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SUNSHINE AND SUMMER TIME ...



Summer is in full swing in Rio Blanco County with cornhole tournaments (above in Meeker and Rangely), farmers markets and exceedingly warm temps of 100 plus degrees. Rain is in the forecast for the next few days, however. We'll see if it makes an appearance or just sends its friends, thunder and lightning.

CAITLIN WALKER/ROXIE FROMANG PHOTOS

MVB annual philanthropic festival changes season, returns to original location

Summer Festival set for Aug. 28

By **NIKI TURNER**
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MEEKER | Mountain Valley Bank's popular "fall festival" will return for the 17th year with a few changes, starting with the season. The festival has always been held the last weekend in September. The timing has put the event — which provides an opportunity for local nonprofit groups to raise funds — at odds with the unpredictability of autumn weather and in conflict with school sports schedules.

"The festival was created and aimed for youth," said Mountain Valley Bank President Tawny Halandras. Groups ranging from 4-H and FFA to the eighth grade Washington, D.C. trip have sold food, drinks, and organized games and activities to raise funds for their programs. Busy sports schedules in September have left students dependent on parent volunteers to manage festival booths. Halandras is hopeful that moving the festival date to the end of August will encourage greater participation by various nonprofits, and more open schedules for students.

The second change this year is a return to the festival's original location: the Mountain Valley Bank parking lot at Fourth

and Main. When the Eastern Rio Blanco Metropolitan Recreation and Park District (ERBM) — a co-sponsor for the event along with White River Electric Association — completed renovations and upgrades at Town Park, the festival became part of the grand opening in 2017. A fast-moving, powerful thunderstorm that toppled booths and drenched attendees cut the event short that year. In 2019, the threat of storms forced organizers to relocate the festival to the 4-H building at the fairgrounds, and in 2020, of course, the festival was canceled due to COVID. Hoping for "better community participation" the festival will return to its downtown roots this year.

As always, every person who attends the Festival will receive \$5 in "Bank Bucks" to spend on various food vendors and game booths. Bring a non-perishable food item for the Meeker Food Pantry to earn extra Bank Bucks. If you run out of bank bucks, cash is always welcome.

After the food and fun and prizes, vendors exchange their Bank Bucks for real money from Mountain Valley Bank to go toward their organization, project or event.

In 2019, about 700 people attended and 21 nonprofit/fundraising groups participated. \$13,800 was raised for local nonprofits, \$4,000 of which was Mountain Valley bank bucks.

ERBM provides the prize booth for winners of booth games and activities, reducing expenses for participating organizations. All nonprofit groups are welcome, and Halandras is looking for a "broader mix" this year of food, games and activities.

Interested parties should contact Halandras at thalandras@bankmvp.com or call 970-878-0103 to register a booth.



The one-of-a-kind seaplane splash-in returns to Kenney Reservoir this Saturday, after a hiatus in 2020. Events begin at 8 a.m.

COURTESY PHOTO

Seaplanes return to Kenney Reservoir July 17 for Splash-In

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RANGELY | Don't miss the annual Seaplane Splash-in at Kenney Reservoir this Saturday. After missing 2020, the seaplanes are returning in 2021. Organizer Ray Hawkins said he expects two or three seaplanes to participate. An aerial bingo contest is expected to draw in land aircraft as well. Tennis balls for the aerial bingo game are \$5 apiece, and all event participants are eligible.

For several years, the Kenney Reservoir Splash-In has served as a way to raise awareness of the prohibition of seaplanes on Colorado state-owned public waterways. This prohibition is mostly due to the concern over the certain aquatic invasive species, most specifically Zebra mussels or Quagga mussels.

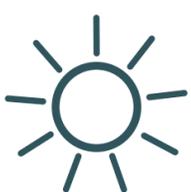
As it stands today, there are only two

lakes in Colorado that allow seaplanes: Kenney Reservoir and Lake Meredith Reservoir (east of Pueblo) which are both privately owned waterways. Colorado Parks and Wildlife will not allow seaplanes on any state park waters due to the potential transmission of invasive species and furthermore, will not allow any organization to even demonstrate a responsible decontamination process.

Hawkins, who is the director of the Colorado Seaplane Initiative, said the impact of COVID on legislative activities kept the group from getting a bill before the legislature in 2021, something he hopes the group can remedy in 2022.

Events get underway at 8 a.m. Saturday, July 17. Alden VandenBrink, manager of the Rio Blanco Water Conservancy District will be this year's honored guest.

More information can be found at www.coseaplanes.org



Saturday: 90s/50s



Sunday: 90s/50s



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COUNTY BEAT



By **NIKI TURNER**
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RBC Commissioners Jeff Rector and Ty Gates participated in several work sessions Tuesday prior to the regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners.

IT Director Trevor Nielsen said they are working on a plan that will allow the county to move some broadband customers currently using the Oak Ridge tower to the Little Beaver tower, relieving stress on the Oak Ridge tower and alleviating access problems in the winter months.

Nielsen also said they were planning to approach the towns to see if some of the federal American Recovery Plan funding — which is earmarked for infrastructure improvements — could be used to fortify the county's broadband system. The Town of Rangely has already indicated a desire to participate.

Callie Hendrickson, representing the White River and Douglas Creek Conservation Districts gave an update on the Districts' activities.

Regarding a recent resolution adopted by the county about removing wild horses from private land, Hendrickson said it will be necessary for landowners to comply with the policies in place through BLM before the county or districts could get involved. BLM has always requested a written request from private landowners

before agreeing to remove wild horses. "I think it's critical that our landowners follow these rules and regulations. Then if BLM does not remove horses it's time for the county and the districts to get involved," Hendrickson said.

Hendrickson said the wild horse situation is dire, as about 75% of wild horse habitat in the Piceance Basin has burned during the last three years.

"It's not pretty," she said. Troy Osborn has prepared a report about conditions in the Piceance Basin, and the Districts are monitoring range conditions and making comparisons where the horses are and where they aren't.

Algae bloom has returned to the White River this year, she said, and they are waiting on the final report from the USGS data collected. Once that report is available, probably by the end of the year, it will go to the Technical Advisory Group (TAG). Further reporting on this issue can be found on PAGE 8.

"I'm anxious to see what the outcome is there," Hendrickson said, adding that it will be important to supply 'ground truthing' verification of the findings of the USGS report to stakeholders.

The Districts have hired two people to help with the integrated water initiative and have established a planning advisory committee.

The conservation districts are planning a bicycle agriculture tour Aug. 7 in Meeker.

"The goal is to visit with people who are not so involved in agriculture" to better explain the role of the conservation districts. The bicycle tour will start at Circle Park at 7:30 a.m., loop around to the Plant Center, then to Flag Creek, and return for a lunch discussion.

Returning after a hiatus will be the Natural Resource Tour on Aug. 30-31. The districts invite legislators, agency representatives, stakeholders and others to tour some aspect of the county's natural resources by bus "to let them see what is happening in Rio Blanco County." The goal for this year's tour will be to highlight the impact of natural resources

July 13 meeting report

on the local economy.

Emergency Manager and Natural Resources Director Eddie Smercina provided a brief weather update and a final report on the Oil Springs Fire. He said the riskiest spot in the county for fire weather right now is in the Rangely area.

The listing of an endangered native plant in Northwest Colorado has required the Raven Ridge transmission line project to "move over a few feet" to protect the plants.

CHANGES AT DHS

Dual-county Department of Human Services Director Tia Murry said former RBC DHS Director Barb Bofinger has turned in her resignation. Murry said she is "thinking outside the box" for how to best handle the change in the department, and is considering expanding the dual-county roles to include a deputy director.

Murry said getting quality workers to come to the area and the low rate of pay for staff are challenges to the department. Having a dual-county deputy director could be a cost-saving measure and provide the possibility of increasing salaries for existing staff.

FACILITIES UPDATE

Facilities Director Eric Jaquez shared bids for the Meeker Airport Outfall Project. TDA Construction in Meeker was the low bidder, but in the bid, did not include the agreement for services, asking to "omit" the audit section in the terms and conditions. Commissioners tabled the decision for a week, asking Steerman to review the agreement.

Jaquez also said he followed through with guidance from the board to see if the USDA/NRCS office locally could assist with engineering on the water line project and said he was told they could, but it's "outside their typical services" and that there would be a delay of a month or more that would impact the project timetable.

In response, Jaquez contacted Chris Hale with Mountain Cross Engineering, who does contract work for the Town of Meeker. Hale provided an estimate of about \$4,000, a savings of about \$7,000 from the original engineering estimate.

REGULAR MEETING

In the regular meeting, Commissioners approved:

- An amendment to the DHS cost share participation in the Wendy's Wonderful Kids program, which they use for adoption placement for children in foster care.
- Approved amendments for both air-

ports to increase federal grant funding along with several other airport-related items.

- Approved the Meeker Lions Club's application to serve alcohol at the Fairgrounds during the KCBS Backyard Cook off on Aug. 6 and renewal of the Meeker Golf Course liquor license.

• Transferred ownership of the Pollard Hill communications tower from 7 Lakes Ranch to Elk Creek Ranch Owners Association.

• Approved Downstream Advisors to provide litigation support to the county in a case with Utah Gas regarding an appeal on assessed personal property value.

• Ratified the release of executive sessions from January with Dave Morlan and Roy Gilbert.

• Approved a change in counsel for the hostile workplace claim investigation from former county attorney Todd Starr to current county attorney Don Steerman.

• Approved engagement with Employers Council to conduct the workplace investigation.

• Approved advertising for a White River Roundup relief cook, a patrol deputy, and a DHS deputy director.

• Approved the 2021 pavement marking project to Stripe-A-Lot for \$101,691. Road and Bridge Director Scott Marsh said the estimates were double what they were anticipating and they will only be striping roads that have been resurfaced this year.

• Agreed to schedule the coordinated elections for the Meeker School District and the Rangely School District for school board seats this year.

COMMISSIONER UPDATES

In commissioner updates, Commissioner Gates said he attended the Oil Springs fire cooperators meeting, met with some members of staff, and was continuing to work on the housing — or lack of housing — issue. He has had some conversations with members of Sen. Hickenlooper and Sen. Bennet's offices, and contacted a development company. Gates also offered "kudos" to Smercina and Public Health Director Alice Harvey for helping members of the BLM firefighting unit work through a COVID outbreak.

Commissioner Rector thanked the community for its support following his wife Rebecca's accident. "We have differences, but when you have an emergency, it's amazing how people throw their differences away," he said. Rebecca is recovering at home.

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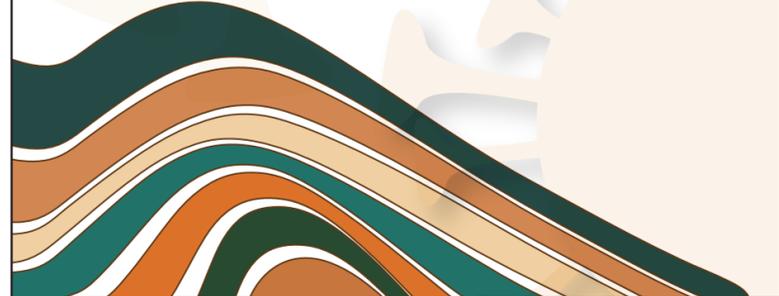
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NEWS NOTES

Library book club Aug. 9

MEEKER | The Meeker Library book club will be reading "Pachinko" by Min Jin Lee. We will discuss the book on Monday, August 9 at 1:00 p.m. at the library. All are welcome to join in the fun.

Dessert auction at Coal Creek School July 25

MEEKER | The quarterly meeting of the Rio Blanco Historical Society will be July 25, 2021, at 2 p.m. Experience the fun of bringing your own picnic lunch for your family to the historic Coal Creek Schoolhouse. Play old-fashioned games, tour the restored Coal Creek School and property, buy a root beer float, and as in days past, enjoy a dessert auction to raise funds for maintenance of this rural school. The meeting is open to everyone. Fee free to bring a dessert to be auctioned off. Call 878-9982 for more information.

Wangnild Memorial Shoot in Rangely

MEEKER | The annual Jon Wangnild Memorial Shoot, which was initiated by the Meeker Sportsman's Club, will be held in Rangely this year. The event is set for Saturday, July 31 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Rangely Elks Trap Range, 1/2 mile south of Rangely on the east side of County Road 23 (Dragon Trail). Learn the fundamentals of shooting shotguns, .22's and archery. Cost is free.

Wolf Open House July 26

MEEKER | Colorado Parks and Wildlife is hosting a Wolf Open House meeting to discuss the wolf plan on Monday, July 26 from 5-8 p.m. in Craig at Moffat County High School. The public is invited to attend.

COOPER, SIMONSEN ON U WYO DEAN'S LIST

MEEKER | The University of Wyoming lists Paula W. Cooper and Natalie E. Simonsen of Meeker on the 2021 spring semester academic Dean's and Dean's Freshman Honor Rolls. The honor rolls consist of regularly enrolled undergraduates above freshman standing who earned a 3.4 or better grade-point average, and freshmen who have earned a 3.25 or better grade-point average. To be eligible, students must have been enrolled for a minimum of 12 credit hours taken for letter grades.

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FIRST BREW ...



Several ingredients (left) will transform into Smoking River Brewery's newest drink. The deceptively simple process requires a huge amount of specialized skill to obtain desired results, and that's the job of head brewer Tyler Frye. (Below) Frye checks sugar concentration with a device called a refractometer. The brewery is set to open in the next few weeks Stay tuned!

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EDITOR'S COLUMN

The duck test



By NIKI TURNER
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Years ago I sat in a leadership meeting where the instructor admonished the group with the following words of advice: "if everyone you encounter says you're a jackass, instead of blaming them and whining about how mean they are, it's probably a good time to take a look in the mirror." (It was a church conference, so I feel OK leaving "jackass" in there.)

That lesson has come back to me with great frequency on a personal and professional level in the last few months.

It goes hand in hand with the old saying, "If it looks like a duck, swims like a duck, and quacks like a duck, then it probably is a duck."

The "duck test" is a form of abductive reasoning that provides a way to identify something or someone based on consistent patterns of behavior.

When we have a lousy day, we might behave badly by lashing out at a store clerk, or being mean to the dog, or yelling at our kids or co-workers. That's a one-off. We all have bad days and we all say things we don't mean and do things we shouldn't do from time to time. That doesn't make us ducks (or jackasses), it makes us human.

When we're on the receiving end of that kind of behavior it's helpful to remember that the person might just be having a terrible day, or they just got bad news, or maybe they aren't feeling well, or they got a letter from the IRS (guaranteed to cause a bad mood).

But when someone consistently mistreats, attacks, bullies, verbally abuses others, and subsequently excuses their bad behavior as "part of their personality" or just "telling it like it is," the probability you've encountered a duck is pretty high.

We all know them — they're the high conflict client, the "Karens" who always demand to speak to the manager because they aren't getting their way (apologies to any Karens out there... you're this generation's Marsha Brady). They're the friend or relative who says whatever they think with no consideration of the impact their words have on the hearers, the constant complainers, the folks with the persecution complex — the fault always lies with someone else, never with them.

If we're smart, we'll watch for the ducks and avoid them, and we won't put them in positions of power or authority in our lives. And at the same time, we'll practice regular self-checks in the mirror to make sure we haven't grown a bill and feathers. Being surrounded by ducks — or jackasses — puts us at risk of ducklike behavior, and no one wants that.

Let the ducks be ducks, but don't engage or give them your energy. They are, after all, just ducks. Let them quack.

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To the subscriber who sent in the letter to the editor this week but didn't want your name attached (and acknowledged it likely wouldn't be published), thank you for sharing your thoughts. We thoroughly enjoyed your perspective. And yes, we're tired, too.



KAYE'S CORNER

Camping: Back to basics

By KAYE SULLIVAN
Special to the Herald Times



Kaye Sullivan

MEEKER I One of the key reasons I have always loved camping is that it takes you back to the basics of life. Required is tolerance for no quick hot water, instant coffee, comfy bed and no dishwasher or disposal. Plus you're usually residing within 30-50 feet of other folks' camp site.

Sweat equity is required every meal: Boil water for tea and coffee, remain patient with longer cook times for anything, hand wash and hand dry every used item, stow all food from bears or insects, carefully make a campfire (if permitted) then enjoy those sticky s'mores.

Our son commented that "amazing how your cleanliness standards go downhill the longer you camp." Yup — transition to every other day showers, so-so cleaned pans, dirty fingernails, and questionable attire. The great part is, after a while, these things don't really matter.

You're only lucky if you get a shower, shave, or hair wash. Even with our tiny trailer and random hookups, water is scarce thus showers are brief in/out minimal hygiene events.

It's a good thing to work for your dinner, ignore television and social media, forget expectations from the home front, and just dwell in each moment without the interference of non-essential stuff.

Camping usually puts you closer to nature and a shorter distance from the sights you want to see. You're not in some motel right by the highway listening to all the traffic.

We were lucky to camp in places that were so quiet, we couldn't hear anyone or anything. At one "dispersed" (meaning random but legal National Forest location) it was so peaceful, I wondered if Big Foot would come and get us and would anyone even know?

No, actually, I trust the great outdoors and quiet more than residing around too many people. I will always believe in the goodness of most people, do not worry about folks stealing our camp gear, and do not fear a lunatic with a gun. Most campers just want peace and quiet, like me.

During our travel adventures, people were for the most part friendly, helpful, and respectful. Especially our campground hosts and the local grocery were hospitable in every way.

On the way home, while trying to make the drive go faster on our 1,200 drive back from the Oregon coast, my husband and I discussed, "What did you miss?" After a month on the road, our answers were minimal.

Yes, luxuries like long really hot showers, dishwasher, and instant web access have been missed along with garden, art studio, piano, and friends. We looked forward to every-day life aspects of stability and predictability. And yes, more space! After a month of 20-foot trailer accommodations, teeny refrig, and tight storage, we were ready for our own kitchen, hot showers, comfy chairs, and personal backyard.

To you tent campers and backpackers, I fully realize you accept Mother Nature even more and endure hardships we didn't face in our travel trailer. My hat is off to all of you.

Camping is humbling and tests our ability to live alongside the simple and peaceful life. We can do it and will return again and again.

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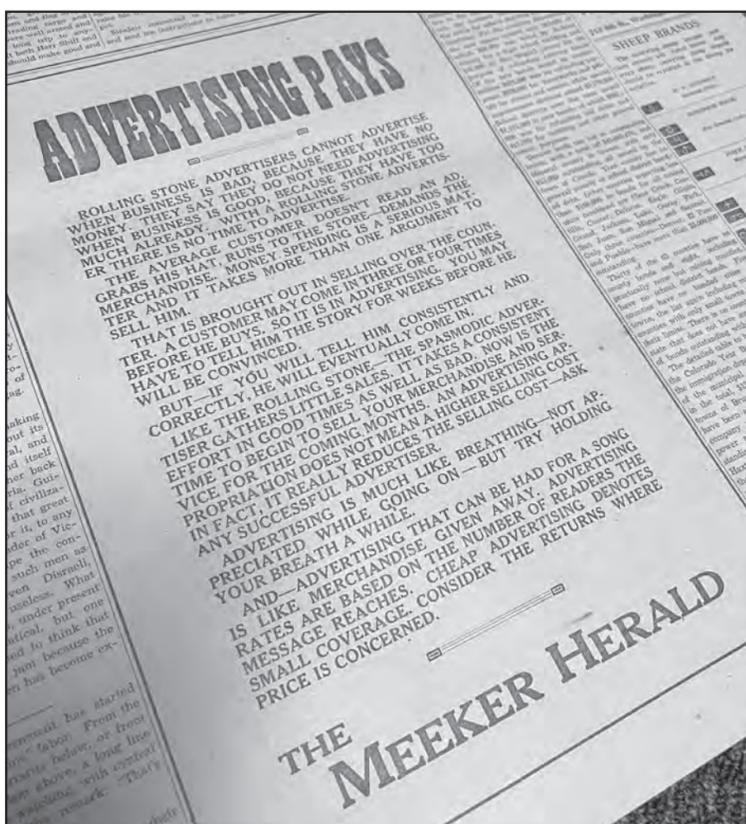
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LOOSE ENDS

No "normal"

By DOLLY VISCARDI
Special to the Herald Times



Dolly Viscardi

MEEKER I Range Call is done for the year. Its success should be seen as a positive indication that Meeker is on the way to a somewhat regular routine. The Delta variant of COVID-19 had already surfaced here before the event was held and more outbreaks are predicted for the near future. One might think that our eagerness to get back to normal would leave room for the accommodations needed to keep everyone safe.

The first thing we all need to do is stop pining for the past and change our vocabulary. Get rid of the word normal, in the case of maintaining public health. Do not fall for the latest suggestion which is to simply put the word new in front of it.

I wish I had some good suggestions, as I hate it when I hear someone say we are almost back to normal or another person tells me to think of the way we are changing public events as the new normal. When they insert the two words, get back, I stop listening.

Using a verb in front of the word normal, such as "we need to get back to normal" makes it seem so easy to move forward. Unfortunately, this encourages community complacency. It seems as if some residents tend to fall back into the old way of doing things. Moving forward to find new ways to solve such problems as a pandemic outbreak, in the near future, is essential. Yet, it seems that enough of us understand what we may be facing in these days.

Each new step taken towards opening our community fully must be supported by all of us. The most organized among us are able to look at these changes differently. They are of the "one and done" school of task completion. When the Meeker Classic starts in September, we will have stopped worrying about the looming "what if..." questions and do what we have always done. We will be "back to business."

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Donations make 2021 Galapagos trip possible

Dear Editor:

Hello Meeker, through your generous donations, the Meeker International Ecology Program is heading to the Galapagos Islands, finally! When you read this, we will already be thoroughly engaged in learning on the Islands. Our first stop will be the Santa Cruz Highlands where we will become more familiar with research methodology by gathering data on giant tortoises while camping out in the wilds of the Pajaro Brujo Reserve. Our understanding of ecological processes will be challenged while assisting park rangers with invasive species control and the removal of the invading Giant African Snails. Escargot anyone?!

We will then head to Puerto Ayora to learn about marine life, practice our snorkeling skills, and investigate sea turtles and nesting birds. Microplastics research and green sea turtle nest protection will also be an important part of the program. This will be followed by a cultural exchange with local high school students who are also active in conservation on their Islands. Becoming friends with Galapagos locals might actually end up being one of the most rewarding days of the program.

Our next experience will be an exciting time at the Charles Darwin research station where we will learn about their tortoise breeding program. Isabela Island will be our last stop. Endemic species such as Darwin's finches can be found there along with penguins and iguanas. We will be doing comparative studies on divergent evolution and speciation during this portion of our trip. The hope is to see some white tipped sharks while snorkeling at the Tintoreras Islets and keeping an eye out for nesting blue footed boobies and the Galapagos Penguin! Strolling along 'Love Beach' that evening should be interesting as iguanas often frequent the area looking for a mate.

Walking through mangrove forests and snorkeling with playful sea lions is not the normal day to day activity of a typical Meeker teenager. This is a life-changing trip for six Meeker kids, and the two chaperones as well! Two other U.S. students will also be with us. We will return home after 10 days without any outside contact with the rest of the world. The students will not have access to their cell phones the entire time, allowing them to be fully immersed in the experience.

This trip would not be possible without the generous donations from so many of you. Thank you so much! Upon our return, we will plan to share our experiences with the community through a presentation that will be

open to anyone that would like to hear about our trip. Please plan to put that on your calendars in the near future.

Again, we are so grateful for all of our generous benefactors and we will see you when we return to our beautiful White River valley with renewed appreciation for what it offers to our lives every single day.

Sincerely,

Ann Franklin, Ron Spencer, Jose Garcia, Hadley Franklin, Alana Nielsen, Aspen Merrifield, Gabriel Richardson, and John Hampton Hightower

Borchard AAA rating for double knee replacement

Dear Editor:

I had a double knee replacement. Thanks to Dr. Borchard and Pioneers Hospital and all of the staff from start to finish. They are the best. AAA rating all around.

Thanks,
John S. Johnson
Mesa, Colorado

WINNERS, WINNERS ...



SOPHIA GOEDERT/CAITLIN WALKER PHOTOS

This year, competition for best Fourth of July parade float was particularly steep, with more entries than ever before. Here are the 2021 winners: Best of Show-White's Construction (top left), Most Creative-Gianinetti's (bottom left), Judges Choice-Meeker Drumline (top right), People's Choice-Jeeps of Meeker (center right), Best Car-White River Museum's 1940 Buick. Congratulations to this year's winners.

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The Fourth Commandment: The Law Concerning Time (5)

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



Dr. J.D. Watson

APPLYING Hebrews 10:25, we last time considered four of seven reasons for faithful church attendance.

Fifth, to encourage your pastor. I honestly hesitate to include this point, but I would like to share from my heart that there are few things that discourage and grieve a pastor more than seeing Christians who are sporadic in their attendance. Scripture calls him a shepherd, a very important label. Just like a literal shepherd, he wonders where in the world his sheep are when they are absent from the fold. He is concerned because those sheep need nourishment but have wandered from the rich pasture where the food is waiting. He is concerned because there are predators just waiting for such a moment to pick off a wandering sheep that is completely oblivious to the danger. The biblical pastor spends the majority of his time in the Word of God so he can feed those sheep. So when they are not there to hear what God has laid on his heart, it grieves him. Now, let me make it clear, you do not go to church for your pastor. He is just the *under-shepherd*. Rather, you go because you love the *Shepherd*.

Sixth, to encourage other members of the body. Many feel they can worship God by being out in nature or by viewing a church service on television or streaming it on the Internet, which instead of being a *supplement* turns into a *substitute*. But what of other believers? What about the other Christian soldiers in our company? Just as literal soldiers depend upon one another, so do we. We encourage each other in spiritual combat. We love, encourage, and protect each other. Those who just shrug this off by not "showing up" discourage the others that do.

Another powerful analogy appears in 1 Corinthians 12:12-23, which is critical in understanding the Church and we as members of it (please read it). Do you see the importance of

each member? Do you consider yourself one? Just as every member of the physical body is committed to the whole, are you truly committed to a body of believers? Are you supporting that body? Are you faithful to it? Are you ministering to it? Are you in agreement with its doctrine? Are you submitted to and supportive of the leadership? Conversely, when individual members neglect the body in one of those ways, it obviously negatively affects the whole body. "Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do" (1 Thess. 5:11). Those believers were comforting and edifying one another. Should we not do the same?

Seventh and finally, to be a testimony to others. I again have been grieved when I have seen Christians forsake their responsibility of church attendance in such a way that unbelievers see it. I have seen many other things take precedence even though unbelievers knew the Christians involved missed church to be there. What message does that send? How is this a testimony of our commitment and love for Christ? Does that not possibly prompt the unbeliever to think, "Well, I guess their Christianity is not that important after all"? Is our faith and spiritual life important only when it is convenient and does not interfere with our schedule? Is our church life just a satellite that revolves around everything else, or is it rather at the center of our life with everything else revolving around it? What is really at the core of our "universe"?

So, as The Mosaic Law commanded the Jews to keep the Sabbath day holy, do we Christians keep the Lord's Day holy? Is it our practice, our pledge, our passion, and our priority?

We hope you will visit our website (www.TheScriptureAlone.com), where you will find many resources for Christian growth, including messages in MP3 media files. You are also invited to worship with us at Grace Bible Church (on the corner of 3rd and Garfield) at 10:30 A.M. each Lord's Day, where the ministry is: "continu[ing] steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers" (Acts 2:42).

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OBITUARIES

Kenneth V. Dull

July 1, 2021

Kenneth V. Dull of Security, Colorado, departed from this life to his home in Heaven July 1, 2021, after a brief illness. Ken was the firstborn son of Vernon and Audrey Dull. He attended Meeker public schools, graduating in 1957. From 1961-1964 he served in the United States Marine Corp. The training he received in the military prepared him for a 45-year career in militarized electronic systems. He began working on high-speed tape recorders that soon eventuated into complex computer systems. Ken took on the new challenges without hesitation and became adept in his troubleshooting skills in the new technology. He retired in 2010, on his 70th birthday after 45 years of service to his company(s) and Country.

Ken trusted the Lord Jesus Christ as his Savior when he was 8 years old. From then on, he was an active member of a church wherever he lived, loving the Word of God and God's people. He was nicknamed "the Bible man" because he always had a Bible in his pocket and a verse to share when asked his thoughts on the issues of life. Ken was a loyal, conscientious, patient, faithful, gentle man. People have

always responded to his kind, friendly eyes and warm smile.

Ken and Joyce moved to the Colorado Springs area in 2017 where Ken acquired a new hobby of power walking. He was well known and liked on the trails of Fountain Creek Regional Park where he smiled as he hurried by to reach his daily goal.

Ken is preceded in death by his mother, Audrey Dull; his father, Vernon Dull; his brother, Myron Dull; his son, K. Michael Dull. He is survived by his beloved wife of 48 years, Joyce Dull; his sister, Myrna J. Rauch of Lewistown, Montana; his granddaughter LieAnna Watkins; a great granddaughter Kalila Watkins; nephews and nieces in California, Colorado, Montana, and Wisconsin.

A public service is pending. Interment will be at Pike's Peak National Cemetery in Colorado Springs, also pending.



Ken Dull

Mary Ann Fuller

March 13, 1932 ~ April 9, 2021

Mary Ann Fuller passed away on April 9, 2021, at the age of 89. Mary Ann was born on March 13, 1932, to Gertie E. Cary and Sam T. Cary in Milner, Colorado. Mary Ann married Joseph (Joe) Fuller on Nov. 16, 1952, in Steamboat Springs, Colorado.

Mary Ann enjoyed her yard, quilting, painting, hiking, and volunteering at the Colorado Welcome Center, all the trips that they took, her church family, and 19 years driving a school bus.

Mary Ann is survived by her husband Joe Fuller, children: Kenneth (Sandy) Fuller, Betty (Peter) Urie, Cindy Booker, Diane (John) Laporte, nine grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren, and sister Betty Kemry and many nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her mother

and father, four brothers and two sisters

Memorial services for Mary Ann Fuller will be held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, July 20, 2021, at the Rangely Christian Church (501 Darius Ave., Rangely Colorado). In lieu of flowers please consider donating to the Lymphedema Society or Cancer Foundation in Mary's name. Online condolences may be shared at www.AshleyValleyFuneralHome.com.



Mary Ann Fuller

James Patrick Sheridan

Sept. 14, 1942 ~ July 8, 2021

James Patrick Sheridan (Pat) (JP), 78, died peacefully in his sleep in Las Vegas, Nevada, after a brave fight with kidney and heart disease. Patrick was the third of seven children born to Jim and Pauline Sheridan. Pat attended the Meeker public school system, graduating from Meeker High School in 1960. Patrick excelled academically and athletically. He was Meeker's first state champion wrestler. Patrick was also known as one of Meeker's finest running backs; he was fast, elusive and fiercely competitive.

Patrick joined the U.S. Marine Corps in 1961. He served on the USS Ticonderoga on the contiguous waters of Vietnam. He was honorably discharged as a Corporal E-4 three years later.

Patrick received a Bachelor of Arts in business education and a Master of Arts in vocational rehabilitation counseling from the University of Northern Colorado. He later attended New Mexico Highlands University in Las Vegas to further his education.

He spent the bulk of his professional career in the vocational educational field. His many and varied jobs included job development and placement specialist at the University of Southern Colorado, vocational rehabilitating counselor at the United States Department Of Veterans Affairs and the coordinator of special education at the Gallup-McKinley County Schools. He spent four years in Saudi Arabia as a professional development advisor for the Arabian American Oil Company. He worked with the company's loss prevention program and coordinated training and continuing education programs.

Of his many accomplishments, Pat was probably most proud of the fact that he spent the last half of his life completely free of alcohol. He didn't know a stranger and his focus was always on the person with whom he was talking. This trait instilled pride and confidence in his children.

Patrick married Nellie Money on June 11, 1989. They were later divorced. They had two beautiful children, Aaron Xavier and Janee Diane. Janee, and Patrick's long-time love and companion, Elsa, were Patrick's caretakers until the end of his life.

In addition to his children, three grandchildren Aaraya, Xavier and Noir and companion Elsa Swaby, he is survived by five living siblings: Ann Turner, Mark (Gretta) Sheridan, Paul (Shannon) Sheridan, Mary (Dennis) Simpson and Luke (Brian) Sheridan. He was preceded in death by his brother Phil and his wife Joan; brother-in-law Bill Turner; nephews Casey T. Turner and Angelo Theos; and his parents, Jim and Pauline Sheridan. Patrick has multiple nieces and nephews who will miss him dearly. Don Findley (Rooster) was a friend until the end.

Patrick's body was donated to science. He asked that there be no services. His ashes will be interred at the Southern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Boulder City, Nevada, or beside his mother in Meeker.



James Patrick Sullivan

RBC, BLM land return to Stage 1 fire restrictions

Special to the Herald Times

RBC | Rio Blanco County and BLM land returned to Stage 1 fire restrictions on Wednesday, July 14. White River National Forest was already in Stage 1.

PROHIBITIONS:

1. Building, maintaining, attending, or using a fire, campfire, or stove fire. 36 CFR 261.52 (a) This includes charcoal barbecues and grills EXCEPT: Building, maintaining, attending or using a fire in constructed, permanent fire pits or fire grates within developed recreation sites and the use of portable stoves, lanterns using gas, jellied petroleum, pressurized liquid fuel or a fully enclosed (shepherd type) stove with a 1/4" spark arrester type screen is permitted.

2. Smoking, except in an enclosed vehicle or building, a developed recreation site, or while stopped in an area at least three feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable material. 36 CFR 261(b).

3. Operating a chainsaw without a USDA or SAE approved spark arrester properly installed and in effective working order, a chemical pressurized fire extin-

guisher kept with the operator, and one round point shovel with an overall length of at least 35 inches readily available for use. 36 CFR 261.52(h).

4. Welding or operating acetylene or other torch with open flame except in cleared areas of at least 10 feet in diameter and in possession of a chemical pressurized fire extinguisher. 36 CFR 261.52(i) 5. Using an explosive. 36 CFR 261.52 (b)

EXEMPTIONS:

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2. Any federal, state or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty is exempt from Prohibitions #1, #3, #4 and #5.

21 new cases of COVID-19

Special to the Herald Times

RBC | For the week of July 5-11, there have been 21 new reported cases of COVID-19 with no new hospital admissions. According to Public Health, there is community spread of the Delta variant. Updated data analysis of the variant shows 8-10% of cases require emergency medical treatment.

Just over 2,000 Rio Blanco County residents have received at least one dose of vaccine as of July 13, 2021, for a percentage of 37.2%. Of those 2,000, there have been four breakthrough cases in fully vaccinated individuals. Those four reported mild to moderate symptoms.

COVID-19 Vaccine clinics are now WALK IN in Rio Blanco County.

In Meeker:

Fairfield Center (200 Main St) Walk-In:

• Moderna (18 and up): Thursdays 12 p.m.-5:30 p.m.

• Pfizer (12 and up): Fridays 2 p.m.-4 p.m.

Please call 970-878-9520 with questions.

In Rangely:

Public Health Walk-In (101 E Main across from the library):

• Moderna (18 and up): Thursdays 3 p.m.-5:30 p.m.

• Pfizer (12 and up): By appointment only Call 970-878-9525 with questions or to schedule Pfizer dose

*Pioneers Medical Center is currently offering walk-in clinics for Johnson and Johnson and Moderna vaccine:

Tuesdays and Thursdays

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Community theater returns to Meeker

Something Rotten! features minstrels, musicals and the 'provocative parading of eggs'

By **CAITLIN WALKER**
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Meeker Arts and Cultural Council (MACC) officially turns 10 this year, and the organization is celebrating in a big way with the return of community theater. The organization, founded by Laurie and Gary Zellers and other interested citizens in early 2011, has produced a number of plays over the years, often in concert with Meeker School District drama programs and support from other entities like the ERBM Recreation and Park District. It's been quite some time, however, since Meeker's adult citizens have had the opportunity to "break a leg."

This year, the MACC board obtained funding through various mechanisms, including a Fairfield grant, to put on "Something Rotten! A Very New Musical."

According to mtishows.com, the play is described as an "outrageous, crowd-pleasing musical farce" and "the funniest musical comedy in at least 400 years." The play is set in Renaissance times and features brothers Nick and Nigel Bottom, who are desperate to write a hit but must break out from the shadow cast by a rock star version of Shakespeare, also known as "The Bard." Nick turns to a soothsayer, who foretells the future of theater-musicals. The brothers work together to create a hit, with several hilarious stumbles along the way, as they learn that "reaching the top means being true to thine own self, and all that jazz."

Spearheading the effort to tell this award-winning story are two familiar Meeker faces – Shana Holliday and Janelle Borchard. Both have been performing since childhood and are heavily involved in Meeker's theater scene, but Something Rotten! will be their first performance in several years.

For Holliday, her father's career as a professor and theater music director at a Minnesota college was her introduction to the world of theater. "My dad was also my rock star. I followed him around like a puppy and wanted to do what he was doing. I saw him affecting people in such a positive way."

Holliday obtained a theater degree with a music minor from the College of Saint Benedict, but after school, she didn't do much with theater until she returned to Meeker for a second time in 2009, with husband Matt and daughters Mason and Ruby (the family also lived in Meeker from 2001 to 2006.) After working in hospitality for a time, she obtained a master's degree in education and was a kindergarten teacher in Meeker before taking on her current job — Meeker Elementary School music and art teacher — in 2013.

When Holliday signed her daughters up for ERBM's Center Stage Youth Theatrical Group performance of Annie, Jr. in 2010, "they got bit by the [theater] bug hard." The family has worked together on various productions ever since. In Something Rotten! Mason (a 2021 Meeker High School alumnae) plays the role of a Puritan named Portia, and Ruby (who will be a junior this fall at Meeker High School) will play various characters. You've probably heard Shana and Matt sing at various venues around town, but they'll be both singing and acting in Something Rotten! as Bea and Nick Bottom. Shana is also directing the production.

Borchard is also returning to the stage after a long hiatus. Originally from Sarasota, Florida, Borchard has been doing theater since she was a child, beginning with elementary school productions. "I have loved performing since I knew there was an audience," she told the HT. When Borchard was in fourth grade, her mother answered a newspaper ad for open auditions for the PBS TV show "The Huggabug Club." Out of 200 kids, Borchard was one of five selected to travel through southeast Florida and do live shows. She also acted in several commercials during that time. In high school, she primarily focused on dance, but was also very active in the theater department.

She "married Meeker," she says, when she wed Kristofer Borchard in 2012. They lived in Grand Junction for a few years and then relocated to the Denver area, where Borchard completed her nursing degree. After starting a family (which now includes three kids—Fell, age 7, Skadi, who is 5, and Sol, age 3), they decided they didn't want to raise their children in the city and returned to Meeker in 2016. Janelle has worked for Pioneers Medical Center as the Chronic Care Coordinator and recently took a job with Western Healthcare Alliance as the Regional Care Coordinator. Borchard will play a rock-star version of Shakespeare in Something Rotten!

Holliday approached Borchard in 2018 for help with the productions of "Mary Poppins" and "Pippin."

"I was like, who are you? And what do you want from me?" Borchard said, laughing, but she agreed to help out. A "strong, lifelong" friendship has grown from their mutual involvement in theater.

Holliday and Borchard both tout numerous benefits of participating in the arts, which is made possible by strong support from the Meeker School District board, Meeker Education Foundation, MACC, the rec district and other community entities and members.

Those benefits include a boost in confidence, a chance to get out of your comfort zone and take risks

and skill-building that helps with other areas of life.

"We had one student who was terrified to give a speech in class, and that's gone," Holliday said. "She's absolutely one of our strongest people and has become someone who is not afraid to share her opinions, and it's really grounded her."

The theater also provides a positive, safe environment where kids can be themselves, and even bridges divides across students who had nothing in common prior to coming to the stage. This may be the most magical "side effect" of all, as Holliday and Borchard have witnessed relationships blossom that otherwise might not have been possible.

"You are portraying emotion and real life events in this room, and it brings you together on more than a surface level," Borchard said. "Every cast becomes a family," Holliday added.

Of course, theater isn't just about acting. Kids (and adults) who don't necessarily want to be on stage can help with lighting, technical design, costumes, props and more.

Holliday and Borchard are experiencing many of the same benefits they've seen with the drama kids. Being involved in theater "has given me my identity back in a lot of ways," Holliday told the HT. "I'm not just 'Mason and Ruby's mom.' I'm a person of my own." It's a sentiment most moms, including Borchard, wholeheartedly agreed with. "It's not for my kids, it's not for my marriage, it's not for my job. This is for me," Borchard said. "It's magic, what happens in here. It fills your cup."

The only downside Holliday and Borchard can think of is the disappointment that comes with seeing empty seats. "The kids work so hard ... they're putting everything out there on the line. So we could have better audiences. I would love to see people come support these kids in this endeavor, like they do in other things," Holliday said, continuing, "it's just as much work, it's just a different kind of show. And it's so entertaining."

As for spearheading a production for grownups: "We've talked about the fact that this needs to happen and people have been approaching us for years, so we're super

pleased," they agreed. Something Rotten! includes a cast of more than 20 community members, including a blend of oldtimers and newcomers to town, all with a wide range of skill levels and performance experience. "The theater is open to everyone," Borchard said.

Of course, if all this isn't enough to convince you of the benefits of community theater, the productions are always "highly entertaining."

"People always say there's nothing to do here .. well, here you go," Holliday said with a laugh.



CAITLIN WALKER PHOTO
Shana Holliday (left) and Janelle Borchard are part of a team bringing Broadway production Something Rotten! to the Meeker stage. The comedy show is set for the last weekend in July.

Watch Holliday, Borchard and the rest of the cast in *Something Rotten! A Very New Musical* at the Meeker High School auditorium, 550 School St., on Thursday, July 29 at 6:30 p.m., Friday, July 30 at 6:30 p.m. and Saturday, July 31 at 2 p.m.

Tickets are \$7 and you can get them at the door or order them online in advance; scan the QR code below or visit <https://www.showtix4u.com/event-details/53364>

The *Herald Times* will livestream Friday's performance for those who cannot attend in person. For tickets, scan the QR code below or visit <https://www.theheraldtimes.com/something-rotten-livestream-tickets/rio-blanco-county/>

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CAITLIN WALKER PHOTO
A "lifelong friendship" has grown from the pair's involvement in theater.



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COURTESY PHOTO

Green gunk coats the bottom of the White River in this July 2021 photo taken near Buford. No official cause for the algae bloom has been determined yet.

The algae is back, underlying cause a mystery

By **LUCAS TURNER**
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RBC | Seven years since the first major algae bloom affected the White River, much is still unknown about what exactly causes the blooms, and by extension, how they can be remediated/mitigated in the future.

The earliest report of significant algae blooms in the river, noted in the *HT* was in August 2014, when Town of Rangely Trustees discussed filters clogged with algae due to excess algae in the river during July of that same year. Rio Blanco Water Conservancy District Manager Alden Vanden Brink described how the summer 2014 bloom was affecting all parts of the river, stating “Something happened overnight that wasn’t there in 2013 that was there in 2014.”

Since then, infestations of green filamentous algae have come and gone, thriving in the “prime conditions” of severe drought, high temperatures, and peak flows occurring earlier and earlier every year—all of which set the stage for increased algae growth. These facts about the climate, however, are part of a multi-decade trend that extends well beyond 2014, leading many to question, if not climate alone, what else might be causing the algae blooms?

POTENTIAL CAUSES

Based on information from other areas of the state/country with similar algae overgrowth issues, examinations of “research literature,” and a local Colorado Parks and Wildlife study in 2016, multiple potential causes for algae growth in the White River had been identified by the summer of 2017:

Increased nutrients in the river (particularly nitrogen and phosphorus) caused by:

- soil erosion and/or disruption along the riverbank
- removal of natural riparian vegetation
- buildings and septic systems placed too close to streams,
- poorly constructed/maintained septic systems
- a “large amount” of new septic systems
- application of fertilizer too close to streams) or at the wrong time of year)
- Fish feeding byproduct (nitrogen and phosphorus) entering the river

Other potential/related factors have been:

- Aerial insecticide spraying (possibly leading to a significant reduction in macroinvertebrates that would feed on the algae)
- Changes to river hydrology/streamflow including dredging that affect the natural channel
- Ponds that “heat water and grow algae” then drain into the river

Despite an abundance of community meetings, tedious data collection/analysis from various groups, and much in the way of speculation about the cause of algae blooms in

the river, a “smoking gun” has yet to be identified. As it stands, RBC residents will likely not get that level of certainty anytime soon.

Observation and analysis from a diverse array of sources since 2014 have widely agreed that algae blooms are likely a result of multiple compounding factors. In 2017, Colorado Parks and Wildlife water quality specialist Mindi May said, “There’s lots of little sources spread all around. If everybody can do a little bit, maybe we can get it under control.”

DIFFERING APPROACHES

General agreement aside, the issue has had its own share of controversy. Since 2014, White River stakeholders have disagreed on plenty, be they environmental experts, state agencies, advocacy groups, landowners or elected officials.

Those involved with the process have debated subjects like:

- which factors could play the most significant role in algae growth
- where (and how) to focus investigative resources
- study methodology, timeline, scope, etc..
- enforcement/remediation of any identified man-made algae “sources”

Most disagreements thus far have stemmed from what to do, and how to deal with/prevent algae in the short and long term. On one side there were people who wanted to take deliberate action to remediate/restore river health as soon as possible. Some examples include individuals more closely associated with the White River Alliance, which was formed in 2018 to increase citizen awareness and involvement on river issues. Alliance members have described their intentions relating to algae blooms as “a community based approach in moving forward and promoting improved management practices.”

Alternatively, others praised White River Conservation District’s approach (WRCD) of waiting to take action on algae remediation until more information was available, emphasizing that more data/analysis from a then-proposed USGS study (now ongoing) would be needed before taking any action.

In a March 31, 2018 Letter to the Editor titled “River recovery needs to begin sooner, rather than later” White River Alliance member Dr. Bob Dorsett criticized the idea that “we don’t know enough” about conditions in the White River to begin remediation work, stating “It is true that we have not yet identified all the particular sources of excess nutrients causing the algae bloom, and careful investigation by USGS is warranted. But we already know plenty, and it is past time to start fixing the problem.” Dr. Dorsett’s letter also lists potential remediation efforts including removal/modification of ponds along the river, restoring river bank vegetation, removing barriers from the river to “restore the normal channel,” and stopping fish feeding.

USGS STUDY

During a White River Conservation District (WRCD) Algae Technical Advisory Group (TAG) meeting in March of 2018, 14 agency representatives approved a three-year study to collect scientific data about what’s been causing algae blooms. Hendrickson assured the group that the scope of work being recommended would address “all the possible causes for the algae bloom that have been suggested to date.” In this week’s commissioner meeting, Hendrickson told commissioners they are waiting on the final report. Once that report is available, probably by the end of the year, it will go to the Technical Advisory Group (TAG). Hendrickson stated it will be important to supply “ground truthing” verification of the findings of the USGS report to stakeholders.

Upriver landowner and businessman Leonard Thompson asked the tech committee during the same meeting what they were going to do about any particular problem the research might identify. Committee member Alden VandenBrink, Rio Blanco Water Conservancy District manager, quickly answered that their mission was not to pursue any enforcement or regulations, that they’d hand all that off to the county commissioners.

The study has been funded in part by local, state and federal government entities including water conservation districts, the Rob and Melani Walton Foundation, Trout Unlimited, and additional grants/stakeholders. WRCD executive director Callie Hendrickson has been in charge of facilitation and oversight of the study on behalf of the county, through a contractual agreement with USGS.

In January of this year, USGS biologist Natalie Day shared some preliminary findings from the study, including information about what algae species were present during the 2018 bloom, some nutrient measurements, shear stress statistics, and streamflows. Her presentation coincided with analysis of stream temperature data by Brian Hodges of Trout Unlimited and analysis of macroinvertebrate populations on the river by Jennifer Lynch of GEI consultants. You can read that story at <https://www.theheraldtimes.com/white-river-algae-tag-group-reviews-data-rio-blanco-county/>

More information on the subjects mentioned in this story can be found at whiterivercd.com, whiteriveralliance.net, and theheraldtimes.com/?s=algae

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In future coverage of White River algae blooms, we’ll explore the impacts of algae on the environment and economy, look into changes/developments on the river, explore research/study findings with experts and more.

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Girls wrestling clinic held on south bank of the White River

By **BOBBY GUTIERREZ**
Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER | Colorado girls wrestling pioneers Cody Pfau and Lauryn Bruggink-Edmonds, attended the Meeker Community Wrestling Club fundraiser barbecue at the historic Green Cabins last Friday, then presented “Wrestling on the White” — an all-girls wrestling clinic — Saturday morning.

Pfau wrestled for Meeker High School her freshman year and then finished high school in Grand Valley. She went on to become a 13-time national champion — including an undefeated senior college season, a five-time world team member, and she placed fifth in the world, twice. Pfau earned a biology degree and currently lives in Denver.

Bruggink-Edmonds wrestled her high school career for the Soroco Rams in Oak Creek, then attended Wayland Baptist University where she was two-time ASIC National All-American and a three-time Academic all-American at WBU. Bruggink-Edmonds earned a degree in physical therapy and is a physical therapist, as well as an accomplished baker. She is married and lives with her husband in North Carolina, where he is stationed in the United States Army.

Both clinicians were excited to help promote the great sport of wrestling, especially girls wrestling, which became an official Colorado High School Activities Association sanctioned sport last year in Colorado and is the fastest growing high school sport in the United States of America.

The two clinicians were joined by strength and conditioning expert Daniel Linsacum, who spoke to those attending the barbecue, as did Pfau and Bruggink-Edmonds. Linsacum owns and operates Linsacum Training Institute (LTI) in Grand Junction and led warmups Saturday before the clinic.

Dr. Justin Grant was on call and supportive of the effort. Dr. Grant is a former wrestler (four-time state finalist, two-time state champ and NCAA DII national qualifier) and currently on staff at Pioneers Medical Center.

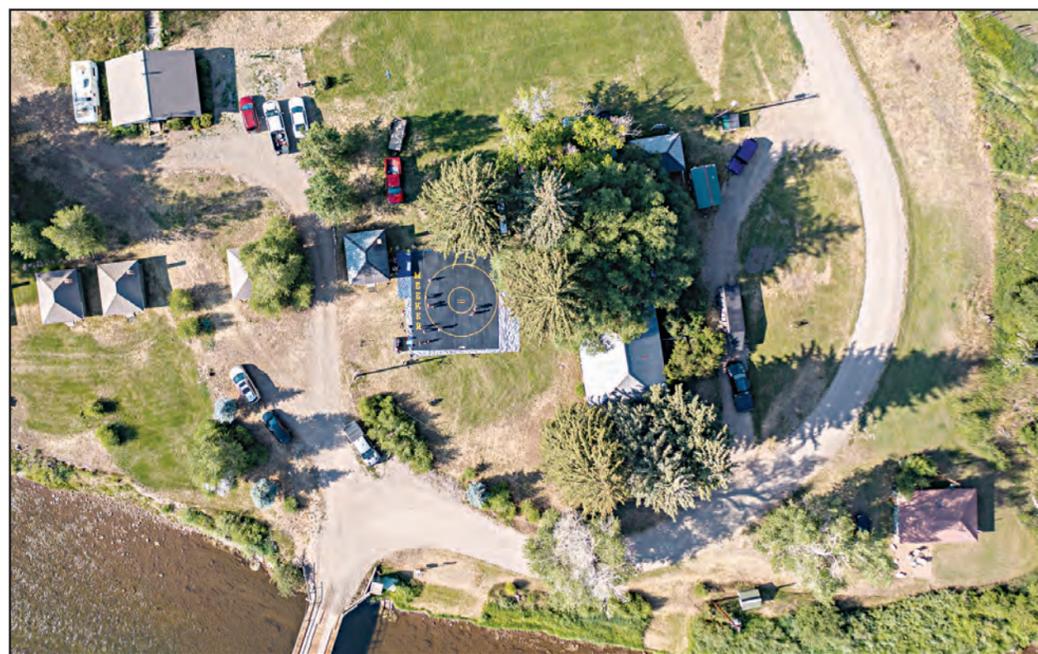
Twelve girls took advantage of the opportunity, including three from Meeker. Other participants were from Oak Creek, Fruita, Grand Junction and Nucla.

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(Top) a group of wrestlers met last weekend for a clinic on the south bank of the White River. Presenters (center) were Lauryn Bruggink-Edmonds, a two-time ASIC National All-American and a three-time Academic all-American at WBU, and Cody Pfau, a 13-time national champion. (Bottom) a drone shot of the Meeker wrestling mat along the White River.

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Sanchez brings home Golden Glove trophy

By **ROXIE FROMANG**
Special to the Herald Times

RANGELY | Alex and Jaime Sanchez, boxing brothers and coaches at Sanchez Brothers Boxing Gym in Rangely, have been working their way through the boxing world. Alex, 17, is a soon-to-be Rangely Jr./Sr. High School senior. He has taken a step back from his own boxing career to coach Jaime, 15, a soon-to-be high school junior. Alex said using his knowledge to help other kids and adults is his favorite part of coaching. While he is unsure if he will ever compete again, he has turned all his efforts toward coaching his younger brother and is confident Jaime will become the “p4p” (pound for pound) world champion. He says it’s “pretty dope” training his brother because they have a tight relationship.

In June Jaime, who has been boxing since he was eight years old, fought in the Colorado Golden Gloves annual charity boxing tournament in Lakewood, Colorado. The tournament matches are sanctioned by USA Boxing. The nonprofit organization enriches the lives of amateur boxers through academic scholarships, grants and community outreach, while providing boxing enthusiasts the experience of the sport. After immense discipline and commitment Jaime went from 160 pounds to 138 to compete against Rocky Ford boxer Cashius Jackson. Jaime was victorious and moved on to the championship round on June 11. When the dust settled Jaime had fought three matches, had two wins, and earned the 2021 Colorado Golden Glove runner-up trophy in the 14-15 year old; 138 lb. weight bracket. His performance solidified what others in the community and his family see in him, the heart and determination of a true champion.

When other kids are hanging out, Jaime’s training. His training schedule includes running three miles every day and training at the boxing gym four-five times a week. When Jaime isn’t at school, training or boxing, he enjoys playing video games and skateboarding. His favorite part of competing in the Colorado Golden Gloves Tournament was fighting three times in just four days. His mentors are his family, especially big brother and coach Alex. His current goals are to get into better shape and to win the silver gloves tournament. His words of advice for kids wanting to try boxing is that it is a very lonely sport and one of the hardest sports out there. The importance of a good support system



COURTESY PHOTO

Jaime Sanchez, 15, boxes under the coaching direction of his father, Fidel, and 17-year-old brother Alex, and support from his mother, Marcy. In June, Jaime brought home a Golden Glove trophy from a tournament in Lakewood, Colorado.

around you is key. He says it isn’t for everyone and that you really have to enjoy hitting people.

Jaime wants to thank his family (dad/coach Fidel, mom Marcy, and brother/coach Alex) for their effort and support that they give to him when he is training and in the ring. He also wants to tell everyone who comes to the Sanchez Brothers Boxing Gym and follows their boxing page, “Thank you, I appreciate the support.”



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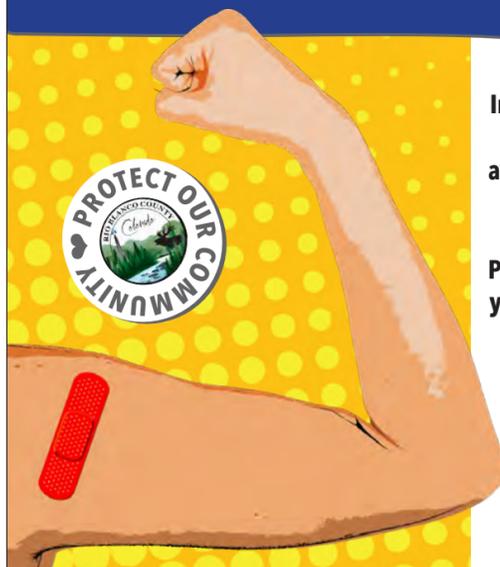


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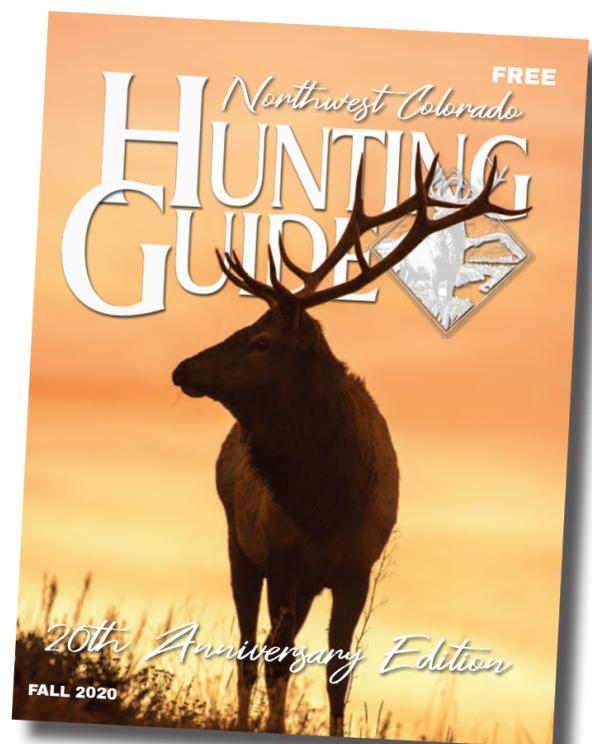
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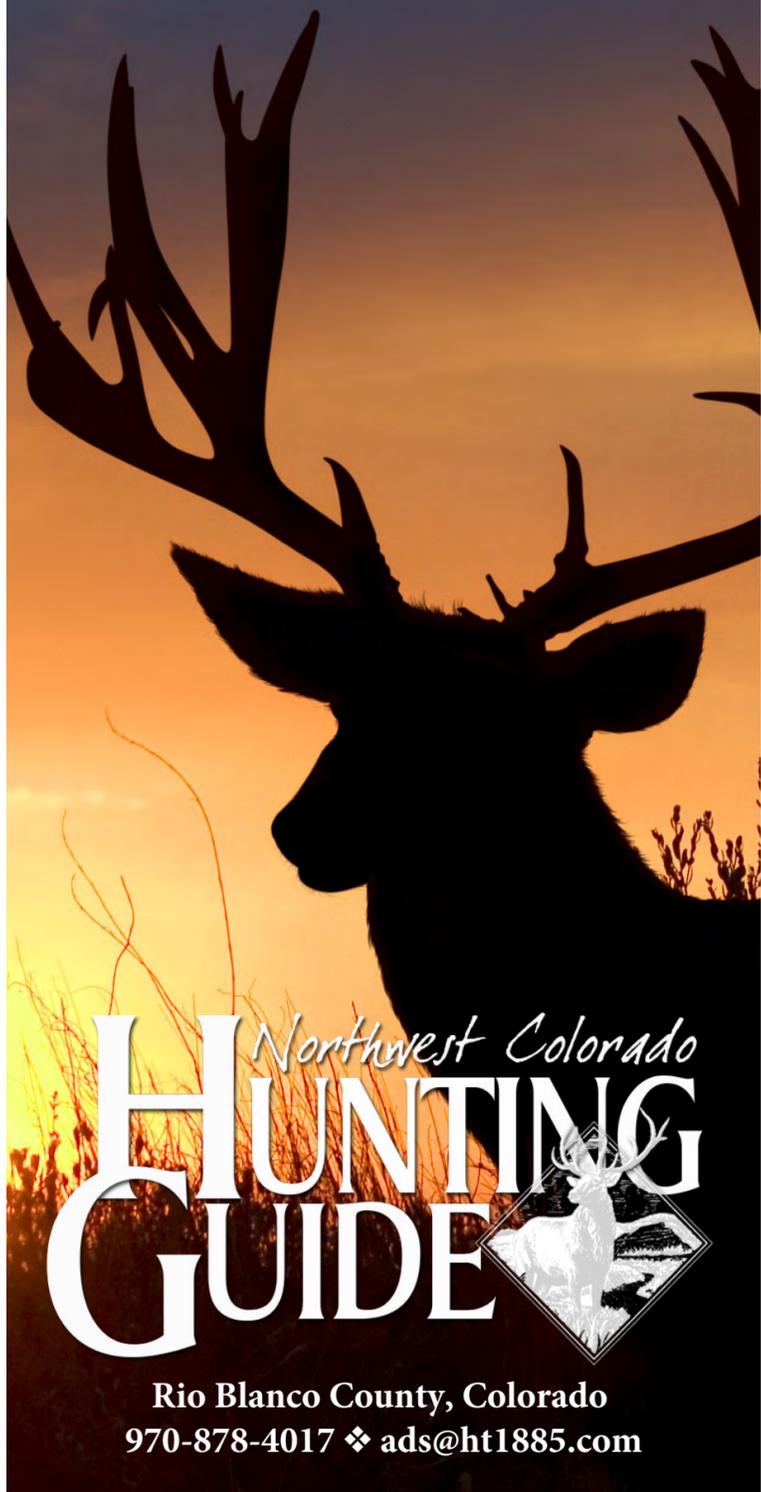


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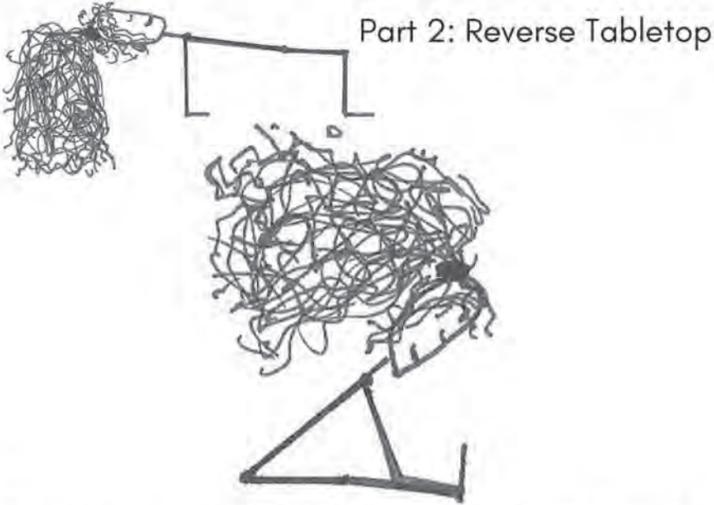
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53. Give the cold shoulder
55. Unagi on sushi menu
57. *Place called Sesame
60. *Place for Pong and Pac-Man
63. Semolina source
64. It would
66. Mourning fabric
68. Arterial blood vessel
69. Atlantic catch
70. Partner of pains
71. Emeralds and rubies
72. *One of "Little Women"
73. Haul something heavy

- DOWN**
1. German river
 2. Large edible mushroom, pl.
 3. Seed covering
 4. Substitute for tender
 5. *Shenzi, Banzai and Ed in "Lion King"
 6. *One in a pocketful
 7. Lawyers' league
 8. Horizontal bar dance
 9. It's knee high by the Fourth of July?
 10. Strong desire
 11. Channel marker
 12. Eastern Standard Time
 15. What bullies do
 20. City in Japan
 22. Past tense of eat
 24. Popular salad dressing
 25. *Winnie and Paddington
 26. Derived from oats
 27. Utah city
 29. Thanksgiving turkey, e.g.
 31. Burn to a crisp
 32. V-clav of Czechoslovakia
 33. Be theatrical
 34. *One of the Darling children
 36. Horse prod
 38. Letter opener
 42. More true
 45. Bygone Spanish money
 49. "He said, ___ said"
 51. Place that attracts visitors, pl.
 54. Ancient city in Africa
 56. Cooler clime conifer
 57. **One, two, buckle my ___"
 58. Four years in the White House, e.g. ___ of NIMH
 59. ___ Walker, American Girl
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 15. Egyptian falcon-headed deity
 16. Top of a steeple
 17. ___ -I-Am
 18. Vernacular
 19. **Walking" spring toy
 21. *Purple dinosaur
 23. Foot the bill
 24. Smidgen
 25. *KIDZ
 28. Like a mattress?
 30. Stay clear of
 35. *Dumbo's were huge
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 39. Emotional punishment
 40. At the summit of
 41. Young hooter
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 46. *Pinocchio or Baron Munchausen, e.g.
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Intelligence Inc., Annual Lease & Support Fee / PD, \$2,875.00
Jason's Automotive, Mount & Bal 4 New Tires / PD, \$928.76
Jean's Printing, Distribution Sheets, \$351.44
MB Enterprises, Window Cleaning, \$707.00
McGuire Auto, Battery, Starter, Motor Oil, \$356.66
Meeker Chamber, Reimb. Main St. Scholarship, \$99.00
Meeker Fertilizer, Fertilizer for Ute Park, \$2,127.10
MGM, Flowers / Town Hall; Gloves / PW, \$99.01
MVB - VISA, Trng., Meals & Lodging, \$1,500.47
Networking of the Rockies, Mo. IT Support, Security Module, \$2,346.67
Olzowski, Massih & Maurer, Legal Fees, \$2,329.00
Overton Recycling, Trash Service, \$262.00
Overton Recycling, Recycling Contrib., \$1,250.00
Pro Train Inc., Instructor Course, \$550.00
Range Call Inc., Donation for Concert Stage, \$1,500.00
RBC Fire Protection, Fireworks Donation, \$1,500.00
RBC Fleet Mgt., May Fuel, \$1,463.73
RBC Fleet Mgt., June Fuel, \$2,461.90
RBC ICT, May Internet Svc., \$200.00
RBC ICT, June Internet Service, \$164.00
RBC Sales Tax Adj., Sales Tax Adj., \$7,960.93
RBC Weed & Pest Dept., Weed Spray Chemical, \$254.52
Rocky Mountain Asphalt, Crackfill Project, \$31,000.00
RMR, Monthly Admin Fee, \$70.30
Salt Lake Wholesale Sports, Ammo / PD, \$906.00
Samuelson's, Bridge Supplies, \$179.22
TK Elevator Corp., Qtrly. Elevator Maint., \$843.13
Union Telephone, Cell Phone Svc., \$559.36
Valley Hardware, Bridge Supplies, \$702.03
Vet Clinic, Spay/Neuter, \$1,174.83
Watt's, Dog Food, Cleaning Supplies, \$101.57
White River Electric, May Electricity, \$1,637.86
Your Parts Haus, Motor Oil & Filters, \$443.91
Total General Fund: \$192,967.45
WATER FUND
Town of Meeker, Payroll, \$15,069.06
CCOERA, Emp. Retirement, \$2,272.62
CCOERA, Employee Loans, \$653.47
CEBT, Health, Dental, Vision & Life Ins., \$6,510.93
Emp. Withholding, SS Withholding, \$2,629.98
Emp. Withholding, Medicare Withholding, \$615.08
Emp. Withholding, Federal Withholding, \$1,815.39
Emp. Withholding, State Withholding, \$758.40
MHRG, Employee Donation, \$18.00
Standard Ins. Co., Life/AD&D Ins., \$281.56
Washington National Ins., Cancer Ins., \$102.18
US Postmaster, Water Billing Pstg., \$202.31

Advanced Diving Svc., Clean & Inspect 6 Water Tanks, \$9,428.00
All Copy Products, May Copier Lease, \$124.70
All Copy Products, June Copier Lease, \$84.25
Alco, May Uniforms, \$29.66
Alco, June Coveralls, \$28.77
Atmos, June Natural Gas, \$45.44
Century Link, Phone Svc., \$18.35
CMRS-PB, Postage, \$162.69
Colo. State Treasurer, 2nd Qtr. Unempl., \$172.66
Column Software, PBC, May & June Legal Publications, \$725.32
Craig Colo., Water Test, \$90.00
Dept. of Treasurer, 2020 PCORI Fees, \$10.56
FedEx, Postage, \$307.50
Grand Jet. Pipe, Brass Fittings for Stock, \$709.16
Jean's Printing, Distribution Sheets, \$117.12
McGuire Auto, Battery, Starter, Motor Oil / PW, \$271.40
MVB - VISA, License Renewal, Easement, \$276.54
Olzowski, Massih & Maurer, June Legal Fees, \$663.00
RBC Fleet Management, June Fuel, \$599.66
RBC Fleet Mgt., May Fuel, \$346.27
RBC ICT Dept., June Internet Svc., \$36.00
RMR, June Monthly Admin Fee, \$19.70
Samuelson's, Bleach, Tubing, \$119.75
Union Telephone, June Cell Phone Svc., \$90.98
Utility Notification Center, Line Locates, \$97.88
Utility Technical Svc., Leak Detection, \$4,174.80
Valley Hardware, Sump Pump / Well Site, \$199.95
Valley Hardware, Bushings, Couplings, \$68.20
Watt's, Plastic Bags, \$10.93
West Elk Supply, Sodium Hypochlorite, \$1,125.00
White River Electric, May Electric, \$2,909.02
Your Parts Haus, Motor Oil & Filters, \$225.79
Total Water Fund \$54,205.92
Total All Funds \$247,173.37
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TOWN OF RANGELY Check Register June-21

VENDOR, AMOUNT, DESCRIPTION
AFLAC, 289.87, Payroll Deduction
ALL COPY PRODUCTS INC, 897.67, Expenses
ALL SOUND DESIGN, 112.50, Expenses
AV-TECH, 4380.75, Expenses
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH & WELLNESS PLLC, 900.00, Expenses
BOHANNAN HUSTON INC, 6982.50, Expenses
BOY-KO SUPPLY CO, 104.28, Expenses
CALDWELL, JEANIE, 40.00, Expenses
CANYON PINTADO VETERINARY CLINIC, 268.09, Expenses
CASELLE, INC, 1418.00, Software Support
CEBT, 31830.00, Life Insurance
CENTURYLINK, 1723.04, Communication
CIMARRON TELECOMMUNICATIONS LLC, 55.00, Communication
COLO DEPT OF HUMAN SVC BITF, 70.00, Expenses
COLUMN SOFTWARE PBC, 95.18, Expenses
COX, MARYBEL, 80.00, Expenses
DAN E WILSON, ATTORNEY AT LAW LLC, 2170.50, Services
DIRECTV, 475.50, WRV Expenses
DUCEY'S ELECTRIC, \$424.22, Expenses
ELK MOUNTAIN TECHNOLOGY LLC, 8875.00, Expenses
ELLIS, KEELY, 100.00, Council Stipend
FAMILY SUPPORT REGISTRY, 1302.46, Expenses
FIDELITY ADVISOR FUNDS, 18343.79, Payroll deduction
FIRST BANKCARD, 5478.07, Expenses
FPPA, 912.82, PD Insurance
GALLS LLC, 257.37, Expenses
GARNER, JR RICHARD E, 40.00, Council Stipend
GEER, LUKE D, 100.00, Council Stipend
GIOVANNI'S ITALIAN GRILL, 289.75, Expenses
GRAND JUNCTION PIPE & SUPPLY, 422.80, Expenses
GRANGER, ALISA, 100.00, Council Stipend
HACH, 568.71, Expenses
HAMBLIN, TIRYNN, 40.00, Expenses
HILTON, KELLER, 40.00, Expenses
HUBER TECHNOLOGY, 28504.00, Expenses
IDENTITY GRAPHICS LLC, 1596.00, Expenses
JACK'S BUMPERS, 1600.00, Expenses
JOHN ELWAY CHEVROLET, 39175.00, Expenses
JORDAN, KENYON P, 265.00, Expenses
JULIUS EQUIPMENT, 28.52, Expenses
LASER TECHNOLOGY INC, 138.00, Expenses
LEBLEU, JEFF, 185.00, Expenses
LEXIPOL LLC, 2395.00, Expenses
MAIL SERVICES, 659.27, Services
MCDONALD, CHERYL, 382.42, Expenses
MESA COUNTY LANDFILL, 615.84, Expenses

TOWN OF DINOSAUR, COLORADO NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE is hereby given of a public hearing before the Town Council of the Town of Dinosaur, Colorado, at 6 p.m. on the 27th day of July, 2021, at the Dinosaur Town Hall, 317 Stegosaurus Freeway, Dinosaur, Colorado, for the purpose of considering the adoption by reference of the Model Traffic Code, 2020 Edition, as the Traffic Ordinance of the Town of Dinosaur, Colorado.

A copy of the Model Traffic Code, 2020 Edition, is on file at the office of the Town Clerk and may be inspected during regular business hours. If enacted as an Ordinance of the Town of Dinosaur, the Model Traffic Code, 2020 Edition, will not be published in full, but in accordance with State law, a copy will be kept on file. The Model Traffic Code, 2020 Edition, is published by the Colorado Department of Transportation, Safety and Traffic Engineering Branch, 2829 W. Howard Place, Denver, Colorado 80204. The subject matter of the Model Traffic Code relates primarily to comprehensive traffic control regulations for the Town of Dinosaur. The purpose of the Ordinance and the Code adopted therein is to provide a system of traffic regulations consistent with State law and generally conforming to similar regulations throughout the State and the nation.

Following this hearing, the Town Council will consider passage of the adopting Ordinance.

This notice given and published by the order of the Town Council. Dated this 15th day of July, 2021.

TOWN OF DINOSAUR, COLORADO
Tamara Long, Town Clerk
First notice of hearing: 7-15-21
Second notice of hearing: 7-22-21
Published: July 15 and 22, 2021
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RBC BUDGET SUPPLEMENTAL

NOTICE AS TO BUDGET SUPPLEMENTAL

The Rio Blanco County Board of Commissioners will be considering a budget supplemental resolution on July 27, 2021, 11:00 a.m. Rio Blanco County Historic Courthouse, 555 Main Street, BOCC Meeting Room, Meeker, Colorado. The proposed resolution is for the purpose of appropriating sums of money to defray expenses in excess of amounts budgeted for the 2021 budget year in the following funds: General Fund, Capital Expenditure, Road & Bridge, Public Health Agency Fund, Human Services Fund, Capital Improvement Plan Fund, American Rescue Plan Fund, Use Tax Fund, Impact Fee Trust Fund, Weed & Pest Control, Central Services and Fleet Management. The resolution may be viewed at the offices of the County Clerk and Recorder, 555 Main Street, Colorado, and the County Clerk and Recorder Office in the Rangely Town Hall, 209 E. Main Street, Suite 101, Rangely, Colorado, and are open for public inspection 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. on normal work days. Published: July 15 and 22, 2021
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• FORECLOSURE •

COMBINED NOTICE- MAILING

CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 21-01

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

On April 9, 2021, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Rio Blanco records.

Original Grantor(s): JERRY REEVES AND VERONICA REEVES
Original Beneficiary(ies): MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS INC. AS NOMINEE FOR CWB MORTGAGE VENTURES, LLC OBA FNBR MORTGAGE, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS
Current Holder of Evidence of Debt: NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC D/B/AMR. COOPER

Date of Deed of Trust: July 16, 2009
County of Recording: Rio Blanco
Recording Date of Deed of Trust: July 21, 2009

Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/Page No.): 296385
Original Principal Amount: \$192,867.00
Outstanding Principal Balance: \$160,809.85

Pursuant to CRS §38-38-101(4)(i), you are hereby notified that the covenants of the deed of trust have been violated as follows: Failure to pay principal and interest when due together with all other payments provided for in the evidence of debt secured by the deed of trust and other violations thereof.
THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN
LOT 13, BLOCK 6, AMENDED LA MESA P.U.D. ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED AUGUST 18, 1992 AS RECEPTION NO. 246542 TOWN OF RANGELY, COLORADO

Also known by street and number as: 1205 LAS MESA CIR, RANGELY, CO 81648. THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED OF TRUST

NOTICE OF SALE

The current holder of the Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, described herein, has filed Notice of Election and Demand for sale as provided by law and in said Deed of Trust

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

NOTICE OF RIGHTS

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

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

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

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

Notice is hereby given that on Thursday, July 22, 2021 the Rio Blanco County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Rio Blanco County Historic Courthouse, 555 Main Street, 3rd Floor Commissioner Meeting Room, Meeker, Colorado to consider the following:
Rios Single Lot Creation PSUB-0001-21 and Rezoning PRZ-0001-21. The applicant is requesting to subdivide one +/- 10.8 acre lot from an existing +/- 65 acre parcel. The property is located at 749 County Road 60, Meeker Colorado, Lying within the NW ¼, Section 32, T2S, R94W, 6th P.M.
Address - 749 County Road 60, Meeker Colorado.
Assessor Parcel Identification Number (PIN) - 16673220084
Copies of the documents may be obtained from the Rio Blanco County Planning Department at 555 Main Street in Meeker, Colorado, or you may call (970) 878-9510 for more information between the hours of 8:00 am and 5:00 pm.
Published: June 24, 2021
Published: June 24, July 1, 8 and 15, 2021
Rio Blanco Herald Times

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• NOTICE OF SALE •

DISTRICT COURT, RIO BLANCO COUNTY, COLORADO

Rio Blanco County Combined Court
455 Main Street
PO Box 1150
Meeker, CO 81641
Telephone: 970-878-5622
Plaintiff(s):
Donald T. Bollinger,
Joseph P. Moyet, also known as Joseph Paul Moyet, aka Joseph P. Moyet, aka Joseph Paul Moyet, and Stephanie Boyd Moyet, aka Stephanie Boyd Moyet, vs.
Defendant(s):
1) Rio Blanco Properties, a Colorado Limited Partnership,
2) Succession of Doyle Galloway Berry, Probate No. 20835, 16th Judicial District Court, Parish of St. Mary, A COURT USE ONLY A State of Louisiana,
3) Succession of Doyle Galloway Berry, as General Partner of Rio Blanco Properties, a Colorado Limited Partnership
4) Bert Kyle Berry, as independent co-executor of the Succession of Doyle Galloway Berry,
5) Scott Thomas Berry, as independent co-executor of the Succession of Doyle Galloway Berry,
6) Rhonna Waldref as Public Trustee of the Rio Blanco County, Colorado,
7) And all unknown persons that claim under or through the above named defendants.
Case Number: 19 CV 30033
Attorney or Party Without Attorney:
John P. Gormley Atty. Reg. #: 12292
SPIECKER, HANLON, GORMLEY & VOLKMAN, LLP
P.O. Box 1991/ Grand Junction, CO 81502
Phone #: 970.243.1003/FAX #: 970.243.1011 e-mail: john@shgvlaw.com

SHERIFF'S COMBINED NOTICE OF SALE AND RIGHTS TO CURE AND REDEEM

Under a Corrected Default Judgment and Decree of Foreclosure entered March 15, 2021, in the above entitled action, I am ordered to sell certain real property, as follows:

Original Grantor: Rio Blanco Properties, a Colorado Limited Partnership
Original Beneficiary: Donald T. Bollinger, Joseph P. Moyet, also known as Joseph Paul Moyet, aka Joseph P. Moyet, aka Joseph Paul Moyet, and Stephanie Boyd Moyet, aka Stephanie Boyd Moyet,
Date of Deed of Trust: December 29, 1983
Date of Recording of Deed of Trust: December 30, 1983
County of Recording: Rio Blanco County, Colorado
Recording Information: Book 434 Page 369 Reception # 214480
Date and Recording Information of Extension Agreements:
1. Extension Agreement dated December 22, 1989, and recorded December 29, 1989, at Reception #238680, Book 481 Page 416.
2. Extension Agreement dated December 21, 1994 and recorded April 9, 2002 at Reception # 272160, Book 4571 Page 69.
3. Extension Agreement dated December 28, 2000 and recorded July 31, 2001 at Reception # 270269, Book 563 Page 700, re-recorded March 2, 2002 in Book 570 Page 448 and re-recorded April 9, 2002 in Book 571 Page 59.
4. Extension Agreement dated December 14, 2005 and recorded December 27, 2005 at Reception # 283615.
5. Extension agreement dated December 20, 2012 and recorded December 28, 2012 at Reception # 305463.

County of Recording Extension Agreements: Rio Blanco County, Colorado
Original Principal Balance of the secured indebtedness:
Note to Donald T. Bollinger \$114,153.42
Note to Joseph P. Moyet and Stephanie Boyd Moyet \$100,000.00
Outstanding Principal Balance of the secured indebtedness as of the date hereof:
Note to Donald T. Bollinger \$57,076.71
Note to Joseph P. Moyet and Stephanie Boyd Moyet \$50,000.00
Amount of Judgment entered March 15, 2021:
Judgment in Favor of Donald T. Bollinger: \$358,103.36
Judgment in Favor of Joseph P. Moyet and Stephanie Boyd Moyet: \$312,914.15
Description of property to be foreclosed located in Rio Blanco County, Colorado:

This action has been commenced to foreclose a Deed of Trust encumbering the following real property located in Rio Blanco County, Colorado, and more particularly described as follows:

A tract of land located in a portion of Tract 76, Section 25 and Section 24, Township 1 North, Range 93 West of the 6th P.M., Described by metes and bounds as follows: beginning at angle point 4 of said Tract 76, thence South 00°10' West, 905.72 feet along the western most line of said Tract 76,
Thence North 30°55'07" East, 327.36 feet;
Thence North 70°17'35" East, 350.28 feet;
Thence North 66°12'53" East 285.0 feet;
Thence North 66°56'49" West 416.63 feet;
Thence South 85°35'05" West 265.30 feet;
Thence North 01°23'38" East 247.17 feet more or less to the North line between angle point 3 and 4;
Thence North 89°00' West 114.29 feet along said North line to the point of beginning.
AND

A parcel of land lying in Tract 76 in Section 25, Township 1 North, Range 93 West of the 6th P.M., County of Rio Blanco, State of Colorado, being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at angle point 5 of said Tract 76 being an original stone;
Thence North 00°21'54" East along the West line of said Tract 414.73 feet;
Thence North 31°07'01" East 327.36 feet;
Thence North 70°29'29" East 185.62 feet to a point on the centerline of an access road right-of-way, said point being on a P.O.C. (point on curve) of a non-tangent curve to the left having a radius of 140.6 feet in a central angle of 26°35'06";
Thence along the arc of said curve 65.24 feet to P.T. (point of tangency) the chord of said arc bears South 31°46'39" East 64.65 feet;
Thence South 45°04'12" East, 502.8 feet to a P.C. (point of curvature) of a curve to the left having a radius of 1322.3 feet in a central angle of 7°43'00";
Thence along the arc of said curve 178.1 feet to a P.T.;
Thence South 52°47'12" East, 177.9 feet to a P.C. of a curve to the right having a radius of 148.7 feet and a central angle of 52°44'00";
Thence along the arc of said curve 136.9 feet to a P.O.C., the chord of said arc bears South 26°25'12" East 132.13 feet, said P.O.C. being on the South line of said Tract 76;
Thence South 89°46'51" West along said South line, 1071.4 feet to the true point of beginning.

Also known by street number: Vacant Land, Meeker, Colorado.
Tax parcel 141125200138 situate in the County of Rio Blanco, State of Colorado.
THE PROPERTY TO BE SOLD AND DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ONLY A PORTION OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED OF TRUST THE LIEN BEING FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN.
The covenants of said Deed of Trust have been violated as follows: failure to make payments on said indebtedness when the same were due and owing, and the legal holder of the indebtedness has accelerated the same and declared the same immediately fully due and payable.

NOTICE OF SALE

WHEREFORE, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that I will, at 10:00 o'clock A.M., on the 12th day of August, 2021, in the public lobby of the Rio Blanco County Sheriff's Office, 355 4th Street, Meeker, Colorado, 81641 sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property described above, and all interest of said Grantor and the heirs and assigns of said Grantor therein, for the purpose of paying the judgment amount entered herein, and will deliver to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.
First Publication: June 17, 2021
Last Publication: July 15, 2021
Name of Publication: Rio Blanco Herald Times

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.

NOTICE OF RIGHTS

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John P. Gormley, Atty. Reg. #: 12292, SPIECKER, HANLON, GORMLEY & VOLKMAN, LLP, P.O. Box 1991/ Grand Junction, CO 81502, 970.243.1003
Attached hereto are copies of certain Colorado statutes that may vitally affect your property rights in relation to this proceeding. Said proceeding may result in the loss of property in which you have an interest and may create a personal debt against you. You may wish to seek the advice of your own private attorney concerning your rights in relation to this foreclosure proceeding.
INTENT to cure or redeem, as provided by the aforementioned laws, must be directed to or conducted at the Sheriff Department for Rio Blanco County, Civil Division, PO Box 1460, 355 - 4th Street, Meeker, Colorado 80641.
THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED MAY BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
This Sheriff's Notice of Sale is signed June 14, 2021.
Anthony Mazzola, Sheriff, Rio Blanco County, Colorado
By: /s/ Anthony Mazzola
Published: June 17, 24, July 1, 8 and 15, 2021
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• MEETING AGENDAS •

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF RIO BLANCO COUNTY, COLORADO RIO BLANCO COUNTY HISTORIC COURTHOUSE

555 MAIN STREET, P.O. BOX 599
MEEKER, COLORADO 81641

This meeting will be streamed live on the RBC YouTube Channel:
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBicnHlMpB47zL_NjN0FIg

To provide public input please call (970) 878-9432

Tentative Agenda July 20, 2021

1. 11:00 a.m. Call to order:
A. Pledge of Allegiance
B. Changes to the July 20, 2021 Agenda
C. Move to approve the July 20, 2021 Agenda including any changes

2. CONSENT AGENDA for July 20, 2021
A. Move to approve the below listed items of the Consent Agenda.

3. BUSINESS
A. Move to approve/deny the appointment of Janae Stanworth, Finance Director, as the person responsible for the preparation of the 2022 budget, per C.R.S. 291104. (No signature)
B. Move to approve/deny the 2022 budget calendar, setting the deadline for the final budget estimates from all agencies on September 3, 2021, per C.R.S. 291105. (No signature)
C. Move to approve/deny the Meeker Classic Sheepdog Trials to use the Rio Blanco County Extension/4-H van for transport during the event.
D. Move to approve/deny the Rio Blanco County Investment Policy.

7. OTHER BUSINESS
A. Public Comment
B. County Commissioners Updates

Adjourn

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•AND MORE PUBLIC HEARINGS•

**PUBLIC NOTICE
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF RIO BLANCO COUNTY, COLORADO
HEARING**

Notice is hereby given that on Tuesday, August 10, 2021 the Rio Blanco County Board of County Commissioners will hold a public hearing beginning at 11:00 a.m. in the Rio Blanco County Historic Courthouse, 555 Main Street, 3rd Floor Commissioner Meeting Room, Meeker, Colorado to consider the following:
G & E Moyer Minor Subdivision PSUB-0002-21. The applicant is requesting to subdivide a +/- 7.8 acres into 5 lots. The property is located at 73521 Highway 64, Meeker Colorado, Lying within Tract 104, Section 29 & 32, T1N, R94W, 6th P.M. Address - 73521 Highway 64, Meeker Colorado.
Assessor Parcel Identification Number (PIN) - 140929100196 & 140929100197 Copies of the documents may be obtained from the Rio Blanco County Planning

Department at 555 Main Street in Meeker, Colorado, or you may call (970) 878-9510 for more information between the hours of 8:00 am and 5:00 pm.
Published: July 8, 15, 22, 29 and August 5, 2021
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**PUBLIC NOTICE
RIO BLANCO COUNTY PLANNING
COMMISSION HEARING**

Notice is hereby given that on Thursday, July 22, 2021 the Rio Blanco County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Rio Blanco County Historic Courthouse, 555 Main Street, 3rd Floor Commissioner Meeting Room, Meeker, Colorado to consider the following:
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• BID REQUESTS/RFQ'S •

INVITATION TO BID

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF RIO BLANCO COUNTY is soliciting bids for 3 Wheel Loaders.

Sealed bid proposals will be opened and reviewed by the board at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, July 22, 2021 in the Rio Blanco County Historic Courthouse, 3rd Floor, Commissioners Meeting Room, Meeker, Colorado. Mailed bids are due no later than 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 21, 2021. Hand delivered bids will be accepted until 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday July 22, 2021. All bids shall be marked "Loader Bid" and be mailed to the Rio Blanco County Commissioners, Attn. Vicky Edwards, P.O. Box 599, Meeker, Colorado 81641, or delivered to the Rio Blanco County Historic Courthouse, 3rd Floor, Meeker, Colorado until 10:30 a.m. on the day of the bid opening. Do not rely on the overnight delivery companies to deliver on time. Faxed bids will not be accepted. Proposals will be compared and judged on the basis of:

1. Cost 2. Delivery Time 3. Compliance with bid specifications 4. Ability of the unit bid to meet the requirements of the County 5. Retained market value of the unit 6. The County's past experience with similar equipment provided by the same manufacturer 7. Any other factor which the Board feels may affect the suitability of the equipment for Rio Blanco County Bidders may make substitutions to the specifications attached hereto provided that the substitution is of equal or greater value to the items specified. Determination as to whether or not said item is of equal or greater value to the item specified will be made by the County. All questions and inquiries must be received by David Overton at (970) 878-9590, ext. 9597 or (970)629-5645 no later than 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 21, 2021. Specification sheets for the unit bid shall accompany the bid.

In the event that a bid proposal exceeds the County's budgetary limitations, the County reserves the right to eliminate certain individual items from the proposal. All bids shall be submitted with this in mind. Bid prices must be good for a minimum of sixty (60) days after the bid opening. All prices shall be F.O.B. Rio Blanco County Road & Bridge Department, 570 Second Street, Meeker, Colorado. Payment shall be made on the first, regular accounts payable date after vehicle delivery. Payment cannot be made on the date of delivery.

An approximate delivery schedule must be included in the bid. In the event that a bidder wishes to demonstrate his product prior to the bid opening, the bidder should contact David Overton, Rio Blanco County Fleet Management Department, 570 Second Street, Meeker, Colorado 81641, Telephone (970) 878-9590, ext. 9597, or (970)629-5645, Fax (970) 878-3396. The County reserves the right to reject any and all bids; to change, add or amend the specifications; to waive any informalities; to accept the bids for the vehicles, which in the County's judgment best suit the needs of the County.
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INVITATION TO BID

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF RIO BLANCO COUNTY is soliciting bids for one (1) 4-Wheel Drive Backhoe Loader. Sealed bid proposals will be opened and reviewed by the board at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, July 22, 2021 in the Commissioners Meeting Room, Rio Blanco County Historical Courthouse, 3rd Floor, Meeker, Colorado. Mailed bids are due no later than 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday July 21, 2021. Hand delivered bids will be accepted until 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, July 22, 2021. All bids shall be marked "Backhoe Bid" and be mailed to the Rio Blanco County Commissioners, Attn. Vicky Edwards, P.O. Box 599, Meeker, Colorado 81641, or delivered to the Rio Blanco County Historical Courthouse, 3rd Floor, Meeker, Colorado until 10:30 a.m. on the day of the bid opening. Do not rely on the overnight delivery companies to deliver on time. Faxed bids will not be accepted. Proposals will be compared and judged on the basis of:

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**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
ANNOUNCEMENT**

Meeker School District RE-1 is seeking proposals to replace three rooftop units, upgrade HVAC controls system, and perform air quality testing and balancing at Barone Middle School. Proposals will be accepted until 4:00 p.m. on July 26, 2021. For a more detailed scope of work, interested applicants may contact Chris Selle, at chris.selle@meeker.k12.co.us or 970-878-9040.
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**TOWN OF MEEKER
Bulk Water Building Remodel
INVITATION FOR BIDS**

You are hereby invited to bid for improvements to the Bulk Water Building for the Town of Meeker. This project includes replacing the roofing and improvements to the exterior of the building. The project site is located at 111 Third Street in Meeker, Colorado. Construction will follow the 2003 International Building Codes. Bid specifications are available on the Town's website at www.townofmeeker.org >Latest News>Projects & Public Notices or at Town Hall, 345 Market St., Meeker, CO. A mandatory pre-bid walk-thru will be held on July 26, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. at the project site, 111 Third St., Meeker.

Bid proposals shall be mailed or delivered to Meeker Town Hall, 345 Market Street, Meeker, CO 81641 by 5:00 p.m., Friday, July 30, 2021. The bids will be opened and read aloud at the Board of Trustees meeting on Tuesday August 3, 2021 and awarded on Tuesday, August 17, 2021 by the Town Board of Trustees at Town Hall, 345 Market Street in Meeker. Each bid must be accompanied by a bid bond or a check in the amount of 10% of the bid made payable to the Town of Meeker as bid security, along with three references for similar work. Performance and Payment Bonds are required. The successful bidder must maintain workers compensation and general liability insurance in the amount of no less than \$1,000,000 during the project. The Town reserves the right to reject any and all bids; to change, add, or amend the specifications; to waive any informalities; and the right to disregard all non-conforming or conditional bids or counter proposals. Each proposal shall be reviewed and considered consistent with the provisions of the Town of Meeker Purchasing Policy. All Bid Proposals and Bid Security shall be sealed in an envelope with "Bulk Water Building remodel" written on the front. Contact Carl Padilla with the Town of Meeker 970-878-4970 or 970-878-5344 for additional information or with any questions regarding this project.
THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF MEEKER
Mandi Etheridge, Town Administrator
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• Community Services Block Grant Board (Min. requirements)
• Extension Advisory Board
• Historic Preservation Board
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• Relief Radino Driver, Rng
• Social Caseworker
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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.

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

AA & Al-Anon Meetings - Rangely Alcoholics Anonymous - Open meetings Tues & Thurs, 7 p.m., 115 Kennedy Dr., St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, Rangely.

Al-Anon meets Monday, 8:15 p.m., 207 S. Sunset, 1st Baptist Church, Rangely. Al-Anon info call 970-629-5064 or 970-629-2970. Women's NA/AA meetings, Monday 1:30 p.m., St. Timothy's.

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