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## ON WITH THE SHOW ...



Lainey Carroll, age 2, is the daughter of Brett and Kaila Carroll. She competed in the Pee Wee class at the RBC Fair horse show on Saturday. More fair photos on page 8A.

KIM EKSTROM PHOTO

## Skull Creek may be new site of open pit mine

By NIKI TURNER  
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**DINOSAUR** Homeowners in a rugged and remote part of northwest Colorado will have to wait until September to find out if a proposed open pit mine is coming to their neighborhood.

The Skull Creek “subdivision” — east of Dinosaur and slightly west of Massadona, about 17 miles from the Colorado-Utah border — can only be described as a traditional subdivision on a map. There are no cul-de-sacs or cookie-cutter houses, and the closest thing to a neighborhood watch program is a sign at the edge of one property that reads “Never Mind the Dog, Beware of Owner!” with a pistol graphic.

The beginning of the “Old Mine Road,” aka Moffat County Rd. 95, alerts drivers to the need for a high clearance vehicle and says to expect the road to be impassable during certain seasons. What feels like a mild 4x4 road follows Skull Creek, which trickles along the bottom of a deep ravine. Rock formations rise on either side of the valley, known as the Skull Creek Quadrangle. Homes tucked into this remote region are mostly hidden from view and well-dispersed, and that’s the way they like it, according to homeowner Lori Lazarus.

“The people who have property here bought it for the peace and quiet,” Lazarus said. She is one of several property owners

who have opposed the application for the open pit mine.

### THE PROPOSED MINE

Uinta Mining LLC, filed an “application for construction” permit with the Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety in October 2019. Connected to Alton Coal, from Utah, Uinta Mining filed with the Colorado Secretary of State as a foreign limited liability company with jurisdiction in Nevada and a Naples, Florida address in November 2019. The company has leased the Skull Creek property from the Frances Barnett Lewis Trust. The property was previously leased to ranchers for cattle grazing. The HT was unable to reach the Trust by phone before press time.

Open pit mining differs slightly from strip mining. “Strip mining is the process of mining a seam of mineral by removing a long strip of overlying soil and rock. Strip mining is a practical type of mining when the ore body that is to be extracted is near the surface. Open-pit mining is the process of extracting rock or minerals from the earth through their removal from an open pit or borrow.” (<https://www.sciencedirect.com/topics/engineering/open-pit-mining>)

According to Larry Johnson, who describes himself as a consultant on the project, of the 480 acres in the permit area, only 144 would be affected, and reclamation would take place concurrently. “It’s not leaving

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## Back to school, with precautions

By NIKI TURNER  
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**RBC I** The goal is to get kids back in the classroom for in-person learning and to take all necessary precautions to keep them there, according to superintendents for both Rio Blanco County school districts.

The official first day of school for the 2020-2021 school year is set for Aug. 24. Each district, and each school in the district, have outlined [new guide-lines](#) for protecting the health of students and staff during the pandemic.

Meeker Superintendent Chris Selle, Rangely Superintendent Matt Scoggins, and the county’s public health department have worked together to come up with plans that are slightly different, but hope to accomplish the same goal. Both plans are staged



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to reflect changes in infection rates and accompanying changes to the school year, including closing schools and returning to virtual learning should positive COVID-19 cases pass certain thresholds.

“We want to provide the least intrusive environment for kids to learn,” Scoggins said.

“We’re trying to help the community understand we’re doing all these things to return to in-person learning,” Selle said.

Adaptations to the usual  
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## COVID-19 case count rises to 12; six active

By NIKI TURNER  
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**RBC I** The county’s Board of Health convened Wednesday in a telephone meeting for an update on COVID-19 in the county and to discuss the application for moving into the Protect Our Neighbor phase of reopening. Within a few hours of the meeting, Public Health announced an additional confirmed positive case and two probable cases, bringing the county’s total case count to 12 with six recovered positive and six active cases out of 815 completed tests.

Public Health Director Alice Harvey told the board they saw the first truly symptomatic cases last Friday. “One individual was high risk but is improving, stable and did not need hospitalization.”

Two additional cases were reported on Monday, Aug. 3. One of those individuals resides in Garfield County but works in Rio Blanco County. That case does not add to the local case count, but local contact tracing is underway. “The other case [from

Monday] was entirely separate,” Harvey said. “They traveled outside of the county and were at a gathering where many other people had tested positive.”

Public Health follows up with positive cases to determine how they’re doing. At this point, no one from Rio Blanco County who has tested positive has required hospitalization.

Harvey also said 16 tests performed Monday were on members of two households and were related to one of the contacts on Friday. Twelve of the 16 were symptomatic.

“We’re hoping that will be contained to those households,” she said. “We’ll be keeping a close eye on that situation.” Those tested have been instructed to quarantine.

Test results are currently taking four or five days to return, but the department is looking at purchasing a rapid testing machine that can provide results in 15 minutes. That would be especially helpful for students returning to school because quick test results reduce time out of school for quarantine.

Harvey responded to questions from the commissioners and county staff regarding case definitions.

Active case: Defined as someone within the 14-day period from diagnosis whether symptomatic or asymptomatic.

Laboratory-confirmed case: Someone who has a positive laboratory test whether symptomatic or asymptomatic.

Probable case: Someone who has known close contact with a positive case and meets the clinical criteria for symptoms. That counts as a case even without a test or with a negative test result.

“There are many more false negatives than false positives at this point as far as we can tell,” Harvey told the HT via email earlier this week. “Accuracy rates vary, but currently it is much higher for false negatives. Both the WHO and the CDC state that we must treat positive PCR tests as positives, and also probable cases (symptoms + exposure) with negative tests as positives at this point.”

Harvey also said cases are going to be missed. The CDC

estimates 40% of cases are asymptomatic, and probable cases are only found through investigation and reporting of symptoms.

“At the end of the day, there’s not a whole lot of distinction. I’m not defining those parameters, it’s coming directly from CDC,” she said.

Asked whether someone who has more than one positive test adds to the case count, Harvey said cases are defined by individuals, not by the tests. “Every person has an ID, we can’t double report,” she said.

An “outbreak” is designed as two or more cases in one location within 14 days, and applies to businesses and health care facilities, not households.

At this point, RBC has not had any outbreaks, just single cases; no hospitalizations; and thankfully, no COVID-related deaths.

For the most up-to-date information about county case counts, public health orders, and testing, visit <https://www.rbc.us/592/Coronavirus-Update>.

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# Meeker residents plead guilty in poaching case

**PRESS RELEASE**

Colorado Parks and Wildlife

**MOFFAT I** Three Meeker residents have been sentenced for the poaching of two trophy bull elk last fall. The case began on Sept. 25, 2019, when a witness in the Sand Wash Basin area reported a wounded bull elk and a suspicious truck to Colorado Parks and Wildlife Officer Jeff Goncalves.

Goncalves responded and found evidence that eventually led to a truck owned by 18-year-old Henry Musser of Meeker. Questioning of Henry Musser and further evidence gathered from his vehicle and home led officers to the involvement of his father, John Allen Musser, also of Meeker, as well as a juvenile offender. Information was gathered about a second bull elk that was poached by the three suspects. Officers also determined that John Musser had taken efforts to hide evidence in the case. Citations related to the case were issued on March 19, 2020 and all three individuals entered guilty pleas last week in Moffat County courtrooms.

The poaching incident on Sept. 25, 2019 occurred in an area along Moffat County Road 67 in Sand Wash Basin. The area is part of Game Management Unit (GMU) 2, which is a highly valued trophy unit where hunters may wait more than 20 years to draw a license. The second elk was poached a few days prior to Sept. 25th. Both elk that were killed are large trophy elk, meaning fines in the case were enhanced under the state's "Samson law." The "Samson law" is named for a popular and quite visible, 1,000 pound bull elk that was killed illegally in Estes Park in 1995, leading to public desire for



CPW COURTESY PHOTO

Two trophy elk forfeited at sentencing in Moffat County poaching case.

higher penalties in egregious poaching cases.

"The Sand Wash case shows the importance of witnesses in helping be the eyes of wildlife across the vast and remote parts of the state," Goncalves said. "We can't be everywhere but there are many people recreating and traveling the backroads who can report to us anything they see that is suspicious."

People who witness a wildlife crime or hear about them after the fact are integral in solving many cases. The Operation Game Thief (OGT) hotline

allows for anonymous information and cash rewards. A program called TIPS, or Turn In Poachers, is also available and can provide opportunities to hunt trophy units for people who provide information that leads to a conviction in trophy poaching cases.

In court in Craig, on July 27, Henry Musser, 18, pleaded guilty to hunting without a license, illegal possession of wildlife, and aggravated illegal possession of wildlife. He was ordered by the court to 18 months of supervised probation, 48 hours of

community service, and \$15,341.50 in fines and court costs.

John Allen Musser, 44, pleaded guilty and received a deferred felony sentence for tampering with evidence. In addition, John Musser pleaded guilty to hunting without a license, illegal possession of wildlife, and aggravated illegal possession of wildlife. John was ordered by the court to perform 48 hours of community service and pay \$15,483.50 in fines and court costs.

The juvenile in the case entered a plea of guilty to hunting without a license, hunting with an illegal method of take and hunting big game without an adult present. The juvenile will serve unsupervised probation, must perform 48 hours of community service, and pay fines and court costs of \$1,962.50.

In addition, all three were ordered to forfeit hunting equipment. They will also face a separate administrative hearing process where they will be subject to the loss of hunting and fishing privileges in Colorado and 48 other states.

Colorado Parks and Wildlife officers and investigators deal with an average of 4,000 wildlife violations each year ranging from fishing without a license to large wildlife poaching cases.

"Coloradans value their wildlife and we're proud of the law enforcement officers at CPW who work hard to conserve those populations for everyone's benefit," explained Bill deVergie, Area Wildlife Manager for the northwest corner of the state. "Cases like these come down to citizens watching and reporting when they see or hear something. We thank the citizens who knew what to do when they noticed the poaching activity in this case."

## No deal on bridge use for pond project

By NIKI TURNER  
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**MEEKER I** Diana Jones and Janelle Urista, representing Skijor, came to Meeker's town board of trustees Tuesday to express gratitude for the "seed money" the town gave to the first skijor event.

"We haven't had the opportunity to come in and give our appreciation for your support," Jones said. The first annual event, held in February this year, proved popular with participants and spectators alike, and planning for next year's event is underway. Janelle Urista is the new skijor board president.

Town trustees also approved a supplemental budget to account for coronavirus funding — \$180,839 — received as part of the CARES Act.

An indemnification agreement between the Town and TDA Construction to cover losses in the event of the failure of the Fifth Street (Circle Park) bridge was rejected by trustees. TDA was the low bidder for the park and recreation district's Circle Park Pond Project. In recent weeks, TDA owner Travis Adams

has requested access to the bridge as part of the construction process, taking up to 300 empty semi truck trips over the bridge. The individual truck weight is under the bridge's weight limit, but town officials are concerned that the bridge is not structured for that type of frequent heavy use.

Full loads will be hauled out on a temporary road from Circle Park to the cemetery.

If the bridge were to fail as a result of the truck traffic, the damage would likely be excluded from insurance coverage. A legal representative from CIRSA suggested the town ask TDA to provide a letter of credit that would cover any damages beyond an accident (which would be covered by insurance).

Adams told the board "it's unprecedented to require me to get that."

The board continued discussion about possible improvements to river access at Third and Tenth streets. Mayor Kent Borchard said he had reviewed the town's 2006 comprehensive plan — which is now being updated — and said a plan for a river park to include fishing, tubing access and long term improvements "has been a subject of public discussion

for 14 years."

Some local residents in attendance expressed concerns that any changes to the river corridor could exacerbate past problems with ice jams and flooding.

The board agreed to continue the discussion at the Aug. 18 joint meeting with the rec district.

In his remarks, Mayor Borchard said, "It's the responsibility of everybody in the community to continue safe practices — mask wearing and social distancing," to ensure we don't have a surge in cases that will force the schools to consider shutting down or going to half-time in person attendance.

Town Manager Lisa Cook told trustees they shouldn't be surprised if the contractors for the Water Street water line replacement project request an extension. While replacing the old line, they've run into bottles, plates, chunks of iron, and even a gun, according to Public Works Director Russell Overton.

In a budget workshop following the regular meeting, Cook told trustees to "plan on an 11.5% reduction [in revenue] in 2021," with more to come.

## Strange seeds appearing in shipped packages

Special to the Herald Times

**RBC I** According to a press release from the Colorado Department of Agriculture, the USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service and Department of Homeland Security's Customs and Border Protection are working together in the investigation of mailed packets of Chinese seeds and are now asking residents who receive seeds to hold onto the packets in the original packages and contact Colorado Department of Agriculture's Plant Industry Division at [CDA\\_nursery@state.co.us](mailto:CDA_nursery@state.co.us) or call 303-548-5333 or contact APHIS at [Patrick.W.McPherren@usda.gov](mailto:Patrick.W.McPherren@usda.gov) or call 303-371-3355.

Previously, residents were asked to take the seed packets to their local extension office. RBC Extension Agent Linda Masters said anyone with questions about the seeds is welcome to call her at 970-878-9494 or 970-985-8739.

People in all 50 states and in Rio Blanco County have reported finding sealed packets of unidentified seeds in packages they ordered online. Initial reports indicate the seeds are from China or Uzbekistan.

### WHAT TO DO IF YOU RECEIVE A PACKET OF MYSTERY SEEDS:

- DO NOT open.
- DO NOT throw in the trash.
- DO NOT plant the seeds under any circumstances.
- Leave seeds in original packaging.
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- OR
- Contact APHIS: [Patrick.W.McPherren@usda.gov](mailto:Patrick.W.McPherren@usda.gov)

There is a concern that the seeds could be an invasive plant or plants that do not currently exist in the US or may contain seed-borne diseases or unknown seed treatments that could be dangerous to human health.

"At this time, we don't have any evidence indicating this is something other than a 'brushing scam' where people receive unsolicited items from a seller who then posts false customer reviews to boost sales," said a press release from the USDA.

## SCHOOLS: masks, distancing will help in-person learning continue

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school year for staff and students alike will involve self-screening for symptoms, wearing masks or face coverings, practicing social distancing, and no in-town bus routes. The Rangely district may keep the La Mesa route.

"Ridership increases in town," Selle said of the decision to eliminate the in-town bus routes, making it more difficult

for students to physical distance. "There's no point in Meeker that's more than a mile from the elementary school," he added.

Both districts are asking students to provide their own face coverings, but if there is a financial hardship, the districts will assist. The state is providing KN95 masks for staff.

"If it's a financial burden, we can help," Scoggins said about providing masks, "But I think

the kids will be creative."

For students with underlying health conditions, or those who have family members at high risk, both districts will work with families on an individual basis to create options for those students. In the event of an increase in cases, there are some distance learning options in place, as well.

Follow the links to the right for full school supply lists.

Meeker Supply List  
<https://www.meeker.k12.co.us/>

Rangely Supply List  
MS/HS: <https://www.rangelyk12.org/domain/16>

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# NEWS BRIEFS

## White River Planning meeting Aug. 11

**MEEKER** | The White River Planning Advisory Committee (PAC) will meet Tuesday, Aug. 11 at 6 p.m. in Meeker at the Rio Blanco Fire Protection District building. The committee will continue finalizing the Scope of Work starting with identifying goals for the various reaches of the river.

## Free legal self-help clinic Aug. 12

**MEEKER** | The next free legal self-help clinic, via computer link, for parties without an attorney is scheduled for Aug. 12 from 2-5 p.m. The clinic is hosted by the Meeker Regional Library and supported by the Access to Justice Committee and your local courts. Volunteer attorneys will assist one-on-one, via computer link, by appointment. Please contact the library at 970-878-5911 to be added to the sign-up sheet.

## American Red Cross lifeguard training

**RANGELY** | Learn how to effectively prevent and respond to water emergencies with the American Red Cross lifeguard training program, held Aug. 20 from 4-8 p.m. and Aug. 21-22 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Rangely Rec Center. The program is for people 15 and older who can complete a 300 yard swim and is \$50 per person. Registration deadline is Aug. 18, 2020. Please call Natalie Kurrasch with any questions, 970-675-8211

# BIRTH ...



Alan Lane Jessop joined his siblings Azalia, Aspen and George, and parents Andrew and Amanda Jessop of Meeker at Community Hospital in Grand Junction on July 18, 2020, at 11:17 p.m. The newest Jessop weighed in at 7 lbs. 6.5 oz and was 20-3/4 inches tall. Grandparents are Frank and Anita Jessop of Apple Valley, Utah, and Connie and Jay Ross of Meeker, Colorado.

COURTESY PHOTO

## Kottenstette Blood Drive Wednesday, Aug. 12 at CNCC

Special to the Herald Times

**RANGELY I** This year marks the 10th anniversary of the birth of our four-day-old daughter, Makayla Jane Kottenstette. She was born on March 23, 2010, and passed on March 27, 2010. She has forever changed our lives and in honor of Makayla's memory, we are continuing an annual blood drive in her name. We usually host this event around the time of her anniversary, but we were unable to make that happen this spring. I hope none of you or your loved ones are ever on the receiving end of a transfusion. However, by donating you never know whose life you might save, or whose family you can provide a little hope for. We couldn't think of a better way to honor her short life than to give the gift of life to others. We'd like to thank everyone for taking the time to hear our story and if you choose, to donate blood. If donation isn't

### FAST FACTS

**WHERE:** Colorado Northwestern Community College, 500 Kennedy Dr. Rangely, Colorado (The St. Mary's Blood Mobile will be located in the Weiss Parking lot)

**WHEN:** Aug. 12, 2020, from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. (Reservations required)

for you, thank you for passing the word along. To comply with the Covid-19 social distancing and safety measures, St. Mary's Blood Center is requiring participants to wear masks and to also reserve a time slot in order to donate. Please visit the following link to reserve a time. [https://donor.stmarysbloodcenter.org/donor/schedules/drive\\_schedule/8460](https://donor.stmarysbloodcenter.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/8460)

*With sincere gratitude,  
Kathy and Ian Kottenstette*

## Rule makes Dean's list at U Wyo

**MEEKER I** The University of Wyoming has listed Meeker's Chase C. Rule on the 2020 spring semester academic Dean's and Dean's Freshman Honor Rolls. The honor rolls consist of regularly enrolled undergraduates above freshman standing who earned a 3.4 or better grade-point average, and freshmen who have earned a 3.25 or better grade-point average. To be eligible, students must have been enrolled for a minimum of 12 credit hours taken for letter grades.

## Cooper, Smith named to honor roll

**MEEKER I** The University of Wyoming lists Paula W. Cooper and Meghan M. Smith from Colorado on the 2020 spring semester President's Honor Roll. The President's Honor Roll consists of regularly enrolled undergraduates who earned a 4.0 ("A") grade-point average for the semester. To be eligible, students must have been enrolled for a minimum of 12 credit hours taken for letter grades or better grade-point average. To be eligible, students must have been enrolled for a minimum of 12 credit hours taken for letter grades.

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EDITOR'S COLUMN

Virtual baggage

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Feel down? Vaguely depressed? Frustrated? Have you lost your self-confidence? Struggling to find your voice? Paranoid? Angry for no reason? Convinced everything is terrible and will never get better? You may be experiencing an acute case of virtual baggage caused by repeated exposure to keyboard bullies, the tone police (the online equivalent of the fashion police), conspiracy theorists and crazy political or religious extremists.

When you have face to face disagreements, get cut off in traffic, called names, or are the witness or subject of someone's tantrum (so many adult tantrums these days, and so many of them caught on video), it's easy to understand why you feel hurt or angry or offended, and that understanding makes it a little easier to let those feelings

go and move along. Virtual baggage adds up over time, until you can't even tell why you're feeling the way you're feeling.

There's good news: virtual baggage is treatable, and the treatment is relatively painless. It involves recognizing the source of the problem and then releasing all those virtual words and actions and comments and knee-jerk reactions.

Forgive them, for they know not what they do. Or they just know not. Regardless, forgiving isn't about them and their bad behavior, it's about you being free from their negative baggage — virtual or otherwise. In the words of Elsa (also virtual), "Let it go, let it go."



In other news... happy 136th birthday to the Herald Times. The very first edition of the Meeker Herald (later to become the Rio Blanco Herald Times) was published on Aug. 15, 1885, by Mr. James Lyttle.

We will endeavor to continue Mr. Lyttle's original mission statement: "The Herald will not be run in the interest of the "rascals" out or the "rascals" in. We will confine ourselves to the local interests of Meeker and the White River valley, and we will at all times, to the best of our ability, promote and protect the same. The Herald will not be the medium through which private parties can air their personal grievances. We are not here exclusively for the benefit of our health, although we will have to acknowledge that the climate is delightful and the balmy and exhilarating air all that could be desired. The Herald will be conducted as a business enterprise."

Thank you, Mr. Lyttle.

CNCC CORNER

CNCC aims for 'as close to normal as possible' for fall semester

By RON GRANGER  
CNCC President

**RBC I** Over the last few months, we all have faced very challenging times. At CNCC we have worked hard to cope with the situation and still provide our students with the best possible education. As we have approached the fall semester, we have looked at and worked on several different scenarios. While many other colleges and universities have elected to only offer online courses this fall, we have chosen to hold school in-person and as close to normal as possible. We know it will be different, but we also know that opening our campus is important for our college, our communities, and our students.

We have been working with our local communities and health organizations on the best solutions for everyone. CNCC has taken steps to make sure that we have a safe environment for our students and that our communities are not in danger of having a spike in the number

of positive cases when we come back in a couple of weeks.

Some of the things we are doing include requiring our students, staff, and visitors to wear masks when they are inside our buildings or when they are in a group that is outside where they can't socially distance. We are allowing our employees to not wear masks if they are alone in their offices and allowing our students to not wear masks when they are in their dorm rooms. We are asking all people to self-monitor for symptoms, including taking their temperatures. We will have some stations setup on both campuses so employees and students can continually check their temperatures. We are asking our students and staff to stay home if they are sick and, for those in the dorms, to not go to class if they have any symptoms.

Our classrooms will be setup so the students can keep a safe distance from each other. When this is not possible in labs, we are putting in dividers

between stations to add an extra layer of protection. We will be wiping down each room after it is used just to make sure that all surfaces are clean and are disinfected. In athletics, all fall sports, except for rodeo at this time, have been moved to the spring. The athletes will be able to practice and have a few scrimmages this fall. We do plan on the athletes being back this fall.

One last thing we are doing is setting up what we are calling the "Spartan Olympics." Teams will be set up to compete in different activities throughout the semester. We are inviting community members to get involved in this and to get their own teams together so the students and the communities can get to know each other even during this unusual time.

We are looking forward to this fall and know CNCC will be going strong. We want to thank all of our communities and counties for working with us and helping us get back to "normal" this fall.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Resource Pantry under new management

Dear Editor:

The Rangely Community Resource Pantry is under new management. We would like to thank all of you who visited us in the past and hope you will continue to support the new management.

A huge "thank you" from:  
René Harden, Brenda Hopson, Cindy Cramm, Diane Sizemore  
Rangely

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# OBITUARIES

## Shirley Fae "Jones" Cox

June 10, 1936 ~ July 28, 2020



Shirley Cox

Shirley Fae "Jones" Cox, 84, passed away Tuesday, July 28, 2020, at 11:30 p.m., at the Colorado Veterans Community Center in Rifle, Colorado, following her battle with Alzheimer's and diabetes. She was a loving wife, mother of three, grandmother of four and a great-grandmother to eight.

Shirley was born to Sam Jones and Bessie Fae "Wood" Jones on June 10, 1936, in Corpus Christi, Texas. She was the third child of four; Ray Jones, Everett Jones and Janie "Jones" Chandler. Shirley graduated from Rangely High School in 1955 and lettered in band (she played the trombone). She met Mace Manzo Cox, while working at Nichols Grocery Store, in Rangely and they married on June 16, 1956, in Rangely, Colorado. They moved to the Cox Ranch due north of Hwy. 13 (MM 25). Mace and Shirley lived on the family ranch, raising sheep, until they moved to Rangely in 1963 where they made their home.

Shirley and Mace lived by the hospitality code of the West. No one was turned away, or left their home without a good cup of coffee, a joke or two and more times than not, with a full belly. Shirley was an avid reader, enjoyed

music and watching Days of our Lives. She was a sheep herder, cattle rancher, hay hauler and all around chuckwagon master. After Mace passed (March 17, 1993) Shirley began taking computer classes with her daughter-in-law Leana, at Colorado Northwestern Community College. Shirley loved college so much that she talked her best friend Patty Powell into enrolling the following semester. They took a number of classes then decided to get a degree in medical transcribing and minor in art. She graduated in May 1997 with a certificate of medical transcriptionist and Associates of Art degree; which made her ever so proud. However, this carrier path wasn't prevalent in a rancher's life, but painting was. Donna Wardell taught the classes and Shirley soared. She loved painting nature pictures, big game and other wildlife with beautiful scenery in the background. She just loved nature. Shirley also sold a number of

paintings and won the contest for the best "Sheep Dog Trials Poster" for Meeker, Colorado, for three years in a row and few thereafter.

Times do change though. From Yahtzee, Uno and Skip-Bo tournaments at the ranch to traveling around working with her sister Janie and brother-in-law Phil at his job sites in Oregon and Washington. Then settling down in Fruita, Colorado, to help out. She also worked at Colorado Power Sports in Grand Junction. She helped everyone with caring for their dogs, cats, birds, and feeding livestock on Glade Park for Loretta and Rich. She spent a lot of her time playing Bingo in Las Vegas, Nevada, where she did win a bit of money over those 13-years, before that dreadful stroke on Mother's Day, 2016.

The Cox family would like to give special recognition to Beverley for her dedication and love shown to their mom these past four years. She was there every day when we couldn't be. Her love and generosity will never be forgotten.

Shirley's survived by sons: Wade R. (Linda Jean Padilla) Cox and their two sons Jason W. (Marybel Flores) Cox and daughters Kaitlyn (13) and Isabella (10) of Rangely,

## Glenda Ryan Horton

Aug. 2, 2020



Glenda Horton

Glenda Ryan Horton passed away on Sunday, Aug. 2 at 1:30 a.m. She is the sister of Joan (Ryan) Padilla of Rangely and in-law

Colorado, and Dustin G. (Mandie Brasfield) Cox and children Ethan (9) and Zoey (7) of Vernal, Utah; Dean R. (Leana Horton) Cox of Rangely, Colorado, and their children Joy and Les Logan of Montrose, and Kirsty Faye (Kaydan) Holmstead and sons Locke Dee and Zaydan of Taylorville, Utah. Her great-granddaughters Makayla (18), Shayla (17), Crysta (14) and Alayna (11) Logan of Montrose, Colorado. Brother Ray (Earlene) Jones and their two daughters Sandy (Paul) Cruz and Sherri (Ron) DeRose, all of Grand Junction. Sister Janie (Phil) Chandler and Beverley Oliver (Roy) Hemme and sons Michael and Ricky Oliver of Fruita. Loretta (Rich) of Orchard Mesa, Colorado, and son Brian Rector of Rangely, Colorado.

Shirley is preceded in death by Mace M. Cox (1993) and their daughter Dorothy Faye (1960), grandson Zack Logan Cox (2017); parents Sam and Bessie Jones, in-laws Luther and Effie Cox, brother Everett and wife Lu Jones.

Words cannot express how much we all thank you for the expressions of sympathy during our moments of sorrow. We are truly grateful for your friendship and support... The Cox Family.

Beverly Astorga and Billy Horton all of Grand Junction, Colorado; Arthur Horton of Florida, Leana (Dean) Cox of Rangely and Nancy Horton of Dinosaur, Colorado. She is survived by all her children, most of her 27 grandchildren, all 73 great-grandchildren and eight great-great grandchildren.

She's preceded in death by her husband Lowell W. Horton (1976), twin brother Gerald Ryan, Joan's twin Gary Ryan, sister Sharon Ryan, Billy Ryan, Mike Ryan and one grandson, Zack Logan Cox (2017), parents Lila (Bishop) Ryan Cox and Hershel Ryan, stepfather Gordon Cox.

## DEATH NOTICE

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Aug. 19, 1960 ~ July 30, 2020

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## CONSERVATION CORNER

### NEPA Regulation Changes

What does the acronym "NEPA" stand for and how does it affect you as a Rio Blanco County resident? "NEPA" is the National Environmental Policy Act and the process that is required for all decisions made by all federal agencies.

In July, President Trump and the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) announced key changes to the federal NEPA process. Changes that include limiting when NEPA will apply to projects, a time limit to complete NEPA, and a page limit to each NEPA document.

NEPA originated under the Nixon administration. It was created to require federal agencies to consider all effects of major federal actions on the "human environment." The agency chooses one of, or combination of, the typically four alternatives that it evaluates.

In the past, NEPA has caused major delays on many projects including a 13-year delay on the expansion of I-70, decades on water infrastructure in the west, and prolonging grazing permit decisions and renewals. NEPA has been interpreted to apply to all projects on federal lands, regardless if a small portion of a larger project is on federal lands or the agency is only being a funding partner. New regulations clearly outline that only actions with major federal involvement and major in scale will require NEPA. Those where the federal government has a minor role, will not.

New regulations also state that if the impact is not significant, the limit is 75 pages and must be completed within one year; if it is significant: 300 pages and completed within two years.

These reforms should help everyone and are set to go into effect on September 14, 2020. However, don't be surprised if lawsuits are brought forward to prevent the new regulations from becoming law.

More information at <https://buddfallen.com/archives/> or by scanning the Zap Code.



Have you received notice from the Colorado Division of Water Resources that you have water rights that have been included on the 2020 abandonment list?

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR YOU?



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~ The Meeker Herald, 1921

## Attachment To God's House (2)

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

*One thing have I desired of the Lord, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to enquire in his temple. (Ps. 27:4)*



Dr. J.D. Watson

**P**URITAN Richard Baxter wrote, "[God's] tabernacles served to shew His power, His courts showed His majesty, and His altars showed His deity. His house serves to shew them all . . . His praise and glory is the sum of all."

*Second, the point of David's attachment: dwell in the house of the LORD. Dwell in yāšab*, which also means "to inhabit, endure, or stay." Significantly, the Septuagint renders *yāšab* here (and elsewhere) with the Greek *katoikeō* (2730), "to inhabit a house." The clear truth in all this, then, is permanence, continually dwelling in one place. This leads to another principle.

*Third, the period of his attachment: all the days of my life.* There was no better place on earth to David than God's house, and it was there he wanted to spend every day. Likewise, what better place is there to be today each time the church meets? What could possibly be more important?

*Fourth, the purpose of his attachment: to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to enquire in his temple.* While in popular thinking the Church is wholly people-centered, David was there not for Himself but for God alone. How significant it is that David worshipped in the days before Solomon built the actual temple, when the place of worship was just a tent. But it was still beautiful to him. What a contrast that is to the building we think we need to have! Further, this was the place David came to enquire (*bāqar*, 1239H), to investigate and consider the things of God. That is what preaching does today.

*Fifth, the pre-eminence of his attachment: One thing.* For David, this came above everything else and before everything else. Oh, how often some flimsy excuse keeps us from our attendance in God's House! Should not this **one thing** overrule everything else?

*Sixth, the perseverance of his attachment: I seek after.* This was not just some wish David made, not just a preference over several other options, but rather a desire he actively pursued. "Holy desires must lead to resolute action," Charles Spurgeon wrote. "The old proverb says, 'Wishers and woulders are never good housekeepers,' and 'wishing never fills a sack.' Desires are seeds which must be sown in the good soil of activity or they will yield no harvest."

*Seventh, the prayer of his attachment: I desired of the LORD. Desired is šā'al* (7592H), one of several words used for prayer in the OT. It simply means "to ask something of someone," whether one is just asking a question (Gen. 32:17), making a simple request (Judg. 5:25), or even begging (Prov. 20:4). This entire verse, then, is David's prayer. Is it ours? Do we ask Him to help us make it our priority?

*Scriptures for Study:* What do the following verses in Psalms add to our study: 26:8; 65:4; 84:4, 10?

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

# sounds of meeker

## Part 3: The Bell Tower

By KAYE SULLIVAN  
Special to the Herald Times

**MEEKER** I When I am working in the yard, I love hearing the sounds of bells playing hymns that I often recognize and to which I can sing along. It is a lovely serenade that is comforting and joyous. But how did it work, I wondered? How is the music selected? What is the history of this sound of music heard daily in Meeker?

With the help of Father Scott Hollenbeck, Rector at the St James Episcopal Church, I got a personal tour of the carillon, as the bell tower is properly called. Sure enough, the carillon has a long heritage that traces back to the days of church bells played by pulling a long rope.

Today's modern version is a digital, electronic carillon. Ever cheerful Father Scott showed me a rather small programmable computer, the device that is the core of the system and amplifies sounds through the bell tower.

This computer has pre-loaded music selections of all sorts that can be pre-programmed or changed at any time. Usually, we hear a mix of traditional music, but selections can also be made for civic tunes, weddings, funerals, high holy days, Lent, Thanksgiving plus endless other occasions.

For example, it is even possible for a bride to select one specific piece she would like played at her wedding and key it in for that event! On July 4 we hear patriotic music and at Christmas the selections change to match that holiday.

Music can be programmed to play in three different voices — traditional, harp, and American bell (a slower, old-fashioned version). It can play just bell chimes in many versions too. These sounds are reminiscent of the celebration of World War II ending when bell towers rang out across the USA to announce the happy news or death of a president when the bells sound somber.

In other words, the carillon music matches the situation. By the way, all this music was played live, recorded, and uploaded. It is not synthesized; it is the real thing. And, playing it publicly is protected under the freedom of speech laws.



CAITLIN WALKER PHOTO

**The bell tower at St. James Episcopal Church is technically called a "carillon". The bells you hear every day at 10 a.m., 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. are electronic versions of various pieces.**

The carillon plays two pieces daily at 10 a.m., 1 p.m., and 5 p.m. Why these times, I wondered, but it seems the answer is along the lines of "it has always been done this way" and the original reasons need more historical research.

To the residents of Meeker, the carillon sounds are reminders to be on time! One old timer told me jury selection was once interrupted to listen to the music. Meeker visitors often visit the church with inquiries about the sounds they hear and wonder about its origins.

The current carillon was gifted by the Reuben Oldland family in memory of Eva Oldland, a talented musician who sang at every church service, wedding, and funeral for years. A plaque is installed at the entrance to the sanctuary about this gift. Later, recently deceased Norma Oldland, paid for the costs of repairs and many other congregants have contributed to its maintenance.

The current carillon systems

are working fine. These include a backup system that prevents loss of data due to incidental events (just like any computer). If the computer malfunctions, it can be shipped back to Cincinnati, Ohio, to the manufacturer, the Verdin Company, who has been in business forever and even sends a loaner machine.

Yet, like all technology, change is likely including the upscale use of a smart phone to program the carillon. Thus, Father Scott could be anywhere and still adjust the bell tower music as needed if that upgrade occurs.

The St. James Episcopal Church carillon has many deep roots (more than I had time to research) and provides a traditional, daily sound unique to our town.

I am grateful to Father Scott, the Oldland family, and church members who graciously provided information for this story. Upcoming are more articles about the "Sounds of Meeker."

# Changes to flood maps may require some homeowners to purchase flood insurance

By ROXIE FROMANG  
Special to the Herald Times

**RBC** I The Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) for Rio Blanco County have been released and on July 21, representatives from infrastructure firm AECOM, the Colorado Water Conservation Board, the National Flood Insurance Program, and FEMA met with community members in Rangely and helped answer property owners questions via virtual meeting. The meeting was hosted by the Town of Rangely with Town Manager Lisa Piering and Rangely Town Planner/Engineer Jocelyn Mullen in attendance. Communities participating in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) must keep risk information up to date. The National Flood Insurance Program is a voluntary program that allows homeowners to buy insurance based on Zones and be eligible for federal assistance. This program is overseen by FEMA and partners, managed by communities, and enforced by lenders. Engineers determine new and changed risks, which are used to determine requirements, and allows discounts for reduced risks. Current county flood insurance maps date back to 1981. Rio Blanco County has been a part of the program since Feb. 16, 1990. The effective maps were released in 2001. Study data was collected in 2013, 2016, and 2018. This year community leaders and FEMA are reviewing the study's findings. Preliminary FIRMs have been released and will be followed by an appeal period. The FIRMs become effective in 2021.

Models are based on conditions from topographic data and survey and the best available information at the time. Total affected structures in the 1% annual chance flood zone analysis countywide currently is 476 structures. The new model has removed 109 structures and added 56. In Rangely 161 structures are in the 1% flood zone areas, in Meeker just 27. Twenty-eight structures were removed in Rangely and 16 in Meeker. Forty-four structures in the 1% zone were added in Rangely to the most recent proposed mapping and 11 in Meeker. Unincorporated Rio Blanco County has 288 structures in the 1% and the total removed was 65. New Zone A analysis shows 162 structures and the Digitized Effective Zone is 89. (These numbers reflect approximate building counts.) This means risk increased in some areas and decreased in other areas.

How could this impact structures added to the flood zones? Flood insurance will be required for federally backed mortgages in Special Flood Hazard Areas (SFHAs). It will also be required for federal

**Was your property added or removed from the 1% flood zone areas?**

View preliminary FIRMs by visiting the FEMA Map Service Center (MSC): <https://msc.fema.gov/portal/home>

OR

FEMA National Flood Hazard Layer (NFHL): <https://www.fema.gov/flood-maps/tools-resources/flood-map-products/national-flood-hazard-layer>

assistance after floods. Zone A, AE, AH, AO will be affected and will need to purchase flood insurance. New Zones go into effect with effective FIRMs, not before, which means Rio Blanco County residents with structures in the flood zones will need to seek flood insurance coverage as soon as possible.

A home can be rated three ways: With an Elevation Certificate (EC) done by a licensed surveyor, engineer or architect.

Newly Mapped rates which increase 15-25% annually until an EC is provided to agent

A home can be grandfathered in by a loyal customer policy or built in compliance. The Loyal Customer Grandfathered Policy applies to homes purchased before or within 12 months following a map revision and never letting the flood insurance coverage lapse. Built in Compliance Grandfathered Policy applies to homes purchased with an EC and/or prior map showing the home was built in compliance at the time it was built or letter from the local flood-plain administrator. Policies may be transferred to a new homeowner from the prior owner to maintain any of these types of rating.

Was your property added or removed from the 1% flood zone areas? You can view preliminary FIRMs by visiting the FEMA Map Service Center (MSC) <https://msc.fema.gov/portal/home> or FEMA National Flood Hazard Layer (NFHL) <https://www.fema.gov/flood-maps/tools-resources/flood-map-products/national-flood-hazard-layer>.

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# SKULL CREEK: residents concerned about truck traffic, noise pollution

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a big hole, it would be continually reclaimed.” According to permit documents, the project could produce 1.25 million tons per year.

## WHAT IS FRAC SAND?

According to a United States Geological Survey publication from 2015, frac sand was in high demand in areas with “unconventional” petroleum basins. The sand is used as a “proppant” to hold open created fractures and allow more natural gas to be extracted. “The physical properties of frac sand, as defined by the American Petroleum Institute (API), are quite specific ... optimal frac sand is a naturally occurring, unconsolidated silica sand or friable sandstone that has a nearly pure quartz composition, crush-resistant grains, high sphericity/roundness of grains, and a uniformly medium-to coarse-grain size. Additional factors that influence the economics of mining are the deposit’s real extent and thickness, textural uniformity, accessibility at or near the surface, nearness to trucking and rail transportation routes, and proximity to the active unconventional petroleum basins.” (<https://pubs.usgs.gov/of/2015/1107/pdf/ofr20151107.pdf>)

## JOBS AND ECONOMIC IMPACT

Johnson said they anticipate the generation of 40-50 full-time jobs and expect mining on

this particular permit to last 3-5 years. When this site is depleted, they plan to move operations to private property and then federal property to the west, depending on the demand for the product. Material taken from the mine would go to a processing plant in Roosevelt, Utah, creating about 10 additional jobs.

“It depends on when the oil business comes back,” Johnson said.

## HOMEOWNER'S CONCERNS

The Skull Creek area isn’t new to mining, hence the “Old Mine Road” moniker. A copper mine and at least one uranium mine are mapped in the area. The idea of an open pit mine in the area is objectionable to Lazarus, who has lived in the area for eight years.

Lazarus is concerned about heavy truck traffic, noise pollution, the proximity to known uranium deposits as well as concerns about water quality and quantity. An aquifer supplies residents with water; Lazarus says that aquifer is already at risk during drought conditions.

The application permit indicates the company would use the water rights from a well permit that taps into that aquifer as well as pond water from the Frances Barnett Lewis property for dust control and at the mining location, with a need of about 12,000 gallons per week, and states, “The aquifer is well below the proposed mining operations making a barrier between the

aquifer and final depth of mining.”

“They’d run out [of water] in a week,” Lazarus said. Water rights for the well permit are 15 gallons per minute, or 1 acre

foot per year.

Colorado Parks and Wildlife has also weighed in on the proposal, citing the prevalence of multiple wildlife species and migratory birds, and recom-

mending that between Dec. 1 and April 15, Uinta Mining will limit their activities to the hours from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The board of the Colorado Division of Mining, Reclamation

and Safety is expected to make a decision on the application at its Sept. 23 meeting. If it’s approved, the timeline for the project to get underway is still undetermined.



NIKI TURNER PHOTO

Skull Creek is east of Dinosaur and west of Massadona, about 17 miles from the Colorado-Utah border. Residents are concerned about impacts from a proposed frac sand pit mine, including truck traffic, noise pollution, water quality and quantity, and proximity to uranium deposits.

# General election will be held as scheduled

## U.S. Constitution does not grant the president power to move election date

Special to the Herald Times

**RBC I** Colorado Secretary of State Jena Griswold today reaffirmed that the state’s General Election will be held as scheduled on Nov. 3. This comes in response to President Trump’s assertion that the election could be moved or delayed due to COVID-19 and unfounded claims related to vote by mail. As explicitly stated in the Constitution of the United States, only Congress has the power to move or change a presidential election date.

“During the Civil War, world wars, and the Great Depression, Americans have been able to exercise their fundamental right to vote. President Trump does not have the authority to move the election date and I will make sure Colorado’s election takes place on Nov. 3 as scheduled,” said Secretary Griswold. “The President is also wrong on vote by mail. Vote by mail is safe and secure, and ensures that voters

can have their voices heard even during a pandemic.”

Colorado’s vote by mail system is the national model for election security and access. Secretaries of State and other elected officials from both parties have overwhelmingly supported Colorado’s vote by mail method and President Trump’s own former Secretary of Homeland Security commended Colorado’s election security. Colorado consistently leads the nation in voter turnout with Republicans, Democrats, and Independents all using mail ballots. In fact, in the recent State Primary, Republican voters opted to use mail ballots at a higher rate than Democratic voters by a percentage of 99.4% to 99.2%.

County clerks will begin sending ballots to every registered voter starting on Oct. 9.

For more information on Colorado’s elections, please visit <https://www.sos.state.co.us/pubs/elections/FAQs/GeneralInfoFAQ.html>

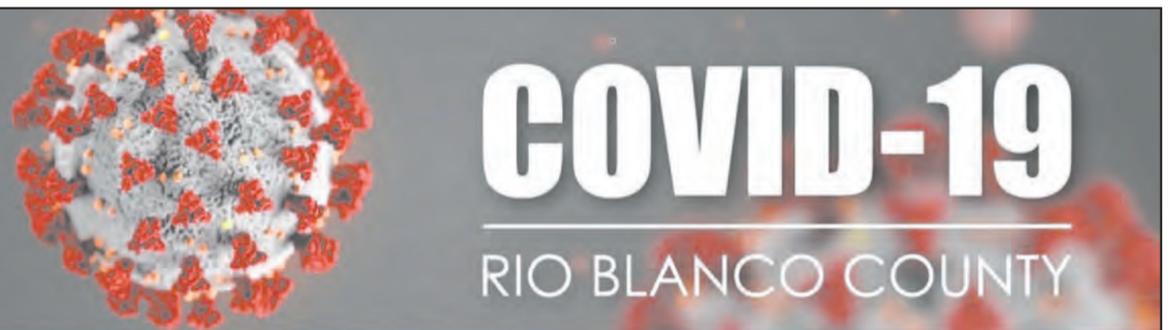
# Highway 64 resurfacing project update

Special to the Herald Times

## RBC I CO 64 Meeker West Rural Resurfacing Project Update

The Meeker west rural resurfacing project will begin on Colorado Highway 64 at Mile Point 43, east of Rangely, and will continue east for 18 miles to MP 61. Motorists should plan for east and westbound one-lane alternating traffic, 20-30 minute delays, 35 mph speed limit, and 10 ft. width restriction during hours of operation. Work will consist of paving and approach paving operations. Hours of operation are

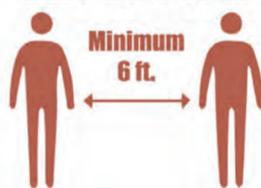
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## SPREAD THE WORD, NOT THE VIRUS.

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

### KEEP DISTANCE



Look out for lines and circles for guidance.

### WASH HANDS



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# RBC Fair Livestock Auction will be hosted online, as well

**PRESS RELEASE**  
Special to the Herald Times

Rio Blanco Fair Board expects more than 100 animals to be in this year's auction.

any financial level.”

**RBC I** Rio Blanco area youth have put in months of hard work raising their premium livestock and preparing for the annual Rio Blanco County Fair and Junior Livestock Auction. The annual livestock sale brings the opportunity for area youth to sell their animals at the end of the show. Many exhibitors use those funds to purchase future livestock projects or help with college expenses.

The sale offers supporters the opportunity to help exhibitors in two ways; one is by bidding on the animal (in person or virtually) and the second is through “add-ons.” Add-ons are straight financial contributions to either an individual or multiple exhibitors and can be in any amount. Businesses and individuals may wish to help exhibitors but can't afford to buy the animal(s). They can “add-on” \$25, \$50, \$100 or more to an exhibitor(s). According to Brent Graves with [StockShowAuctions.com](http://StockShowAuctions.com) “Add-ons make the premium sale event what it is. Add-ons come from businesses, neighbors, grandparents, aunts & uncles, it gives everybody the opportunity to support these young people. Everybody in these kid's circle wants to see them be successful and they can help them achieve that success through this premium sale at

Organizers admit it is an easy process to participate in. Buyers can watch a short instructional video or print off written instructions, register on the site. Bidding will begin online Aug. 8, 2020, at 8 a.m. and become part of the live auction when it begins at 6 PM. Once the auction portion is over the buyers will be able to select whether they wish to resell the project or choose what processor they wish to use. The Rio Blanco County Junior Livestock Auction will collect all the funds as they always have, and those instructions will be on the buyer's invoices provided by the site at the conclusion of the event.

Buyers are invited to visit and register for the sale at [www.StockShowAuctions.com](http://www.StockShowAuctions.com) or contact the front office for more information.

CONTACT: Brent Graves, 833-675-SHOW(7469) [Brent@StockShowAuctions.com](mailto:Brent@StockShowAuctions.com)

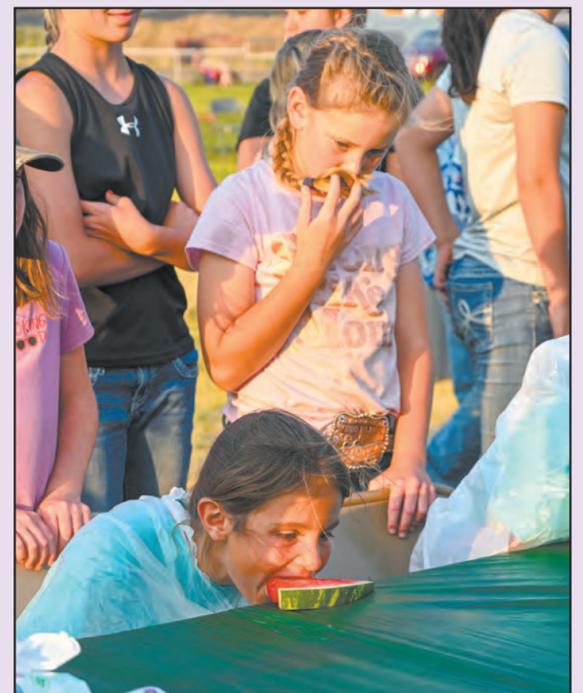
# NEW BIZ ...



COURTESY PHOTO

Meeker's newest business, Meeker Pet Grooming, held an open house on Saturday for pets and their owners at 353 Park Ave. Call to make an appointment for all types of pet grooming services 970-230-1149. Pictured are owner Katy Alger and Mary Jo Carroll.

# IT'S TRADITION ...



CHANCE WALKER/SOPHIA GOEDERT PHOTOS

The RBC Fair is well underway. Watch for more coverage, photos and results here in the paper, online at [ht1885.com](http://ht1885.com) and on our social media channels.

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



(Top) Iris Gianinetti and (bottom) Dexter Chinn competed with and against their teammates in the final swim meet of the season. The swimmers set 18 team records.

## Final 2020 swim meet

By TIFFANY JEHOREK  
Special to the Herald Times

**MEEKER I** The final swim meet for the 2020 COVID season took place last weekend at the ERBM pool. There were 18 new or broken team records. At the end of the meet, head coach Shelly Rogers commended the kids on facing the adversity of the season head on and swimming their hardest, she reiterated how proud of them she was.

The results for the final meet are:

- 200 Yd Medley Relay**  
1 Meeker 3 - 02 minutes 44.7 seconds Tucker, Iris, Said, Garrett  
2 Marlins 2 - 03:01.4 Jewell, Addie, Hailey, Becca  
3 Meeker 1 - 03:12.4 Judd, Dexter, Snowden, Brynley  
4 Meeker 4 - 03:21.0 Jonan, Norah, Joe, Alex
- 6u 25 Free**  
1. Fletcher Chinn - 44.94 seconds  
**8u 25 yd Freestyle**  
1 Gael Rodriguez - 23.25 seconds  
2 Isiah Gianinetti - 23.43  
3 Sam Mertz - 27.34  
4 Miles Franklin - 29.88
- 9-10 50 yd Freestyle**  
1 Jonan VonRoenn - 34.9 seconds  
2 Dexter Chinn - 36.62  
3 Iris Gianinetti - 37.06  
4 Norah Loar - 47.84  
5 Luke Olson - 01:15.81
- 11-12 50 yd Freestyle**  
1 Tucker Chinn - 31.22 seconds  
2 Addie Knowles - 31.37  
3 Said Rodriguez - 33.56  
4 Snowden Williams - 35.56  
5 Garrett Mertz - 44.56  
6 Jewell McPherson - 58.19  
7 Liam Olson - 1:01.47
- 13-14 50 yd Freestyle**  
1 Judd Harvey - 29.75 seconds  
2 Becca Hood - 46.25  
3 Brynley Barton - 56.44
- 15+ 50 yd Free**  
1 Joe McKay - 28.12 seconds

- 2 Hailey Knowles - 28.85
- 8u 50 yd Breaststroke**  
1 Gael Rodriguez - 01 minutes 04.0 seconds  
2 Isiah Gianinetti - 01:23.5  
3 Sam Mertz - 01:39.3
- 9-10 50 yd Breaststroke**  
1 Dexter Chinn - 51.65 seconds  
2 Iris Gianinetti - 52.34  
3 Norah Loar - 55.19
- 9-10 100 yd Breaststroke**  
1 Dexter Chinn - 01 minute 47.0 seconds  
2 Jonan VonRoenn - 01:55.3  
3 Garrett Mertz - 02:21.0
- 11-12 100 yd Breaststroke**  
1 Addie Knowles - 01 minute 33.9 seconds  
2 Said Rodriguez - 01:34.0  
3 Tucker Chinn - 01:38.1  
4 Snowden Williams - 02:08.0  
5 Garrett Mertz - 02:21.0
- 13-14 100 Breaststroke**  
1 Judd Harvey - 01 minute 35.1 seconds  
2 Becca Hood - 02:26.7
- 15+ 100yd Breaststroke**  
1 Joe McKay - 01 minute 23.3 seconds  
2 Hailey Knowles - 01:27.3
- 9-10 100yd Freestyle**  
1 Jonan VonRoenn - 01 minute 22.5 seconds  
2 Iris Gianinetti-01:26.8  
3 Evan Dunn - 02:05.7  
4 Alex Dobson - 02:10.0
- 11-12 100 yd Freestyle**  
1 Tucker Chinn - 01 minute 11.6 seconds  
2 Addie Knowles - 01:16.2  
3 Snowden Williams - 01:25.0  
4 Garrett Mertz - 01:46.0  
5 Jewell McPherson - 02:14.0  
6 Liam Olson - 02:17.0
- 13-14 100 yd Freestyle**  
1 Judd Harvey - 01 minute 07.2 seconds  
2 Becca Hood - 01:53.4  
3 Brynley Barton - 2:10.3
- 9-10 100 yd Butterfly**  
1 Dexter Chinn - 02 minute 06.5 seconds  
2 Jonan VonRoenn - 02:13.0
- 11-12 100 yd Butterfly**  
1 Addie Knowles - 01 minute 39.9 seconds  
2 Said Rodriguez - 01:41.4
- 11-12 200 yd Butterfly**  
1 Tucker Chinn - 03 minute 30.8 seconds

- 15-16 200 yd Butterfly**  
1 Hailey Knowles - 03:01  
2 Joe McKay - 03:23.3
- 6u 25 yd Backstroke**  
1 Fletcher Chinn - 49.3 seconds  
**8u 25 yd Backstroke**  
1 Gael Rodriguez - 29.19  
2 Sam Mertz - 30.6  
3 Isiah Gianinetti - 36.68  
4 Miles Franklin - 37.28
- 9-10 50 yd Backstroke**  
1 Dexter Chinn - 44.34 seconds  
2 Alex Dobson - 01:05.0  
3 Evan Dunn - 01:18.4  
4 Luke Olson - 01:41.3
- 9-10 100 yd Backstroke**  
1 Iris Gianinetti - 01 minute 36.2 seconds  
2 Jonan VonRoenn - 01:48.4  
3 Alex Dobson - 02:36.8
- 11-12 100 yd Backstroke**  
1 Tucker Chinn - 01:25.7  
2 Addie Knowles - 01:29.7  
3 Snowden Williams - 01:43.3  
4 Jewell McPherson - 02:23.5  
5 Liam Olson - 02:48.2
- 13-14 100 yd Backstroke**  
1 Judd Harvey - 01:18.1  
2 Becca Hood - 02:19.6  
3 Brynley Barton - 02:25.7
- 9-10 100 yd Individual Medley**  
1 Dexter Chinn - 01 minute 36.1 seconds  
2 Iris Gianinetti - 01:45.1  
3 Norah Loar - 01:59.7
- 11-12 200 yd Individual Medley**  
1 Tucker Chinn - 03 minutes 06.9 seconds  
2 Addie Knowles - 03:15.2  
3 Said Rodriguez - 03:31.6
- 15+ 200 yd Individual Medley**  
1 Joe McKay - 02:50.1  
2 Hailey Knowles - 02:50.3
- 175 Freestyle Relay**  
1 Meeker 5 - 02 minutes 23.8 seconds - Luke, Norah, Jonan, Tucker  
2 Meeker 6 - 02:34.0 Sam, Becca, Dexter, Addie  
3 Meeker 2 - 02:50.9 Gael, Liam, Snowden, Joe  
4 Meeker 3 - 02:52.3 Miles, Alex, Garrett, Judd  
5 Meeker 4 - 02:52.7 Isiah, Jewell, Alex, Said  
6 Meeker 1 - 02:52.9 Fletcher, Iris, Brynley, Hailey

## CHSAA postpones most fall sports

By TIFFANY JEHOREK  
Special to the Herald Times

**RBC I** The Colorado High School Sports and Activities Association (CHSAA) finally announced their schedules for the upcoming year, just six days before the season was to begin.

"I am disappointed that CHSAA is not offering students and parents the personal choice to participate during their official season but grateful that they will still have the opportunity to participate during the year," said Meeker School District Superintendent Chris Selle. Beginning Aug. 10, boys golf, boys tennis, cross country, and girls softball will still be allowed to continue, and CHSAA is calling this Schedule A. All other fall sports have been moved to late winter.

"We got the information about an hour before everyone else," commented Athletic Director Klark Kindler, "I am happy that the kids will get to play all the sports that they want and that there will be playoffs for all sports."

When asked about still being allowed to practice and use the facilities, Selle stated that information had not yet been released from CHSAA, but he is hoping for an official bulletin for this revised season, similar to those CHSAA has for all sports.

Both Kindler and Selle were asked how football will be played in Meeker in March, Kindler commented that "the information is brand new and there are many logistics to still consider to get these kids playing." Selle is going to relay to CHSAA that half of the state is under two feet of snow during this time and football will be difficult and see if there are some alternatives.

Selle also said he "tried to advocate to allow for some differentiation across the state, but seems like what is decided on the front range is forced upon the rest of the state."

There have been two videos released by the school, both reiterating that official school news and information can be found on the school's Facebook page, by visiting the school's website or by calling. Selle said that the "school district is going to do what we can to provide for the kids, make their education experience as positive as possible, which includes what is learned while participating in extracurricular activities."

Here is what CHSAA released for sports schedules, these are only the sports that pertain to Meeker and/or Rangely High School (MHS and RHS), these schedules are times when competition will begin, practice will be earlier.

**Schedule A - Aug. 10 to Oct. 7**

- Boys Golf
- Girls Softball
- Cross Country

**Schedule B - Jan. 4 to March 6**

- Basketball
- Spirit Cheer and Dance
- Girls Swimming
- Wrestling

**Schedule C - March 1 to May 1**

- Football
- Volleyball

**Schedule D - April 26 to June 26**

- Baseball
- Girls Soccer
- Boys Swimming
- Track and Field

There are some additional details for schedules currently available on the [CHSAA website](#).

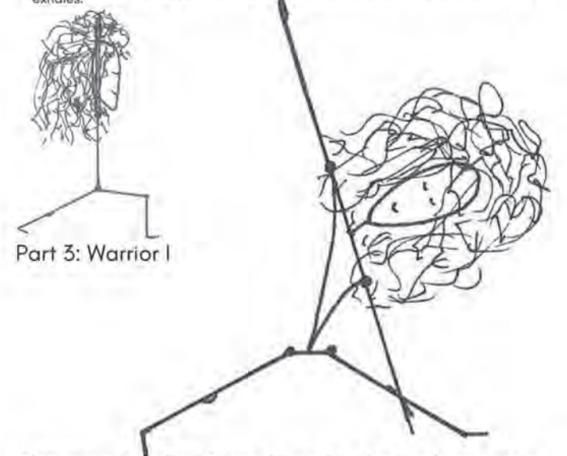
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3. Stay relaxed through your shoulders and maintain steady/natural inhales and exhales.



This pose is called Triangle and is the forth in a series to increase your strength and stability.

From last week's pose, Warrior I, you will step your back foot back a step, opening your hips to the side, and reaching your arms out to a T. Bring the arch of your back foot in-line with your front heel, and straighten your front leg. Next, take a full inhale and with your exhale tick-tock your torso forward aligning your body as if you were squeezing between two panes of glass.

Repeat this on your other side.

Practicing this pose next to a wall can help you stay balanced and prevent falls. Practice Safe Yoga!

# COACH PITCH ...



WRBM has completed its 2020 Coach Pitch Season. Back row: coach Grace Doolin, Kesleigh Kennedy, Matthias Lucero, Davon Lucero, Cole Odom, Zeke Schwartz, Kameron Harvey, Rylee Robie and coach Kaulan Brady. Front row: Eli Schwartz, Liam Geer, Tucker Kilduff and Bailey Robie.

COURTESY PHOTO

## Trail maintenance restores access for hikers, riders

Special to the Herald Times

**MEEKER** I Two seldom-used trails in the Blanco Ranger District recently received some much-needed maintenance and are now available for people looking for some solitude.

The Cliff Lakes Trail #1831 and the Yellow Horse Trail #2288 were recently maintained in partnership with Rocky Mountain Youth Corps and Colorado Mountain Club.

"These crews increased our capacity to maintain trails across the district this season, which provided much needed resources for these lightly traveled and often unmaintained trails," said Curtis Keetch, Blanco District Ranger.

Both trails are open to foot and horseback travel.

The Cliff Lakes Trail is 18 miles north of New Castle, Colorado. It starts a few miles off the Buford New Castle Road (FSR 245) along Forest Service Road 601, which leads to the Meadow Lake area. This trail travels 2.6 miles and approximately 1,500 feet downhill to the Spring Cave Trail #1834. It provides an option for a one-way, downhill hike to Spring Cave for those able to coordinate a shuttle pick up at the South Fork Campground.

The Yellow Horse Trail is about 20 miles east of Meeker, Colo. It starts approximately 1.5 miles up the Ute Creek Trail and travels approximately 4 miles through a rolling landscape of

meadows and mature forest. The trail connects with the West Marvine Trail #1888, which leads 2 miles to the Marvine Campground area. By connecting the portions of these three trails, visitors can travel from the Ute Creek area to the Marvine area in approximately 7.5 miles one way.

"These two trails are in the best condition they have been in years, and this a great time to find solitude in the forest in these areas," Keetch said.

Contact the Blanco Ranger District at 970-878-4039 for more information about these and other trails on the White River National Forest, log on to <https://www.fs.usda.gov/activity/whiteriver/recreation/hiking>.



COURTESY PHOTO

Crews from Rocky Mountain Youth Corps and Colorado Mountain Club did some much-needed maintenance on two trails in the Blanco Ranger District.



KIM EKSTROM PHOTOS

Paula Cooper (top) won the open breakaway competition July 30. Leah Wood (bottom) took home the dally ribbon roping award with dad Joe Wood, and the junior and senior team roping award with Cody Edinger.

## Meeker Summer Rodeo Series results: July 30

Special to the Herald Times

**RBC** I The Meeker Summer Rodeo series has three competitions left in August on the 6th, 13th, and finals on the 20th.

The July 30 results are:  
Barrel riding - Marley Hammer

Junior barrels riding - Cylee Dunsmore

Number 11 team roping - Kash Atwood and JD Slogowski  
Ladies breakaway - Lori Ann Klinglesmith

Number 8 team roping - Lori Ann Klinglesmith and Kash Atwood

Dally ribbon roping - Joe Wood and Leah Wood

Junior and senior team roping - Leah Wood and Cody Edinger  
Open breakaway - Paula Cooper

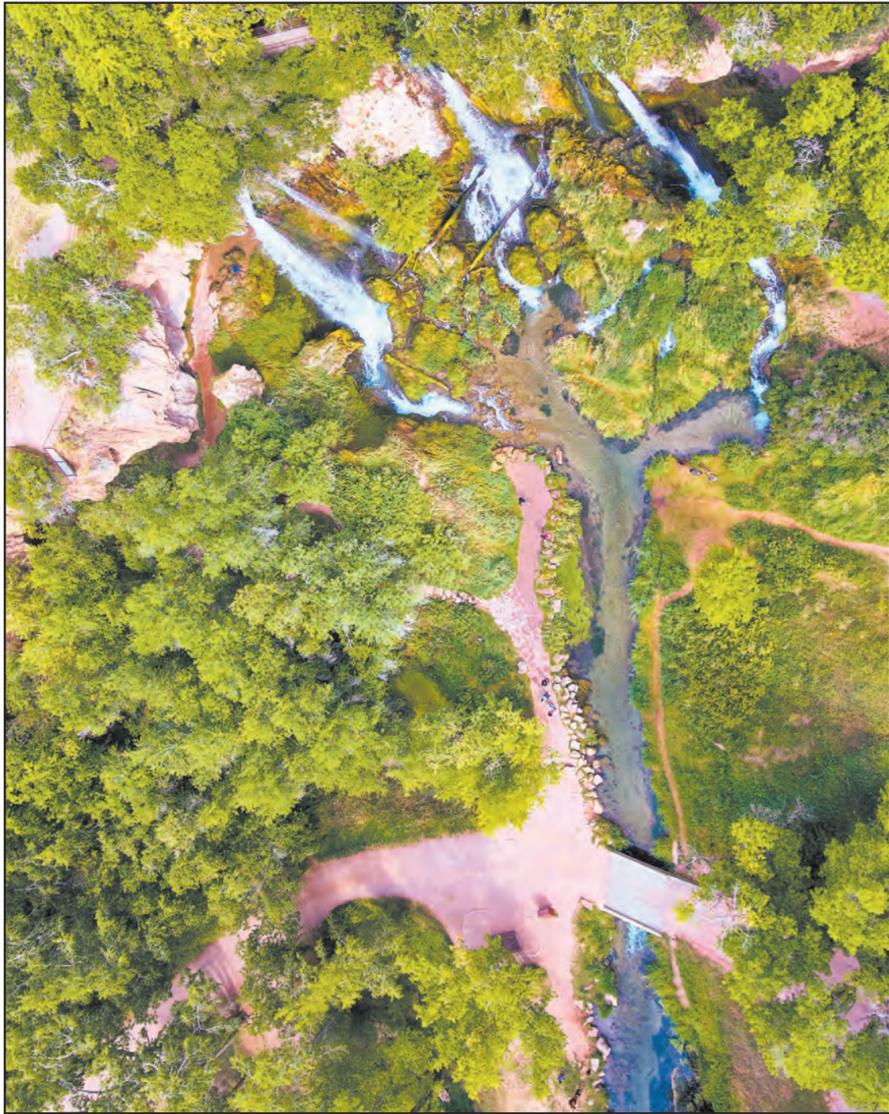
Bull riding - Justin Wilcken  
Open team roping - Cody Edinger and Mitch Walz

## COWBOY GOLF



COURTESY PHOTO

The 2020 Cowboy Golf season kicked off Monday. This year head coach Willy Theos said "they are guaranteed to play by the Colorado High School Activities Association (CHSAA)." The season which starts earlier than the rest of fall sports will have its first tournament Thursday in Delta. There are lots of new faces to the team this year, including Ryan Phelan, John Hampton Hightower and Liam Deming, who are practicing with the team. Returning to the team is Zagar Brown, Chakwa Brink, and Peter Hanks, and currently the only senior is Phelan. Coach Theos will be joined once again by Kyle Hooks as his assistant coach. Above (left to right) Ryan Phelan, Peter Hanks, John Hampton Hightower, Liam Deming, Ryan Sullivan, Jace Mobley and head coach Willy Theos.



U.S. military members can pick up a free August Military Pass at any Colorado state park or CPW office by showing proof of service and enjoy free admission to state parks this month. Above, an aerial shot of Rifle Falls State Park.

## Free admission to state parks for military in Aug.

**PRESS RELEASE**  
Special to the Herald Times

**RBC I** As a thank you to U.S. military members, Colorado Parks and Wildlife offers active duty military, veterans and the National Guard free admission to all state parks for the month of August.

Military members and veterans, resident and nonresident, can pick up a free August Military Pass at any Colorado state park or CPW office by showing proof of service. Passes become available on Aug. 1, 2020.

“We want to honor the brave men and women who currently serve or have served our country by hosting them at our state parks,” said Colorado Parks and Wildlife Director Dan Prenzl. “This is an opportunity for our military and veterans to spend some quality time in nature and connect with the beautiful landscapes and natural wonders they protect.”

The free park pass provides a chance to experience Colorado’s state parks and the diverse wildlife and terrain they showcase. All other park fees remain in effect, including camping reservations, boat and off-highway vehicle registrations, and hunting and fishing licenses.

To begin planning a unique Colorado adventure, visit the CPW park finder. State park outdoor recreation activities include:

Water sports- boating, kayaking, paddle boarding

and swimming  
Wildlife and wildflower viewing, birdwatching and tours with naturalists  
Hiking, horseback riding, biking and rock climbing

Stargazing and geocaching  
Accessibility programs are available to people with disabilities

CPW also offers military benefits for outdoor activities to active duty military, veterans, and disabled veterans. Programs include free admission to state parks on Veterans Day, year-round free entry to all state parks to residents with Colorado Disabled Veterans license plates and free small game and fishing combination licenses for qualified disabled veterans. CPW also offers a Columbine Pass which offers reduced park entrance fees to disabled Colorado residents.

“Our agency appreciates the sacrifices our military members make to secure our freedoms to enjoy an outdoor heritage,” said U.S. Marine Corps Veteran and Southwest Region Manager Cory Chick. “This is a small token of our appreciation to thank our military and veterans for helping us protect our state lands for Coloradans to enjoy and cherish.”

For more information about Colorado’s state parks, visit the [CPW website](http://CPW website). Learn more about Care for Colorado - Leave No Trace principles on how to recreate responsibly.

## NPS implements ticketed entry system for Quarry Exhibit Hall at Dinosaur Natl. Monument

**PRESS RELEASE**  
Special to the Herald Times

**DINOSAUR I** The National Park Service has announced the implementation of a temporary ticketed entry system for access to Dinosaur National Monument’s popular Quarry Exhibit Hall that began July 28. This ticketing system will provide the visiting public a reasonable opportunity to comply with COVID-19 public health guidelines by managing the pace and flow of visitation and reducing crowding.

Park visitors planning their trips to Dinosaur National Monument will be able to reserve a time to visit the Quarry Exhibit Hall — an indoor museum featuring fossilized dinosaur bones in situ — on [Recreation.gov](http://Recreation.gov) for \$1 per ticket. The standard Monument entrance fees are still required in addition to the timed ticket. Tickets will be required for entry. Additionally, the park is setting aside 40% of available tickets for visitors booking at 10 a.m. MT two days prior to their visit for last-minute reservations or visitors unaware of the new policy. Any remaining tickets will be available for purchase up to the time of the ticket on the recreation.gov mobile app. For visitors without access to a computer or smart phone, tickets can be purchased through the Recreation.gov call center 1-877-444-6777 which is open from 10

a.m. to midnight ET, seven days a week.

A timed ticket will apply only to access for the shuttle and Quarry Exhibit Hall. All other parts of the monument will be open for recreation as they have in the past, and tickets will not be necessary for anyone river rafting, hiking, camping, scenic driving, stargazing or other park activities. Additionally, Dinosaur National Monument will terminate the ticketing system once the park is able to safely resume normal operations based on state and local public health and Center for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines.

Dinosaur National Monument’s annual visitation is approximately 300,000 to 325,000. While the monument covers over 210,000 acres, the Quarry Exhibit Hall receives more than 90% of that annual visitation. Most visitors arrive at the visitor center, then board a shuttle that takes them to the Quarry Exhibit Hall. The visitor center parking lot often fills during the summer, and as many as 3,000 people visit the facilities in a single day. Visitors experience a high level of congestion in the visitor center and the Quarry Exhibit Hall from late-May through mid-September and on weekends.

For more information on Dinosaur National Monument and the temporary timed ticket system see: [www.nps.gov/DINO](http://www.nps.gov/DINO)

## Census still seeking responses

Special to the Herald Times

**RBC I** The U.S. Census Bureau will begin emailing households in low-responding areas to encourage them to respond to the 2020 Census.

Millions of emails will be sent this week and continue into September. The emails supplement a campaign reminding people to respond to the 2020 Census on their own, as census takers begin following up with Colorado households that have not yet responded to the 2020 Census.

### EMAIL ALERTS

The messages alert households in low-response areas that time is running out and their response to the 2020 Census is important for their communities. The email messages will invite Coloradans to respond online at [2020census.gov](http://2020census.gov). Coloradans who receive the email and haven’t already responded should click on the link provided (in the email) and complete the census online. It’s easy, safe and important.

The emails will go to households that the Census Bureau has contact information for in census block groups with a response rate lower than 50%. This will include households that may have already responded. In total, the Census Bureau expects to email more than 20 million households, nationwide, in these low-responding areas.

The email messages will come from [scriptions.census.gov and will give recipients the option to opt out of receiving future messages. The Census Bureau is also considering sending text messages to areas that have low response.](mailto:2020census@sub-</a></p>
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The Census Bureau’s recent success with contacting households by email to participate in the Household Pulse Survey prompted the agency to add these methods to support the 2020 Census. This contact method will help increase response rates and reduce the need for in-person follow-up.

### ADDITIONAL OUT-REACH EFFORTS

In addition to emailing households, the Census Bureau is increasing other outreach efforts during one last push to encourage everyone to respond to the census online, by phone or by mail. The Census Bureau is currently reviewing the use of text messages.

The Census Bureau recently announced that it has launched Mobile Questionnaire Assistance, a program that offers assistance with responding at locations such as grocery stores and pharmacies in low-responding areas.

Additionally, the Census Bureau has expanded its paid advertising—launching a series of new advertisements aimed at increasing online response and expanding to a total of 45 non-English languages receiving some level of paid media support.

Households have until October 31 to respond to the 2020 Census. However, census takers have begun following up with households that haven’t responded yet in select areas and will begin following up with households nationwide in August.

### WHY IS THE 2020 CENSUS IMPORTANT?

The U.S. Constitution mandates a census of the population every 10 years.

The 2020 Census counts everyone who lives in the United States as of April 1, 2020 (Census Day).

Census statistics are used to determine the number of seats each state holds in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Census statistics inform how hundreds of billions of dollars in federal funds will be allocated by state, local and federal lawmakers annually for the next 10 years.

### ABOUT THE CENSUS

The Census Bureau strongly encourages the public to respond online at [2020census.gov](http://2020census.gov).

Households can respond by phone in English or 12 other languages.

Households can also respond by mail using the paper questionnaire mailed to non-responding addresses.

For more information, call 844-330-2020 or visit [2020census.gov](http://2020census.gov).

To see a revised timeline for the census, visit the 2020 Census operational adjustments page.

## HOW DO WE STACK UP?

RBC’S 2020 Census response rate is 43.6%.

Rangely: 48.6%, Meeker: 46.6%

Colorado’s average U.S. Census response rate is 66.3%.

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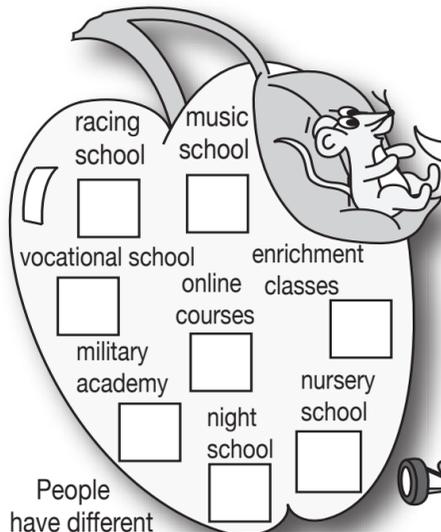
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- teaches how to get along with others and other pre-kindergarten skills
- for people who work or take care of children during the day
- prepares people for service and leadership in the armed forces
- lets people keep on learning and trying new things
- lessons taught and completed on a computer
- business, recording arts, how to set up live events
- safety, vehicle care, skid control, driving awareness

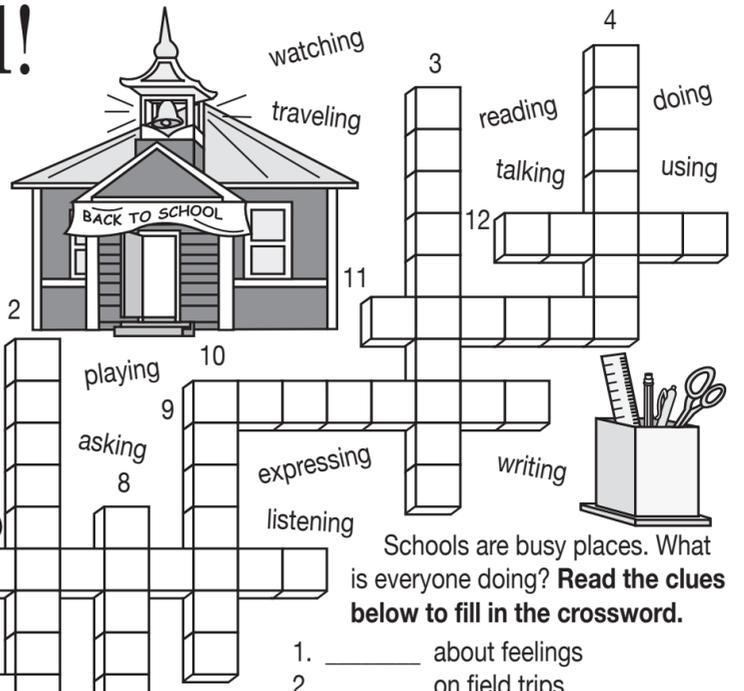
People of all ages are going back to school! Yes, all ages! Some are getting a basic education, some are preparing for kindergarten or college, and others are interested in learning skills and trades to help them land a better job or build a career. It doesn't matter how old we are – we all can learn something new to help ourselves.

Some of the words on this page are hard! Don't let it bug you.

Take good notes!

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Schools are busy places. What is everyone doing? **Read the clues below to fill in the crossword.**

- \_\_\_\_\_ about feelings
- \_\_\_\_\_ on field trips
- \_\_\_\_\_ ideas through art and music
- \_\_\_\_\_ books
- \_\_\_\_\_ games
- \_\_\_\_\_ to teachers and classmates
- \_\_\_\_\_ rules
- \_\_\_\_\_ experiments
- \_\_\_\_\_ films
- \_\_\_\_\_ stories
- \_\_\_\_\_ questions
- \_\_\_\_\_ software and computers

## School Days Around the World



Students in countries all over the world are excited to be starting a new school year. **Read the fun clues, then match each one to the country it describes.**

- strict dress code that even limits hair styles; sometimes pack lunches in 'bento' boxes: rice, meat, soup and vegetables
- boys and girls in separate classrooms; enjoy spiced meat and noodles for lunch; some live far away so a bus with books is used to reach them
- students have the same classmates from grades 1-10; no uniforms, students told to dress warmly; schools serve beet soup, bread, meat and a grain
- students enjoy a long 2 hour lunch break often with bread, cheese and a salad; school year is in 4 sessions
- in southern hemisphere so summer vacation is December and January; lunch: meat pies, egg and lettuce sandwich
- school year is January to December, with a month break each semester; classes are in one of three languages: Hausa, Yoruba or Ibo; bread, vegetables and fruit for lunches

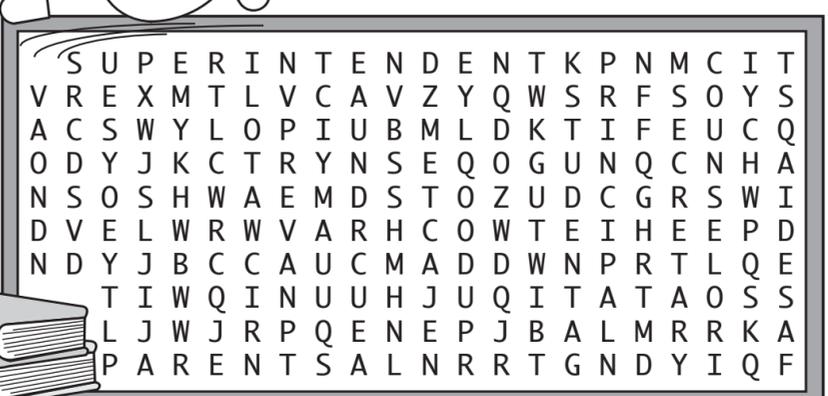
- A. France
- B. Australia
- C. Japan
- D. Iran
- E. Nigeria
- F. Russia

Get off to a running start!

## What Makes a School Run?

It takes many people to make a school run smoothly. Do you know who they are? **Twelve staff members and class helpers are hidden in the puzzle. Can you find and circle them?**

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- cooks
- librarian
- custodian
- student
- nurse
- secretary
- superintendent
- aides
- parents
- principal
- counselor

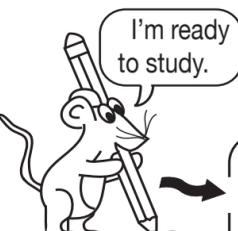


## Set a Goal and Go For It

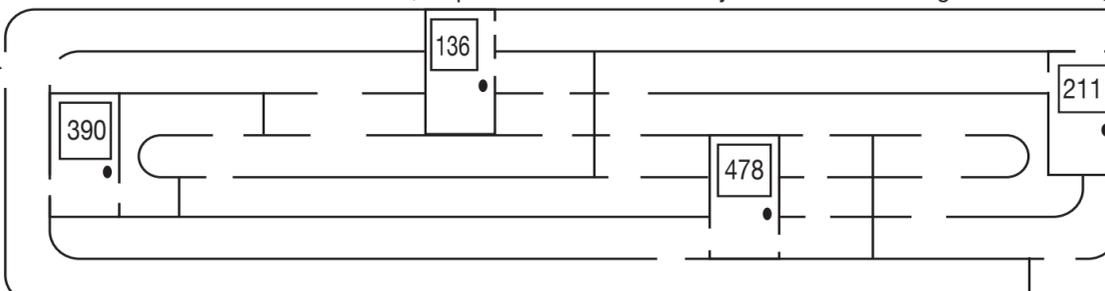
Help little mouse find his way into and out of the doors of each classroom. Visit them in the order listed on his schedule. Then, help little mouse find his way out of the maze to graduate.

You don't have to be a bookworm to hunger for books.

Set your goal and go for it!



Schedule	Room
Science	136
English	211
Math	390
History	478



- Learn to Draw
- Auto Mechanics
- World History

# TO MARKET, TO MARKET ...



CHANCE WALKER PHOTOS

A Meekerpalooza farmer's market was held Friday, July 31 in downtown Meeker and featured music from bluegrass band Wood Belly, snow cones, drinks, various booths and a face mask fundraiser. There will be one more farmer's market Friday, August 14 from 4 to 8 p.m.

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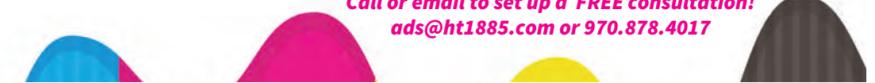
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DAYS GONE BY

The Meeker Herald 125 years ago

Joe Rooney, the popular clerk at the Meeker hotel, is now under sheriff. The Utes have arrived in the lower country on their annual deer-killing expedition. Isn't it about time the state authorities were taking these hide hunting Indians in-hand? Eight years ago yesterday Colorow's band of Utes refused to recognize civil authority, and the result was a "war." Since then but four or five Utes have visited Meeker, but plenty of them come into the western part of the county without fear of being molested. For several days this week the hay-makers of this vicinity had excellent weather in which to gather their crops, but Thursday afternoon heavy rain interrupted the work. To-day it looks threatening, and there's no telling which way "the cat will hop."

The Meeker Herald 100 years ago

No wonder the traveling public is kicking on the Meeker-Rifle road. Anyone in need of a shaking-up can get it on this road at the present time. One of the heaviest rains of years visited Meeker and up-river section on Tuesday. It helped out on our Two Million Dollar proposition, and didn't do much damage on the side.

The Meeker Herald 50 years ago

During the county commissioner's

meeting Tuesday, Commissioner Hugh Caldwell sounded the warning that next year's county budget would be tight as the county valuation has dropped approximately 5 1/2 million from last year, due to the decreasing oil production of the Rangely oil fields.

Rick W. Nieslanik, son of Bernard Nieslanik of Meeker was selected for his exceptional ability in science and mathematics and sponsored for the 12th annual Frontiers of Science Institute at the University of Northern Colorado in Greeley.

The Meeker Herald 25 years ago

The board approved Sam Love Jr., for early admission to Kindergarten. He will be five years old in December; normally, students must be five in August. The board agreed to admit him early based on the results of extensive tests that indicated he was ready to tackle kindergarten.

1995 Fair Results: Sheep Champion Ewe - Kelcee Milton. Poultry Best of Show - Jeanie Peterson. Dairy Cattle Champion Female-All Breeds - Bonnie Coryell. Beef Champion Commercial Heifer - John Raley

Police assisted in getting Susan Stubblefield to the hospital after she tried going through Larry Otosen, who was guarding a base, at a softball game.

Rangely Times 50 years ago

The Garden Club presents its seventh annual flower show and silver tea at the Rangely Junior High School on

Saturday, August 15. Theme of the show is "This Is My Country."

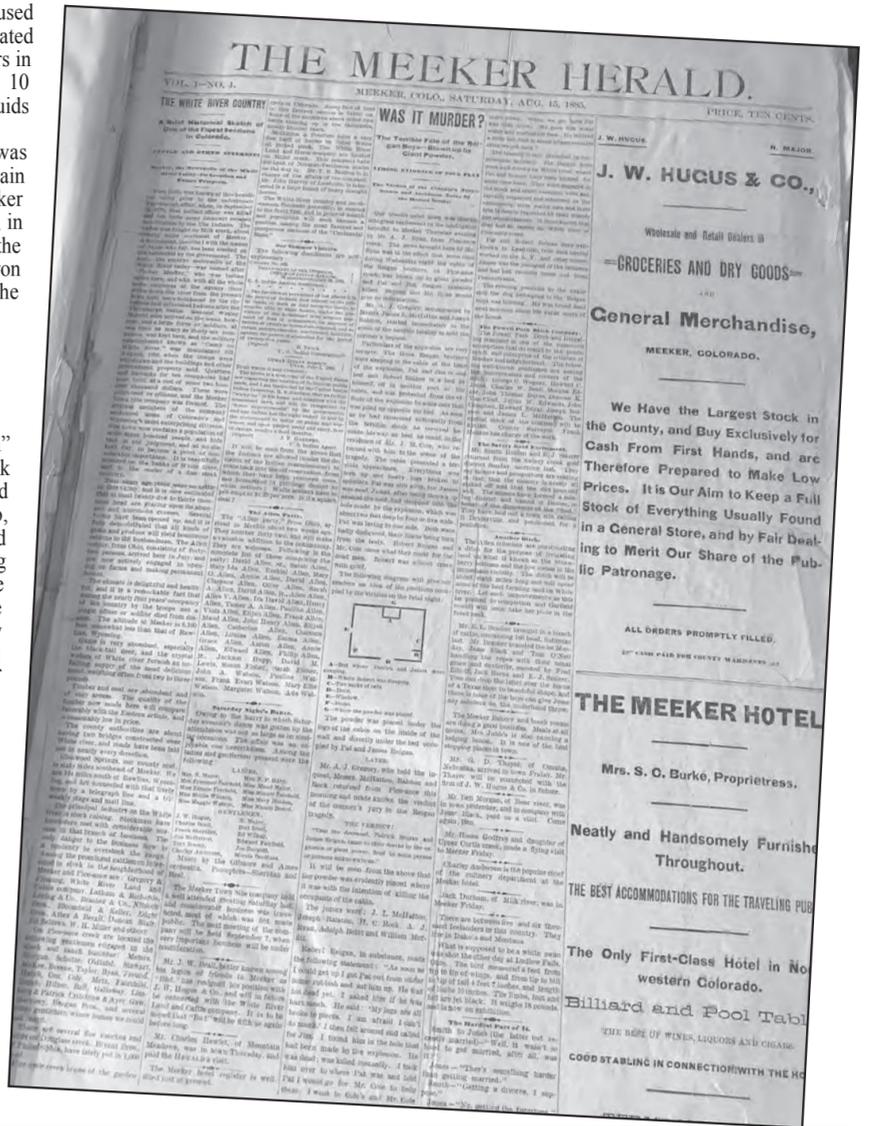
The Defense Department is financing a semi-secret project in the Rangely oil field to determine if earthquakes can be created on demand. Started more than two years ago, the project has created hundreds of small earthquakes for measurement. The earthquakes are caused by the same process estimated to have caused the tremors in Denver during the past 10 years, the pumping of fluids into deep wells.

Rangely was sprayed for mosquitos again this week by the Meeker Flying Service. Spraying, in addition to the city, were the cemetery, air port, Chevron housing camps and the areas along the river.

Rangely Times 25 years ago

"Tinderbox Town" Less than a week after 31 fires threatened northwestern Colorado, three more this weekend had firefighters working feverishly to keep the blazes contained. The largest fire started Sunday afternoon started behind the town shop east of town. A lightning strike sparked the fire, which quickly spread, fanned by gusty winds that kept changing directions.

Rebecca Olree



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THE HERALD!

(Right) The very first page of the very first edition, 136 years ago.



PUBLIC NOTICES

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Airport Master Plan Public Meeting Notice Meeker Airport Coultter Field is in the process of completing an Airport Master Plan. The third public meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 11th at 6:00 p.m. in the Rio Blanco County Courthouse, 3rd Floor Hearing Room, 555 Main Street in Meeker. The meeting will include presentation of the facility requirements and development alternatives. The public is invited to attend to learn more about the project, ask questions, and provide feedback. More information about the Airport Master Plan is available by contacting Traci Hodgins at T-O Engineers at 307.587.3411 or thodgins@to-engineers.com. Information is also available on the T-O Engineers website at https://www.to-engineers.com by clicking on "Project Portal" and selecting "Meeker Airport Coultter Field - Master Plan." Published: July 30 and August 6, 2020 Rio Blanco Herald Times

MEEKER SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1 Board of Education Work Session Meeker High School - 550 School Street Meeker, CO 81641 August 10, 2020 - 6:00 p.m. Community members wishing to observe the meeting are asked to do so by using the following Google Meet link: https://meet.google.com/tmi-tcns-cltj?hs=122&authuser=0 Work Session: 1. Construction project update a. Site walk - Haselden b. Project Update - NV5 The remainder of the work session following the construction site walk will occur at the Meeker School District Administration Building (555 Garfield St.) and will start at approximately 7:00 p.m. 2. Construction project update - continued, if needed 3. Return to School Protocols update a. BOE feedback b. Distance learning contingency protocols update 4. Items introduced by BOE members Published: August 6, 2020 Rio Blanco Herald Times

TOWN OF MEEKER Animal Shelter Remodel INVITATION FOR BIDS You are hereby invited to bid for the remodeling of the Animal Shelter for the Town of Meeker. This project includes the remodeling of the interior and improvements to the exterior. The project site is located at 109A Third Street in Meeker, Colorado. Construction will follow the 2003 International Building Codes. Bid specifications are available on the Town's website at townmeeker.org or at Town Hall, 345 Market St., Meeker, CO. A mandatory pre-bid walk-thru will be held on August 10, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. at the shelter site, 109A Third St., Meeker. Bid proposals shall be mailed or delivered to Meeker Town Hall, 345 Market Street, Meeker, CO 81641 by 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, August 18, 2020 at which time bids will be opened and read aloud. The Town Board of trustees will award the bid on Tuesday September 1, 2020 at Town Hall, 345 Market Street in Meeker. Each bid must be accompanied by a bid bond or a check in the amount of 10% of the bid made payable to the Town of Meeker as bid security, along with three references for similar work. Performance and Payment Bonds are required. The successful bidder must maintain workers compensation and general liability insurance in the amount of no less than \$1,000,000 during the project. The Town reserves the right to reject any and all bids; to change, add, or amend the specifications; to waive any informalities; and the right to disregard all non-conforming or conditional bids or counter proposals. Each proposal shall be reviewed and considered consistent with the provisions of the Town of Meeker Purchasing Policy. All Bid Proposals and Bid Security shall be sealed in an envelope with "Animal Shelter Remodel" written on the front. Contact Carl Padilla with the Town of Meeker 970-878-4970 or 970-878-5344 for additional information or with any questions regarding this project. THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF MEEKER Lisa Cook, Town Administrator Published: July 30 and August 6, 2020 Rio Blanco Herald Times

DISTRICT COURT, RIO BLANCO COUNTY, COLORADO Post Office Box 1150 455 Main Street Meeker, Colorado 81641 Plaintiff: ANDREW L. JESSOP and AMANDA M. JESSOP v. Defendants: E.P. WILBER also known as EDDIE P. WILBER; R.O. FAIRFAX; LEONA CLUBINE; RITA CLARK; M.A. FREDERICKS; ELMER W. MCGRUDER also known as ELMER WILBER MCGRUDER; LURA H. MCGRUDER; EARL W. MCGRUDER; CARL T. MCGRUDER; STELLA C. BLUMHAGEN also known as STELLA C. BLUMHAGER; WREN F. MCGRUDER; PERRY C. MCGRUDER; LILLIE O. ROSS; AUDREY A. SQUIRES also known as AUDREY A. SQUIRES; ELMER M. MCGRUDER also known as ELMER MERLE MCGRUDER; CARRIE L. BINA; CONNIE F. ROSS; HOPE R. MARSH also known as HOPE TOMLINSON; CARRIE M. HESSEL; GLENDA M. LEHMAN; and ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS WHO CLAIM ANY INTEREST IN THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THIS ACTION. CASE NO. 2020 CV 30008 Attorneys for Plaintiffs: John T. Howe, Reg. No. 18845 Keliann Chamberlain, Reg. No. 48094 HOSKIN FARINA & KAMPF Professional Corporation 200 Grand Avenue, Suite 400 Post Office Box 40 Grand Junction, Colorado 81502-0040 Telephone No.: (970) 986-3400 Fax No.: (970) 986-3401 E-mail Address: jhowe@hfak.com; kchamberlain@hfak.com SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS: You are hereby summoned and required to appear and defend against the claims of the Complaint filed with the court in this action, by filing with the clerk of this court an answer or other response. You are required to file your answer or other response within thirty-five (35) days after the service of this summons upon you. Service of this summons shall be complete on the day of the last publication. A copy of the Complaint may be obtained from the clerk of the court. If you fail to file your answer or other response to the Complaint in writing within thirty-five (35) days after the date of the last publication, judgment by default may be rendered against you by the court for the relief demanded in the Complaint without further notice. This is an action in rem to quiet the title of Plaintiffs in and to real property situate in Rio Blanco County, Colorado, more particularly described as: Western 1/4 of Lot A, Block 20, Town of Meeker, Colorado. DATED this 23rd day of July, 2020. Published in the Rio Blanco Herald Times. Publication dates of July 30, August 6, August 13, August 20 and August 27, 2020. HOSKIN FARINA & KAMPF Professional Corporation By /s/ John T. Howe John T. Howe, Reg. #18845 Keliann Chamberlain, Reg. #48094 Attorneys for Plaintiffs Published: July 30, August 6, 13, 20 and 27, 2020 Rio Blanco Herald Times

PUBLIC NOTICE A public hearing has been scheduled for August 18 at 7:00 pm at the Meeker Town Hall, 345 Market Street, to consider a request by: Meeker Lions Club, a Special Event Liquor License for the following event at 700 Sulphur Crk. Rd, RBC Fairgrounds, Meeker Colorado for Meeker Mustang Make-Over Event Grandstands/Arena - September 11, 2020 from 12:00 am to 11:00 pm § Kathleen Sizemore Liquor Clerk Published: August 6, 2020 Rio Blanco Herald Times

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF RIO BLANCO COUNTY, COLORADO RIO BLANCO COUNTY HISTORIC COURTHOUSE 555 MAIN STREET, 3RD FLOOR HEARING ROOM MEEKER, COLORADO 81641 AUGUST 11, 2020 1. 11:00 a.m. Call to order: A. Pledge of Allegiance B. Changes to August 11, 2020 Agenda 1) 2) C. Move to approve the August 11, 2020 Agenda including any changes. 2. CONSENT AGENDA August 11, 2020 A. Move to approve the below listed items of the Consent Agenda. B. Meeting Minutes of July 28, 2020 C. Financial Management Report for July 2020 D. DHS EBT Register and Warrant Register for July 2020 E. Motor Vehicle Publication Report for July 2020 3. BUSINESS A. Final Contractor Settlement to United Companies for the 2020 County Road 8 Surface Treatment Project B. Final Contractor Settlement to United Companies for the 2020 Chip Seal Project C. Letter granting permission to the Meeker Lions Club to serve alcohol at the Meeker Mustang Make-over event D. Hiring of a DHS Caseworker E. Hiring of a Motor Vehicle Clerk - Rangely F. Letter supporting the White River Herd Management Preferred Plan 5. MOU'S, CONTRACTS, AND AGREEMENTS A. Agreement for Services with Diane Prather dba Prather Productions for Life Skills Services B. Agreement for Services with Midnight Metals for 2020 HVAC Preventive Maintenance C. Contract with Johnson Controls for testing and

inspection of Life Safety Systems E. RFR #10 - Meeker Airport Coultter Field Project F. RFR #5 - Rangely Airport Remarking Project 7. OTHER BUSINESS A. Road & Bridge Report - David Morlan B. Public Comment C. County Commissioners Updates D. Move to go into Executive Session pursuant to §24-6-402(4)(b) to conference with the Rio Blanco County Attorney, Todd M. Starr, for the purpose of receiving legal advice on specific legal questions and §24-6-402(4)(e) C.R.S. determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations; developing strategy for negotiations; and instructing negotiators. Adjourn The next regular Board meeting is tentatively scheduled for August 18, 2020 in the Rio Blanco County Annex Building, 17497 Hwy 64, Rangely, Colorado 81648. Published: August 6, 2020 Rio Blanco Herald Times

Budget Work Session 5pm - Conference Room Town of Rangely August 11, 2020 - 7:00pm Agenda Rangely Board of Trustees (Town Council) ANDY SHAFFER, Mayor TROY HUBBIE, Mayor ProTem Rich Garner, Trustee Luke Geer, Trustee Tyson Hacking, Trustee Alyssa Granger, Trustee Kelianna Ellis, Trustee 1. Call to Order 2. Roll Call 3. Invocation 4. Pledge of Allegiance 5. Minutes of Meeting a. Discussion and Action to approve the minutes of July 28, 2020 6. Petitions and Public Input 7. Changes to the Agenda 8. Public Hearings - 7:10pm 9. Committee/Board Meetings 10. Reports From Council 11. Supervisor Reports - See Attached a. Janet Miller 12. Reports from Officers - Town Manager Update 13. Old Business 14. New Business a. Discussion and action to approve the Liquor License renewal for Pinyon Tree Liquor b. Discussion and action to approve the July 2020 Check Register c. Discussion and action to approve letter of Support to RBC Health for application to State of Colorado for Protect your Neighbor Certification 15. Informational Items 16. Board Vacancies a. Planning and Zoning Board Vacancy 17. Scheduled Announcements a. Community Outreach meeting is scheduled for August 3, 2020 at 6:00pm Cancelled b. Rangely District Library Board meeting is scheduled for August 10, 2020 at 5:00pm c. Western Rio Blanco Park & Recreation District Board meeting is scheduled for August 10, 2020 at 7:00pm d. Giant Step Preschool Board meeting is scheduled for August 13, 2020 at 6:00pm e. Rio Blanco County Commissioners Board meeting is scheduled for August 17, 2020 at

11:00am f. Rural Fire Protection District Board meeting is scheduled for August 17, 2020 at 7:00pm g. Rangely Junior College District Board meeting is scheduled for August 18, 2020 at 12:00noon h. Rangely School District Board meeting has been scheduled for August 18, 2020 at 6:15pm i. RDA/RDC Board meeting scheduled for August 20, 2020 at 7:00am j. Rangely Chamber of Commerce Board meeting is scheduled for August 20, 2020 at 12:00noon k. Rio Blanco Water Conservancy District Board meeting is scheduled for August 26, 2020 at 6:00pm l. Rangely District Hospital board meeting is scheduled for August 27, 2020 at 6:00pm 18. Adjournment Published: August 6, 2020 Rio Blanco Herald Times

Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission of the State of Colorado, 1120 Lincoln Street, Suite 801, Denver, CO 80203. NOTICE OF HEARING. Pursuant to CRS § 34-6-108(4), you are hereby notified in THE MATTER OF THE PAYMENT OF PROCEEDS FROM THE PRODUCTION OF OIL AND GAS AS ESTABLISHED BY SECTION 34-60-118.5, C.R.S., RIO BLANCO COUNTY, COLORADO that a hearing is set on September 22, 2020 at 9:00am at the location identified above. The above referenced matter pertains to 31 OPERATING, LLC failure to pay royalties to the petitioner on Oil & Gas wells: Ant Hill Unit RBC WG 31-42 (API No. 05-103-10276), Ant Hill Unit RBC WG 31-42 (API No. 05-103-10275), Ant Hill Unit 25-22 (API No. 05-103-10121), WRD Federal 24-33 (API No. 05-103-10139), WRD Federal 25-42 (API No. 05-103-10107), WRD Federal 29-32 (API No. 05-103-09913), WRD Federal M-30-2N-96W (API No. 05-103-09406), WRD Federal 19-11 (API No. 05-103-10140), WRD Federal 19-21 (API No. 05-103-10041), WRD Federal 19-13 (API No. 05-103-09921), WRD Federal 19-33 (API No. 05-103-10138), WRD Federal 31-13 (API No. 05-103-09912), WRD Federal 21-33 (API No. 05-103-10115), WRD Federal 30-21 (API No. 05-103-10130), WRD Federal 30-22 (API No. 05-103-10042), WRD Federal 30-24 (API No. 05-103-09911), WRD Federal 30-34D (API No. 05-103-12170), WRD Federal 30-44 (API No. 05-103-09918), WRD Unit 29-12 (API No. 05-103-10007), WRD Unit 28-11 (API No. 05-103-10116), WRD Unit 29-23 (API No. 05-103-10043), WRD Unit 29-31 (API No. 05-103-09917), WRD Unit 20-31 (API No. 05-103-09924), WRD Unit 20-33 (API No. 05-103-09925), WRD Unit 28-31 (API No. 05-103-10142), WRD Unit 29-21 (API No. 05-103-10006), WRD Unit 28-22 (API No. 05-103-10145), WRD Unit 32-12 (API No. 05-103-10141), WRD Unit 29-33 (API No. 05-103-09920), WRD Unit Grady 20-44 (API No. 05-103-10133), WRD Wyatt 36-14 (API No. 05-103-10092), WRD Wyatt 25-33 (API No. 05-103-10105), WRD Wyatt 36-23 (API No. 05-103-09901). Published: August 6, 2020 Rio Blanco Herald Times

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### RBC WEEKLY CALL REVIEW

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

**July 27-Aug 2, 2020**  
Meeker Dispatch Center administered 480 phone calls last week including 37 911 calls, answered 68 calls for Meeker PD and placed 128 outgoing calls. A total of 230 calls for service were created, 86 for the Sheriff's Office, 89 for Meeker PD.

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

- Law enforcement conducted 32 traffic stops
- Sheriff's Deputies issued 18 warnings on 18 stops
- Meeker PD issued 20 warnings on 16 stops
- 5 crashes, 2 involving wildlife, 3 assists with CSP
- Sheriff's Deputies responded to 86 calls for service
- 6 911 misdials/tests
- 5 animal calls
- 8 agency assists
- 17 business/security checks
- 7 civil papers served
- 3 citizen assists
- 4 disturbances
- 2 BLM wildland fire
- 8 motorist assists
- 4 suspicious incidents
- 4 Sexual Offender address verification
- 2 traffic complaints
- 3 VIN inspections
- 1 each: abandoned vehicle, COVID transport, criminal mischief, fire ban violation, harassment, theft
- Meeker Police Department responded to 89 calls for service
- 3 911 hangup/test
- 2 alarms
- 3 agency assists
- 6 animal calls
- 36 business/residential checks
- 5 citizen assists
- 2 criminal mischief
- 5 disturbances
- 5 suspicious incidents
- 8 thefts VIN inspections
- One each: civil, code enforcement, harassment, sex crime, traffic accident, traffic hazard, unattended death
- Meeker Fire and Rescue responded to 9 calls
- 5 ambulance requests, 2 alarms, 1 medical transport to another facility, suspicious odor in a residence
- Rio Blanco Detentions
- 11 current inmates, 8 males and 3 females
- 1 jail transports to or from another facility
- 2 arrests from RPD
- 1 inmate released/bonded

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

**THEME: BACK TO SCHOOL**  
**ACROSS**

- \*Egg-like curve in math class
- a.k.a. stand-up paddleboard
- Not in good health
- Flick part
- \*Roll \_\_\_\_\_
- Aerosol can emanation
- On the mountain peak, e.g.
- Arm bone
- Grind down
- \*Proud jacket owner
- Trident part
- \*Walking \_\_\_\_\_
- Blazer or Explorer
- Unit of money in Norway, pl.
- Semiconductor additives
- Farm layer
- Agave alcoholic drink
- Amos or Spelling
- Analyze
- Geisha's sash
- South Korean metropolis
- Capital of Ukraine
- T.S. Eliot's "Old \_\_\_\_\_'s Book of Practical Cats"
- Get firm
- Temporary
- Table linens
- Where bugs are snug?
- Nostradamus and such
- Type of rich soil
- \*Where one graduated
- Boatload
- \*Chemistry classrooms
- Lake in Scotland
- Arabian chieftain
- Semiconductor additives
- Encore!
- Former Chinese leader
- Amos or Spelling
- Arctic jaeger

**DOWN**

- \*Type of spoken text
- \*Class president candidate wants it
- Loads, two words
- Greek money
- Game ragout
- Of #16 Across
- Architect's drawing
- Used to eliminate wrinkles
- Serve soup, e.g.
- Sodium solution
- Arrow poison
- Establish, two words
- \*As opposed to public
- Hostile force
- "La" precursor
- Shade of Dockers
- Pine juice
- Beginning of illness
- \*Valedictorian's spot
- Gallows' rope
- Comparative form of "true"
- Muddy or sandy
- \*2020 classroom venue?
- NCIS network
- \*GPA, technically
- Ingratiating behavior
- George Orwell's Napoleon
- On pins and needles
- Grapevine news
- Part of Old Testament
- \*Olden day notebook
- Imprison
- Dharma teacher
- Three-layer cookie
- "The Sun \_\_\_\_\_ Rises"
- Pippin's last name, "The Hobbit"
- Boring hue?
- Actress Perlman
- Eric Stonestreet on "Modern Family"

## PUZZLES ONLINE AT HT1885.COM



# CLASSIFIEDS

8	7	3	5	4	1	6	9	2
9	2	1	6	3	7	8	4	5
6	4	5	8	2	9	1	7	3
3	9	7	1	8	2	5	6	4
1	6	2	7	5	4	9	3	8
4	5	8	9	6	3	2	1	7
5	8	4	3	9	6	7	2	1
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OVAL SUP TILL  
ROLE CALL SPRAY  
ATOP ULNA ERODE  
LETTERMAN TINE

KRONER DOPANTS  
HEN MEZCAL TORI  
ASSAY OBI SEOUL  
KIEV POSSUM SET  
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CARGO LABS LOCH  
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MAO OER SKUA

### MEEKER SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1

**School Bus Route/Activity/Substitute Driver**

Meeker School District Re-1 is seeking individuals to drive a school bus route and activity trips beginning with the 2020-2021 school year. While it is preferred that applicants hold a current CDL Class B P2S license, the district will train approved applicants in obtaining this license.

For job requirements, details and an application, please visit [Meeker.k12.co.us](http://Meeker.k12.co.us) or Meeker School District Administration, 555 Garfield St., Meeker, CO.

Review of applications will begin immediately and close when position is filled.

ADA/EOE  
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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Alcoholics Anonymous**  
Mon. 7 p.m., Weds. 7 p.m., Fri. 7 p.m.  
St. James Church - enter from back parking lot, meetings are downstairs in Richards Hall, 4th & Park, Meeker 878-4158 • 878-5919 • 878-5636  
Alan Thurs. 7 p.m. 878-5655

**Open Range Cowboy Church of Meeker**

For more information, please call Tom 970-260-6820

**FOOD BANK OF THE ROCKIES**  
Monthly Food Distribution  
Rio Blanco County Fairgrounds @11:30 AM

Thursday, August 27, 2020  
Thursday, September 24, 2020  
Wednesday, October 22, 2020  
Wednesday, November 25, 2020  
Wednesday, December 23, 2020

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

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Veterans Service Offices Rio Blanco County: Veterans Service Officer - Joe Dungan, Wednesday, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., County Administration Building, 200 Main Street Suite 300, Meeker. 878-9690 office, 878-3219 home. Fax 878-9581. Rangely: Veterans Service Officer - Hoot Gibson, Tuesday and Thursday, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., County Annex, 17497 State Hwy 64, Rangely. 878-9695 office, 675-2669 home.

RBC | Attention Rio Blanco County Veterans: Veterans may be eligible for mileage reimbursement for travel costs to receive VA medical care. If you do not currently receive VA travel compensation please contact the Rio Blanco County Veterans Service offices. Rangely: John "Hoot" Gibson, 970-878-9695. Meeker: Joe Bob Dungan, 970-878-9690. Travel compensation is made possible through the Veterans Trust Fund Grant and VFW Post 5843.

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

New Eden Pregnancy Care Services - pregnancy tests, emergency supplies, guidance

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

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

by trained volunteers, classes on pregnancy and child care, post-abortion support, referrals. Meeker: Thursdays, Noon to 5 p.m., 345 Main Street, Meeker. Email: [newedenpcs@gmail.com](mailto:newedenpcs@gmail.com) or (970)878-5117  
Rangely: Mondays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Thursdays, 1 p.m. to 7 p.m., 219 Sunset Avenue Rangely. Email: [newedenrangely@gmail.com](mailto:newedenrangely@gmail.com) or (970) 675-2300. All services are confidential.

### SAFEHOUSE

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

The Rangely Food Bank is open on Saturdays from 12:00-2:00 p.m. at 204 E. Rio Blanco. To donate, please call 970-620-2407.

### AUCTION

**Estate Auction**  
Saturday August 15th, 10:00 a.m.  
3265 E Road, Clifton, Colorado

2008 John Deere 4105 4x4 tractor w/ loader 200 hours, older 2 horse trailer, 16' aluminum boat on trailer w/ 25 h.p. Mercury, household appliances, furniture, sewing machine and items, lots of craft items of all kinds, glassware, pots, pans, blue dish set, bell, spoon and thimble collections, hand and power tools, air compressors, riding lawn mower, Chevy S-10 pickup, Jeep

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- Medical Assistant-Ortho
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- MLT/ML-Lab Shift 9:30am-6pm

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- RN or LPN-LTC
- Certified Nursing Assistant-LTC
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EOE

### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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- Case Aide
- Mechanic, Rangely
- Patrol Deputy
- Public Health Educator
- Public Health Nurse, Rangely
- Relief Cook
- Relief Radino Driver, Rangely
- Relief Landfill Clerk

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ADA/EOE

### MEEKER SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1

**Employment Opportunities**

**District**

- Food Service - Cook
- Barone Middle School
- Co-Head Coach Volleyball
- Co-Head Coach Boys' Basketball

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**HOMES: MEEKER**

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**LOST**



**LOST DOG - Mini Aussie brown & white. Goes by Opie. Went missing from 989 Park Ave in Meeker. No collar. REWARD 970-361-0293 or call MGM 878-3333**

**MISCELLANEOUS**

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Sleepy Cat Ranch-40± Acres, Lodge & Riverfront	\$7,900,000	1301 Sage Ridge Rd.-Views from 4BD/3BA, Shop/Garage, Fenced Yard	\$365,000	850 7th St.	SOLD
NEW 1157 Rd. 57-Riverfront, Meadows and Home.	\$2,290,000	1368 Juniper Rd.	PENDING	870 4th St.	PENDING
40± Unencumbered Acres-1,449' Riverfront	\$1,950,000	1036 Lance Cir.	PENDING	117 6th St.	PENDING
2204 Rd. 7-618 Acres, 2 Homes, Shop, Grazing Permit.	\$1,760,000	887 Cleveland St.	SOLD	851 2nd St.	PENDING
Elk Creek Ranch Lot-Exclusive Fishing & Amenities	\$1,250,000	45304 Hwy. 13	PENDING	109 Market St. - 1/2 Acre, Corner Lot, Highly Visible	\$175,000
Elk Mountain Inn-21 rooms, Bar, Restaurant, Courtyard	\$975,000	29± Acres Up Rd. 8 - Valley Views, Building Area, Fishing	\$299,000	1106 Mark Cir.-Ranch Style 3BD/2BA, 1 Car Garage & Carport	\$169,000
1986 Rd. 41-640 Acres, Hunting & Grazing	\$879,000	Top of 6th St. - 8.5± Acres, Room to Build Your Dream Home	\$299,000	1105 & 1107 Market St. - Corner Lot, Commercial Opportunity	REDUCED \$129,000
223 8th St. - Wyatt's Sports Center and Attached Residence	\$775,000	950 Cleveland St. - 3BD/3BA, Large Workshop	\$267,000	629 10th St.	SOLD
658± Acres, Rd. 143-North of RB Lake, Hunt Unit 11	\$660,000	1113 Mark Cir.	PENDING	460 S. Cross L	PENDING
319± Acres, Rd. 77-Colorow Cabin, Well, Grazing Permit	\$640,000	555 8th St.	PENDING	2 Sage Hills Lots - Panoramas, Build Your Dream Home	\$59,000
431 E. Market St.-22± Acres, Shop, Office, Living Quarters	\$549,000	760 3rd St - Large Yard, 2+ BD/2.5BA	\$237,000	Ridge Estates Subdivision - 20 Rural Residential Lots	Starting at \$45,000
455 8th St.	PENDING	435 Cleveland St. - 4BD Home, Garage, Parking, Corner Lot	\$223,000	2 Vacant Lots, Andrea Cir. - Great Views	\$29,000 each
474 S. Hwy. 317	PENDING	NEW 815 Sulphur Cr.- 3BD/2BA, Garage and Party Ready Deck	\$219,000		

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**MUST SEE!**

New home, 1150 Bissell Cir., 3BD, 2BA, 1989 SF two car garage, corner lot. Beautiful views of the White River Valley. \$350,000. Call to view!

**Ma Famiglia Italian Restaurant, 410 Market St. - Business & Real Estate.**  
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**RESIDENTIAL**  
**NEW HOME UNDER CONSTRUCTION!**  
1150 Bissell Circle-3BD/2BA, 1898 sq. ft. home with 2 car garage on a corner lot. Beautiful view of the White River Valley! \$350,000.  
**PENDING!** 540 5th St. Fixer-upper on two lots, built in 1903 within two blocks of downtown Meeker. Beautiful trees. \$90,000.  
**RURAL RESIDENTIAL**  
1083 Boulder Dr., Craig - Wilderness Ranch cabin, turkey. \$157,000.  
**RANCHES**  
Ranch for sale on Strawberry Creek - Adjoins BLM, some alfalfa and oat fields, home workshop, new large metal building, barn and arena. Great location and outstanding views! Realtor owned. Call for details!  
**NEW!** 1001 County Rd. 36, Meeker - 145± acre ranch with 4 BD/3BA home, metal insulated shop, insulated barn and pipe cor-

als. Mostly irrigated with water and spring rights and creek. Only 3 miles from town. \$1,100,000.  
**VACANT LAND**  
Vacant lot - 1176 Main St. Reduced to \$19,500  
5 acres vacant land in Cross L Estates - Realtor Owned, Owner Financing. \$56,000.  
**Sanderson Hills Lots** - Great building sites! REDUCED! \$28,000/ea.  
**COMMERCIAL**  
**NEW!** 680 Water St., Meeker - 19 Unit Apartment Complex that is approved for condominiums. 4 Lots with storage units, common areas and park with access to the White River. \$1,200,000.  
975 Market St. - Commercial Property located on prime corner location on Highway 13. \$200,000.  
Commercial Building on Highway 13 going through Meeker with 4 lots. Very nice building, fenced-in area in back, small garage. Realtor owned. \$395,000.

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\*365 6th St. - Residential/Commercial corner lot near post office. 2 story, 4 BR, 2 BA, beautiful hard wood floors, basement. Previously used as offices, retail and residential. Great location. **PRICE REDUCED AGAIN \$225,000**  
\*2101 Meath Dr. - 35 acres in Little Beaver Estates 8 miles east of Meeker. Good pasture. Great views. \$89,900.  
\*1751 Bright Water Lane - 39 Acres with White River, irrigated hay meadow, and great home sites. 5,000 sq ft barn with power, septic & cistern. Borders BLM. 14 miles west of Hwy 64. Great hunting area. \$375,000. **SALE PENDING**  
\*5807 CR 7 - Vacant 20 acre parcel, 9 mi. North, on Strawberry Creek. Good home site & views! \$75,000.

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**936 9th St.**  
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**\$328,000**

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**FOR SALE IN MEEKER**

CR 15 Ranch - A rarely available 390±ac property with 2 Wells+3BD/2BA/1,412 SF, log home...\$825,500  
Bear Mountain Inn - Income producing Bed&Breakfast w/Apartment Unit+Beautiful Yard...\$615,000  
410 Cleveland St - 2BD/1.75BA/1,732 SF home with nice views, privacy, storage+Lg. garden...\$290,000  
1346 Sage Ridge Rd - 3BD/2BA 1,460 Custom log home, large 0.35ac lot, picturesque views...\$287,000  
10 E Market St - Residential/Hwy. Commercial property with Water/Ice vending machine...\$258,000  
1947 CR 12 - 3BD/1BA Log cabin with vaulted ceiling and fishing access on the White River...\$250,000  
1959 CR 12 - 3BD/1BA Log cabin offering a rustic charm, fishing, BLM+Forest access nearby...\$250,000  
112 Main St - Investment property, proven earning potential, 3BD/2BA home with a cottage...\$207,000  
1042 Park Ave - Classic 2 story 3BD/1BA/2,340 SF home w/ rustic barn, 3 Lg. lots+fruit trees...\$195,000  
440 Cross L - A spectacular 4±ac building lot with 360° views, utilities nearby and irrigation...\$85,000  
1085 Pinyon St - Two lovely lots ready for building w/ 1 water and sewer tap already paid...\$43,000  
600±6th Garfield St. SALE PENDING  
738 5th St. SALE PENDING  
880 Cleveland St. SALE PENDING  
6321 CR 7. SALE PENDING  
1134 Michael Cir. SALE PENDING

**FOR SALE IN RANGELY**

NEW 1511 La Mesa Cir - This charming 1,628± sq.ft. Home includes 3BD/2BA, has both living room and family room, beautiful finishes throughout, large fenced-in back yard with mature trees, plus an oversized two-car garage with built-in shelving units. \$240,000  
102 W Rangely Ave - Gorgeous well kept single level 3BD/2BA home with a great floor plan, spacious rooms, vaulted ceilings, recessed lighting, walkout dining and a large easy keep yard. Enjoy central A/C in the summers with this rare home buying opportunity in a quiet Rangely neighborhood...\$220,000  
2534 E. Main St - A spectacular 4BD/2BA home located on 15±ac w/irrigation water, roller sprinklers & livestock barn...\$480,000

**NEW** 1511 La Mesa Cir.

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