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Watt family has long history in Meeker

By HALLIE BLUNT
Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER | The Watt family gathered for a reunion on the Fourth of July to celebrate generations of family and fun. They entered a float in the parade, decorated with larger-than-life pictures of Tom Watt, Liz and their children.

Tom was born in Norwood, Colo., in 1909. Liz was born in the old Fort Collins Hospital in 1907. Her father, Dr. Fee, worked in Wiley, Colo., and then the Westcliffe area. Liz attended Colorado A&M before moving to Norwood. Tom grew up in Norwood and met Liz when she came to teach in the small town. The two were married on



The five Watt siblings hold pictures of their parents Tom and Liz at the Watt family reunion on the Fourth of July. Pictured left to right, oldest to youngest are Anne, Tom, Harry, Sally and Dick. Members of the Watt family are color coordinated by sibling families.

Valentine's Day, 1931.

They moved to Meeker in 1942 when Tom got a job with the Grazing Service (now the BLM, named for the Taylor Grazing Act at that time) He had been working for the Civilian Conservation Corps, part of President Roosevelt's "New Deal" plan to pull America out of the Great Depression. Tom worked for the grazing service until buying the Baer White River Creamery. He owned the creamery from approximately 1946 to 1952, before selling it to the producers, a collection of dairy producers in the area.

Tom and Liz then moved their family to Norwood for about eight months, then to Delta and back to Meeker in 1955.

Liz taught in Olathe during some of that time. She stayed home with their children when they were young, then returned to teaching for another 20 years in Meeker prior to her retirement in the early 1980s. People who knew her at the time or who were taught by her remember her teaching methods and techniques that were ahead of their time. For example, she established peer groups involving kids of all levels to help and learn from each other, and the treasured list of great friends

made by each student, and several other methods she probably could patented.

Tom and Liz bought Watt's Ranch Market on April 1, 1955. It was located on Market Street where the Blue Spruce Inn is now. The original store was actually in the building currently being used as a pawn shop on Market Street, next to Sulphur Creek. In 1957, they built a new store that was used until 2005. Tom owned and operated the store until 1969 when their son Harry took over management. In 2005 Watt's celebrated its grand opening and 50th anniversary on the same day as they moved into the store's current location on the east end of town. Now in its third generation under the management of J.C. Watt, the store has been a symbol of consistency for more than 57 years.

Tom passed away in 2000 and Liz in 2004. They were married nearly 70 years and were voted the "couple married the longest" for several years at the annual Old Timers Celebration. The two had five children: Ann, Tom, Harry, Sally, and Dick. Of their 16 grandchildren, nearly 50 percent have

been awarded college scholarships, some for athletics, one to the University of Wyoming, one to Oregon University, two rodeo scholarships to New Mexico and Texas universities, and academic scholarships as well. The Watt grandchildren have been successful in everything from the practice of law, to education, to yoga. Their humor, intelligence, athleticism and in some cases, horsemanship, handed down from their grandparents, has proven very successful.

When Tom and Liz weren't running the store, ranching or teaching, they enjoyed spending time with friends, playing cards and laughing. They made lifelong friends in town, friendships that have spanned generations. In fact, Liz was the Fourth of July parade marshal one year with long time friend Pauline Sheridan, the two had not missed the Range Call rodeo in 50 years.

The Watt family is nothing if not original, unique in their longevity as business owners, and priceless for those fortunate enough to be lifelong friends of the family. Tom and Liz would certainly be proud of the group that gathered for the reunion.

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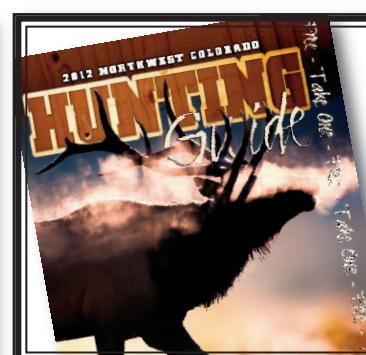
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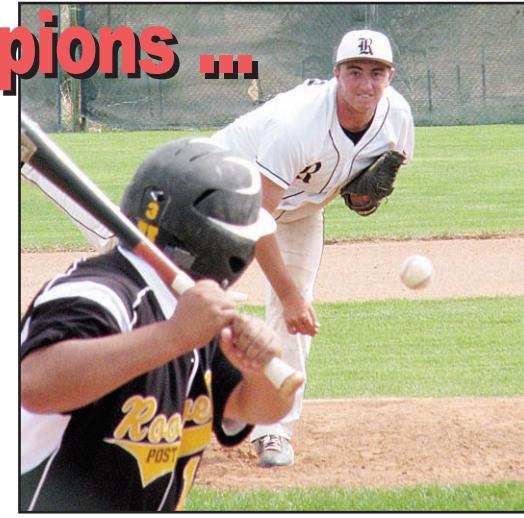
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Champions ...

Rangely's summer baseball team won the fifth annual Rangely Invitational last weekend and Rangely's 13-15 team won a league title in Craig.



Glasscock receives medal

By BOBBY GUTIERREZ
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MEEKER | Brice Glasscock, an IT technician for Rio Blanco County and a Staff Sergeant in the 928th Area Support Medical Battalion (ASMC) National Guard Unit based in Montrose, Colo., was surprised when his commander, Major Ed McLean, presented him with the Meritorious Service Medal last weekend when he reported for training.

"It was special," Glasscock said of the medal presentation in Montrose. "It was a drill weekend and I had no idea, it was a complete surprise."

Glasscock first enlisted in the United States Army 82nd Airborne Infantry in 1988 and was deployed to Iraq as part of Desert Storm shortly after marrying his wife Dondi in 1990. Glasscock was inactive from 1991-1995 when he joined the National Guard and was again deployed to Iraq with the C109th ASMB for six months before becoming inactive again in 2001.

Glasscock joined the National Guard again in 2006, returning from a one-year tour in Afghanistan in February 2012.

"Serving my country is the big one, I miss the camaraderie and brotherhood," Glasscock said of his continued service in the National Guard. "Once it's in your blood, it's hard to get rid of."

Glasscock says he spends one weekend a month and two weeks in the summer as a "citizen soldier."

"Some people don't realize, the National Guard is actually the oldest branch of the military, founded in the 1630s to protect the citizens from our own government," Glasscock said. "I believe in the federal and state mission and it was the dual mission that first attracted me to the National Guard. I get to help local nationals



Brice Glasscock (above), a Staff Sergeant for the National Guard and member of the 928th Area Support Medical Battalion (ASMC) received the prestigious Meritorious Service Medal of Honor last week. Glasscock first enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1988, has been deployed three times and just reenlisted for six more years. Below is a copy of the certificate Glasscock received with his medal.



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and citizens of the state I live in."

Glasscock, who reenlisted for another six years, was humbled by the honor of receiving the Meritorious Service Medal.

"I would do it with or without the award but it's nice to be recognized," Glasscock said. "You never know who is watching and it's nice to know I'm doing a good job."

Rio Blanco County's Got Talent

— among new offerings at RBC Fair —

By HEATHER ZADRA

Special to the Herald Times

4-H County Shootoff
July 21

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Horse Show & Roping
July 27-28

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Dog Show ~ July 30

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4-H Livestock ~ Aug. 2

talent at the Colorado State Fair but will need to participate in this show to do so.

The event also offers \$100 grand champion and \$50 reserve grand champion prizes to the top two performers of the evening.

"Thanks goes to Ducey's Electric for donating the cash prizes," Leischer said. "I'm also grateful to Kim Kummer, a really outstanding member of the community who's helped organize the stage and the sound. She's helped wherever she's needed."

Individuals can sign up for the event until the end of July. Those interested can contact Leischer at 878-9495 for more rules and to get signed up.

Other non-livestock events at the fair include the car show, now in its second year; a Capitol tree Christmas ornament class; a healthy recipes baked goods class; and a Dog Star competition. For more information about these and other fair events, pick up a fair schedule at the CSU Extension Offices in Rangely or Meeker or go to www.co.rio-blanco.co.us, click on the "Extension office" link and go to "4-H."

should last no longer than four minutes. Solo performers pay a \$5 entry fee, while group fees are \$10. The money will help pay for Rio Blanco County Fair ribbons, which will go to all participants.

The talent show has three age divisions for 4-H members: juniors (8-10), intermediates (11-13), and a senior division (14 and up). An open child division for participants not in the 4-H program, as well as an open adult division for performers 18 years or older, will also be offered.

Leischer said that 4-H members have the opportunity to perform their

BRIEFS

Rangely dog wash Sunday, July 22

RANGELY | Make plans to attend The Dog Wash this Sunday, July 22 at Elks Park from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Come get your dog washed and support the Rangely Animal Shelter.

RBC's Got Talent entry deadline extended

RBC | The deadline to sign up for the Rio Blanco County's Got Talent Show has been extended to Thursday, July 26. All entries are due to the Meeker or Rangely Rio Blanco County Extension Office by 5 p.m. Rio Blanco County's Got Talent Show entry is open to all Rio Blanco County residents and will be held after the Junior Market Steer Show on Aug. 3 at the Rio Blanco County Fair. Call Roxie at 878-9490 or 620-6748 for more information.

RBC Search and Rescue Poker Run July 28

MEEKER | The first annual Rio Blanco County Search and Rescue OHV poker run will be held Saturday, July 28 at Lake Avery. For \$25 per hand, \$10 for each additional card (must be 18 to purchase hands) riders can enjoy a 30 mile ride through the scenic White River National Forest. Hands will be sold from 9-11 a.m. at Station 1 and must be turned in at Station 5 by 4 p.m. First place, \$250; second place, \$150; third place, \$100.

There will be door prizes and concessions will be provided by the Meeker Lions Club. All vehicles must be licensed or registered and vehicle width may not exceed 64 inches. Use of safety gear is strongly encouraged.

For more information call Travis at 878-5343 or Dave at 878-5297 (wapitiarcher@live.com).

Democratic party meeting July 23

MEEKER | The Rio Blanco County Democratic Party will host a house meeting with District Coordinator Katie Savage on Wednesday, July 23 from 5:30-8 p.m. at Kilowatt Korner in the WREA building at Sixth and Market streets. Savage will discuss strategies for getting voters out, and clarifying the misinformation and rhetoric that is being widely promulgated about the Affordable Care Act and other critical issues and candidates of the forthcoming selection.

Veterans Memorial needs your support

MEEKER | Contributions to the proposed County Veterans Memorial can be sent to VFW POST 5843, Rio Blanco County Memorial Fund, Mountain Valley Bank, 400 Main St., Meeker, Colo., 81641.

HOME OF:
Rex and Mary Allred

RANGELY | Celebrating their golden wedding anniversary July 21 are longtime Rangely residents Rex and Mary Allred.

Rex is retired from Moon Lake Electric.

The Allreds have five children: son Wade Allred and wife Chris, daughter Pam Wardell and husband Layne, son Hank Allred and wife Julie, son Chuck Allred and wife Marcia and daughter Mary Lou Sagaser and husband Dan. All of their children live in Rangely. The Allreds also have 13 grandchildren.

Rex loves to garden and enjoyed raising horses for many years. Mary enjoys embroidery and embossing. They both love to camp.

Rex and Mary like the small town atmosphere of Rangely. Congratulations to Rex and Mary on 50 years of marriage.

ENGAGEMENT ...



Sydney Rose Cochran proudly presents her mother, Rhonda Faye Cochran, to Vincent Lee McKinney, father of Rueben, Elijah, Michah and Hannah, to be joined in holy matrimony Aug. 11, 2012, at Meeker United Methodist Church in Meeker, Colo., at 2 p.m. with a reception to follow. No gifts please.

GRAND OPENING ..



Shepherd's Office Outfitters held a grand opening of its new office supply store which offers electronics, travel, cellular services and of course office supplies at 640 Main St. in downtown Meeker. "It went well, we had an excellent turnout," owner Jeannette Shepherd said. Meeker Chamber of Commerce board member Wendy Gutierrez and chamber director Katalin Cook (far right) held a ribbon cutting and were pictured with Chad Shepherd, Austin Brown, Amber Holding, Cortnie Blazon, Dee Dee Gravit, Kasey Cox and Jesse Bland as Jeannette and her son Peyton cut the ribbon.

BOBBY GUTIERREZ

MACC presents dinner theater

Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER | The Meeker Arts and Cultural Council (MACC) proudly presents its first performing arts dinner theatre production of an old west comedy, "Sagebrush Sidekicks" on Saturday, July 28 at the old elementary school gymnasium on Fifth and Main streets.

A delicious dinner will be served by costumed cast members beginning at 6 p.m. and the production will commence at 7 p.m. Reservations can be made and tickets may be purchased at Shepherd's Office Outfitters at 6th and Main St., or from any cast member.

Reservations and advance purchase of tickets are requested in order to provide a head count for the dinner and seating. Tickets are \$25 per person and funds will serve to provide arts and cultural opportunities for the youth and adults of the Meeker community.

The hilarious comedy centers around legendary western hero Skipalong Rafferty (played by Lathrop Hughes) who needs a new sidekick. His last three sidekicks have died under unusual circumstances. Skipalong has his personal secretary, Netti Buntline (played by Steph Joos), hold a "sidekick contest," which consists of various "sidekick endeavors" such as making horrible-tasting coffee, running out of bullets during a gunfight and throwing his pistol at the bad guy, chasing after a villain and losing his britches in the process, making absurd faces at the taste of a shot of "Red Eye," escaping from a hogtie and a few other "challenges." But bizarre accidents keep causing Skipalong to lose the services of his many personal secretaries, resulting in a tie between all four of the scruffy sidekick contestants. Now Skipalong has to make the choice himself and a few twists are going to put him in a predicament he never expected.

The Sidekicks are portrayed by a litany of hilarious veteran thespians including Collin Cochran, who plays "Grubby Fingers" with an especially



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colorful rendition; Caleb Dodds as "Lumpy Davenport" delighting the audience with his special brand of humor; experienced director Gary Zellers joins the cast in the role of "Fuzzy McDonald," a particularly funny dude; Kalene Weinhold plays "Saddlesore Sam" one of the sidekicks with a wild side; The role of "Pearl Diver," one of the personal secretaries is played by Elizabeth Landis

in an especially humorous rendition. "Hildegard Heinie," the German school teacher is delightfully played by Shana Holliday; Meredith Deming rounds out the great cast with her zany performance as "Buffalo Becky."

The show and the ending will delight you and give you some of the best laughs you have ever had!

This debut dinner theatre is just the first of many future community

theatre and performing arts productions to be presented by MACC. All youth and adults are welcome and encouraged to join in these performing arts opportunities as actors and crew members. Your help and your participation are essential to the success of performing arts in Meeker!

For more information on MACC and the production, please contact Gary Zellers at dean065@hotmail.com, or phone 970-878-0554. For reservations and tickets contact Shepherd's Office Outfitters at 970-878-5587 or email shepherdsoffice-outfitters@gmail.com. Follow MACC on Facebook.

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Mural showcases local industries, attractions

By HEATHER ZADRA
Special to the Herald Times

RANGELY | Until the 1980s, when Dawn Wardell first painted the west wall at 117 W. Main St., the building was serviceable but not noticeable. It housed The Insurance Office in the 1960s and the Family Video store in the '80s and '90s. Wardell's mural, a mountain scene depicting deer and elk, added something to the wall's bare face.

In 2007, when Raven Realty owner Karen Reed bought the building, she liked the art that came with it. The mural, though a bit faded, "was still beautiful."

Then one morning last February, she arrived at the office to find a semi-sized hole in the wall. A semi truck had backed into the structure and left, after caving in the cinder blocks and damaging both wall and mural beyond repair.

"I didn't want to just not have the art there," Reed said. "Having a mural uplifts the community and makes it nicer."

So Reed started the process of creating something new. To get ideas for

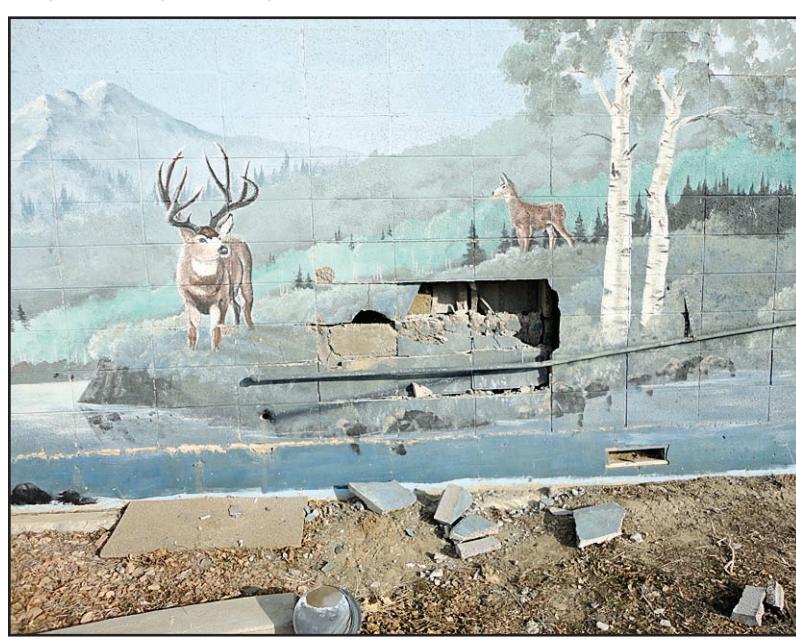
"What was unusual was having to show so many different things," he said. "I tried to tie the whole mural together with the mountain range and the road that comes out of the oil field. The wildflowers were a gift to Karen. And the ravens — she said we had to have those. Otherwise, it wouldn't be Rangely."

The mural features canoeists floating down the White River; an airplane wielding Colorado Northwestern Community College's Spartan mascot; two rock crawlers scaling a tenuous ledge; and Canyon Pintado rock art, among several other icons of the area. It also holds a surprise.

"Bud Striegel approached Lee and asked if he could put his Studebaker in there," Reed said. "He asked me too, and I said 'sure.' Bud does a lot for the town."

Bowerman obliged, noting that not only did he paint the car into the mural; he has also worked in the hot-rod shop that is currently turning the 1950 Studebaker body into a custom hot-rod.

Bowerman said that several Rangely residents supported him during his month-long stay in the area.



KAREN REED

the mural, she asked for community input and brainstormed ideas with family and friends.

"We wanted to incorporate the recreational activities we have in Rangely," Reed said. "To let people know who are driving through it's not just an oil town that's about all work and no play."

While searching for muralists online, she found Grand Junction artist Lee Bowerman. Bowerman, a commercial sign painter for 35 years, has found his niche on the Western Slope, where he does both easel painting and murals but has "a special affinity for doing big work outside."

Bowerman has painted Italian walkways, 1940s Main Street scenes, teepee villages, even Johnny Cash surrounded by his Ghost Riders. Joined with his experience are skills learned at the former Mesa State College, the Rocky Mountain School of Art, and a "Famous Artists" correspondence course founded by Norman Rockwell and other artists.

Even with that kind of a background, Bowerman said that this project presented a "giant challenge."



FACE LIFT ...

(Bottom left) The old mural on Raven Realty's west wall was damaged by a semi truck in February. Engineers said the wall needed replaced, so owner Karen Reed decided to have a new mural painted. (Left) The finished mural features a "surprise" in the form of Bud Striegel's Studebaker, a fitting tribute to his philanthropy.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thank you for school supply support

Dear Editor:

Dave and Enid Steffen (The Bakery and The Thrift and Gift Shop) would like to thank everyone for all the help with the school supplies over the years. The Methodist Church in Meeker is taking it over and we would like to think they will get the same help as you have given us over the years. They will have a drop off at the church in Richards Hall. There will be signs and it is always open. You can also drop off "Labels for Education" from soup cans and "Box Tops for Education" from other products there.

Thank you again for all your support.

Dave and Enid Steffen
Meeker

Consider the positive

Dear Editor:

After reading Mr. Ridgeway's editorial this week, I found a copy of the article which was published in the *New York Times* in June. I had heard the reporter made a personal visit to Meeker to obtain facts for the article entitled "Western Colorado Struggles as Energy Jobs Fade."

To many, the article is spot-on concerning the energy slump. My disappointment is that it paints a picture of a desolate, drab, unhappy dust town. This perspective was published in a newspaper with huge circulation. The article's quoted phrase of "we're sitting here dead" would be far from the ideals of our local tourism boards — who would want to visit or move to Meeker/Rio Blanco County, a place where rusting tanks line the highways?"

Coal extraction is still a major contributing energy factor in both Meeker and Rangely. Oil and gas companies still have long-term employees here and the oil and gas is flowing from infrastructure put in place at the peak of our recent boom. Agriculture is still a valuable gem for the county and our recreation opportunities are coming on strong again.

Five years ago, energy compa-

nies told us they would be here, and then gone. Apparently supporting contractors and businesses did not buy in to the five-year plan.

The article states that "home foreclosures, while falling across Colorado, are rising here." This is not factual. No one from the *New York Times* visited the office of Public Trustee to obtain these figures and chart the trend.

In 2009, Rio Blanco opened 51 foreclosure files. In 2010, 41 were opened. And last year, we opened 40 files. The numbers are falling. Comparing June 30 in these three years plus 2012, we are even in three of the four years at 21 files started at mid-year. It took the county five years to recover to "normal" foreclosure levels after the peak of last boom and bust cycle. No guarantees, but it appears we may be in a modest recovery cycle for foreclosure filings.

The spike in the 2009 foreclosures were "here and gone" status. Properties owned by developers who were speculating with home building, or energy personnel, making few or no payments, then walking away from their house in Meeker only to go to the next "hot spot" were a large percentage of the 51 files.

I'm not sure how this article

developed. Maybe the author used pick-and-choose on comments that appeared, leaving out all the positive comments he may have heard. I surely hope this was the case. You can't paint such a dismal picture for a national publication, then expect citizens and businesses from near and far, to beat a path to your door.

*Karen Arnold
Rio Blanco County Public Trustee*

Rangely recycles

Dear Editor:

We haven't paid much attention to the discussion of a recycling program for Rangely. We've always recycled our newspapers by taking them to the bins near K-Mart in Junction, and we don't use bottled water. (We think Rangely water tastes just fine.) But recently we've needed a good deal of distilled water for medical equipment, and with the gallon milk jugs, it was getting to be a lot, so we checked out Curbside Recycling in Grand Junction. It was a little tricky to find, but once we found it, we think it's great. They take newspaper and all kinds of cardboard and plastic jugs and bottles, and phone books and magazines and egg cartons and more, and there usually is a very nice person there to help you get things in the right place.

We just save it up and take a friend's collection as well. We all go to Junction and we all could do that.

We heard that the folks at White River Village had been saving up their water bottles for recycling, and then found the plans had fallen through, so we took their bottles down. We'll take as much as the car can hold, and I hope others will do the same. Maybe someday the town government will decide to be a little kinder to our landfill and the only planet we've got, but this works for now.

*John and Mickey Allen
Rangely*

Correction

Dear Editor:

Thank you for publishing my "Letter to the Editor" last week. Unfortunately, the letter printed was not precisely the one I sent. In the second paragraph I wrote "I am thinking now of Roe v. Wade, a decision that has led to the slaughter of 55,000,000 Americans and brought shame upon our country." The *Herald Times* published this as "I am thinking now of Roe v. Wade, a decision that has led to the slaughter of 5.5 million Americans and brought shame upon our country." There have not been a total 5.5 million peo-

ple killed by abortion, since Roe v. Wade but 55 million, a considerable difference!

Cordially,
Rogers Huck Meredith

Thank you 4-H, dog pound supporters

Dear Editor:

A big thank you to Dr. Stacy Hudleson and Laurel Haney for their efforts at the "Give a Dog a Shot" day on Saturday. Many dogs received vaccinations at a reduced cost and the 4-H dog club was able to donate \$35 to the Meeker Dog Pound. Thank you to Bobby Gutierrez, Tai Mataia, Becky Ridings, Kaitlyn Cook, Laurel Haney and Briana Williams for purchasing dog treats and/or biodegradable dog waste bags from the Marvelous Mutts 4-H Club. Also, I would like to recognize Sena Zellers, Matilda Brown, Addie Joy, Rainier Foreback and Sydney Cochran for their efforts to help the pound dogs find new homes. Appreciation also goes to Joy Surveying for donating the flyers and signs to advertise the event. We hope to make this an even bigger success next year!

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Drought demands extra measures at WREA

Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER With the drought conditions and fire danger at historic levels around the state, White River Electric has implemented changes to

its normal procedures in restoring power in the event of an electrical power outage. These changes could result in members experiencing longer wait times should they experience an outage.

Recently instituted operating procedures at WREA involving restoration of power are efforts to curtail the potential of fire that may

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be caused by outage situations such as downed power lines, or other equipment malfunctions. With Colorado experiencing one of the worst droughts in years, wildfire fuels are abundant. A combination of dried grass, trees, brush, high temperatures and high winds have prompted local and state officials to institute fire bans and regulations for the entire State.

(Contact the RBC Sheriff's Office for more fire ban information)

"White River has put into operation changes in our normal procedures to restore power in case of an outage. These changes are an effort to mitigate circumstances and prevent a potential fire. It's possible that with these changes the membership

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could experience outages that are longer in duration than usual. We feel that these extra precautions are necessary given the conditions we are presently experiencing," stated WREA General Manager Richard Welle.

Under the present changes, WREA line crews are required to complete line patrols, which involve total line inspection, before any open circuit is tested by closing the protection device. This could extend the time necessary to restore power to an affected area as additional personnel could be necessary to complete line evaluation.

"Fortunately, we have not had to locally experience the horrific fires decimating much of our state. Our thoughts are with those people who have lost homes and property and those who are fighting these fires," Welle said.

"We would like our members to continue to report anything unusual

that they see regarding our power lines, especially with the amount of winds and high temperatures we've been experiencing lately. Any report of downed power lines, or abnormality with the power lines or related equipment is greatly appreciated. We rely on our membership to continue to report these. We are thankful for the understanding of the membership and hopefully are able to return to normal procedures soon," Welle concluded.

White River Electric is the local rural electric distribution cooperative. Office hours are 7 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday with the headquarters located at 233 Sixth St. in Meeker, 970-878-5041. White River Electric serves approximately 3,300 meters in Eastern Rio Blanco and portions of Moffat and Garfield counties. White River Electric Association, Inc., strives to provide its member-consumers with safe, reliable and responsible electric energy and other services at the most reasonable costs possible while remaining committed to customer and community service. The cooperative holds its core values; reasonable rates, reliability, safety and service.

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Understanding new tax exemptions

Special to the Herald Times

RBC I On May 14 the Rio Blanco County Board of County Commissioners passed Resolution 12-15 allowing three new sales tax exemptions to the original sales tax resolution. These are already exempt at the state level and will now be exempt at the county level effective July 1. Some vendors have already received specific information regarding these exemptions.

The sales tax exemptions that were adopted include an exemption for occasional sales for charitable organizations, a farm equipment exemption and an exemption for school-related items. Below is a brief overview of each exemption with excerpts from Colorado Department of Revenue FYI's which are informational publications relating to specific tax issues.

FYI Sales 2: Sales Tax Exempt Status for Charitable Organizations:

Application Requirements

GENERAL INFORMATION Colorado allows charitable organizations an exemption from state-collected sales tax for purchases made in the conduct of their regular charitable functions and activities. [§39-26-718 (1) (a), C.R.S. The threshold for sales tax exempt status in Colorado is exemption from income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Such income tax exempt status must first be obtained from the federal Internal Revenue Service. Package 1023 is the "Application for Recognition of Exemption Under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code." Organizations must be organized specifically for one of the following purposes:

■ religious, charitable, scientific, testing for public safety, literary or educational;

■ to foster national or international amateur sports competition, as long as no part of its activities involve providing athletic facilities or equipment;

■ the prevention of cruelty to children or animals, as long as no part of the net earnings benefit any private shareholder or individual.

FYI Sales 75

Farm Equipment Exemption

GENERAL INFORMATION

Effective July 1, 1999, and as modified effective July 1, 2000, and again on July 1, 2001, a sales tax exemption is provided for certain qualifying farm, dairy and ranch equipment and shipping aids. [§39-26-716, C.R.S.] Colorado sales tax exempts many non-registered farm vehicles, towed equipment, trailers, and the attachments to these vehicles, irri-

gation equipment, dairy equipment, aircraft used in crop dusting, and repair and maintenance parts for these exempt items. The statute also exempts farm use of bailing wire, binders twine, surface wrap, pallets and crates. Shipping pallets, aids and crates are exempt when used in the transfer or shipping of agricultural products.

FARM EQUIPMENT

While the broad term "farm equipment" is used in the exemption statute, only non-registered vehicles, trailers and towables are included as exempt. The exemption law defines farm equipment to be farm tractors and implements of husbandry as defined in motor vehicle statutes. If the farm vehicle is registered with the county motor vehicle office, then it does not qualify for the exemption.

FYI Sales 86

Sales Tax Exemption on School-Related Items

GENERAL INFORMATION

Beginning Sept. 1, 2008, sales made by schools, school activity booster organizations, and student classes or organizations are exempt from state sales tax if all proceeds of the sale are for the benefit of a school or school-approved student organization. A "school" includes both public and private school for students in kindergarten through 12th grade or any portion of those school grades. [§39-26-725(2), C.R.S.] Preschools, trade schools, and post-secondary schools are not eligible for this exemption. All of the proceeds of the sale must go to the benefit of the school or school-approved student organization in order to qualify for this exemption. The only exception is that the proceeds can be used to pay the actual cost of the commodity sold. This exemption does not apply if proceeds are used to pay facility charges (rental of space or equipment), labor (school employee, security personnel, or independent contractor costs), transportation, meals, insurance, and other costs.

This state sales tax exemption includes, but is not limited to, fundraiser items such as gift wrap, bake sale goods, silent auction donation items, and booster club concession stand food items that are sold by the school or a school-related organization.

For more information, go to www.colorado.gov then go into Taxes, go into Tax Information, go into FYI Sales and find the FYI you need.

You may also contact Debbie Morlan, Rio Blanco County Sales and Use Tax Administrator at 970-878-9610 or at debmoran@co.rio-blanco.co.us.

Stealing newspapers is a crime

By CARL MILLER
Special to the Herald Times

RBC I Sometimes when you see something that is wrong, you know you need to do something about it. Nine years ago, I was serving as the state representative in District 56, representing the people of Eagle, Lake and Summit counties in the Colorado House of Representatives. Someone was upset about something written in one of the free distribution newspapers in my district and decided the best way to stop everyone else in town from seeing it would be to steal all the newspapers.

The theft of those newspapers was damaging to virtually all of my constituents. The people who depended on that paper for news and information were victims as the thieves effectively violated their First Amendment rights to benefit from a free press when they censored

that newspaper by stealing all the copies. The businesses that advertised in the paper spent hard earned money and made business decisions based upon the advertisements they'd purchased were hurt when the entire run of that newspaper was stolen for the express purpose of making sure that no one, including their customers and potential customers, would ever see anything printed in it. Finally, the newspaper itself was hurt. It lost financially as its investment to make the newspaper available was stolen, but even more so by a thief who stole the paper's right to communicate with its community.

When local prosecutors declined to prosecute the case because they said that no crime had been committed under Colorado law because they couldn't establish a value for newspapers that were distributed to the public without cost, I knew some-

thing had to be done.

Working with representatives of law enforcement, business organizations and newspapers, Senator Jack Taylor and I introduced House Bill 1057 in 2004. The bill made it a crime to steal newspapers for the purpose of depriving other people access to information. It passed the legislature by huge margins and was signed into law by Governor Bill Owens.

I was shocked to hear earlier this year that a task force of the Colorado Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice was considering recommending doing away with the newspaper theft law and was even more amazed that the full commission has now recommended repeal to the legislature.

It seems pretty simple to me. You don't take things that don't belong to you. But beyond that, we carefully crafted HB 1057 to only

bring the law into these crimes when it could be proven that the theft took place to deprive other people the right to read what was printed in the newspaper. If the legislature accepts this ill-conceived recommendation to repeal the law, it will create open season on a free press as stealing papers for the purpose of censoring information will be legalized in Colorado. I urge the CCJJ to reconsider its very flawed recommendation, but if it goes forward, the legislature owes it to my former constituents and all Coloradans to swiftly kill the bill and leave existing protections in place.

Carl Miller, D-Leadville, served in the Colorado House of Representatives from 1997 until 2004. He also served as a Lake County Commissioner and as a member of the Colorado Public Utilities Commission.

County valuation currently up

By BOBBY GUTIERREZ
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RBC I Rio Blanco County assessor Renae Neilson presented the commissioners with the 2012 protest valuation report at its most recent meeting and showed an increase in assessed value from 2011.

Neilson reported there were 40 real property protests during the 2012 protest period, of which 22 were adjusted, five were satisfied, nine were denied and four were void. There were 41 personal property and oil/gas protest; 19 were adjusted, zero were satisfied and two were denied with 20 on hold.

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Neilson said 19 companies reported late or did not return their declaration schedules.

It was reported there were 12 drilling rigs that operated in Rio Blanco County, all located in Districts 3 and 34. Three rigs operated 365 days in the county, seven rigs were apportioned with other counties and two rigs were stacked in RBC.

Neilson also reported Rio Blanco County's total taxable assessed value as of July 3, 2012, at \$1,385,148,180, up \$81,156,370 from 2011, broken down as follows:

Real Property	671,032,900
Personal Property	714,115,280
Total	\$1,385,148,180
Vacant Land	5,973,200
Residential	37,421,870
Commercial	27,565,090
Industrial	318,527,190
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Neilson wanted it to be known that 2012 values will not be final until Dec. 10, 2012.

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Jesus' Doctrine of the Sovereignty of God (2)

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



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The Proclamation of the Sovereign Word (Jn. 1:1-3)

In his opening words, John declares:
In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

The key to grasping the Gospel of John is to recognize its uniqueness from the three Synoptic Gospels. "Synoptic" (Greek *sunoptikos*) literally means "seeing the whole together at a glance," and includes the idea of taking a general view of the principal parts of a subject. So, the Synoptic Gospels take a common view of Christ's life and cover much of the same ground. Further, they all present Christ in His *humanity*: *Matthew* wrote to Jews to reveal Christ as Sovereign *King*; *Mark* wrote to Romans to reveal Christ as Sovereign *Servant*; *Luke* wrote to Greeks to reveal Christ as Sovereign *Savior*.

John, however, is unique—so unique, in fact, that more than ninety percent of what he recorded is found only in his Gospel; he wrote to the whole world to reveal Christ as Sovereign *God*, noting seven unique "signs" (miracles) that demonstrate that truth. These opening verses emphasize that very truth. From the outset, Jesus is presented not as man, but as Sovereign God. These opening verses proclaim His sovereignty in four ways.

Jesus' Eternality

Christ's *eternity* is declared in the words, "In the beginning." Phrases such as this are Hebrewisms (idioms) that indicate eternity. An Old Testament example is Psalm 90:2: "Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God." Additionally, the definite article ("the") actually is not present in the Greek but is inserted to make good English. The most literal rendering then would be "in beginning," transporting us back as far as we can imagine. If, therefore, "all things were made by

him," and if He was there when it all began, then He had to have existed before that beginning.

John later quotes similar words by our Lord as He prayed His high priestly prayer: "And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was. . . . I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me: for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world" (17:5, 24). Paul also wrote, "According as [God] hath chosen us in [Christ] before the foundation of the world" (Eph. 1:4). So, whatever "the Word" was, it was eternal and uncreated.

Jesus' Identity

Our Lord's *identity* is declared in that great statement: "was the Word, and the Word was with God." Whoever this was, He is referred to as "the Word." The Greek here, of course, is *logos*, which means to speak intelligently, to articulate a message, to give a discourse. It is derived from *legō*, which originally (prior to the fifth century BC) denoted the "activity of collecting, carefully selecting, cataloguing in succession, and arranging together in an orderly sequence." This developed into the meaning "to lay before, i.e., to relate, recount" and finally "to say, speak, i.e., to utter definite words, connected, and significant speech equal to discourse."

How, then, does this relate here? Who is "the Word"? It is, of course, the Lord Jesus Christ. He is "the Logos," for *He is the very intelligence of God come in the flesh to deliver His discourse, to proclaim His message to the world*. As verse 14 goes on to say, this Logos, this Discourse of God, came in the "flesh, and dwelt among us." That leads us to the third declaration of His sovereignty, His deity, which we will consider next time.

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PENNIES PLUS...



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Pennies Plus junior ambassador Sarah Welle, accompanied by Meeker Police Officer Phil Stubblefield, deposited the buckets and bags of loose change gathered for the Rio Blanco County Historical Society's Pennies Plus project at Mountain Valley Bank.



Penny project helps

Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER | Last week, the Rio Blanco County Historical Society (RBCHS) invited its Pennies Plus junior ambassador, Sarah Welle, to help courier the accumulated buckets and bags of loose change to Mountain Valley Bank for a deposit. To ensure safety, Officer Phil Stubblefield escorted the unusual convoy through downtown Meeker from the White River Museum to Mountain Valley Bank.

Ellene Meece, RBCHS president, shared the significance of this milestone, "This past year, we

have been steadily raising money to pay off the book loan that was incurred with the reprinting of 'This Is What I Remember' books, stories published from our own people of what they remember about this area and its colorful history. The original loan debt totaled \$38,000 with Mountain Valley Bank. In 2011, after not being able to make a full payment one month, the board rallied and started the Pennies Plus Project, to pay off the final \$10,000 owed. With all our root beer float and bake sale fundraisers and the faithful contributions in our penny buckets around town, we are happy to

report that we have collected more than 500,000 pennies making us more than half way to our 1 million penny goal!"

The "This is What I Remember" books are sold at the White River Museum, which is open daily. This Saturday, the Rio Blanco County Historical Society will be selling root beer floats and homemade baked treats in front of the garrison building during community appreciation day from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. They will also have a sale of donated antiques and vintage collectibles in the courtyard between the garrison building and the main museum.

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Craig man dies in accident

By BOBBY GUTIERREZ
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RBC | A vehicle accident on Colowyo Mine property claimed the life of mine employee Jason Kawcak last Saturday.

The Moffat County Sheriff's Office and emergency personnel responded to the accident July 14 at approximately 6 p.m. Kawcak was transported to The Memorial Hospital in Craig where he was pronounced dead.

No details about the vehicle accident were included in a press release from Western Fuels-Colorado, which

purchased Colowyo Coal Mine in December 2011, but Western Fuels general manager Ken Anderson made the following statement:

"Our thoughts and prayers are with the family, friends and coworkers affected by this tragedy," Anderson said. "The safety of our people and operations are our highest value and priority. We are working closely with public safety authorities to investigate the accident."

All mining operations at Colowyo Mine have ceased while Colowyo personnel and investigators from the Mine Safety and Health

Administration investigate the accident.

The Colowyo Coal Company is owned by Western Fuels-Colorado, a fuel supply subsidiary of Colorado-based Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association.

Mine personnel are working with authorities to restart operations but they have not yet determined a restart date or time.

Funeral services for Jason Kawcak will be held at 11 a.m. today, July 19, 2012, at The Journey at First Baptist in Craig and interment will follow in the Craig Cemetery.

OBITUARIES

Matt Phillips

Sept. 23, 1957 ~ July 8, 2012

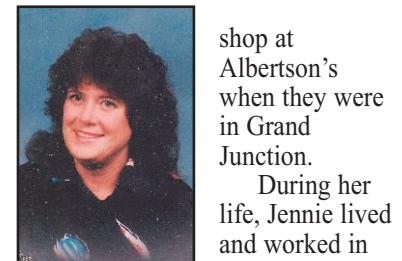


Matt Phillips
Beverly (Land) Phillips of Erie, Colo.; sister Candi (Steve) Cloud of Lafayette, Colo., and nephews Sean (Brenda) Cloud of Okinawa, Japan, and Scott (Sarah) Cloud of

Lafayette, Colo. He will rest in peace with his wife Valerie in the Meeker Highland Cemetery. There will be a celebration of life on Sept 22, 2012.

Jennie Lee (Clapper) Mullally

June 2, 1953 ~ July 3, 2012



Jennie Mullally
shop at Albertson's when they were in Grand Junction.

During her life, Jennie lived and worked in Steamboat Springs, Colo., Reno, Nev., Los Angeles, Calif., Wilmington, Del., Key West and Lakeland, Fla., and Grand Junction, Colo.

Jennie was a mother, a grandmother, a sister, a daughter, an aunt, a teacher and a friend to so many. There was not a heart she didn't bless. She is survived by her children, Vincent Mullally and Josephine Mullally, daughter-in-law, Rita Mullally, and grandchildren, Kiera and Ashlyn Mullally; sisters Vera (Earl) Lyons, Vina Klahn, and Kathy (Darin) Floyd, sister-in-law, Sharon Clapper, and brother-in-law Jim Riegel, as well as her beloved nieces and nephews, and many, many friends. Jennie was preceded in death by her parents, Spec and Josie Clapper, sister Debbie Riegel and brothers, Gene and Bruce Clapper.

Services for Jennie will be held on August 16, 2012, at 10 a.m. by Pastor Johnny Arrington at the Meeker Methodist Church, on the corner of 8th and Park streets in Meeker.

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DOG DAYS OF SUMMER



(Left) Sydney Cochran's dog, Bucky, gives local veterinarian Stacy Hudleson some love, then Cochran (above) keeps the dog calm before he gets a shot. Hudleson, Kathy Sizemore with the Town of Meeker and Ann Franklin with the local Marvelous Mutts 4-H Club were at City Park to give discounted rabies and distemper shots to local dogs. Addie Joy (right) took local pound puppy "Prancer" out for some exercise. Make plans to attend the Dog Wash this Sunday, July 22 at Elks Park in Rangely from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Come get your dog washed and support the Rangely Animal Shelter.



Comments: New pipeline

RBC I The Bureau of Land Management is seeking public comment on an Environmental Assessment of a proposed 95-mile 16-inch pipeline to transport natural gas liquids.

The pipeline is being proposed by Enterprise Mid-America Pipeline and would follow an existing pipeline corridor across Rio Blanco, Garfield, and Mesa counties in Colorado, and Uintah and Grand counties in Utah. It would cross BLM lands administered by the White River and Grand Junction field offices in Colorado and the Vernal and Moab field offices in Utah.

Copies of the preliminary environmental assessment are available online at http://www.blm.gov/co/st/en/f/o/gfo/energy/western_expansion.html or at the BLM Grand Junction Field Office, 2815 H Road, in Grand Junction.

Comments may be submitted via email at gfo_web-mail@blm.gov or mailed to the BLM Northwest Colorado District Office at 2815 H Road, Grand Junction, Colo., 81506. Comments need to be received by July 31, 2012. For more information, contact Erin Dreyfuss at 970-244-3008.

Visitors increase at center

Special to the Herald Times

DINOSAUR I "Since the opening of the new Quarry Visitor Center and Quarry Exhibit Hall last October, Dinosaur National Monument has experienced an increase in park visitation over 2011's numbers," announced Superintendent Mary Risser. "For the first six months of 2012, the monument recorded 111,784 recreational visits. In 2011, we recorded 75,997 recreational visits by the end of June. That is a 47 percent increase over last year when the quarry was closed."

Recreational visits to the monument for the month of June alone totaled 44,847. "Our busiest months are still to come. Historically, when the Quarry was open, the months of July and August usually saw 50,000 to 60,000 recreational visits per month to the monument."

"While there is no way to predict what the monument's visitation may

be in the future, having the dinosaur quarry open to visitors again definitely increases the monument's draw," commented Risser. "Despite gas prices, the economy, above-normal temperatures, and fires in many western states, people are still traveling and coming to the monument. Uintah County Travel and Tourism based in Vernal, Utah and Moffat County Tourism in Craig, Colo., have both been wonderful partners in helping spread the word about the monument and letting people know that the dinosaur quarry is open again."

Dinosaur National Monument covers more than 210,000 acres along the border of Colorado and Utah. In addition to the world famous dinosaur fossils, the monument also features two rivers known for white-water rafting and boating, numerous petroglyph sites and other evidence of human habitation extending back over 7,000 years, an array of plant and animal life, camp-

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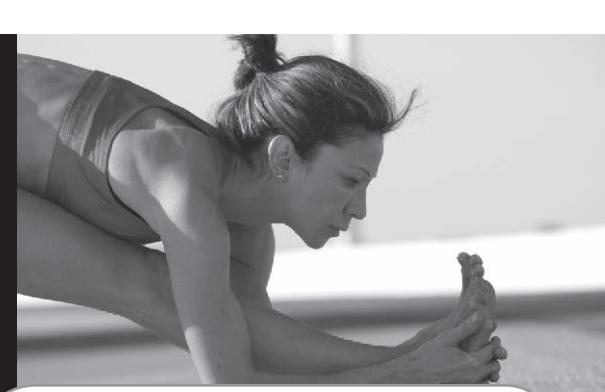
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MES UPDATE...



Teachers have moved back into the Meeker Elementary School and the Neenan Company has been working on the final punch list for the structural repairs and renovation. The Neenan Company made a presentation to the school board Tuesday about wrapping the project up, discussing the repairs to the southeast corner of the gym and requested the school district's help getting the Meeker Sanitation District to accept ownership of the sewer line so the school district could release the \$50,000 it is holding.

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BLM begins gathering of 50 horses

Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER The Bureau of Land Management is scheduled to begin an emergency gather of about 50 horses on Sunday in the West Douglas Herd Area south of Rangely.

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Carroll takes top award

Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER During the 43rd Annual Ag and Tech Awards banquet held at the end of the school year at Northeastern Junior College, a number of students from all over the state received recognition. The event was attended by more than 200 agriculture students, faculty, staff and special guests who were on hand to honor those who received awards. A special guest at the banquet was Jack Annan who has attended 41 of the 43 award banquets held. Annan worked for many years as an admissions counselor at Northeastern and is currently the executive director of the college's alumni association.

Each year the agriculture and technical education department recognizes students for earning scholarship awards and for being at the top academically in their specific program of study or extracurricular endeavors.

Among the students receiving awards in 2012 were Brett Carroll of Meeker, who was named the top production agriculture student at Northeastern.

Sponsors of this year's banquet



Brett Carroll (left) of Meeker accepts the 2012 top production agriculture student award at Northeastern Junior College, presented by NJC ag/equine professor Taya McAdow (right).

included Cargill, Colorado Community Bank, Northeast Agricultural Services and Sonnenberg Agency.

Northeastern Junior College is the largest residential two-year college in

Colorado. It offers a comprehensive agriculture curriculum in career, technical and transfer degree programs and is considered one of the largest ag schools in this region.

source. The animals are then transported to a temporary holding facility.

"The BLM considers wild horses an important resource and we are doing everything we can for the welfare of these horses," said BLM Wild Horse Specialist Jerome Fox.

The gather will last for 30 days or until 50 horses are gathered, whichever comes first.



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Rangely baseball teams thriving

— Win two team championships —

Special to the Herald Times

RANGELY | The Rangely High School baseball team hosted the fifth annual Rangely Invitational Tournament last weekend and did very well.

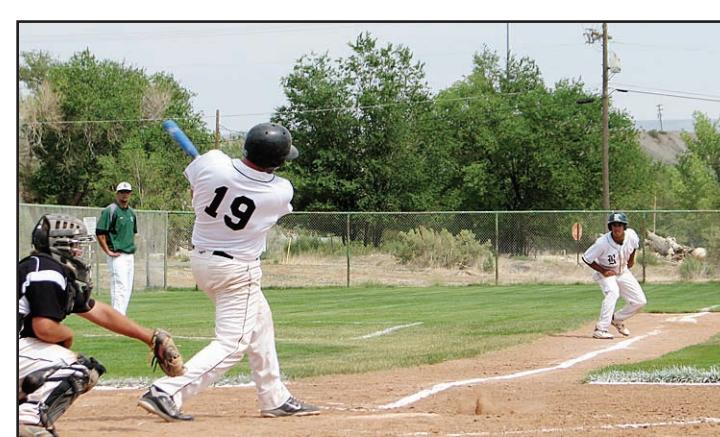
The Panthers played the Union Cougars in the first round and came out on top 6-5 with Kelton Elam's seventh inning game-winning hit. Elam wasn't done with his clutch hits for the weekend, hitting another seventh inning single that helped the Panthers beat the Thomas Jefferson Spartans from Denver 6-5. Rangely started Saturday with a 14-7 victory over Moffat County High School with the help of a solid pitching performance by Bryson Palacios. Later in the day, Rangely played Grand County High School from Moab, Utah. The game was 2-2 going into the sixth inning when the Panthers strung a bunch of hits together to score nine runs. The final score was 11-2.

After winning four in a row, the Panthers had to prove they were the best team in the tournament Sunday. Cameron Enterline threw a complete game shutout against Price, Utah, with the Panthers winning 15-0. With a 5-0 weekend record the Panthers won their tournament impressively. Receiving all-tournament honors: Bryson Palacios, Kody Denny, Kelton Elam and Dakota Marley (sophomore nephew of Coach Gary Denny). Elam also received the offensive player of the tournament award for his contributions. Chas Byerly, Chad Bolding, Kacey Denny, Gabe Garcia and Toby Gasper should not go unmentioned for their contributions to the Panthers' success, either.



The Rangely summer baseball team won the 5th annual Rangely Invitational last weekend after five tournament wins. Playing on the championship team are in front; Kelton Elam, Chas Byerly, Jesse Powell and Chad Bolding. Back; coach Paul Fortunato, Lucas Heinle, Kasey Denny, Cameron Enterline, Kody Denny, Bryson Palacios, Gabe Garcia, Toby Gasper, Dakota Marley and coach Gary Denny.

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(Left) Rangely's 13-15 team ended their season as league champs with a 9-3 record, all three Panther losses were to Moffat County, who they defeated in the championship game. Rangely lost to MoCo two times in league play, each by one run and lost 15-10 in the first round before coming back through the losers bracket to win 15-1 in the championship game. Playing on the 13-15 championship team in front are Kiki Ruiz, Jesse Odem, Manny Madrid, Jessy Powell and Chris Hogan. Standing are; coach Wes Torsell, Kory Hood, Kaulan Brady, Josh Bolding, Cody Wilkenson and Freddy Ruiz. Coach Torsell wanted to thank Stephanie Hogan, Karen Madrid and Bill Wilkenson for helping out on the long trips.

Norell shines at rodeo

By HALLIE BLUNT
 Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER | Local cowboys and cowgirls have competed in the annual Range Call rodeo for 127 years and this year Meeker was well represented by Cynda Norell. She won the break-away calf roping with a fast time of 2.7 seconds.

Norell is a name synonymous with rodeo as there have been Norells atop the leader board for three generations. She is modest about her accomplishments, though. Few know Norell was a four-time state champion in the goat tying event in high school, competing in Wyoming as the travel was less extreme than Colorado. She competed in goat tying, barrel racing and break-away in high school and her success won her a scholarship to Vernon College in Texas. After completing the two year program there, she competed for Carlton State College in Stevensville, Texas. She enjoyed a great deal of success in college and currently competes in the Colorado Professional Rodeo Association.

The CPRA begins in June and winds down in August with the state finals in Grand Junction in September. Norell is in the top 10 in break-away roping in the circuit, as well as one of the top mixed team ropers. She travels every weekend and competes in two to three rodeos per weekend. She consistently wins a check in at least one event and looks to qualify for the finals in multiple events.

During the week, Norell works for Mountain Valley Bank, but rodeo is in her blood. It has been a big part of her life as it has been in the Norell family for years. In spite of her accomplishments, Norell's laid-back, friendly demeanor is deceiving because when she backs into a roping box, or turns her horse loose in the goat tying competition, she is a fierce competitor who has made a name for herself in the CPRA and the Meeker Range Call rodeo.

Wrestlers host successful OHV poker run

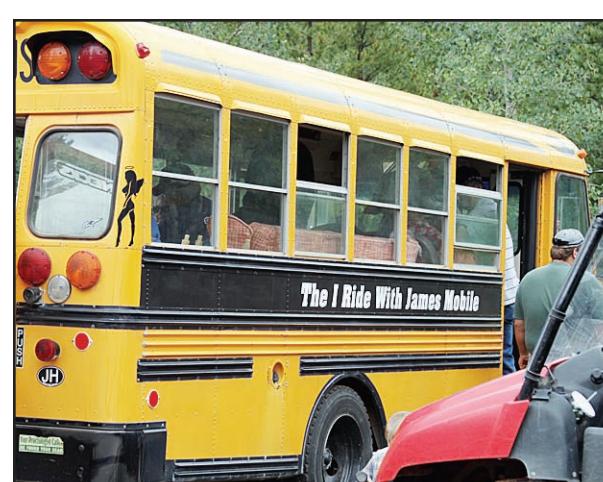
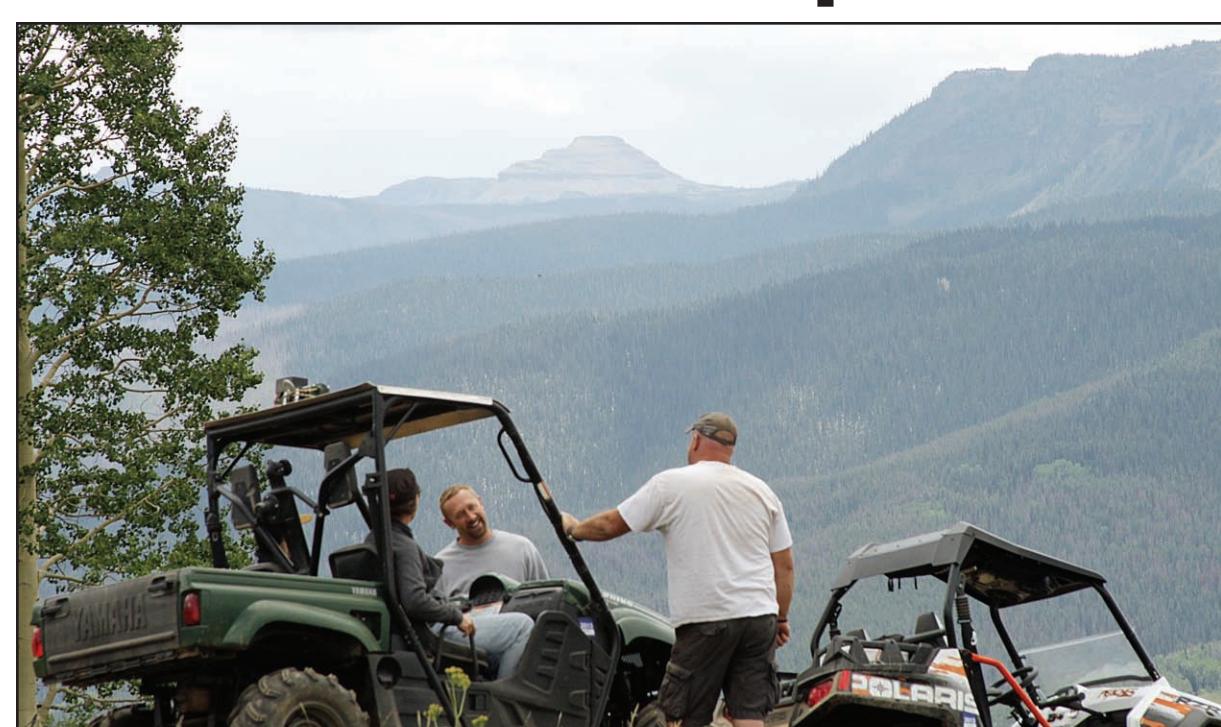
By BOBBY GUTIERREZ
 bobby@theheraldtimes.com

MEEKER | The Meeker High School wrestling team hosted the first annual OHV poker run fundraiser Sunday last. Forty riders started at the North Fork campground and completed the Dead Horse Loop in the White River National Forest. Thirteen high school wrestlers and coaches J.C. Watt and Lee Overton set up camp and the checkpoints on the course last Saturday and spent the night in the rain, which didn't dampen the fun.

"It was a good camping experience and great team builder," Watt said of the weekend.

Riders played more than 60 hands, with Kevin Brown winning \$100 for the best hand and Rich Bland won \$100 for the worst hand. Many other prizes were donated and hot dogs and hamburgers were provided for everyone after the ride.

"I would like to especially thank Mike and Kathy Sizemore for bringing up the James Sizemore bus and helping with registration," Watt said. "It was really nice of them to do."



Forty riders participated in the first annual OHV Poker Run, sponsored by the Meeker High School wrestling team. Wrestlers were posted around the Dead Horse Loop trail, where riders like Tonya Morris, Jeff Musgrave and Matt Jensen (above) enjoyed conversation and the view. Mike and Kathy Sizemore brought the I Ride With James Sizemore Mobile (far left) to the North Fork campground for registration. "They just wanted to help, it was very nice of them," head wrestling coach J.C. Watt said. Watt's daughter Avery (left) gave the fundraiser a "thump up" sign. The Rio Blanco County Search and Rescue will host an OHV Poker Run July 28, starting at Lake Avery.

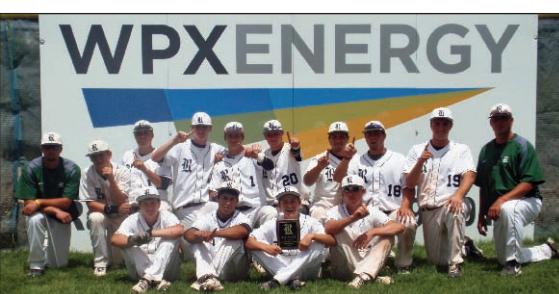


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CHAMPIONS of the **WEEK**

Summer Baseball Team Rangely, Colorado

The Rangely summer baseball team won all five games and the team championship in the fifth annual Rangely Invitational tournament held last weekend. The Panthers defeated the Union Cougars, Thomas Jefferson Spartans, Moffat County Bulldogs, Grand County High School of Moab, Utah, then Price, Utah in the championship game.



Cynda Norell Meeker, Colorado

Norell, a Meeker High School graduate, won the break-away calf roping event at the 127th annual Range Call Rodeo with a time of 2.7 seconds. Norell competes in the Colorado Professional Rodeo Association circuit and is in the top 10 in the break-away roping and one of the top mixed team ropers.



Results from Meeker jackpot

Special to the Herald Times

RBC | The Colby Holeyfield Memorial Jackpot was held June 23 in Meeker.

The committee would like to thank the following for their support: Joe and Linda Holeyfield and Hayes Petroleum for donating money for the event, Twila Morris for taking pictures, all the people who worked to make this third year a continued success and the following local youth for participating in the jackpot.

Swine:
Jessy Pelloni — fifth in market class and fifth in showmanship

Maryn Shults — fifth in market class and fourth in showmanship
Madison Kindler — fourth and fifth in market class, seventh in showmanship
Taylor Morris — first in market class and ninth in showmanship

Ewe Lamb:
Macy Collins — first and fourth in classes
Taylor Neilson — first and grand champion ewe lamb

Lambs:
Macy Collins — third and fourth in market class and second showmanship
Shawna Lapp — third in market class and second in showmanship
Kacie Lapp — second in market class and first in showmanship
Taylor Neilson — first in market class and grand champion market lamb

Beef:
LoriAnn Klingsmith — first in market class, and grand champion market steer; third in showmanship
Samantha Lapp — second market class and second in showmanship
Megan Parker — second and third in market class and third in showmanship

Heifers:
Macy Collins — first and third and first in showmanship

Lori Ann Klingsmith — first and grand champion on heifer

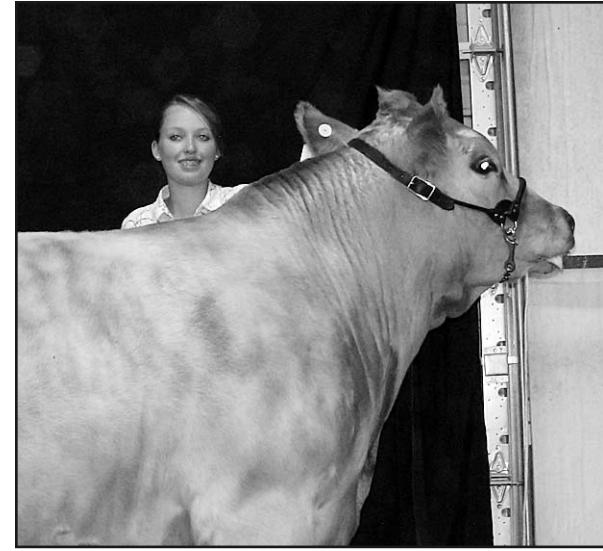
Goats:
Macy Collins — second and third in market class and third showmanship

BATTER UP...



BOBBY GUTIERREZ

Paintbrush Park will be busy every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday in the month of July, as games in the annual adult recreational coed softball league, sponsored by the ERBM Recreation and Park District, began Monday on both fields. Eleven teams are entered and three games will be played each night starting at 6:15 p.m. Each team will play 10 games before the tournament begins Aug. 13.



LoriAnn Klingsmith (above left) had the grand champion market steer and Taylor Neilson (above right) pictured with Linda Holeyfield, had the grand champion ewe lamb in the the third annual Colby Holeyfield Memorial Jackpot.

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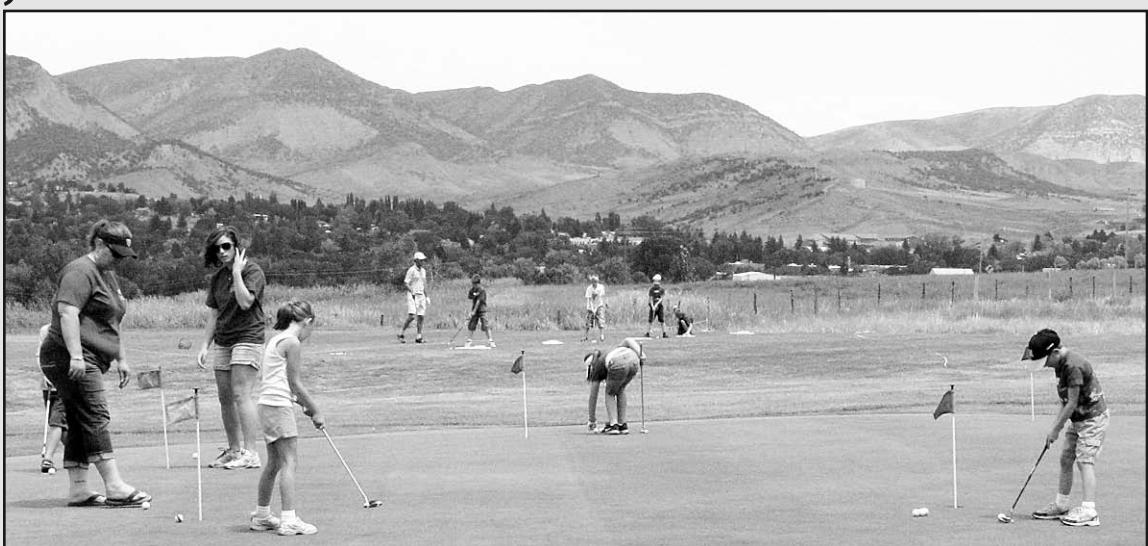
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The ERBM Recreation and Park District has teamed up with the Meeker Golf Course for the junior golf program and 30 kids showed up for the first practice. Golfers ranging from 6 to 16 will practice every Tuesday and Thursday in July in preparation of the annual junior golf tournament in Meeker to be held July 30. Call the Meeker Golf Course at 878-5642 to sign up for the tournament.



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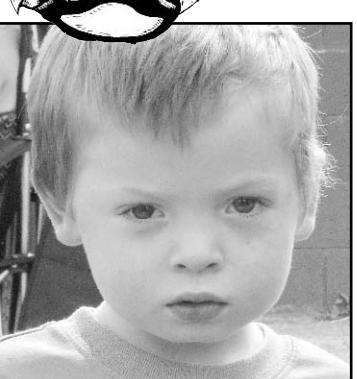
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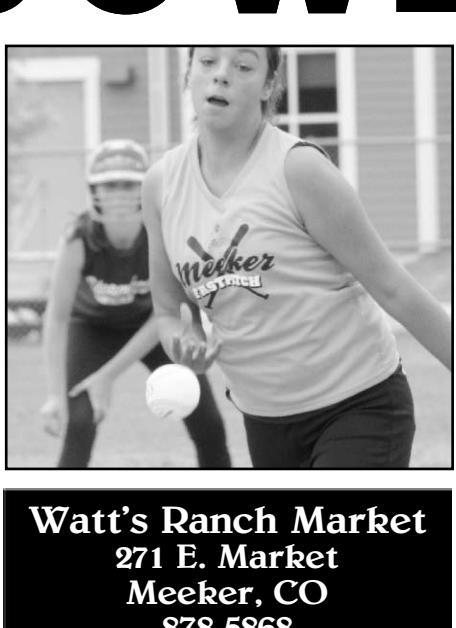
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RIO BLANCO COUNTY DAYS GONE BY

The Meeker Herald — 125 years ago

■ C.B. Jefferies, formerly with the Union Trading company, is now at Oldland's. "Jeff" is a popular salesman and a mighty fine fellow.

■ Mr. Parrotte is entertaining a distinguished party at his summer home, Windermere Lodge, at present. Among Mr. Parrotte's guests being Mr. And Mrs. William Loeb and Master Billie Loeb, of New York; Miss Lucy Soper, of Bloomington, Ill.; and Mr. Eames of Buffalo, N.Y. Mr. Loeb is a man of national reputation, having been secretary to President Roosevelt during his two terms in the White House.

■ Mr. And Mrs. Sanford Green of Little Beaver were in Wednesday. Mr. Green is able to be around again after his recent mishap whereby he had two ribs broken. He was plowing when the plow struck a rock, throwing him violently to the ground, with the above result.

The Meeker Herald — 50 years ago

■ 4-H Club News: The Busy Fingers met at Mrs. Kettnerman's. Seven members were present. Only July 9 we got a letter from the home demonstration agent thanking us for putting a float in the parade. Refreshments were served by Ella Mintz and Myrna Merriam. ~ Cheryl Rosenlund

■ Robert Howey and Clark Wix drove to Casper, Wyo., on Tuesday this week on a business trip.

■ Mr. and Mrs. George Evenson have moved to Littleton to make their home. They have been living in town since they moved from the Lewis ranch in the Marvine community.

■ Rio Blanco County high school class of 1952 held its 10-year reunion on July 7 at a family-style picnic at the city park. Prizes were awarded to Wayne Mangus for coming the farthest distance; Edna Randall Brumback, Wayne Mangus and Sue Ann Elliott Smith, a three-way tie for the most children; and Rodney Smith, as the absent classmate, most likely to attend the 20-year reunion.

■ The towns between Glenwood Springs and Grand Junction are worried now about the new federal interstate highway No. 70.

The Meeker Herald — 25 years ago

■ At the AAU Junior Olympic meet that was recently held in Lakewood, Jennifer Phelan won both the high jump and long jump events and qualified for the national Junior Olympic meet which will be held at the end of this month in California.

■ Led by the individual performances of Melanie Watt and Kathy Nelson, the Northwest High School rodeo team recently won state championship honors at the state high school rodeo finals that were held in Henderson, Colo. Melanie was also named "all-around cowgirl for the year." Also competing with Watt and Nelson on the team were Rowdy Atwood and Casey Miller, while Erin Lebby of Aspen and Bo Rohrig of

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Rifle rounded out the six-member team.

■ The LynMar Tool Co. of Carson, Calif., has announced its desire to relocate their business to Meeker.

■ Chief Petty Officer Alan D. Chambers, son of H. Dean Chambers of Meeker, is one of 215 crewmen aboard the only U.S. Navy ship sailing amid a multinational squadron — the Standing Naval Force Atlantic (STANAVFORLANT).

■ After serving for six years as the elementary principal, Bill Ertmer asked to be reassigned to teach fifth grade.

■ Bobbie Jo Tucker, daughter of Robert and Jo Tucker of Meeker, has been awarded a presidential scholarship by Fort Lewis College at Durango.

Rangely Times — 50 years ago
■ Congratulations to Marcia Christensen for winning the five-county 4-H Range contest with the highest individual score.

■ First Lt. Robert W. Sullivan, son of Mr. and Mrs. R.B. Sullivan, has been home since July 8 from Taiwan. Lt. Sullivan serves aboard a C-130 transport plane, transporting troops and cargo to Vietnam.

■ Miss Bonnie Smith became the bride of Gordon Walter Roesink July 1. Smith is the daughter of attorney and Mrs. Carl H. Smith, Jr., of Rangely. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. G. Walter Roesink of San Diego, Calif.

■ Mr. and Mrs. Charles J. Neeld were the recipients of the yard-of-the-week plaque.

■ Mr. and Mrs. Donald Carson announce the birth of a daughter, Carri Sue, on July 13.

■ Dr. John Roberts of Rangely College and Arnold Weiss of Rangely met with the county commissioners on July 10 to discuss the possibility of building a nine-plane hangar at the Rangely Airport. Estimated cost of the unit would be around \$15,000.

■ Marcia Christensen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Christensen, was awarded first place at the Annual Northwest Colorado Range Judging contest.

■ Mr. and Mrs. John Neiberger and children from Cody, Wyo., left for home last week after spending their vacation in Rangely with Mrs. Neiberger's family, the Bud Neibergers, in Vernal, Utah.

Rangely Times — 30 years ago

■ Kirby Burchett, son of Mrs. and Mrs. Jack Burchett of Rangely, has received a \$650 AIME scholarship for next year. He will attend Mesa College for two years, then transfer to Colorado State University.

■ Miss Gelean Nickson, 1977 rodeo queen, won the wild horse roping event each night of the rodeo.

■ Rangely entered the Babe Ruth League baseball tournament at Meeker Friday and defeated Steamboat Springs 16-9 before

falling to Meeker 15-12 in the championship game.

■ Bret Byers of the Rangely Panther wrestling team placed first at the Western State Tournament. Byers finished with only one-half of a Black Point which is next to perfect with all pins but one. The person he didn't pin, he beat 16-4. What a tiger!

■ Mrs. "Buck" Davidson and daughter Carolyn, of Spearman, Texas, were guests at the home of Mrs. D.W. Gilbow and Betty last week. The Davidsons are former residents of Rangely. Carolyn is a former editor of the *Rangely Times*.

■ J.V. and Donita Tynes, along with their daughter, June Striegel,

Rangely Times — 20 years ago

■ Winners at the Northwest Colorado Livestock Exposition held in Rifle last week were Mike Anderson, Krista Algien and Lisa Bivens.

■ Casey and Kendra Wilder traveled to Price, Utah, to visit Casey's grandfather, Sy Wilder and wife Fawn.

■ Walter and Marka Weiss of Idaho Springs stopped by his mother's, Florence Weiss, July 13, for a short visit.

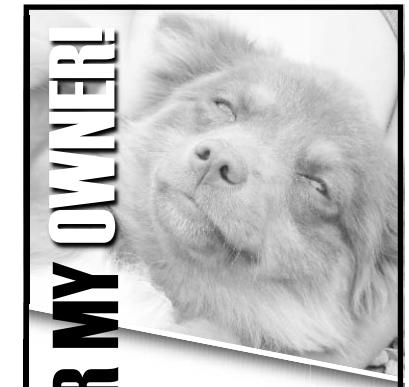
■ J.V. and Donita Tynes, along with their daughter, June Striegel,

traveled to Soledad, Calif.

■ Mable Banta, Olive McCarrell, Meb Wardell and her mother, Elma Smith and Florence Weiss, joined 20 other tourists from other states for a 13-day travel tour on the Wilkins Tour Bus out of Vernal, Utah.

■ Cadet Leslie J. Pratt, son of retired Air Force Major William J. and Meredith L. Pratt of Rangely, has completed a U.S. Air Force ROTC field training encampment at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

■ The Rangely River Rats swim team traveled to Delta July 11 to combat some teams they had not previously encountered. The Rats fared well though and managed to grab sixth place from a field of 10 tough teams.

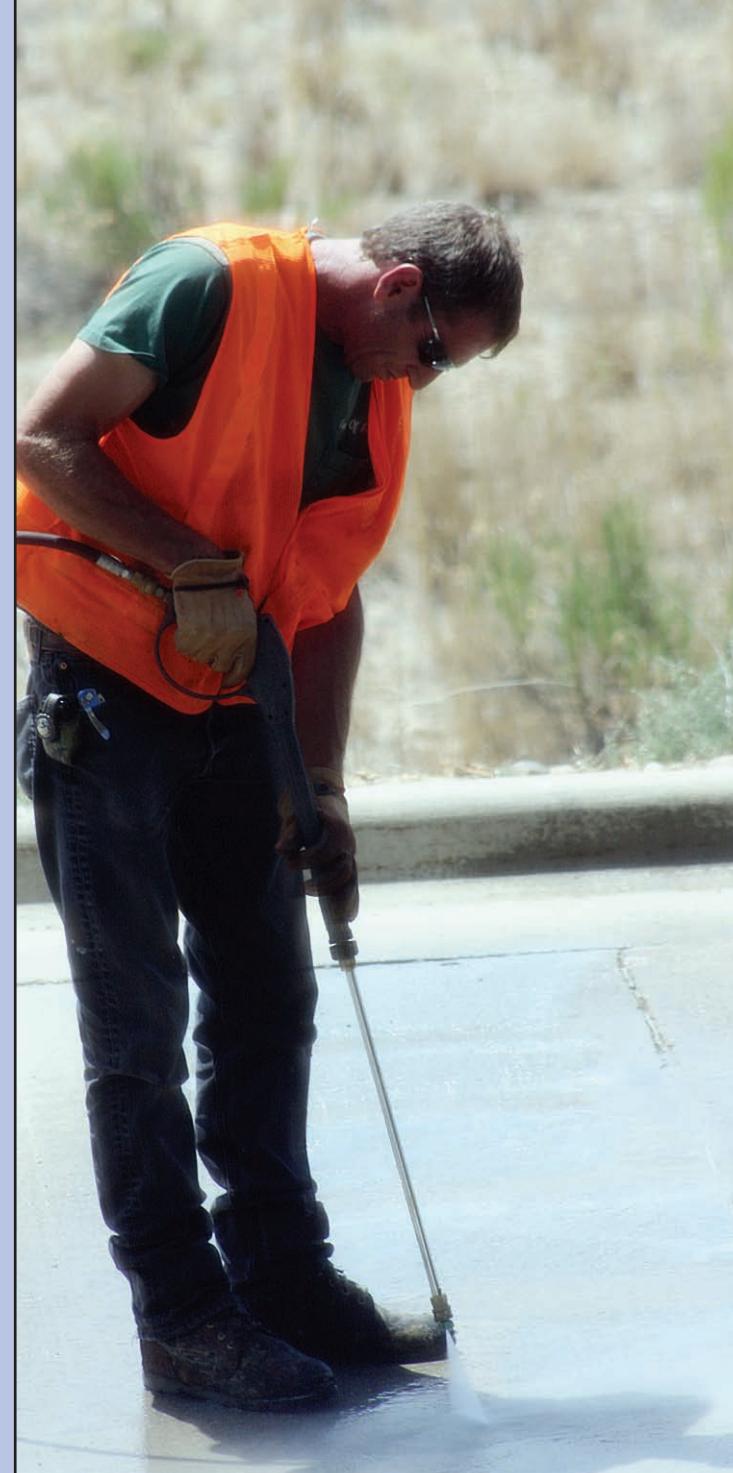


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GRAFFITI BUSTER ...



COURTESY PHOTO

Joe Brasfield cleans up graffiti on Middle Street in Rangely. The graffiti, in white spray paint, was put in two locations on Middle Street sometime in the early morning hours of July 5. Brasfield, a Town of Rangely employee, was given the task of removing the offensive remarks.

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Notification of meeting for the Rangely Town Council, Board of Trustees

The Town of Rangely Town Council meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month starting at 7:00 p.m. in the Court Room at 209 E Main, Rangely, CO 81648. Agendas are posted in the lobby at Town Hall and at the Rangely District Library. The meetings are televised live on channel 3 through Bresnan Cable TV. All meetings are open to the public.

PUBLIC NOTICE

RIO BLANCO COUNTY

PLANNING COMMISSION HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Rio Blanco County Planning Commission will hold two public hearings to consider the following:

Consideration of draft Article 1 (General Administration) and Article 2 (Land Use Change Permit) of the new proposed Rio Blanco County Land Use Resolution.

The first review of these drafts will be heard on July 12, 2012 in Meeker beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the Rio Blanco County Administration Building, 200 Main Street, Meeker, Colorado. The second review will be heard on July 26, 2012 in Rangely beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the Rio Blanco County Annex, 17497 Hwy 64, Rangely, Colorado. Both locations will have video-conferencing capabilities.

Copies of the documents are available online at: <http://co.rio-blanco.co.us/development/> or may be obtained from the Planning and Development Department at 200 Main Street in Meeker, Colorado. For more information, please call (970) 878-9580 Monday thru Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Publish: June 7, 2012, July 5, 2012 & July 19, 2012

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RIO BLANCO COUNTY

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

JULY 26, 2012 • 7:00 P.M.

RIO BLANCO COUNTY

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The tentative agenda as follows:

1. Roll Call

2. Additions/Changes to Agenda

3. Approval of Minutes

4. New Business:

a) Second consideration of draft Article 1 (General Administration) and Article 2 (Land Use Change Permit) of the new proposed Rio Blanco County Land Use Resolution.

b) First consideration of draft Article 4 (Applications and Process) and Article 12 (Enforcement).

5. Discussion of Work in Development (Plan, Processes, Standards, etc.) and/or Administrative Matters:

6. Old Business:

7. Adjourn

Copies of the application(s), regulation(s) and/or resolution(s) may be examined in the office of the Development Department at the Rio Blanco County Administration Building, 200 Main Street, Meeker, Colorado, or you may call (970) 878-9580 for more information between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Persons needing special accommodations for the meeting, please call the Development Department office at (970) 878-9580 giving at least five (5) working days notice so that adequate accommodations may be made.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

RIO BLANCO COUNTY

PLANNING COMMISSION HEARINGS

Notice is hereby given that the Rio Blanco County Planning Commission will hold two public hearings to consider the following:

Consideration of draft Article 4 (Permit Application and Review Procedures For Land Use Changes Not Involving Division of Land) and Article 12 (Enforcement, Violations and Penalties) of the new proposed Rio Blanco County Land Use Regulations.

The first review of these drafts will be heard on July 26, 2012 in Rangely beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the Rio Blanco County Annex, 17497 Hwy 64, Rangely, Colorado. The second review will be heard on August 9, 2012 in Meeker beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the Rio Blanco County Administration Building, 200 Main Street, Meeker, Colorado. Both locations will have video-conferencing capabilities.

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Publish: June 21, 2012, July 19, 2012 & August 2, 2012

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Board of County Commissioners will hold a regularly scheduled board meeting on Monday, July 23, 2012, at the County Administration Building, 200 Main, Meeker, CO

Tentative Agenda

- 11:00 a.m. Board of Commissioners
- a. Pledge of Allegiance
- b. Changes to the Agenda
- c. Consideration of approval of the Board minutes of July 16, 2012 meeting
- d. Termination Agreement & Release
- e. Other

11:05 a.m. Resolutions

- a. Budget Supplemental

11:10 a.m. Bid Award and Contract Signing:

- a. 2012 Pavement Marking Paint Project

11:15 a.m. Bid Opening: Fleet Management

- a. 2 All Wheel Drive Motorgraders w/attachments
- b. Landfill Cover Machine (Hydro Mulcher)

11:20 a.m. Contracts and Agreements:

- a. Columbine Park Horse Stall Unit
- b. Columbine Sound System
- c. Columbine Announcers Booth

11:30 Public Comment

11:40 a.m. County Commissioners Updates

Break

1:15 p.m. Hearings: Planning

- a. Watson Family Revocable Trust is requesting a conditional use permit for three existing single family dwellings and two new additional residential dwellings on the property located at 840 CR 4, Meeker, Colorado.

OTHER COUNTY BUSINESS

County Commissioners Board Meetings are held in the County Administration Building, 200 Main, Meeker, Colorado. Board meetings in Rangely are held at the County Annex Building, 17497 Hwy 64, Rangely, Colorado.

Administrative work sessions are usually held in the County Administration Building, 200 Main Street, Meeker, Colorado, and in the Board Meeting Room in Rangely. Work sessions are generally held daily in Meeker. Work Sessions may change depending on scheduling conflicts or changes.

If you need special accommodations please call 970-878-9573 in advance of the meeting so that reasonable accommodations may be made. Please check the County's website for an updated agenda. www.co.rio-blanco.co.us/commissioners

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TOWN OF MEEKER

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Tuesday July 24, 2012 - 7:00 P.M.

Town Hall

345 Market Street, Meeker, CO (5:00 P.M.- Board Tour of Town Infrastructure)

- I. Call to Order

- A. Pledge of Allegiance

- II. Roll Call

- III. Approval of the Agenda

- IV. Approval of the Previous Minutes

- V. Approval of Monthly Disbursements

- VI. Public Participation

- VII. Staff Updates

- VIII. New Business

- A. Public Hearings-7:00 p.m.

- 1. Request from Gofer Foods of Meeker for a 3.2 Percent Beer Retail Liquor License renewal

- B. Request from Meeker Classic Sheepdog Championship Trials to pay Ute Park Water Pump bills and to change internal fencing configurations at Ute Park

- VIII. Mayor's remarks

- IX. Town Manager's Reports

- X. Town Attorney's Report

- XI. Other Board Business

- XII. Adjournment

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TOWN OF DINOSAUR

DISBURSEMENTS FOR JUNE 2012

VENDOR, DESCRIPTION, TOTAL Gross Salaries, \$4,809.02

Contract Labor, \$-

P.E.R.A., Monthly Contributions, \$1,040.32

Colorado Dept. of Revenue, CWT, \$102.00

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Moon Lake Electric, Electricity, \$1,399.93

Rangely Trash Service, Trash Service, \$84.05

Rio Blanco Herald Times, Disbursements, \$19.50

White River Electric, Internet service, \$14.99

Garfield & Hecht P.C., Professional services, \$25.50

Mesa County Health Dept, Water test, \$20.00

Caselle Inc., Support, \$251.00

Rangely Auto Parts, Brakes, pads, filters, \$200.11

Zions, Cement & posts for fence, \$374.40

Walmart, Bleach, tissue, paper towels, \$104.83

Grand Junction Pipe & Supply, Hydrant parts, \$36.08

Rangely True Value, Sprinklers, \$34.48

Moffat County, Law Enforcement, \$12,000

FedEx, Postage, \$55.54

The Mountain States, Pulled & replaced pump, \$9,447.35

Lightning Haul, Picked up crack seal, \$682.50

TOTAL ACCOUNTS PAYABLE, \$32,400.81

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE AS TO BUDGET SUPPLEMENTAL

The Rio Blanco County Board of Commissioners will be considering a budget supplemental resolution on July 23, 2012, 11:30 a.m. County Administration Building, 200 Main Street, Meeker, Colorado.

The proposed resolution is for the purpose of appropriating sums of money to defray expenses in excess of amounts budgeted for the 2012 budget year in the following funds: General Fund, Impact Fee Trust Fund, and the Road & Bridge Fund. The resolution may be viewed at the offices of the County Clerk and Recorder, 555 Main Street, Meeker, Colorado, and the County Clerk and Recorder Office in the Western Annex Building, 17497 State Highway 64, Rangely, Colorado, and are open for public inspection 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. on normal work days.

Publication date: July 12, 2012 and July 19, 2012

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PUBLIC NOTICE

RIO BLANCO COUNTY

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HEARING

Notice is hereby given that on Monday, August 20, 2012 the Rio Blanco County Board of Commissioners will hold a public hearing beginning at 1:15 p.m. at the Rio Blanco County Administration Building, 200 Main Street, Meeker, Colorado, to consider the following:

Cooper Minor Subdivision #12-04 and Rezoning #12-05 - the applicant, Howard Cooper, is proposing the Cooper Minor Subdivision, a three-lot subdivision creating two 2.5-acre lots and one 32.78-acre lot. Also proposed is the rezoning of the 2.5-acre lots from Agriculture to Rural Residential, with the larger lot maintaining the Agriculture zoning. The subject property is located in the SE1/4NE1/4 of Section 36, T1N, R9W, 6th P.M., approximately a half mile east of County Road 14, PIN# 141536400014.

Copies of the documents may be obtained from the Planning and Development Department at 200 Main Street in Meeker, Colorado, or you may call (970) 878-9580 for more information between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

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

PENNIES PLUS PROJECT

The Rio Blanco County Historical Society is asking everyone to share your pennies (PLUS...all other coins accepted!) to help us pay off our book loan debt. We need...10 MILLION PENNIES!!! Coin containers are everywhere in Meeker as well as the White River Museum.

MOMS GROUP meeting, open to anyone with a child 0-5 years, Grace Baptist Church, Rangely, first Thursday of every month, 8:45 a.m. to 11 a.m. Info. call Heather Zadra (970)829-9937

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

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RANGELY ROCKCRAWLING & 4 Wheel Drive group in Rangely meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month at the Rio Blanco Water Users Building on Hwy. 64 at 7 p.m.

Food Safety Works Program for food service workers, Thursday, July 19, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Extension office in Meeker. Pre-registration required. Cost \$10. Call 878-9490 for more info. or to register.

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This is What I Remember Books are sold at the White River Museum in Meeker, which is open daily. This Saturday, July 21, the Rio Blanco County Historical Society is selling root beer floats and homemade baked treats in front of the Garrison during Community Appreciation Day, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. They will also have a sale of donated antiques and vintage collectibles in the courtyard between the Garrison building and the main museum.

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Community Yard Sale sponsored by ERB Rec & Park District, July 21 on 5th St. between Main & Park, Meeker, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. (NO EARLY BIRDS). Enjoy FREE community Appreciation Day activities including games, ice cream and a Matt Holiday band concert on the Court-house Lawn at the same time.

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GENERAL**

THE NEW CREATION CHILD CARE CENTER is now hiring a full-time state certified director to run our new child care center opening in September. The applicant expected to have at least 2 years experience as well as a current state certificate. As director you will be the overseer of 24 to 30 children during hours of operation. The director will report to the senior pastor of New Creation Church of Meeker. Interviews begin July 24. Please mail your resume and list 3 references (no relatives) to: New Creation Church of Meeker, PO Box 1062, Meeker, CO 81641.

COLORADO WEST Mental Health in Rio Blanco County is looking for an **entry level counselor** (Colorado West is willing to help someone grow their skills in this area.) Job includes some crisis work with training provided. Bachelor's in education or human services needed. Please contact Colorado West (970)878-5112 or you can submit your resume and application online at cjobs.com

Lifeguards: Meeker Recreation Center is seeking applications for permanent full time and part time lifeguards. Lifeguards are trained professional rescuers who ensure the safety of patrons by preventing and responding to emergencies in and out of the aquatic facility. Applicants must be 15 years of age or older; know how to swim; be available for primarily daytime shifts but also be available for other shifts; early morning, evening, split and/or weekend shifts; be available a minimum of 10 hours per week. Lifeguards are also responsible for performing maintenance and inspection of the facility on a daily basis; reporting any unsafe conditions or equipment to the supervisor(s); monitoring pool water chemistry and filling out required records and reports. Salary range \$10 - \$12.71/hr. Excellent benefit package included. A completed ERBM Recreation & Park District job application is required for consideration and should be returned to ERBM Recreation & Park District, Attn: Human Resources, 101 Ute Rd., Meeker, CO 81641. ERBM Recreation & Park District is an Equal Opportunity Employer. 970-878-3403. www.MeekerRecDistrict.com

Applications will be accepted through July 27.

PERSONAL ASSISTANT needed urgently for resolving issues, check mail, pick up deliveries, grocery shopping, banking and bill payment. Pays \$480/week. Send your resume or interesting letter to: butmes55@yahoo.com or call 719-425-8961.

**HELP WANTED:
GENERAL**

COUNTER PERSON, experience preferred, but will train. Apply in person at McGuire Auto Parts, 314 Market St., Meeker.

RIO BLANCO BOCES is currently seeking applications for Para-Educators for the 2012-13 school year at Rangely Junior Senior High School, Rangely, CO. Classified application can be found on our website www.rioblanacobces.com

Please send applications to:
Rio Blanco BOCES
402 W. Main St., Suite 219
Rangely, CO 81648
For more information contact Teresa Schott (970) 675-2064
tschott@meeker.k12.co.us

Rio Blanco BOCES is currently seeking applications for **Special Education Teachers** for the Rangely Junior Senior High School for the 2012-2013 school year. Applicants must be licensed or be eligible for a Colorado teaching license. Please contact Rio Blanco BOCES at 402 W. Main Street, Suite #219, Rangely, CO 81648, (970)675-2064. Rio Blanco BOCES is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

**HELP WANTED:
PART TIME**

Vacancy Notice
July 11, 2012

School Health Nurse - Part-Time Position

Qualifications: Bachelors of Science in Nursing, hold a valid Colorado Registered Nurse License; or, Bachelors Degree, current National Certification in school nursing, and three years of experience in school nursing.

Responsibilities: Possess supervisory skills in communication, consultation, training, and monitoring; serve as health consultant and resource person in health education; assist in maintenance of school health policy and procedures. This is a flexible part-time position consisting of approximately 320 hours per year.

Contact:
Meeker School District Re-1
Administration Office
555 Garfield Street
P.O. Box 1089
Meeker, CO 81641
Telephone: (970) 878-9040
Fax: (970) 878-3682
E-Mail: admin@meeker.k12.co.us
Website: www.meeker.k12.co.us

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**HELP WANTED:
PART TIME**

HOUSEKEEPING. The ERBM Recreation & Park District is seeking non-exempt, part time Housekeeping staff; 23 hours per week or less, without benefits; evening hours 6pm to 12:30AM. The Housekeeping Staff is responsible for general cleaning and light maintenance of district facilities as assigned by the Housekeeping Supervisor. Qualifications include, but are not limited to: applicant must be 18 years of age or older; be available to work evenings and weekends; possess high school diploma or GED; read, write, speak and understand English. Hiring range \$13.65 - \$15.17 per hour. A completed ERBM Recreation & Park District job application is required for consideration and should be returned to **ERBM Recreation & Park District, Attn: Human Resources, 101 Ute Rd., Meeker, CO 81641. 970-878-3403. www.MeekerRecDistrict.com**

Applications will be accepted through July 20. ERBM Recreation & Park District is an equal opportunity employer.

**MOTORCADE:
MISCELLANEOUS**

ROCKY MOUNTAIN Auto-Craig. Selling quality used cars, with limited warranty, financing WAC, give us a call 824-5749, Dealer.

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

MOTORCYCLES

1981 Yamaha Virago 750cc motorcycle, custom two person seat, storage/helmet trunk, windshield, new battery, shop manual, maintenance done, good mpg, \$900. (970)878-5808.

1999 HONDA Shadow motorcycle 1100cc, new tires, new battery, very low miles, custom paint job, always garaged, \$4500. 878-3640.

UTILITY TRAILERS

2001 18 ft. flatbed trailer, great condition, bumper pull, 2-5/16" hitch, all steel deck with hide-away tie down loops, double axle with brakes, spare tire, ramps, 2 rear stabilizer jacks when loading cars, whole trailer Rhino lined, \$2800 with tool box or \$2750 without. Call (970)261-4797 in Rangely.

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2007 homemade 6 ft. x 16 ft. bumper pull utility trailer, two axles, sturdy frame, great for hauling UTV, etc. \$600. (970)878-3439 or (970)261-4146.

HOMES: MEEKER

\$395,000 for newer 3600 sq. ft. home located at 1452 Mountain View Rd, Sage Hills. 4 BDR, 3 BA, office, great room, rec/ther room, work shop, 3 car garage. Virtual tours and more details at www.WesternSlopeFSBO.com and www.mEEKERcolorado.com

Motivated seller, call (970)243-7083.

HOMES: RANGELY

FSBO 1242 La Mesa Circle in Rangely, 3 BDR, 2.5 BA, 2154 sq. ft., large living room main floor, full finished basement, 2-car garage, central air, sprinkler system, fenced yard, great location. Asking \$232,000. 675-2260 home, (970)629-3262.

BEAUTIFUL TWO story home on 0.5 acres. 1727 sq. ft., attached double car garage, 3 BDR, 2.5 BA (master bath has jetted tub), beautiful gas fireplace. Price reduced to \$230,000. (970)629-5939.

HOUSE FOR Sale in Rangely: 723 E. Rio Blanco Ave., 1529 sq. ft., 4 BDR, 2 BA, \$149,900. For more information, call (970)620-2033 or visit: www.owners.com/MDG2610.

NEW LOWER PRICE!!! 2900 sq. ft. tri-level home for sale in Rangely. Priced at **\$229,000**. 3 BDR, 3.5 BA, 2-car attached garage, all new flooring. Located on a large corner lot, 240 Ridge Rd. If interested, please contact Michelle at (970)629-5078. Also, pictures available at western-slopesbo.com

RENTALS: MEEKER

HOUSE FOR Rent, 637 County Road 6, 4 irrigated pastures, 10.5 acres, 5 BDR, creek frontage, great fishing. Available Sept. 1, \$1,400/month. Damage deposit, quiet country living. (970)210-1125 or (970)623-1494

Move-in special. Call for details. 2 BDR, 1.5 BA, townhome, back privacy fenced yard, NP. 878-0790.

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