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PONY UP ...



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Family and friends held a drive-by (and ride-by) celebration for Ethel Starbuck's 103rd birthday at the Walbridge Wing last Friday evening.

40th Septemberfest begins Saturday

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

RANGELY | Depending on who you ask the year of origin for the Rangely community event known as Septemberfest varies. Most old timers agree Flossy Eddy and Barbara Wade organized the first Septemberfest, but it wasn't in September. In 1976 when the celebration began it was actually held around the 4th of July weekend. Eddy and Wade dubbed themselves as the R.A.I.D. (Rangely Area Independence Day) Committee. Local historian Bob Haag and longtime Rangely Town Manager Don Peach recall its originating in the early 1980s. Maybe older, maybe younger? In 2020, for history keeping purposes, Rangely's Septemberfest celebrates its 40th birthday.

For the past 15 years Western Rio Blanco Metropolitan Recreation and Park District Executive Director and go-to-guy Tim Webber has been involved with ensuring the event takes place. Webber credits Peg and Carl Rector, Jane Miller, June Striegel, the Rangely Area Chamber of Commerce, and the Town of Rangely for the organization of the celebration prior to his beginning. Today the Rectors (Jeff and Rebecca) are still heavily involved as is Webber and his crew from the recreation and park district.

Festival planning committee member in the early days and longtime Rangely resident Kelvin White reports that everything was centered around a free pit barbecue with all the fixings that town folk would line up for down the street. The celebration has evolved

over the years, events and competitions have come and gone, but the barbecue in the park is still a focal point. When Webber started Bill Hume and Bill Kinney were in charge of the main dish. This year he and his team are preparing nearly 600 lbs. of beef to feed the masses. The most they have ever served was more than 2,000 lbs. The meat preparation begins five days before the event when it is seasoned and hung at Nichols Store's walk-in cooler. Cooking happens on Sunday and so does the cutting of the watermelon. A full pallet of watermelon will be served in 2020. From there the local businesses step up to the plate. Rangely District Hospital donates all of the macaroni and potato salad, Giovanni's Italian Grill donates the pickles and baked beans, White River Market donates 1,000 buns, and Rangely True Value donates a pallet of water. Chevron USA, Blue Mountain Energy, Big D's Pumping, and other businesses donate funds to help the event operate. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints serves up the delicious meal to hungry residents and visitors. Webber, always grateful for help, says it takes a lot of people and businesses to make it successful.

After the year we've all had it's safe to say we deserve some good barbecue in our lives. Monday, Sept. 7 beginning at 1 p.m. you can indulge, not only in the great food but also in the company of your community. Septemberfest events start Saturday, Sept. 5. See the ad on [page 4A](#) in this week's paper for a complete schedule, and follow the [40th annual Septemberfest page on Facebook](#) for more information.

Human trafficking myths and misconceptions

By **CAITLIN WALKER**
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RBC | The "worst-case scenario" is not something we like to dwell on. When it happens to us, we're forced to think about it, of course, but when it happens to someone else? Not so much. And when it happens to someone else *and* it's concealed in the rougher folds of society's fabric? We probably won't think about it at all.

One such issue is human trafficking, which Jill McConaughy, Glenwood Springs attorney and regional human trafficking specialist for northwest Colorado, acknowledges is a "pretty challenging topic to discuss."

Human trafficking is human slavery, and it is not well-understood by the general public. Myths abound. The Colorado Human Trafficking Council seeks to raise awareness and provide education, and a local training opportunity was provided by the Rio Blanco County Department of Human Services last week.

County and state employees, mental health professionals, law enforcement professionals, school representatives and others were invited to attend the two and a half hour Zoom conference, which began with a pretest to provide a baseline of the audience's knowledge. Whether branding or tattoos could signal human trafficking (which is correct),

and if most trafficking victims are immigrants (that's actually false) were two of the questions asked.

Trafficking survivors then presented powerful statements in a short video created by the Office for Victims of Crime. (You can watch it here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YrLWiVJn7Js&feature=emb_logo)

"Traffickers can be just about anyone from any walk of life," Lieutenant James Fitzgerald of the Seattle Police Department states in the video. Some survivors mention common misconceptions about human trafficking—it doesn't happen in the U.S. (it does), it's only immigrants (false), or that it's all about sex (false.)

Camerron Resener, Human Trafficking Training Coordinator with the state of Colorado, agrees trafficking "can be a really confusing topic," but it's a worthwhile conversation nevertheless. Human trafficking is seriously underreported, and victims rarely self-identify, according to Resener. This makes a well-educated public incredibly important, as "community are the eyes and the ears" for reporting and can provide a strong support system for survivors.

DEFINING HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Misconception: human trafficking is all about sex.

Victims trafficked for commercial sex acts represent only 22% of the total num-

ber of trafficking victims. Labor trafficking makes up a much larger 68%, and includes forced labor in industries like agriculture, hotels, restaurants, traveling sales, domestic work, events, construction, beauty services and more. The remaining 10% is considered state-imposed trafficking, i.e. military conscription or forced labor.

The training presentation defined human trafficking as such:

■ Human trafficking involves the denial of a person's human right to freedom and basic dignity.

■ It is a market-driven, criminal industry driven by demand for labor services and commercial sex acts.

■ Victims are forced, defrauded and/or coerced to provide services, labor, or commercial sex acts.

■ It exists at the extreme end of a broader spectrum of human exploitation.

Misconception: human traffickers use force to exploit their victims.

Traffickers may use force, fraud or coercion to exploit their victims, but only one must be proven in court, which means case-by-case circumstances can look very different. Not all victims are threatened with physical force. Some may be trafficked by their loved ones. Some may be promised a

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The Western Rio Blanco Metropolitan Recreation and Park District pause for a photo while making final preparations for the 2020 Septemberfest celebration.

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Prior to clean-up procedures, last week two oil storage tanks near Parkview Elementary had leaked a puddle of crude. It was noticed and reported by a passerby. COURTESY PHOTO

COGCC report filed for Rangely oil spill

By LUCAS TURNER
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RANGELY I Last week the *Herald Times* reported on an [oil spill in Rangely](#) near Parkview Elementary School that was estimated by the property owner to be about 20 gallons, or half a barrel. The spill occurred on land owned by Rio Mesa Resources approximately 700 feet to the south of the school.

Since that time, the operator filed an initial spill/release report to the Colorado Oil and Gas Commission, which has been designated with the incident number [477782](#).

According to the report, cleanup operations on the site

involved excavation of impacted soil in a 10'x20' (200 square feet) area, and between six inches and one foot of depth. Miachel Hayes of Rio Mesa Resources also said in his report filing that "Tanks have been cleaned, removing any residual oil and laid on their sides to prevent any further leaking." Hayes also said "Impacted soils will be hauled offsite for disposal pending approval."

According to COGCC Rule 906, operators are required to report spills or releases of exploration and production waste, gas, or produced fluids that meet certain requirements. First and foremost, spills of any size must be reported if they "impact or threaten to impact any waters of

the state, a residence or occupied structure, livestock, or public byway."

Spills that do not meet the specifications listed above have different reporting requirements based on volume and secondary containment structures. Reporting is required for spills/releases of one barrel or more that escape berms or other secondary containment. Spills that do not escape berms or other secondary containment only have to be reported if they equal or exceed five barrels, or 210 gallons.

Spills reported in this manner become public record, and are searchable by the public on the COGCC's website at cogcc.state.co.us/cogis/IncidentSearch.asp

COUNTY BEAT

With a \$2.3 million budget shortfall, four jobs are on the chopping block

By NIKI TURNER
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RBC I Budget work sessions last week culminated in two special meetings Monday and Tuesday as commissioners tackle a shortfall now expected to reach \$2.3 million.

Late Friday after work sessions, the board issued a notice for a special meeting on Monday at 8 a.m. to discuss "county restructuring due to budget constraints" and an executive session to discuss personnel matters. The board also scheduled a special meeting for Tuesday, Sept. 1, to vote on the restructuring plan that would impact multiple departments and result in the loss of four full-time employee positions, again followed by an executive session to discuss personnel matters.

The lack of specificity on the agendas may be in violation of Colorado's Sunshine Laws, according to Jeff Roberts, Executive Director of the Colorado Freedom of Information Coalition. Colorado Revised Statutes for the Colorado Open Meetings Law states, "The statutory provision requiring the notice to include 'specific agenda information where possible,' § 4-6-402(2)(c), simply requires the public body to include specific agenda information in its posting when it is 'possible' to do so—that is, when that information is available at the time of posting. The statute provides, 'The posting shall include specific agenda information where possible.' §24-6-402(2)(c) Thus, if at the time of 'posting,' it is 'possible' to include specific agenda information, the notice 'shall' include that



The county's dispatchers spoke up for the value of their jobs at Monday's special meeting. NIKI TURNER PHOTO

information," Roberts stated via email.

RBC Sheriff Anthony Mazzola said he was notified Friday evening by Commissioner Gary Moyer that the board "had decided" to contract local dispatch services to the Colorado State Patrol's call center effective Jan. 1, 2021 and that Mazzola needed to have his employees at the Monday meeting. On Monday, board chair Jeff Rector said while they are in discussion with the Colorado State Patrol, no decision has been made and there had been a "miscommunication" with the sheriff's office. Rector instructed people to "listen to the work sessions," however, work sessions are not recorded by the board.

At Monday's meeting, in a crowded room, multiple residents spoke up on behalf of dispatch, primarily citing the need for "local knowledge" to

provide quality services and the taxpayer money already spent on the communications room at the Justice Center.

Commissioners were urged to "think about the essential."

Former Colorado State Patrolman Rob Baughman said the Craig call center dispatches for CSP from the Eisenhower Tunnel to the Utah border.

Town of Meeker Trustee Wendy Gutierrez urged the current board, "Do not leave in your wake a crippled dispatch," and mentioned the taxpayer money already spent on the communications center at the justice center.

Dispatcher Rhawnie McGruder shared audio clips from local 911 calls in which local area knowledge was critical to getting responders to the right place.

Detentions Center Lt. Mike

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Uinta Mining pulls open pit mine application

By HT STAFF

DINOSAUR I "Peace reigns in Skull Creek," Moffat County property owner Lori Lazarus said last week by phone. Lazarus was one of the Skull Creek subdivision homeowners concerned about an application for an [open pit frac sand mine](#) submitted to the Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and

Safety last fall by Uinta Mining LLC.

A decision on approval of the permit had been pushed back to September 2020, but Lazarus was notified the company withdrew their application on Aug. 19. The letter submitted states, "Uinta Mining LLC has no further need for progress on this project." No additional reason for the withdrawal was provided.



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- ▶ All WREA members are invited to pick up their **membership gift** – a camp chair with the WREA 75th anniversary logo – at **Meeker Town Park** (5th and Water Street) on **Thursday, Sept. 10, 4 to 6 p.m.** or **Monday Sept. 14, 4 to 6 p.m.** One chair per membership.


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A family affair: Allreds to compete in Mustang Makeover

PRESS RELEASE
Special to the Herald Times

RBC I Who doesn't know how effective it is when kids pressure their parents to do something? When the Meeker Mustang Makeover challenge was first announced two years ago, Wade Allred's kids challenged him to enter. This year, he turned the tables on them and challenged them.

Challenge taken! This year, Wade, 56, his son Colt, 26, and daughter Rylee, age 16, all of Rangely, Colorado, each took a wild horse for the 100 day challenge and will all compete this coming Friday, Sept. 11 in the second annual Meeker Mustang Makeover. Wade and his son Colt compete in the saddle competition for \$8,000 in prize money and Rylee will participate in the youth division where each participant can win \$800 in scholarship funds for leading their horse over an obstacle course and creating a freestyle performance around the obstacles.

Last year Wade trained a sleek sorrel horse he named "Skeeter" (for all the summer mosquitos in Rangely), which placed third and went to the Vroman cattle and sheep operation in Meeker. This year Wade drew a stout bay he calls "Frosty" after the horse's frostbitten ears, who has proven himself as a reliable cow horse, and very surefooted on the many trail and rough riding the Allred family finds in the foothills of Rangely.

Wade's son Colt, who's been helping his dad break horses since he was 13, is proving himself to be a proficient horseman as he

works to help his father with their horse-breaking and training business. In less than 100 days, Colt has his horse "Sandy", an athletic sandy-colored horse with a pleasantly contrasting black mane and tail, racing around the arena as he shoots targets. Sandy looks like a good choice for someone who might enjoy mounted shooting or cow work as all the Allred horses get plenty of cow work.

Meanwhile young Rylee has been training her horse, Ruby, for the yearling class, where she will take it through a series of obstacles and incorporate her own freestyle performance as well.

When asked the difference between a domestic and wild horse, Wade says, "Once you get them started and past the wild phase, they can settle down to be a terrific and reliable horse. "In fact," he goes on to say, "the wild horse can often make a better trail riding and traveling horse because of their surefootedness and endurance, and smooth fast pace."

"It's been very rewarding for all three of us to see the change in these horses", says Wade, despite many long hot days of training during these summer months. But for the Allred family, Sept. 11 of the Makeover is not the only important day in September. Later in the month, Colt, will say his vows with his new wife to be.



Wade Allred (left) was challenged to participate in last year's Meeker Mustang Makeover by his kids Colt (center) and Rylee (right). This year, he turned the tables and challenged them. All three will compete Sept. 11 in the second annual Meeker Mustang Makeover.

With \$12,000 in prize and scholarship money at stake, 15 hopeful trainers will be traveling to Meeker to compete with the goal of seeing their now trained mustang head off to a forever home and a long useful life. In addition to prize money and scholarships for the youth, all trainers receive half of the proceeds from the sale of their horse.

The increasingly dry and fragile range in the West has seen a

rapid overpopulation as wild horse herds typically double in size every four to five years. With more than 50,000 horses waiting in holding pens, events like these are critical to provide a useful and healthy life for these animals.

Due to COVID-19, this year's event will be streamed virtually so mustang and horse lovers across the world can tune in to watch and bid on the mustangs, which trainers

of all ages have had 100 days to gentle. In future years the horses will be gathered locally. This year the horses hail from nearby Sandwash Basin and Southern Wyoming, and were completely unaccustomed to the human touch.

The Meeker Mustang Makeover is unique in that the event encourages trainers to expose their horse to as many people, animals and stimuli as possible to help the horse adapt successfully to their new homes and future lives. A desensitized horse is less likely to cause harm to themselves and their humans.

You can watch the Live Stream action online starting at 10 a.m. on Sept. 11, 2020 when con-

stants try to maneuver through an obstacle course and move a cow. The Freestyle and Finals start at 4 p.m., with awards followed by the 7 p.m. live and online auction for the horses. Longhorn Video Auctions, who ran the Mustang Auction last year at Cheyenne Frontier Days, is managing the live and online auction. Interested buyers need to sign up in advance at LongHornVideoAuctions.com. (Bureau of Land Management (BLM) approval required).

Stay safe and watch and bid with live streaming from home. In person attendance is discouraged and following COVID state guidelines for healthy and safety is requested.

The Meeker Mustang Makeover is an independent volunteer-run event, and unaffiliated with any other Mustang training events.

<https://www.facebook.com/meekermustangmakeover/>
Watch and bid at [LonghornVideoAuctions.com](https://www.longhornvideoauctions.com)

NEWS BRIEFS

ERBM program updates

MEEKER | ERBM Dance Company begins Sept. 1 with mandatory audition prep classes from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at the MRC Studio.

Meeker Karate Club Level 1 begins Sept. 8 (for Tuesday option) at 7 p.m. at Admin Gym and Sept. 11 (for Friday option) at 8:45 a.m. at the Admin Gym. Level 2 begins Sept. 10 at 7 p.m.

Adult Drop-In Sports begins Sept. 8 from 7:30-9 p.m. at the Meeker Elementary School Gym. One side of the gym will be set up for volleyball with the other side of the gym available for half-court basketball.

Upcoming Registration Deadlines: Sept. 7 — Parent and Child Swim Lessons; Sept. 8 — Flag Football.



Yampa-White-Green Basin Roundtable

Yampa-White-Green Basin Roundtable Meeting

Wednesday, Sept. 9th at 6:00 pm

This meeting will be **Online Only** at yampawhitegreen.com

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EDITOR'S COLUMN

Cutting off the nose to spite the face

By NIKI TURNER
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ance the 2021 budget. That would allow for an entire year to discuss restructuring departments, considering layoffs, rewriting job descriptions, gutting departments and trimming actual fat from the budget. After all, isn't that what reserves are for?

to remind them their constituents have jobs and families, and can't attend every work session and meeting, particularly when they're held during the day.

What would be extremely helpful, particularly when those work sessions generate the kind of tumult that ensued this week, would be to have those work sessions recorded and posted, the same way the regular meetings are recorded and posted.

I asked our County Clerk specifically if the work sessions from last week were recorded, after Commissioner Rector told the crowd they could listen to them online in both Monday and Tuesday's meetings, hoping an exception had been made for those budget work sessions. Nope. Work sessions aren't recorded. I don't know why, since that's when the majority of the discussion and debate takes place, and it would further improve transparency.

By now you've likely heard about the drama this week at the county regarding budget cuts and restructuring county departments and how no one wants to lose our local dispatch center.

It's true that the commissioners have some difficult decisions to make, and anyone who has ever tried to balance a budget does not envy them that task. However, knee-jerk reactions rarely turn out well in the end.

In all of the comments from the public, two stand out to me. Former Town Manager Sharon Day and Undersheriff Jeremy Muxlow both suggested the commissioners should slow down, take a minute to breathe, and plan on dipping into the county's \$17.7 million in General Fund reserves to bal-

NEVER. MISS. A. WORK. SESSION.

I missed the work sessions last week. So did 99.9% of you. While I will be the first person to encourage public participation and attendance at local meetings, the next time I hear an elected representative complain about the lack of public participation, I may feel compelled

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GUEST COLUMN: MEEKER SCHOOL DISTRICT

COVID-19 protocols at MSD

By CHRIS SELLE
MSD Superintendent



Chris Selle

MEEKER I The Meeker School District is thrilled to have students back in our buildings. I am deeply grateful for how well our students, staff, and community have adapted to our new protocols. Despite the changes for the 2020-2021 school year, and the minor challenges of adjusting to those changes, there is nothing that can replicate the learning environment in our classrooms. The Meeker School District is committed to doing all we can to maintain that environment.

If we take the appropriate protective measures, we can continue to enjoy in-person learning, even if students or staff members test positive for COVID-19. We have worked closely with Rio Blanco County Public Health to develop algorithms which will help preserve this in-person learning. These algorithms can be found, along with our protocols, at www.meeker.k12.co.us. Only individuals who test positive or are determined to be a close contact will be asked to quarantine. A close contact is defined as someone who has been within 6 feet of an individual who has tested positive for more than 15 minutes, without a face mask. Thus, if we take proactive measures such as physical distancing and face masks, we can avoid large scale quarantines of students or staff from isolated positive COVID-19 cases. The Meeker School District has no intention of closing its schools for isolated cases, even if those are within the school community. That

intention, of course, is based on the presumption that the members of the school community have taken precautionary measures as directed by the school district.

There are scenarios that could force our school district into a distance learning environment. While that is not our intention, we have developed new distance learning protocols that can also be found at www.meeker.k12.co.us. These protocols have been developed to greatly increase consistency in communications, expectations, and accountability, for both students and staff, relative to our distance learning processes from last spring.

One of the new conditions we are seeing this year is an increase in students choosing homeschool or online school options. The motivation for students and parents to make this choice spans the spectrum of COVID-19 related concerns. The Meeker School District respects a parent's right to make this choice, but it is also important for our community to understand the impact on our schools. Some of these programs are built on sound educational principles and will offer an adequate education to the students who participate. Some are not. For those that are not, it is likely the school

district will need to accommodate the needs of those students when they return to our schools. This is one of the reasons we have decided to offer an online option for students if they, or their parents, do not feel they can attend school for COVID-19 related reasons.

Additionally, because much of our funding is based on the number of students enrolled in the district on Oct. 1, the loss of enrollment will have a significant impact on our budget. For 2020-2021 our estimated per-pupil revenue is \$8,312. Our enrollment is currently down by approximately 50 students which equates to a loss of approximately \$415,600. Safeguards in Colorado's school finance formula protect school districts from experiencing the full impact of revenue reductions in a single year due to declining student enrollment. However, if this trend holds through Oct. 1, our district will lose tens of thousands of dollars, at minimum. If this trend holds for subsequent years, we will feel the full financial impact within a few years. This amount is in addition to a funding reduction of approximately \$340,000 we were already anticipating due to state-wide budget cuts.

Regardless of the unique challenges that await us during the 2020-2021 school year, I know our students, staff, and community will choose to offer each other grace, and choose to focus on the positive. We will be on this journey together, and I can think of no other community in which I would rather live during our current circumstance. I am both blessed and proud to be a Meeker Cowboy!

40th Anniversary Celebration!

SEPTEMBER FEST 2020



ANNUAL CAR SHOW
Sept. 2 @ Elks Park, 10a-3:30p

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

- ☞ Open BBQ Cookoff @ Elks Park Cooking begins midnight Sept. 4-3 p.m.
- ☞ Sea Plane Breakfast @ Rangely Airport, 9-11 a.m.
- ☞ Sea Plane Splash In @ Kenney Reservoir, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.
- ☞ Fast, Flat and FREE 5K @ Elks Park, 8 a.m.-finish
- ☞ Bike Rally @ Rangely Car Museum, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

Sponsored by the Rangely Police Department

- ☞ Cornhole Doubles Tournament @ Elks Park Pavilion, 10 a.m.

Round Robin/Bracket Play

- ☞ Day in the Park @ Elks Park, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Free inflatables for all ages (COVID questionnaire must be completed for all participants)

- ☞ 11th Annual Rock 'N Bull Rodeo @ Columbine Fairgrounds, 7 p.m.-finish

Cost: \$20 VIP, \$10 Adults, \$5 Kids ~ 3 years and younger FREE!

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

- ☞ Ice Cream Social @ Rangely Outdoor Museum, 1 p.m.-finish

Sponsored by the Rangely Outdoor Museum, donation of \$1.00 per person appreciated

- ☞ Cribbage Tournament @ Town Hall, 2 p.m.-finish
- ☞ Chili Cook Off Contest @ Elks Park Main Pavilion, 3 p.m.
- ☞ Dinner and a Movie @ Elks Park Main Pavilion, 6 p.m.-finish

Presented by New Creation Church. The drawing for two halves of a hog will be this night so make sure to get your tickets in advance!

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

- ☞ Fireman's Pancake Breakfast @ Rangely Fire Station, 6:30-8:30 a.m.
- ☞ Star Spangled Parade on Main Street, 9-10 a.m.

Sponsored by the Town of Rangely

- ☞ Craft Fair @ Elks Park, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
- ☞ Car Show @ Elks Park, 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
- ☞ Barbecue @ Elks Park, 1 p.m.-finish

Donation of \$2.00 per person minimum

- ☞ Duck Race @ Green River Bridge, 5-6 p.m.

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- ☞ Concert @ Elks Park, 6:30 p.m.-finish

Questions?
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GUEST COLUMN

Keep a close eye on county budget

By KAYE SULLIVAN
Special to the Herald Times



Kaye Sullivan

MEEKER I Even if you are apolitical like me, now is the time to pay close attention to decisions being made by Rio Blanco County Commissioners regarding upcoming budget cuts for our county. These are likely to be significant cuts of personnel or services or both and will likely have long lasting impact.

A huge shortfall of county income is expected for 2021 and probably longer. You can read the specific statistics at the county website https://rbc.us/DocumentCenter/View/2426/2021-Budget-Discussion-8_31_20, but the bottom line is about \$2.5 million dollars less income than 2020. A combination of declining oil and gas revenue, decrease in state funding, less property tax income and other factors make budget cuts essential.

The looming question is where and how to cut. On Monday, a contentious commissioner meeting was held for public comment about moving our local dispatch center out of Meeker to state control. One hundred percent of the speakers spoke passionately against this possibility including dispatchers, current, past, and from local communities along with first responders, sheriff's officers, and many citizens whose loved one's lives have been saved due to swift dispatch/responder sup-

port. Just as our little community is unique and remote, our dispatch service is local, knowledgeable of remote landmarks, our strangely numbered county roads, and awareness of the huge distance across the county for responders to get there. One of the most emotional testimonies was a sample recording of a panicked caller who had no idea where he was or the county road number. That could be me too! With persistent questions about what the caller could see, a location was identified because of the local wisdom of our county dispatchers.

The commissioners backedpedaled, saying the meeting, called late Friday for 8 a.m. Monday morning was a miscommunication. Let's hope their communications with the public about budget matters improve. Still, without official notice in the newspaper of this meeting, Facebook postings and citizen communications caused around 100 people to show up, most of whom spoke to great applause.

At this meeting, I learned the county is considering various options for budget cuts and has already asked every department

for a 5% cut. Should that step be approved, it would still leave a \$1.5 million deficit. Cuts to health insurance, furlough days for all employees, and similar options are under study.

Some community speakers pointed out that looking at these issues long term is also important. And some looked backwards stressing the huge investment made in the new county building, state-of-the-art dispatch center, and exceptional staff training. Some volunteered to become an advisory committee.

Bottom line: lots of tough and emotional decisions are underway that impact every county resident. To stay informed or have a voice you can:

- Check the public notices in the paper each week for agendas and other business.
- Check the county website for budget information at <https://rbc.us/160/Budget-Finance>
- Attend public meetings and speak out, which the commissioners encouraged.
- Review a recording of the meeting available by contacting the Clerk & Recorder's office at 970-878-9460.
- Contact your county commissioners directly:
Jeff Rector jeff.rector@rbc.us
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Appalled

Dear Editor:

I am appalled that the county commissioners would even consider changing the vital service of our dispatchers in Meeker. Seconds count when someone is in a life threatening situation. I well remember the role the quick response of the dispatcher played when my husband's heart stopped beating at home. Not only did she dispatch help, she talked me through the life saving steps of performing CPR. I had been trained in this, but at this critical moment I needed her to help me remember and to talk me through it.

Cutting in this area would seem to me to be a last resort not a first step in balancing the county's budget. What about all the taxpayer dollars that went into the justice center to have a state of the art dispatch center?

I am also concerned about the effect this would have on sheriff department employees' and their families. Where is your compassion for them in these uncertain times?

Furthermore, this just feels like a continuation of the county commissioners' decisions without going through the proper channels of discussion and considering what is best for our community. I realize they have a budget deficit, but why not openly communicate with the various departments and together come up with cost cutting measures. Maybe they could even solicit ideas and suggestions from their electorate.

Let's work together to meet our challenges and address our problems.

Sincerely,
Peggy Strate
Meeker

What is a human life worth?

Dear Editor:

Saving lives and mitigating property damage requires a professional and effective public safety 911 dispatch center

administered by the RBC Sheriff's Office—Not replaced by contracting out to a CSP regional communications center in Craig.

The citizens, voters and taxpayers of Rio Blanco County stated their overwhelming support for retaining the current and outstanding Emergency 9-1-1 Public Safety Communications Center at the Sheriff's Office in Meeker at a standing-room-only meeting on August 31. Reacting to a massive budget-cutting proposal by RBC Commissioners to close the state-of-the-art new communications center and transfer all such services to the Colorado State Patrol Regional Communications Center in Craig was met with profound opposition by citizens who attended. Many expressed deeply-felt gratitude and shared personal experiences with lifesaving responses to emergency situations made possible by the professional and caring dispatchers over many years.

Reportedly, the Commissioners determined that they could cut the annual dispatch budget of \$527,632 to \$70,000 thus saving \$457,600. [see link:] https://rbc.us/DocumentCenter/View/2426/2021-Budget-Discussion-8_31_20

However, this begs the question: Would the CSP Center be able to provide equivalent or superior dispatch/911 services to that of the current RBC Center?

No evidence has been shown that the Craig CSP communications center can match or exceed the level of professional and competent services now provided by the RBC Sheriff's Communications Center.

As a now-retired public safety communications/911 center director at the University of Colorado at Boulder Department of Public Safety for 34 years, and having gone through such consolidation proposals and experiences, it is my considered opinion that this proposal would greatly degrade and reduce the quality and reliability of extraordinary services now provided by dedicated professional dispatchers of the RBC Sheriff's Office

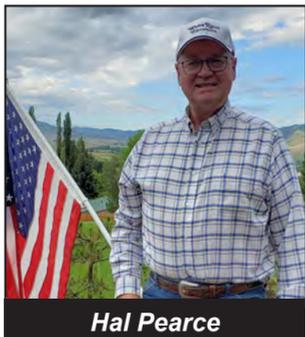
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CONSERVATION CORNER

Have you considered implementing rangeland monitoring?

By Nakayla Lestina

As grazing continues for this season, it is important to consider the opportunity this presents to implement monitoring techniques to help in the decision-making process for future grazing schedules. Rangeland monitoring is "the collection and analysis of various observations and measurements to evaluate the changes in condition and progress toward meeting a management objective" (BLM Technical Reference 1730-1). The information that is gathered through monitoring can aid in making management decisions by identifying potential problems early on. Early detection of land health concerns can provide the chance to find simple and inexpensive solutions before the concerns become unmanageable.

Proper rangeland monitoring will provide important information that can help an individual adjust their operation for the upcoming grazing season in a way that will best utilize and sustain the resources while providing the most benefit to their herd. It is best to use a combination of short- and long-term monitoring methods to detect point in time information as well as trends overtime. The information collected through these short- and long-term monitoring methods will assist in evaluating management techniques as well as building a record to reference for future management decisions. The combination of monitoring methods will vary depending on an individual's goals. There are agencies and private companies that can help develop a monitoring plan that will be best suited for individual operations.

The **Colorado Rangeland Monitoring Guide** is a very useful resource that was developed through the Colorado Resources Monitoring Initiative and is endorsed by a number of state and federal organizations. Please visit the following website to access this guide to learn more about monitoring and the different monitoring methods: https://www.onpasture.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/RangelandMonitoringGuide-Web_2-Version.pdf. Feel free to also contact the local NRCS office at (970) 693-3012 to receive information about rangeland monitoring.



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Reasons For Church Attendance (4)

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

... not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together ... (Heb. 10:25)



Dr. J.D. Watson

MY Dear Christian Friend, I pray these studies on faithful attendance have not appeared as my scolding you, rather their entire purpose has been to encourage you with this vitally important priority.

Sixth, to encourage other believers. Many people feel they can worship God by being out in nature or by viewing a church service on television. But what of other believers?

What about the other Christian soldiers in our company? Just as literal soldiers depend upon one another, so do we. We encourage each other in spiritual combat. We love and protect each other. Those who just shrug this off by not "showing up" discourage the others who do. Consider this often quoted statement by Martin Luther: "At home, in my own house, there is no warmth or vigor in me, but in the church when the multitude is gathered together a fire is kindled in my heart and it breaks its way through."

Seventh and finally, to be a testimony to others. I am again grieved when I see Christians forsake their responsibility of church attendance in such a way that unbelievers see it. I have seen many other things take precedence even though unbelievers at those times knew that the Christians involved missed church to be there. What message does that send? How is this a testimony of our commitment and love for Christ? Is our faith and spiritual life important only when it is convenient and doesn't interfere with our schedule? Is our church life just a satellite that revolves around everything else, or does everything else revolve around it? What is really at the core of our "universe"?

As our text once again declares, **exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.** Which day is approaching? The views vary, but the point is that whichever event is in view, that event is **approaching**. This is the Greek *eggizō*, "to bring near, to be at hand." Today we might say, "It's just around the next corner." In light of that impending day, then, we should be **exhorting one another** (*parakaleō*), that is, comforting, beseeching, admonishing, and even imploring one another in this area of faithfulness to the assembly. As one commentator submits: "To neglect Christian meetings is to give up the encouragement and help of other Christians. We gather together to share our faith and to strengthen one another in the Lord. As we get closer to the day when Christ will return, we will face many spiritual struggles, and even times of persecution. Anti-Christian forces will grow in strength. Difficulties should never be excuses for missing church services. Rather, as difficulties arise, we should make an even greater effort to be faithful in attendance."

Dear Christian Friend, is there any doubt as to the enormous importance of faithful attendance in the Local Church?

Scriptures for Study: Review these studies and reflect on the impact they have had on your heart.

We hope you will visit our website (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).

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LETTERS: local dispatch is essential, thanks from Starbuck family and Wing

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Communications Center. Boulder County public safety agencies created the first consolidated communications center in the nation known as the Boulder Regional Communications Center in the late 1970's combining the Sheriff's Office and Boulder Police Department which also handled all fire/rescue and Emergency Medical Services agencies communications. A communications center director administered all such services and reported to a board composed of the Sheriff, police chief, fire/rescue agencies, et al.

However, over a period of years it was discovered that the administration of the center by a communications director was not a feasible or functional model as it removed direct control and coordination from the Sheriff and Police Chief and fire/rescue agencies, resulting in policy and procedure conflicts and coordination issues. Consequently in the late 1990's The Sheriff's Office and Boulder Police separated from the regional center and established their own centers which directly reported to the Sheriff who also coordinates Fire/Rescue in the County, and the Boulder Police Chief and Fire Chief.

The key point of this experience is that [as was so aptly pointed out in the August 31 meeting by RBC dispatchers and officers, fire rescue and EMS] local dispatching services with

dispatchers who know the first responders and work with them on a daily basis, have a much better professional working relationship in a team effort, and know the geography, unusual locations, special information and familiarity with the citizens they serve in the area they serve and live in.

Conversely, dispatchers in a CSP regional center in Craig [as one of six in Colorado] would have little or no specialized and detailed knowledge of geography, and all of the valuable information that is known by local RBC dispatchers and shared with the public safety professionals that they work with. It is important to realize that the CSP Regional Center supports the entire Northwestern Colorado geographic area from the Continental Divide to the Utah and Wyoming Borders for multiple federal, state, county and local jurisdictions. It is a serious and virtually unattainable challenge for dispatchers to be as thoroughly familiar with such a vast area and numerous jurisdictions and functions.

Many formerly consolidated centers throughout the nation are finding similar issues and reverting back to local communications centers with much more effective optimal outcomes and productivity.

An old adage suggests "you get what you pay for... there are no free lunches." Operating a professional and competently staffed public safety 911 communications center requires a certain level of staffing on a 24/7/365 basis.

Salaried professional dispatch personnel deserve a living wage along with insurance and retirement benefits just as any professional public safety career employee does. Dispatchers are not paid as much as law enforcement officers and work long 12 hour shifts under sometimes very stressful incidents with sad outcomes and certainly experience post traumatic stress disorder [PTSD] as do first responders.

Closing the RBC Communications Center would lay off all of the current dispatcher staff and end their dedicated careers of helping citizens and first responders which would be a tragic loss for our County.

It is essential for the Commissioners to find a better way to keep funding the RBC Sheriff's communications center, even at the expense of other less vital programs and infrastructure funding that are not urgently necessary life safety priorities.

There are other ways to save money and deal with shrinking budgets which can be accomplished by curtailing infrastructure and capital construction projects which do not affect life safety services. The Commissioners are urged to consider other options such as creating a special emergency communications services special district similar to fire protection districts, health care districts and finding funding resources through sales tax, subscription services, 9-1-1 surcharges and most of all,

as many citizens requested, transparently involve the members of the community in such efforts to sustain the costs of operating this highly valuable and irreplaceable service within the Sheriff's Office.

Local Communications Center dispatchers are indispensable.

The often unsung heroes of public safety are the dispatchers who receive 9-1-1 emergency calls for help, and send first responders. Not only do they send first responders but are trained in Emergency Medical Dispatch [EMD] to give pre-arrival instructions such as CPR and first aid to 9-1-1 callers on how to help the victim before EMS arrives. These dedicated professionals are concurrently making critical decisions on behalf of citizens and first responders based on familiarity and protocols for their local first responder organizations. Moreover dispatchers share training with local first responders for optimal Incident command system response coordination.

Reliable and professional emergency 9-1-1 services are only possible when highly competent and well-trained dispatchers in a local emergency communications center that work well with law enforcement officers, fire/rescue, EMT's and emergency management.

As the old adage suggests, "If it ain't broke, don't fix it" and "don't put all your eggs in one basket..." The consequences of such

inappropriate choices can be loss of life and property, and less than optimal public safety services.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert Amick, ENP
4th generation Rio Blanco County Native
Retired police officer and Communications/9-1-1 Center Director, Department of Public Safety University of Colorado at Boulder for 34 years; Emergency Number Professional [ENP], National Emergency Number 9-1-1 Association [NENA9-1-1] Member; Associated Public Safety Communications Officials, International [APCO] member
Meeker

Starbuck family thanks

Dear Editor:
The Ethel Starbuck family would like to thank all who made Ethel's 103rd birthday a memorable event. Jean Gianinetti spearheaded an incredible drive-by parade with great support from the entire Walbridge Wing staff. Wing residents enhanced the celebration. The *Rio Blanco Herald Times* provided great publicity, and Meeker citizens responded with open hearts and ingenuity. There were balloons and decorations; honking horns and cheers of good wishes; horses for Ethel to greet, festive music from keyboard, and guitar; P.E.O.'s singing "Happy Birthday," fire trucks and sirens, local police and sheriff patrol cars, spectacular flowers and showers of cards with treasured memories. So many friends contributed in so many special ways. Cards continue to arrive from many states with notes that mean so much to Ethel. She is so touched and honored. In these times we thought a celebration would be impossible. The impossible became possible

with your love and caring. We will forever be grateful.

Paula Armstrong
The Ethel Starbuck Family
Meeker

Thanks from Walbridge Wing

Dear Editor:
The staff at the Walbridge Wing would like to thank the community of Meeker for coming out to support Ethel Starbuck and wish her a happy 103rd birthday. So thank you to Lois Williams, Dianne Mobley from the Ladies Riding Club, Anna and Jayna Goodwin, Mary Thompson (with Peppy and Penny), and Range Call Princess Attendant, Kalee Ivy. Mrs. Starbuck was over the moon with the horses, still talking about it. Also a special thank you to all of her friends, past students, church family, and P.E.O. who came out to say "happy birthday." Nice singing, by the way. Thank you so much to Dave Main, and Mary Kay Krueger for the wonderful music. A great big thanks to our wonderful first responders... Thanks for the lights and noise. It was awesome. And thanks to the *Herald Times* for all their support.

Sincerely,
Walbridge Wing Staff
Meeker

What goes around comes around

Dear Editor:
This note is to all people that are buying items from single people. The buyer is using \$100 bills here in Meeker that are fake. Hope they are happy with their item. As the saying goes, "what goes around comes around." In the end they paid the price.

Respectfully,
Mary Younker
Meeker

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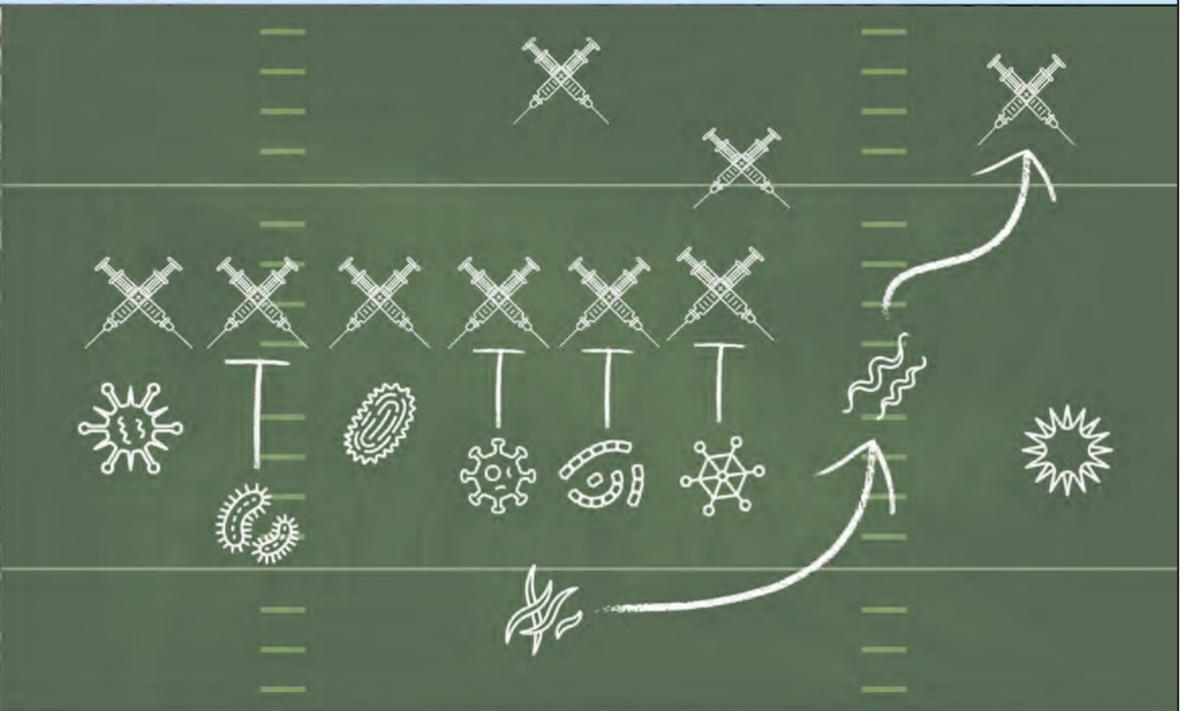
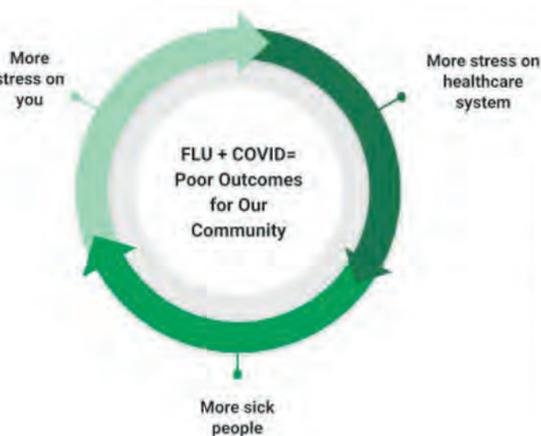
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Reist explained the value of having dispatch available to cover the control room for the jail when two deputies are needed at the same time, and closed his comments by saying, "I didn't think it would be you guys who wanted to defund the police."

Several residents suggested they would be willing to pay more — whether through sales tax or additional 911 surcharges — to keep dispatch local. That prompted a change to Tuesday's agenda wherein the board discussed asking voters to approve a 1% sales tax increase dedicated to funding dispatch.

The board has until Friday to add a sales tax measure to the November ballot.

Meeker resident Becky Ridings told the board Tuesday, "I walked away yesterday with a lot of concerns," and asked how the idea of cutting local dispatch came about.

Rector said the idea has been floated for "about a year," but added they don't have specific numbers. A meeting with CSP to discuss the idea further is scheduled for Sept. 22.

Former Meeker Town Manager Sharon Day urged the board to take a year and use some of their reserves, which totaled \$17.7 million as of Dec. 31, 2019, before making drastic decisions. "Reserves are put in place to take a year, to take time to listen to your public, listen to your employees, and see how innovative we can be to come up with better plans than just start axing a lot of people's jobs," she said. "I would just encourage you to be calm, to go ahead and put the money in your budget for next year. You've got it in reserves." Resident Sheryl Myers agreed with Day's suggestion, as did Undersheriff Jeremy Muxlow.

The commissioners were

asked how they came to the decisions to merge some departments and cut some staff.

"We had everybody do an employee evaluation and asked them to describe what they did in their own words," Rector said.

Based on those evaluations, commissioners said they determined a number of departments and positions could be combined or done away with to save money.

"For a number of these, we're rewriting those job descriptions where we're merging and we'll advertise those jobs and anyone will be welcome to apply, especially those who are already working for the county. The end result is four less full-time employees," Moyer said. Any current employees in positions that may be part of the restructuring will need to reapply for their jobs.

One position which would be absorbed by another department is that of Sales and Use Tax. Director Deb Morlan, who has held the role for more than two decades, opted to have her personnel discussions in public, instead of in executive session, and had several people speak up for her on Tuesday.

Meeker outfitter Curtis Cherry said, "She's our local representative. She's been good at it and she keeps a lot of us out of trouble. I don't know how much money that particular department raises but I think it's kind of self-supporting."

Both town managers also spoke on Morlan's behalf, commending the job she does for both towns and the county.

"If I go, you're going to lose a quarter million [dollars], and I've got the figures to prove it," Morlan told the board.

Under the restructuring, Morlan's duties would be handled by the budget department. Morlan addressed issues with state confidentiality requirements, and the need for time to

train a replacement. "You can't just pull up a chair," she told commissioners. A final decision has not yet been made by the board.

According to the information presented Monday, Economic Development, Natural Resources, Emergency Management, Planning, GIS and Building departments would be consolidated into one new department, eliminating two full-time positions.

Other cuts discussed include combining IT and communications into one department, eliminating one full time position; cutting the building inspector from full-time to 24 hours a week; decreasing use tax grants and conservation district funds by 25%; and furloughing county employees one day a week.

All departments were also asked to decrease actual expenditures by 5%, which would theoretically make up for \$1 million of the budget deficit. Monday's presentation also listed "consolidating assets" and "assess all program services — what is mandatory by statute?" as well as the option of decreasing all wages by 13% (from an average hourly wage of \$25.37 per hour to \$22.07 per hour) or having county employees pay a portion of their health insurance. Health insurance costs the county \$2.85 million per year and that number is expected to continue to increase.

The preliminary budget will be presented in a public meeting on Oct. 15.

In other business, the board approved a \$996 mass mailing to all county residents outlining the 2021 budget direction.

The commissioners also approved an \$8,000 contract with Goedert Construction for the Meeker Airport Drainage Project to begin addressing flooding issues that have caused property damage for some residents below the airport.

RBC must provide 275 days notice to Town prior to moving dispatch, per IGA

By NIKI TURNER
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MEEKER Meeker's Board of Trustees amended their regular agenda Tuesday to discuss whether the town supports the concept of a 1% sales tax increase dedicated to funding local dispatch services following the special meeting of the county commissioners.

With a countywide sales tax, that ballot proposal has to be approved by Friday. The trustees agreed to a special meeting Thursday once Town Manager Lisa Cook receives the ballot measure language from the county.

Currently, the Town of Meeker has an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with the county to provide dispatch services, for which the Town pays \$45,000 a year. Termination of that IGA demands 275 days notice, a point Mayor Kent Borchard brought up in the county meeting Monday and again at the town meeting Tuesday.

Of concern to the town board is that if the 1% sales tax increase passes and is divided evenly between the two towns and the county, that wouldn't be fair, since Meeker generates more revenue in sales tax than Rangely. It would be a "windfall" for the Town of Rangely (which operates its own dispatch) and a savings for the county, while the Town of Meeker would be left to carry the load.

"There are a lot of moving parts here," said Town Manager Lisa Cook. Nothing as of press time has been finalized.

Staff reiterated support for RBC Sales and Use tax director Deb Morlan's position, with Mayor Kent Borchard saying, "There are a number of places they could cut over there, but in my opinion sales and use tax is not one of them."

Trustees approved a \$84,280 bid for a remodel of the animal shelter to Regas Halandras; approved an amended lease to David Smith Ranches for use of the Ute Park property; and approved a contract with Overton Recycling.

Interview with Perry Will

By LUCAS TURNER
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RBC

Perry Will of New Castle, Colorado, is running as the Republican incumbent for Colorado House District 57 this election.



Perry Will

He faces Colin Wilhelm of Glenwood Springs for the district encompassing Garfield, Moffat, and Rio Blanco counties.

Will has served the district since February 2019, after being appointed by a Republican vacancy committee to fill the seat formerly occupied by state Sen. Bob Rankin.

"The district's greatest strengths are the people. I love representing House District 57, I love the people of Garfield, Rio Blanco and Moffat counties. My entire career has been in public service and this is an extension of it," Will said. Adding that he brings a rural perspective to the State House.

"The main thing we have is just good, salt of the earth people that live in these districts, who love our state, love where we live and love the resources around us and enjoying those. I want to maintain our heritage and our way of life. It's hard to do because I will tell you that it's an urban dominated legislature down there," he said.

Even with said urban/rural divide, Will emphasized the importance of bipartisanship in effective legislating.

"I represent everyone in House District 57, everyone. Some people think that, maybe because they're a Republican or Democrat,

they act like they're representing the Democrats in their district, or representing the Republicans in their district. That's not what we're there to do, we're there to represent everyone, and I feel strongly about that." He added, "Divisiveness doesn't help anyone, obviously I've worked with Democrats on bills and vice versa. We try to be bipartisan on that stuff. You've gotta reach across the aisle, you know? We're working for the people of Colorado," said Will.

As far as legislative priorities, Representative Will is very much focused on healthcare access and affordability.

"Well, I think number one is affordable healthcare and the pandemic has brought that on of course, and it's really showing the need for that."

He also spoke about some of the healthcare related legislation he has either actively worked on or supported up to this point, including a bill for easier health insurance enrollment, a reinsurance program, and a bill for covering colorectal cancer screenings at a younger age.

"I talk to a lot of people in my house district here who just flat tell me, 'we can't afford to be covered.' That tugs at your heart strings, you want people to have healthcare and health care coverage, so we need something," he said, and also mentioned that he does not support universal coverage because he doesn't know how it would be funded.

"There's not an end all solution to it, it's just, we've gotta take a bite of the apple at a time, keep working and keep moving forward and keeping our healthcare costs down. That's huge."

"I'd say we're making headway. It's there a magic silver bullet? No, there's not, but we just keep pecking away at it and I think

we can make healthcare affordable."

Another major priority for Representative Will is "getting the economy moving again" after COVID-19 shutdowns, describing his ideal approach as "smart and strategic."

"I think there's been too many executive orders, to just blanket the state with these executive orders concerning the pandemic, I mean, you take Rio Blanco County, they're under the same restrictions as Denver county. We need local control, and that means our local health departments, our local elected officials need control of that, because there's really no reason to shut down an entire economy for a county that has zero cases of COVID." (Rio Blanco County has had 23 cases of COVID.)

Will reiterated the emphasis on local control when talking about mask mandates.

"If your statistics and your incident rate shows that you need to do that, and it's truly gonna control the virus then absolutely. But if you're on the eastern plains of Colorado and some of those towns that have no cases, it doesn't make sense. So yes, I'm saying go to local control. Let the local elected officials make those determinations," he said.

Will sees the local control as part of the strategic effort to assist the economic recovery.

"That's a real simple answer. Get the economy moving again and that would create the jobs. Through the CARES Act money that's been great and really helped some people out with unemployment, but that can't go on forever, and you know, how do we pay for that? Those trillions of dollars, that's tough to pay back, and the

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Farm Service Agency offering coronavirus food assistance program

Special to the Herald Times

RBC The Farm Service Agency (FSA) is currently accepting applications for the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program (CFAP) to assist producers who have suffered price decreases due to COVID-19 by offering financial assistance. The application deadline is Sept. 11, 2020.

Eligible producers are any producer that raises USDA-specified commodities, has suffered a 5% or greater price decline due to the pandemic, and who faces substantial marketing costs for inventories. Producers must also have an average adjusted gross income under \$900,000 for tax years

2016, 2017, and 2018.

USDA-specified commodities include:

- Non-specialty crops such as oats, corn, and wheat; crops intended for grazing are ineligible.

- Specialty crops like sweet corn, peaches, and potatoes

- Wool

- Livestock: hogs, cattle, and sheep only

- Dairy: dumped milk production

- Nursery Crop and Cut Flowers

- Aquaculture: certain species only

- Eggs: liquid and frozen

Other eligibility standards include- livestock animals sold between Jan. 15, 2020 and April 15, 2020 (first part of the pay-

ment), as well as the producer's highest livestock inventory between April 15, 2020 and May 14, 2020 (second payment part) will be used. Eligible non-specialty crops and wool payments are based on 2019 production that had not been sold as of Jan. 15, 2020.

The Rio Blanco County FSA is based out of Craig. Meetings in Meeker are by appointment only. The phone number for the Craig FSA Office is 970-329-3155. More information on the program and price lists can be found at www.farmers.gov/cfap. The Craig FSA asks that producers contact their office for assistance filling out all applications. The deadline for all CFAP applications in Sept.

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TRAFFICKING: community education, awareness are key to helping victims

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work visa that is then withheld in exchange for the victim's labor.

Misconception: human trafficking always involves border crossing. While victims are sometimes moved across borders, "trafficking" is a bit of a misnomer. "Movement itself is not the piece that signifies human trafficking," Resener said.

Misconception: it doesn't happen in the U.S. In the U.S., both a destination and source for trafficking, there are foreign and domestic victims. The 2018 Trafficking in Person (TIP) report indicated the U.S. is actually the top country of origin for trafficking victims who are citizens or legal permanent residents of all ages and genders.

THE VICTIMS

According to a report from the International Labor Organization, there are an estimated 20.9 million people forced into labor, which generates an estimated \$150 billion in profit, \$99 billion of which is from sexual exploitation (even though only 22% of victims are trafficked for commercial sex purposes.)

Misconception: it's mostly women and children.

The number of victims by gender is almost evenly split, 55% for females and 45% for males; nearly three-quarters, 74%, of victims are adults.

The common denominator for most victims, however, is that they are treated as "invisible" by society. Root causes of human trafficking according to the training presentation include poverty or a lack of opportunity, homelessness, substance abuse, a disability, socioeconomic inequality, residence in a place with an oppressive political regime, displacement due to political conflict or a natural disaster, involvement in child welfare or the juvenile justice

system, low self-esteem, prior victimization, dreams of a better life, a market demand for inexpensive products and services, or a demand for commercial sex. Potential vulnerabilities for foreign victims also include a language barrier, immigration status, cultural differences, and political instability.

Homeless, runaway and child-welfare involved youth are overrepresented, as are LGBTQ youth. In many cases, youth are especially vulnerable when traffickers offer a sense of community or security or provide basic necessities like food and shelter.

THE TRAFFICKERS

Misconception: traffickers are mostly large crime syndicates.

It's not always "the mafia," Resener cautions. Individuals, family or intimate partners and small criminal operations take part in the trafficking trade, along with large and small businesses and organized crime syndicates.

In many cases, the cycle begins with a series of traumatic events experienced by the victim, leaving them vulnerable to recruitment tactics, which can range from false job advertisements posted on the web or social media, a promise of legal status, or familial or intimate partner recruitment.

Once trapped, traffickers use various methods to control the victim. The training lists economic abuse (such as debt bondage), withholding of basic needs (this is most common with minors), controlled drug use that could lead to dependency, physical or sexual assault, psychological manipulation, isolation, controlled movement, or monitoring, false promises, document confiscation, or threats against the victim or their family and friends.

WHAT ABOUT RBC?

Misconception: it won't happen here. There are no reported cases of trafficking in

Rio Blanco County, but Resener cautions against a false sense of security. "In reality it could just be a resourcing issue. We know in Moffat County we have cases of human trafficking, it's just that no one is calling from there."

"There is not any one single factor that will help you determine a case of human trafficking," McConaughy said, but there are a variety of indicators to watch for if you're concerned someone may be a victim of human trafficking.

Discrepancies in a person's story, such as saying they're older than they look, claiming they're "just visiting" and don't have a home address, don't know which city they are in, are unfamiliar with the people they are with, scripted or canned responses to questions, or the presence of an overly controlling "friend," "partner" or "boss" in a victim's story.

Physically, there may be injuries or signs of physical or sexual abuse, bruises, joint issues, signs of branding (tattoos—particularly odd or derogatory tattoos, scars, cigarette burns), signs of malnourishment and serious dental issues, signs of drug or alcohol dependency, hearing loss from head trauma, somatic signs of stress (headaches, stomach issues) and bald patches or missing hair.

Emotionally, the victim may be fearful, anxious, depressed, submissive, tense or nervous. They may have low self-esteem and feel excessive guilt, shame or embarrassment about their situation. They may blame themselves for getting into the situation, or minimize the level of violence they have experienced. They may disassociate entirely, or be hostile and uncooperative. Some victims have thoughts of or attempt suicide.

Other possible indicators listed in the training include someone else having the potential victim's identification documents, a third party who insists

on interpreting, or frequently calling or texting someone who is not present. In the digital age, many traffickers track their victims' movements via location services on cell phones.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

"A demand for services is at the core of everything," Resener says. "It's just a matter of making sure people are equitably paid—fair trade labels, rights, human rights in general. These are all things we can start to look at that are at the root of it."

"There are numerous everyday products tainted by human trafficking," McConaughy added.

■ The training provides the following action steps.

- Be a conscious consumer.
- Get involved.
- Start believing.
- Continue learning.
- See it, report it.

To report suspected cases of human trafficking, you can:

■ Call the National Human Trafficking Hotline at (888)373-7888 or text HELP or INFO to 233733 (BEFREE)

■ Call the Colorado Network to End Human Trafficking State Hotline at (866)455-5075.

■ For minors, call the Colorado Department of Human Services Child Abuse Hotline at 1(844)CO-4-KIDS.

■ You can learn more about human trafficking and how you can help victims at <https://ovc.ojp.gov/program/human-trafficking/overview> or <https://sites.google.com/state.co.us/human-trafficking-council>

■ Find other resources at <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cssrc/human-trafficking>

Dinosaur National Monument reminds hunters of regulations

Special to the Herald Times

DINOSAUR I With hunting season now occurring on lands surrounding Dinosaur National Monument, hunters are reminded that hunting is not permitted in the monument. Although most of the monument boundary is well marked, hunters are responsible for ensuring they do not hunt within the monument. By knowing and understanding the rules and regulations applicable in the national monument, hunters will be better prepared to enjoy their trips.

The Lacey Act and the Code of Federal Regulations strictly

prohibit the killing or removal of any animal, living or dead, and any animal parts, including shed antlers from public lands within the monument without authorization. Violators will be prosecuted and are subject to penalties including fines, jail, restitution, and the forfeiture of vehicles, equipment, and personal property associated with the violations.

Wounded wildlife that runs into the monument must be reported to law enforcement park rangers or state wildlife officers as soon as practical. To prevent waste, it is permissible to field dress a dead ani-

mal inside the monument before authorities arrive, but a living, wounded animal may not be shot inside the monument without first obtaining authorization from a law enforcement park ranger or state wildlife officer. Contact a ranger at 970-374-3054.

Federal law allows people who can legally possess firearms under applicable federal, state, and local laws, to possess and carry firearms in Dinosaur National Monument, but discharge of firearms remains prohibited in the monument. Additional details are available on the web at www.nps.gov/dino/

[parkmgmt/firearms-information.htm](http://www.nps.gov/dino/parkmgmt/firearms-information.htm).

Wildlife taken lawfully outside the legislative jurisdiction of the monument may be transported through the monument on park roads. The person(s) transporting the wildlife must have in their possession a valid state hunting license and, if required by state law, the animal carcasses must display a valid, properly completed game tag. Wildlife carcasses and wildlife parts being transported within the monument are subject to inspection at any time by law enforcement park rangers or state wildlife officers. The use

of ATVs and UTVs, including those licensed by a state as street legal, within the monument is prohibited.

The use of elk bugles, varmint calls, audio attractants, or other artificial or natural means of attracting or disturbing wildlife (including rattling antlers, coyote, turkey and sage grouse calls, or verbal bugling or howling imitations) are prohibited on all monument land including the right-of-way along the Harpers Corner Road. Spot lighting or use of an artificial light to view wildlife within the monument is also prohibited.

Visitors or hunters who

observe illegal or suspicious activity within the monument should immediately notify park law enforcement by phone at 970-374-3054.

Hunters are also reminded that bears are active in the area in and around the monument. Proper food storage and disposal of trash is important to protect yourself, your camp and property, and the bears.

For more information on Dinosaur National Monument, call us at 435-781-7700. You can also visit us on the web at www.nps.gov/dino or follow DinosaurNPS on social media.

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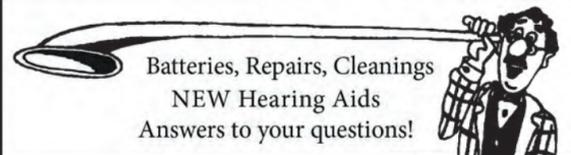
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State's in the same boat. So the CARES act money was great in helping people with unemployment, but the big thing is [to] get our economy going again," said Will.

He also recognizes some new opportunities for growth in the district that he says have actually been brought to attention by the pandemic.

"People have shown they can work from home. So remote working, I think that could be a real boon to our economy, especially rural Colorado. People would like to live here and recreate here, and the amenities we have...it's a beautiful state and I think we could attract people that want to live and raise a family," said Will, adding that the statewide push to improve broadband access goes hand-in-hand with that kind of potential new economic development.

For jobs in the district that have already been lost, Will says there are other strategies that could be effective, like retraining displaced workers, continuing development of fossil fuel resources, and even adding new jobs in renewable energy.

In discussing transitions to renewable energy, Will was clear that his concept of being "smart and strategic" should still apply. Moving forward he advocates for both recovering old jobs, and creating new ones.

"It's a combination of both, I'd love to get those jobs back, but also we've gotta transition. You'd have to have your head buried in the sand if you don't think we're transitioning, but we can't do it all at once like some would like, it's just not feasible."

"We can't just cut off communities and shut down jobs because of the carbon footprint or whatever. We have to approach it realistically," he added.

Representative Perry Will had more to say about preserving water, controlling healthcare costs and more. You can listen to the full interview in our podcast feed at soundcloud.com/heraldtimes1885



Panthers run in Meeker, El Jebel

Special to the Herald Times

RANGELY I Heading in two directions this past weekend, the Rangely Panther cross country teams opened up their seasons with the first official meets of the year. On Friday, a handful of Panthers made the short trip to Meeker to kick off the official season opener. Colton Noel, who has been dealing with an injury, led the group of boys as he finished with a time of 23:25. The group seemed to like the new

course, located on the Meeker golf course, much more than last week's trails, as every member competing saw huge improvement in times.

"I was super impressed with how all of them ran. Both Byron Mackey and Brent Cantrell took off over eight minutes from the time they ran last week," said coach Beth Scoggins.

Saturday, Scoggins took the rest of the team to the Basalt Invitational in El Jebel. On the way to the meet, the team hit some heavy road construction and traffic, and found that this was just the beginning of the adversity they would encounter. Arriving at the meet just a half hour before start time, the teams were greeted by rain, wind, and several COVID-19 racing guidelines.

Making the most of the morning though, Mary Scoggins led the girls' team with a 13th place finish and time of 21:20.

The rest of the girls followed the trend set at Meeker the day before, taking off significant amounts of time as they ran in the less than ideal conditions. Adelynn Halcomb took 12 minutes off of her time from last week.

The boys' team started shortly after the girls finished, and this week it was Alex Black who finished first. Black, who was competing in his first official cross country race ever, finished 26th overall with a time of 20:22. Andrew Dorris was right behind Black, then Kevin Wren came across the line in third for the Panthers while running nearly eight minutes faster than what he ran the week before. The rest of the boys' team also saw a lot of improvement.

"I'm so excited about how all the kids are running," said coach Scoggins. "It's incredible seeing how quickly some of them are starting to figure out this whole distance running thing. They've been working hard and have had a great attitude. This first official weekend of racing was great for all of the kids and I can't wait to see how the remainder of the season goes."

The Panthers will race in Hotchkiss this upcoming Saturday.



Pictured: MyKayla Wille and Ryann Mergelman.

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Softball 3-6 on season

By **TIFFANY JEHOREK**
Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER I Games 6-8 were played this past week for Cowboy softball and just like that the season is half over. After a double header in Cedaredge and a Tuesday game in Eagle the Cowboys are 3-6 overall.

Saturday the games went 4-5 and 2-9 to the Bruins, no stats available.

Tuesday the varsity brought home another victory.

"The girls run ruled Eagle Valley in three innings," commented head coach Brianna Williams.

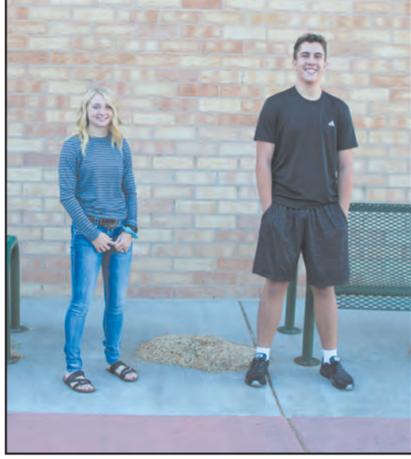
The final score was 24-2. Leading the team hitting was

Macy Ridgeway and Emma Knez with a two run home run in the second inning.

Hailey Knowles "pitched a great game striking out six of the 14 batters," said Williams.

The JV also pulled out a win against Eagle. The final score 18-8 with strong pitching by freshman Emma Smith. Sophomore Autumn Hobbs led the offense with three hits, followed by Emma Smith, Aspen Merrifield, Ellie Hossack, Jayda May and Dylan Herndon all with two hits each.

The team now has some time to recover during the long Labor Day weekend, their next game is scheduled for September 12 when Aspen travels to Meeker for a double header.



This year's team has two seniors, Dixie Rhea and Gabe Polley.

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Seven teams race at Meeker Invitational

By **MARTY CASEY**
Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER I Meeker Cross Country held an Invitational on Friday, Aug. 29, with seven other teams in attendance. The boys ran first again this week, starting in two waves, separated by a few minutes.

"We had a great day for racing. The course was in great shape, the temperatures and air quality were good, and we had solid competition."

The first five Cowboys did some great pack running for a good portion of the race, and finished in similar fashion: Ethan Drake had an excellent race, with a seventh place finish in under 21 minutes. Colby Clatterbaugh and Gabe Richardson were just over 21:00, in eighth and ninth places. Buzz Clatterbaugh was 11th place, at 21:18, and Shane Kobald was two places behind, in 21-1/2 minutes. Spud White was the sixth Cowboy racer from the first wave, at 21:42, and 15th place. The second wave had Gage Richardson in 20th place at 22:37, and Ashdon Seibert and Gabe Smithers finishing in 25:07 and 26:24, for 28th and 31st places, respectively.

The girls' race also consisted of a two wave start. Meeker had four runners in the first wave, and



There are seven girls on this year's MHS cross country team.

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three in the second. Brighton Bair was Meeker's first to the finish in sixth place at just over 24 minutes, with Nora Gianinetti a couple of minutes behind her. Savannah Mendenhall was the third Cowboy player by time, in 28:26 for 22nd place. Aiyana McCook took 24th place, at 29:15, and Ainsley Selle was two places and two seconds back. Sarah Kracht and Alana Nielsen rounded out the Meeker team, with 29th and 34th places, at

31:07 and 32:56.

"We had a few more of our new teammates compete today, and I was pleased with their efforts," said head coach Marty Casey. "I look forward to seeing their progress this season. I saw some good things from our runners. We still have room for improvement, but the hard work and pack running from the boys got us the team win, and I see some great potential on the girls' squad."

Two weeks left for varsity golf season

By **TIFFANY JEHOREK**
Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER I Golf has had a busy year and only two weeks remain in the varsity regular season. The scores continue to drop as the team makes their rounds on the western slope links. Results from this week:

Bookcliff Invitational- Grand Junction, Aug. 31
John Hampton Hightower 88
Peter Hanks 90
Jake Blazon 100

Ryan Sullivan 107
Ryan Phelan 110
The team placed 13th

Tiara Rado Invitational- Grand Junction, Sept. 1
Peter Hanks 87
John Hampton Hightower 88

Ryan Phelan 96
Ryan Sullivan 108
Jake Blazon 113
The team placed 12th out of 18.
The team travels next to Steamboat on Sept. 8.



Meeker golf will head to Steamboat next Wednesday for one of two remaining varsity tournaments.

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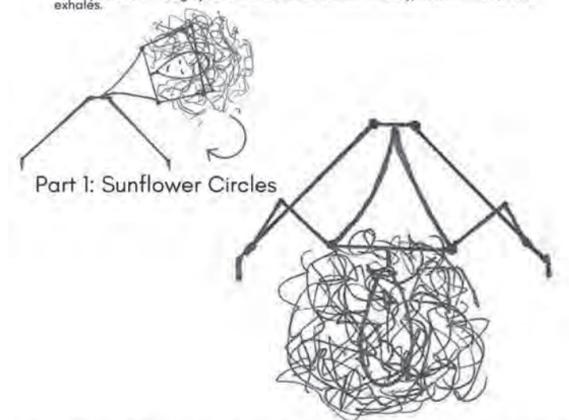
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MEEKER CROSS COUNTRY SCHEDULE:

- Sept. 5, West Grand
- Sept. 11, Delta at Confluence Park
- Sept. 18-19, Rangely
- Sept. 25-26, Craig
- Oct. 9, Regionals, location TBA
- Oct. 17, State, Colorado Springs

MEEKER SOFTBALL SCHEDULE:

- Sept. 11 @ HOME v. Delta, 3 and 5 p.m. (V/DH)
- Sept. 12 @ HOME v. Aspen, 11 a.m., 1 p.m. (V/DH)
- Sept. 15 @ HOME v. Basalt, 4 and 6 pm. (V/DH) 11)
- Oct. 3 @ HOME v. Cortez 11 a.m., 1 p.m. (V/DH)

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Schedules for other sports will be published as they are received.

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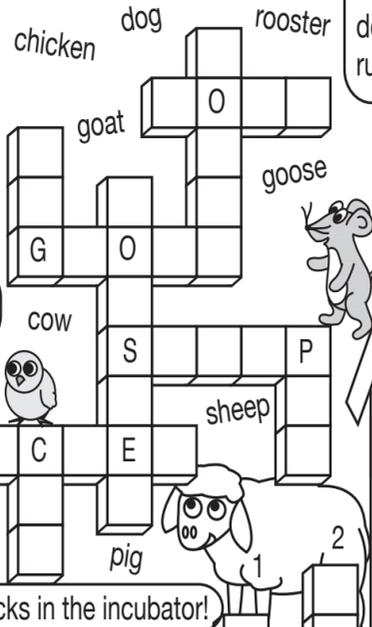
...apples, pears and pumpkins.



Kids: color stuff in!

Hard-Working Farms!

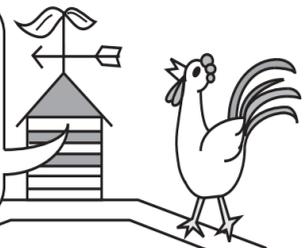
Farming is a lot of hard work. Farmers need to think about the condition of the soil, the weather, caring for plants or animals, harvesting, shipping and selling products at the market. The days are long! **Check out my two cool farm crossword puzzles.**



What's up, little chick?

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Can anyone see where Chitter is working?

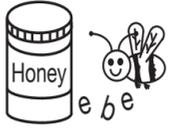
Do you know what a "combine" is?

Oh, it's a machine used in a field to cut wheat or corn.*

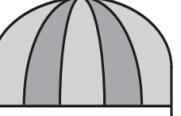


Hey, hay! Hey! You found me!

Did you know that there are _____ farms?



Can you find and circle 5 words that are spelled with "ee" and have the long "e," or "ē" sound?



Have you ever been to a chicken farm for _____?



Use the word list below if you get stuck!

- dairy
- cattle
- orange
- potato
- grain
- tree
- maple
- sugar
- peanut
- poultry
- cotton

★ A **combine** also separates and gathers seeds from the plants!

1. Lots of animals live on farms. Can you place the names of farm animals scattered in the puzzle above into the puzzle frame?

2. Read the clues below to fill in the crossword on the right with different kinds of farms.

- 1. grown for clothing, bedding
- 2. tap tree sap to make syrup, candy
- 3. vegetable grown in the ground; has "eyes"
- 4. turkey, chicken
- 5. in warm areas, fruit, juice
- 6. used for "butter," oils
- 7. animals for beef
- 8. wheat, corn, oats
- 9. for yards, forests, Christmas
- 10. cows, milk, cheese, butter

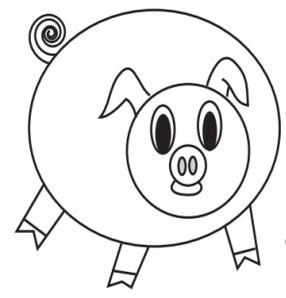
Working and Running a Farm

Farms have buildings for shelter, storage and sales. It also takes many pieces of equipment to run a farm. **Can you find and circle the items below that you might find on different farms?**



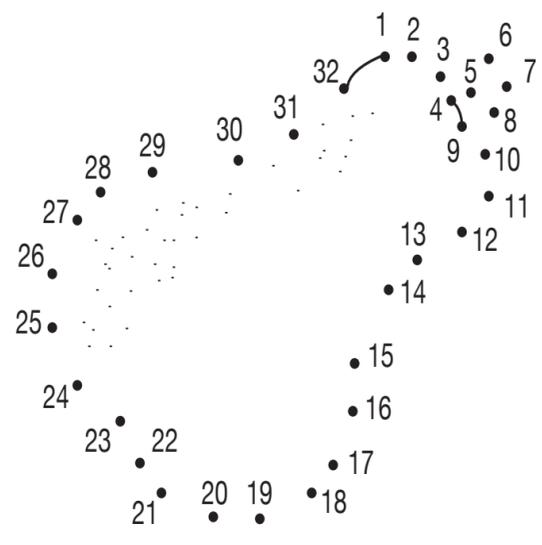
- hoe
- shovel
- baler
- silo
- wagon
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- sprinkler
- ladder
- barn
- pitchfork
- tractor
- plow
- crop duster
- planter
- truck
- pickup truck
- buckets
- pump
- milking machine
- windmill
- fences
- drainage system
- combine

Can you find and circle 10 words that begin with the consonant blends cr, dr, fr, gr, pr and tr?



This farm puts on a great feed!

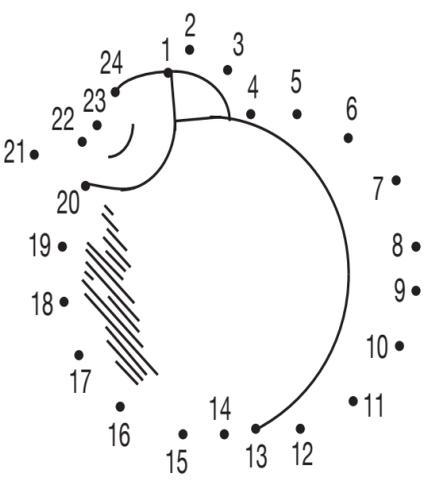
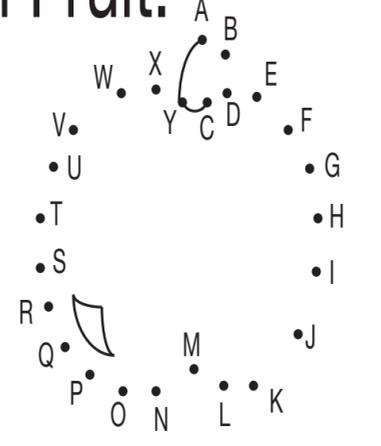
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The Meeker Herald
125 years ago

This was court week, and The Herald's hired man has been struggling desperately with lawyers' arguments and Blackstone to such an extent that this issue resembles the aforesaid hired man — it has a forlorn, tired appearance. If the reader happens to find some important local items missing, patiently withhold comments until after the next issue. The deficiency will be more than made up, as the editor will again be at the helm.

G.W. Thayer has leased the Pioneer stables, and will board horses by the day, week or month.

The Meeker Herald
100 years ago

Word reached town last Friday evening that a gasusher was expected to be tapped in the White River field Saturday forenoon. In consequence a large number of Meeker people were on hand at the appointed time. This makes the fifth gas well tapped in the White River field. All show the same wonderful volume and force.

One can always borrow trouble without putting up security.

A certain Army bureau officer sends us about a column and a half of stuff which he requests us to publish free. He also requests us to send him a marked copy of the Herald

containing his article. It affords us much pleasure in saying that neither request will be complied with.

The Meeker Herald
50 years ago

It is with special pride that Meeker residents look to their streets this week as laying of the oil mat got underway.

When over 840 people line up for dinner ... it takes just a little more time than usual to get to the serving table. That aroma from the 12 barbecued lambs served as an added incentive to "keep the line moving" Sunday at the Woolgrowers annual barbecue which attracted the largest crowd ever.

News that a Colony Development Operation — a four-company joint venture into the research and development of oil shale — has regrouped to reopen an experimental plant on Parachute Creek near Grand Valley brightens the dimming U.S. oil production picture.

The Meeker Herald
25 years ago

Despite heavy afternoon rains that arrived so promptly each day that you could almost set your watch by them, the crowds were large, patient and well-mannered. Most spectators, familiar with our quirky weather, brought raincoats and umbrellas. Television cameras were a common sight, and the sound

of bagpipes filled the air. If you haven't been to the trials yet, next year they'll be 10 years old, and there'll be lots of hoopla.

Elisha Watt went to the National Little Britches Finals. Attending were 520 competitors from 20 different states. She had a lot of fun and came back with two more saddles to add to her collection.

Rangely Times
50 years ago

The 1970 assessed valuation of Rio Blanco County is down \$5.5 million, according to preliminary figures released by Assessor Dale Frisby last week.

95% of all failures in business are from the ranks of non-advertisers, according to Dun & Bradstreet. Only 5% of those who fail are advertisers.

Rangely Times
25 years ago

The Rangely District Hospital Board agreed to forgive \$100,000 in funds due from Western Fuels under their socioeconomic impact mitigation agreement with the district at their board meeting Tuesday night.

Rangely Middle School Principal Jim Day was recently appointed to fill former principal Don Barta's seat on the Colorado Northwestern Community College Board of Trustees.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

**Meeker Highland Cemetery
Special Board Meeting of the Board of Directors
265 County Road 4, Meeker, CO 81641
Monday September 9th, 2020 6pm**
Call to Order
Approve Agenda
Personnel Needs
Open Discussion
Adjourn
Published: September 3, 2020
Rio Blanco Herald Times

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Estate of Denise Wade,
Deceased
Case No. 20PR30007**
All persons having claims against the above-named estate are required to present them to the undersigned or to the District Court of Rio Blanco County, Colorado on or before December 27, 2020, or said claims may be forever barred.
Samantha Wade,
Personal Representative
c/o Charles F. Reams
Reams & Reams
222 N. 7th Street
Grand Junction, CO 81501
Published: August 27, September 3 and 10, 2020
Rio Blanco Herald Times

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Estate of Thelma Jean Dick, Deceased, Rio Blanco County District Court Case Number 2020PR30008. All persons having claims against the above-named estate are required to present them to the Personal Representative or to the District Court of Rio Blanco County, Colorado on or before December 25, 2020, or the claims may be forever barred.
Herman Levi Roach, Personal Representative
c/o Olszewski, Massih & Maurer, P.C.
P.O. Box 916
Glenwood Springs, CO 81602
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PUBLIC NOTICE
GREG HANBERG IS REQUESTING A HOME OCCUPATION SPECIAL REVIEW PERMIT TO PROVIDE DISTRIBUTION OF BULK FRESH AND/OR FROZEN MEATS AND SEAFOOD AT 1368 JUNIPER ROAD, LOT 20 BLOCK 7 SAGE HILLS RE-SUBDIVISION, IN THE TOWN OF MEEKER, COLORADO. THE MEEKER PLANNING COMMISSION WILL BE HOLDING A PUBLIC HEARING ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2020 AT 7:00 P.M. AT TOWN HALL, 345 MARKET STREET, MEEKER COLORADO, TO CONSIDER THE APPLICATION AND RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENT. IF YOU HAVE ANY COMMENTS CONCERNING THE APPLICATION, YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE HEARING OR SUBMIT WRITTEN COMMENTS TO TOWN HALL, 345 MARKET STREET, MEEKER, CO 81641, PRIOR OR DURING THE PUBLIC HEARING. FURTHER INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE AT THE MEEKER TOWN HALL OR BY TELEPHONE (970) 878-4970, DURING THE HOURS OF 8:00 A.M. TO 5:00 P.M. MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY.
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**RIO BLANCO COUNTY
NOTICE OF FINAL CONTRACTOR SETTLEMENT
RIO BLANCO COUNTY 2020 PAVEMENT
MARKING PAINT PROJECT**
NOTICE is hereby given that on the 8th day of September, 2020 at Meeker, Colorado, final settlement will be authorized by the Rio Blanco County Board of County Commissioners with Stripe-A-Lot, Inc., P.O. Box 1957, Montrose, CO 81402 for all work done by said CONTRACTOR on the project known as Rio Blanco County 2020 Pavement Marking Paint Project.
1) Any person, co-partnership, association, or corporation who has an unpaid claim against the said project may at any time, up to and including the date specified in item 2 below, file a VERIFIED STATEMENT of the amount due and unpaid on account of such claims.
2) All such claims shall be filed with Clint Chappell, R & B Coordinator, Rio Blanco County Road & Bridge Department, 570 2nd Street, Meeker, Colorado 81641 on or before September 4, 2020.
3) Failure on the part of a creditor to file such a statement will relieve Rio Blanco County from any and all liability for such claim.
Dated at Meeker, Colorado this 19th day of August, 2020.
**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF RIO BLANCO COUNTY
BY JEFF RECTOR, CHAIRMAN**
Published: August 27 and September 3, 2020
Rio Blanco Herald Times

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
The Victim Assistance and Law Enforcement Board of the 9TH Judicial District, which is Garfield, Pitkin and Rio Blanco Counties, is seeking grant applications from agencies and organizations to provide services to crime victims. The funding cycle is January 1 - December 31, 2021.
The board is committed to funding programs which provide direct services to crime victims and implement the Victim's Rights Amendment. Revenue for this fund is generated from a surcharge or fees assessed to people who are convicted of felonies, misdemeanors, traffic offenses and fish and game violations. These funds are authorized by Title 24, Article 4.2, Colorado Revised Statutes. During the 2020 grant cycle the board awarded a total of \$275,198 to 8 agencies that provide services to victims in the 9th Judicial District. It is anticipated that approximately \$275,000 will be available for the 2021 12-month grant cycle.
PRIORITY CATEGORIES:
1) In accordance with 24-4.2-103(5), priority use for moneys in the fund shall be the implementation of the rights afforded to crime victims pursuant to Section 24-4.1-302.5 and for provision of the services delineated pursuant to Sections 24-4.1-303 and 24-4.1-304 related to all crimes as defined by Section 24-4.1-302. 2) Services outlined in Section 24-4.2-105(4) C.R.S.
Completed grant applications must be received by the board administrator by 4:30 p.m., Monday, October 12th, 2020.
Steve Aurand, VALE Board Administrator
9th Judicial District Attorney's Office
109 8th Street, Suite 308
Glenwood Springs, CO 81601
saaurand@vadaco.org
(970) 384-3517
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The Meeker Sanitation District is seeking applicants to fill an opening on the Board of Directors. Applicants must be registered to vote in Colorado and a resident of, or own property in the Meeker Sanitation District to qualify. If you are interested in becoming a Board Member for the Meeker Sanitation District, please contact the Office at 265 8th Street, or call 878-5192. You may also write for information to PO Box 417, Meeker, CO 81641 or send an e-mail to gall@meekersanitation.org.
Published: August 13, 20, 27 and September 3, 2020
Rio Blanco Herald Times

**Board of County Commissioners of
Rio Blanco County, Colorado
September 8, 2020**
1. **11:00 a.m. Call to order:**
A. Pledge of Allegiance
B. Changes to September 8, 2020 Agenda
C. **Move to approve the September 8, 2020 Agenda including any changes.**
2. **CONSENT AGENDA September 8, 2020**
A. **Move to approve the below listed items of the Consent Agenda.**
B. Meeting Minutes of August 25, 2020.
C. Financial Management Report for August 2020.
D. DHS EBT Register and Warrant Register for August 2020.
E. Motor Vehicle Publication report for August 2020.
3. **BUSINESS**
A. Move to approve/deny a Final Contractor Settlement to Stripe-A-Lot, Inc. for the 2020 Pavement Marking Paint Project, in an amount not to exceed \$3,465.98.
B. Move to approve/deny hiring of the budgeted Temporary Public Health RN to assist with immunizations, in an amount not to exceed the 2020 appropriation.
5. **MOU's, CONTRACTS, AND AGREEMENTS**
A. Move to approve/deny an agreement with Abbott Rapid DX for COVID-19 testing equipment in an amount not to exceed \$32,472.00.
B. Move to approve/deny an Intergovernmental Agreement with the South Routt School District agreeing to a Coordinated Election and appointing the County Clerk as the Coordinated Election Official.
C. Move to approve/deny an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Colorado River Conservation District agreeing to a Coordinated Election and appointing the County Clerk as the Coordinated Election Official.
D. Move to approve/deny Agreement Change Order No. 01 with Servpro for the Fairfield Flood Mitigation, increasing the amount by \$2580.99 to a total amount of \$37,481.48.
7. **OTHER BUSINESS**
A. Road & Bridge Report - Dave Morlan
B. Public Comment
Adjourn
The next regular Board meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, September 15, 2020 at the Rio Blanco County Annex Building, 17497 Hwy 64, Rangely, CO 81648.
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**MEEKER SANITATION DISTRICT
September 9, 2020
REGULAR BOARD MEETING at 7:00 PM**
The Regular Board Meeting of the Meeker Sanitation District will be held at the Meeker Sanitation District Office, 265 8th Street, Meeker, Colorado
1. Call to order
2. Additions or Changes to the Agenda
3. Approval of Minutes
4. Public Comments
5. New Business
A. Coulter Property - Sewer Main
B. Health Insurance Renewal
C. Property Liens for Delinquent Accounts
6. Old Business
A. Sewer Main Repair
B. Plant Manager Report
C. Office Manager Report
7. Attorney
8. Board
9. Adjourn
This agenda is subject to change without further notice.
Agenda is posted at the office of the Meeker Sanitation District.
265 8th Street.
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**PUBLIC NOTICE
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF RIO BLANCO COUNTY, COLORADO HEARING**
Notice is hereby given that on Tuesday, October 13, 2020 the Rio Blanco County Board of County Commissioners will hold a public hearing beginning at 11:00 a.m. at the Rio Blanco County Historic Courthouse, 555 Main Street, 3rd Floor Commissioner Meeting Room, Meeker, Colorado to consider the following:
Gateway South Transmission Line PMIR-0001-20. The applicant is requesting to construct a transmission power line across the northwest portion of Rio Blanco County. The project crosses 3 land owners and BLM. The project is located within Sections 19, 20, 30, 21, 22; T3N; R103W and Sections 25, 34, 35, 36; T3N; R104W Copies of the documents may be obtained from the Rio Blanco County Planning Department at 555 Main Street in Meeker, Colorado, or you may call (970) 878-9510 for more information between the hours of 8:00 am and 5:00 pm.
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PUBLIC NOTICE
A public hearing has been scheduled for September 8, 2020 at 6:00 pm to be held at Cady Park between 6th St. and 7th St. on Antrodemus, Dinosaur, Colorado. This public hearing in the park due to the COVID restrictions. The meeting is for a Pinedale Gas presentation on the natural gas line feasibility study for a gas line to service the Town of Dinosaur. Citizens can respond to the presentation and ask questions related to the natural gas line feasibility study.
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**PUBLIC NOTICE
RIO BLANCO COUNTY PLANNING
COMMISSION HEARING**
Notice is hereby given that on Thursday, September 24, 2020 the Rio Blanco County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the Rio Blanco County Historic Courthouse, 555 Main Street, 3rd Floor Commissioner Meeting Room, Meeker, Colorado to consider the following:
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County Court, Rio Blanco County, Colorado, Court Address: 209 E. Main Street, Rangely, CO, 81648
IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF: Adult Alexis Misty Dewitt FOR A CHANGE OF NAME TO: Alexis Misty Pickering
PUBLIC NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Public Notice is given on August 6, 2020 that a Petition for a Change of Name of an Adult has been filed with the Rio Blanco County Court. The petition requests that Alexis Misty Dewitt be changed to Alexis Misty Pickering
By: Škaren S. Wilczek
Clerk of Court/Deputy Clerk
Published: August 20, 27 and September 3, 2020
Rio Blanco Herald Times

**TOWN OF MEEKER
NOTICE OF FINAL CONTRACTOR SETTLEMENT
WATER STREET WATERLINE PROJECT**
Notice is hereby given that on September 15, 2020 at or about 7:00 P.M., during the regular Board of Trustees meeting at the Meeker Town Hall, 345 Market Street, Meeker, Colorado, final settlement will be made to CW Construction and all project subcontractors, including project partners for the 2020 Water Street Waterline project, any person, co-partnership, company, association of persons, or corporation who has an unpaid claim with the companies listed above, as a project subcontractor or project partner, or for labor and materials, or reimbursement for related expenses, may file a verified statement, at any time, up to final settlement, of the amount due with the Town, pursuant to Section 38-26-107, C.R.S., as amended.
Failure on the part of any Claimant to file such verified statement with the Town Board, prior to the final settlement on said contract, will relieve the Town of Meeker from any liability for such Claimant's claim. More information is available at (970)878-5344 or at Town Hall, 345 Market Street, Meeker, CO 81641.
Lisa Cook, Town Manager
Published: September 3 and 10, 2020
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Units 1 and 13 of White River Self Storage, 219 E. Market Street, Meeker, Colorado, will be sold at auction if full payment is not received by September 26th, 2020.
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**TOWN OF DINOSAUR
RESOLUTION NO. 3-2020**
A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF DINOSAUR, COLORADO, SUBMITTING A BALLOT ISSUE TO THE REGISTERED ELECTORS OF THE TOWN OF DINOSAUR, COLORADO, AT THE COORDINATED ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 3, 2020, CONCERNING WHETHER THE TOWN OF DINOSAUR SHOULD INCREASE ITS SPECIAL SALES TAX ON THE SALE OF RETAIL MARIJUANA AND RETAIL MARIJUANA PRODUCTS.
WHEREAS, the 2017 Colorado General Assembly enacted Section 29-2-115, C.R.S. authorizing municipalities to levy a special sales tax upon all sales of retail marijuana and retail marijuana products which must be collected, administered and enforced by such municipalities; and
WHEREAS, on November 7, 2017, the Town's registered electors approved a 5% special sales tax on the sale of retail marijuana and retail marijuana products, effective January 1, 2018; and
WHEREAS, any municipal special sales tax cannot be collected, administered or enforced by the Colorado Department of Revenue, but shall instead be collected, administered, and enforced by the municipality imposing the tax; and
WHEREAS, no municipal special sales tax on retail marijuana and retail marijuana products shall be levied pursuant to Section 29-2-115, C.R.S., until the proposal has been referred to and approved by the eligible electors of the municipality in accordance with the provisions of Article 10 of Title 31, C.R.S., and may be submitted to the eligible electors of the municipality on the date of the State Coordinated Election; and
WHEREAS, the Town Council finds that it is necessary and appropriate to submit a ballot issue to a vote of the registered electors of the Town of Dinosaur at the coordinated election to be held on November 3, 2020, concerning an increase in the Town's special sales tax upon all sales of retail marijuana and retail marijuana products from 5% to 10%; and
WHEREAS, the increase of motor vehicle traffic in Town, pedestrian traffic to other local businesses and the increase in park use and other facilities resulting from marijuana business customers have put a strain on the Town's aging infrastructure, and the Town Council finds and determines that the increased revenue generated by an increase in the special sales tax on retail marijuana and retail marijuana products should be restricted to infrastructure repair, replacement or design which shall include, streets, sidewalks, water and sewer lines and treatment facilities, park facilities and other Town buildings to ensure accessibility and quality of Town services for all residents and visitors.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF DINOSAUR, COLORADO:
Section 1. The following ballot issue shall be submitted to a vote of the registered electors of the Town of Dinosaur at the coordinated election to be held on November 3, 2020:
"SHALL THE TOWN OF DINOSAUR'S TAXES BE INCREASED BY \$1,000,000.00 ANNUALLY (FIRST FULL FISCAL YEAR INCREASE) AND BY WHATEVER ADDITIONAL AMOUNTS ARE RAISED ANNUALLY THEREAFTER, BY INCREASING THE TOWN'S SPECIAL SALES TAX ON RETAIL MARIJUANA AND RETAIL MARIJUANA PRODUCTS FROM 5% TO 10%, AND SHALL THE INCREASED REVENUES FROM SUCH TAX INCREASE BE RESTRICTED TO EXPENDITURES FOR INFRASTRUCTURE REPAIRS, REPLACEMENT OR DESIGN INCLUDING STREETS, SIDEWALKS, WATER AND SEWER LINES AND TREATMENT FACILITIES AND TOWN OWNED BUILDINGS; AND SHALL THE TOWN BE AUTHORIZED TO COLLECT AND SPEND SUCH REVENUES AS A VOTER APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE, NOTWITHSTANDING ANY REVENUES OR EXPENDITURE LIMITATION CONTAINED IN ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION, OR ANY OTHER LAW AS IT CURRENTLY EXISTS OR AS IT MAY BE AMENDED IN THE FUTURE, AND WITHOUT LIMITING IN ANY YEAR THE AMOUNT OF OTHER REVENUES THAT MAY BE COLLECTED AND SPENT BY THE TOWN OF DINOSAUR?"
Yes: _____ o: _____
Section 2. Submission of the above ballot issue to the Town's electors at the November 3, 2020 coordinated election shall constitute a municipal special election. The Moffat County Clerk and Recorder shall be the coordinated election official and shall conduct the election, including the above ballot issue, on behalf of the Town of Dinosaur. The Town of Dinosaur shall enter into an agreement with the Moffat County Clerk and Recorder concerning the conduct and cost of the coordinated election. The Dinosaur Town Clerk is hereby appointed as the designated election official who shall assist the coordinated election official in the manner provided by law.
Section 3. All actions heretofore taken (not inconsistent with the provisions of this Resolution) by the Town and officers thereof, directed toward the election and the objects and purposes herein stated are hereby ratified, approved, and confirmed.
Section 4. The officers and employees of the Town are hereby authorized and directed to take all other actions necessary or appropriate to effectuate the provisions of this Resolution.
INTRODUCED, READ, PASSED, AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Dinosaur, Colorado, held on August 25, 2020.
TOWN OF DINOSAUR, COLORADO
By: Richard Blakley, Mayor
ATTEST: Tamara Long, Town Clerk
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**Meeker Highland Cemetery
Board Meeting of the Board of Directors
265 County Road 4, Meeker, CO 81641
Monday September 10th, 2020 8:30am**
1. Call to order
2. Approve agenda
3. Approve minutes Workshop August 17th and Regular Board meeting August 20th
4. Approve bills and deeds
5. Public Input
6. Old Business
1. Water and sprinkler system
7. New Business
1. CEBT renewal
8. Executive Session 24-6-402(4)(f), C.R.S.
Personnel Needs
9. Staff Updates
10. Adjourn
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Rio Blanco County is seeking a Contractor for the **2020 Rio Blanco County Rangely Roof Projects** in Rangely, Colorado. The intent of this Invitation for Bid is to have a Contractor submit a written response to specifically address the services required to install a new replacement roof on the Rangely Data Building and an overlay membrane roof on the Rangely Airport Hanger Building. The Bid Documents must be received by the County no later than 8:30 A.M..M.T., Monday, September 14, 2020, at 555 Main Street Meeker Colorado 81641. To download a copy of the full IFB Packet please go to the Rio Blanco County website <http://www.rio-blanco.co.us/Bids.aspx>
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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
TOWN OF RANGELY**
The Town of Rangely will hold a public hearing at 7:10 p.m. Tuesday, September 8, 2020 in the Court Room of the Municipal Building at 209 East Main Street, Rangely, Colorado on the following:
Ordinance 692 (2020) AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND REENACTING SECTION 10.14.030 OF THE RANGELY MUNICIPAL CODE, CLARIFYING AND AMENDING APPLICABLE SECTIONS, PROVIDING FOR OPERATOR CERTIFICATION BY THE CHIEF OF POLICE AND PROVIDING NEW PROVISIONS REQUIRING THAT PROTECTIVE HELMETS BE WORN BY OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE OPERATORS UNDER THE AGE OF EIGHTEEN
Ordinance 692 (2020) of the Town of Rangely amending Title 10 of the Rangely Municipal Code adding sections 10.04.020.
All interested citizens and groups are invited to attend and participate in the public hearing.
By: Marybel Cox, Town Clerk
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Vacant Board Seat
RANGELY RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT currently has an opening on its Board of Directors. We are a five-member Board, that meets the 3rd Monday of each month at 7:00 PM at the Firehall. Anyone Interested in serving on this Board, please send a letter of interest to Rangely Rural Fire Protection District, P.O. Box 220, Rangely, CO 81648.
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WHITE RIVER ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION, INC.
Notice of Annual Meeting & Election of Directors
Virtual Annual Meeting at www.wrea.org
September 9, 2020



Please join us for White River Electric Association's (WREA) first ever **Virtual Annual Meeting on Wednesday, September 9, 2020 at 1:00 pm at www.wrea.org**. With the health and wellbeing of our membership in mind, the WREA Board of Directors determined to move from an in-person Annual Meeting to our first ever Virtual Annual Meeting due to the COVID virus. This year's online meeting presentation will be 10-15 minutes in length and include a condensed version of our normal agenda. **The video presentation will be available beginning at 1:00 on Wednesday, September 9, 2020 at www.wrea.org.**

As allowed by our bylaws and Colorado cooperative law, the election will consist solely of mail-in or hand delivered ballots. The appointed election clerks and judges will oversee the counting of ballots and election results on September 9, 2020. Results will be posted on the front door of the WREA office, at www.wrea.org and on the WREA Facebook page.

The names of all members who returned ballots will be entered in a drawing for boxes of meat purchased from the Rio Blanco County Fair livestock sale and winners will be notified following the virtual annual meeting. **All WREA members are invited to pick up their membership gift- a camp chair with the WREA 75th anniversary logo - at Meeker Town Park (5th and Water Street) on Thursday, September 10, 2020 from 4-6 pm or on Monday, September 14, 2020 from 4-6 pm. Pick up details will also be available on the WREA website.** Member participation in the annual meeting is critical to our success. We hope that you participate by mailing in your ballot for the election of two Town of Meeker directors and join us for the online presentation by simply going to www.wrea.org to find the 2020 Annual Meeting link.

The following members have been nominated for election by petition:

Town of Meeker District for a Three-Year Term

- Hal W. Pearce - Incumbent
- Brett W. Dearman
- Bryce R. Ducey

Pursuant to Colorado law and White River Electric's By-Laws, only WREA members are eligible to vote. If a membership is held jointly, only one member may vote per membership. **Please review your membership prior to voting to ensure that your membership is listed correctly.**

Voting Instructions:

You may vote by returning your ballot by mail or hand delivery to WREA. Please find the enclosed yellow ballot and two (2) envelopes for your use. The enclosed ballot has the candidates listed who have been nominated by petition. Please vote for **two** Town of Meeker District Directors. Please place your marked yellow ballot in the first envelope provided to conceal the marking on the ballot. **Then, place the first envelope into the second prepaid mailing envelope, which must be signed where indicated.** Please mail or hand deliver **the signed** envelope to **White River Electric by noon on September 9, 2020. Ballot envelopes that are not signed by the voting member or that do not include both envelopes will be void and the ballot will not be counted.**

Please call WREA at 970-878-5041 if you have any questions about the WREA Annual Meeting or election of Directors.

WHITE RIVER ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION, INC.
(S E A L)

Dated: July 29, 2020

Richard L. Parr, Secretary

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ORDINANCE NO. 1
(Series of 2020)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF DINOSAUR, COLORADO REPEALING AND REENACTING ORDINANCE NO. 3, SERIES OF 2017, THE TOWN'S RETAIL MARIJUANA ESTABLISHMENT ORDINANCE TO CORRECT COLORADO REVISED STATUTE REFERENCES; AND REPEALING AND REENACTING ORDINANCE NO. 2, SERIES OF 2018; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, Section 16 of Article XVIII of the Colorado Constitution (the "Recreational Marijuana Amendment" also known as Amendment 64) permits the personal use of marijuana by persons age twenty-one (21) years of age and older under Colorado law; and WHEREAS, to enact and enforce the provisions of Article XVIII of the Colorado Constitution, the General Assembly enacted the Colorado Retail Marijuana Code, Article 12 of Title 44, C.R.S. ("the Colorado Retail Marijuana Code"); and WHEREAS, in addition, the Colorado Department of Revenue adopted retail marijuana rules ("Retail Marijuana Rules") and the Colorado Retail Marijuana Code and the Retail Marijuana Rules authorize counties and municipalities to determine whether to permit, as a matter of State law, certain retail marijuana business establishments within their jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, as permitted under the Recreational Marijuana Amendment, the Town of Dinosaur's electors voting at the November 8, 2016 general election authorized the establishment and operation of retail marijuana stores, retail cultivation facilities, retail marijuana manufacturing facilities, and retail marijuana testing facilities subject to regulations and requirements adopted by the Dinosaur Town Council as necessary for the proper licensing and administration of such retail marijuana business facilities; and

WHEREAS, the State of Colorado has updated its Retail Marijuana Code since the Town enacted Ordinance No. 3, Series of 2017, and Ordinance No. 2, Series of 2018, and the Town desires to ensure that its Ordinances concerning marijuana establishments conform with State law, and

WHEREAS, the Dinosaur Town Council hereby desires to adopt licensing procedures, rules and regulations governing retail marijuana business establishments; and

WHEREAS, by enacting this Ordinance, the Town does not intend to encourage or promote the establishment of any business or operation, or the commitment of any act, that constitutes or may constitute a violation of State or federal law. As of the date of the enactment of this Ordinance, the use, possession, distribution, and sale of marijuana remains illegal under federal law and those who engage in such activities do so at their own risk of criminal prosecution; and

WHEREAS, the State of Colorado is undergoing a COVID-19 virus pandemic and the Governor of the State of Colorado has declared a health emergency; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council finds and determines that it is necessary and appropriate for retail marijuana stores to provide special hours for senior citizens and those suffering from disabilities to enter retail marijuana stores in order to lessen the chance that those patrons will contract COVID-19 or be required to wait outside the facility in line during hot summer hours.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF DINOSAUR, COLORADO:

Section 1. Purpose. The Town Council intends to regulate the use, acquisition, production and distribution of recreational marijuana in a manner consistent with the Recreational Marijuana Amendment and in accordance with the Colorado Retail Marijuana Code and regulations adopted by the State of Colorado thereunder.

(a) The Colorado Retail Marijuana Code, Article 12 of Title 44, C.R.S., imposes statewide regulations pertaining to the cultivation, manufacture, distribution and sale of retail marijuana and for the licensing of retail marijuana business establishments. Such legislation also permits local licensing of such establishments. However, the State law is not intended to, and does not, address the local impacts of marijuana operations, making it appropriate for local regulation of marijuana establishments.

(b) The use, distribution, cultivation, production, possession and transportation of marijuana remains illegal under federal law, and marijuana is still classified as a "Level 1 Controlled Substance" under federal law. Nothing within this Ordinance is intended to promote or condone the production, use, sale or distribution of retail or recreational marijuana other than in compliance with applicable local and State law and the Colorado Constitution.

(c) This Ordinance is not intended to regulate medical marijuana businesses which are governed by a separate Town Ordinance.

(d) This Ordinance is to be construed to protect the interest of the public over marijuana business interests. Operation of a retail marijuana business establishment is a revocable privilege and not a right within the Town. There is no property right for an individual to have a business to sell marijuana within the Town of Dinosaur.

(e) The purpose of this Ordinance is to implement the Recreational Marijuana Amendment in a manner consistent with Title 44 of Article 12, C.R.S., to protect the health, safety and welfare of the residents of the Town by prescribing the time, place and manner in which retail marijuana businesses may be operated within the Town. In addition, the purpose of this Ordinance is to:

- (1) Provide for the safe sale of retail and recreational marijuana to persons legally permitted to obtain, possess and use marijuana for recreational purposes in accordance with the Recreational Marijuana Amendment;
- (2) Protect public health and safety through reasonable limitations on business operations as they relate to noise, air quality, food safety, public safety, security for the businesses and their personnel, and other health and safety concerns;
- (3) Impose fees in an amount sufficient to cover the direct and indirect cost to the Town of licensing and regulating retail marijuana establishments;
- (4) Allow retail marijuana stores, retail marijuana cultivation facilities, retail marijuana product manufacturing facilities and retail marijuana testing facilities to operate in compliance with this Ordinance; and
- (5) Facilitate the implementation of the Recreational Marijuana Amendment without going beyond the authority granted by such Amendment.

Section 2. Definitions. The following words and phrases used in this Ordinance shall have the following meanings unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

Applicant means a person who has submitted an application to the Dinosaur Local Licensing Authority pursuant to this Ordinance to operate a retail marijuana establishment, which application has not been approved or denied by the Authority.

Advertised, Advertising or Advertisement means the act of drawing the public's attention, whether through print, signs, telephonic, electronic, wireless or digital means, to a retail marijuana establishment or retail marijuana testing facility in order to promote the sale, cultivation, or testing of marijuana by the business.

Business Manager means the individual(s) designated by the owner of a retail marijuana store, retail marijuana cultivation facility, retail marijuana product manufacturing facility, or retail marijuana testing facility who are registered with the Town as the person(s) responsible for all operations of the business during the owner's absence from the business premises.

Character and Record includes all aspects of a person's character and record, including but not limited to, moral character; criminal record including serious traffic offenses; record of previous sanctions against liquor licenses, gambling licenses, retail marijuana licenses, or medical marijuana licenses, which the person owns, in whole or in part, and which the person serves as a principal, manager or employee, education, training, experience; civil judgments entered against the person; truthfulness, honesty; and financial responsibility. The conviction of any person for any offense, shall not, in itself, be grounds for a finding of a bad character and record if such person demonstrates that he/she has been rehabilitated in accordance with Section 24-5-101, C.R.S. In the event the Local Licensing Authority considers information concerning the criminal history of a person, the Local Licensing Authority shall also consider any information provided by an applicant regarding such criminal history records, including but not limited to, evidence of rehabilitation, character references and educational achievements, especially those items pertaining to the period of time between the last criminal conviction and the time of consideration of a license application.

Co-Located Marijuana Business means a medical marijuana center that has a license pursuant to Town Ordinance that is permitted by the owner of the building and all applicable laws, to divide the licensed medical marijuana business to allow for both a medical marijuana center and a retail marijuana store as a separate business premises with separate licenses from the Town within the same footprint and owned by the same person(s) or entity.

Colorado Retail Marijuana Code shall mean Article 12 of Title 44, C.R.S., as the same may be hereafter amended, and any rules or regulations promulgated thereunder.

Good cause, for purpose of denial of an initial, renewal, or reinstatement of a license application, or for the imposition of disciplinary action against an existing licensee shall mean:

- (1) The licensee or applicant has violated, does not meet, or has failed to comply with any of the terms and conditions of this Ordinance or provisions of the Colorado Retail Marijuana Code, any rules promulgated pursuant thereto, or any other supplemental relevant State or local law, rules or regulations; or
- (2) The licensee or applicant has failed to comply with any special terms or conditions that were placed upon its license pursuant to an order of the State Licensing Authority or the Dinosaur Local Licensing Authority; or
- (3) The licensee or applicant has a bad character and record; or
- (4) The licensee's licensed premises has been operated in a manner that adversely affects the public health, safety or welfare of the neighborhood in which the establishment is located.

Good moral character means having a personal history that demonstrates honesty, fairness, and respect for the rights of others and the law, pursuant to Colorado Marijuana Enforcement Division regulations.

License means to grant a license pursuant to the Colorado Retail Marijuana Code and this Ordinance for a retail marijuana store, retail marijuana cultivation facility, retail marijuana product manufacturing facility, or retail marijuana testing facility.

Licensed Premises means the premises specified in an application for a license pursuant to this Ordinance and the Colorado Retail Marijuana Code that is owned by or in possession of the licensee and within which the licensee is authorized to distribute, sell, cultivate, or manufacture marijuana products, or test retail marijuana in accordance with the provisions of the Colorado Retail Marijuana Code.

Licensee shall mean the retail marijuana establishment named on the retail marijuana establishment license, and all individuals named in the initial retail marijuana establishment license application, or individuals later submitted to and approved by the Town, including without limitation, owners, business managers, financiers, and individuals owning any part of an entity that holds a financial or other ownership interest in the retail marijuana establishment.

Local Licensing Authority shall mean the Dinosaur Local Licensing Authority which shall consist of the members of the Dinosaur Town Council.

Marijuana for the purposes of this Ordinance shall have the same meaning as set forth in the Recreational Marijuana Amendment or as may be more fully defined in any applicable State or local law or regulation.

Marijuana Accessories shall have the same meaning as such term is defined in the Recreational Marijuana Amendment.

Marijuana Business shall mean any medical marijuana business as defined by Town Ordinance or retail marijuana establishment as defined in this Ordinance.

Medical Marijuana shall have the same meaning as set forth in Section 14 of Article XVIII of the Colorado Constitution.

Medical Marijuana Business shall include medical marijuana centers, medical marijuana infused products manufacturers, and medical marijuana optional premises cultivation operations as defined in the Colorado Medical Marijuana Code, Article 11 of Title 44, C.R.S.

Operating Fees means fees that may be charged by the Town for costs including but not limited to inspection, administration, and enforcement of regulations governing retail marijuana establishments authorized pursuant to subsection 16(5)(f) of Article XVIII of the Colorado Constitution, the Colorado Retail Marijuana Code, the rules adopted pursuant thereto, and this Ordinance.

Place Open to the General Public shall mean any property owned, leased or used by a public entity, any place of private property open to the public, common areas of buildings, public parks, vehicles, streets, sidewalks, trails, those portions of any public or private property upon which the public has an expressed or implied license to enter or remain, and any place visible from such places. Places open to the general public shall not include any private residential property regardless of whether it can be seen from a place open to the public.

Preschool means a facility that provides preschool programs and services to a school district under the Colorado Preschool Program Act to a majority of the children who attend or are enrolled in that facility.

Residential Childcare Facility shall have the same meaning as set forth in Section 26-6-102(B), C.R.S.

Recreational Marijuana means any marijuana intended for recreational use which meets all of the requirements for recreational marijuana contained in this Ordinance, the Recreational Marijuana Amendment, and any other applicable State or local law.

Retail Marijuana means all parts of the plant of the genus cannabis (hereafter the plant) rather growing or not, the seeds thereof, the resin extracted from any part of the plant, and every compound, manufacture, salt, derivative, mixture, or preparation of the plant, its seeds, or its resin including marijuana concentrate, that is cultivated, manufactured, distributed, or sold by a licensed retail marijuana store. Retail marijuana does not include industrial hemp, nor does it include fiber produced from stalks, oil or cake made from the seeds of the plant, sterilized seed of the plant which is incapable of germination, or any other ingredient combined with marijuana to prepare topical or oral administrations, food, drink, or other products.

Retail Marijuana Cultivation Facility has the same meaning as "marijuana cultivation facility" as defined in Section 16(2)(h) of Article XVIII of the State Constitution.

Retail Marijuana Establishment means a retail marijuana store, a retail marijuana cultivation facility, a retail marijuana products manufacturer, or a retail marijuana testing facility.

Retail Marijuana Products Manufacturer has the same meaning as "marijuana product manufacturing facility" as defined in Section 16(2)(j) of Article XVIII of the State Constitution.

Retail Marijuana Store has the same meaning as defined in Section 16(2)(n) of Article XVIII of the State Constitution.

Retail Marijuana Testing Facility means "marijuana testing facility" as defined in Section 16(2)(l) of Article XVIII of the State Constitution that is licensed pursuant to the Colorado Retail Marijuana Code.

School means a public or private licensed preschool, or a public, private or charter elementary, middle, junior high or high school, vocational school, secondary school, community college, or other institution of higher education.

State Licensing Authority means the authority created for the purpose of regulating and controlling the licensing of the cultivation, manufacture, distribution, and sale of retail marijuana in Colorado, pursuant to Section 44-12-201, C.R.S. of the Colorado Retail Marijuana Code.

Section 3. Licensed Required for Retail Marijuana Establishments. It shall be unlawful to operate a retail marijuana store, a retail marijuana cultivation facility, a retail marijuana product manufacturing facility, or a retail marijuana testing facility within the Town of Dinosaur without first obtaining a Town license to operate pursuant to this Ordinance, and having a validly issued license in good standing from the State of Colorado, and having paid all applicable fees. Any person violating this Section shall be punished by a fine of up to three hundred dollars (\$300.00), or by imprisonment in the Moffat County jail for a period of up to ninety (90) days, or by both such fine and imprisonment. Each day that a violation continues shall be considered a separate and distinct offense.

Section 4. Composition of Local Licensing Authority. The Dinosaur Town Council is hereby designated as the Dinosaur Local Licensing Authority. The Town Council, may be resolution, delegate its authority or a portion of such authority set forth in this Ordinance to a new committee or other designee to act as the Local Licensing Authority.

Section 5. Functions and Powers of Local Licensing Authority.

(a) The Local Licensing Authority shall have the duty and authority pursuant to the Colorado Retail Marijuana Code and this Ordinance to grant or deny an application described in this Ordinance and to levy penalties against a licensee in the manner provided by law.

(b) The Local Licensing Authority shall consider applications for new business premises, transfer of ownership, change of location, licensed premises modification, changes in tradename and any other appropriate application.

(c) The Local Licensing Authority shall have the power to promulgate rules and regulations concerning the procedure for hearings before the Local Licensing Authority.

(d) The Local Licensing Authority shall have the power to require any applicant or licensee to furnish such information to the Authority as may be reasonably necessary in order for the Authority to perform the duties and functions authorized by this Ordinance.

(e) The Local Licensing Authority shall have the power to administer oaths and issue subpoenas to require the presence of persons and the production of papers, books and records at any hearing which the Authority is authorized to conduct. Any subpoena shall be served in the same manner as a subpoena issued by a district court of the State. The Municipal Judge shall have the power and authority to enforce such subpoena.

Section 6. Limitation on the Number of Licenses That May Be Issued Within the Town. A maximum of four (4) retail marijuana store licenses, four (4) retail marijuana cultivation facilities, four (4) retail marijuana product manufacturing facility licenses and four (4) retail marijuana testing facility licenses shall be issued by the Dinosaur Local Licensing Authority. An application for renewal of an existing retail marijuana establishment license shall receive a preference over an application for a new retail marijuana establishment license if the existing business has substantially met all of the requirements of this Ordinance and the Colorado Retail Marijuana Code during the previous license term and is in good standing.

Section 7. Issuance of Initial Licenses. On or before August 10, 2017, the Town Clerk shall publish a notice that the Town is accepting applications for retail marijuana establishment licenses. Said notice shall establish a deadline for the Town's acceptance of such applications. The Town Clerk shall initially review such applications for completeness. In the event the Town Clerk finds that an application is incomplete, the Town Clerk shall notify the applicant in writing of the application deficiencies and allow the applicant to correct such deficiencies within fifteen (15) days from the date of receiving such notice. The Town Clerk shall then forward the applications to the Dinosaur Local Licensing Authority for further processing and review. The Local Licensing Authority shall then finally determine the sufficiency of the license applications and the eligibility of the applicants to hold a retail marijuana establishment license. If more valid license applications of the same classification are received by the Local Licensing Authority than authorized by this Ordinance, and the Local Licensing Authority is not permitted to approve all of the sufficient applications reviewed because of the limitations set forth in Section 6, the Local Licensing Authority shall establish a date and time for selecting by lot the priority of the sufficient applications permitted by this Section. The Local Licensing Authority shall then proceed to issue the licenses applied for to the successful applicants.

Section 8. Permitted Locations. All retail marijuana establishment licenses shall be issued for a specific location which shall be designated as the licensed premises. Retail marijuana establishment licenses shall not be permitted in any Residential Zone District. Retail marijuana stores shall only be permitted in the Commercial Zone District. Retail cultivation facilities shall only be allowed in the Industrial Zone District. Retail marijuana product manufacturing facilities shall only be allowed in the Industrial Zone District. Retail marijuana testing facilities shall only be allowed in the Industrial Zone District.

Section 9. Buffering Requirements. Retail marijuana establishments must satisfy the following minimum distance requirements from the described uses below. Prior to issuing a retail marijuana establishment license, the Local Licensing Authority shall confirm that the proposed licensed premises boundaries meet the buffering requirements.

(a) **Distance from Schools.** Retail marijuana establishments shall be located a minimum of one thousand feet (1,000') from schools, as measured from the nearest property boundary of such school uses to the boundaries of the proposed licensed premises.

(b) **Distance from Residential Childcare Facilities.** Retail marijuana establishments shall be located a minimum of eight hundred feet (800') from licensed residential childcare facilities, as measured from the nearest property boundary of such uses to the boundaries of the proposed licensed premises.

(c) **Distance from Parks.** Retail marijuana establishments shall be located a minimum of eight hundred feet (800') from any public park, as measured from the nearest property boundary of such parks to the boundary of the licenses premises.

(d) Once the retail marijuana establishment license is issued, the Town will not preclude a school, residential child care facility or park from locating within a buffer zone. A retail marijuana establishment may then continue to operate at its present location. If a sensitive use later locates within the applicable buffer zone, however, the licensee does so at its own risk, and the issued license provides no protection or indemnification against enforcement of federal or other applicable laws prohibiting the operation of a retail marijuana establishment near a school or residential childcare facility.

(e) No retail marijuana establishment shall be located in a movable or mobile vehicle or structure and no retail marijuana products shall be delivered in the Town unless such delivery is specifically permitted by Colorado law.

Section 10. General Licensing Conditions.

(a) Except as specifically provided herein, the issuance of a license for a retail marijuana establishment by the Town shall be subject to compliance with all provisions of Section 44-12-309, C.R.S.

(b) The license requirements set forth in this Ordinance shall be in addition to, and not in lieu of, any other licensing and permitting requirements imposed by any other federal, State or local law, including by way of example, a retail sales license, an occupation tax license, an excise tax license, a retail food establishment license, or any applicable zoning, land use or building permits.

(c) The issuance of a license pursuant to this Ordinance does not create a defense, exception or provide immunity to any person in regard to any potential criminal liability a person may have for the production, distribution or possession of marijuana.

(d) A separate license shall be required for each location from which a retail marijuana establishment is operated. A separate license shall be required for each specific business or business entity, for each geographical location and for each co-located retail marijuana establishment.

(e) The submission of an application for the issuance of a license under this Ordinance from the Town shall act as acknowledgement and agreement by the applicant or the licensee that the sale of marijuana continues to be subject to the control and jurisdiction of the federal government and actions taken by the federal government under the federal laws and regulations may limit or invalidate any license issued by the Town or the licensee's ability to own or operate a retail marijuana establishment in the Town.

Section 11. License Application Requirements.

(a) **Start Date.** The Local Licensing Authority shall receive and process all applications for retail marijuana establishment licenses beginning on August 24, 2017.

(b) **Application Materials.** An application for a retail marijuana establishment license shall be made on forms provided by the Town Clerk for such purposes. The applicant shall use the application to demonstrate its compliance with the provisions of this Ordinance and other applicable laws, rules or regulations. In addition to general information required of standard applications, the application shall require the following information:

(1) Name and address of the owner or owners of the proposed retail marijuana establishment and whose name the license is proposed to be issued.

A. If the proposed owner is a corporation, then the application shall include the name and address of all officers and directors of the corporation, and of any person holding any financial interest in the corporation, whether as a result of the issuance of stock, instruments of indebtedness, or otherwise, including disclosure information pertaining to bank, savings and loan associations or other commercial lender which has loaned funds to the applicant.

B. If the proposed owner is a partnership, association or limited liability company, the application shall include the name and address of all partners, members, managers or persons holding any financial interest in the partnership, association or limited liability company, including those holding an interest as the result of instruments of indebtedness or otherwise including disclosure of information pertaining to a bank, savings and loan association, or other commercial lender which has loaned funds to the applicant.

C. If the owner is not a natural person, the application shall include copies of the organizational documents for all entities identified in the application and the contact information for the person that is authorized to represent the entity or entities.

(2) Name and address of the proposed business manager(s) of the retail marijuana establishment, if the business manager is proposed to be someone other than the owner, or if the owner is an entity rather than a natural person.

(3) A statement indicating whether any of the named owners, members, business managers, parties with a financial interest, or persons named on the application have been:

A. Denied an application for a medical marijuana business license or retail marijuana establishment license pursuant to any state or local licensing law, rule or regulation, or had such license suspended or revoked.

B. Denied an application for a liquor license pursuant to Article 3 or 4 of Title 44, C.R.S., or by any similar state or local licensing law, rule, regulation or had such license suspended or revoked.

C. Convicted, entered a plea nolo contendere, or entered a plea of guilty in conjunction with a deferred judgment and sentence pertaining to any charge related to possession, use, or possession with intent to distribute narcotics, drugs or controlled substances.

D. Convicted, entered a plea of nolo contendere, or entered a plea of guilty in conjunction with a deferred judgment and sentence pertaining to any charge related to driving or operating a motor vehicle while under the influence or while impaired by alcohol or controlled substances.

E. Convicted, entered a plea of nolo contendere, or entered a plea of guilty in conjunction with a deferred judgment and sentence pertaining to any felony.

F. Convicted, entered a plea of nolo contendere, or entered a plea of guilty in conjunction with a deferred judgment and sentence pertaining to a serious traffic offense which means any driving offense carrying eight (8) points or greater under Section 42-2-127, C.R.S. or the substantial equivalent of such events in any other state.

(4) Proof that the Applicant will have ownership or legal possession of the premises proposed for the retail marijuana establishment for the term of the proposed license. If the premises is not owned by the applicant, such proof of possession shall include a signed statement from the landlord or owner of the premises consenting to the use of the property for the purposes of operating a retail marijuana establishment. If the property is subject to a declaration of covenants and restrictions and an owners' association, a signed statement from the owners' association consenting to the use of the property for a retail marijuana establishment shall be provided.

(5) Proof of Insurance as follows:

A. Workers compensation insurance to cover obligations imposed by the Workers Compensation Act of Colorado and any other applicable laws for any employee engaged in the performance of work related to the operation of the retail marijuana establishment and

B. Comprehensive general liability insurance with minimum single limits of one million dollars (\$1,000,000.00) each occurrence and two million dollars (\$2,000,000.00) aggregate, applicable to all premises and operations.

(6) An operating plan for the proposed retail marijuana establishment including the following information:

A. A description of the products and services to be sold or provided by the retail marijuana establishment.

B. A dimensioned floor plan of the proposed premises clearly labeled, showing:

i. the layout of the structure and the floorplan in which the retail marijuana establishment will be located including information sufficient to prove compliance with ventilation, security and other structural requirements contained therein;

ii. the principle uses of the floor area depicted on the floorplan including but not limited to storage areas, retail sales areas and restricted areas where marijuana will be stored and located; and

iii. areas where any services other than the cultivation, distribution or sale of retail marijuana is proposed to occur on the licensed premises.

(7) For a retail marijuana testing facility or retail marijuana products manufacturing facility, a plan that specifies all means to be used for extraction, heating, washing, or otherwise changing the form of the marijuana plant, or the testing of any marijuana, and verification of compliance with all applicable State and local laws for ventilation and safety measures for each process.

(8) The maximum amount of retail marijuana or retail marijuana products that may be on the business premises at any one time.

(9) A security plan indicating how the applicant will comply with the requirements of this Ordinance and any other applicable law, rule or regulation. The applicant may submit the portions of such security plan which include trade secrets or specialized security arrangements confidentially. The Town will not disclose the documents appropriately submitted under the Colorado Open Records Act, Sections 24-72-201 et. seq., C.R.S. if they constitute confidential trade secrets or specialized security arrangements to any party other than law enforcement agencies, unless compelled to do so by court order. Any document that the applicant considers eligible for protection under the Colorado Open Records Act shall be clearly marked as confidential and the reasons for such confidentiality shall be stated on the document.

(10) A lighting plan showing the illumination of the outside area of the retail marijuana establishment for security purposes.

(11) A vicinity map drawn to scale, indicating within a radius of one-quarter (1/4) mile from the boundaries of the property upon which the retail marijuana establishment is to be located, the proximity of the property to any school, residential childcare facility, or public park, or to any other facility identified in this Ordinance that requires a distance separation from licensed retail marijuana establishments.

(12) Fingerprints and personal histories for all owners and parties having a financial interest in the proposed retail marijuana establishment as defined in this Ordinance. All such individuals shall be subject to a criminal background check in conjunction with the license application and review.

(13) A plan for disposal of any retail marijuana or product that is not sold or is contaminated in a manner that protects any portion thereof from being possessed or ingested by a person or animal.

(14) A plan for ventilation that describes the ventilating systems that will be used to prevent any odor of marijuana from extending beyond the premises of the business. Carbon filtration is strongly encouraged by the Town.

(15) A description of all toxic, flammable or other materials regulated by the federal or State government that would have authority over the business if it was not a retail marijuana establishment, that will be used, kept or created at the retail marijuana establishment and the location where such materials will be stored.

(16) An application for a retail marijuana establishment license shall be accompanied by the application fee, operational fee, criminal background fee, together with any other applicable fees that may be established by resolution of the Town Council. If the application is not approved, one-half (1/2) of the application fee and one-half (1/2) of the operational fee shall be refunded to the applicant.

Section 12. Inspection Required. An inspection of the proposed retail marijuana establishment by the Town and the fire protection district shall be required prior to issuance of a license. Such inspection shall occur after the premises are ready for operation, but prior to the stocking of the business with any retail marijuana or marijuana products, and prior to the opening of the business to the public. The purpose of the inspection is to verify that the business facilities are constructed and can be operated in accordance with the application submitted, the applicable requirements of this Ordinance, and any other applicable law, rule or regulation such as building codes.

Section 13. Issuance of License. The Dinosaur Local Licensing Authority shall not issue a retail marijuana establishment license until the inspection, background checks, and all other information available to the Town have been found to verify that the applicant:

(a) Has submitted a full and complete application;

(1) Has made improvements to the business premises consistent with the application;

(2) Is prepared to operate the business with the owners and business managers as set forth in the application, all in compliance with the provisions of this Ordinance and any other applicable law, rule or regulation;

(3) Has paid all required fees; and

(4) Is otherwise in compliance with all other provisions of this Ordinance and any other applicable ordinances of the Town of Dinosaur and the Colorado Retail Marijuana Code.

Section 14. Release of Information. Any signature on an application for the issuance, transfer or modification of a license for a retail marijuana establishment or for a change in business manager or other amendment to the license shall constitute a release for purposes of allowing the Town to conduct investigations regarding the personal histories and character of all interested parties and shall constitute a consent to the release of any information obtained by the Town through such process as a public record under the Colorado Open Records Act, including, but not limited to, criminal history reports conducted by the Town or any other authorized agency and all financial disclosures obtained by the Town or any other entity.

Section 15. License Fees and Charges. Applicants for new retail marijuana establishment licenses or existing licensees shall pay the following fees:

New application for retail marijuana store	\$5,000.00 (1/2 of such license fee shall be refunded to applicant if application is withdrawn or if license is not issued by the Town)
New license for retail marijuana cultivation facility	\$4,000.00 (1/2 of such license fee shall be refunded to applicant if application is withdrawn or if license is not issued by the Town)
New license for retail marijuana manufacturing facility	\$4,000.00 (1/2 of such license fee shall be refunded to applicant if application is withdrawn or if license is not issued by the Town)
New license for retail marijuana testing facility	\$3,000.00 (1/2 of such license fee shall be refunded to applicant if application is withdrawn or if license is not issued by the Town)
Renewal of existing retail marijuana establishment license	\$2,500.00
Annual Operating Fee	\$2,000.00 (1/2 of such operational fee shall be refunded if initial application is withdrawn or if initial license is not issued by Town)
Change in Direct Beneficial Interest Owners (Change of Ownership Structure)	\$2,500.00
Transfer of Ownership	\$5,000.00

The fees above apply to each license issued, and a business with multiple locations in the Town must pay separate fees for each location. The appropriate fees must be paid in conjunction with any application or request before the Town will process or act upon forms submitted. Except as indicated above, all fees are non-refundable in the entirety. No fees previously paid by a licensee in connection with a license shall be refunded if the licensee's license is subsequently suspended or revoked.

Section 16. Persons Prohibited as Licensees and Business Managers.

The criteria for determination of those persons who are not eligible to receive a retail marijuana establishment license or to act as a business manager of such an establishment shall be as provided in this Ordinance and in Section 44-12-306, C.R.S.

(a) No license approval provided by this Ordinance shall be issued to or held by:

- (1) Any person whose criminal history indicates the person is not of good moral character;
- (2) Any corporation, any of whose officers', directors' or stockholders' criminal histories and record indicate such person is not of good moral character;
- (3) Any partnership, association, or company, any of whose officers', or any of whose members', criminal histories and record indicate such person is not of good moral character;
- (4) Any person employing, assisted by, or financed in whole or in part by any other person whose criminal history and record indicate such person is not of good moral character;
- (5) Any cooperative association, any of whose officers', directors', or stockholders' or members' criminal histories and record indicate that such person is not of good moral character;
- (6) A person under twenty-one (21) years of age;
- (7) A person approved pursuant to this Ordinance who, during a period of licensure or approval, or who, at the time of application, has failed to:
 - A. File any tax return with a taxing agency related to the operation of a retail marijuana establishment or medical marijuana establishment;
 - B. Pay any taxes, interest, or penalties due to a taxing agency relating to the operation of a retail marijuana establishment or medical marijuana establishment.
- (8) A person who:
 - A. Has discharged a sentence for a conviction of a felony in the five (5) years immediately preceding his or her application date; or
 - B. Has discharged a sentence for a conviction of a felony pursuant to any State or federal law regarding the possession, distribution, manufacturing, cultivation, or use of a controlled substance in the ten (10) years immediately preceding his or her application date or five (5) years from May 28, 2013, whichever is longer;

except that the Local Licensing Authority may grant a license to a person if the person has a State felony conviction based on possession or use of marijuana or marijuana concentrate that would be a felony if the person were convicted of the offense on the date he or she applied for a license;

(9) A person who employs another person at a retail marijuana establishment who has not submitted fingerprints for a criminal history record check or whose criminal history record check reveals that the person is ineligible;

(10) A sheriff, deputy sheriff, police officer, or prosecuting officer, or an officer or employee of the State Licensing Authority or the Local Licensing Authority;

(11) A person applying for a license for a location that is currently licensed as a retail food establishment or wholesale food registrant; or a publicly traded company.

(b) In investigating the qualifications of an applicant or a licensee, the Local Licensing Authority may have access to criminal history record information furnished by a criminal justice agency subject to any restrictions imposed by such agency. In the event the Local Licensing Authority considers the applicant's criminal history record, the Local Licensing Authority shall also consider any information provided by the applicant regarding such criminal history record, including but not limited to, evidence of rehabilitation, character references, and educational achievements, especially those items pertaining to the time between the applicant's last criminal conviction and the consideration of the application for a retail marijuana establishment license. As used in this Section, "criminal justice agency" means any federal, State or municipal court or any governmental agency or subunit of such agency that administers criminal justice pursuant to a statute or executive order and that allocates a substantial part of its annual budget to the administration of criminal justice.

(c) The focus of the inquiry into the character and record of any person associated with the operation of a retail marijuana establishment shall be whether the person's character is such that violations of State law or municipal ordinances pertaining to the possession and distribution of marijuana and/or the operation of retail marijuana establishments would be likely to result if a license were granted.

(d) A direct beneficial interest owner who is a natural person must either:

- (1) Have been a resident of Colorado for at least one (1) year prior to the date of the application; or
- (2) Be a United States citizen prior to the date of the application. A retail marijuana business may be comprised of an unlimited number of direct beneficial interest owners that have been residents of Colorado for at least one (1) year prior to the date of application. A retail marijuana business that is comprised of one (1) or more direct beneficial interest owners who have not been Colorado residents for at least one (1) year prior to submittal of the application shall have at least one (1) officer who has been a Colorado resident for at least one (1) year prior to submittal of the application and all officers with day to day operational control over the business must become Colorado residents for at least one (1) year prior to the submittal of the application. A retail marijuana business is limited to no more than fifteen (15) direct beneficial interest owners, including all parent and subsidiary entities, all of whom are natural persons. A direct beneficial interest owner that is a closely held business entity must consist entirely of natural persons who are United States citizens prior to the date of the application, including all parent and subsidiary entities.

(3) A retail marijuana business may include qualified institutional investors that own thirty percent (30%) or less of the retail marijuana business.

(4) A person who intends to apply as a direct beneficial interest owner and who is not a Colorado resident for at least one (1) year prior to the date of the application shall first submit a request to the State Licensing Authority for a finding of suitability as a direct beneficial interest owner. The person shall receive a finding of suitability prior to submitting an application to the State Licensing Authority to be a direct beneficial interest owner. Failure to receive a finding of suitability prior to application shall be grounds for denial by the State Licensing Authority or Local Licensing Authority.

(5) The State Licensing Authority shall perform a limited initial background check on qualified limited passive investors. If the initial background check provides reasonable cause for additional investigation, the State Licensing Authority may require a full background check. The State Licensing Authority shall review the retail marijuana business's operating documents to ensure compliance with this Section.

(6) For the purposes of this subsection, unless the context otherwise requires, "institutional investor" means:

- A. An employee benefit plan or pension fund that is subject to the federal "Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974", as amended, excluding an employee benefit plan or pension funds sponsored by a licensee or an intermediary holding company licensee that directly or indirectly owns five percent (5%) or more of a licensee;
- B. A State or federal government pension plan;
- C. A group comprised entirely of persons specified above; or
- D. Any other entity identified through rule by the State Licensing Authority.

Section 17. Issuance or Denial of Approval.

(a) In determining whether to issue an approval of an application for possible granting of a license in accordance with Section 7, the Local Licensing Authority may consider the following:

- (1) Whether the application is complete and signed by the applicant;
- (2) Whether the applicant has paid the application fee and the annual operating fee;
- (3) Whether the application complies with all of the requirements of this Ordinance, the Colorado Retail Marijuana Code, and rules promulgated by the State Licensing Authority;
- (4) Whether the application contains any material misrepresentations;
- (5) Whether the proposed retail marijuana establishment complies with the Town's zoning ordinance. The Local Licensing Authority shall make specific findings of fact with respect to whether the building in which the proposed retail marijuana business will be located conforms to the distance requirements set forth in Section 9 of this Ordinance;
- (6) The facts and evidence adduced as a result of its investigation as well as any other facts and any other pertinent matters affecting the qualifications of the applicant for the conduct of the type of business proposed;

(b) The Local Licensing Authority may deny the approval of an application for good cause as defined in Colorado Retail Marijuana Code.

(c) The Local Licensing Authority may impose reasonable conditions upon any license approval or renewal issued pursuant to this Ordinance.

(d) After the initial granting of a retail marijuana business license, if such license becomes available for issuance to another licensee, the Town Clerk shall publish the availability of the license and assign priority by lot to each completed application approved by the Local Licensing Authority received within thirty (30) days following action of the Local Licensing Authority.

(e) No person, person associated with a business entity, or business entity shall own, operate, manage, control or hold any interest in more than one (1) retail marijuana establishment in the Town. Retail cultivation license approval shall not be subject to this limit if the licensee holds or has successfully applied for a retail marijuana store license.

(f) The Local Licensing Authority shall issue its decision approving or denying the application within thirty (30) days following completion of the application investigation by Town staff. The decision shall be in writing, shall state the reasons for the decision, and a copy of the decision shall be mailed by certified mail to the applicant at the address shown on the application.

(g) The Town Clerk shall not issue a certificate of approval nor notify the State Licensing Authority of an approval until the applicant has been issued a license by the Local Licensing Authority in accordance with the applicant's priority by lot.

Section 18. Contents and Display of Approval. The approved licensee shall post the certificate of approval by the Local Licensing Authority in a conspicuous location on the premises. A retail marijuana establishment approval shall contain the following information:

(a) Type of Approval:

- (1) Type of approval;
- (2) The name of the licensee;
- (3) The date of issuance of the approval;
- (4) The street address at which the licensee is authorized to operate the retail marijuana establishment;
- (5) Any conditions of approval imposed upon the license by the Local Licensing Authority;
- (6) The date of expiration of the approval; and
- (7) The signature of the Town Clerk.

Section 19. Transfer of Ownership/Changes in Ownership Structure.

(a) A license granted under the provisions of this Ordinance is not transferable except as provided in this Section, but this Section does not prevent a change of location as provided in Section 20.

(b) For a transfer of ownership, a license holder shall apply to the State Licensing Authority on forms prepared and furnished by the State Licensing Authority. Upon receipt of an application for transfer of ownership, the State Licensing Authority shall submit, within seven (7) days, a copy of the application to the Local Licensing Authority to determine whether the transfer complies with local restrictions on transfer of ownership. In determining whether to permit a transfer of ownership, the State Licensing Authority shall consider only the requirements of Article 12 of Title 44, C.R.S., any rules promulgated by the State Licensing Authority and any local restrictions. The Local Licensing Authority may hold a hearing on the application for a transfer of ownership. However, the Local Licensing Authority shall not hold a hearing pursuant to this subsection until the Local Licensing Authority has posted a notice of hearing in the manner described in Section 44-12-302(1), C.R.S. on the licensed premises for a period of ten (10) days and has provided notice of the hearing to the applicant at least ten (10) days prior to the hearing. The Local Licensing Authority shall then approve or reject the proposed transfer of ownership.

(c) Changes in direct beneficial interest owners or a change in ownership structure that do not result in a person increasing that person's interest from less than ten percent (10%) to more than ten percent (10%) shall be reported to the Local Licensing Authority and may be approved administratively by the Town Clerk.

Section 20. Change of Location.

(a) A licensee may move its permanent location to another location in the Town, but it shall be unlawful to cultivate, manufacture, distribute, or sell retail marijuana at any such place until permission to do so is granted by the Local Licensing Authority and the State Licensing Authority.

(b) In permitting a change of location, the Local Licensing Authority shall consider all reasonable restrictions that are or may be placed on the new location and any such new location shall comply with all requirements of this Ordinance, the Town's Zoning Ordinance, the Colorado Retail Marijuana Code, and rules promulgated by the State Licensing Authority.

(c) The Local Licensing Authority shall not authorize a change of location until the applicant produces a license issued and granted by the State Licensing Authority covering the period for which the change of location is sought.

Section 21. Suspension or Revocation of a License.

(a) A license approval granted pursuant to this Ordinance may be suspended or revoked by the Local Licensing Authority or a hearing officer appointed by the Local Licensing Authority after a hearing for the following reasons:

- (1) Fraud, misrepresentation, or a false statement of material fact contained in the license application;
- (2) Any violation of a Town ordinance or State law pertaining to the operation of a retail marijuana establishment or a medical marijuana business, including regulations adopted by the State Licensing Authority, for the possession or distribution of marijuana or manufacturing of retail marijuana products;
- (3) A violation of any of the terms and conditions of its license;
- (4) A violation of any of the provisions of this Ordinance;
- (5) Failure to pay sales taxes, occupation taxes, excise taxes or operational fees to the State of Colorado or the Town of Dinosaur when due and owing.

(b) In deciding whether a retail marijuana establishment license should be suspended or revoked, and in deciding whether to impose conditions in the event of a suspension, the Local Licensing Authority shall consider:

- (1) The nature and severity of the violation;
- (2) Corrective action, if any, taken by the licensee;
- (3) Prior violation(s), if any, by the licensee;
- (4) The likelihood of a recurrence of the violation;
- (5) The circumstances of the violation;
- (6) Whether the violation was willful; and
- (7) Previous sanctions if any imposed on the licensee.

(c) The provisions of Part 6 of the Colorado Retail Marijuana Code shall govern proceedings for the suspension or revocation of a license granted pursuant to this Ordinance. The Local Licensing Authority may not impose a fine in lieu of a suspension as authorized under the provisions of the Colorado Retail Marijuana Code.

Section 22. Operational Requirements.

(a) Retail marijuana stores may only be open to the public between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. daily, and no sale or other distribution of marijuana may occur upon the premises outside of those hours. A licensed cultivation facility or its contracted agent may deliver marijuana and marijuana products to retail stores on any day and at any time except between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. Retail marijuana cultivation facilities, retail marijuana product manufacturing facilities and retail marijuana testing facilities may conduct business operations on the licensed premises at any time.

(b) A retail marijuana establishment shall be operated and maintained strictly in accordance with the license application.

(c) All retail marijuana establishments shall collect and remit all applicable State, County and Town sales taxes, occupation taxes, excise taxes or other lawfully imposed tax in a timely manner.

(d) No marijuana or products containing marijuana shall be smoked, eaten or otherwise consumed or ingested within the retail marijuana establishment.

(e) No person under twenty-one (21) years of age shall be allowed within the business premises of a retail marijuana establishment. No person shall be allowed entry into the business premises without showing a valid photo identification in accordance with the requirements of the Colorado Retail Marijuana Code.

(f) Any and all possession, storage, display or sales or other distribution of marijuana and testing of marijuana shall occur only within the restricted area of a retail marijuana establishment or retail marijuana testing facility and shall not be visible from the exterior of the business.

(g) Each licensee shall manage the licensed premises himself or herself or employ a separate business manager on the premises. The licensee shall report any change in business manager to the Town within seven (7) days after the change.

(h) For all retail marijuana establishments, the odor of marijuana must not be perceptible at the exterior of the building containing the licensed premises or at any adjoining use of the property. Retail marijuana cultivation facilities must implement appropriate ventilation and filtration systems to satisfy this odor nuisance standard. Retail marijuana stores, retail marijuana product manufacturing facilities, and retail marijuana testing facilities are not required to install filtration equipment on the licensed premises but must satisfy these odor threshold requirements. While the Town does not mandate any particular equipment specifications with regard to filtration, all retail marijuana establishments are strongly encouraged to adopt best management practices with regard to implementing state of the art technologies in mitigating marijuana odor, such as air scrubbers and charcoal filtration systems.

(i) Retail marijuana product manufacturing facilities and retail marijuana testing facilities shall include appropriate ventilation systems to mitigate noxious gases or other fumes used or created as a part of the production.

(j) Outdoor cultivation, preparation or purchasing of marijuana or marijuana products is strictly prohibited.

(k) Areas in which marijuana is grown in retail marijuana cultivation facilities shall be equipped with green lights, or an equivalent means of illumination, to enable access and inspection during dark cycles.

(l) A retail marijuana store may not sell more than one (1) ounce of retail marijuana or its equivalent in retail marijuana products including retail marijuana concentrate, except for non-edible, non-psychoactive retail marijuana products, including ointments, lotions, balms and other non-transdermal topical products to the same person within a twenty-four (24) hour period. The licensee shall develop a tracking system to ensure that this requirement is complied with.

(m) Prior to initiating a sale, the employee of a retail marijuana store making the sale shall verify that the purchaser has a valid photo identification card showing the purchaser is twenty-one (21) years of age or older. If a person under twenty-one (21) years of age presents a fraudulent proof of age, any action relying on the fraudulent proof of age shall not be grounds for the revocation or suspension of any license issued under this Ordinance. If a retail marijuana store licensee or employee has reasonable cause to believe that a person is under twenty-one (21) years of age and is exhibiting fraudulent proof of age in an attempt to obtain any retail marijuana or marijuana infused products, the licensee or employees are authorized to confiscate such fraudulent proof of age, if possible, and shall, within seventy-two (72) hours after the confiscation, remit the same to a State or local law enforcement agency. The failure to confiscate such fraudulent proof of age or to remit the same to a State or local law enforcement agency within seventy-two (72) hours after the confiscation does not constitute a criminal offense. If a retail marijuana store licensee or employee believes that a person is under twenty-one (21) years of age and is exhibiting fraudulent proof of age in an attempt to obtain any retail marijuana or retail marijuana infused products, the licensee or employee or any peace officer, acting in good faith and upon probable cause based upon reasonable grounds therefor, may detain and question such person in a reasonable manner for the purpose of ascertaining whether a person is guilty of any unlawful act regarding the purchase of retail marijuana. The questioning of a person by the licensee or an employee does not render the licensee or the employee civilly or criminally liable for slander, false arrest, false imprisonment, malicious prosecution, or unlawful detention.

(n) The retail marijuana establishment shall not maintain any quantity of marijuana within the licensed premises in excess of the amount stated on the license application to the Town.

(o) Any sale of retail marijuana shall be made in person, directly to the purchaser, within the restricted area of the retail marijuana establishment. No sale shall be made by a telephone, internet or other means of remote purchase. Delivery shall occur only in person to the purchaser at the time of purchase within the restricted area of the retail marijuana establishment.

(p) It shall be unlawful for any retail marijuana establishment to employ any person who is not at least twenty-one (21) years of age. All business managers and employees of any licensee shall possess a valid occupational license and identification badge issued by the State of Colorado.

(q) All retail marijuana sold or otherwise distributed by the licensee shall be packaged and labeled in a manner that advises the purchaser that it contains marijuana, specifies the amount of marijuana in the product, and that the marijuana is intended for use solely by a person lawfully entitled to possess retail marijuana. The label shall be in compliance with all applicable requirements of the State of Colorado.

(r) All retail marijuana testing facilities shall operate in compliance with all applicable State laws and regulations adopted pursuant to such laws including but not limited to Section 44-12-105, C.R.S.

(s) Retail marijuana stores are encouraged to provide customers with the contact information for local drug abuse treatment centers as well as educational materials regarding the hazards of substance abuse.

(t) No firearms, knives, or other weapons shall be permitted in a retail marijuana store except those carried by sworn peace officers, those persons having concealed weapons permits, and those carried by security personnel hired by the retail marijuana establishment.

(u) Marijuana shall not be consumed or used on the premises of a retail marijuana store and it shall be unlawful for a retail marijuana store licensee to allow marijuana to be consumed upon its licensed premises. In the case of a retail marijuana store located in a structure with a legal secondary unit or other legal dwelling unit, the dwelling unit shall not be considered part of the retail marijuana store premises if access to the dwelling unit is prohibited to the retail marijuana store customers.

(v) The Dinosaur Town Marshal or other appropriate Town employee shall report to the Town Clerk all violations of this Ordinance and other applicable State and local laws and the Town Clerk shall maintain a record of each license issued and record the reports of the violations in such records.

Section 23. Requirements Relating to Monitoring and Security of Restricted Areas and Inventory.

(a) All components of the security plan submitted with the application, as it may be amended, shall be in good working order, monitored and secured twenty-four (24) hours per day. A separate security system is required for each business. A security plan must include, at a minimum, the following security measures:

(1) Cameras. Retail marijuana establishments shall include and use color security cameras to monitor and record all areas of the premises (excluding restrooms), including all areas where persons may gain or attempt to gain access to marijuana or cash maintained by the retail marijuana establishment. Cameras shall record operations of the business to an off-site location, and shall record all potential areas of ingress or egress to the business with sufficient detail to identify facial features and clothing. Recordings from security cameras shall be maintained by the licensee for a minimum of forty (40) days in a secure off-site location in the Town or through a service over a network that provides on-demand access, commonly referred to as a "cloud".

(2) Storage. The retail marijuana establishment shall install and use a safe room or safe anchored to a wall or floor for storage of any inventory, processed marijuana and cash on the premises when the business is closed to the public. Safe rooms shall be incorporated into the building structure and shall have solid core doors with commercial grade locks and shall be visible through the surveillance camera system. For retail marijuana products that must be kept refrigerated or frozen, the business may lock the refrigerated container or freezer in a manner authorized by the Town in place of the use of a safe so long as the container is affixed to the building structure and visible through the surveillance camera system.

(3) Alarm system. The retail marijuana establishment shall install and use an alarm system that is monitored by a company that is staffed twenty-four (24) hours a day, seven (7) days a week. The security plan submitted to the Town shall identify the company monitoring the alarm system, including contact information. Any modification relative to the company monitoring the alarm system shall be reported to the Town within seventy-two (72) hours.

Section 24. Signage and Advertising.

(a) A retail marijuana establishment may not advertise in a manner that is misleading, deceptive, false or is designed to appeal to minors.

(b) Except as otherwise provided in this Section, it shall be unlawful for any person licensed under this Ordinance or any other person to advertise any retail marijuana establishment or any retail marijuana infused product anywhere within the Town where the advertisement is in plain view of, or in, a place open to the general public, including advertising and using any of the following media: any billboard or other outdoor general advertising device; any sign mounted on a vehicle; any handheld or other portable sign; or any hand bill, leaflet or flyer directly handed to any person in a public place, left upon a motor vehicle, or posted upon any public or private property. The prohibition set forth in this Section shall not apply to:

(1) Any sign located on the licensed premises of a retail marijuana establishment which exists solely for the purpose of identifying the location of the premises and which otherwise complies with this Ordinance and any other applicable Town laws and regulations; or
 (2) Any advertisement contained within a newspaper, magazine, or other periodical of general circulation within the Town or on the internet.
 (c) No retail marijuana establishments shall distribute or allow the distribution of any marijuana without charge within a retail marijuana establishment or at any other place in the Town for purposes of promotion, advertising, or any other similar purpose.

Section 25. Right of Entry-Records to be Maintained and Inspection Procedures.
 (a) Each licensee of a retail marijuana establishment shall keep and maintain a complete set of books of accounting, invoices, copies of orders and sales, shipping receipts, bills of lading, correspondence, and all other records necessary to fully document the business transactions of such licensee. The licensee shall also maintain records which verify that the amount of marijuana within the retail marijuana establishment does not exceed the amount allowed. All such records shall be open at all times during business hours for inspection and examination by the Town Marshal or his duly authorized representatives. The Town may require the licensee to furnish such information as it considers necessary for the proper administration of this Ordinance. The records shall clearly show the source, amount, price and dates of all retail marijuana received or purchased, and the amount, price, and dates for all retail marijuana sold.
 (b) By accepting the retail marijuana establishment license, licensee consents to the disclosure of the information required by this Section.
 (c) The Town may require an audit of the books of account and records of the retail marijuana establishment as it may deem necessary. Such audit shall be made by an auditor selected by the Town, who shall have access to all books and records of such licensee. The expense of any audit determined to be necessary by the Town shall be paid by the Town; provided, however, should the audit reflect a failure of the licensee, in whole or in part, to timely remit all sales taxes, occupation taxes or excise taxes due to the Town, the expense of the audit shall be paid by the licensee.
 (d) The acceptance of a retail marijuana establishment license from the Town constitutes consent by the licensee, owners, business managers and employees of such business to permit the Mayor, Town Marshal, or their representatives to conduct routine inspections of the licensed retail marijuana establishment to assure that the retail marijuana establishment and the premises are being operated and maintained in accordance with the terms set forth in the application and that all operations in the premises remain in compliance with this Ordinance, the Colorado Retail Marijuana Code, and any rules or regulations promulgated thereunder.
 (e) All retail marijuana establishments shall be required to obtain applicable State and Town licenses and shall collect and remit all applicable State, County and Town sales taxes, occupation taxes and excise taxes in a timely manner. The retail marijuana business license and sales tax license for the business shall be conspicuously posted in the business.

Section 26. Compliance with Other Applicable Laws.
 Except as may be otherwise provided in this Ordinance, or rules or interpretations adopted by the Town, any law or regulation adopted by the State of Colorado governing the cultivation, production, possession, distribution or testing of marijuana for retail or recreational use shall also apply to retail marijuana establishments licensed within the Town. Provided, however, if a State law or regulation permits what this Ordinance prohibits, this Ordinance shall control.

Section 27. Violations/ Penalty.
 (a) Any person, other than a licensee of a retail marijuana establishment, who violates any provision of this Ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a municipal offense and may be punished by a fine not to exceed three hundred dollars (\$300.00), imprisonment for a period not to exceed ninety (90) days, or by both such fine and imprisonment.
 (b) Any licensee of a retail marijuana establishment who violates any provisions of this Ordinance shall be subject to civil penalties of up to one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) for each day during which such violation occurs or continues. Each day on which a violation shall occur or continue shall be deemed a separate and distinct offense. Following notice and hearing, the Local Licensing Authority may impose such civil penalties.

Section 28. Conflicting Ordinances Repealed. All ordinances or parts of ordinances of the Town of Dinosaur in conflict herewith, including Ordinance No. 3, Series of 2017 and Ordinance No. 2, Series of 2018, are hereby expressly repealed.

Section 29. Declaration of Emergency. Because the Town's original ordinances regulating marijuana business establishments are outdated, and because the State of Colorado is experiencing an unprecedented COVID-19 virus pandemic causing illness or death to thousands of persons and because persons with disabilities and persons 60 years of age or older are considered vulnerable persons more susceptible of becoming seriously ill from the COVID-19 virus, the Town of Dinosaur Town Council hereby finds and declares that an emergency exists and this Ordinance is necessary. This Ordinance shall become immediately effective upon adoption if approved by an affirmative vote of three-fourths (3/4) of the members of the Town Council. If this Ordinance is approved by less than three-fourths (3/4) of the members of the Town Council, this Ordinance shall become effective thirty (30) days following the publication of this Ordinance.

INTRODUCED, READ, PASSED BY A VOTE OF AT LEAST THREE-FOURTHS (3/4) OF THE MEMBERS OF THE TOWN COUNCIL, ADOPTED AND ORDERED PUBLISHED at a special meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Dinosaur, Colorado held on July 28, 2020.
 TOWN OF DINOSAUR, COLORADO
 By: Richard Blakley, Mayor
 ATTEST: Tamara Long, Town Clerk
 Trustee Essex introduced, read and moved the adoption of the ordinance titled
 AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF DINOSAUR, COLORADO REPEALING AND REENACTING ORDINANCE NO. 3, SERIES OF 2017, THE TOWN'S RETAIL MARIJUANA ESTABLISHMENT ORDINANCE TO CORRECT COLORADO REVISED STATUTE REFERENCES; AND REPEALING AND REENACTING ORDINANCE NO. 2, SERIES OF 2018; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
 and upon adoption that it be published pursuant to law and recorded in the Book of Ordinances.
 Trustee Heinrich seconded the motion. On roll call, the following Trustees voted "Aye":
 Darcie Rocque, Devonna Wilczek, David Heinrich, Richard A. Blakley, Charles Winkler, Robert Essex, LeRoy Trujillo.
 Trustees voted "Nay":
 none
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**Budget Work Session 5pm – Conference Room
 Town of Rangely September 8, 2020 - 7:00pm
 Agenda**

- Rangely Board of Trustees (Town Council)
 ANDY SHAFFER, Mayor
 Trey Robie, Mayor Pro Tem
 Rich Garner, Trustee
 Luke Geer, Trustee
 Tyson Hacking, Trustee
 Alisa Granger, Trustee
 Keely Ellis, Trustee
 Tyson Hacking, Trustee
1. Call to Order
 2. Roll Call
 3. Invocation
 4. Pledge of Allegiance
 5. Minutes of Meeting
 6. Discussion and Action to approve the minutes of August 25, 2020
 6. Petitions and Public Input
 7. Changes to the Agenda
 8. Public Hearings - 7:10pm
 9. Public hearing for the First read of Ordinance 692 an Ordinance of the Town of Rangely, Colorado repealing and reenacting section 10.14.030 of the

- Rangely Municipal Code, clarifying and amending applicable sections, providing for operator certification by the Chief of Police and providing new provisions requiring that protective helmets be worn by off-highway vehicle operators under the age of eighteen.
10. Committee/Board Meetings
 11. Council Reports
 12. Supervisor Reports – See Attached
 - a. Kelli
 13. Reports from Officers – Town Manager Update
 14. Old Business
 15. New Business
 - a. Discussion and action to approve the August 2020 Check Register
 - b. Discussion and action to approve the Liquor License renewal for Nichols Store
 16. Informational Items
 17. Board Vacancies
 - a. Planning and Zoning Board Vacancy
 - b. RDA/RDC Board
 18. Scheduled Announcements
 - a. Community Outreach meeting is scheduled for Sept 7, 2020 at 6:00pm Cancelled
 - b. Giant Step Preschool Board meeting is

- scheduled for Sept 10, 2020 at 6:00pm
 c. Rangely District Library Board meeting is scheduled for Sept 14, 2020 at 5:00pm
 d. Western Rio Blanco Park & Recreation District Board meeting is scheduled for Sept 14, 2020 at 7:00pm
 e. Rangely Junior College District Board meeting is scheduled for Sept 15, 2020 at 12:00noon
 f. Rangely School District Board meeting has been scheduled for Sept 15, 2020 at 6:15pm
 g. RDA/RDC Board meeting scheduled for Sept 17, 2020 at 7:00am
 h. Rio Blanco County Commissioners Board meeting is scheduled for Sept 21, 2020 at 11:00am
 i. Rural Fire Protection District Board meeting is scheduled for Sept 21, 2020 at 7:00pm
 j. Rangely Chamber of Commerce Board meeting is scheduled for Sept 17, 2020 at 12:00noon
 k. Rangely District Hospital board meeting is scheduled for Sept 24, 2020 at 6:00pm
 l. Rio Blanco Water Conservancy District Board meeting is scheduled for Sept 30, 2020 at 6:00pm
 19. Adjournment
 Published: September 3, 2020
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CLASSIFIEDS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**MEEKER STREAKER
 SEPTEMBER 2020**

Thursday 9/3 - Bus In Town
 Friday 9/4 - Bus In Town
 Saturday 9/5 - No Bus
 Sunday 9/6 - No Bus
 Monday 9/7 - No Bus/Holiday
 Tuesday 9/8 - Bus In Town
 Wednesday 9/9 - Bus In Town
 Thursday 9/10 - Bus In Town
 Friday 9/11 - Bus In Town
 Saturday 9/12 - No Bus
 Sunday 9/13 - No Bus
 Monday 9/14 - Bus In Town
 Tuesday 9/15 - Bus In Town
 Wednesday 9/16 - Bus In Town

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thursday 9/17 - Bus In Town
 Friday 9/18 - Bus In Town
 Saturday 9/19 - No Bus
 Sunday 9/20 - No Bus
 Monday 9/21 - Bus In Town
 Tuesday 9/22 - Bus In Town
 Wednesday 9/23 - Bus In Town
 Thursday 9/24 - Bus In Town
 Friday 9/25 - Bus In Town
 Saturday 9/26 - No Bus
 Sunday 9/27 - No Bus
 Monday 9/28 - Bus In Town
 Tuesday 9/29 - Bus In Town
 Wednesday 9/30 - Bus In Town

ANNOUNCEMENTS

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- Case Aide
- Caseworker
- Relief Cook
- Relief Radino Driver, Rangely

For details and a Rio Blanco County application, please go to www.rbc.us or Rio Blanco County HR at 555 Main St., Meeker, CO. 970-878-9570.
 ADA/EOE

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AND they're written in legalese.
(whosoforthever-the-what-now?)

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 With the growth of Pioneers Medical Center & Colorado Advanced Orthopedics and Sports Medicine, we are excited to fill the following positions:

FULL-TIME: (eligible for benefits):

- EVS Technician
- Centralized Scheduler
- Ortho Clinic Surgery Coordinator (RN)
- Patient Care Tech (Nights 7pm-7am)
- RN/LPN-Wing (LTC) (Days 6am-6pm)
- RN/LPN Wing (LTC) Nights (6pm-6am)
- Medical Assistant-Ortho
- MLT/ML-Lab Shift 2:30pm-11pm
- MLT/ML-Lab Shift 9:30am-6pm
- Case Manager/Discharge Planner

PRN:

- Patient Care Tech (CNA)-Acute/ED
- RN or LPN-LTC
- Certified Nursing Assistant-LTC
- RN-Home Health
- Certified Nursing Assistant-Home Health
- EVS Technician

Submit Resume and/or Application to:
 Pioneers Medical Center, HR,
 100 Pioneers Medical Center Dr.,
 Meeker, Colo., 81641
 Visit our Website at:
www.pioneershospital.org

Pioneers Medical Center
 Phone: (970) 878-5047 Fax: (970) 878-3245
 100 Pioneers Medical Center Dr., Meeker, CO 81641
 Eastern Rio Blanco County Health Service District

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 or Meeker School District Administration, 555 Garfield St., Meeker, CO.

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

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MEEKER SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1

Employment Opportunities

Barone Middle School

- Co-Head Coach Volleyball
- Co-Head Coach Boys' Basketball

ADA/EOE
 Subject to change at any time!
 For details and an application, please visit our website at Meeker.k12.co.us or Meeker School District Administration at 555 Garfield St., Meeker, CO
970-878-9040

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GRANT FAMILY DENTISTRY

Grant Family Dentistry is Hiring!

Position: Front Desk/Receptionist
Description: This role will provide information to callers and perform routine clerical and administrative functions such as answering phone calls, drafting correspondence to patients and benefit providers, respond to explanations of benefits, scheduling and confirming appointments, organizing and maintaining paper and electronic files, presenting cases, track and balance, credit transactions, and other basic financial support functions.
 Please submit your resume to grantfamilydentistry@gmail.com or drop it off at 335 6th Street, by September 24th at 4:00pm. All are welcome to apply.

**Classified/Legal Deadline:
 Tuesdays, 3 p.m.**

**Call:
 970-878-4017**

**Email:
ads@ht1885.com**

**Stop by:
 304 4th Street
 Meeker**

I would rather be an honest sinner than a lying hypocrite.

~ Unknown

#quoteoftheweek

ANNOUNCEMENTS

New Eden Pregnancy Care Services - pregnancy tests, emergency supplies, guidance 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 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: newedenrangel@gmail.com or (970) 675-2300. All services are confidential.

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.

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

RBC Farm Bureau Membership Appreciation Picnic & Annual Meeting on Sunday, Sept. 13th, at 12:30pm, Meeker Town Park Pavilion for RBCFB members and their families. To adequately prepare for the safety of attendees, please RSVP to (970) 878-4460 by Wednesday, Sept. 9th (if no answer, please leave a message). Picnic meal furnished by RBC Farm Bureau. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, please do not bring any potluck dishes. An abbreviated business meeting will be held at the event. 9/3

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.

Open Range Cowboy Church of Meeker



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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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.

FOOD BANK OF THE ROCKIES

Monthly Food Distribution
Rio Blanco County Fairgrounds
@11:30 AM
Thursday, September 24, 2020
Wednesday, October 22, 2020
Wednesday, November 25, 2020
Wednesday, December 23, 2020

AUCTION

Large Estate Auction
Saturday, September 12th, 10 a.m.
2862 C Road
Grand Junction, Colorado
2008 Liberty Jeep, 8N Ford Tractor, 1972 MG British Leyland B 2 door car, 16' truck box, 3 pt attachments, standard upright gas pump and oil tank, hand and power tools of all kinds, tool boxes, Cub Cadet mowers, P/u box trailer, Colorado Cattle Brand J \ - , Large Anvil, Bull Whip, Multiples of: Cast iron, glassware, nice oak and maple furniture, marbles, trivets, coffee grinders, oil lamps, crocks, rug beater, 3 stack book cases, roll top desk, hat pins, 3 kilns, bedding, sewing, knives, pictures, coins, records etc etc. Just tons of antiques of all kinds will be found. 1905 Brunswick pool table. Estate of Lillian McAnally. For more info call Steve Claypoole, CP Auction Service, 970-260-5577. Must see web www.cpauction.com. *Call us about a sale for you* 9/3-9/10

AUCTION

Liquidation Machine Shop Auction
Saturday, September 5th, 10 a.m.
2118 Airport Road #B
Rifle, Colorado
Fork lift, Bridgeport, Kwik-Way Drill press, milling-drilling machine, 2 wire feed welders, boring machine, Rottler hone & coolant machine, 7' lathe, horizontal barrel saw, cherry picker, 2 GM engines, oxy torch set, face grinder, hot box, muffler and torque machine, brass and steel weight machine, hand and power tools, Snap-On, bolt bins, muffler ports, carbs, calipers, gaskets, desk, books, etc. For more info call Steve Claypoole, CP Auction Service, 970-260-5577. Must see web www.cpauction.com *Call us about a sale for you* 8/27-9/3

AUCTION: Annual Fall Consignment Auction
Saturday September 26th, at 9 a.m.
2368 S. 1500 E. (Hwy. 40) in Vernal Utah.
Equipment of all kinds, Many Vehicles, Semi's, Trailers, Campers, Snowmobiles, Boats, ATV's, Pipe, Generators, Air Compressors, Tires, Tools, Guns, Ammo, Saddles, Tack, Hunting Items, Furniture, and much, much more. For More Information or to consign to this auction, please call ZJ Auction Service Inc. at 435-828-7424 or go to www.zjauction.com

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HOMES: MEEKER

108 acres, log home, 3 BDR/1.75BA, cistern, barn, shop, set up for horses/cows, 4 miles west of town. Call for info. 970-756-0718. 8/20-9/17

HELP WANTED

Meeker Cemetery District is looking for a Full-Time, Full-Benefited, 40 hours/week, Grounds Manager. \$25-\$30/hour DOE. Applications available at 265 County Road 4, Meeker, CO 81641. Resume and references mandatory. Submission deadline Monday, September 7th. 8/20-9/3

PRN Therapist needed for unique Geriatric Outpatient Program opening in Rangely, CO. Must possess an in the state of Colorado. Two-three years of experience of clinical experience with seniors, extensive group work, hospital or nursing facility preferred. To apply visit our website at <https://www.psychmc.com/careers/listings> 8/27-9/24

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Sleepy Cat Ranch-40± Acres, Lodge & Riverfront	\$7,900,000	1301 Sage Ridge Rd	PENDING	NEW 815 Sulphur Cr. - 3BD/2BA, Garage, Party Ready Deck.	REDUCED \$214,000
NEW 1157 Rd. 57-Riverfront, Meadows and Home	\$2,290,000	1368 Juniper Rd.	PENDING	850 7th St.	SOLD
2204 Rd. 7-618 Acres, 2 Homes, Shop, Grazing Permit	REDUCED \$1,660,000	1036 Lance Cir.	PENDING	870 4th St.	PENDING
40± Unencumbered Acres-1,449' Riverfront	REDUCED \$1,650,000	887 Cleveland St.	SOLD	117 6th St.	PENDING
Elk Creek Ranch Lot-Exclusive Fishing & Amenities	\$1,600,000	45304 Hwy. 13	PENDING	851 2nd St.	SOLD
Elk Mountain Inn-21 rooms, Bar, Restaurant, Courtyard	\$975,000	NEW 1159 Mimi Cir. - Wonderful ranch style, 2 lots	\$307,000	109 Market St. - 1/2 Acre, Corner Lot, Highly Visible	\$175,000
1986 Rd. 41-640 Acres, Hunting & Grazing	\$879,000	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
223 8th St. - Wyatt's Sports Center and Attached Residence	\$775,000	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
658± Acres, Rd. 143-North of RB Lake, Hunt Unit 11	\$660,000	950 Cleveland St. - 3BD/3BA, Large Workshop	\$267,000	629 10th St.	SOLD
319± Acres, Rd. 77-Colorow Cabin, Well, Grazing Permit	\$640,000	1113 Mark Cir.	PENDING	460 S. Cross L	SOLD
431 E. Market St.-22± Acres, Shop, Office, Living Quarters	\$549,000	555 8th St.	PENDING	2 Sage Hills Lots - Panoramas, Build Your Dream Home	\$59,000
455 8th St	PENDING	435 Cleveland St.	PENDING	Ridge Estates Subdivision - 20 Rural Residential Lots	Starting at \$45,000
474 S. Hwy. 317	PENDING	NEW 7.46 Acres, E. Market St.- Highway Frontage, Great Traffic	\$249,000		

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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. ★
Turnkey & Profitable. \$695,000!

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.
540 5th St. Fixer-upper on two lots, built in 1903 within two blocks of downtown Meeker. Beautiful trees. \$90,000. SOLD!

RURAL RESIDENTIAL
1083 Boulder Dr., Craig - Wilderness Ranch cabin, turnkey. \$157,000.

RANCHES
NEW! Ranch with lots of irrigation water, meadows, gravel, pond and White River frontage west of Meeker. Call for details!
NEW! 10,225 steel shop building with 14' OH Doors on 25.185 acres west of Meeker. Could be a part of great shop house. Has well water. Call for details...
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!

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- ◆ 936 9th St. — 4BD, 2.7 BA. Lots of storage & plenty of parking. \$328,000 SALE PENDING!
- ◆ 225 Garfield St. — Sparkling 3 BD, 2 full bath home, LOTS of upgrades! \$183,000 SALE PENDING!
- ◆ 550 County Rd. 60 — Sportsmans Delight! 103 acres, 4 BD, 2.5 BA. \$595,000 SALE PENDING!

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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▼\$600,000
410 Cleveland St - 2BD/1.75BA/1,732 SF home with nice views, privacy, storage+Lg. garden▼\$270,000
1346 Sage Ridge Rd - 3BD/2BA/1,460 Custom log home, large 0.35ac lot, picturesque views▼\$270,000
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.....SALE PENDING
1085 Main St.....SALE PENDING
738 5th St.....SALE PENDING
880 Cleveland St.....SALE PENDING
600+610 Garfield St.....SOLD
6321 CR 7.....SOLD
1134 Michael Cir.....SOLD

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.....▼\$230,000
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.....\$220,000
2534 E. Main St - A spectacular 4BD/2BA home located on 15±ac w/irrigation water, roller sprinklers & livestock barn.....\$480,000

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1511 La Mesa Cir.

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- *NEW! 6500 CR 7- 4 BR, 2 BA home on 2 Acres, 8 miles NW. \$305,000
- *995 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. \$225,000 SALE PENDING!
- *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. SOLD!
- *5807 CR 7- Vacant 20 acre parcel, 9 mi. North, on Strawberry Creek. \$75,000. SALE PENDING!

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