker's Town Park and Circle Park. There are a number of locations in town where the cemetery hill is clearly visible.

After the 35- to 40-minute show, the team stays around for an hour or so to check for stray sparks.

The following day, the 4-H Sheep Club cleans up the area.

Donations to help enhance the show can be sent to the Meeker Fire Department.

The proximity of the fireworks to town makes for great viewing from almost anywhere, but Meeker Town

Park and Circle Park are perennial favorites. From those vantage points, the fireworks seem to be directly overhead.

A collective round of "oohs" and "aahs" from the crowd accompanies the display in a fitting close to the celebration of our nation's independence.

This year's fireworks display will begin at dark on Friday.

MARSHALS: Couple always helping

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example of one of the many volunteers it takes to pull the fun-filled week of activities together.

Don and Rosemary have two children, Troy (Rhonda) Hilkey and Melanie (Lyle) McKee, all of Meeker. They have four grandchildren: Jessica (Brett) Berthelson, Nicole Hilkey, Donny and Tia McKee; and two great

grandchildren, McKenna and Brady Berthelson.

Whether in the middle of winter taking a club ride through fresh snow or in the heat of summer celebrating Independence Day, there is seldom one of these occasions when a member of the Hilkey family is not helping with.

There is nothing more patriotic than a beautiful horse carrying a

proud rider presenting our American flag.

Don and Rosemary have helped keep two very special traditional activities alive in our small town. Their commitments set an example, and, hopefully, it invokes increased involvement going forward. Follow their lead this year, and come out to enjoy and support all this Range Call Celebration has to offer.



SEAN MCMAHON PHOTOS

Due to a number of smaller fires in Northwest Colorado, the Colorado Department of Public Safety had one of its trucks in the 2013 Fourth of July parade. The truck was one of several fire units from around the West here fighting fires, although none of the fires became a local threat.



Several hundred spectators lined both sides of Main Street for the Fourth of July parade last year. The audience was made up of folks of all ages, and all seemed to enjoy the variety of parade entrants. The parade will begin at 10 a.m. again this year on the Fourth of July and run along Main Street.

4TH OF JULY EVENTS

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Early on Fourth: Run for Your Life 5K walk/run will turn 36

By NIKI TURNER
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MEEKER For the past 35 years in the early morning hours of the Fourth of July, Meeker locals and visitors have gathered downtown to take part in a different kind of Independence Day parade: the Run for Your Life 5K walk/run. Last year the race featured 120 runners and more than 130 walkers.

The *Herald Times* was the original race sponsor, followed by the fire department, Meeker High School's cross-country team and now the race is sponsored by the Eastern Rio Blanco Metropolitan Park and Recreation District.

The 5-kilometer course, just a little more than three miles, winds through Meeker's downtown residential area, covering familiar territory for many of the participants.

This year discounted early-bird registration is \$15 through July 2 at the Meeker Recreation Center. Registration is available only at the

Meeker Recreation Center on July 3 until the close of business for \$30. And the day of the race, participants can register at the courthouse lawn between 5:30-7 a.m. for \$30.

The cost of registration includes a t-shirt, which will be distributed to race participants at the finish line after the race. Participants must pick up their bib number on July 4 at the registration tent on the courthouse lawn by 7 a.m. for run participants and by 7:30 a.m. for walk participants. The 5K run begins at 7:30 and the 5K walk begins at 8 a.m.

For the past two years, the running race has been dominated by Rangely's William Scoggins. He defended his 2012 title in 2013 with a time of 16:57.

Hanna Borchard was the first female across the line in 2013, completing the race in 22:41.

Collin Robinson was the fastest walker, crossing the finish line in 33:02. Sydney Hughes was the first female to cross the finish line, needing 36:27 to walk the 5K.

Sam Conrado (32:31) won the 6-and-under male division and Owen Maser (24:03) won the 7-12 male division, while Carlie Dare (31:54) won the 7-12 female division.

The overall winner came from the 13-18 male division and Julia Eskelson (25:32) won the 13-18 female title.

Sarah Balloga was the fastest female between the ages of 19 and 29 and Wesley Toews won the same age division for males.

Borchard, the female winner, competed in the 30-39 division, which was won by Jared Harvey (21:08) in the male division. Karl Maser and Laura Ryan were the fastest runners in their respective genders in the 40-49 age division and Kent Walter and Maureen Obrien were the fastest in the 50-59 age division.

Donna Dare and Mike Hardy won the 60-69 division and Jim Mense won the men's 70-79 age division.



COURTESY PHOTO

Range Call Rodeo 2014 Queen Cheyenne Steele, First Princess Emily Amick, Second Princess Jazzmyn Wakefield.

ROYALTY REIGNS OVER RANGE CALL

Special to the Herald Times

RBC The Range Call Rodeo Royalty Court for 2014 is Queen Cheyenne Steele-Mackay, 17, of Rangely. She is the daughter of Bryan and Janet Mackay.

Along with her passion for horses and the rodeo, Cheyenne also keeps busy with her 4-H projects. She loves her lambs, but has also worked with 4-H steers and pigs. She has been in livestock judging and loves being a part of the FFA.

On her downtime, Cheyenne plays soccer, works on the farm and rides her horse every chance she gets.

Cheyenne is planning on majoring in agriculture when she goes to college. She is extremely grateful that Grandpa Ben and Grandma Erna were able to give her this opportunity in life, and she misses them greatly.

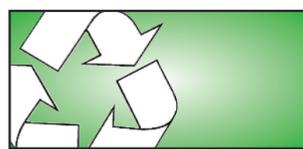
Range Call Rodeo First Princess is Emily Amick, 10, of Meeker. The daughter of James and Katie Amick, Emily is very excited this year to be able to represent the Range Call Rodeo as she has wanted to be in the royalty court since she could walk.

This year, she was finally old enough to try out. Emily is involved in her 4-H projects with lambs, pig, and sewing. When Emily is not busy with her royalty obligations or 4-H, she enjoys her time helping out on the ranch and riding her horse every chance she gets.

Range Call Rodeo Second

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VFW No. 5843 has long parade history

Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER I The Veterans of Foreign Wars organization traces its roots back to 1899, when veterans of the Spanish-American War (1898) and the Philippine Insurrection (1899-1902) founded local organizations to secure rights and benefits for their service. Many arrived home wounded or sick.

There was no medical care or veterans' pension for them, and they were left to care for themselves. In their misery, some of these veterans banded together and formed organizations with what would become known as the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States.

After chapters were formed in Ohio, Colorado and Pennsylvania, the movement quickly gained momentum. By 1915, membership grew to 5,000; by 1936, membership was almost 200,000.

Since then, the VFW's voice has been instrumental in establishing the Veterans Administration, creating a GI bill for the 20th century, the development of the national cemetery system and the fight for compensation for Vietnam veterans exposed to Agent Orange and for veterans diagnosed with Gulf War Syndrome.

In 2008, the VFW won a long-fought victory with the passing of a GI Bill for the 21st Century, giving expanded educational benefits to America's active-duty service members and members of the National Guard and Reserves, fighting in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The VFW also has fought for improving VA medical center services for women veterans. Besides helping fund the creation of the Vietnam, Korean War, World War II and Women in Military Service memorials, the VFW in 2005 became the first veterans' organization to contribute to building the new Disabled Veterans for Life Memorial, which opened in November 2010.

Annually, the nearly 2 million members of the VFW and its auxiliaries contribute more than 8.6 million hours of volunteerism in the community, including participation in Make A Difference Day and National Volunteer Week. From providing more than \$3 million in college scholarships and savings bonds to students every year, to encouraging elevation of the Department of Veterans Affairs to the president's cabinet, the VFW is there.

Simply put, the VFW strives to do good things for deserving people; our veterans, their families and their communities. From local grassroots ideas to national influence, we work every day to make a difference; it's our strength as an organization. And, with each individual membership, we only grow stronger.

Locally, your VFW Post No. 5843 and its Ladies Auxiliary is a service organization to support our community and all veterans, whether they are members of the VFW or not. Here is a list of some of the things your Meeker VFW Post does on an ongoing basis:

- Helped design, raise funds for, and install our beautiful Veteran's Memorial of a modern-day soldier in front of the county courthouse with the help of local donations and our county;

- Provides several different scholarships to our youth within the community;

- Participates as an Honor Guard at funeral services of any veteran and at sporting events;

- Supports the Meeker Classic;
- Helps educate our children on patriotism and flag etiquette;

- Administers grant money for veterans' travel to hospitals and medical facilities;

- Provides medical equipment which we store and donate for use to anyone in the community; and

- Assists veterans who are in need.

Meeker VFW Post No. 5843 will be leading our July 4 Range Call Parade at 10 a.m. on Friday, and we invite any veterans from all services to march or ride with us. Please let us know if you need to ride in the parade as we will have several decorated golf carts available.

This year, the parade will be led by our Honor Guard followed by our Ladies Auxiliary and by veterans in golf carts who are no longer able to march with us. Next will be a veterans group on motorcycles from the Denver area who call themselves "Iron Warriors."

Contact post commander David Cole at 878-5326 or senior vice commander Dennis Terp at 878-5526 for further information about the parade and membership. We sincerely appreciate the ongoing support of our community.



SEAN MCMAHON

Meeker VFW Post No. 5843 will be leading Meeker's Fourth of July Range Call Parade, which begins at 10 a.m. on Friday, and the group is inviting any veterans from all of the U.S. Armed Forces to march or ride with the group. If any veteran needs to ride in the parade, the VFW will have several decorated golf carts available.

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ROYALTY:

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Princess is Jazzmyn Wakefield, 13, of Meeker, the daughter of Karolyn Wakefield.

This has been an exciting year for Jazzmyn. She was given the opportunity to try something new, and explore her love for horses more than just on the ranch.

She will be a freshman at Meeker High School this fall, and plans on joining the Future Farmers of America to learn more about agriculture.

In Jazzmyn's spare time, she helps on the ranch, rides her horse when she gets the chance and keeps in contact with her friends.

She would like to thank her great-grandparents Karl and Nancy Cox for helping her discover her love for the way of life on a ranch, and she misses them dearly.

Range Call Concert Feature: Chris Cagle's music changes, grows with him

Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER I Ask Chris Cagle what's most important to him and you can bet he'll answer this way: "Family, ranch, music. That's it."

This response is seemingly simple for a man whose professional credits include two gold albums, two No. 1 albums and 12 charted songs.

From 2000-2008, Cagle released an almost non-stop catalog of hits that resulted in a scorching hot career. His musical character and burning ambition never wavered, but today, Cagle's personal perspective has mellowed.

Born in DeRidder, La., and raised "all over," Chris set off for Nashville after trying his hand at college in Texas and finding the pull to pursue music too strong to ignore. Like many young artists, he spent several years

working odd jobs in Nashville and scraping up enough cash to record four original songs for a demo tape.

Thanks to a couple of chance meetings and the opportunity to be heard by Scott Hendricks, Chris was signed to Virgin Records in 2000. That first album featured the unaltered version of his demo songs. Chris quickly earned critical and commercial success and attracted a legion of fans that included industry heavyweights and country fans alike.

Cagle's first No. 1 smash, "I Breathe In, I Breathe Out," remains a fan favorite.

For Chris, the professional success and sales were gratifying, but his personal life blistered under the spotlight.

"I was tired of who I was in this business," Chris said. "I had become somebody who I didn't want to be."



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Chris Cagle, a Louisiana native, will headline the concert Saturday evening at the Rio Blanco County Fairgrounds. He will have Damsel as his opening act, promising a top selection of good old All-American entertainment. The concert begins at 7 p.m. with the gates opening at 5 p.m.

He bowed out and retreated to Marietta, Okla., a place where he could distance himself from the industry, reconnect with his roots and take back control of his life. He spent the next couple of years staking his claim on home life and embracing a lifelong dream: building his family's home, "Big Horse Ranch," with his own two hands, nail by nail.

What started out as a "piece of dirt," is now an impressive Oklahoma homestead.

Chris also met his wife, Kay, who

he describes in the song "Let There Be Cowgirls" with the lyrics: "Something you can't tame/She's a mustang/The heartbeat of the heartland."

"The worst days we've had together are better than the best I've had with other people," Chris said. He also found a new identity as a father.

On the birth of his daughter in 2010, Chris said, "She made me want to be better at everything. Period. I've never cared enough about myself to take responsibility for my faults; she made me man right up."

Cagle's 2012 release from Bigger Picture Group, under the working title, "Back In The Saddle" is his homecoming — a rekindling of his creative flame and a roaring reminder of his rock-infused country roots. It's something he originated and what he does best: relatable, back-roads and familiar while also being a striking form of country music worth getting excited about.

While assuring his fans that the Chris they love hasn't changed, Cagle sees his new persona as a better version of himself.

"I want my music to be an environment, to strike chords, passions, memories, faults, loves, angers and redemptions," Chris said. "Imagine my music just on the outside of town right where the road turns to the rural route. A dirt road cul-de-sac with trucks all parked in a circle. I would love to see my music fit into that."

This Chris Cagle may look a little different to those who are used to a louder, harder-partying version of the star. Rest assured, Chris still gets "as

rowdy as a redneck can get," but these days he confines himself to the stage.

And when the show's over, he puts on a different hat and heads back to hearth and home. It is there that Chris has found balance and a new passion.

Today, his biggest off-stage thrill is training and raising cutting horses, and when he puts on his cowboy boots and favorite hat, it is because he's living the true cowboy lifestyle, not because he's putting on a show.

Chris' self-proclaimed version of "redneck rock 'n' roll," has been firing people up for over a decade, and, this time around, Chris is chomping at the bit for an energetic reintroduction to the country music community that's been a long time coming.

Fans will still see flashes of the Chris they know, but they'll also see the joy and confidence that home life provides him.

"I'm happy; you're gonna hear the smile through the radio," Chris says of his new record. "For the first time since April 2001, I am truly happy to do it. I have a new lease on all of it."

Chris is back with all the energy of a newcomer and the wisdom of a veteran, and the renewed passion is contagious.

"I'm at a place in my life where I think about everyone I'm working with, especially the fans," he said. "I thank God that I'm in a place in my heart where I am grateful and aware. I am very, very, very lucky."

Cagle still has a fire, but his passion is driven by not just music, but family and horses and a place he calls home.

His fans will recognize the glow and appreciate the authenticity.

"I'm a lot like charcoal in that once you light me up, I'm gonna burn hot for a long, long time," he said. "But if you pour water on me, it takes a little effort to get me started again. Bigger Picture Group and my family have helped light that fire for me," Cagle said. "So let's throw some gasoline on it, light it up and watch it burn."

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Meeker Chamber has day full of fun slated downtown after July 4th parade

By **NIKI TURNER**
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MEEKER I A full slate of activities and events, some new and some returning, will take place in downtown Meeker as part of the annual Range Call Celebration.

On July 3, view paintings from the Plein Air art competition, meet the artists, and enjoy a glass of champagne during a "champagne toast" from 4:30-6:30 p.m. at 640 W. Main St., in Meeker. Then place your silent auction bids on these original landscape paintings from the surrounding area. The awards ceremony and silent

auction winners will be announced Friday, July 4 at 3:30 p.m.

On July 4, get the holiday off on the right foot with the Run For Your Life 5K run/walk downtown, sponsored by the ERBM Recreation and Park District, then fill your belly with stacks of pancakes at the Rio Blanco Masonic Lodge pancake breakfast, an annual favorite for locals and visitors alike.

The Fourth of July parade, sponsored by the Meeker Chamber of Commerce, will begin at 10 a.m. on Main Street, between Seventh and Fourth streets. This year's theme is "Reflections and New Beginnings."

After the parade, the Plein Air artists will participate in a "quick draw" on the courthouse lawn. This year, vendor booths will be at the fairgrounds, freeing up the courthouse square for live music by local bands Casserole Beans and Dave Main and Clover Loafers, a "bounce house" for the kids, and the annual barbecue luncheon, pie sale, and root beer floats. In addition, many local non-profit organizations will have informational booths set up downtown.

The barbecue, hosted by Faith Baptist Church, is \$8 a plate and includes a pork sandwich, potato salad, watermelon, cookie, pickle and

water or lemonade. For dessert, members of the Meeker United Methodist Church are once again offering their homemade pies for sale.

Also returning this year is the annual Main Street Madness Three-on-Three basketball tournament sponsored by the ERBM Recreation and Park District. The tournament will start at 1 p.m. on the old elementary school courts.

Rounding out this year's downtown events will be the Rio Blanco County Historical Society's Bank Robbery reenactment at 3 p.m. in the intersection of Sixth and Main streets.

Meeker Sportsman's Club holds public shooting event

By **NIKI TURNER**
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MEEKER I For the past three years, the Meeker Sportsman's Club has hosted an instructional event at the Meeker shooting range during the Range Call Celebration. It is for all ages and skill levels. This year the shoot has a new name.

District Wildlife Manager Jon Wangnild of Meeker died in a horseback riding accident in June 2013. During his 14 years of service to the state, he taught children of all ages about wildlife, conservation and having respect for the traditions and ethics of hunting.

The Meeker Sportsman's Club voted in August to change the name of the annual shooting event to the Jon Wangnild Memorial Shoot.

"Jon was about educating people and, specifically the youth,

about shooting sports, and that is exactly what this event is doing," said Troy Osborn, president of the club.

The event is not a competition, Osborn explained. Instead, it's an opportunity for new or seasoned shooters (firearms and archery) to come to the range and practice with different styles of firearms and bows. "People should expect to have competent and professional coaches available to help them learn something new. All ammo will be provided and all firearms will be already on site," he said.

Anyone can participate, and there will be guns to fit "nearly any size of person." Those under 18 years of age must have a parent sign a waiver.

The shoot begins Saturday at 9 a.m. at the Meeker Shooting Range, located on Highway 13, 2.2 miles south of the intersection of highways 13 and 64.

Historical society offers Saturday tour of Milk Creek Battle site

MEEKER I After White River Indian Agent Nathan Meeker plowed up the Ute's racetrack and tensions escalated, Meeker called for military assistance from the nearest fort, and Major Thomas T. Thornburgh and his 150 troops were dispatched from Fort Fred Steele in Wyoming. They rode south and crossed Milk Creek some 18 miles northeast of the White River Agency, where they were engaged in a fierce battle with the Utes that lasted 12 days.

During the siege, Thornburgh's troops formed a wagon circle and sent out a plea for aid. In response, 35 African-American cavalrymen based out of Fort Lewis, Colo., broke through the Indian line to reinforce their comrades-in-arms. A relief expedition of 350 men led by Col. Wesley Merritt from Fort D. A. Russell, Wyo., finally lifted the siege on Oct. 5, 1879. Army casualties were 13 dead, including Major Thornburgh, and 43 wounded.

The Utes had attacked the White River Agency on Sept. 29, 1879, and killed all the white male employees of the agency, including Nathan Meeker.

The Milk Creek Battle was the last major engagement between a Native American tribe and the United States Army.

To commemorate the battle and honor all those who lost their lives in the 1879 Battle of Milk Creek, a memorial park has been built on County Road 15, approximately 17 miles northeast of Meeker, and attracts heritage tourists from throughout the world as an historic destination.

The Rio Blanco County Historical Society and many other organizations and individuals worked together to create two monuments at the site: one for the Utes who died and one for the soldiers. Gates designed by iron artist Mark Scritchfield and local mason Paul Vinzant tell the story of the battle at the park's entrance.

A comprehensive tour of the battle site will be held July 5 and is suitable for adults and school-age children. Along the 17-mile route to the site, the tour will make three stops to offer additional history related to the Milk Creek Battle, and tour guides at the site will share a detailed account of what happened during the 12-day siege.

Tour-takers should meet at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 5, at the White River Museum, 565 Park Ave., Meeker. The two-hour tour costs \$10 per adult, children are free.

Re-enactment resurrects Meeker bank robbery

Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER I One of Meeker's claims to fame was the dramatic attempted robbery of the Bank of Meeker on Oct. 13, 1896.

As people have retold the event, there were a few hectic moments where bullets flew and danger was lurking. But, when the crisis was over, three "wanna be" bank robbers were dead.

Northwest Colorado Heritage relayed the incident this way:

"As the story goes, Jim Shirley and his gang tried to follow in the footsteps of Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid and thought they could easily pull off this banking heist. But Shirley underestimated the quick-draw citizens of Meeker as they rapidly dispatched the thieves after just a few short minutes of a rowdy bullet exchange.

"News spread quickly throughout the nation of the adeptness of these frontiersmen, and the message was heard loud and clear to bandits far and wide: 'Don't Mess with Meeker.'"

Join us once again as the Rio Blanco County Historical Society (RBCHS) re-enacts the historic event right on the original location of Sixth and Main streets, where the scenes will unfold as they did the day Jim Shirley and his gang went down in

local history. The robbery will take place on Friday at 3 p.m. (but don't tell anybody).

The RBCHS will be selling their famous root beer floats immediately following the parade until after the bank robbery re-enactment.

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Friday, July 4th

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| Run For Your Life 5K Race | 5:30am Registration 7:30am Run 8am Walk | Downtown |
| Pancake Breakfast | 7-10am | Downtown |
| Parade | 10am | Downtown |
| Faith Baptist Church BBQ | 11am | Downtown |
| ERBM 3 on 3 Basketball Tourney | 12-1pm | Downtown |
| Bank Robbery | 3pm | Downtown |
| Range Call Ranch Rodeo | 5pm | Fairgrounds |
| Rough Stock Showdown | Following Ranch Rodeo | Fairgrounds |
| Fireworks | Dark | City Park |
| Range Call Barn Dance [Country Music Project] | Following Fireworks | Fairgrounds [Indoor Arena] |

Saturday, July 5th

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| Save The MHS Track Walk-A-Thon | 7-11am | MHS Track |
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Rio Blanco Cup returns to Meeker in annual tournament

— Closest finish ever... 30-29 —

By **BOBBY GUTIERREZ**
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RBC I "It was by far the closest cup we've had to date," Robby Elam, captain for the Rangely team said.

The "cup" Elam spoke of is the Rio Blanco County Cup, a traveling trophy which is displayed in the clubhouse of the winning team of a match-play formatted tournament played between golfers from Meeker and Rangely.

The Rio Blanco County Cup was first hosted in Rangely in 2007 and remained at Cedar Ridges after the Rangely golfers won the tournament on their home course. Meeker won the cup back the next year, then Rangely won it the next time it was played on their course, before Meeker had the honors of displaying the RBC Cup for three years in a row, including a victory in Rangely in 2011. Back on their home course, Rangely dominated Meeker in 2013 to win the cup back.

There was media buildup before the 2014 Rio Blanco County Cup, which would be played in Meeker. Rangely has never won the cup in Meeker and Meeker captain J.C. Watt, who did not play in 2013, was quoted in the *Herald Times*, saying his team was the "heavy favorites."

"That one almost came back to bite me," Watt said with a laugh, of his predictions.

Meeker won the 2014 Rio Blanco County Cup by one point, 30-29.

Saturday morning, players were matched up in pairs and played nine holes in a scramble format, then re-



The Rio Blanco County Cup is displayed in front of the score sheets, which document the closest contest in eight years of play between golfers Meeker and Cedar Ridges Golf Course in Rangely. Rangely displayed the cup for a year but have yet to win in Meeker, which is where the 2014 tournament was played and where the cup will remain until next year.

BOBBY GUTIERREZ

paired and matched differently to play nine holes in a best ball format.

There were 14 matches in the scramble and Meeker took an early 8.5-5.5 lead after nine holes of play but Rangely came back to tie the score after best ball.

A barbecue was held Saturday and many of the Rangely players camped at the golf course in order to get a good night of rest before championship Sunday. Thirty matches would be played in a Ryder Cup format, where a point is given for winning a hole outright.

"I want to thank Robby for putting together a great team," Watt said. "Rangely brought 30 golfers and some really good players. Several matches came down to the last hole, one switch from a win to a tie, a half point, and the up stays in Rangely. It was really fun to know every match mattered because it was so close."

"I want to congratulate the Meeker men and women and thank them for the hospitality we all enjoyed," Elam said. "We were a half a point away from retaining the cup. Overall, I was proud of our team, we gave them a battle. I would also like to thank my team for representing Rangely with class. It is the most fun of any tournament to play, in my opinion. I can't wait to do this again next year."

Watt also wanted to thank his team and "appreciated Rangely's participation," saying it is the most golfers to ever play in the Rio Blanco County Cup.

"I also want to thank Chris Arnold (Meeker course manager) and his staff as well as Larin Crase and Danielle Feola (owners of Chippers) and their staff for their hospitality," Watt said. "It was fun."



"Larin had a great weekend," Meeker captain J.C. Watt said of Larin Crase, pictured with the Rio Blanco County Cup, which he helped win by winning all three of his matches against Rangely players in the tournament held in Meeker. "I want to thank Robby Elam for being the best player on Meeker's team," Crase said, jabbing the Rangely captain and flaming the rivalry between the two courses. All teasing aside, Rangely brought 30 golfers to Meeker, set up camp (left) on site and everyone enjoyed a great weekend of golf.

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Save Our Track Walk-A-Thon July 5

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MEEKER I "You don't have to walk for four hours in the hot July sun," Debbie Cook, organizer of the Save Our Track Walk-a-thon, said.

Cook, a longtime Meeker teacher and coach, is hoping to encourage people to come to the Meeker High School track on

Saturday to raise funds to restore the community's track, which has been in disrepair for several years. Many walkers have gathered pledges to start walking at 7 a.m. until 11 a.m.

Cook has contacted many former and current track athletes and invited them to the track to visit, share stories and bring their check-books.

The WRBM Recreation and Parks District will host a Color Run 5K in Rangely, also on Saturday, with all proceeds benefiting the New Eden Pregnancy Center, where the race will start.

The ERBM Recreation and Parks District will host the annual Run for Your Life 5K on Friday. Registration starts at 5:30 a.m. and the race starts at 7:30 a.m.

ALL-STATE BASKETBALL...



Meeker High School graduates Taylor Neilson and Jeremy Musgrave where chosen by coaches to play basketball in the 2014 Colorado High School Coaches Association all-state games, which includes contests in basketball, softball, football, cross-country, softball, volleyball, spirit and wrestling.

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SEASON-END TOURNAMENT...



(Top left) The Rangely 10-11 baseball team finished third in the season ending Northwest Colorado Baseball League, played last week on their home fields. The team entered the tournament with a 5-1 record. Playing this season for Rangely in front are: Dylan LeBleu, Kaiden Ellis, Wyatt Tull, Austin Davis, Byron MacKay and Justin Rusher. In back: R.J. Richens, Drew Brannon, Grady Neilson, Trenton Files and Raiden Ganser. Jerry LeBleu and Richard Brannon coached the team.



(Bottom left) The Meeker 10-11 youth baseball team played in the season-ending tournament in Rangely last weekend. Playing for Meeker were, in back: Kesston Hobbs, Estavan Barreno, Jose Garcia, Ryan Phelan and CJ Wangnild as well as coach Jeff Musgrave. In front are: Trinden Powell, Zach Harman, Charles Curry and Kyle Wangnild. Not pictured: Bradley Potetz and coach Ken Harman, coach Donald Hobbs and coach Carl Curry.

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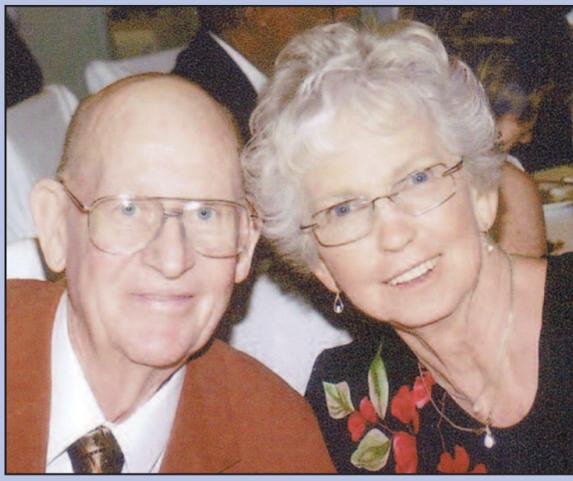
PMC offers foot clinic

MEEKER | Pioneers Medical Center Home Health will be offering its monthly foot clinic on Tuesday at 10 a.m. at The Pines Apts., 875 Water St. A certified nurse assistant will trim toenails, provide skin care and check blood pressures. Persons found to have circulatory or foot problems will be referred to a physician. Those who wish to take part are asked to call 878-9265 to schedule an appointment.

No work on Hwy 64

RBC | There should be no road work the rest of this week on Highway 64 between Rangely and Meeker, according to the Colorado Department of Transportation. The project on Highway 64 will be put on hold for the July 4 weekend, and there will be no construction on Thursday, Friday, Saturday or Sunday.

60th ANNIVERSARY ...



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Dale and Pat Jens are celebrating their 60th anniversary. They lived in Meeker for 35 years, moving here in 1958. Dale taught music at Meeker High School for 18 years, teaching band, choir and extra-curricular jazz band, dixieland band and dance band. He loved the high school students. After retiring in 1976, he had Jens Construction, designing and building homes, etc. Pat worked with the U.S. Forest Service, Blanco District, retiring in 1991. They raised their four children in Meeker, with daughter Diana Caldwell and her husband, Leonard, still living here. Their other three children live in Grand Junction and Fruita. Dale and Pat now live in Palisade, and they can be reached at 623 El Rio Dr. in Palisade or at daleandpatjens@hotmail.com.

VOTE: All votes listed from election

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that," he said. "I have no idea what I will do or where I will end up at the end of the year.

"I have some family events coming up in the next month and a half and will be taking some time off for that," Joos said. "Starting in mid-August, I will start job hunting and we will see where life takes me from there."

Also contested on the GOP ballot was the governor's race to choose the Republican candidate who will face incumbent Democratic Gov. John Hickenlooper in November. The top vote-getter on the Rio Blanco County GOP ballots was Tom Tancredo, who drew 422 (26 percent) votes while Bob Beauprez, who won the statewide vote to challenge Hickenlooper, drew 382 votes (24 percent). The other two primary candidates were Mike Kopp with 336 votes (21 percent) and Scott Gessler with 267 votes (17 percent).

In another of the contested GOP races in Rio Blanco County, incumbent Scott R. Tipton pulled 1,030 votes (64 percent) to defeat David Cox with 429 votes (27 percent) for the nod for U.S. Representative to the 112th U.S. Congress in District 3.

The only other contested GOP race in this county was for the State

Board of Education for the Third Congressional District. In a vote that was never more than five votes apart during the three ballot updates here Tuesday night, challenger Barbara Ann Smith, who pulled 549 votes, edged incumbent Marcia Neal, who ended up with 546 votes, each sharing a 34 percent voter tally.

All other GOP offices were uncontested and will move on to the General Election in November.

Cory Gardner, the GOP's lone candidate for U.S. Senate, pulled 1,200 votes for 75 percent of the votes cast in the county.

Uncontested state candidates on the Rio Blanco County ballot were: incumbent State Rep. Bob Rankin from House District 57 with 1,101 votes (68 percent); incumbent State Treasurer Walker Stapleton, who pulled 1,083 votes (67 percent); candidate Wayne W. Williams, running for secretary of state, drawing 1072 votes (67 percent); and state attorney general candidate Cynthia Coffman with 1049 votes (65 percent).

As far as the top vote-getters among the GOP candidates for county office, almost all candidates pulled roughly the same, between 77 and 79 percent, with the exception of incumbent District 1 County Commissioner Shawn Bolton, who pulled 1,054 votes for 65 percent backing by coun-

ty voters.

The other unopposed county candidates included: incumbent County Coroner Albert Krueger with 1,275 votes (79 percent); incumbent County Treasurer Karen Arnold with 1,273 (79 percent); incumbent County Surveyor Jonathan Leif Joy with 1,272 votes (79 percent); Boots M. Campbell, who will be the new county clerk and recorder, replacing the retiring Nancy Amick, with 1,233 votes (77 percent) and incumbent County Assessor Renae T. Neilson, who pulled 1,229 votes (76 percent).

There were no contested candidates or races on the Democratic ballot in Rio Blanco County nor were there any Democratic candidates for any of the county races — county commissioner, county clerk, county treasurer, county assessor, county sheriff, county surveyor or county coroner, nearly assuring that all GOP primary winners will advance to the office in January without seeing opposition in the November election.

The unopposed candidates on Rio Blanco County's Democratic ballot were, starting with the top vote getters: incumbent U.S. Sen. Mark Udall with 89 votes (25 percent); incumbent Gov. John Hickenlooper with 88 votes (25 percent); State Treasurer Betsy Markey with 86 votes (86 percent); candidate Abel J. Tapia for U.S. Representative to the 114th U.S. Congress from District 3 with 84 votes (24 percent); Secretary of State candidate Joe Neguse with 84 votes (24 percent); and Henry C. Roman, candidate for the State Board of Education, with 77 votes (22 percent).

There was no Democratic candidate for State Representative from House District 57.

Rio Blanco County Clerk Nancy Amick, who will be retiring after November's general election, said, "After each election, you always wish you had gotten done earlier, but I believe the election went quite well.

"It is a long day, but I have such magnificent judges and assistants; they are all angels in their dedication," she said. "I am very, very lucky to have the opportunity to work with each of them."



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JOB'S: County's trend is looking good

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vate sector job gains were in construction, professional and business services, and leisure and hospitality. There were no significant declines.

Over the year, non-farm payroll jobs increased 70,500. Private sector payroll jobs increased 65,000 and government increased 5,500.

The largest private sector job gains were in professional and business services, leisure and hospitality, and education and health services. Information was the only sector to decline over the year.

Over the year, the unemployment rate declined 1.1 percent from 6.9 percent in May 2013.

The number of Coloradans participating in the labor force increased

46,900, total employment increased 73,900 and the number of unemployed decreased 27,000.

The national unemployment rate declined from 7.5 percent in May 2013 to 6.3 percent in May 2014.

All Colorado estimates from the establishment and household surveys, including greater geographic detail, are available at www.colmigateway.com. Estimates for all states and the nation are available at www.bls.gov.

Non-farm payroll job estimates are based on a survey of business establishments and government agencies, and are intended to measure the number of jobs, not the number of people employed. Other series based on this survey include private sector average weekly hours, average hourly

earnings and average weekly earnings.

The unemployment rate, labor force, labor force participation, total employment and the number of unemployed are based on a survey of households. The total employment estimate derived from this survey is intended to measure the number of people employed.

The business establishment survey covers about seven times the number of households surveyed and is therefore considered a more reliable indicator of economic conditions.

Because the estimates are based on two separate surveys, one measuring jobs by worksite and the other measuring persons employed and unemployed by household, estimates may vary.

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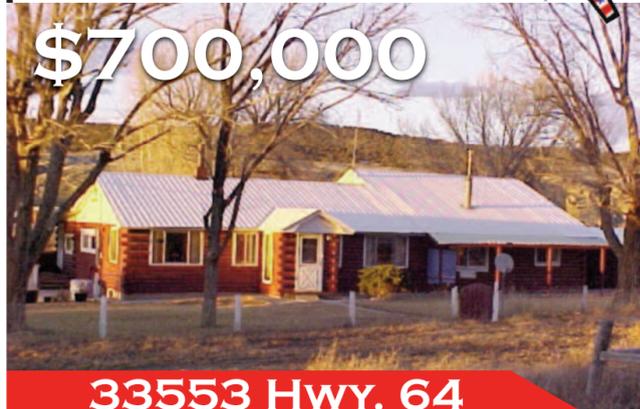
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SCOGGINS: Enjoying his new role

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simply give them more to do.

"It goes back to needing to have training, and we've had one day of training," Scoggins said. "Is this a new system that's working optimally and is just perfect? No. But it's where we're going and we'll put time in on it over the summer. I think it'll be a strong program that'll work well for us."

Colorado Student Assessment Program (CSAP) and Transitional Colorado Assessment Program (TCAP) tests from 2011-2013 showed the number of RE-4 students proficient or advanced in math has grown by nearly five percentage points in the last three years, from 48.08 percent to 52.84 percent. However, the scores are still nearly four points below the 2013 state average.

Reading scores have jumped by more than four points since 2011, from 65.90 percent to 70.32 percent in 2013, edging just above state levels, with writing showing slower growth and a nearly four-point gap below 2013 state scores. Rangely students' 2012 science scores dropped to 39.22 percent from 46.46 percent in 2011, with a slight recovery in 2013 to 41.49 percent. The most recent scores came in nearly nine points below state averages.

Still, as of last year, the Colorado Department of Education's most recent performance framework shows the district "approaching" academic achievement goals and "meeting" academic growth and post-secondary/workforce readiness standards, leading to an accredited status without sanctions.

Hill, who was interviewed before her resignation, said that while the state's measure of success can be use-

ful, — it gauges school proficiency against other schools' performance statewide — relying too heavily on it can lead to a false sense of security.

Measures of Academic Progress (MAPS) tests, another assessment, provide more immediate results. From fall to spring, Parkview Elementary School students have grown faster than the national norm in most areas, Scoggins said. Several areas of achievement remain below the national norm, however, though some just marginally.

Math and science, in particular, continue to be areas of needed growth.

Hill said that administrators continue to work toward a stronger discipline plan and look at other ways to support kids.

Part of the challenge, however, lies in the need for large-scale change that the school district can't and shouldn't try to handle alone, Hill said.

"That's a culture change that doesn't start in the schools. We can certainly ... provide the best environment we can in that school building from 7:45 to 3:45 four days a week, but the biggest impact on those kids is what they go home to. There needs to be a culture shift nationally that says we are responsible for our children, that we are going to raise our children."

Hill said she believed one of the new board's strengths was unity in response to unfunded mandates from the state and requirements that may not fit RE-4.

"I think the (board members) are in it to make a difference, each and every one wants to," Scoggins said. "And it's tough. There are so many things coming down from the state right now, from talking about how we're going to attract attendance to the schools, to the School Finance Act that changed, to the impact of (Senate Bill) 191, to the evaluation piece. There's just always something new, and staying on top of that is challenging at best."

A year in, Scoggins is evaluating ways he himself can learn and improve, from completing his superintendent licensing through the University of Colorado-Denver to finding ways to better communicate with staff.

In the next year, the district will

also adjust to a new technology plan that, last year, included hiring a full-time director of technology, adding a new computer lab at Parkview and bringing all computers to a standard platform.

Funded by the district's 2010 bond issue, the upgrades could pay off as the state requires more computer-based testing and training for assessments in coming years.

The new system juxtaposed with testing mandates, however, could also mean extra pressure on teachers for kids to not only know taught material but to be able to manipulate a mouse and use a keyboard to prove it.

Scoggins said the district is working on a possible media/technology specialist position to help students and assist with Parkview's library, slated to return this fall.

Other changes this year involved updating policies and procedures to current standards. A strong budget picture and trimmed expenses made more than \$23,000 available districtwide for classroom and program supplies, Scoggins said. Money has also been earmarked for new books to replace several sets of books, some of them decades old.

Perhaps the biggest shift involves returning preschool and kindergarten classes, the largest the district has seen in recent years, to the Early Education Center (EEC) this fall.

"We had some money left over from our building fund to help with the remodel, but Rangely District Hospital has partnered with us and is helping with some of it," Scoggins said.

The collaboration with the hospital echoes others the district has undertaken in recent years with the Western Rio Blanco Metropolitan Recreation and Park District, the Rangely Area Chamber of Commerce and the Town of Rangely.

Scoggins believes they point to healthier relationships developing among entities and to good things happening within the district and the community.

"We just have to find a way to recognize there's a lot of good stuff and not be so focused on the negative," he said. "We can and do meet students' educational needs. Perfect? No. But I don't know what perfect is."

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NEW 1455 Mountain View Road - Carefully tucked amongst native landscape, this wonderful 3BD, 2BA log home is private, yet right in town! \$360,000

NEW 116 N. GRAND AVENUE - RANGELY
If you have been thinking about a home with a metal shop, well, here it is! 3BD, 2BA single level home with a 10,212 Sq.Ft. corner lot. \$220,000

855 5th St. - Wonderful view over town from this 5BD, 2BA home. New roof, siding, windows and flooring. \$200,000

1045 Lance Cr. - SHOP SPACE GALORE! Well kept, 5BD, 2BA home with large rooms, smart floor plan and amazing shop. \$198,500

973 Main St. - Inviting 2BD, 1.75BA home with expansive opportunities. The mature trees, manicured yard, garden, deck and cottage create a peaceful haven right in the middle of town! COME RELAX ON THE DECK! \$185,000

165 Main Street - Wonderfully remodeled 3BD/1BA two story home, fenced yard, garage and more! Come see! \$179,000

769.5 Pine St. - Hidden gem in town - 3BD, 2BA remodeled home with stainless steel appliances, hardwood floors, fenced yard and a covered porch! \$165,000 Price Cut!

780 11th St. - Tastefully remodeled 3BD, 2BA bi-level home with a fantastic fenced yard. REDUCED TO \$167,900

1170 Cleveland St. - A comfortable 3BD, 2BA home with full basement, mature trees and great outdoor space. \$149,900

1007 Wall St. - Remodeled 3BD, 2BA with a nice deck, leading to an expansive fenced yard. COME SEE! \$145,000

NEW 760 11th St. Good 3BD/2BA starter home with large back yard, deck, storage shed, built in 1996. \$110,000.

NEW 767 12th Street - Completely remodeled townhouse includes 2 bedrooms, 2 baths. "Like New" \$65,000

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COMMERCIAL PROPERTY

NEW 1036 Shulls Drive - Newly constructed 32 unit apartment complex located above Meeker Recreation Center. A nice investment at \$2,990,000

NEW RV PARK- 13 acres with White River Frontage, 20 spaces with water/sewer/electric, plus 20 acres with Colorado Highway 13 & 64 frontage. \$900,000 for both. NICE PROPERTY!

317 East Market - GREAT PROPERTY, GREAT LOCATION - 1.4 acres includes commercial building, newly built shop \$975,000. Also the adjoining 3 acre parcel is available for \$300,000 with highway access.

680 Water St. - Playa del Rio Apartments sits on 4 lots, feature 19 apartment units, 17 storage units, off street parking and park area. Buy before the market booms! \$650,000

624 Market St. - Large remodeled restaurant building with apartment space. Fantastic location! \$562,500

1107 Market St. - Highway 13 frontage, large corner lot, two story office building, off street parking and rental home. \$250,000

975 Market St. - Restaurant building on two lots with off street parking along Highway 13. \$220,000.

206 Market St. - Main floor retail space, high ceiling, hardwood floors. Apartment space in basement, spacious metal shop. \$159,000

ALL OFFERS WILL BE CONSIDERED!

RANCHES

NEW 1648 RBC RD. 32, MEEKER, CO - 160 acre ranch with beautiful hay meadows, irrigation water, farm house, metal shop, old style barn ... great location. \$1,065,000

4637 RBC Rd. 8 - Exquisitely remodeled 4BD, 2BA farmhouse sitting on 77 acres. Fenced meadows, irrigation rights, shop space and strong domestic well. \$599,000

1560 RBC RD. 15 - 390 acre ranch with cozy 3BD log home, lush pastures private setting, close to town, well, pond & spring. \$595,000

VACANT LAND

41 Vacant Lots - Sanderson Hills Subdivision. Located on the northwest side of the subdivision. \$250,000 for all or 7 Lots \$6,200 per Lot. OWNER FINANCING

48 Acres off County Road 13 - 5 miles south of Meeker, joins BLM, open to trades or offers \$235,000

5 Acres 13 miles up County Road 8 - River frontage, elevated view of the White River Valley. OWNER FINANCING \$149,900

99 Acres off of County Road 60 - Secluded acreage with power, nice building areas, borders BLM. \$139,000

15,000 SQFT Lot at 6th & Water St. - Mixed zoning, cleared, READY FOR YOUR NEW BUILDING! \$120,000

4.5 Lots on 8th St. - Quiet location! \$100,000

182 Main St. - Commercial lot behind Family Dollar store. Busy location, cleared, ready to build! \$85,000

688 Meath Dr. - 35 acre lot in Little Beaver Estates, cleared building pad. Will consider all offers! \$85,000

4 Lots in Cross L Estates - OWNER FINANCING \$70,000 - \$75,000. \$250,000 for all

6.79 Acres in Cross L Estates - Irrigated meadow, domestic water, electricity and views. REDUCED \$65,000

1095 Pinyon St. - Elevated views of the valley, all 3 lots for \$60,000

23105 Highway 13 - 5.09 acres with domestic well, electricity and views. REDUCED \$50,000

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

2 Lots in Sage Hills - Gentle grade, for fantastic views. Time to build! \$35,000 each

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Featured Property of the Week

880 Cleveland Street, Large home on corner lot, 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 car garage, all new windows and exterior doors, new exterior paint, and more. Site area is 15,000 SF or 2 building sites.
ORIGINAL PRICE: \$215,000
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- NEW LISTING: 290 4th Street - 3100 SF +, 4 bdrms, 2.5 baths, residential or commercial ... \$285,000
- 73209 Hwy 64 - 11 acres with 2032 SF home, 4 bdrms, 2 baths, outbuildings, Views \$297,500
- 73229 Hwy 64 - 38+ acres in Lions Canyon, 3 bdrm, 2 bath home, well & outbuildings \$294,500
- 566 Rimrock Drive - 3 bdrm, 2 baths, garage, 5 acres, good water & irrigation water \$250,000
- 1394 Ridge Rd - Cute ranch style home on corner lot, 3 bdrms, 2 baths, garage, shed \$249,500
- 1032 Lance Circle - Beautiful ranch style home on corner lot, oversized garage, & more \$243,900
- 1343 Sage Ridge Rd - Cute 3 bdrm, 2 ba home, full basement, lots of potential \$219,000
- 165 Water Street - close to BLM/Forest Service building, 3+ bdrms, 2 baths, garage \$157,000
- 1062 Main Street - older home on large corner lot SALE PENDING \$115,000
- Garfield Street Townhouses, choose from 5 units, 2bdrms, 1.5 baths, ..Prices from \$29,900 - \$49,900
- VACANT building site - 7500 SF, 1280 Garfield Street, includes paid water tap \$25,000

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HOMES IN MEEKER ...

- NEW 835 Sulphur Creek Rd. - 3 BR, 2 BA home by fairgrounds. Fenced back yard, landscaped. \$175,000.
- NEW 1012 Wall St. - 3BR, 2 BA home, newer stucco, landscaped fenced yard, trex deck, garage. \$184,000
- NEW 1440 Mountain View Rd. - 5BR, 4 1/2 BA, one of a kind custom home, panoramic views, outdoor entertaining area, lawn w/sprinkler system, home security system, A/C & more! \$449,000
- 891 3rd St. - 3BR, 2 BA one level home, garage, fenced yard, sprinkler system, move in ready! \$169,000
- 112 Main St. - 3 BR, 2 BA historic home with a 426 sq. ft. cottage. Updated, large corner lot. \$219,000
- 879 7th St. - Log home on 4 lots in town. 4 BR, 3 BA, views, huge garage, deck. \$425,000
- 1393 Ridge Rd. - 5 BR, 3 BA home, fenced yard, attached garage, hot tub, great views! \$224,000 REDUCED
- 1425 Mountain View Rd. - 4 BR, 3 BA home on a private lot with amazing views. Well maintained. \$189,900.
- 146 Garfield - Unique commercial property or ? Loading dock, workshop, small apartment, storage. \$100,000
- 560 5th St. - Great Rental Property - Lg family home or can be a 2, 3, or 4 plex, big shop. \$175,000. Sale Pending!
- 1369 Juniper Rd. - Beautiful home on 3 large lots, total 1/2 acre 3 BR, 2 1/2 BA, attached garage, landscaping w/ sprinkler system, covered patio, trees. \$250,000. Reduced!
- 830 Water St. - 3BR, 2BA one level home, fenced corner lot. Garage. Move in ready, \$159,000 REDUCED
- 585 Cleveland St. - 3BR 3BA home like no other in the heart of Meeker, attention to detail in every area! Private fenced back yard, shop, big carport, trees. SCHEDULE A SHOWING. \$469,000.
- 970 9th St. - 4 BR, 3 1/2BA two story log home, large lot, carport. \$169,000 REDUCED!
- 567 Larry Lane - Corner lot, 1 level, 3 BR 2BA, fenced yard, garage, deck. \$149,000 MAKE AN OFFER!
- 643 12th St - 4 BR, 2 BA bi-level home. Garage, carport, fenced back yard. \$129,000. REDUCED!
- 910 Water St. - Space 6 - Very nice 3 BR, 2 BA, double-wide trailer. \$59,000 SOLD
- 825 2nd St. - 4 BR, 2 BA home, fenced yard, 3 car garage & heated shop. \$235,000 SOLD!
- 830 Main St. - 1 lot near downtown Meeker with a 2 BR, 2 BA home, 2 car garage. \$95,000 SOLD
- 917 4th St. - Beautiful 5 BR, 3 BA home on 2 quiet, private lots. Basement, garage. \$240,000 SOLD

RANCHES - RURAL RESIDENTIAL - HUNTING PROPERTIES...

- NEW 14970 CR 8 - 14 acres on the River. Great fishing. Hay pasture, beautiful 2,500 sq ft home. \$1,995,000.
- NEW 29100 CR 8 - 12 Acres with River & fishing. Nice 1,252 sq ft 3 BR, 2 BA cabin, borders BLM. \$795,000.
- NEW 2610 CR 33 - 3Acres 7 mi W of town. 4 BR, 3 BA home, full basement, shed, pasture, views. \$250,000.
- NEW 12916 CR 8 - Amazing one of a kind home on 35 acres. Vacation home or year around living, park like setting, million \$ views, located along the Flat Tops Scenic Byway. Must see! \$390,000
- NEW 3315 CR 8 - 42 Acres, 3 mi east of Meeker. Beautiful log home 3 BR, 2 BA, walk-out basement. \$450,000
- NEW 1337 Meath Dr. - 35 Acres, 9 miles east with a nice 3 BR, 2 BA home, pastures, views. REDUCED \$230,000
- 13245 CR 8 - 5 acres 14 miles up river, well, trees, nice 3 BR, 2 BA home, decks, garage, shop. \$380,000
- River Property - CR 12 - 5+ acres 28 miles up river, with 2 BR, 1 BA cabin, good well, fish pond. \$295,000
- 2000 County Rd. 119 Forest Service cabin on Ute Creek. 1BR/1BA. Beautiful setting! \$65,000 Sale Pending!
- *710 Shaman Tr. - 3+ BR, 4BA, Custom built 4,534 sq ft home on 5 acres, great views, garage. \$448,000
- *13051 CR 8 - 52 Acres, 14 miles up river, 2 living quarters buildings, garage, hunting. \$435,000. SOLD!
- *24530 County Rd. 8 - A-frame cabin on small acreage, up-river, vacation home, views! \$169,000 SOLD!
- *20265 CR 8-3 BR, 2-1/2 BA home with river views. 1.74 private acres, shop. \$239,000 SOLD

BUSINESS & INVESTMENT ...

- *146 Garfield - commercial building w/ apartment, loading dock, over 3,000 sq. ft. \$100,000
- *109 Market St. - 3+ lots on the corner of 1st & Market. Great location next to the Dollar Store \$275,000 REDUCED
- *Rio Blanco Store - Great potential, 1/2 acre on Hwy 13, 3,000 sq ft store, cafe, living quarters. REDUCED \$130,000.
- *304 4th St. Commercial building on corner lot downtown, great office space, 4,437 sq. ft. \$220,000

RAW LAND AND HOMESITES ...

- NEW 71 Acres on CR 15, 11 miles NE. Private homesites, water, good hunting, borders public land. \$205,000.
- *Ridge Estates - 2 to 9 acre lots. Community well, irrigation water to each site. Prices reduced, additional discount available. Prices starting from \$75,000. 1 mile south of town.
- * County Rd. 8 - mile marker 29 1/2, amazing 29 acre parcel, building site, fishing rights, borders Forest \$349,000.
- *359 Love Lane - 5 acres, Cross L Estates, Lot 13, great horse property, well. \$100,000.
- *River Property - 19.6 Acres 12 miles west. Irrigated hay, good home sites, river. \$150,000.
- *20 Acres, Strawberry Creek Minor Subdivision, Lot 3. \$63,000
- *Little Beaver Estates - Lot 4, 35 acres, fenced, good pond, loafing shed, great home site. REDUCED TO \$75,000
- *Little Beaver Estates - 35 acre lot bordering DOW hunting land. Lot 11 - \$95,000.
- *Little Beaver Estates 35 acre lot bordering Division of Wildlife public land. Lot 14. REDUCED TO \$93,000
- *NEW Little Beaver Estates Lot 13 - 35 acre lot bordering Division of Wildlife public land. \$92,000.
- *100 acres 29 miles east of Meeker, surrounded by Nat Forest, covered with Aspens. \$1,395,000.00.
- *Several nice building lots on Mimi Creek and Michael Circle priced between \$22,500 and \$25,000.
- 1144-1146 Michael SOLD!
- *860 Shaman Trail - 5.5 acre lot just east of Meeker, Ute Terrace Sub., town water. \$80,000 SOLD!

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**Vacancy Notice
June 4, 2014**

Position: High School Math and Science Teacher

Highly qualified in Math and Science, with the ability to teach all levels of high school Mathematics and Science, which may include college level and AP courses. Potential Middle School and High School coaching opportunities are available in conjunction with this teaching assignment.
Description: Meeker School District has an approximate enrollment of 710 students in grades Pre-K through Twelve. The High School has approximately 195 students 9-12. The District prefers a person with strong knowledge and understanding of standards-based education, with a willingness to work, or successful experience in a collaborative culture dedicated to using data to drive instruction, differentiation, and student learning. We are seeking an individual who has the understanding of the intellectual, social, and emotional needs of the high school student. Professional involvement beyond the local level and successful teaching experience are desirable. The Meeker Re-1 School District is seeking an enthusiastic person who wants to join a staff committed to "Seeking excellence in all we do".

Position: Foreign Language - High School grades 9-12

Full time Spanish with a 2nd endorsement area preferred
Description: Meeker School District has an approximate enrollment of 710 students in grades PreK through Twelve. The High School has 194 students; Middle School 150 students (6-8); and Elementary (PreK-5) 370 students. The District desires an individual with skill and expertise in the teaching of Spanish at Levels I, II, and Advanced. (Spanish is preferred, but another foreign language could be considered.) We are seeking an educator who has strong organizational skills; who has an understanding of the intellectual, social and emotional needs of students; strong ability in pedagogy; and is able to build an understanding of the Spanish and Latin American cultures, as well being highly qualified to teach in another endorsement/subject area. The District is seeking an enthusiastic individual who wants to join a staff committed to "Seeking Excellence in All We Do".
Requirements: Applicants must have Colorado licensure and be Highly Qualified preferably with a dual certification in Mathematics and Science or it must be assured by the Colorado Department of Education by date of hiring.
Contact: Meeker High School Math/Science Vacancy
Meeker School District Re-1
P.O. Box 1089
Meeker, Colorado 81641
Telephone: 970-878-9040
Fax: 970-878-3682
e-mail: admin@meeker.k12.co.us
Website: www.meeker.k12.co.us
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HELP WANTED: GENERAL

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

**Vacancy Notice
June 19, 2014**

Position: Classroom Paraprofessional - Meeker Elementary School

Twenty nine hours a week - during the school year
Qualifications: Meeker School District has an approximate enrollment of 710 students in grades Pre-K through 12. The elementary school has 370 students in Preschool through fifth grade.
Experience working with children
High School Diploma
Personal qualifications of team work, good judgment, communication skills, positive and caring relationship with students, parents, and staff.

Position: Title I Paraprofessional - Meeker Elementary School

Description: Meeker School District has an approximate enrollment of 710 students in grades Pre-K through 12. The elementary school has 370 students in Preschool through fifth grade. The District prefers a person with a strong background working with children. The District desires an individual who has collaborative skills as an active member of the staff. We are looking for an educator who has an understanding of the intellectual, social, and emotional needs of the elementary student; who is enthusiastic and wants to join a staff committed to "Seeking Excellence in All We Do".
Qualifications:
Strong team work, good judgment, good communication skills.
Positive and caring relationship with students, parents and staff.
Demonstrate subject matter competency by:
Earning an Associate's (or higher) degree; or
Completing at least two years (48 hours) of study at an institution of higher education; OR
Passing a formal state or local assessment measuring one's knowledge of and ability to assist classroom teachers in reading, writing and mathematics.
Contact: Jessica Browning - Human Resource Director
Meeker School District Re-1
Administration Office
P.O. Box 1089
555 Garfield Street
Meeker, Colorado 81641
Telephone: 970-878-9040
Fax: 970-878-3682
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HELP WANTED: GENERAL

**Vacancy Notice
April 2, 2014**

District: Meeker School District Re-1 Meeker, Colorado 81641

Position: School Health Nurse - Part-Time Position
Date Available: Position begins with the 2014-2015 School Year
Qualifications: Bachelors of Science in Nursing, and possess a valid Colorado Registered Nurse License; or, Bachelors Degree, current National Certification in school nursing, and three years of experience in school nursing.
Responsibilities: Possess supervisory skills in communication, consultation, training, and monitoring; serve as health consultant and resource person in health education; assist in maintenance of school health policy and procedures. This is a flexible part-time position consisting of approximately 304 hours per year.
Keep student health records current.
Conduct school health services, including physical examinations, immunizations, and test for hearing, vision, dental and scoliosis. Responsible for selection and referral of students in need of medical and dental care.
Contact: Jessica Browning - Human Resources Director. Meeker School District Re-1
Administration Office
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P.O. Box 1089
Meeker, CO 81641
Telephone: (970) 878-9040
Fax: (970) 878-3682
E-mail: admin@meeker.k12.co.us
Website: www.meeker.k12.co.us
Timeline: Review of applications will begin immediately and will close when the position is filled.
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HELP WANTED: GENERAL

**Vacancy Notice
High School Coaching Vacancy
July 1, 2014**

The Meeker Re-1 School District is seeking qualified applicants to serve as the Head Volleyball coach at Meeker High School for the 2014/2015 season. Interested applicants should submit a letter of interest and a completed coaching application to the Meeker School District office. Review of applications will begin immediately and continue until the position is filled. Applications can be picked up at the District Office located at 555 Garfield Street. The Meeker Re-1 School District is an Equal Opportunity Employer

Middle School Coaching Vacancy

The Meeker Re-1 School District is seeking a qualified applicant to serve as Assistant Football Coach at Barone Middle School for the 2014/2015 season. Interested applicants should submit a letter of interest and a completed coaching application to the Meeker School District office. Applications can be picked up at the District Office located at 555 Garfield Street or on our web site at www.meeker.k12.co.us The Meeker Re-1 School District is an Equal Opportunity Employer

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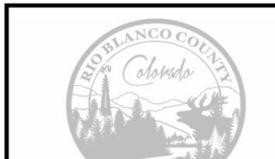
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NOTICE OF A PROPOSED PROJECT OR ACTIVITY

WARRANTING PUBLIC COMMENT

Encana Oil & Gas (USA) Inc. proposes a project at a natural gas processing plant located at NWSE Section 35, T2S, R102W, in Rio Blanco County. Addition of a new TEG dehydrator at an existing gas processing plant. This project is subject to public notice because: permitted emissions exceed public notice threshold values in Regulation No. 3, Part B, Section III.C.1.a (25 tpy in a non-attainment area and/or 50 tpy in an attainment area), the source is requesting a federally enforceable limit on the potential to emit in order to avoid other requirements. The Division has made a preliminary determination of approval of the application. Comments concerning the ability of the proposed project or activity to comply with the applicable standards and regulations of the Commission are solicited from any interested person. The Division will receive and consider written public comments for thirty calendar days after the date of this Notice. Additional information regarding this action can be found at the Rio Blanco Clerk's office and on the Division's Website at: www.colorado.gov/cdphe/AirPublicNotices or by contacting Stephanie Chaouy of the Division at 303-692-2297. Publish: July 3, 2014 Rio Blanco Herald Times

LEGAL NOTICES

RIO BLANCO COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 200 MAIN ST. MEEKER, COLORADO 81641 July 10, 2014, 7:00 P.M

The tentative agenda as follows:

1. Roll Call
2. Additions/Changes to Agenda
3. Approval of Minutes: June 26, 2014
4. New Business:
 - Second hearing:
 - a. Down River Minor Sub Re-Plat 14-02 - John and Michele Wixis requesting a Minor Subdivision to modify existing three lot subdivision to remove the open space and to better utilize the property, Section 26, TN, R96W, RBC Rd. 129, Meeker, CO. PIN 140526400018.
 - 5. Discussion of Work in Development (Plan, Processes, Standards, etc.) and/or Administrative Matters
 - a. WORKSHOP: Update and adoption of On-Site Wastewater Treatment Systems (OWTS) Regulations for the Health Department. The new regulations will replace the current Section 236. Standards for Onsite Wastewater Systems (also known as Individual Septic Disposal Systems (SDS).
 - 6. Old Business
 - 7. Adjourn

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LEGAL NOTICES

MEEKER SANITATION DISTRICT July 9th, 2014 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

1. Call to order
 2. Additions or Changes to the Agenda
 3. Approval of Minutes
 4. Public Comments
 5. New Business
 - A. Pump House Sewer Tap for the Town
 6. Old Business
 - Plant Manager Report
 - Office Manager Report
 7. Attorney
 8. Board
 - Delinquent Accounts
 - Approve Current Bills
 9. Recess
- This agenda is subject to change without further notice. Agenda is posted at the office of the Meeker Sanitation District. 265 8th Street. Publish: July 3, 2014 Rio Blanco Herald Times

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rangely Victim Services

An open door for the protection and care of abused and battered persons. **Non-emergency call 629-5729 or 629-0709. Emergencies call 911.** Providing assistance for victims of violent crimes.

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

MOMS GROUP meeting, open to anyone with a child 0-5 years, Grace Baptist Church, Rangely, first Thursday of every month, 8:45 a.m. to 11 a.m. Info. call Heather Zadra (970)629-9937

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rio Blanco Fire Protection District is now offering **CPR/FIRST AID Classes** at the fire station located at 236 7th Street, Meeker, CO. Call 970-878-3443 for more information.

SAFEHOUSE

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

VFW POST 5843 and Ladies Auxiliary monthly meetings are now held at Kilowatt Korner in Meeker: VFW Post 5843 - 6:30 p.m. 2nd Monday. Ladies Auxiliary - 5:00 p.m., 2nd Monday.

FOOD BANK of the Rockies mobile pantry truck will be in Rio Blanco County providing Food assistance to community member. Scheduled Dates for 2014: May 22 and June 26, July 31. They Food Bank will be at the Meeker Fairgrounds from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

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.

BRESNAN CABLE television customers - If you are not receiving a television channel station you normally get, 3 people must report it before it's considered an outage. Call the service number on your bill to report.

MEEKER HOUSING Authority Board of Directors meets the 2nd Thursday of the month at 9:30 a.m. at The Pines, 875 Water St., Meeker.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEEKER STREAKER MONTHLY SCHEDULE JULY 2014

NOTE: Please call 878-9368 in advance to set up all medical appointment rides. Activities are subject to change. Bus available on dates noted below.

July 1, Bus in town
July 2, No Bus
July 3, Bus in town, Grand Junction
July 4, No Bus
July 5, No Bus
July 6, AM Bus
July 7, Bus in town
July 8, Bus in town, Foot Clinic
July 9, Bus in town
July 10, Bus in town, Rifle
July 11, Bus in town
July 12, No Bus
July 13, AM Bus
July 14, Bus in town
July 15, Bus in town
July 16, Bus in town
July 17, Bus in town, Grand Junction Med
July 18, Bus in town
July 19, No Bus
July 20, AM Bus
July 21, Bus in town
July 22, Bus in town
July 23, Bus in town
July 24, Bus in town, Craig
July 25, Bus in town
July 26, No Bus
July 27, AM Bus
July 28, Bus in town
July 29, Bus in town
July 30, Bus in town
July 31, Bus in town

Call Streaker for a ride 878-9368. Reservations for Rec. Center Trips should be made at 878-3403. Chuckwagon 878-5627.

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

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Alanon Thurs. 7 p.m. 878-5655

LEGAL NOTICES

COMBINED NOTICE - DEFERRED - MAILING CRS §38-38-803(6) FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 14-01

To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust:

On January 8, 2014, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Rio Blanco records.

Original Grantor(s) KENNETH R SHELEY and SHERYL K SHELEY
Original Beneficiary(ies) MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR AD-FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.

VANCED
Current Holder of Evidence of Debt EMBRACE HOME LOANS, INC.
Date of Deed of Trust June 01, 2009
County of Recording Rio Blanco
Recording Date of Deed of Trust June 12, 2009
Recording Information (Reception Number) 296024
Original Principal Amount \$99,715.00
Outstanding Principal Balance \$94,259.71

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

THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN.

The property to be foreclosed is: **THE LAND REFERRED TO HEREIN BELOW IS SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF RIO BLANCO, STATE OF COLORADO IN DEED BOOK 524, AT PAGE 318, AND IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:**

A PARCEL OF LAND LYING IN H.E. 177 (HOMESTEAD ENTRY 177 (LYING IN SECTION 1, TOWNSHIP 1 NORTH, RANGE 102 WEST OF THE 6TH P.M., TOWN OF RANGELY, STATE OF COLORADO, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT A POINT 1360.4 FEET WEST OF AND 469 FEET SOUTH OF CORNER NO. 1 OF SAID H.E. 177;

- THENCE SOUTH, 100 FEET;**
- THENCE WEST, 38 FEET**
- THENCE SOUTH, 10 FEET;**
- THENCE WEST, 124 FEET;**
- THENCE NORTH, 10 FEET;**
- THENCE EAST, 100 FEET;**
- THENCE NORTH, 100 FEET;**
- THENCE EAST, 62 FEET TO THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING.**

Also known by street and number as: 244 S BIRCH AVE, 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. The original Sale Date was scheduled for May 7, 2014 but was deferred pursuant to Colorado Revised Statutes 38-38-801 et seq. The deferment period has been terminated or ended and the Sale may now proceed according to law.

THEREFORE, Notice Is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, August 6, 2014 (formerly scheduled for May 7, 2014 and continued for deferment) , 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 of Notice of Deferred Sale 6/5/2014

Last Publication of Notice of Deferred Sale 7/3/2014

Name of Publication Rio Blanco Herald Times

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

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

DATE: 6/2/2014

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

By: Karen Arnold, Public Trustee

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

David R. Doughty #40042 Lynn M. Janeway #15592

Matthew B. Peters #41905

Janeway Law Firm 9800 S. Meridian, Suite 400, Englewood, CO 80134 (303) 706-9990

Attorney File # 13-000132

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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LEGAL NOTICES

COMBINED NOTICE - MAILING CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 14-07

To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust:

On April 14, 2014, 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) MICHAEL S CHISM
Original Beneficiary(ies) COUNTRYWIDE MORTGAGE VENTURES, LLC DBA FNBR MORTGAGE

Current Holder of Evidence of Debt COLORADO HOUSING AND FINANCE AUTHORITY
Date of Deed of Trust January 08, 2008
County of Recording Rio Blanco
Recording Date of Deed of Trust January 10, 2008
Recording Information (Reception Number) 291114
Original Principal Amount \$71,281.00
Outstanding Principal Balance \$66,318.46

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

THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN.

The property to be foreclosed is: **The following described property located in Rio Blanco County, Colorado: Lot 14, Block 2 Sagedwood West Subdivision phase 1 Town of Rangely, Colorado according to the replat thereof file July 12, 1982 as document no. 207248**

Also known by street and number as: 1000 TANGLEWOOD LN, RANGELY, CO 81648-2314.

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, 08/13/2014, 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 6/19/2014

Last Publication 7/17/2014

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DATE: 04/15/2014

Karen Arnold, Public Tru6tee in and for the County of Rio Blanco, State of Colorado

By: Karen Arnold, Public Trustee

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

David R. Doughty #40042

Lynn M. Janeway #15592

Matthew B. Peters #41905

Janeway Law Firm 9800 S. Meridian, Suite 400, Englewood, CO 80134 (303) 706-9990

Attorney File # 14-000964

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.

LEGAL NOTICES

COMBINED NOTICE - MAILING CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 14-06

To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust:

On April 7, 2014, 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) Tyrel Timothy Miles and Ashley Ann Miles
Original Beneficiary(ies) Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Bank of England Wells Fargo Bank, NA

Current Holder of Evidence of Debt
Date of Deed of Trust September 23, 2010
County of Recording Rio Blanco
Recording Date of Deed of Trust October 05, 2010
Recording Information (Reception Number) 299539
Original Principal Amount \$227,377.00
Outstanding Principal Balance \$217,105.34

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

THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN.

The property to be foreclosed is: **LOT 14 AND THE NORTHERLY ONE-HALF OF LOT 13 BLOCK 108 TOWN OF MEEKER, COLORADO**

Also known by street and number as: 856 7th St., Meeker, CO 81641.

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, 08/06/2014, 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.

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Last Publication 7/10/2014

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DATE: 04/07/2014

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

By: Karen Arnold, Public Trustee

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

Jennifer Grist #34830

Caren Jacobs Castle #11790

Christopher T. Groen #39976

Britney Beall-Eder #34935

Deanna L. Westfall #23449

Kimberly L. Martinez #40351

The Castle Law Group, LLC 999 18TH ST., #2201, DENVER, CO 80202 (303) 865-1400

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LEGAL NOTICES

REQUEST FOR BIDS

Rio Blanco County is soliciting Bids for General Contracting Services for the replacement and demo of an existing water main manhole at the Rio Blanco County Fairgrounds. Further information containing General Terms and Conditions of the Request for Bid, Scope of Work, Schedule, Minimum Qualifications, and Bid Form is located on the County website at <http://www.co.rio-blanco.co.us/news/announcements.html>. All Bids must be received no later than 4:00 p.m., July 10, 2014, to the Rio Blanco Board of County Commissioners, County Administration Building, 200 Main Street, P.O. Box 1, Meeker, Colorado 81641 and must be clearly identified on the outside of the bid document's. Request for Bid RBC 4H-Building Water Main Piping & Man Hole Replacement's. For further information contact Teresa Anderson, 970-878-9430 or Eric Jaquez, 970-878-9583.
Publish: July 3, 2014
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RIO BLANCO COUNTY

2014 Pavement Marking Paint Project REQUEST FOR BID

PROJECT NAME, LOCATION AND GENERAL SCOPE OF WORK
2014 Rio Blanco County Pavement Marking Paint Project. Work for Rio Blanco County includes providing and installing approx. 7,061 Gallons of Pavement Marking Paint with Beads on approx. 115.13 miles of various county roads.

AGREEMENT DOCUMENTS
Rio Blanco County Agreement Documents shall be available on June 26, 2014 at the Rio Blanco County Road and Bridge Dept. 570 2nd Street, Meeker, Colorado 81641, or on-line at www.govbids.com/scripts/co1/public/home1.asp, or on the county, website at www.co.rio-blanco.co.us on the Public Announcements page.

PROJECT SUPERINTENDENT AND QUESTIONS
Clint Chappell, Road & Bridge Coordinator, (970) 878-9590, Fax (970) 878-3396. Mailing address: Rio Blanco County Road and Bridge Dept., 570 Second Street, Meeker, CO 81641.

All vendors must examine the sites and become familiar with all site conditions. Any questions regarding the project are to be directed in writing to Clint Chappell before Tuesday, July 8, 2014 at 4:00 P.M. at the above address or fax number.

WORK SCHEDULE
The Project shall start on or after July 29, 2014 and shall be complete by August 29, 2014.

BID SUBMITTAL
Vendor shall submit a sealed bid for this project which shall include all information required by the Agreement documents. Bids shall have Vendor's name and address and Sealed Bid for 2014 Pavement Marking Paint Project, written on the sealed envelope.

Each bid must be accompanied by a Certified Check or Cashier's Check in the amount of not less than five percent (5%) of the total bid, made payable to Rio Blanco County, Colorado, or by a Bid Bond in like amount executed by a Surety Company.

Mail or hand-deliver to the Rio Blanco County Board of County Commissioners, at P.O. Box 1, 200 Main Street, Meeker, CO 81641 before Thursday, July 10, 2014 at 4:00 P.M., OR, Hand-deliver to the Rio Blanco County Board of County Commissioners, at P.O. Box 1, 200 Main Street, Meeker, CO 81641 until 10:45 A.M. on Monday, July 14, 2014.

No bids shall be received Friday, July 11 through Sunday, July 13.

BID OPENING
Bids shall be opened and read in public at 11:15 A.M. on July 14, 2014 at the Commissioners, Meeting Room at 200 Main Street in Meeker. Bids submitted after 10:45A.M. shall be returned unopened. Bids submitted and opened shall not be withdrawn for 30 days thereafter.

BID PREFERENCE
C.R.S. 8-19-101, et seq, shall be observed on all construction contracts on public projects. The law states that when a construction contract for a public project is to be awarded to a bidder, a resident bidder shall be allowed preference against a nonresident bidder from another state equal to the preference given or required by the state in which the nonresident bidder is a resident.

BID AWARD
The Rio Blanco County Board of County Commissioners reserve the right to reject any or all bids; to waive any informalities in bids; and to accept the bid that, in the opinion of the Board, is in the best interest of the County of Rio Blanco, State of Colorado.

The County also reserves the right to negotiate changes in project specifications with successful Vendor. If the Agreement is to be awarded, Owner will give the Successful Vendor a Notice of Award within thirty days after the day of the Bid opening.

RIO BLANCO COUNTY
Dated: June 23, 2014
By: Jon D. Hill, Chairman
Publish: June 26, July 3, 2014
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LEGAL NOTICES

County Court, Rio Blanco County, Colorado, Court Address: 555 Main Street, Suite 303, Meeker, CO 81641

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF:
Adult: Virginia Ann McGriff
FOR A CHANGE OF NAME TO:
Ginger Ann DeWitt

Case Number 13C54

Public Notice is given on June 16, 2014, that a Petition for a Change of Name of an Adult has been filed with the Rio Blanco County Court.

The Petition requests that the name of Virginia Ann McGriff be changed to Ginger Ann DeWitt.
Susan Mills, Clerk of Court
By: SJoan Jensen, Deputy Clerk
Publish: June 19, 26, 2014 & July 3, 2014
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Visual Lease Services is contracted with 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 primarily be in the western end of the county.

Visual Lease Services will be working in our county starting July 14, 2014. Please provide access through gates, etc. If you have any questions, please contact the Rio Blanco County Assessor's office at 970.878.9410.

Rio Blanco County appreciates the cooperation of all landowners and oil and gas companies during this process.

Renae T. Neilson, Rio Blanco County Assessor.
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REQUEST FOR BIDS

Rio Blanco County is soliciting Bids for General Contracting Services for the replacement and demo of an existing water main manhole at the Rio Blanco County Fairgrounds. Further information containing General Terms and Conditions of the Request for Bid, Scope of Work, Schedule, Minimum Qualifications, and Bid Form is located on the County website at <http://www.co.rio-blanco.co.us/news/announcements.html>. All Bids must be received no later than 4:00 p.m., July 10, 2014, to the Rio Blanco Board of County Commissioners, County Administration Building, 200 Main Street, P.O. Box 1, Meeker, Colorado 81641 and must be clearly identified on the outside of the bid document's. Request for Bid RBC 4H-Building Water Main Piping & Man Hole Replacement's. For further information contact Teresa Anderson, 970-878-9430 or Eric Jaquez, 970-878-9583.
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OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION

OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

PUBLIC NOTICE OF

PROPOSED UNDERGROUND INJECTION CONTROL PERMIT

PURPOSE OF PUBLIC NOTICE:
The purpose of this notice is to solicit public comment on the Federal 299-23-1 Class II injection permit submitted by WPX Energy Rocky Mountain, LLC. The Federal 299-23-1 well is located 955 feet from south line and 1949 feet from west line of Section 23, Township 2 South, Range 99 West, 6th P.M., Rio Blanco County, Colorado. The permit proposes to change the status of the Federal 299-23-1 well from production to injection.

BACKGROUND
Class II injection wells are permitted and regulated in such a manner as to prevent the contamination of underground sources of drinking water and to ensure fluid emplacement and confinement within the permitted injection zones. Class II injection wells are permitted to inject waste generated from oil and gas exploratory and production operations. WPX Energy Rocky Mountain, LLC has proposed to inject these fluids into the (top down) Fort Union and Williams Fork Formations in the Federal 299-23-1 well through perforations at depths of approximately 4706 to 4724 feet (Fort Union) and 5030 to 6185 feet (Williams Fork).

Public comments are encouraged and will be accepted, in writing at the Commission for a period of thirty (30) days after publication of this notice. If any data, information, or arguments submitted during the public comment period appear to raise substantial questions concerning proposed injection well permit, the Director may request that the Commission hold a hearing on the matter.

Additional information on the operation of the proposed injection well may be obtained at the Commission office.

IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF COLORADO OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

By: Robert P. Koehler, PhD
Underground Injection Control-Lead, COGCC
Dated at 1120 Lincoln Street, Suite 801
Denver, Colorado 80203
Date: June 30, 2014
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LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Notice is hereby given that Rio Blanco County (hereafter referred to as the "Sponsor" or "Owner"), will receive sealed bids for Meeker Airport/Coulter Field Pavement Maintenance and Marking Project, State Project No. 13-EE0-01, at the Meeker Airport.

The project involves the following:
Crack seal and seal coat of the small aircraft apron. Obliteration of old markings and abandonment of old aircraft tie-downs. Installation of new aircraft tie-downs and temporary and permanent pavement markings.

The bids must be prepared on forms supplied by the Owner and filed with the Rio Blanco County Commissioners, either:
BY MAIL at P.O. Box 1, ATTN: Teresa Anderson, Meeker, CO 81641, with the envelope clearly marked with the name of the bid, and received no later than 4:00 PM, Friday, July 11, 2014.

OR HAND DELIVERED to Rio Blanco County Commissioners, 200 Main Street, County Administration Building, Meeker, Colorado 81641 with the envelope clearly marked with the name of the bid no later than 10:00 AM, Monday, July 14, 2014. Hand delivered bids will be accepted ONLY on the date of the bid opening. Delivery of bids by all commercial carriers is considered to be BY MAIL and not HAND DELIVERED.

The bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the Board of County Commissioners meeting in Meeker, Colorado in the presence of the bidders and their representatives on Monday, July 14, 2014 at 11:00 AM.

The Bidder (proposer) must supply all the information required by the bid or proposal forms and specifications.

No bids will be received after the specified hour and date. Bids that are not prepared and filed in accordance with proposal requirements and conditions of the specifications may be rejected.

The low bidder for a bid schedule or combination of bid schedules shall be determined based on the lowest responsive bid that fits the Owner's priorities and funding constraints.

Bids may not be withdrawn after the time fixed for opening them. The County reserves the right to waive irregularities in the bids and reject any and all bids.

All bids must be accompanied either by a certified check, payable to Rio Blanco County in the amount of five percent (5%) of the bid, or by a Bid Bond in a like amount and executed by an approved surety company. The check or bond will be retained by the Owner as liquidated damages if the successful bidder refuses or fails to enter into contract and performance bond in accord with his bid within fifteen (15) days after date of notification of award.

Minimum wage rates as established by the State of Colorado are applicable to the work performed on this project.

The proposed construction contract, together with detailed drawings and specifications for the construction of the work are available for inspection at the Meeker Airport Manager's Office or by contacting Samantha Lopez at (970) 878-4349. The same may be obtained from the office of the Engineer, GDA Engineers, 502 33rd Street, P.O. Box 338, Cody, Wyoming 82414, (307) 587-3411, for a non-refundable reproduction charge of \$70.00.

Interested parties may register and view the plans and specifications at www.gdaengineers.com. Online contract documents are for use by subcontractors and suppliers in preparing quotations to prime bidders. All prime bidders must purchase a hard copy of the Project Manual and the Plan Set from GDA Engineers for \$70.00.

A Certification of Nonsegregated Facilities must be submitted prior to the award of the proposed contract, including any subcontracts in excess of \$10,000.00.

All bidders are advised to examine the site to become familiar with all site conditions. The project will be shown to interested Bidders at 1:00 PM on July 8, 2014 local time, at the airport in Meeker.

BY ORDER OF RIO BLANCO COUNTY.
S/
Samantha K. Lopez
RBC Airport Projects Coordinator
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PUBLIC NOTICE

RIO BLANCO COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION HEARING

Notice is hereby given that on Thursday July 24, 2014, the Rio Blanco County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the Rio Blanco County Administration Building, 200 Main Street, Meeker, Colorado to consider the following:

Minor Subdivision 14-02, Roger and Nile Chapman is requesting a one lot industrial subdivision. The proposed lot is in conformance with the surrounding properties in both proposed zoning and size with Wasatch Camp Subdivision being within close proximity. The owner is also requesting to rezone the lot to Mixed Commercial at County Road 130, Rangely, CO, Section 33, T2N, R102W, (Pin# 138333200024).

Copies of the documents may be obtained from the Community Development Department at 200 Main Street in Meeker, Colorado, or you may call (970) 878-9580 for more information between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.
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The following advertisements have been submitted to the Rio Blanco Herald Times for publication. According to the Better Business Bureau, the primary responsibility for truthful and non-deceptive advertising rests with the advertiser. Before responding to unsubstantiated claims by sending money to unfamiliar companies, call the Better Business Bureau at 1-800-564-0371 for information.

All real estate advertised herein is subject to the Federal Fair Housing act, which makes it illegal to advertise "any preference, limitation, or discrimination because of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status, or national origin, or intention to make any such preference, limitation, or discrimination." This newspaper will not knowingly accept any advertising for real estate which is in violation of the law. All persons are hereby informed that all dwellings advertised are available on an equal opportunity basis.

LEGAL NOTICES

SEALED BID FORM THE MEEKER SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1 BIDDING ITEM: BLM Property

CONDITIONS OF BIDDING:

BIDS: Only one bid per envelope. Each bid shall be in sealed Envelope. Envelope shall be clearly marked with words, SEALED BID. Each bid envelope shall be received at the address listed on the advertisement by 4:00 p.m. MST Thursday, July 31, 2014.

ITEM CONDITION: The BLM property advertised by The Meeker School District Re-1 for sale by bid are to be sold As-Is. The Meeker School District Re-1 shall strive to make its best effort to assist interested parties in obtaining information about the property/each item for sale, however the District makes no warranty of the condition of the property or of legal title. Each Bidder shall be responsible for verifying condition of the property and the accuracy of the legal description and any concerns about the property or title to the property item description prior to submitting a bid, and bring to the District's attention any discrepancy found.

TERMS OF SALE: The successful bidder shall be provided a written Notice of Award by August 19, 2014.

DISTRICT'S RIGHTS: The District has not set a minimum bid amount. The District retains the right to remove the property for sale at any time up to the Notice of Award should the District determine the sale of the property is not in its best interests. The District reserves the right to reject any or all bids, or to waive any irregularities or defects found therein.

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LEGAL NOTICES

ADVERTISEMENT OF LAND FOR SALE BY SEALED BID

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to §§ 22-32-110(1)(e), The Meeker School District Re-1 (Seller) will sell the property described below through the acceptance of sealed bids for the properties described below. Sealed bids shall be received by Janelle Urista, 555 Garfield St., Meeker, CO 81641, no later than 4:00 p.m. MST Thursday, July 31, 2014. The sealed bid envelopes shall be clearly marked SEALED BID, on the outside of the sealed envelope. Bids will not be accepted after the above stated date and time. Sealed bids must contain the applicant, address, phone number, fax number, e-mail address (if applicable), and the amount of the bid both written out and shown numerically.

Terms: (1) Seller reserves the right to reject any and all bids, and to waive bid irregularities in the best interests of the school district. (2) The parcel is being offered. It is the responsibility of the bidder to inspect land conditions of the parcels prior to submitting a bid. (3) The District [will] [will not] provide a [general warranty deed] to the successful bidder. The property will be conveyed using a (Quitclaim Deed) (Special Warranty Deed).

subject to the above terms: Seller is accepting bids for the sale of the following real property.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY TO BE SOLD State of Colorado, County of Rio Blanco,

Covering the land in the property subject to this sale is described as follows:
P.M.Township 1 North, Range 94 West of the 6A parcel of land lying in Tract 93, Section 29, Township 1 North, Range 94 West of the 6th P.M., Rio Blanco County, Colorado, being more particularly described as follows:

Consider the North line of Tract 93 to bear north 89°, 49', 00" West, all bearing contained herein are relative thereto;
Beginning at Corner No. 3 of Tract 123, Section 29 Township 1 North, Range 94 West of the 6th P.M.,
Thence North 89° 49', 00", West 275.50 feet along the North line of said Tract 93;
Thence South 23° 09'22", West 93.90 feet;
Thence South 68° 26' 50", East 180.45 feet;
Thence South 22° 45'43" West 10.00 feet;
Thence South 70° 33', 36" East 347.51 feet;
Thence North 66° 00', 34" East 140.00 feet;
Thence North 63° 22'18" West 86.94 feet;
Thence North 00° 11'00" East 180.00 feet to a point on the North line of said Tract 93;
Thence along the North line of said Tract 93, North 89° 49' 00" West 230.00 feet to the point of beginning.

TOGETHER WITH A perpetual roadway easement for ingress and egress to subject property described in Easement Agreement (Agency Drive) recorded June 13, 1983 in Book 429, Page 317, Reception No. 211720, records of Rio Blanco County, Colorado. is making a stipulation in the sale that property may not be used for a public school site.

Seller The medium density residential, churches, or other places of worship, fire stations and public, private or parochial school use.(example: which allows for utilities. The property is currently zoned town require flood insurance. The property has access to all (does not) (does) the Flood Plain and, based upon current information, outside within located the former BLM property. It is The property is School Board staff will open the sealed bids at 4:00 p.m., on July 31, 2014, at the administrative offices of the Seller, 555 Garfield St., Meeker, Colorado, to verify that the bids received meet the minimum requirements. The bid amountswill not be disclosed at the bid opening. This information will remain confidential until it is presented to the School Board in open session at a Board meeting scheduled to be held on August 5, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. BIDDERS NEED NOT BE PRESENT. If the School Board decides to proceed with the sale of property based on the bids received, the Board will select and approve a bid at the Board meeting.

BIDDER NEED NOT BE PRESENT. Participation in the bidding process does not create any rights for the highest bidder or anyone else participating in the bidding process. If the Board determines that the sale will proceed, the Seller's intention is to transfer title and possession of the property to the bidder submitting the selected bid on or before September 1, 2014.

If you have any questions regarding the bidding process, contact Janelle Urista at 970.878.9040.
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