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See the seaplanes fly in to Kenney Reservoir Saturday

By NIKI TURNER
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RANGELY Last fall when a seaplane landed at Kenney Reservoir, it was a bit of an anomaly. A pilot had called Rio Blanco Water Conservancy District (RBWCD) Manager Alden VandenBrink and asked if there were any restrictions for landing a plane on Kenney Reservoir. The pilot said he had business to do in Rangely, and upon learning there were no restrictions at Kenney, the plane "dropped in" shortly after the phone call.

Colorado is the only state in the nation that prohibits seaplanes from having access to any public waterways, but because Kenney Reservoir is not a publicly-owned waterway and the RBWCD was amenable to the idea, the plane was allowed to land. The landing sparked an idea for VandenBrink: Seaplanes could draw new recreational activity to Kenney Reservoir.

On Saturday, July 15, members of the Colorado Seaplane Initiative, led by Ray Hawkins, will hold the first Colorado Mountain Splash-In at Kenney. Seaplanes will first fly in to Rangely Airport at about 7:30 a.m. to undergo the same kind of inspection boats are subject to in an attempt to control the spread of invasive plant and animal species. Once cleared, the planes will fly to Kenney Reservoir and land on the water around 8 a.m. Transportation will also be available by bus between the airport and the reservoir provided by Colorado

Northwestern Community College. Individuals wishing to attend by car are encouraged to take advantage of the CNCC transport to avoid overloading the parking areas at the reservoir.

Hawkins said they plan to have something of a "Wild West showdown" between two planes, the Quest Kodiak and the Cessna Caravan, both 10-passenger aircraft.

"They'll try and show each other up," Hawkins said. The Cessna is coming from Wichita, Kan., and the Quest is owned by a pilot in Eagle, Colo. "There will be a few other aircraft there as well, and pilots are encouraged to offer rides."

After the aircraft demonstration there will be a picnic at Kenney Reservoir sponsored by the Colorado Seaplane Initiative. The group is planning for up to 250 people to attend. The picnic will be free for members of pilots organizations, the CNCC aviation program and seaplane organizations. A \$15 donation is requested for anyone else attending.

Hawkins is also the field director for the Colorado Seaplane Pilots Association and the seaplane liaison for the Colorado Pilots Association. A 20-year Air Force veteran, Hawkins didn't expect to wind up at the forefront of a legal battle with Colorado Parks and Wildlife six years ago when he tried to add a seaplane rating to his pilot's license.

Despite multiple appearances

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Gubernatorial candidate Mike Johnston to visit Meeker Sunday

By REED KELLEY
Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER Former State Senator Mike Johnston (D-Denver) will be holding a meet-and-greet for the public in Meeker this Sunday, July 16, at the Meeker Café dining room from 1:30 to 3 p.m. Johnston served in the state legislature from 2009 to January 2017 when he was term-limited. He is particularly known for successfully leading sometimes controversial education reform bills through the legislature. Johnston, 42, announced his "Frontier Fairness" campaign for governor in mid-January. He was the first prominent candidate to do so.

Johnston grew up in Eagle County. He claims that Colorado's newest challenges can be met with our oldest values. Values, he says, that created a sense of community where we believed in a common destiny, belonged to something larger than our own lives and built a future of our own choosing. As governor, he hopes to help bridge the divides in our state in order to build an economy with a good job for every Coloradan, create affordable housing and less traffic and provide access to an excellent education for every child.

In addition to education measures, Johnston championed legislation on immigration, criminal justice and economic development, including sponsoring the Jump-Start program that provides tax incentives for new jobs in rural Colorado by encouraging the growth and expansion of companies in



Mike Johnston

"The fundamental promise [we are making] is the opportunity for training in exchange for service to the state... we believe that service to the state will help cover the cost for the training. The magnitude of the challenges at this moment in our history requires big, bold ideas and a proven track record of bridging divides and getting results."

On the other hand, Kelly Maher, a nationally recognized Republican commentator and executive director for Compass Colorado, a center-right, free-market advocacy organization based in Denver, has said of Johnston that he is "clearly making an appeal to run on the far left of his party" and suggested Johnston's platform amounts to a "government force to make Coloradans pay for more programs."

Following his high school career in Vail, Johnston attended Yale University earning a bachelor of arts in philosophy. He then taught for two

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HOTSHOTS...



In what is becoming a busy fire season, a Wyoming Hotshot on the Wilson Fire north of Meeker ignites the interior of a burn unit during backburn procedures. A flare makes it easier to ignite fire in areas of the unit more difficult to access on foot and helps keep firefighters safe. For more info on the current fire situation see Page 6A.

PHOTO BY KYLE MILLER
WYOMING INTERAGENCY HOTSHOTS

First annual Meeker Days and Wagon Wheel OHV Rendezvous coincide this weekend

Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER On July 14 and 15, Meeker will be offering concerts, horseback trips, yoga on the lawn, mountain bike events, a guided hike and other events for all ages as well as being the site of the sixth annual Wagon Wheel OHV Rendezvous.

There is no admission fee or charge for many of the events at Meeker Days, however, donations will be accepted to assist Pioneers Medical Center in the purchase of a 3D mammography machine. If you would like to donate, donation buckets will be on display at each event throughout the two-day event. Those donating a total of \$15 or more will receive a Meeker Days event T-shirt.

Horseback trips will be available on Friday for a set fee. Contact Ripple Creek Lodge (878-4725) or Sable Mountain Outfitters (878-4765) for cost and times for a horseback trip. Mountain bike clinics, taught by Blair Seymour, the development program director and cycling program director for Steamboat Springs Winter Sports Club, will be available either Friday or Saturday for youth, coaches and adults. These clinics have a set fee; contact ERBM Recreation and Park District for more information and to register (878-3403).

End your Friday with a relaxing yoga session on

the courthouse lawn or enjoy happy hour and live music at Chippers.

Saturday is packed full of activities for the whole family. Stop by the Meeker Farmer's Market to stock up on fresh goodies and handmade items from local and surrounding area businesses. Learn more about the Leave No Trace hiking initiative by joining the hike at Sanderson Hills Park at 8 a.m. The Meeker Recreation Center pool will offer free swimming (encouraged \$5 donation—all funds to the Pioneers Healthcare Foundation) from 9-11 a.m. with pool games and an obstacle course.

Starting at 3 p.m., downtown Meeker gets busy. Try your luck at the Meeker version of "The Amazing Race" by joining the Meeker Adventure Dash. Find clues at checkpoints around town where you search for items to scavenge, solve brain teasers, or decode clues to be victorious in the competition. The dash starts at 3 p.m.; interested participants of all ages are asked to meet at the downtown plaza.

Food vendors and a beer/wine garden will be available hosted by MACC and Blanco Cellars and free concerts by the Blue Grass Offenders and Lever Action will be rocking the stage from 3:30-9 p.m. Kids are also invited to join the Kidz Zone and Sportz Zone for bounce houses, a dunk tank, games and more.

50/50 raffles provided by the Pioneers Healthcare Foundation will be played throughout the evening including a Duck Drawing and Horse Races (complete with a mini track and toy horses).

For more details and a full schedule of events, visit meekerrecdistrict.com.

Meeker Days is sponsored by Pioneers Healthcare Foundation, Eastern Rio Blanco Metropolitan Recreation and Park District, and the Meeker Chamber of Commerce.

The OHV Rendezvous begins today, with registration and check-in at the Meeker Golf Course starting at noon. It and continues through Saturday with guided trail rides, an OHV Expo, and a Poker Run which is open to all high clearance 4x4 vehicles on Saturday to raise funds for Rio Blanco County Search and Rescue.

The Poker Run is \$5 per hand and \$10 per additional card. Participants must be 18 or older to buy poker hands. Cards will be available at the Justice Center parking lot from 8-10 a.m. on Saturday. Cards must be turned in by 4 p.m.

For more information about the Rendezvous, whether to register or to see the full schedule of events, visit wagonwheeltrails.org.

For more information about the Poker Run, contact Bud Ridings at 970-216-6209.

Rangely, county see decreased sales tax revenue, Meeker up 10 percent

By NIKI TURNER
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RBC Sales and use tax revenue for Rio Blanco County is down by .07 percent for the first two quarters of 2017 compared to 2016 numbers. Motor vehicle use tax revenue declined 27 percent compared to the first two quarters of 2016. Construction materials use tax dollars for the county declined the most from 2016, 77 percent.

The Town of Meeker had a 10 percent increase in sales tax revenue

during the first two quarters of 2017 compared to 2016 numbers, a 12 percent increase in motor vehicle use tax and a 90 percent decrease in construction materials use tax.

The Town of Rangely had a 21 percent decrease in sales tax during the first two quarters of 2017 compared to 2016 numbers, a 25 percent increase in motor vehicle use taxes and an 83 percent increase in construction materials use tax revenue.

The dramatic decrease in construction materials use taxes for the county and the Town of Meeker are

related to the completion of the Justice Center project.

Lodging taxes for Meeker in the first and second quarters of 2017 totaled \$24,724 compared to \$17,157 for the same period in 2016; a 31 percent increase. Rangely's lodging tax totaled \$17,912 for the first two quarters of 2016 and \$10,710 for the same period in 2017; a 40 percent decrease.

Rio Blanco County Sales and Use Tax Administrator Debbie Morlan said the dramatic changes in construction materials use taxes can

be skewed by one large project. In the case of the Town of Meeker, the difference was due to a substantial settlement received in February 2016.

"In the last couple of years we've had a lot of big projects," she said. Now that most of those projects have come to an end, the numbers may look discouraging, but that's not necessarily the case.

"Things are moving up a little bit. I've seen a bump. It's not huge, but it looks like things are moving in the right direction," Morlan said.

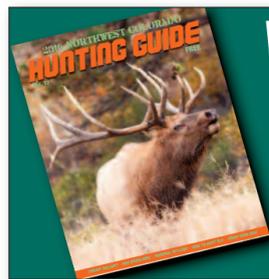
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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

■ **Hunter Education** class in Meeker Saturday, July 15 from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Mountain Valley Bank. Colorado Parks and Wildlife online Conclusion Course. Register online, study online. Contact Steve Balloga at 970-640-5481.

■ **Mountain Valley Bank will be doing a "Lobby Blitz"** every Wednesday to provide customers with a one on one online banking and mobile banking mini course.

■ **The Meeker Library Book Club** meets at 1 p.m. the second Monday of each month (excluding holidays). All interested readers are welcome. Stop by the Meeker Library for details.

■ **Community members are meeting** to make grocery bag mats for the homeless. Mondays 1-4 p.m. at 600 Main St.

■ **Quilting Group.** Tuesdays from 1-9 p.m. at the Meeker Public Library. All are welcome. Come during hours that fit your schedule. Bring your sewing machine and project. Making quilts for the Walbridge Wing and hospice care.

■ **Game Day** for adults 50-plus on Wednesdays at 9 a.m. in the Meeker Recreation Center lounge. Call 878-3403 or visit meekerrecdistrict.com.

■ **Storytime at the Rangely Regional Library** Tuesdays at 10 a.m.

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

Meeker Public Library.

■ **Gentleman's Club** meeting at 10 a.m. each Thursday morning at the VFW, 290 4th St. in Meeker.

■ **Real-Tea Roundtable.** Join real estate expert Suzan Pelloni for helpful hints on buying and selling property. First Monday of the month, 7:30 a.m. at Wendl's.

■ **Meeker Days July 14-15.** Join ERBM, Pioneers Medical Center and the Meeker Chamber in support of the Pioneers Healthcare Foundation! Yoga on the lawn, free concert, beer garden and food vendors. More information at 970-878-3403 or visit meekerrecdistrict.com.

■ **Open Saturdays at The TANK** every Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Free and open to the public. Explore. Play. Listen. For more information call 970-368-2657. Donations gratefully accepted.

■ **Free Community Dinner** every Thursday at 5:30 p.m. at St. James' Episcopal Church—Richards' Hall, Fourth and Park. Hosted by teams from: Meeker United Methodist Church, St. James' Episcopal Church, Holy Family Roman Catholic Church, Emmanuel Baptist Church, and Church of Jesus Christ and Latter Day Saints.

Send calendar items to calendar@theheraldtimes.com no later than 5 p.m. Mondays for that week's paper.

Meeker Summer Rodeo Series resumes tonight at county fairgrounds

By **REED KELLEY**
Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER | Meeker's 2017 weekly summer rodeo series resumes tonight at 7 p.m., after a one week break. Tickets are \$10, youth 8 and under are free. Meeker Mayor Regas Halandras, suggested to the *Herald Times* that the rodeo is the only attempt, at least in recent times, to bring a weekly economic activity to town.

Halandras emphasizes that it is a totally private effort which provides the community with an active, weekly event, unsupported by any tax dollars except for the use of the county fairgrounds.

Contestants pay weekly entry fees. For example, \$10 for mutton-busting and \$40 for each member of a two-party event, from which there is a weekly payout to winners. In order to be eligible for end-of-season prizes, contestants must participate in ten of the 13 rodeos.

The current events leaders after the five June rodeos are: bull rid-

ing, Kaiden Decker; junior bull riders, Logan and Clay Durham are tied; amateur bull riders, Dillon Burch; lower-ranked team roping, header Brett Watson; breakaway roping, header Cody Edinger and heeler Zane Edinger; higher-ranked team roping, header Cody Edinger and heeler Brett Watson; breakaway roping, Ellie Anderson; ladies barrel-racing, Kelsey Tate; junior barrel-racing, Cylee Dunsmore; big kids' ribbon roping, Joe Wood and Brittnee Tonille; and dirt-sled (cowhide) racing, Andy Urista and Jamie McLaughlin. Clint Chew is the saddle bronc leader while Shelby Kyle is the apparent ranch bronc leader.

More information about the weekly Meeker rodeo can be obtained at 970-274-9833 or on Facebook at facebook.com/meeker2017summerrodeoseries/. Nearly 600 people have either "liked" and/or follow this Facebook page. To sign up for an event, call 970-274-3994 Tuesdays prior to each Thursday rodeo, 6 to 8 p.m.

CENTENNIAL RANCHES ...



BOBBY GUTIERREZ

Harold Anderson, along with Chris Uphoff and David Smith, shared stories about their Colorado Centennial ranches as guest speakers at the Rio Blanco County Historical Society's quarterly meeting held Sunday, July 9. Mike Brennan cooked roast beef, biscuits and blueberry cobbler in five dutch ovens on site for the group to enjoy before the presentations.

Town of Rangely approves incentives for police training

By **JEN HILL**
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RBC | The Rangely Town Council met for a quick meeting on Tuesday night where they approved spending for the new police training incentive program and heard supervisor updates.

Last month the council approved Police Chief Wilczek's proposal for a police training incentive program. The program pays for many of the training costs associated with becoming an eligible officer in return for a five-year contract with the Rangely Police Department. During the discussion the council decided it wanted to approve each contract on an individual basis.

The first contract was approved Tuesday night at a total cost of \$17,435. The cost includes academy tuition, uniforms, lodging, mileage, wages and a per diem stipend.

The program was initiated in response to what Wilczek describes as trouble retaining officers in the department. Additionally, he would like to grow the size of the department from four to six full time officers.

Alden VandenBrink with the White River Water Conservation District updated the council on the Wolf Dam project and water district. VandenBrink was seeking continuing or increased funding to bring the project to Phase II. The town funded \$50,000 of the study last year. The

council agreed to explore increased funding, however Mayor Joseph Nielsen commented that it was a tight budget year.

Dan Fiscus approached the council on behalf of the Rangely Outdoor Museum. The museum is seeking to expand and improve the facility and offerings including the creation of a repository where archeological and fossilized artifacts could be held. Currently these items are sent to museums elsewhere. According to Fiscus there are many grant opportunities for historical preservation and tourism. The museum will be holding a meeting about the future of their project next Tuesday, July 18 at 6 p.m. at Town Hall. They are hoping

to raise approximately \$17,000 in seed money to begin the work.

Town Manager Peter Brixius updated the council on a current investigation about a break in at the town water tank above La Mesa which occurred at the end of June. There was some damage to the tower and several culprits were caught.

Brixius informed the board that a recent land lease with Verizon Wireless has been stalled due to confusion about who owns the land. The town does not have a clear title on the property, which sits immediately south of Town Hall.

The council meets again on Tuesday July 25, 7 p.m. at Town Hall.

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Varies	Horseback Trips	8am-10:30am	Leave No Trace Hike @ Sanderson Hills Park 
	Pre-register with: Ripple Creek Lodge 878-4725 or Sable Mountain Outfitters 878-4765	9am-5pm	OHV Expo @ Main Street 
9am-5pm	OHV Expo @ Main Street 	9am-5pm	OHV Poker Run
9am-Noon	Mountain Bike Clinic -Youth @ Sanderson Hills Park		Register morning of at the Hugus Building on Main Street
	Pre-register at Meeker Recreation Center 878-3403 (Ages 7-17)	9am-11am	Pool Fun/Obstacle Course @ Meeker Recreation Center 
2pm-5pm	Mountain Bike Clinic - Coaches @ Sanderson Hills Park	11am-2pm	Mountain Bike Clinic - Adults @ Sanderson Hills Park
	Pre-register at Meeker Recreation Center 878-3403 (Ages 18+)		Pre-register at Meeker Recreation Center 878-3403 (Ages 18+)
4pm-7pm	Happy Hour & Live Music @ Chippers 	<p>Starting at 3:00pm on Saturday Food and Beer/Wine Garden Available! Beer/Wine Garden by MACC & Blanco Cellars Downtown Plaza/Courthouse Lawn</p>	
5:30pm	Yoga on the Courthouse Lawn 		

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3pm-5pm	Meeker Adventure Dash 
3pm-6pm	Kidz Zone & Sportz Zone 
3:30pm-5:30pm	Blue Grass Offenders Concert 
6pm-9pm	Lever Action Concert 



Many Meeker Day activities have no listed admission price, but a donation of \$5/event is encouraged.

100% of proceeds benefit the Pioneers Healthcare Foundation as they raise funds to purchase a new 3D Mammography Machine. 

Pink donation buckets will be located at many of the events throughout the weekend.

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GOLDEN SPADE WINNERS ...

Lyle and Diane Peterson are the residential winners of June's Golden Spade award in Rangely, and Alliance Energy is the business winner (office manager Lonnie LeBleu is pictured). The Golden Spade award is presented to homes and businesses who demonstrate excellence in their exterior landscaping and help beautify the Town of Rangely.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Mountain bike clinics July 14-15

MEEKER | Join Blair Seymour, the development program director and cycling program director for Steamboat Springs Winter Sports Club, as she shares her passion for teaching and educating all ages in the sport of mountain biking on July 14 (youth and coaches) or July 15 (adults). She is an outdoor enthusiast who has been teaching in Steamboat since 1992. The clinics' main topics include bike safety, braking, how to ride on different surfaces, and ultimately the pure joy of the sport. Participants must have a hand brake bike with at least three gears and a helmet. Full finger gloves, knee and elbow pads, sunglasses, sunscreen and water are highly recommended. Sign up today, space is limited. Clinic cost is \$30 (increases to \$35 after July 11). Youth (7-17) will meet on July 14 from 9 a.m.-noon, coaches/parents who want to teach their kids (18+) will meet July 14 from 2-5 p.m., and adults (18+) will meet July 15 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Register or get more information at the Meeker Recreation Center or by calling 970-878-3403.

Harp concert at Elks Park July 16

RANGELY | Christina Ivanna, harpist, will provide a family concert and hands-on event Sunday, July 16 at 2 p.m. at Elks Park. The concert is free and open to the public. Monday, July 17 at 9 a.m. the TANK will "Honor the Elders" featuring Christina Ivanna and Lois LaFond. For more information call 970-368-2657. Donations gratefully accepted.

Weight loss workshop July 18

MEEKER | Join us for an Ideal You introductory workshop Tuesday, July 18 at 6 p.m. in the Hugus Building seminar room upstairs, 592 Main St. Learn more about our medically designed weight loss method and lifestyle. With our four-phase, easy-to-follow protocol you will be able to lose weight, maintain lean muscle mass and learn to keep the pounds off.

Adventure Rally registration now open

RANGELY | Register for the Rangely OHV Adventure Rally Aug. 1-10. Registration is open until July 31 for \$65. After July 31 registration is \$75. Kids under 10 are free. Visit www.wagonwheel-trails.org to register. For more information, call the Rangely Area Chamber of Commerce at 970-675-5290.

Community revitalization workshop July 27

RBC | There will be a half-day multi-county community revitalization workshop focusing on brownfield resources July 27 in Craig. The workshop is for community leaders and property owners who are working on economic development, revitalization and brownfield site redevelopment. The workshop is free, but interested parties should register in advance as space is limited. For more information call 970-928-3412 or visit communitybuilders.org.

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EDITOR'S COLUMN...

What color is your news?

By NIKI TURNER
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When I was little, I hated the nightly news, and much preferred the comics section to the front page in the newspaper. I was a kid, that's how it's supposed to be. News—real news—isn't entertainment. It's not supposed to be "clickbait." Headlines shouldn't be embellished just to get you to read something.

Real news, in my opinion, should be pretty black and white. Who, what, when, where, why and sometimes how. Pretty basic, most of the time, right?

Not so much. Today there is so much competition for our attention, even legitimate news sources have yielded to the temptation to make news so shocking, so appalling, that you just have to "watch at 6 p.m." or "click the link."

Instead of believing that people

can make decisions based on the information they're provided, much of the media (on both sides of the divide, mind you) has started coloring the news to make it more appealing or to get people stirred up and agitated, which equates to more comments and likes, which equates to more money.

Our president has devoted hundreds and maybe thousands, of Twitter tweets to renouncing the "liberal" media. Is there a liberal media? Yes. Is there an equally biased conservative media? Of course there is. Remember physics class? "For every action there is an equal and opposite reaction."

So what color is your news? Is your news source always red? Always blue? If so, it's not news

anymore. It's propaganda with its own agenda. And propaganda of any color is still propaganda: "information, especially of a biased or misleading nature, used to promote or publicize a particular political cause or point of view."

News should be as black and white as possible. That's the duty of a responsible free press.

So here's our challenge: as you skim through your preferred news sources this week in print, online or on television, ask yourself if what you're partaking of is tinted in such a way that it's more palatable to your personal preferences. This will require you to be painfully honest with yourself and your preferred beliefs. It will require you to set aside your own bias and consider different perspectives. That can be painful.

As someone said this week online, "Congratulations to those people who can change their minds when presented with new information that contradicts their beliefs."

For those of you looking for Days Gone By, it will return next week. We ran out of space in this edition.

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GUEST COLUMN

Marijuana taxes haven't helped schools as promised

By CHRIS SELLE
Special to the Herald Times



Chris Selle

RBC 1 The greatest challenge faced by public schools in Colorado over the past eight years has been finance. When faced with this information, many citizens in our state ask about marijuana money. Amendment 64 passed in 2012 with a hollow promise of providing funding to schools. To be blunt, the supporters of Amendment 64 did a fantastic job of leveraging public schools as a method to pass their initiative. In reality, marijuana taxes have provided very little financial impact for schools, but significant inaccurate beliefs exist about the benefit to public schools.

To date, the Meeker School District has not received one penny of revenue from marijuana taxes. We likely will never see money for operating revenue from marijuana taxes. The rules that govern the tax revenue relative to marijuana money require that the first \$40 million raised annually from the excise tax on wholesale marijuana go into a grant program called the BEST grant program (Building Excellent Schools Today). If revenues from the excise tax exceed \$40 million, the remaining funds go into a public school fund. To date, revenue in excess of \$40 million has been insignificant. Additionally, no guarantee exists that these funds would provide additional revenue to schools if they become significant in the future.

BEST grants are competitive grants which allow public schools to apply for assistance with capital construction projects. Any school district in the state can apply for these grants,

regardless of whether marijuana retail sales or grow operations are present within the school district's boundaries. Thus, although local municipalities and counties can make decisions regarding the

legalization of marijuana facilities in their communities, these decisions have absolutely no financial impact on the schools in those communities.

While \$40 million seems like a large sum of money, studies conducted by the Colorado Department of Education have indicated the capital construction need for schools across the state is nearly \$18 billion. The \$40 million also accounts for less than one third of the revenue allocated to the BEST grant program. Furthermore, the grants require a matching portion from the school district. Currently, Meeker's matching portion is 73 percent. For the Meeker School District to see any benefit from marijuana taxes, we first must have capital needs, we then must apply for a BEST grant, and we must be awarded a BEST grant. At that point, we would receive 27 percent of the total funds associated with the grant, of which, less than a third are funded by mari-

juana taxes. While the marijuana funding associated with the BEST grant program is helpful, the resulting financial impact locally is relatively small.

To summarize, no financial change occurs with any school district in the state because of the presence, or absence, of marijuana retail sales or grow facilities within school district boundaries. Our school district has not received any revenue as a result of marijuana taxes. At best we may see marijuana related funds that equate to a "drop in the bucket" if we choose to apply for a BEST grant and our application is successful. While the promise of "pot for pencils" was an effective election strategy, marijuana taxes were never intended, nor will ever provide enough finances, to fix the education funding shortfall in our state.

In spite of the funding constraints in Colorado and in Meeker, we still have much to celebrate in our community and schools. We have great kids and families in the Meeker School District, the adults in our school district embrace their obligation to ensure all students learn at high levels, our community shows tremendous support for our students, and when our focus remains on student learning our children are poised to make phenomenal contributions to society. For these reasons, regardless of funding difficulties, I am proud to be a Meeker Cowboy!

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Thanks from Hemphill family

Dear Editor:

We want to send a heartfelt thank you from the family of Kristina Rose Hemphill.

Thank you to all who sent cards, calls, money, food and flowers.

We send a very special thank you to Pastor Thad for the wonderful service he gave, and for the use of Grace Baptist Church.

A huge thank you goes out to

Paula Davis, JoAnn Adams and her son, Greg, for taking care of the food for us, after the service.

Finally, we would like to thank everyone who attended Tina's funeral and showed support and love for our family during this time of our grief and loss.

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Dorsett urges town to take steps to address river algae problem

By NIKI TURNER
Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER The first regular board of trustees meeting for the Town of Meeker was held Wednesday, July 5.

Meeker School Superintendent Chris Selle addressed the trustees during public comments to clarify issues about how taxes related to marijuana sales impact public schools.

"A lot of the perception was that money was going to go to schools. Our school district has not received a penny of marijuana tax money," Selle said. "It was never

intended, no matter how it was presented at the ballot box, for working revenue for the schools. In terms of finance it doesn't do anything for us locally." (For further details, please see Selle's guest column on page 4A of this week's *Herald Times*.)

Dr. Bob Dorsett also spoke to the trustees during the public comment period, bringing up three points for the board to consider or be aware of.

Regarding the annual aerial spraying for mosquitoes, Dorsett told the board, "Aerial spraying for mosquitoes is only marginally effective and causes harmful effects on beneficial insects and other creatures up the

food chain."

Before the aerial spraying, he laid out a "control sheet" which had about a half dozen living insects. After the spraying, he found 160 deceased insects, only one of which was a mosquito. Dorsett said he hopes the town might work toward habitat control and education instead of the aerial spraying program.

Dorsett also told the board he is seeing trouble with algae in the White River again.

"The river is turning to slime again with the algae bloom, for the third year in a row. It's a sign that the river is not healthy," he said. "It endangers other aquatic wildlife,

and if unchecked could affect the town's water supply."

Dorsett added that there are a "clearly" a few specific sources of pollution that can and should be addressed.

"I hope the town will contact the property owners. Once a bloom like this gets started it's really hard to control."

Additionally, Dorsett notified the board that he has submitted a draft referendum for the November ballot to see if voters approve of the Meeker Adventure Center, a project which Dorsett has been vocally opposed to since the beginning.

"I think it should be debated and voted

upon," he said.

In other business, the board approved a special event liquor license for Meeker Days on July 15 from 3-9 p.m., discussed signage, and heard from Meeker Chief of Police Phil Stubblefield about the long Fourth of July weekend and Range Call events.

"It was pretty quiet," Stubblefield said. The police department reported arrests for a burglary "smash and grab" at Ol' Crows Beer and Beverage, a sexual assault warrant and a man shooting numerous rounds of 30-06 caliber bullets into the air during the fireworks display.

Rally Colorado races into Rangely next week

By JEN HILL
Special to the Herald Times

RANGELY With the final preparations well underway, the 2017 Rally Colorado Rangely Event is sure to draw much excitement as it bursts into town at the end of next week.

The event, which is round four of the Rally America National Series, will bring race cars and their drivers to the dirt roads south of Rangely where they will test their skills on switchbacks and steep slopes. Headquarters for the racers will be located at Blue Mountain Inn.

Day One of the event, termed "Prospectors Run," will send the racers up Douglas Creek. According to the Rally Colorado website racers can anticipate, "A grueling 64 miles of racing in a 160 mile route, with the fastest cars averaging just below 50 mph."

Day Two, or "Blazin' Saddles," starts up Calamity Ridge and ends with a quick run down Gillam Draw.

For those who want to get involved in the rally a parade of the cars will go through Main Street on Thursday evening. The parade will begin at the Automotive Museum at 8pm. Viewing areas where the races can be watched will be set up and maps of their locations can be found at the Chamber office.

County Economic Development Coordinator Katelin Cook is excited for the impact the event could have on the community. "Rally Colorado is a national race, providing national media exposure of Rangely. Events such as this tie into our economic diversification efforts, and we are excited to partner with Rally America to bring another outdoor recreation offering. I would encourage locals to be a part of the event and experience

world class rally car racing at its finest," she said.

Because of the nature of the race there will be some temporary road closures that locals should be prepared for. On Friday, July 21 CR 96 is closed from CR 1 to CR 65, CR 73/78 is closed from CR 65 to Hwy. 64 and CR 131 is closed from CR 122 to Hwy. 64 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, July 22 closures include CR 100 from Hwy. 139 to CR 23, CR 113/116 closed from CR 23 to Hwy. 139, and CR 138 closed from Hwy. 139 to Hwy. 139, again from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The Rangely Chamber of Commerce is still looking for volunteers to help direct traffic near the course. If you are interested in getting a close view of the race by volunteering your time contact Chamber Director Konnie Billgren at 675-5290.

OBITUARY

Walter Mallory George

Oct. 7, 1921 ~ July 7, 2017



County Agriculture Conservation Program, and Rifle Fire Protection District and was a member of Moose Lodge and Elks Lodge.

Walter Mallory George

Walter loved horses. As a young man, he rode race horses at the county fairs and later owned and used quality work horses. He learned to rope and tie and competed locally. He especially liked riding on his property on East Divide Creek tending his cattle and after retirement riding with friends on the trails of Coulter Mesa and the Flat Tops.

Walter was proud of his vocation of farming and ranching as he was always studying and using best practices and new affordable technology. He was widely recognized as working hard, being fair to his

Walter George was born on Rifle Creek to Claude A. and Clarissa Mallory George. He attended Rifle schools and served in the U.S. Army during World War II.

Walter and Eleanor Michel married on May 29, 1942, and raised two sons, Fred George and Russell George. During their loving marriage of 58 years they farmed and ranched on Rifle Creek, Grand Mesa and Cactus Valley/Antlers before retiring to Rifle.

Walter was preceded in death by wife Eleanor, son Fred, grandson Jay, his parents and all nine of his siblings. He is survived by son Russell and daughter-in-law Neal, nine grandchildren, nine great-children and by his best friend and cherished dance partner Carol Day and her family and by many nephews, nieces and friends.

Walter believed in public service and over the years served as a board member or officer of the Grand River Ditch Company, Silt Water Conservancy District, Garfield

employees, and always producing bountiful and beautiful fields of crops. He was well known for his honesty and integrity in every part of life. Walter dedicated himself totally to his family, his friends and his community. He will be long remembered for his unflinching good humor and his many stories about the history and people of the Rifle area that come with long life well lived.

A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, July 14 at the First Christian Church at Third and Whiteriver in Rifle. Burial will follow at the Moose Cemetery.

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RIO BLANCO COUNTY WEEKLY CALL REVIEW

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July 3-9, 2017

For the last week the dispatch center processed 754 phone calls, placing 211 outgoing and 540 incoming calls, received 37 911 calls, and 80 calls for Meeker Police Department (MPD). A total of 186 calls for service were created, 90 for the Sheriff's Office, 91 for MPD and 17 calls for Meeker Fire and Rescue. (Please note the department breakdown of calls reflects a different number because of incidents with multiple agency response). A total of

five accidents were reported throughout the county.

The Sheriff's Office conducted 32 traffic stops issuing 21 warnings, 10 summons and one traffic arrest while the MPD had 22 stops issuing 21 warnings and one citation.

Other calls for the Sheriff's Office included 18 agency assists, two 911 misdials, two animal calls, four business checks, six citizen assists, two civil issues, two disturbances, one DUI, two motorist assists, three suspicious incidents, two VIN inspections and four warrant arrests. There were nine traffic crashes in the county.

Meeker Police Department calls included four agency assists, one 911 hangup, nine animal calls, one attended death, 11 business checks, six citizen assists, two civil calls, six disturbances, one DUI, two transports, three motorist assists, five suspicious incidents, two thefts, two traffic accidents and five VIN

inspections.

Meeker Fire and Rescue responded to three medical calls, six wildland fires, a propane tank leaking, a lawn mower accident, one attended death and two vehicle crashes.

There were 11 arrests and 11 releases, two transports and the Detention Center currently has 18 inmates.

There were six assists to Colorado State Patrol.

Two DUI arrests were made.

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The Wilderness of Sin

By Dr. J. D. Watson

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...the wilderness of Sin... the whole congregation of the children of Israel murmured... (Ex. 16:1-2)



Dr. J.D. Watson

BEFORE leaving this scene of God's people in the wilderness, it's significant to note the name of that wilderness: **the wilderness of Sin**. This was a vast desert filled with sand, stone, and serpents between Elim and Mount Sinai in what is today Saudi Arabia. As one Old Testament scholar writes, it's perhaps best identified as "an easily traveled plain along the shore of the Red Sea, since the

terrain just inland is rugged," and the place where the people found themselves "exactly one month after departure from Raamses." While it obviously does not refer to our English word "sin" (rather "Sinai"), it certainly does reflect it, as this incident vividly demonstrates.

First, the wilderness of sin was a place of drought. Having left Egypt a month before, it is probable that the provisions the people brought with them had steadily diminished and food was becoming a critical concern. An even greater concern later, however, was water (17:1). Generally speaking, one can live three to four weeks without food but only three or four days without water. Death lurks in the shadows of drought.

But far more serious than physical drought is spiritual drought. Its chief cause is leaving our love for the Lord and turning to other things, just as God's people did: "For my people have committed two evils; they have forsaken me the fountain of living waters, and hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water" (Jer. 2:13). Think of it! They abandoned the life-sustaining waters of God to serve dead idols.

Second, the wilderness of sin was a place of *dis-sent*. The desert was the ideal place for God to test His peo-

ple, and they failed miserably. Instead of loving and trusting God, who had miraculously delivered them from Egypt and protected them in their journey, they absurdly pined for the seeming comfort of Egypt (vv. 3-4), forgetting all about how they had languished in slavery there. The Hebrew verb for **murmured** (*luin* or *liyn*) also means to grumble or howl, indicating very vocal opposition against God and His appointed leaders. God's people must be very careful how they treat and respond to the leaders God has given them.

Third, the wilderness of sin was a place of *disobedience*. Little did the people know that one day this repeated behavior, especially the refusal to enter the land at Kadesh-Barnea (Num. 13-14), would catch up with them and they would be sentenced to wandering in the wilderness for 40 years (Num. 15-19). Even Moses failed when after God instructed him to speak to the rock to bring water, he struck the rock twice in anger and cried to the people, in effect, "Must we bring water from this rock for you?" Such words implied human effort instead of God's power (20:2-13). Oh, let us not wander in **the wilderness of Sin!**

Scriptures for Study: What do the following verses tell us about spiritual drought: Psalms 1:2-3; 42:1-2; 63:1; 65:10-11?

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Meeker's Macy Collins attended the National Junior Shorthorn Show and Youth Conference in Tulsa, Okla., showing her heifer, Ella.

Collins competes in Oklahoma shorthorn show and conference

Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER I Macy Collins recently attended the National Junior Shorthorn Show and Youth Conference in Tulsa, Okla. She was among more than 350 exhibitors who showed more than 600 head of cattle. Macy showed her late spring yearling shorthorn plus heifer, Ella. Ella is a bred and owned heifer

meaning she was raised by Collins here in Meeker. She is out of a former show heifer, Viv, and a bull, Frosty, that Collins raised out of her first show heifer, Marshmallow. Ella was second in her shorthorn plus class, first in the bred and owned class and was reserve champion in her bred and owned age division. Collins also competed in the speech contest. The speech

topic was, "As the world trends to more natural standpoint, how can we persuade people that beef is both a healthy and safe protein source to consume." She placed second in the speech contest and received a garment bag. Although she didn't enjoy the 109 degree weather or the enormous insects, she and her grandpa, Forrest Nelson, had a good week in Tulsa.

SHORTHORN COUNTRY PHOTO

Wilson Creek, Deer Gulch wildfires partially contained

By NIKI TURNER
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RBC I As of press time Wednesday, the Wilson Fire nine miles north of Meeker had burned 350 acres and was 25 percent contained.

The lightning-caused fire started Friday, July 7 in a rugged and remote area off Rio Blanco County Road 9.

Crews—132 personnel—were working on burnout operations Tuesday and Wednesday to mitigate the fire's spread and minimize future impacts from erosion.

The Deer Gulch Fire southwest of Meeker off County Road 5 is also believed to be lightning-caused and started Saturday, July 8. Forty-five personnel, including two hand crews

and five hotshots, were working Tuesday and Wednesday to construct a fireline around the perimeter of the 43-acre fire. As of press time, the perimeter was 50 percent contained. Most of the fire is on BLM land.

Residents are urged to use caution while driving in the fire areas, and be aware of firefighters and equipment along the roads.

Rankins hold town hall meetings

By JEN HILL
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RANGELY I Colorado Republican House District 57 Representative Bob Rankin and his wife, Republican State Education Board Member Joyce Rankin, held a small town hall style meeting in Rangely Tuesday night. The informal and sparsely attended meeting covered a wide variety of topics including education, severance taxes, transportation funding and climate change.

Bob Rankin, who currently sits on the Joint Budget Committee and has been the area representative for almost six years, said he "might run again." Rankin began his update by informing the audience that the state currently spends \$29 billion per year, \$12 billion of which comes from tax

funding. Rankin said that outside the tax funding there is not much flexibility on spending.

Rankin lamented the limited severance tax funds that are returned to the area. He pointed out that northwest Colorado contributes the most money to the fund but doesn't receive enough back. "We are getting ripped off," he said. Currently severance taxes average \$180 million per year. While some of those funds make it back to impacted communities the rest goes to the state general fund and Department of Local Affairs. Rankin described himself as the "lone voice" on the issue.

For the coming fiscal year Rankin said he sees more money going towards transportation and education. The state will be leasing buildings to help fund the transportation depart-

ment, which he says needs an additional \$1 billion annually to keep up with needed work. The education sector will also see more funding, as the coming year will be the first year marijuana sales tax funding reaches education coffers.

Rankin was asked about a recent executive order signed by Governor Hickenlooper which would limit green house gas emissions, but could have a big negative impact on energy-based communities. While Rankin said he had not yet read the order he was unsure that the Governor would have the legitimate power to write such an order. He added that if Jared Polis (a Democrat who has announced his bid for governor) is elected, "we're toast."

► See RANKINS, Page 10A

County awarded tourism marketing sponsorship

Special to the Herald Times

RBC I Rio Blanco County has been awarded a tourism marketing implementation sponsorship from the Colorado Tourism Office to execute the County's new tourism work plan developed during the Blueprint 2.0 Tourism and Promotion process.

"The Colorado Tourism Office is pleased to support Rio Blanco County's tourism efforts. The communities of Meeker and Rangely along with Rio Blanco County dis-

played an extraordinary effort in creating a tourism work plan under the guidance of project champion, Katelin Cook," said Elizabeth O'Rear, manager of destination development for the Colorado Tourism Office. "We look forward to increased visitation to the area and economic success for the communities."

Blueprint 2.0 initiatives are awarded through a competitive process, and are available to rural communities for specialized resources to diversify and further their eco-

nommic development goals and identify opportunities to leverage the State of Colorado resources.

Rio Blanco County was awarded technical assistance in three focus areas in 2016: tourism promotion and development; industry attraction; and "Call Yourself Creative" centered on developing creative economies in rural communities.

Rio Blanco County's tourism promotion and development Blueprint 2.0 initiative produced a comprehensive tourism work plan for

Rio Blanco County, which has strategic goals focused on off highway vehicle trail promotion and development, enhanced tourism marketing efforts, and tourism product development for new visitors to the area.

Sponsorship funds, in the amount of \$7,500, will be utilized to further the tourism work plan. Local leaders will develop tourism itineraries and a Rio Blanco County "passport challenge," develop a tourism website and utilize Colorado Tourism Office marketing options to achieve national exposure.

Katelin Cook, Rio Blanco County Economic Development Coordinator, explains "We have been experiencing great economic development success recently, and this sponsorship is an incredible opportunity for us to partner with the Colorado Tourism Office to kickstart a strategic tourism marketing program."

If you would like more information about this topic, please contact Katelin Cook at 970-878-9474 or email Katelin.cook@rbc.us.

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Meeker residents upset by wording in URA conditions survey letter

By NIKI TURNER
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MEEKER I The Meeker Urban Renewal Authority (MURA) board members met with a full house at their July 5 meeting. More than a dozen citizens whose homes and/or businesses were included in the first conditions survey attended the meeting to express their concern and disapproval of the wording in a letter they received notifying them of the study.

The letter, which was not drafted by the Town of Meeker or the Urban Renewal Authority board, stated that the survey was necessary to determine whether the properties in the study area could be considered “slums” or “blighted areas” according to the state’s urban renewal law.

“On behalf of the board (regarding) the letter that went out, we’re going to start off with an apology. The stuff that was in the letter came directly out of state statutes. It’s not implying that we have slums. It wasn’t meant to degrade anyone. It was probably a poor choice of words to fit our area,” board chair Shawn Bolton said.

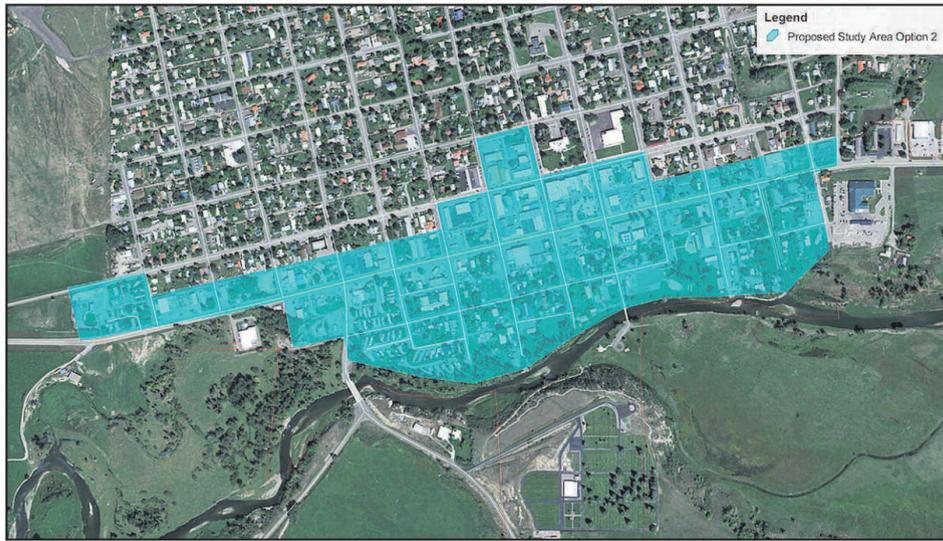
Anne Ricker, owner of the independent consulting firm Ricker/Cunningham, hired by Better City to do the study, outlined the three step process for establishing a redevelopment plan area that will outline potential project locations in greater detail. To qualify for Tax Increment Funding, the plan area has to meet specific state statutes.

Ricker said the study of conditions is the first step, and said the “horrible terms” in the letter come directly from the state. The survey provides a way to narrow the boundaries for a plan area.

“It’s actually very rare that the study area is the same as the plan area. The downside is everybody gets noticed. Many times communities look at a larger area to potentially catalyze local businesses that would spin off the original.”

The study area encompasses 153 structures and 27 vacant parcels in 25 full blocks and nine partial blocks from First through 13th streets between Park Street and the White River. (See map image.)

Ricker said 10 of the 11 state-mandated factors for blight were found in



Pictured is a map of the conditions survey area for the Meeker Urban Renewal Authority.

COURTESY PHOTO

the study area, which was divided into three sections: Western, Central and Eastern. By state statute, five of the 11 criteria must be found in the study area.

“It doesn’t say they aren’t code compliant, and it’s not about design standards or how someone keeps up their yard,” Ricker said in response to images used in study as representations of blight characteristics. She also stated the study is “mostly concerned” about roads, infrastructure (sidewalks, sewer, drainage, etc.) and public spaces in the survey area.

“This is a commercial real estate financing mechanism,” Ricker said. “It’s a way to finance improvements without raising taxes.”

The next step for the MURA is to determine a specific plan area within the study area. The proposed Meeker Adventure Center is expected to take up one full block.

Bolton and Ricker both assured those in attendance that eminent

domain will not be used to obtain property within the plan area.

“They have to be willing participants to sell,” said Town Manager Scott Meszaros.

Asked why the study area included properties all the way to the river when the redevelopment plan is supposed to be focused on the business corridor, Ricker stated, “We draw a broad swath to understand what the conditions are in the area. It gives us a good sense of what the issues are for the future.”

“The whole idea of the (Meeker) Adventure Center has been to revitalize the downtown area. It’s not to displace people out of their homes. We have focused almost wholly on areas that are on Market Street and have walkability to the downtown area,” said MURA board member Wendy Gutierrez. “We’re just looking at a broad area, making sure we meet the criteria. Then we start narrowing the focus.”

Asked what effect being included in the study or in a plan area would have on property values, Ricker said that in her 30 years of experience, it does not increase the market value or the assessed value, but it does increase the speculative or asking price.

She also stated, “It’s not about individual properties, it’s about blocks. No addresses are in the study and there are no ownership names.”

County assessor Renae Neilson asked where the plan area is going to be located, and when a legal description will be provided.

“We’re working to find out who is going to own this and invest. They’re going to be the ones who make that decision,” Meszaros said.

The draft report will be available to the public through the Town of Meeker.

The next MURA meeting is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 18. The board is scheduled to open the RFQ letters they have received at that time.

FCCLA members compete at national conference



COURTESY PHOTO

Jeniffer Kincher and Kolbi Franklin, with advisor Iris Franklin and Brenda Hummel (not pictured) attended the FCCLA national leadership conference in Nashville, Tenn., the first week of July.

Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER I From July 1-7, two Meeker Family Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) members competed at the Unlimited Possibilities National Leadership Conference in Nashville, Tenn. After placing at their state conference, Jeniffer Kincher and Kolbi Franklin, along with their advisors Iris Franklin and Brenda Hummel, began fundraising to take their Students Taking Action for Recognition (STAR) event project to nationals. The national conference is the highest level of competition for the students. STAR events are competitive events in which FCCLA members are recognized for proficiency and achievements in chapter, individual, leadership and career projects.

Kincher took gold at the state level and also at the national level for participating in recycle and redesign. Franklin, who competed

in illustrated talk, took silver at state and earned gold at nationals.

Aside from competing, the two Meeker residents toured and learned the history of the people and city of Nashville. They had the opportunity to visit the Hermitage, former home of Andrew Jackson, seventh president of the United States. A visit to the Grand Old Opry was also a highlight. They attended workshops to learn leadership skills to grow FCCLA membership and met other future leaders from around the U.S.

After an incredible, educational and entertaining trip, the duo are grateful for the donations, advisors and the help from local businesses. Both want to compete again next year and hope that more FCCLA members are able to experience the National Leadership Conference in the future. All Meeker High School students who are interested in FCCLA are welcome to join this upcoming school year to experience unlimited possibilities.

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before and requests to the Parks and Wildlife commission, the agency has remained adamant that seaplanes are not a good fit for Colorado’s public waterways, citing safety concerns, invasive species, and a lack of personnel and policies.

“We’re very aware of all those things,” Hawkins said. “We’re trying to go above and beyond the requirements set by the other 49 states.”

The Colorado Mountain Splash In will be the second splash in this year for the Colorado Seaplane Initiative, which is working to raise awareness and understanding in the hopes of getting legislation passed that will overturn the restrictions for seaplanes on Colorado’s public waterways.



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Meeker Marlin Hailey Knowles, who swims on Meeker's competitive team, is pictured swimming the fly during a meet in Aspen. Knowles won the High Point award in the 13 and up division in Telluride and has qualified for the Western Slope Championships, along with nine of her teammates, to be held this weekend at Colorado Mesa University in Grand Junction.

Competitive Marlins to swim in Western Slope Championship

By **BOBBY GUTIERREZ**
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MEEKER | The Meeker Marlins split into two teams this year, a developmental team and a competitive team. The competitive team has qualified all 10 of its swimmers for the Western Slope Championships this weekend in Grand Junction.

The Marlins' developmental team is coached by Chance Walker and Jeni Kincher. The developmental team swam in one meet this summer as part of the High County League.

The USA Swim Team is coached by Shelly Rogers and the 10 members have competed in Aspen, Craig, Telluride and Montrose already.

Tucker and Dexter Chinn, along with Jonan VonRoenn, swim in the 8-under division, Addie Knowles and Rayna VonRoenn are in the 9-10 age group, while Ellie Hossack, Joe McKay, Judd Harvey and Katie Lockwood all swim in the 11-12 division and Hailey Knowles represents the Meeker Marlins in the 13 and up division.

Tucker Chinn won the high point award for his age group in the Telluride Open and Hailey Knowles won the high point award for her age group in the same meet.

"The swimmers have done incredibly well this year, dropping

times consistently as we move to the championship season," coach Rogers said.

According to Rogers, there were more than 300 swimmers at the most recent meet in Montrose, representing 18 teams. The Meeker Marlin boys placed sixth and the girls finished in 11th.

"Tucker broke the pool record in Montrose in the 25 free, the 25 back and the 200 free, which is very impressive and difficult to do," coach Rogers said.

The Marlins practice four days a week, then each swimmer enters six to eight events in the weekend meets. Rogers said they are preparing for the Western Slope Championships, which will be held at Colorado Mesa University this Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

"The team is incredibly supportive of each other and they give me everything they've got, every single practice," coach Rogers said. "As a coach, I focus on technique and being an efficient swimmer as imperative to improving times. That being said, the kids still average 2,300 to 2,500 yards (92-100 lengths) per practice. They understand the importance of the mental game and are extremely tough. I am looking forward to the Western Slope Championships, as I feel strongly they will swim their best times."

Rangely Hurricanes compete in Montrose, head for Western Slope Championship meet this weekend

Special to the Herald Times

RANGELY | The Rangely Hurricanes had their last regular season meet this past weekend in Montrose. For the rest of the meets the swimmers have to qualify in order to be able to compete. The Hurricanes had 14 swimmers making the trek to the new facility in Montrose. Many of the Hurricanes enjoyed the new pool and the opportunity to play in the splash park, slide and lazy river after a day of hard swimming.

The 8-and-under swimmers were Luke Bishop, Bronlyn Jones and Deacon Jones. Bishop, 7, swam in two events. He got 19th place in the 25 free with a time of 48.38 and 13th in the 50 back with a time of 1:08.95. Bronlyn Jones, 6, was placed second in the 25 free with a time of 27.27 and with a time of 1:23.21 in the 50 breast she placed seventh. Deacon Jones, 8, brought home a first in the 200 individual medley (IM) with a time of 4:12.38, a fourth place with a time of 23.73 in the 25 fly and improved his time by more than 11 seconds he got sixth place in the 50 breast with a time of 57.56.

For the 9-10 age group the Hurricanes had three female swim-

improvement, 27th in the 50 breast with 1:13.30—a more than 12 second improvement, and nine seconds off her time in the 25 breast with 33.95 for seventh place. Ryleigh Jones, 10, took time off all of her events. She swam the 200 IM in 3:29.66 for fourth place, had another fourth place in the 25 fly with a time of 21.37 and a fifth place in the 50 breast for a time of 50.04. Chloe Noel also took advantage of both days of swimming with six individual events for the weekend and one relay. She took a total of 45 seconds off her combined events. She swam a 50 back taking 13th with 52.22, the 25 fly for seventh place and a time of 26.40, 50 breast in 55.49 for 14th place, the 25 back for second place with 23.96, the 50 free for 17th place in 50.09 and the 25 breast for second place in 25.17.

Green, Ryleigh Jones, Noel and Bronlyn Jones put together a 200 medley relay. Bronlyn started the girls off by swimming a 50 back, then Noel did the 50 breast, Ryleigh completed the 50 fly while Alivia brought the team home with the 50 free. The girls placed seventh overall.

The second half of the day included the 10 and above swimmers. They had the pleasure of swimming three days and for many of them that meant

21st place in the 100 breast with 1:58.55, 27th in the 100 IM with a time of 1:55.60, in the 50 breast 23rd for a time of 55.03 and improved by three seconds. In the 100 back she placed 18th with a time of 1:46.02 and then in the 50 free she swam a 43.46 for 28th place taking more than seconds off her time. Mackenzie Manchester, 12, found herself competing quite well considering she was on her way home from vacation. She took time off in the 50 fly with a time of 43.70 and 14th place, in the 100 breast she was able to take 19th with a time of 1:51.79, in the 100 IM she placed 17th with a time of 1:35.47 and took more than 14 seconds off that race. For the 50 breast she took 20th place with a time of 50.51, in the 200 IM she swam a 3:39.58 for ninth place and then in the 50 free she took off almost five seconds for a time of 36.19 for 19th place. Mary Scoggins also swam for the hurricanes, she took advantage of the three day meet and had nine individual events. She started Friday with the 100 free taking 14th place with a time of 1:11.37, the 200 breast with a time of 3:26.58 for 12th place, and eighth place in the 500 free with 7:31.26. Saturday she swam the 200 free in 2:37.60, taking more than two seconds off her time,



MATT SCOGGINS PHOTO

Fourteen Rangely Hurricanes competed at a meet in Montrose last weekend. This week they'll head to the Western Slope Championship meet held at Colorado Mesa University in Grand Junction.

For the 200 IM she placed 15th taking almost 10 seconds off her best time for a new time of 2:58.35, in the 100 back her new time is 1:26.06 placing 12th and in the 50 free her time was 32.30 for 14th place.

Cantrell, Manchester, Scoggins and Alivia Green put together a 200 free relay. Manchester started the race, Cantrell was second, Alivia third then Mary brought the team home for sixth place with a time of 2:45.33.

Annika's older brother Brent Cantrell, 13, also made his season debut. He has been busy playing baseball. He swam the 50 fly in 45.20 taking 12th place. In the 200 fly—which not very many swimmers attempt—he took 17th place in the 100 breast with a time of 1:55.92, in the 100 IM he took 17th with a time of 1:37.54 (more than 11 seconds off his time), and in the 50 breast he took 12th with a time of 52.27. Travis Coates, 14, had an excellent meet taking time off many of his events and helping out on relays for both days. He started with the 100 breast with a time of 1:46.60 and a 16th place, in the 100 IM he took 18th place with a time of 1:38.07, in 200 back he took seventh with a time of 3:19.35. Sunday, he swam the 50 breast in 48.66 for 10th place, 100 back he took 10th with 1:31.85 and in the 50 free 18th place for a time of 35.65. Philip Noyes, 14, came down Saturday to swim the 50 fly for eighth place in 32.94, improving more than 23 seconds. He also swam the 100 breast for 11th place and a time of 1:28.91 and the 100 IM for ninth place and a time of 1:14.75.

The Scoggins boys, Patrick and Timothy, as well as Colton Noel, swam all three days and did really well, taking time off and placing high. Patrick Scoggins, 17, is getting back into swimming shape and turning heads of many of the year-round swimmers. He took second place in the 100 free with a time of 53.37, fifth place in the 200 breast with a time of 2:36.42, seventh in the 100 fly with a 1:07.30. For the 200 free he took sixth with a 2:03.28, in the 200 IM he placed fifth with a 2:17.91, fifth in the 100 back with 1:06.04 and in the 50 free he swam an impressive 24.21 for second place. Timothy Scoggins, 13, started the meet with the 100 free placing 15th with a time of 1:05.69, then in the 200 breast took sixth place with a new personal best of 3:11.21, then swam the 500 free and took off almost 10 seconds his time with a new time of 7:28.83 for 12th place. For the 200 free he took 13th place with 2:34.99, 7th place in the 100 breast with 1:25.42, and improved his time in the 200 back by more than seven seconds with a time of 2:11.12 for seventh place. For the 200 IM Timothy took more than 12 seconds off for a new time of 2:49.05 for 11th place, he placed third in the 100 back for a time of 1:13.00 and in the 50 free he placed fifth for a time of 28.03. Colton Noel, 13, also took time off almost every event he swam, sometimes more than 20 seconds in an event. The 100 free he took 21st with a new personal best of 1:22.95, improving by more than 11 seconds. The 50 back he took seventh place

with a time of 41.72, the 200 breast seventh place with a time of 3:21.69. For his 200 free he took 18th place with a time of 3:19.71, in the 100 breast he took off five seconds for a time of 1:32.76 placing 13th and the 50 breast he placed seventh with a time of 41.09. In the 100 back he took off more than 19 seconds for a new time of 1:36.01 and 11th place and in the 50 free he swam a 36.96 for 19th place.

With so many boys they put together a relay team for both days. On Saturday they swam the 200 medley relay with Timothy swimming back, Colton Noel swimming breast, Noyes swimming fly and Coates swimming free. They took seventh place with a time of 2:21.94. On Sunday, they competed in the 200 free relay with Timothy starting them off, then Coates, Cantrell and Patrick Scoggins bringing the team home with a time of 2:11.12 and taking seventh place.

The Hurricanes will be swimming in Grand Junction at the Colorado Mesa University for the Western Slope Championship Meet this coming weekend. The pool is fast but can be intimidating because it's at the university a 50 meter pool instead of the usual 25 meter pool the Hurricanes see every weekend. The 8 and under swimmers will swim on Friday morning where they will have the pool set up as a 25 then the older swimmers will start Friday afternoon after they move the floating deck to make the pool 50 meters. More than 450 swimmers are anticipated at the meet.



MATT SCOGGINS PHOTO

Mackenzie Manchester, Mary Scoggins, Annika Cantrell and Alivia Green put together a 200 meter free relay at the Montrose meet and brought home sixth place with a time of 2:45.33.

mers. Alivia Green swam both days for a total of six individual events and then was on two relays. She earned times in four of her individual events: 19th place in the 50 back with 1:04.31, 11th in the 25 fly with 31.04—a more than nine second

nine individual events and several relays.

Annika Cantrell, 11, made her debut for the season since she has been busy playing softball. She was able to get in six events. She took 22nd place in the 50 fly with 54.53,

for 15th place. In the 100 breast she also placed 15th with a time of 1:35.04 and then she swam the 200 back for the first time with a time of 2:59.85 taking seventh place. Sunday, she took time off all three of her events: 200 IM, 100 back and 50 Free.



BOBBY GUTIERREZ PHOTO

Kris Casey, a member of the defending coed softball championship team Ripped Shorts, is pictured getting a base hit in a recent game at Paintbrush Park. Games will continue on Mondays and Wednesdays, starting at 6:30 p.m. before the tournament starts Aug. 7. It was recently incorrectly written that Ace Trucking was the defending coed softball champions, we regret the error. Ace Trucking and newcomer Watt's Ranch Market were both undefeated Wednesday after press time, when the two teams were scheduled to play.

Ace Trucking and Watt's Ranch Market softball teams undefeated

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MEEKER | The second half of the Coed Softball League sponsored by the ERBM Recreational and Parks District started Monday and after Wednesday's games (played after press time), only one team of seven will be undefeated. Games are played Mondays and Wednesdays at Paintbrush Park, with two games starting at 6:30 p.m., followed by two more games at 7:30 p.m. The annual tournament will start August 7.

Two weeks ago, it was incorrectly written in this newspaper, by this reporter, that Ace Trucking was the defending softball champions when actually Ripped Shorts won the title

for the first time last year, giving Ace Trucking second; we regret the error. Ace Trucking and newcomer Watt's Ranch Market played for the first time this season Wednesday, both were undefeated and Ripped Shorts started Wednesday's games with a 4-2 record.

Edge Salon had a 3-4 record,

while The Flatliners are 2-5, The Warriors are 1-5 and Fat & Happy have yet to win a game this season.

Six of the seven teams will play Monday, July 17, starting at 6:30 p.m., on both fields at Paintbrush Park.

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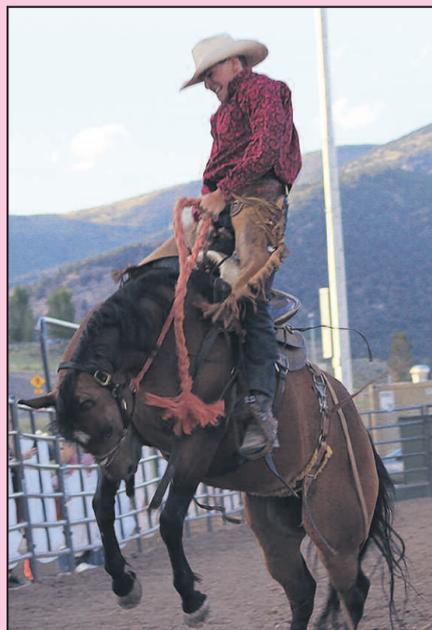
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Meeker High School graduates Sheridan Harvey and Kacey Rosendahl have recently participated in the 2017 Meeker Rodeo Series, which will continue today at the Rio Blanco County Fairgrounds, starting at 7 p.m. Harvey came out of the chute for the first time on a bucking bronc and rode it for the full eight seconds, while Rosendahl has entered the saddle bronc riding twice. The first ended in a spectacular dismount and the second time out he rode and won the competition.

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Meeker Human Resource Council grant applications now available for nonprofits; Rural Philanthropy Days returns to NW Colorado

Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER Meeker Human Resource Council (HRC) grant applications for current 501c3 organizations or government entities can be submitted now through Sept. 29.

The mission of the Meeker Human Resource Council is "to promote cooperative community efforts aimed at resolving human service

needs and improving the quality of life for everyone in the Meeker community."

Areas of funding available include mental health/suicide prevention, youth alcohol/tobacco/substance use, resource development/distribution of information and bullying.

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Northwest Rural Philanthropy Days will take place on Sept. 27-29 in Craig. Rural Philanthropy Days is a partnership between the Community Resource Center which works with nonprofit organizations, the Anschutz Family Foundation and statewide grantmakers to bring together local nonprofits, business leaders, government representatives and some of the

state's most influential funders. This opportunity only occurs once every four years in the Northwest region.

"HRC will host a meeting in August to determine what agencies are participating in philanthropy days, what funding agencies are seeking, and to explore opportunities for Meeker agency partnerships/joint efforts in future projects," wrote Dondi Glasscock.

RANKINS: In Meeker today

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He was also asked about potentially privatizing or issuing a concession contract for state parks allowing a private company to manage them while the state would retain ownership. Rankin seemed interested in the possibility of such a plan which could provide funding relief to the parks which have faced numerous budget woes.

Joyce Rankin of the State Education Board also provided a short update as well. She reminded the audience that Colorado is a local

control state and that education makes up the second largest expense in the state. According to the Colorado Department of Education the Rangely School District receives \$10,800 per student annually, which is about average with national funding levels.

She stated that she is hopeful that Colorado will eventually pull out of Common Core. Colorado is one of only 11 states still participating in the federal program.

The Rankins will be in Meeker for a similar town hall meeting on Thursday.

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JOHNSTON: Announced campaign in January

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years at a rural high school in southern Mississippi through the Teach for America program. He has written and published a book, entitled "In the Deep Heart's Core," based on his Mississippi experiences. He followed this teaching experience by going to the Harvard University Graduate School of Education, acquiring a master's degree in education policy.

While consulting as an education policy adviser to political candidates, Johnston returned to Yale University earning his J.D. from Yale Law School. He came home to Colorado, becoming principal of the Marvin Foote Detention Center in Englewood which houses students held in state custody and he organized the first high school graduation program there. In 2005, Johnston taught education law at the University of Denver Law School and became the founding principal of Mapleton Expeditionary School of the Arts in Thornton which became the model for smaller schools of the same theme.

In 2010, *Forbes Magazine* included Johnston as one of "Seven Most Powerful Educators." He is or has been on the board of several non-profit organizations including the I Have a Dream Foundation, Urban League, City Year, New Leaders, America Achieves, and America Succeeds.

Johnston's career as an elected

official began in 2009 when he was chosen by the northeast Denver Democratic vacancy committee upon the resignation of State Senator Peter Groff. Johnston was elected in his own right in November 2010, and re-elected in 2012.

Three Senate Bills define his success in education reform. The first, in 2010, was the Great Teachers and Leaders Act which revolutionized teacher and school administrative accountability by using performance evaluation measures partly reliant on student academic growth and weakened tenure protections. The bill is regarded as taking a comprehensive view of education innovation and ensuring excellence in all facets of human capital in public education. It has not uniformly made the teaching community in Colorado happy.

His 2012 Advancing Students for a Stronger Economy Tomorrow (ASSET) Act, which was developed and attempted over ten years by numerous stakeholders, allows students who graduate from a Colorado high school or obtain a GED (General Equivalency Diploma), and who are not legally entitled to be in the U.S., to pay in-state tuition for Colorado colleges and universities. Under previous law, these students, who had benefited from the state's investment in K-12 education, were forced to pay out-of-state tuition, a prohibitive expense that most could not afford. This essentially

meant, Johnston argues, that Coloradans were not receiving a return on their investment, because these students were not enrolling in college or were moving out-of-state.

Johnston's third education legislation of note is the Reading to Ensure Academic Development (READ) Act from 2012. The measure provides resources to help kindergarten through third graders (K-3) who are reading below their grade level get up to grade level. Implementation involves resources and support for literacy assessments, professional development, instructor support, and appropriate interventions, in addition to facilitating work with the students' parents.

Johnston lives in Denver with his wife, an assistant Denver District Attorney specializing in prosecuting crimes against children, and their three children.

The field of candidates in both parties has grown to be rather large, likely assuring there will be primaries for governor in each party next June. Due to the passage of Proposition 108 by Colorado voters last year, unaffiliated voters, for the first time, will be able to vote in the primary of either party without having to claim party membership.

Johnston has said the campaign will determine whether we have the bold leadership to define Colorado's future for ourselves or if we will allow the future to define us. "The next governor," he says, "will have to bridge the divides that keep us from reaching our potential as a state, and create a Colorado prepared to lead the nation for the next century. I look forward to the debate on how best we do that."

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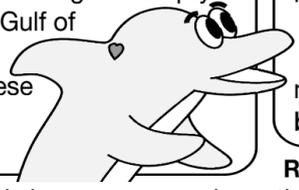
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Kids: color stuff in!

I live in the ocean. I meet my "swampy" friends at the mouth of the Suwannee River, whose waters flow from the Okefenokee Swamp in southern Georgia to empty into the Gulf of Mexico! Look these up on a map!



Have you ever heard of a **biome**? It is a community of plants and animals that have adapted to their environments – such as a desert or a wetland. Wetland biomes are often found inside of another biome such as a rainforest. A wetland **is** wet most of the year. It hosts plants and animals that can live in its wet soil and shallow water. Water, mud, plants and living creatures make up the wetlands. There are many fascinating things to see in swamps, bogs, marshes and fens. If **you** explore these areas, be careful. A wetland with a boardwalk is safest!

Read the clues to fill in the crossword puzzle:

- wetlands have _____ above the surface of the soil at least part of the year
- wetlands have fresh water, salt water or a mix of both called _____ water
- wetlands have a large variety of plants and animals; this _____ of life makes wetlands important to preserve
- about half of U.S. birds nest or _____ in wetlands
- as water flows through a wetland's soil, harmful materials are _____ out by plant life; cleaner water returns to nearby ponds, rivers, lakes, oceans and the underground 'water table'
- like a sponge, wetlands absorb and hold a lot of water; may take on millions of gallons of extra water, thereby stopping _____
- some wetlands only appear in the fall or _____, when the weather allows water to build up
- this wetlands ecosystem becomes flooded during wet seasons or high tides; see cattails, cranes, reeds, muskrats
- _____ is an ecosystem similar to a marsh, but it can support trees such as red maples or cottonwoods; other plants like pussy willows

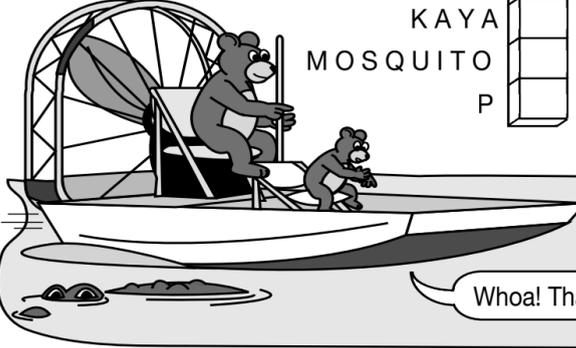


Wetlands!



- the _____ gets its water from rain or snowfall; soil contains few nutrients, which is perfect for peat and sphagnum moss
- a _____ gets some water from mountain streams; water picks up nutrients as it moves; supports plant life – grass, sedge, rushes
- world's largest tropical wetland is the _____ of Brazil, Bolivia and Paraguay; 75,000 square miles in the center of South America
- wetlands are everywhere except _____; soil there isn't wet, but frozen; not enough plants to support a wetland
- most famous wetland in the U.S. is the Florida _____; people say the sawgrass there is so sharp that it can cut through clothes

Sometimes **swamps** in the southeastern area of our country are called **bayous**. Each word in the list is a clue to a famous swamp's name. **Fill in the missing letter of each word to spell it correctly.**



A Well-Known Swamp!

ALLIGAT	RS
BLAC	bears
CYPRESS TR	ES
GEORGIA and	LORIDA
GRASS	S and reeds
SPO	GY BOGS
SHALL	W waters
KAYA	S and canoes
MOSQUITO	S and snakes
P	AT-FILLED wetland



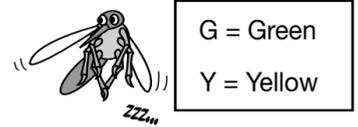
Hidden Wetland Treasures!

Looking for animals in wetlands is like looking for hidden pictures in a puzzle! The animals blend into their environments for safety. You cannot walk everywhere, so **follow the dots above** to see what might help you to have a better look.

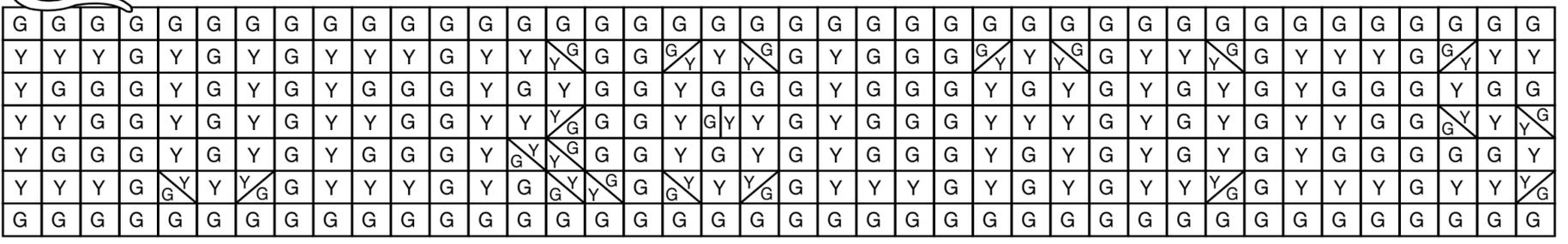


What Kind of Wetland Is It?

Sometimes it is hard to say if a wetland is a marsh, bog, or swamp. It may have some characteristics of each. One area that is hard to define is located in Florida. These famous wetlands are protected in a U.S. National Park. **Have you ever heard about the:**



G = Green
Y = Yellow



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Worship Service
Sunday 10 a.m. @ Meeker High School Nursery & Kid's Ministries infant-6th grade
Prayer Service
Wednesday 7 p.m. @ Meeker Assembly
UpperRoom Youth - 6th-12th grade
Thursday 6:30-7:30 p.m.
UnderGround - 7th-12th grade
Thursday 7:30-10 p.m.



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LEGAL NOTICES

TOWN OF RANGELY
Check Register
June-17
VENDOR, AMOUNT, DESCRIPTION
A-1 COLLECTION AGENCY, LLC, 108.86, Payroll deduction
AFFORDABLE FIRE PROTECTION, 245.00, Expenses
AFLAC, 319.59, Payroll deduction
AIRGAS USA, LLC, 339.81, Expenses
ALL WATER SUPPLY LLC, 342.68, Chemicals
AQIONICS INC., 211.12, Expenses
ARAMARK, 1225.72, Uniforms
BACK TO HEALTH CHIROPRACTIC OF RANGELY, 120.00, Services
BOY-KO SUPPLY CO, 397.63, Expenses
BRADY, ANN, 100.00, Council Stipend
BRIXIUS, PETER, 19.53, Expenses
CARSON INDUSTRIES, INC., 65.95, Expenses
CASELLE, INC, 1168.00, Software Support
CEBT, 35031.44, Health Ins
CENTER FOR EDUCATION & EMPLOYMENT LAW, 124.95, Expenses
CENTURYLINK, 2169.04, Communication
CIMARRON TELECOMMUNICATIONS LLC, 165.00, Expenses
CMCA, 25.00, Expenses
CMI, INC., 61.87, Expenses

LEGAL NOTICES

CONTINENTAL INDUSTRIES, 446.64, Expenses
DAN E. WILSON, ATTORNEY AT LAW LLC, 1819.94, Services
DIRECTV, 396.00, WRV Expense
DUCEY'S ELECTRIC, 40088.03, Expenses
EMC PLUMBING & HEATING, IC., 10590.33, Expenses
ENVIRONMENTAL SAFETY, INC., 478.80, Chemicals
FAMILY SUPPORT REGISTRY, 373.80, Payroll deduction
FAST SIGNS, 252.32, Expenses
FIDELITY ADVISOR FUNDS, 20040.35, Payroll deduction
FIRST BANKCARD, 1982.93, Expenses
FPPA, 391.47, PD Insurance
FRESH EXPRESS CLEANING, 350.50, Expenses
GALLS, LLC, 507.90, Uniforms
GET YOUR STITCH ON, 90.00, Uniforms
GLOBAL CHEMICALS, 483.70, Expenses
GODDARD, CARRIE, 50.03, Uniforms
GRAND JUNCTION PIPE & SUPPLY, 33986.24, Expenses
HACKING, TYSON, 100.00, Council Stipend
HATCHE, LISA, 100.00, Council Stipend
HATTEN ENTERPRISES LLC, 200.00, Services
INDUSTRIAL ELECTRIC MOTOR SVCE, 794.20, Expenses

LEGAL NOTICES

INTOXIMETERS, INC., 62.85, Expenses
KEY, ANDREW J, 100.00, Council Stipend
KIMBALL MIDWEST, 173.90, Expenses
LEBLEU, JEFF, 56.75, Expenses
LEXIPOL LLC, 2130.00, Services
LOWES, 41.83, Expenses
MAIL SERVICES, 871.91, Services
MARTIN CONSTRUCTION CO, 3233.92, Expenses
MASTER PETROLEUM, 682.50, Fuel
MCCROMETER, INC., 1161.16, Expenses
MESA COUNTY HEALTH DEPT REG LABORATORY, 40.00, Expenses
MIDWEST RADAR & EQUIPMENT, 200.00, Services
MOON LAKE ELECTRIC, 14125.88, Electricity
MUELLER CONTRUCTION SERVICES, INC., 6497.73, Expenses
NETWORKS UNLIMITED, 4435.35, Support
NICHOLS STORE, 520.40, Expenses
NIELSEN, JOSEPH, 150.00, Council Stipend
NORCO, INC., 23.06, Services
ORKIN PEST CONTROL, 616.32, Services
PETERSON, EMILY, 87.88, Expenses
PIERING, LISA, 40.00, Expenses
PINNACOL ASSURANCE, 3980.22, Insurance
PIONEERS MEDICAL CENTER, 912.50, Services
PIPELINE TESTING CONSORTIUM, 680.00, Services
PITNEY BOWES INC, 461.80, Services
PITNEY BOWES POSTAGE BY PHONE, 2000.00, Expenses
PR DIAMOND PRODUCTS, INC., 944.00, Expenses
PRATER'S PLUMBING & HEATING, 1088.80, Expenses
PROFESSIONAL TOUCH, 740.50, Services
PROGRESSIVE BUS. COMPLIACE, 89.90, Expenses
QUALITY CARPET & FURNISHINGS, 1354.31, Expenses
QUILL, 367.24, Expenses
RANGELY AUTO PARTS, 2977.23, Expenses
RANGELY DISTRICT HOSPITAL, 100.00, Services
RANGELY HARDWARE, 8410.68, Expenses
RANGELY INSURANCE OUP, INC., 117.00, Services
RANGELY SCHOOL FOUNDATION, 14784.30, Sales Tax Funding
RANGELY TRASH SERVICE, 2628.00, Services
RANGELY, TOWN OF, 6582.59, Utilities
RIO BLANCO HEARLD TIMES, 658.02, Expenses
ROBIE, TREY, 100.00, Council Stipend
ROCKY MOUNTAIN BASEBALL, 250.00, Donation
SAM'S CLUB/GECRB, 45.00, Expenses
SCHMEUSER GORDON MEYER, INC., 31200.50, Services
SENERGY BUILDERS, LLC., 4404.50, Expenses
SGS ACCUTEST INC., 1574.50, Services
SHAFFER, ANDREW, 100.00, Council Stipend
SIMS, TERESA, 150.00, Judge's Fee
SLOAN & ASSOC PUBLIC AFFAIRS LLC, 250.00, Services
STANDARD INSURANCE COMPANY RC, 621.43, Life Insurance
STEWART WELDING & MACHINE, INC., 15.30, Expenses

LEGAL NOTICES

Expenses
STRATA NETWORKS, 500.00, Services
SUMMIT ENERGY, 13775.19, Gas
Transmission/Transport
SYN-TECH SYSTEMS, 550.00, Expenses
TENNESSEE CHILD SUPPORT, 499.38, Payroll deduction
THATCHER CHEMICAL CO, 5411.58, Chemicals
TIMBERLINE ELECTRIC & CONTROL, 1268.00, Expenses
TRANSUNION RISK & ALTERNATIVE, 27.00, Services
UNCC, 281.30, Services
USA BLUEBOOK, 206.25, Expenses
VAN DIEST SUPPLY COMPANY, 8341.80, Expenses
VERIZON WIRELESS, 1113.41, Cell Service
VERNAL PET CLINIC & WELLNESS CENTER, 219.50, Expenses
WALTER ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP, LLC, 2481.92, Services
WEX BANK, 3534.94, Fuel
WHITE RIVER MARKET, 271.80, Supplies
WILCZEK, KAREN S, 300.00, Judge's Fee
WILD WILLIE'S STORAGE, 50.00, Expenses
WOODS & AITKENS LLP, 91.00, Expenses
WRB REC & PARK DISTRICT, 2264.25, Expenses
TOTAL: 319791.45
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LEGAL NOTICES

Steven R. Cosby, Personal Representative
5488 S Forest Hill Street
Littleton, CO 80120
Published: June 29, July 6, and July 13, 2017
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TOWN OF MEEKER BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Tuesday July 18, 2017
345 Market Street, Meeker, CO

5:30 P.M. Meeker Urban Renewal Authority Meeting
7:30 P.M. Regular Scheduled Board Meeting
I. Call to Order
A. Pledge of Allegiance
B. Roll Call
II. Approval of the Agenda
III. Approval of the Previous Minutes
IV. Approval of Monthly Disbursements
V. Public Participation
This is an opportunity for Citizens to bring comments and questions to the Board of Trustees not being addressed in the Regular Meeting Agenda. In consideration of other regularly scheduled agenda items, comments will be limited to 3 minutes or less. Citizens are asked to approach the podium state their name and address for the record.
VI. Staff Updates
VII. Public Hearings
1. Art Gallery Liquor Permit Renewal Hearing for Smoking River Artisans Foundation, Inc., 627 Main Street
2. Franchise Agreement between the Town of Meeker and WREA for operation of an electrical power and supply system
X. Manager's Report
XI. Town Attorney Update
XII. Adjournment
Published: July 13, 2017
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Public Notice
WREA Franchise Agreement

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to C.R.S. 31-32-101 et seq., at the regularly scheduled Town of Meeker board meeting on July 18, 2017, the Town will consider a Franchise Agreement having a term of 25 years for White River Electric Association to erect, construct, operate and maintain an electric generating, transmission and distribution system within the Town of Meeker. The proposed Franchise Agreement is an update to the existing WREA Franchise Agreement with the Town.
Published: June 29, July 7 & 13, 2017
Rio Blanco Herald Times

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

GREGORY ARNOLD COSBY aka GREGORY A. COSBY aka GREGORY COSBY aka GREG COSBY, Deceased.
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
BY PUBLICATION \$15-12-307, C.R.S.
Estate of Gregory Arnold Cosby aka GREGORY A. COSBY aka GREGORY COSBY, Deceased Case Number: 17PR5
All persons having claims against the above-named estate are required to present them to the personal representative or to the District Court of Moffat County, Colorado on or before October 30, 2017, or the claims may be forever barred.
Published: July 13, 20 and 27, 2017
Rio Blanco Herald Times

COMBINED NOTICE - MAILING
CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 17-12

To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust:
On April 11, 2017, 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)

Original Beneficiary(ies)

Current Holder of Evidence of Debt

Date of Deed of Trust
County of Recording
Recording Date of Deed of Trust
Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/Page No.)
Original Principal Amount
Outstanding Principal Balance
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 FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY LOCATED IN RIO BLANCO COUNTY, COLORADO: LOT 11R ACCORDING TO THE REPLAT OF LOTS 9, 10 AND 11 BLOCK 88 FILED SEPTEMBER 11, 1996 AS RECEPTION NO. 258180 TOWN OF MEEKER, COUNTY OF RIO BLANCO, COLORADO. Also known by street and number as: 1075 MAIN STREET, 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, 08/09/2017, 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 6/15/2017
Last Publication 7/13/2017
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;

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

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

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

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Denver, Colorado 80203
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Federal Consumer Financial Protection Bureau
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Iowa City, Iowa 52244
(855) 411-2372
www.consumerfinance.gov

DATE: 04/12/2017
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:
Lauren Tew #45041 Monica Kadmas #34904 Nichole Williams #49611
Randall M. Chin #31149 Weldon P. Phillips, Jr #31827
Barrett Frappier & Weisserman, LLP 1199 Bannock Street, Denver, CO 80204 (303) 350-3711
Attorney File # 6478267
The Attorney above is acting as a debt collector and is attempting to collect a debt. Any information provided may be used for that purpose.
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LEGAL NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given of the filing of a Technical Revision 112 (TR-112) to the Colowyo Coal Mine, Mining Permit No. C-1981-019, by the Colowyo Coal Company L.P., 5731 State Highway 13, Meeker, CO. 81641, with the Colorado Division Reclamation Mining and Safety, Colorado Department of Natural Resources, 1313 Sherman Street, Room 215, Denver, Colorado 80203. TR-112 provides as-built information for the Temporary Facilities Pond and Wilson Storage Pond.
All of the areas to be affected by this Technical Revision are owned by Colowyo Coal Company L.P., Axial Basin Coal Company, and are located approximately 28 miles south of Craig, Colorado, west of Colorado State Highway 13 and west of Moffat County Road 51.
The affected area can be located on U.S. Geological Survey 7.5-minute quadrangle map Nos. N4015-W11245/7.5 (Axial, Colorado) and N4007.5-W11245/7.5 (Ninemile Gap, Colorado) and is more particularly described as follows:
All or portions of Sections 2-6, 7-11, 14-22, and 28-30 of Township 3 North, Range 93 West, all or portions of Sections 13, 15-18, 20-24, 26-30, and 31-34 of Township 4 North, Range 93, all or portions of Sections 1-3, 10-12, and 14-15 of Township 3 North, Range 94 West, and all or portions of Sections 12, 13, 18, 23-27, and 34-36 of Township 4 North, Range 94 West of the 6th P.M., Moffat County and Rio Blanco County, Colorado.
A precise description of the Permit Boundary can be found in Volume 2A, Exhibit 1, Item 12 of the permit document and is included herein by reference.
A copy of the application for the Technical Revision is on file at the Moffat County Clerk and Recorder's Office in the Moffat County Courthouse located at 221 West Victory Way, Craig, Colorado, 81625 and the Rio Blanco County Clerk and Recorder's Office in the Rio Blanco Courthouse located at 555 Main Street #303, Meeker, CO, 8164. Questions concerning this Technical Revision should be directed to Tony Tennyson, Senior Environmental Engineer at Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association Inc., at (970) 824-1232.
Any person having an interest concerning this Technical Revision has the right to provide written comments or objections concerning this Technical Revision to the Colorado Division Reclamation Mining and Safety at the address noted above. Comments to the Division must be made within 10 days after the publication of this notice.
Publish: July 13, 2017
Rio Blanco Herald Times

PUBLIC NOTICE

Visual Lease Services has been contracted by Rio Blanco County to GPS and map all oil and gas wells, compressor stations, gas plants, pipelines and lease roads in the county. Inspections will begin July 15th.
Rio Blanco County would appreciate the cooperation of all landowners and oil and gas companies during this process. Please provide access through gates, etc. If you have any questions, please contact the Rio Blanco County Assessor's office at 970.878.9410.
Published: July 13, 2017
Rio Blanco Herald Times

COMBINED NOTICE - MAILING
CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 17-13

To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust:
On April 27, 2017, 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)

Original Beneficiary(ies)

Current Holder of Evidence of Debt

Date of Deed of Trust
County of Recording
Recording Date of Deed of Trust
Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/Page No.)
Original Principal Amount
Outstanding Principal Balance
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.
LOTS 20, 21 AND 22 IN BLOCK 11, HILDENBRANDT'S ADDITION TO HILDENBRANDT'S SUBDIVIDED LOTS IN THE TOWN OF RANGELY, COUNTY OF RIO BLANCO, STATE OF COLORADO. Also known by street and number as: 207 WEST REVEN AVENUE, RANGELY, CO 81648. THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED OF TRUST.

NOTICE OF SALE

The current holder of the Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, described herein, has filed Notice of Election and Demand for sale as provided by law and in said Deed of Trust.
THEREFORE, Notice Is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, 08/30/2017, 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 7/6/2017
Last Publication 8/3/2017
Name of Publication Rio Blanco Herald Times

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DATE: 04/28/2017
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:
Holly L. Decker #32647 Jolene Kaminsky #46144 Michael Medved #14669
Heather Deere #28597
MEDVED DALE DECKER & DEERE, LLC 355 UNION BLVD. STE 302, LAKEWOOD, CO 80228 (303) 274-0155
Attorney File # 17-945-29915
The Attorney above is acting as a debt collector and is attempting to collect a debt. Any information provided may be used for that purpose.
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DISTRICT COURT, RIO BLANCO COUNTY OF COLORADO
P.O. Box 1150
455 Main Street
Meeker, CO 81641
Telephone: (970) 878-5622
Plaintiff(s): REVERSE MORTGAGE SOLUTIONS, INC.
v.
Defendant(s):

The Estate of Pauline R. McPhail; Tracy Lynn Files as the personal representative of the Estate of Pauline R. McPhail; Alan E. South; The United States of America, acting through its agency, the Department of Housing and Urban Development; Karen Arnold, in her official capacity as the Public Trustee of Rio Blanco County, Colorado
Case Number 2015CV030020
Attorneys for Plaintiff:

Randall S. Miller & Associates, P.C.
Scott D. Toebben, Atty. Reg. No: 19011
David W. Drake, Atty. Reg. No: 43315
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SHERIFF'S COMBINED NOTICE OF SALE AND RIGHTS TO CURE OR REDEEM
Sheriff's Sale No. 1700047

Under a Judgment and Decree of Foreclosure entered August 16, 2016, in the above-captioned action, I am ordered to sell certain real property as follows:

Original Grantor(s): Pauline R. McPhail, an unmarried woman
Original Beneficiary: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Urban Financial Group

Current Holder of Evidence of Debt: Reverse Mortgage Solutions, Inc.
Date of Deed of Trust: June 12, 2009
County of Recording: Rio Blanco

Recording Date of Deed of Trust: June 24, 2009
Recording Information (Reception No.)
Book No. and Page No.: 296139
Original Principal Balance: \$450,000.00
Outstanding Principal Balance: \$214,502.80
Amount of Judgment Entered August 16, 2016: \$302,904.03

THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN.
THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED OF TRUST.

THE LAND REFERRED TO IN THIS REPORT IS SITUATED IN THE STATE OF COLORADO, COUNTY OF RIO BLANCO, AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

A tract of land located in Sections 10 and 15, Township 1 North, Range 103 W of the 6th Principal Meridian, Rio Blanco County, Colorado being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at the Southwest corner of said Section 10, thence along the Westerly line of said Section 10, North 00 degrees 02 minutes 00 inches West, 2270.22 feet;
Thence North 00 degrees 02 minutes 00 seconds West, along the West line of the Southwest Quarter of said Section 10, 655.21 feet to a point in the White River;
Thence South 83 degrees 38 minutes 00 seconds East, along said White River, 176.56 feet; Thence South 13 degrees 08 minutes 41 seconds East 826.96 feet to a Point on the centerline of Rio Blanco County Road No. 2;
Thence South 58 degrees 09 minutes 12 seconds West, along said centerline, 437.68 feet to a point on the West line of the Northwest one-quarter of said Section 15;
Thence North 01 degree 14 minutes 12 seconds East, 400.70 feet, County of Rio Blanco, State of Colorado.
And more commonly known and numbered as 8855 County Road 2, Rangely, CO 81648 (the "Property").

NOTICE OF SALE

The current Holder of the Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust described herein, has filed written 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 August 17, 2017 in the lobby at the Rio Blanco County Sheriff's Office, 355 4th 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 deliver to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.

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NOTICE OF RIGHTS

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

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

IF YOU BELIEVE THAT THE LENDER OR SERVICER HAS VIOLATED THE REQUIREMENTS FOR A SINGLE POINT OF CONTACT UNDER C.R.S. § 38-38-103.1 OR THE PROHIBITION ON DUAL TRACKING PURSUANT TO C.R.S. § 38-38-103.2, YOU MAY FILE A COMPLAINT WITH THE COLORADO ATTORNEY GENERAL (WWW.COLORADOATTORNEYGENERAL.GOV/CA), THE FEDERAL CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION BUREAU (WWW.CONSUMERFINANCE.GOV) OR BOTH. PLEASE NOTE, THE FILING OF A COMPLAINT WILL NOT STOP THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS.

IF YOU HAVE RECEIVED CONFIRMATION OF A COMPLETED OR ACCEPTED LOSS MITIGATION PACKAGE FROM THE LENDER OR SERVICER, IN ORDER TO STOP THE FORECLOSURE SALE YOU MUST PRESENT WRITTEN NOTIFICATION FROM THE LENDER OR SERVICER TO THE OFFICER OF RIO BLANCO COUNTY OF SAID LOSS MITIGATION NO LATER THAN FOURTEEN (14) CALENDAR DAYS BEFORE THE SALE DATE. THE NOTICE OF A COMPLETED LOSS MITIGATION PACKAGE OR ACCEPTED LOSS MITIGATION FROM THE LENDER OR SERVICER MUST BE DATED NO MORE THAN THIRTY-SEVEN (37) DAYS PRIOR TO THE SALE DATE.

Dated: June 26, 2017
Anthony Mazzola, Sheriff
Rio Blanco County, State of Colorado

LEGAL NOTICES

**C-TR-11
NOTICE OF PROPOSED DECISION**
The Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety proposes to approve Technical Revision Application No. 71 (TR-71) for the Deserado Mine (Permit No. C-1981-018), submitted by Blue Mountain Energy, Inc. TR-71 involves the addition of a 26-inch diameter return shaft (RS-13L). The return shaft will be located on the same disturbance as the geotechnical pilot hole associated with Minor Revision No. 171. Only existing roads will be utilized to access the site.
The Deserado Mine is a/an underground coal mine located in Moffat, Rio Blanco County, approximately 7 miles NE of Rangely, Colorado. Coal interest is federal, and the surface affected is federal and private land. The permit area encompasses approximately 13,645.01 acres. This proposed decision is based on a finding that the proposed operation will comply with all requirements of the Colorado Surface Coal Mining Reclamation Act, Section 34#33#101, et seq., C.R.S., and the regulations promulgated thereunder.
Copies of the proposed decision, including stipulations, are on file for public inspection at the Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety, Room 215, Centennial Building, 1313 Sherman Street, Denver, Colorado 80203. Persons with an interest that may be adversely affected by the proposed decision may request a formal hearing before the Mined Land Reclamation Board on the proposed decision. Such request must be made within ten (10) days of the initial publication of this notice, must be in writing, and must state with reasonable specificity the reasons for the request and the objections to the proposed decision.
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**Board of County Commissioners
Of Rio Blanco County, Colorado
Monday, July 17, 2017
Rio Blanco County Annex Building
17497 Highway 64
Rangely, Colorado 81648**

Tentative Board Agenda
Items of routine and non-controversial nature are placed on the consent agenda. Any Commissioner or member of the audience may request an item be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered separately on the regular agenda prior to action being taken by the Board on the Consent Agenda.
Public Comment: Any member of the public may address the Board on matters which are within the jurisdiction of the Board. If you are addressing the Board regarding a matter listed on the Agenda, you are requested to make your comments when the Board takes that matter. Please limit your comments to three minutes per member or five minutes per group. The public comment time is not for questions and answers. It is your time to express your views.
11:00 a.m. Call to order:
Pledge of Allegiance
Changes to the July 17, 2017 Tentative Agenda
1) _____
2) _____
Move to Approve the February 27, 2017 Agenda including any changes.
CONSENT AGENDA FOR JULY 17, 2017
Move to Approve the below listed items of the Consent Agenda for July 17, 2017.
Consent 1_Consideration of the Board Minutes of June 26, 2017
Consent 2a_Motor Vehicle Publication List June 2017
Consent 2b_Treasurer's Publication List June 2017
Consent 2c_Treasurer's Monthly Report June 2017
Consent 3_Approval of Contract Modification No. 1 between the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado and A-Z Contracting, LLC, extending the contract period from February 28, 2017 to September 30, 2017, modifying the scope to include additional electrical work, and increasing the not to exceed amount by \$1,740.00 to \$6,440.00. (All Sign)
Consent 4_Approval of a Permission Letter from the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado to the Mayor and Board of Trustees of the Town of Meeker, Colorado allowing the Meeker Lions Club to serve malt, vinous, and spirituous liquor at the Downtown Pavilion, located at 555 Main Street, Meeker, Colorado, with a back-up location of the Fairfield Center located at 200 Main Street, Meeker,

LEGAL NOTICES

Colorado for the Meeker Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet, on the 11th day of August, 2017. (Chairman Signs)
Consent 5_Approval of a joint letter from the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado, Colorado Mesa University, Colorado Oil and Gas Association, Grand Junction Economic Partnership, and the Board of County Commissioners of Mesa County, Colorado, to various entities in support of West Coast LNG Exports and Jordan Cove LNG, and authorize the Chairman to sign out of session.
Consent 6_Approval of a letter from the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado, to Great Outdoors Colorado's Open Space Grant Round, requested by Colorado Cattlemen's Agricultural Land Trust, supporting a Conservation and Access Easement on 620 acres of land located east of Meeker, Colorado. (Chairman Signs)
Consent 7_Approval of Contract Modification No. 01-17 between the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado, the Board of Trustees of the Town of Rangely, and Better City, LLC, for the Rio Blanco County Economic Development Strategy Implementation for the Rangely Area Project, modifying the scope of work and decreasing the not to exceed amount by \$21,500.00 to \$79,500.00. (All Sign)
BUSINESS AGENDA
General:
Business 1_None.
Bid Openings:
Bid Opening 1_None.
Bids Awards:
Bid Award 1_Move to award the Meeker, Coulter Field Airport Beacon and Fence Relocation Project.
MOU's, Contracts and Agreements:
MCA 1_Move to approve a Grant Application with the State of Colorado, Department of Local Affairs for the Rio Blanco County Department of Health & Human Services Renovations Project in an amount not to exceed \$157,570.00. (Chairman Signs)
Resolutions:
Resolution 1_None.
Other Business:
Public Comments
County Commissioners Updates
11:15 Public Hearings:
Hearing 1_Motion to approve/deny the Petition for Abatement or Refund of Taxes for Helmrich, & Payne International Drilling, Parcel #P0801016, in the amount of \$21,833.08. The Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County hereby Agrees/Disagrees with the recommendation of the Rio Blanco County Assessor. (Chairman Signs)
Adjourn as the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado.
Convene as the County Board of Equalization of Rio Blanco County, Colorado.
Business 1_Move to Approve the Rio Blanco County Assessor's 2016 Protest Valuation Report.
Adjourn as the County Board of Equalization of Rio Blanco County, Colorado.
The agenda is provided for informational purposes only; all times are approximate. Agenda items will normally be considered in the order they appear on the agenda. However, the Board may alter the Agenda, take breaks during the meeting, work through the noon hour and even continue an item for a future meeting date. The Board, while in session, may consider other items that are brought before it. Scheduled items may be continued if the Board is unable to complete the Agenda as scheduled.
The next regular Board meeting is tentatively scheduled for July 24, 2017, at the Rio Blanco County Historic Courthouse, 555 Main Street, 3rd Floor, Meeker, Colorado. Please check the County's website for information at: <http://www.rbc.us/departments/commissioners>. If you need special accommodations please call 970-878-9683 in advance of the meeting so that reasonable accommodations may be made.
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**Meeker Urban Renewal Authority
Board of Directors
AGENDA
Tuesday, July 18th, 2017**

MEEKER SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1 MEEKER COWBOYS

Employment Opportunities

- Meeker School District**
- School Bus Driver
 - Barone Middle School
 - Interventional Paraprofessional
 - Meeker High School
 - Volleyball Coach

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LEGAL NOTICES

5:30 P.M. AUTHORITY MEETING
Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call, Approval of Agenda
(Motion)
1.Minutes from July 5th, 2017 Meeting
Public Comments
New Business:
(Motion)
2.Opening of RFQ Responses- Better City Board of Directors Comments
Adjournment
(Motion)
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MEEKER PLANNING COMMISSIONER(S)
The Town of Meeker is seeking letters of interests from qualified individuals for two (2) positions on the Meeker Planning Commission. The positions will be filled by an appointment made by the Board of Trustees for a three year term. Please submit a letter of interest to ATTN: Planning Commission, 345 Market Street, Meeker, Colorado 81641, or drop your letter at our front desk with a Town Staff member. Qualifications for the Planning Commission member position are 1) Registered voter within the Town of Meeker, 2) Eighteen years of age or older, and 3) must have resided in the Town of Meeker for at least twelve consecutive months immediately preceding the date of appointment. For further information, please call Town Hall 878-5344.
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEEKER HOUSING AUTHORITY Board of Directors meets the 3rd Thursday of the month at 9:00 a.m. at The Pines, 875 Water St., Meeker.

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

The Rio Blanco Herald Times accepts all major credit cards. You can fax your classified ad or subscription to (970)878-4016 or email to: debbiew@theheraldtimes.com

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

The Rangely Moms Group gives pregnant women and mothers of newborns through elementary school-aged children time to take a break, join in discussions and crafts, and build relationships with other moms. We meet the first Thursday of each month from September through May, from 9-11 a.m. at First Baptist Church (207 S Sunset). Join us! For more information, call Britt Campos at 801-589-4803.

Alcoholics Anonymous
Mon. 7 p.m., Weds. 7 p.m., Fri. 7 p.m.
St. James Church - enter from back parking lot, meetings are downstairs in Richards Hall, 4th & Park, Meeker 878-4158 • 878-5919 • 878-5636
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MEEKER SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1 MEEKER COWBOYS

School Bus Route/Activity/Substitute Driver

Meeker School District Re-1 is seeking individuals to drive a school bus route and activity trips beginning with the 2017-2018 school year. While it is preferred that applicants hold a current CDL Class B P2S license, the district will train approved applicants in obtaining this license. For job requirements, details and an application, please visit Meeker.k12.co.us or Meeker School District Administration, 555 Garfield St., Meeker, CO.
Review of applications will begin immediately and close when position is filled.
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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

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

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

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If you are being abused physically or mentally, you can call SAFEHOUSE for confidential shelter and help.
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Veterans Service Offices
Rio Blanco County: Veterans Service Officer - Joe Dungan, Wednesday, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., County Administration Building, 200 Main Street Suite 300, Meeker. 878-9690 office, 878-3219 home. Fax 878-9581.
Rangely: Veterans Service Officer - Hoot Gibson, Tuesday and Thursday, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., County Annex, 17497 State Hwy 64, Rangely. 878-9695 office, 675-2669 home.

Membership Drive for Meeker VFW Auxiliary Post 5843
We invite anyone who may be a husband/wife, father/mother, brother/ sister, son/daughter, grandfather/grandmother or grandson/granddaughter of a Veteran of a Foreign War. Based on their service in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force or Coast Guard. We will happily pay your first-year membership or equal value toward a Life Membership. This offer is good until August 31st. Come show your patriotism and make a difference in our community. Contact VFW Post 5843 Auxiliary at 970-878-3758 for more info. 7/13-8/24

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RADINO & CHUCKWAGON
Please call before 8:00a.m. day of meal 878-5627 or 675-8112
Senior Citizen Nutrition Program Meals served at noon. Reservations appreciated. Suggested Donation Over 60 - \$2.50. Under 60 - Guest Fee \$7.
(Did you know? Homebound trays can be ordered for over 60, suggested donation \$2.50 - 12:10 p.m. pickup.)
Friday, 7/14/17, Lasagna, tossed salad, garlic bread, strawberry-rhubarb crisp/topping
Monday, 7/17/17, Chicken fajitas, salsa, pinto beans, tossed salad, fruit
Tuesday, 7/18/17, Tomato soup, tuna sandwich, blueberry cupcake, bean salad, banana
Wednesday, 7/19/17, Meal sites closed. Lunch at Baggs, WY senior center & visit Museum Sign up for rides. ****MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE****
Milk, Tea and Coffee are offered with all meals. Menu subject to change.
Food Bank of the Rockies Mobile Food Pantry, Meeker Fairgrounds, Thursday, July 27, August 24, September 28, October 26, November 30, December 28 11:00-12:30.

NEW EDEN PREGNANCY CARE SERVICES - pregnancy tests, emergency supplies, guidance by trained volunteers, classes on pregnancy and child care, post-abortion support, referrals. Thursdays, 12p-5p, 345 Main Street, Meeker. Email: newedenpcs@gmail.com or (970)878-5117 and Thursdays, 1p-6p, 219 Sunset Avenue, Rangely. Email: newedenrangely@gmail.com or (970) 675-2300. All services are confidential.

AUCTIONS

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Saturday, July 22nd, 10:00 AM
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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- Landfill Scale Attendant
- Relief Dispatcher

RANGELY

- 4-H Youth Coordinator
- Facilities Laborer

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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Cosmetology Instructor: Craig Campus
Nursing Instructor: Craig Campus
Campus Safety and security Coordinator: Rangely Campus
Vice President of Instruction: Both Campus.
Based in Rangely
Recruiter/Admissions Representative: Craig Campus
Equine Studies Instructor: Rangely Campus
NPS Academy Instructor: Rangely Campus
Senior Flight Instructor: Rangely Campus
And a few other positions.
Positions are open until filled.

For more information on these positions, application requirements and complete job description visit: cncc.edu/employment Review of applications will begin immediately. Applications will be accepted until positions are filled. CNCC is an Equal Opportunity Employer. 6/22-7/20

Recreation Coordinator

The ERBM Recreation & Park District is seeking one full-time benefited Recreation Coordinator with an emphasis in athletics. Salary range \$15.87-21.05/hr. Duties include, but are not limited to: assist in select phases of developing, implementing and coordinating recreational programs and special events to include gym supervision, officiating, coaching, working with youth of all ages and adults, recruiting and working with volunteer coaches, developing league schedules, assisting with summer camp, teen trips etc., and other recreational programs. Requirements include, but are not limited to: applicant must be 18 years of age or older, be available to work early morning, evening, split and/or weekend

HELP WANTED: GENERAL

shifts. A completed ERBM Recreation & Park District job application is required for consideration and should be returned to ERBM Recreation & Park District, Attn: Human Resources, 101 Ute Rd, Meeker, CO 81641. Applications are available at the Meeker Recreation Center and online, www.MeekerRecDistrict.com. Complete job description is available upon request and online. Applications will be accepted through Monday, July 24, 2107. ERBM Recreation & Park District is an equal opportunity employer.
7/13-7/20

The ERBM Recreation & Park District is seeking Part-time non-benefitted and benefitted Guest Services Representatives. Salary range \$11.44-19.04/hr. Duties include, but are not limited to: provide high-quality customer service to each patron, perform basic transactions, answer telephones, perform cash handling duties, etc. Requirements include, but are not limited to: applicant must be 16 years of age or older, possess or working towards acquiring a high school diploma or GED, be available to work a variety of shifts, working early morning shifts starting at 4:30 a.m., evening shifts ending at 8:45 p.m., and rotating weekend shifts both Saturday and Sunday open to close. A completed ERBM Recreation & Park District job application is required for consideration and should be returned to ERBM Recreation & Park District, Attn: Human Resources, 101 Ute Rd, Meeker, CO 81641. Applications are available at the Meeker Recreation Center and online, www.MeekerRecDistrict.com. Complete job description is available upon request and online. Applications will be accepted until position(s) is filled. ERBM Recreation & Park District is an equal opportunity employer. 7/13-7/27

Title: Accounts Payable Clerk
Location: Rangely, CO
Job Summary

Position will be responsible for coding and data entry of expenses related to oil & gas properties, and other joint interest related duties
•Vendor relations
•Assist various departments with inquiries
•Perform other administrative tasks in office as needed
Education/Experience Required
•High school diploma or GED equivalent

HELP WANTED: GENERAL

•2+ years of general office experience
•Demonstrated proficiency and experience utilizing MS Office, or comparable software
•Must be eligible to work in the United States indefinitely
Desired Skills/Attributes
•Strong organizational skills
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Job requires a keen attention to detail and being thorough in completing work tasks
Resumes can be sent to rknight@utahgascorp.com or mailed to Utah Gas Corp
1125 Escalante Drive
Rangely Colorado 81648 6/29-7/13

Recreation Supervisor (Athletics)

ERBM Recreation & Park District is seeking one exempt, full-time benefited Recreation Supervisor (Athletics). Salary range \$52,632.21-\$72,369.29/yr. Duties include, but are not limited to: supervision of full-time, part-time, and seasonal staff, scheduling and evaluating staff, developing, planning, organizing, implementation oversight, and evaluating District recreation programs, including: community, child/youth programs, youth athletics, adult athletics and special athletics; recruiting and supervising volunteers; assisting with the development and management of budgets, tracking expenditures and inventory, implementing purchasing procedures, and coordinating with other District departments, other organizations, agencies, and vendors as necessary. Requirements include, but are not limited to: applicant must be 18 years of age or older, possess a high school diploma or GED, possess and maintain a valid Colorado Driver's license, ability to work flexible hours, including early mornings, evenings, split and/or weekend shifts, be on call, as needed, two (2) or more years' experience in related field, and one (1) or more years supervisory experience. A completed ERBM Recreation & Park District job application is required for consideration and should be returned to ERBM Recreation & Park District, Attn: Human Resources, 101 Ute Rd, Meeker, CO 81641. 970-878-3403. Applications are available at the Meeker Recreation Center and on the website, www.meekerrecdistrict.com. Complete job description is available upon request and online. Applications will be accepted through Monday, July 24, 2017. ERBM Recreation & Park District is an equal opportunity employer. 7/13-7/20

HELP WANTED: PART TIME

Part time irrigator needed. 4 wheeler and all supplies provided. Call 970-261-5672 or 970-367-6040

HOMES: MEEKER

FOR SALE 14x70 mobile home on 2 acres, 4 miles west of Meeker, 3 BDR/1BA, cistern, \$70,000. (970)756-0718 or (970) 878-4629. 6/22-7/20

LANDLOTS

FSBO: 22 acre horse property with RV service and new fence. \$85,000 OBO. 4751 County Rd 7. 580-377-9436

LOST AND FOUND

LOST iPhone 5 on 4th of July downtown. If found please contact 951-265-0029 7/13-8/3

MISCELLANEOUS

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

MOTORCADE: MISC.

Trailers, hitches, flatbeds, toolboxes, trailer service and truck accessories. We are a "one stop shop" truck and trailer outfitter. B&W gooseneck hitches \$597 installed. Pine Country Trailer Sales, Grand Junction. 1-800-287-6532.

PERSONALS

Rocky Mountain Hair Benders will be closed July 17th-24th due to a family wedding. Thank you. 7/13

RENTALS: MEEKER

Commercial office space available in Hugus Building, downtown Meeker. 878-4138.

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STORAGE DEPOT 10x25 unit. 878-4808.

CLEAN REMODELED 2BD APARTMENTS, in-house laundry, storage units available, close to shopping and the downtown area & more. \$575 to \$595 per month. Western Exposures Realty LLC (970) 878-5877.

2 BDR/1.5 BA townhouse available July 1st. \$550 + \$550 deposit. NP, NS, single family. 970-620-0917

House for rent. 10 miles from Meeker. \$1500 per month. References and background check required. Call 970-274-6850

AVAILABLE NOW: retail space in the center of Meeker at 6th and Main in the historic Hugus Building. Includes over 5000 square feet and loading dock in the alley. This former general store has Main Street display, windows, an antique ceiling, freight elevator, built-in cupboards and 1910 era show cases. Call 970-878-4138 for details.

2 BDR/1 BA house with washer/dryer and large fenced yard. Owner pays water, sewer, and trash. Non-smokers only. Will consider pets. \$850/mo. Call (970) 620-6167.

4 BDR/2 BA house, 6500 Co Rd 7, 2,500 sq ft, 2 acres, well water, n/s, \$1,200 mo. Available 7/22. Call 209-351-2690 or 209-456-1220.

Yard/Storage Space for rent, HWY 13, County Road 15. Contact Randy 970-433-1448 6/22-7/20

Remodeled home, 3 BDR, 1 BA, Huge FR, large back yard, 2 storage units, \$800/month/neg. \$950 deposit, 1 small pet considered. VIP Investments, 970-625-3992 7/13-7/20

2 BDR/1.5 BA townhouse, 478 Garfield, all utilities paid except electricity. \$500 per month, 1st, last & security deposit. Call 970-270-5548

RENTALS: RANGELY

2 BDR, 1 BA apartment for rent, NS NP. Call 970-778-5040

House: 2 BDR upstairs, 3 rooms downstairs, fenced yard, 1 car garage, central heat/ac. 970-629-3605

Rangely Duplex for Rent 1 or 2 bedroom duplex -Newly remodeled & landscaped. Please contact Rodney 970-462-6538 or Dan 970-462-6858.

3 BDR, 1 BA, 1500 sq.ft., 2 car garage, large fenced back yard, extra storage available. 1 year lease, deposit, references. 970-640-2393

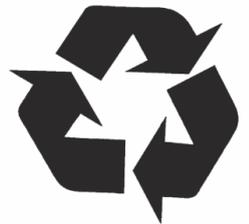
SILVER SAGE RV PARK (970)675-2259
RV Spaces for rent.
Managers: Dana & Debbie Hanvey
(970)675-2259 (970)216-0138

RE RANGELY COMMERCIAL

Warehouse for sale or lease, 3200 sq. ft., w/ 3 offices and bath, large overhead doors. 2600 sq. ft. open space on concrete floor. Plenty of outside parking/storage. Possible house for sale/lease also. Call 970-640-2393 for additional information and terms. 6/8-8/10

YARD SALES

MEEKER: 6500 Co Rd 7, MOVING SALE, 7/13-7/15, Thurs-Sat. Noon-7 PM. Furniture, riding lawn mower, 2 plows, lots of misc. Be there or be square 7/13



REAL ESTATE CORNER

Suzan Pelloni
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Real-Tea Roundtable
1st Monday of the month
7:30 a.m., Wendell's

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- 810 Shaman Tr. - 5BD/3.25BA, Energy Efficient, 10+ Acres\$629,000
- 339 Love Ln. - 4BD/3.5BA, Cathedral Ceilings, 3+ Acres\$445,000
- 1322 Sage Ridge Rd. UNDER CONTRACT!
- 1163 Rd. 53 - Mountain cabin, 4BD, 3BA on 35 acres up Morapos Creek\$429,000
- 585 Cleveland St. - 3,806 SQFT, 3 BD/3.5 BA, private yard\$389,000
- 1751 Brightwater Ln. - 39 Acres, 5,000 SQFT Pole Barn, River Front\$375,000
- 890 3rd St. - 4+BD/1.75BA, Detached Garage, 15,000 SQFT Lot\$285,900
- TBD East Market St. - 7.46 Vacant Acres at the Intersection of HWY 13 & Road 8 ..\$249,000
- 1389 Ridge Rd. UNDER CONTRACT!
- 852 4th St. UNDER CONTRACT!
- 217 County Rd. 75 - 4BD/1BA Vacation Cabin\$197,000
- 1105 & 1107 Market St. - Large Commercial Lot\$149,900
- 1058 Sage Ct. - Completely Remodeled Cottage 1BD, 1BA, Large Lot\$139,000
- Yoleta Lane - East of Craig, 40 Acres\$85,000

BROOKS REALTY
889 Main St., Meeker, Colorado Laurie J. Brooks Owner/Broker
www.brooksrealty.com (970)878-5858

- ◆ 846 6th St. — 3 full lots, large frame built garage with 996 sq. ft. 2 BD/1 BA home. Stucco exterior and recently remodeled. **PRICE REDUCED!** \$143,700.
- ◆ NEW! 1032 Jennifer Dr. — Opportunities are unlimited for this great building with lots of paved parking! Over 4800 sq. ft. of interior space, fenced yard on south side, handicap accessible state of the art fire suppression system. Trees, landscaped and ready for your new business. \$460,000
- ◆ 1057 Sage Ct. — Fresh paint throughout, 3 BD/2 bath home. \$149,500. **UNDER CONTRACT!**
- ◆ White River Ranch Estates on Hwy. 64, Two 35 Acre Parcels — Both parcels have river frontage. Lot 12 has 3 phase electrical. \$225,000. Lot 13 is on South side of river. \$200,000.
- ◆ 345 Cleveland St. — GREAT POTENTIAL! A full City block, over 99,000+ square feet, offering 12 individual lots all being sold as one parcel. \$225,000.
- ◆ 1247 Garfield St. — Cute 3 BD, 1 BA ranch-style home w/ one car garage. \$125,000. **SOLD!**
- ◆ 815 Sulphur Creek Rd. — Great opportunity to own this impeccably kept home! \$208,000. **SOLD!**

Meeker Realty LLC (970) 878-5165
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Cindy Welle, Broker - Owner
Wendy Garrett, Broker Assoc.

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- ◆ NEW LISTING! 375 3rd Street - Cute Ranch style home, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, corner lot with lots of trees \$162,500
- ◆ NEW LISTING! 1135 Michael Circle - Beautiful 2 story home on 11,183 SF site, 3 bedrooms, 2.1 baths, awesome views \$239,500
- ◆ NEW LISTING! 487 Agency Drive - Beautiful home on 5 acres, 3 bdr., 2.5 ba., new carpet & hardwood floors, 30'x60' barn, and more \$449,000
- ◆ 66577 Highway 64 - 14+ acres surrounded by BLM, custom home with good well .. \$350,000
- ◆ PRICE REDUCED! 1036 Park Ave. - Fixer-upper delight, 1 bdr., 1 ba., lots of potential \$69,500
- ◆ SOLD! 1361 Robert St. - quiet location with this 4 bdr., 2 ba. home, 1 car garage ... \$178,000

WESTERN EXPOSURES REALTY, LLC

WANTED: LARGE RANCH!
WE HAVE A CASH BUYER FOR YOU

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RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY
NEW 780 5th St. - Spacious corner lot with 4BD/2BA home. Two separate living spaces, complete with their own kitchens. Live in one, rent the other, or just rent both. **\$158,000**
NEW 880 Main St. - One-and-a-half story, 4BD/2BA home with oversized 9,500 sq ft lot. A small cabin sits just off the alley and is a great rental. **\$155,000**
NEW 264 9th St. - Well-kept mobile home, 2BD/1BA, on its own 5,500 sq ft lot. Fenced back yard with mature trees. **\$43,000**
NEW 1010 Hill St. - This 2BD/1BA, 736 sq ft home on a corner lot is the perfect rental or starter home. An additional 240 sq ft apartment sits behind the home with St. access. **\$139,000**
NEW 873 Market St. - Own Market St. frontage and enjoy this 3BD/1BA, 1,202 sq ft home. A 525 sq ft utility shed sits behind the home with alley access. **\$119,000**
NEW 893 Market St. - This 2BD/1BA, 1,504 sq ft home, on a corner lot, with Market St. frontage has immense potential. Live in the home or rent it out as an income property. **\$127,000**
NEW 524 Hill St. - Delight in this 3BD/2.75BA home with cathedral ceilings, an impressive see-thru fireplace, and a large two car detached garage with heated loft area. **\$260,000 UNDER CONTRACT!**
959 Garfield St. - Wonderfully kept 4BD/2.5BA home, detached garage, workshop and lots of storage. **Price Reduced: \$255,900**
855 5th St. - Wonderful view over town from this 5BD/2BA home. New roof, siding, windows and flooring. **\$200,000**
767 12th St. - Two-story, 2BD/1.5BA Townhouse, well-kept and tastefully remodeled. Great fenced area for children or pets. **\$70,000**

FAST SALE 945 & 975 Cleveland St. - Two older homes, great lot space and potential. **Price Reduced: \$50,000**
RURAL RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY
NEW 73209 Hwy 64 - 11.02 acres in Lions Canyon. This 5BD/2BA home includes a heated shop, multiple outbuildings, a domestic well, full surveillance security, and a large home safe. Great Horse Property. **Price Reduced: \$399,900**
NEW 613 Strawberry Patch Rd. - Country home on 10 acres with a well and shed. Enjoy country living with a short drive into town. This home is not a shor-lot. **\$211,500**
1972 RBC Rd. 36 - Well kept 16+ acres with over 6,500 sq ft in shop space. Hay sheds, spring water, 2,160 sq ft home and cabin. **\$589,000 UNDER CONTRACT!**
1400 Flag Creek Dr. - Stunning 4BD/2.5BA home moments from town. Pole barn, acreage and outstanding views. **Price Reduced: \$459,900**
346 N. Cross L Dr. - Adorable 3BD/2BA stucco home on 3 acres. Only minutes from town, miles of views. **Price Reduced: \$269,900**
RANCH PROPERTY
NEW 281± Acre Ranch - This 281± acre property features a solar-powered well and adjoins BLM on two sides. Perfect for building a dream home or cabin getaway. Enjoy the wildlife, hunting and outdoor recreation this property provides. The possibilities are endless. Dry land grazing. **\$422,000**
NEW 48 Acres Irrigated Hay Meadows with 5.5 shares of Miller Creek Ditch Water Rights. Includes wheel line sprinklers. **\$285,000 UNDER CONTRACT!**
River Ranch on Yampa: 63322 W Hwy. 40 - 128.68 acres with over a mile of Yampa River frontage, senior water rights, partial mineral rights, and a beautiful 5BD/4BA home, plus a 2,160 sq ft metal barn. **Price Reduced** from \$1,250,000 to **\$998,000**
NEW Baker's Peak Vista Ranch: 2113 County Road 70, Craig - 506± acres with 10cfs water rights, gravity flow. Several outbuildings and a domestic well in place. BLM and State land on three sides. Elk, mule deer and pronghorn. **\$1,300,000**
NEW Four Springs Ranch: 60401 US Hwy 40 - 343.98± acres with Yampa River frontage, water rights, and beautiful pastures. Ranch house, barn, equipment shed, numerous buildings and corrals. Great Ranch set-up in the perfect location. **\$1,250,000**

COMMERCIAL PROPERTY
NEW 335 6th St. - Don't miss this chance to own a part of downtown Meeker. This 4,492.63 sq ft multipurpose building is subject to automotive and foot traffic year around. Great location for any business or office. **\$310,000**
NEW 1120 Cleveland St. - Apartment building, six units, 0.51-acre lot in town. Units are 2BD/1BA ea with access to the shared laundry facility. Street and area parking for tenants. **\$299,500**
NEW 1020 Hill St. - Triplex built in 2005. Each unit features: 2BD/1.5BA, kitchen, and laundry hookups. Street and alley parking. Great chance to invest in this income producing property. **\$277,000**
NEW 73544 Hwy. 64 - This 15,840 sq ft building on 2.4 acres is absolutely a bargain. Just 2 miles west of Meeker. **\$150,000. Withdrawn from market.**
NEW 101 E. Market St. - Excellent location in Meeker, Colorado, the Brothers Property offers .43 ± acres, paved parking, 3,985 sq ft of well kept building. Trade fixtures not included, but are negotiable. **\$375,000**
Gravel Pit for Sale - WRC Wet Pit is located about 20 miles west of Meeker, containing approximately 110 acres, water rights, and an estimated 1,500,000 tons of gravel ready for extraction. **\$1,500,000**
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! **\$950,000**

VACANT LAND
NEW 2 lots in Sage Hills - Two beautiful view lots in prestigious Sage Hills. Very motivated sellers. **\$30,000** each or both **\$58,000**
NEW 10 Acre Lot on Strawberry Patch Rd. - Includes storage building and fencing. A clean property in the country with great potential. **\$68,500**
NEW Two 5 Acre Lots on Strawberry Patch Rd. - Ponds, fenced and electricity. **\$56,500** each
37 Vacant Lots - Sanderson Hills Subdivision. Located on the northwest side of the subdivision. **\$29,000** each or **\$25,000** each in packages of 5 lots.
459 Cross L Dr. - 3 acres in Cross L Estates, good building location on corner lot. **Price Reduced: \$69,500**
49 Acre Lot - off Highway 13 at Mile Marker 24. **Price Reduced: \$50,000**
50 Acre Lot - off Highway 13 at Mile Marker 24 with great views for **\$55,000**
2.25 Acres off Hwy. 13, north of Meeker - Nice building location, close to town! **\$45,000**
2 Lots on Silver Sage Rd. - Sage Hills. **\$45,000** for both.

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HOMES IN MEEKER ...

- *NEW 871 10th St. - 4 BR, 2 BA home in north Meeker. Family room, living room, fireplace, garage, shed, deck, views. **\$225,000.**
- *223 Main St. - Full quarter block near downtown. Beautiful 3 BR, 2 BA home. Plus three 1 BR, 1 BA fully equipped rental cabins, big garage, storage sheds, lots of trees and space. **REDUCED! \$349,000.**
- *148 Main St. - 3 BR, 2 BA, 2,076 sq ft single level home with lot, 2 car heated garage. **REDUCED! \$182,000.**
- *112 Main St. - Historic 2 story, 3 BR brick home on large corner lot plus a small cottage for Mom. **REDUCED! \$209,000.**
- *780 11th St. - 3 BR, 2 BA freshly upgraded bi-level home. Fenced back yard, storage shed. **\$199,500.**
- *1134 Park Ave. - 4 BR, 2 BA log home. Remodeled, with several upgrades. Fenced yard, shed. **\$169,000. SALE PENDING!**
- *125 Main St. - Lg corner lot with an impeccable 5 BR, 2.5 BA, 2 story home. Living room, dining room, family room, walk-in closets, large covered back patio, oversized 3 car garage, 2 kennels, beautiful yard. **\$319,000.**
- *990 Main St. - 3BR, 1.5 BA, updated log home w/attached 2 car garage. **\$159,000. SOLD!**
- *1112 Mark Cir. - 4 BR, 3 BA, 2,492 sq ft home. Full basement, garage. **\$186,000. SOLD!**
- *1266 Cleveland - 3BR, 2BA home. Detached garage, A/C, fenced back yard. **\$207,000. SOLD!**

RANCHES — RURAL RESIDENTIAL — HUNTING PROPERTIES...

- *NEW 2610 CR 33- 3 Acres 7 miles west of Meeker. Very private. 4 BR, 3 BA home, basement & views. **\$265,000.**
- *NEW 17501 CR 8- 19 miles upriver, 2.57 acres bordering Oak Ridge Wildlife area public land. Walk out hunting! Never 678 sq ft log cabin, 2 BR, 1 BA. Decks with great river views. Good water well. **\$195,000.**
- *439 Agency Dr. - 6 Acres, 1 mile S of Meeker, beautiful 2 story log home, 4 BR, 3 BA, finished walk-out basement, family room, storage, attached 2 car garage. Horse barn/shop. Awesome views. **\$483,999.**
- *1560 CR 15- 390 acre ranch, 5 miles NE of Meeker. Fenced and cross fenced, well and spring, 1,412 sq ft log home, storage shed, loafing shed. Great pasture. Secluded and private with great views. **\$995,000.**
- *210 CR 75- Pappoose Creek Cabin in Forest Service lease land, log cabin, outhouse. **\$55,000.**
- *6500 CR 7- 2 Acres NW of Meeker. 2,592 sq ft updated home, 4 BR, 2 BA, fireplace, well. **\$265,000. REDUCED!**
- *CR 8- 88 Acres just east of Meeker. Hunting, dry land pasture, development potential. **\$400,000. REDUCED!**
- *29100 CR 8- 12 Acres with River. Updated 3 BR, 2 BA cabin, borders BLM. **\$420,000. SOLD!**

BUSINESS & INVESTMENT ...

- *109 Market St. - 3+ lots on the corner of 1st & Market. Great location next to the Dollar Store **\$250,000. REDUCED!**

RAW LAND AND HOMESITES ...

- *12924 CR 8- 5 Acres with River, great fishing. Vacant land, good building site, 13 miles upriver, awesome views. **\$149,000.**
- *8432 CR 15- 7.5 Acres, 10 miles NE of Meeker. Great home site with a creek flowing through with great fishing, water well, pasture. **\$175,000.**
- *8432 CR 15- 18 Acres, 10 miles NE of Meeker. Great home site with a creek flowing through, great fishing and hunting, good pasture. **\$185,000.**
- *5807 CR 7- Vacant 20 acre parcel, 9 mi. North, on Strawberry Creek. Good home site & views. **\$75,000.**
- *CR 8- 88 Acres just east of Meeker. Hunting, dry land pasture, development potential. **\$400,000. REDUCED!**
- *359 Love Lane- 5 acres, Cross L Estates, Lot 13, great horse property, well. **\$100,000.**
- *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. **\$93,000. REDUCED!**
- *100 Acres - 29 miles east of Meeker, surrounded by Nat'l Forest, covered with Aspens. **\$1,395,000.00.**
- *29063 CR 8- 6.3 Acres, 30 miles upriver, borders BLM, river fishing rights. **\$125,000. SOLD!**

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