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Deana Wood trained her wild mustang Sandy to "load up" on and off of the family's flatbed as part of her freestyle performance for the Meeker Mustang Makeover competition. This year's live and online auction brought in three times the number of buyers and double the sales prices as the 2019 event. Scan the Zapcode or click on it in the digital edition for more content.

2020 Meeker Mustang Makeover enjoys record success in tough year

PRESS RELEASE
Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER On a sparkling Friday, Sept. 11, 14-year-old Deana Wood sat calmly on her wild horse Sandy, adjusting her reins to settle the 3-year-old with 100 days of training as they waited on the flatbed of the family's Ford truck. Wood was carrying the American flag in preparation for her freestyle demonstration in the 2020 Meeker Mustang Makeover competition with her team hoping the truck wouldn't get stuck in an arena still thick with mud after five inches of snow earlier in the week. Meanwhile, 16-year-old Rylee Allred from Rangely adjusted her 1-year-old filly Ruby's halter, as she waited patiently for her turn in the arena.

Started by a group of Meeker citizens just one year ago, this year's Meeker Mustang Makeover more than doubled in size from last year, adding more horses overall, and a youth division with five yearling wild horses. Each youth participant who satisfied the obstacles received an \$800 scholarship check.

Helping the event reach viewers and bidders around the country — also new — was a [21st century livestream](#) provided by the *Herald Times* and Level Head Audio with assistance from Cimarron Telecommunications, and a virtual and live auction allowing people from all over the world to "visit Meeker" and see the results of a 100-day competition to train a mustang, thanks to partner Longhorn Video Auctions owned by partners Kail Mantle and Denise Dodge of Piedmont, South Dakota.

Trainers of all ages, sexes, sizes and backgrounds came from all over Colorado. Six from Rio Blanco, five from Routt and the rest from Carbondale, Denver and Pitkin County. This year's Makeover was a commemoration of Sept. 11 due to the date of the event, and the afternoon began with a moving tribute to first responders and our armed forces led by the area VFW, with an antique 1936 Dodge original fire truck (original to the Meeker Fire Dept.).

This year, the audience was encouraged to attend at home by livestream which was available on the [Rio Blanco Herald Times website](#), the [MeekerMustangMakeover.org](#) website and the auction site ([LongHornVideoAuctions.com](#)). Well respected and knowledgeable judges, Steve Mantle, Bridget Strang, Mindy Bower, all with roots with Northwest Colorado, brought fairness and legitimacy to the event.

The event drew a remarkable 20,000 views on the auction site, attracted 67 buyers (compared to 27 bidders last year). The winners this year for first place, for \$3,000, was professional mustang trainer Sam Rock, from Brighton, Colorado, and her horse Sasha; second prize went to Sam's student, Dana Casey, also from Brighton, and her horse Stoney. Third place went to Cosette McLaughlin of Steamboat with her horse Finnegan. Other horses in the money were Wade Allred/Frosty Bob, Deana Wood/Sandy and Colt Allred/Sandy.

Three trainers bought their own horses, with the rest going to Steamboat, Clark, Craig, Rangely, Meeker, and other states: Nebraska, Wyoming, and Utah. The highest price horse last year sold for \$3,700 to Meeker's Joe Wood and family. This year the highest price horse was Finnegan, trained by Cosette

McLaughlin of Steamboat to a young rider and her family for \$4,500.

Last year with just the live auction, the horses sold for an average of \$1,442 (2- and 3-year-old horses), this year with the benefit of a live and virtual auction the average sale price for the 3-year-olds was \$3,500, the yearling's average price was \$510.

Trainers received 50% of the sale price, with the remainder going to scholarships and prizes for next year's event. This year with COVID, entry was free, and trainers who didn't buy back their horse were happy to see their newly trained mustangs go to good homes.

Wendy Lind, trainer of Mustang Sally, said, "Although I have a lot of horse experience, I really appreciate that I was able to be a part of this as a non-professional trainer. Being an architect and mom and wife, it often was late at night or early in the a.m. when I was able to work with Sally. Although I wasn't always able to put as much time in on her as I would have liked, I really appreciate the fact that the competition is open to people that don't make their living training horses or ranching, and aren't able to spend all day in the saddle. And my horse went to a great new home."

The Meeker Mustang Makeover is a volunteer community project under the umbrella of the Rio Blanco Historical Society and is strongly supported and ably assisted by the White River Bureau of Land Management office. White River Electric Association, Tri-State, and Basin Electric were Gold Sponsors this year.



Trainer Samantha Rock (left) won this year's competition with her mustang Sasha, netting her a \$3,000 first place award as well as \$4,000 auction price. Also pictured are MMM board members Melissa Kindall and Deirdre Macnab.

Voting questions? We've got answers.

By SANDRA FISH
Colorado News Collaborative

RBC Election Day is Tuesday, Nov. 3, but registered voters in Colorado will receive mail-in ballots after Oct. 9. With national concern about the veracity of mail-in ballots, Colorado has become a focal point. Colorado began statewide vote by mail in 2013, although some counties used it before that.

Voters and potential voters will have questions about how voter registration works, how mail-in ballots work, how ballots are counted and more. The Colorado News Collaborative and its members, including the *Rio Blanco Herald Times*, want to answer those questions.

Here's this week's big question: *Do I have to request a ballot from my county clerk or the Secretary of State?*

Not if you're an active registered voter. County clerks automatically will begin mailing ballots to active registered voters on Oct. 9. A voter is considered active if they've voted in the most recent general elections or updated their address or other registration information.

A recent nationwide mailer from the U.S. Postal Service insinuates that voters must request mail-in or absentee ballots. Colorado Secretary of State Jena Griswold is saying the mailer is misleading and could disenfranchise voters.

A federal judge issued an order late Saturday to

RESOURCES

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halt the mailings, and the Postal Service asked that he reconsider the order on Sunday. On Monday, the Postal Service said it already delivered 75% of the mailers.

Many Rio Blanco County residents received the mailers over the weekend, prompting concerned voters to call RBC Clerk and Recorder Boots Campbell's office. Campbell posted informational notices at the courthouse and both Meeker and Rangely post offices this week in an effort to correct the misinformation.

"We need to get the truth out there since we've already had phone calls about the USPS mailing," Campbell said via email Tuesday.

X VOTING

What if I've moved?

This link also will allow you to change your address: <https://www.sos.state.co.us/voter/pages/pub/olvr/findVoterReg.shtml>

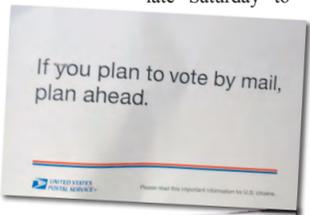
What if my name changed?

You'll need to fill out a form and take it to your county clerk or mail it to the Colorado Secretary of State. Get a copy at: <https://www.sos.state.co.us/pubs/elections/vote/VoterRegFormEnglish.pdf>

What's the difference between an "active" voter and an "inactive" voter?

As mentioned above, a voter is considered active if they've voted in the most recent elections or updated their address or other registration information. A voter is considered inactive if their county clerk receives returned mail to them

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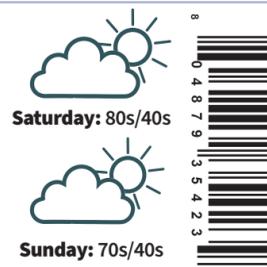


COURTESY PHOTO

The garbage can at the post office overflowed with mailers this week, including this one from USPS. If you happened to read it before tossing it, don't be alarmed. The mailer insinuates that voters must request mail-in or absentee ballots to vote this year. This is untrue. If you're registered to vote in Colorado, you'll receive a mail-in ballot without needing to take any additional steps.

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Rangely Police Chief TiRynn Hamblin, pictured here in this year's Septemberfest parade with wife Hannah, has joined an organization called "Fight Crime: invest in Kids." The group is comprised of more than 5,000 law enforcement professionals nationwide.

COURTESY PHOTO

Rangely police chief joins law enforcement organization to steer kids away from crime

Special to the Herald Times

RANGELY Last month, Rangely Police Chief TiRynn Hamblin became a member of Fight Crime: Invest in Kids, an anti-crime organization of over 5,000 police chiefs, sheriffs, prosecutors and violence survivors nationwide, including more than 90 law enforcement leaders in Colorado. For nearly 25 years, Fight Crime: Invest in Kids members have spoken out in support strategies proven to reduce crime by preparing kids for productive lives.

"For 15 years I have served in law enforcement," said Chief Hamblin. "In that time, I've come to realize that the best way to reduce crime is not by making arrests, but by preventing it from happening in the first place. And, when young people get the right start in life, we see greater achievement and less crime. That's why I joined Fight Crime: Invest in Kids: to support evidence-based policies and programs that steer children towards productive lives and create safer communities."

Founded in 1996, Fight

Crime: Invest in Kids promotes smart, bipartisan state and federal solutions to reduce crime, such as evidence-based voluntary parent coaching programs for new parents that prevent child abuse and neglect; high-quality early childhood education that increases educational success and graduation rates; stronger K-12 education goals and after-school programs that give kids a clear path toward productive futures and away from crime; and proven coaching programs that strengthen families and get troubled kids back on track.

Prop EE "only viable hope" for rural education funding

By **NIKI TURNER**
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MEEKER Revenue from a proposed tax on nicotine products on the November ballot would be dedicated to health and education programs if it passes.

"That's really the only viable hope right now I see for rural funding in the next few years," Meeker Superintendent Chris Selle told the Meeker School Board Monday.

Proposition EE would incrementally increase cigarette and tobacco product taxes, and create a new tax on e-cigarettes. Colorado's tax rate on nicotine products ranks 39th nationwide.

Construction at the high

school is on track, with Phase 1 "substantially complete" and Phase 2, which includes the gym and administration areas, getting underway. The board approved change orders for masonry repairs in the auxiliary gym (\$140,000) and \$869,000 for bus storage. Selle said the construction project has resulted in approximately \$6 million invested in the local economy.

Public Health Director Alice Harvey updated the school board about COVID-19 and policies and procedures. "The actions the schools are taking in social distancing and mask wearing are essential. If you take those things away we would see widespread community transmission,"

Harvey said. "It's also the public's role to protect the school district. If we want to keep our schools open, it's the public's responsibility to comply with the recommendations."

Barone Middle School Principal Jim Hanks said they've only had minor issues with mask-wearing, and Meeker Elementary School Principal Kathy Collins said "the kiddos are doing a great job wearing masks, they really are."

Selle told the board "they won't really know until after Oct. 1" — the attendance count date for the year — but they're estimating an \$80-90,000 drop in funding due to reduced enrollment.

VOTING: registering, ballots and more

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marked "undeliverable."

Under federal law, clerks must wait two general election cycles before removing inactive voters from the database. Again, you may check GoVoteColorado at <https://www.govotecolorado.gov> to see if your registration is active and update your information if it isn't.

How long do I have to register?

You must register by Oct. 26 to get a ballot in the mail (but you'll need to return it to a vote center or drop box). But you may register and vote in person at vote centers through 7 p.m. on Election Day, Nov. 3.

X BALLOTS

When will I get my ballot in the mail?

All registered voters in RBC will be sent a ballot to their mailing address on record on Friday, Oct. 9 or Monday, Oct. 12.

How do I know if my ballot was received?

Voters statewide may sign up to track your ballot online at <https://colorado.ballottrax.net/voter>. You'll get notifications via email, text message or phone (you may choose) when your ballot is mailed, and when it has been received and accepted. A dozen Colorado counties already offered ballot tracking, so if you're already signed up, there's no need to do it again.

What if I don't get my ballot?

Check <https://www.sos.state.co.us/pubs/elections/Resources/CountyElectionOffices.html> to see if your ballot has been mailed. If it has been mailed and you

haven't received it, contact your county clerk's office and ask. Not every county will send ballots out the first day possible. But they need to hear from you if you don't receive yours.

How do I return my ballot?

Ballots must arrive at a vote center or county clerk's office by 7 p.m. Nov. 3. You may mail your ballot back, if there's enough time for it to arrive. You may also deliver it to drop boxes at your county clerk's office or other locations in your county. Beginning Oct. 19, you may deliver it to voter centers staffed by election workers. About 75% of Colorado voters return their mail ballots to drop boxes, according to the Secretary of State's office.

Are drop boxes safe from tampering?

Yes, according to the Secretary of State's Office. They are under 24-hour video surveillance and are emptied every day by a team of bipartisan election judges. The sturdy, metal boxes are bolted to the ground.

If I send my ballot back by mail, will it get there?

The Secretary of State recommends delivering ballots in person in the final eight days before the election. If you mail them before that, they should arrive in time.

I don't want to vote by mail. I want to vote in person.

Colorado will open about 330 vote centers beginning Oct. 19. You may vote there in person starting then through 7 p.m. Election Day with some limited weekend hours.

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Kevin Borchard, MD is a board certified orthopedic surgeon with a fellowship in total joint replacement surgery. He attended University of Colorado School of Medicine in Denver, Colorado after which he did his residency at the Wilford Hall of Medicine at the Lackland Air force Base in Texas. Dr. Borchard then completed a fellowship in total joint replacement surgery at the New England Baptist Hospital in Boston, Massachusetts. In addition to total joint replacements and revisions, he also performs arthroscopic rotator cuff and shoulder labrum repairs.



Dan Ward, M.D. is a board certified orthopedic surgeon with fellowship training in total joint replacement surgery of the hip and knee. He completed his medical degree at Saint Louis University School of Medicine, his residency training at the Cleveland Clinic, Cleveland, Ohio and his fellowship training at New England Baptist Hospital in Boston, Massachusetts. Dr. Ward's specialties include advanced total joint replacement surgeries, revision surgeries, and minimally-invasive surgeries.



Justin Grant, DO, CAQSM is a board certified family physician with a fellowship in sports medicine. While in fellowship, he also trained to diagnose, manage and follow acute and chronic sport injuries, concussions, pain syndromes, spine injuries, back pain, and performs both diagnostic ultrasounds and ultrasound guided procedures. He also specializes in nutrition, exercise, and supplements, providing counseling in these areas as well as exercise programming.



Greg Martyak, M.D. is a board certified orthopedic surgeon with a fellowship in upper extremities. He attended M.D. Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia, PA after which he completed his residency at Rothman Institute at Thomas Jefferson University in Philadelphia, PA. Dr. Martyak completed his fellowship in hand and microvascular surgery at the Philadelphia Hand Center in Thomas Jefferson University. Dr. Martyak is now a specialist in orthopedic surgery of the upper extremity and microvascular surgeries. He also performs elbow UCL reconstruction (Tommy John Surgery) and manages many upper extremity and hand injuries.



Mark Purnell, M.D. is a board certified orthopedic surgeon with a fellowship in sports medicine. Dr. Purnell has traveled to Europe and Asia with the Nordic jumping and combined teams from 1985-1995, after which he helped start the team physician program for the USA Cycling Mountain Bike team in 1995. Dr. Purnell has also covered many of the North-shore Off-road Mountain Bicycling Association events. He specializes in sports medicine, knee trauma and knee ligament reconstruction.



Clinton Devin, M.D. is a board certified Orthopedic Surgeon with fellowship training in Complex Spine Reconstruction. He received his Bachelors of Science from the University of Wyoming and attended Vanderbilt University School of Medicine. Dr. Devin not only completed his residency at Vanderbilt, but has been an associate professor for over a decade there as well. Dr. Devin's specialty includes all spine conditions and has completed over 4,500 spine surgeries. Dr. Devin's philosophy is to provide the least invasive treatment possible that will be durable and allow patients to return to the life and activities they love.



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NEWS BRIEFS

Drive thru flu clinics in Meeker, Rangely

RBC | RBC Department of Public Health and Environment is holding drive through flu vaccination clinics this year. Meeker's clinic will be held Thursday, Oct. 1 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the RBC Fairgrounds and Rangely's clinic will be held Tuesday, Oct. 6 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at 101 E. Main Street between the library and the public health office building.

All ages are welcome, and Medicare, Medicaid, RMHP, uninsured and underinsured, and private insurance (cash or check for a \$25 reimbursable co-pay) will be accepted.

Operation Christmas Child goes on

MEEKER | COVID-19 has not stopped Operation Christmas Child! The annual project by which local folks can send shoebox gifts to children in need around the globe is proceeding unaffected by the worldwide pandemic. Let's pull together, start packing our shoeboxes now, and have a banner year for our Meeker campaign. Collection week will be November 16-23 and will feature curbside pick-up at Emmanuel Baptist Church. Contact Stella McGruder at 878-5162 for information, supplies, and support. "Operation Christmas Child" is a project of Samaritan's Purse, an international relief organization headed up by Franklin Graham.

Health insurance info and assistance

RBC | Protect your health — make sure you have health insurance coverage for 2021 that's right for you. Schedule a virtual connect with Health Coverage Guide Jeni Holloway to learn more about the Connect for Health marketplace, compare plans and explore financial help options. Get the coverage you need to thrive. Email jholloway@nchealthpartnership.org or call 970-875-3630 x105. <https://tinyurl.com/yys7orhw>

Substance use, mental health treatment

RBC | Counseling, intensive outpatient treatment, and medication assisted treatment for substance use and other mental health disorders are now available in Meeker and Rangely via telehealth through Providence Recovery Services, RBC Department of Public Health and Environment, and Rocky Mountain Health Plans. Services are confidential and local. Call Meeker Public Health at 970-878-9520 or Rangely Public Health at 970-878-9525.

CNCC fall programs at Heritage Center

MEEKER | Colorado Northwestern Community College and the Heritage Cultural Center are joining forces to present fall programs:

- Constitutional Law -- You have the right to remain silent, but also the right to speak your mind. Learn the history behind your most popular Constitutional rights, and how courts have interpreted those rights over time from Ben Brown. Class meets Thursday evenings 6 to 7 p.m. from Oct. 1 to Nov. 19. Cost is \$65.

- Women's C.O.B.R.A. Self-Defense Program -- In this beginners self-defense workshop you will learn skills to make you highly effective in real situations where your survival is on the line. Combat Objective Battle Ready Application or C.O.B.R.A. was created by law enforcement officers based on close-quarter combat techniques against the criminally minded. Register by Sept. 21 for class, 1-4 p.m. Oct. 3. Cost is \$65 and includes a special t-shirt.

- Decorative Candy Making -- Learn to create incredible royal icing candies for all your holiday dessert decorating. These little candies dry hard for easy storage. Choose from an array of designs such as unicorns, googly eyes, bees, fall leaves and more. Book your seat now for class 6 to 8 p.m. Oct. 6. Cost is \$65 and includes everything needed to make several candies. Bring a box to take candies home.

- Grief Recovery -- Create an action plan for moving forward after the death of a loved one, divorce or other losses using the Grief Recovery Method as developed by the Grief Recovery Institute over the past 40 years. Class meets from 7 to 8 p.m. on Wednesdays from Oct. 7 to Nov. 11. Cost is \$68. Please bring a copy of the Grief Recovery Handbook, available on Amazon for about \$12.

- Monthly Meeting for Online Learner or those interested in taking an online course. Are you thinking of taking a class online, but not sure what to do or how it all works? We're here to help. If you're enrolled in an online class at CNCC, but want more interaction join us to meet other online learners, gain assistance with any technical issues you're having, and choose your classes. Cost \$10 for class from 7 to 8 p.m. Oct. 13.

Meeker Seniors receive 50% off classes. Learn more and register now by calling 970-824-1109 or visiting <https://www.cncc.edu/community-programming-registration>.

Earn certs in Wildland Firefighting

MEEKER | Enrollment is open for CNCC's Wildland Firefighting class starting soon in Rangely. This class provides entry-level firefighter skills. Learn the Lookouts, Communications, Escape Routes, and Safety Zones (LCES) for Standard Firefighting Orders, fire line construction, holding tactics, extinguishing methods, professional safety techniques, and environmental factors for safe effective firefighting. Successful completion of the course earns students industry certificate S130, S190 and L180. Learn more and register now by calling 970-824-1109 or visiting <https://www.cncc.edu/community-programming-registration>.

ERBM program updates

MEEKER | On Saturday, Sept. 19, from 7:30-8:45 a.m. the first of ERBM's series of Saturday Sample Fitness Classes begins at the Admin Gym.

Also on Saturday, ERBM and BLM invite you to celebrate National Public Lands Day by improving our local trails. If you are interested in helping meet at 8 a.m. at the Ute Park Trailhead (west end of Ute Park). Bring water, sunscreen and sunglasses; wear sturdy shoes. Trail tools will be provided. At 11 a.m., after the completion of the trail work, lunch will be provided by ERBM.

Reminder that Adult Drop-In Sports for adults 18+ is Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at Meeker Elementary School gym. Play volleyball or basketball.

Meeker Public Library book club

MEEKER | The book club will be reading "A Man Called Ove" by Fredrik Backman. We will discuss the book on Monday, Oct. 12 at 1 p.m. All are welcome to join in the fun.

HONORING DIANE MOBLEY ...

Rio Blanco County native Diane Mobley was honored for her work with the Piceance Mustangs this last Saturday, Sept. 12 at a luncheon at the Meeker Cafe. Mobley was inducted into the Colorado Plateau Horseman Hall of Fame (CPHHOF) for her significant contribution to the equine industry in Western Colorado. The CPHHOF aims to educate the public about the equine industry and its importance and to provide information about the history of horses in the region. For her work, Mobley is one of two inductees this year. CPHHOF started in 2014 and this is the sixth year of inductees. Mobley is also vice president for the Piceance Mustangs, which supports the management of the wild horses in Rio Blanco County. She has been very involved in the community debriefing first responders and formally being on the mounted search and rescue.

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EDITOR'S COLUMN

A different kind of horror movie

By **NIKI TURNER**
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I've never been a big fan of modern horror movies. Most of the characters are what we refer to in fiction writing as TSTL (Too Stupid To Live) and the villains are over-the-top evil with zero redemptive qualities. It's hard to connect with protagonists who are too dumb to turn on the lights before entering a haunted house and antagonists who are simply evil for no good reason... they should at least have some kind of revenge for suffered abuse that motivates their actions, right?

This week I watched a different kind of horror movie.

Netflix is airing a documentary titled "The Social Dilemma." It's about social media, and the main "characters" are former CEOs and leaders from various social media networks like Facebook and Twitter and YouTube explaining all the ways social media has crossed the line and begun to systematically destroy humanity. Technology is not the threat, it's technology's ability to bring out the worst in society, one speaker says. And haven't we all witnessed that, particularly in the last eight years or so?

I've written about this before, I know, and I know many of you

have already escaped or never fell into the trap, but many, many others are still stuck in the pit.

Meanwhile, your tax dollars are being used to fund social media. We've given up on real interaction to hide behind screens where we can be rude and hateful and mean to each other (I'm guilty, too). We've decided social media is a legitimate source of news and factual information (it's frequently not).

"They don't have a proxy for truth that's better than a click," said one documentary speaker. In other words, social media can't discern the truth from a lie, it lives on clickbait.

What we thought back in the day was just a fun way to interact with old friends from high school has since radicalized, polarized and traumatized us with computer algorithms over which we have no control. AI — artificial intelligence — isn't showing up as an Arnold Schwarzenegger style cyborg. It's showing up as "likes" and "followers" and "users," and it's triggering mental health problems, social problems, political problems, and worse.



"But we need it for business!" we cry, in the way of addicts clinging to our drug of choice. Do we really, though? We survived just fine for a long, long time without it.

You may have noticed fewer postings from us on social media in the past several months. Even before this documentary came out, the use of social media to promote our content has been a hot topic in our office for a variety of reasons, and we ultimately chose to dial back on our engagement through those platforms. We'll continue to promote breaking news and other time-sensitive topics that may not work for the weekly edition (and Nellie pics, of course), but the rest of your community news will continue to be available, as it has for the past 136 years, right here in print, as well as online (we're working on an app, too.) It's a small action we can take to look out for the mental and emotional health of our readers, as well as draw a clear line between the propaganda and clickbait you'll find on social media and the community journalism we work hard to publish each week.

I don't like being controlled and manipulated. Not by gaslighting narcissists nor by secret software algorithms. Maybe it's time we all arise and hit the "delete" key.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thank you from property owner

Dear Editor:

I have owned property on the Meeker Dome for over 25 years. The land is special to me and is providing much in the way of recreation, relaxation and rejuvenation for myself, family and friends.

For the past several years, the property has been developed to provide forage and habitat for the area mule deer that are being decimated by Chronic Wasting Disease. These efforts are under the supervision of the Colorado Division of Wildlife.

The property was struck by "dry lightning" over the Labor Day holiday. Fortunately, a major disaster was averted through the prompt and skilled action of the following parties and organizations: Meeker Volunteer Fire Department, Rio Blanco County Sheriff's Office, BLM fire crew, Meeker Police Department, Rio Blanco County Road and Bridge Department, Darrold Nay, and White River Electric Association.

But for the concerted efforts of the above groups, individuals and many others, the Meeker area was spared from what is being reported in the national news regarding the horrors of conflagrations throughout the West.

My thanks and heart felt appreciation to everyone involved in limiting the damage from the fire to scrub trees and ground cover.

Ed Matonich
Meeker

Meeker Mustang Makeover thanks community

Dear Editor:

What to do with an ever expanding herd of wild mustangs in the local surrounding range?

Last year a group of area citizens came up with the idea of a Meeker Mustang Makeover.

A local solution to a local challenge. Quickly it was embraced by the community and in just its second year was able to gain national attention and buyers to more than double the prices and reach of the event.

Huge thanks to our umbrella non-profit, the Rio Blanco County Historical Society and their hardworking Terri Reed, their executive director, for

saying, "Sure we can do that!" along with Maym Cunningham for being the on-going cheerleaders and mentors. The White River Branch of the Bureau of Land Management, and in particular the always cheerful and incredibly capable and energetic Melissa Kindall, brought organization and endless resources to assist in this pilot program and make it a success.

Our sponsors, this year led by White River Electric Association who brought in their partners, Tri-State and Basin, to be our grand sponsors, along with generous Silver Sponsors Utah Gas Corp and The Bank of San Juan, and the RBC Lodging Tax Board.

The success of being able to reach around the world goes to our Silver Sponsor partners the *Rio Blanco Herald Times* who produced our sparkling auction brochure, and helped with their partner Level Head Audio to live stream the whole event, which for those who watched at home, said had the quality of NBC Sports. Our new partner this year, Longhorn Video Auctions, did a spectacular job of marketing the event and running it online resulting in more than double the sale prices for our horses, helping trainers and creating a strong foundation for next year's event.

Did we mention 20,000 views on the auction page?

Valued financial and service partners included: Ducey's Electric, Ranch and Resort Realty, Rob and Melani Walton Foundation, 4M Ranch, Columbine Ford, Mountain West, Town of Meeker, Curicyn, Rio Blanco County, Michael Gotchey, DVM and Steamboat Veterinary Hospital, Murdochs, Global Fund Investments, Identity Graphics, the Meeker Fire Department and the Meeker VFW Post 5843 and American Legion Post 74 led by Rob Baughman, Boyd Richardson of the Meeker Fairgrounds, and of course the Lions Club for their great refreshments and cheerful service. And thanks to the /EV Ranch for their use of their yearling cattle.

Our well respected knowledgeable and great judges, Steve Mantle, Bridget Strang, Mindy Bower, brought fairness and legitimacy to our event, along with course designer Maree McAteer, announcer Jay Mueller and Diane Shipley and her sidekick Joanne Oatman, and our volunteer veterinarian, Mike Gotchey.

And special thanks to all the trainers who came from across the state for believing in our mission: educating the public and showing that even with just 100 days these horses can become amazing partners.

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GUEST COLUMN

Far and away

By **DOLLY VISCARDI**
Special to the Herald Times



Dolly Viscardi

RBC I Living in the northwest corner of Colorado for only part of a lifetime gives one a different perspective about distance. Those old sayings people use to describe the proximity of a place often didn't work. There seemed to be few places that could be described to be just up the road "a piece" or anywhere that could be described as a "hop, skip, or a jump away."

Growing up in the midwest in a small town, I got used to climbing in the car to run quick errands with

my older brothers or sisters. At most, it meant a 10 minute drive around town. If the car trips were too long, I opted out. Later, driving my own children around, I got used to the longer distances and didn't mind road trips.

Home range is much more expansive for westerners. It doesn't feel like far if it becomes routine. The time spent, as well as distance traveled, seems shorter somehow. Perspective about distance is certainly tied into space.

During this pandemic, the word distance has been used so often, it is used hardly at all as a geographic description. Six feet is the measurement for maintaining appropriate social distance from each other. That feels like far when we are all going the distance. Far enough!

GUEST COLUMN

Happy Retirement!

By **KAYE SULLIVAN**
Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER I May I say a few kind words about Judy Eskelson as she transitions into retirement? Many of you have known her far longer than me, but I would like to share a few thoughts about this stellar health care worker.

As a patient, I just have to say, "gosh, darn it!" Judy, you are the best primary care provider I've ever encountered. That term seems way too basic, because you are also a friend, listener, advisor and confidant. How will I replace you with someone who doesn't know my health history without consulting my chart?

You are patient, you check every detail, you compare this visit's stats with prior data, you call me at home if needed, you harass me when I'm not following your orders, and you always look out for the bigger picture. While I make an appointment for one pressing issue, you take time to evaluate my overall health too.

Compared to most health care providers I have encountered over many years, you have always



Kaye Sullivan

taken more time and paid more attention than most. Yes, I know you are a nurse practitioner who doesn't always get her due. I salute you for your expertise and every kind thing you have done for me and surely for many others.

I think I'm a fairly compliant patient, but I have resisted some of your advice, not because it is not right, just because I didn't want to face some things. So, thanks for doing the correct medical thing and getting me to faithfully follow your orders.

You've helped me address some aging issues that are no fun and sometimes have no medical answers. When we felt overwhelmed by caretaking

responsibilities, you gave us straight forward and supportive advice. When we grieved, you took time to truly inquire, "How are you doing?"

Joe Sullivan, my father-in-law, trusted you implicitly. He used to say, he could tell you anything and as well, he followed your advice to the letter. "Judy says" is a long-time mantra in our house, so your reputation follows you with many positive memories and good advice.

Health care today seems to be becoming more and more impersonal. I receive information all the time about how I can get medical advice online. But some stranger would not know me like Judy does. I have waited days to get an appointment with Judy because I know she would truly understand my health care needs.

As I say goodbye, I wish you much rest and joy. You have more than served our community in so many caring ways. May the days ahead bring you peace and relaxation. Godspeed, Judy.

LETTERS: continued

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And special thanks to the town of Meeker and all of Rio Blanco County for their patience with this year of COVID and the difficulties of event planning. Here's to next year for full stands of local and visiting families and continuing the growth of this hometown fun event geared to area trainers — a testament to the resilience and innovative spirit of the American West.

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Welle resigns from WREA board

PRESS RELEASE
Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER I After a long and distinguished career at White River Electric Association, which included 38 years as an employee and five years as a Board member, Dick Welle has retired yet again from WREA. In 2013, Mr. Welle retired as General Manager but was later appointed to fill a board vacancy in 2015 serving two of those five years as Board President.

Welle recently submitted a letter of resignation to the Board of Directors effective September 15, 2020 which will quickly be followed by a move to Texas with his wife Cindy. The Welle's excitement about their retirement to Junction, Texas is tempered only by their love and appreciation for the community that has given them so much over the years. "We are grateful for this community, our family and all our friends who have shared so much with us over the years. Meeker will always be a part of our lives and we will be back to visit," he said. Welle went on to say that, "it has long been our dream to retire to Texas. On a whim we put the plan in motion and were amazed at how quickly it all came together". The Welles have sold their home and will move to Texas by the end of the month.

Welle was re-elected to serve a three-year term in 2019. Per the WREA Bylaws, the Board will fill the vacancy by appointment for the remainder of the term which will expire in September 2022. Members interested to be considered for appointment to the WREA Board of Directors are requested to submit letters of interest to the WREA Board by Monday September 28, 2020. Letters may be mailed to WREA; Attention Mr. Hal Pearce – WREA Board President, P.O. Box 958, Meeker, CO 81641, hand delivered Attn: Mr. Hal Pearce, WREA Board President to the WREA headquarters at 233 6th Street, Meeker, CO 81641 or emailed to hpearce@wrea.org. The Board will hold a special meeting to review all submitted letters of interest on Sept. 30, 2020.

Following last week's 75th annual meeting, the WREA Board elected officers which included re-elected Hal Pearce as President, Rich Parr as Vice-President, Bill Jordan as Secretary and



COURTESY PHOTO

After five years of service, Dick Welle has resigned from the White River Electric Association board of directors ahead of a move to Junction, Texas, with wife Cindy. His board seat will be filled by appointment. Call WREA at 970-878-5041 for more info.

newly elected Bryce Ducey as Treasurer. Mr. Ducey filled retiring Stan Wyatt's seat on the Board. "Dick has been a leader at WREA for decades and his impact on this organization cannot be understated. While we are happy for the Welles and their new adventure, they will be greatly missed," said Hal Pearce. Pearce went on to say, "Dick's professionalism and friendship has meant so much to so many of us." Please call WREA at 970-878-5041 for additional information regarding the Board vacancy.

CONSERVATION CORNER

How do the Conservation Districts affect me? (Part 2 of 3)

Last week you read about the White River and Douglas Creek Conservation Districts' (Districts) mission and the work being done to study the excessive algae growth in the White River. Today, we share the purpose of conservation districts nationwide which is, "To make available technical, financial, and educational resources, whatever their source, and focus or coordinate them so that they meet the needs of the local land manager with conservation of soil, water, and related natural resources."

How are the Districts meeting that purpose and helping me, here in Rio Blanco County? One example is the Districts coordinating planning efforts to ensure the wise use and sustainability of the Whiter River for current and future generations.

Through input from the Districts' annual meetings (150 people), 30 individual interviews, and 4 public meetings (another 75 people), the local community has indicated they support a locally led effort coordinated by the Districts.

The Districts formed a Planning Advisory Committee (PAC) to help guide the White River Integrated Water Initiative (WRIWI). The draft mission statement is, "Community-based initiative to identify actions promoting a healthy river that ensures a vibrant agricultural community and maintains healthy fisheries while protecting water rights, quantity, and quality with respect for the local customs, cultures, and property rights." The PAC will continue to develop goals, objectives, and tasks for this process which will be vetted through the community.

Visit www.whiterivercd.com or scan the Zapcode (click in the digital edition) to learn more about the White River Integrated Water Initiative and how you can be involved. Please contact the District at 970-878-9838 with any questions.



Ministering to One Another (1)

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

God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have shewed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister. (Heb. 6:10)



Dr. J.D. Watson

THE verse before us assures us that God will bless our caring for one another and encourages us to continue it. **Minister** is *diakoneō*, which referred basically to "one who serves at table," but probably included other menial tasks. That concept gradually broadened until it came to include any kind of service in the Church.

Pastors have been called "ministers" for a long time. A pastor, in fact, is often viewed as the fellow who is supposed to do everything in the church, from preaching, to hospital visiting, to mowing the church lawn. But all believers are ministers, servants (e.g., Gal. 5:13), and are to attend to the needs of one another.

What makes this all the more wondrous is that when we serve one another, we automatically serve Christ. In closing His Olivet Discourse, Jesus said that when He returns, He will usher His sheep into His Kingdom, which He "prepared for [them] from the foundation of the world." He went on to list His reasons: they fed Him when He was hungry, gave Him drink when He was thirsty, welcomed Him when He was a stranger, clothed Him when His clothes were worn out, visited Him when He was ill, and comforted Him when he was in prison. When His sheep voice confusion—they didn't even exist when He walked the earth so they couldn't possibly have done any of these things—He explains, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me" (Matt. 25:33-40). Now, this does not imply salvation by works, rather it demonstrates that there is a "sacred union among the children of God," as Calvin put it, and so these

are the things we now do simply because of our transformation in Christ.

And so it is, then, that we all **work and labour** for one another. **Work** (*ergon*), is a general word for an act, deed, or employment, but **labor** is the more graphic *kopos*, which means "exertion and toil," "the process of becoming tired," and the "consequent fatigue and exhaustion." Peter used this word, for example, when he told the Lord that he and his companions "toiled" all night fishing and had caught nothing (Lk. 5:5). It is also used to describe the pastor's responsibility to "labour [to the point of exhaustion] in the word and doctrine" (1 Tim. 5:17), since his primary function is to preach and teach (cf. 3:2). Paul also used this to describe four people in the Roman church who labored tirelessly and sacrificially for Christ: Mary, Tryphena, Tryphosa, and Persis (Rom. 16:6, 12).

With this in mind, how can we practically minister to one another? It is encouraging, indeed, that God has not left us to our own opinions here, rather He has provided specific ways we can serve. By turning to several verses that use the term "one another," we discover no less than 12 ways we can minister.

Scriptures for Study: What do the following verses add to our study today: Mark 9:41; Galatians 5:13; 1 John 3:18?

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).

NEW ADDITION ...



SOPHIA GOEDERT PHOTO

The Meeker Public Library recently bought a "Charlie Cart." The cart is part of a national program to educate kids on culinary and kitchen skills and comes with a sink, toaster oven, and kitchen equipment. Classes will be held at the library for kids from age 5 to fifth grade. Signing up at the library beforehand is appreciated. The first class is Sept. 18. A few videos have been put on the library's Facebook and YouTube pages for an introduction to the program. The kids will learn to make various easy recipes that can also be applied at home. If you are interested in attending or would like more information stop in or call the library at 970-878-5911.

RBC moves into "Protect Our Neighbor" phase

By NIKI TURNER
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RBC | Rio Blanco County is one of three Colorado counties, along with Mesa and Gilpin, to receive the governor's approval to move into "Protect Our Neighbor" status for COVID-19 response.

RBC had to meet certain qualifications, or metrics, in order to achieve the new status, including: sufficient hospital bed capacity, sufficient PPE supply, table or declining COVID-19 hospitalizations, fewer new cases, sufficient testing capacity, ability to implement case investigation and contact tracing protocol, documented surge-capacity plan for case investigation and contact tracing and documented

strategies to offer testing to close contacts.

According to RBC Public Health Director Alice Harvey, the new status will allow for more local control and response to changing conditions, as opposed to having to navigate statewide orders. For residents, there won't be much change.

"In terms of the way we're operating, it's not going to make much of a difference unless we have an outbreak here," Harvey said.

All businesses are allowed to open at 50% capacity, the cap on large gatherings is 500, and social distancing is still required.

"Keep on doing what you're doing," Harvey said, adding that masks are one of the best tools we

have to remain in the new phase, and urging community support for local businesses and schools that require masks in high-risk settings.

With the addition of new public health nurse Sarah Coker in Rangely, Harvey is working on a countywide testing strategy to include drive-thru testing at Rangely's public health office, similar to Meeker's drive-thru program.

Harvey also explained that cases listed as being within school district boundaries are not necessarily cases in the schools, just someone who lives within the particular district.

The county's Coronavirus page is updated on Fridays with the latest information. RBC currently has one active case of COVID-19.

OBITUARIES

Lomell Croom Poole

Jan. 22, 1930 ~ Aug. 20, 2020



Lomell Poole

From a small farm near Pansey, Alabama, a young girl grew up learning to work diligently, do her best in all endeavors, and make something from nothing. Mom recounted her childhood to us with stories about conquering her fear in gathering stray eggs under the hen house, being rescued by her older sister from the snake next to the stream as they picked and sorted violets for posies, spontaneously inviting her elementary school classmates home for a birthday party when it wasn't her birthday, not heeding the sound advice of her mother to wear a bonnet while picking cotton, graduating as Valedictorian of her class, and learning to bake Chewy Cake (a family favorite) and biscuits on the old wood stove. We love the way that our Mother shared her life with us through vivid stories and poetry, and she has passed on her masterful talent for sewing, painting, writing, baking and storytelling to her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

In 1948, Lomell met a recently-returned-from-the-war sailor, Julius Poole, fell in love, and began a new adventure amongst the tumbleweeds of western Colorado. From this phase of Mom's life, we heard tales of learning to walk on ice, being coached by other southern transplants on cooking new-fangled vegetables, living in a

tiny trailer during the coldest winter imaginable, working as a short-order cook at the drugstore, and juggling a newborn while writing as a roving reporter for the local newspaper. As a young oil-field bride and pioneer in the booming town of Rangely, our Mother embraced her life in western Colorado where she lived for the next 70 years raising and sacrificially loving four children, Keith (Colleen), Kevin, Julianne (Jerry) and Jeannine (Tom); adoring 10 grandchildren, Mariah, Dalton, Haylee (Blake), Ian, Asa, JP, Grace, Sophie, Webb, and John; and dotting on three great-grandchildren, Brookelynn, Braylon and Ryker.

Lomell and Julius traveled the world, but loved best the home and yard they built in Rangely. Lomell was a consummate homemaker, a tailored lady, and proud of being able to serve her husband as his life partner and her family in the role to which God called her. We will all miss the family gatherings that Mom meticulously orchestrated replete with all of the family's favorite

dishes, indoor and outdoor games, and rousing good times. Lomell's grandchildren and great grandchildren eulogized her with beautiful memories of a loving grandmother who patiently shared her culinary skills, allowed rummaging in her shoe closet and costume jewelry collection, didn't hesitate to open her home to them, was willing to ride 4-wheelers, read books aloud and play many games, and every now and again surprised them with her sense of humor. Their love for her is palpable and a testament to her life lived so well.

Lomell's family is so very thankful for the Hope Harbor care staff at the Hilltop Commons and Hope West Hospice in Grand Junction. We also firmly believe that the governor's COVID-19 regulations and lockdown led to the decline and death of our beloved Mother as we were not allowed to be with her and touch her until she was dying.

To honor Lomell's life, the family hopes that you will bake some cookies to share with your loved ones, or tell them a story from your childhood, or read Proverbs 31 so that the role of womanhood is preserved, or if you are able, make a donation to HopeWest Hospice in Grand Junction, who supported us in our endeavor to help our beloved Mother, Grandmother, and Gigi as she bore her final adventure to her heavenly home.

Robert Eugene Dunker

Nov. 2, 1936 ~ July 3, 2020

Robert (Bob) Eugene Dunker of Rangely, Colorado, was called home July 3, 2020. He leaves behind his loving wife Virginia (Ginny is what he called her); children Melissa and Eddy Garcia of Bakersfield, California; Teresa and Randy Nelson of Aloha, Oregon; Mark and Tammy Dunker of Massadona, Colorado; Mathew Dunker and Malora Rini of Bakersfield, California; Daniel and Crystal Dunker of Frazier, California; brothers Carl Kunce of California; Richard Kunce of Oregon; 13 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Bob was born in Iowa city, Iowa, to Dorothy and Homer Dunker on Nov. 2, 1936. He

joined the United States Air Force and served his country from 1955-1958. He then went on to work for Douglas oil refinery where he met the love of his life Ginny and they married in 1959. They soon moved to Modoc County where he was a ranch hand and they started their family. They eventually moved to southern California where he worked for Dresser Atlas wireline service for 25 years. In 1999 they moved to Massadona, Colorado, to help run the Tavern. Bob was in his element there and always had a joke to tell or an old oil field story to share. Lastly, he and Virginia moved to Eagle Crest in Rangely, Colorado,

where the stories and jokes never stopped. He has been described as "a man's man" and there wasn't much he couldn't build or fix. He taught his children to fish and enjoyed many memorable camping trips with the family.

He is preceded in death by his mother Dorothy Kunce, father Homer Dunker, stepfather Merlin Kunce, brother Lenord Kunce and granddaughters Aris Dunker and Pike Dunker.

A memorial service and celebration of life will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, Sept. 18 with a light luncheon following at the old Ace High 616 East Main St. in Rangely. Due to COVID please wear a mask.

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Home sales tick up

By **CAITLIN WALKER**
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RBC I “2020 sucks,” is a universal mantra these days, but despite pandemics, wildfires, disasters and election season, it’s not all bad news. One bright spot? Colorado’s housing market.

According to the Colorado Realtors Association (CRA), buyers are snapping up homes in Colorado as fast as they can, pandemic be darned, with price tags to match. The median home price in Colorado is up to a record high of \$443,925, and dwindling supply is keeping prices stable despite huge economic hiccups in other areas.

In Denver, the average price of a home is \$601,863, and it appears some buyers have said, “enough,” to the sky high prices, looking for more affordable and less crowded communities elsewhere.

One such place is Rio Blanco County, where population density is a whopping two people per square mile, and the median listing price of a single family home has hovered in the \$200,000 to \$300,000 range for more than five years. Add to that an affordable cost of living, quality amenities, low crime rates and the proximity to millions of acres of wilderness, and many families are sold.

On average, fewer than 10 homes sell every month in Rio Blanco County. In July 2020, 20 homes were sold. Inventory is dropping, from a nine month supply to a five month supply according to a CRA report, but prices don’t seem to be increasing

as quickly as demand. According to area realtor Suzan Pelloni, prices are “relatively stable,” but it’s both a buyer and seller’s market right now. “Sellers are getting higher sales. Buyers are getting great interest rates.”

One new resident to RBC hails from the Front Range, and couldn’t stand the congestion and crime anymore despite Denver being her hometown. She brought her job with her thanks to Rio Blanco County’s broadband availability, and her family is in the process of relocating to Meeker full-time.

Of course, most new residents aren’t moving here for jobs, which are few and far between, especially as the county struggles to attract new industries to replace extraction jobs in the Piceance Basin, the Colowyo coal mine closure looms in the not-too-distant future, and small businesses continue to slog through the COVID-19 pandemic. Many newcomers are retirees or those, like the former Denverite, who can make a living from home with just an internet connection. Rio Blanco County’s broadband project was heavily promoted throughout the state by former Economic Development Director Katelin Cook a few years ago, and the county may be just now seeing a return on that investment.

“I do believe the broadband internet has put Meeker on the map and is drawing interest from buyers,” area real estate agent Alex Plumb told the HT. “I had multiple clients from out of town (larger cities), looking at Meeker. The high speed internet was a huge plus for them, and

most would be working remotely from home. Additionally, they all wanted to stay within town limits,” which is unusual, according to Plumb.

Plumb also mentioned the lower interest rates, which have catalyzed many in-town transfers as residents relocate to homes with the amenities they’ve always wanted, while saving on monthly payments.

Pelloni has seen similar trends. “A number of the 2020 transactions are local buyers, looking to upsize/downsize,” but the second largest set of buyers she’s worked with are actually Carbondale transplants. “Some buyers are retired (or close to retiring) and have found Meeker to be a nice retreat. Young families are drawn here for the recreation opportunities and safe place to raise their children.”

Unfortunately, there’s no way even a large increase in residential tax incomes could offset the oil and gas fallout currently faced by local taxing districts. According to RBC Assessor Renae Nielsen, “Oil and gas is taxed at 87.5% of actual value, homes are 7.15%.” On top of that, there’s not nearly enough property available for development of these hypothetical new homes, anyway. 74% of the county land is owned by the federal government.

In August, home sales were back in a normal range, with seven properties changing hands. Will the trend continue? Time will tell.

In the meantime, if you do have new neighbors, please give them a warm welcome.

Town of Meeker will cut expenses, dip into reserves for \$1.4 million shortfall

By **LUCAS TURNER**
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MEEKER I Following their regular Tuesday meeting, Meeker’s Board of Trustees stayed late to consider the town’s 2021 budget. Facing an estimated shortfall of more than \$1.4 million, the Town expects to dig into reserve funds during the next fiscal year, but not without making a few capital improvement sacrifices first.

The single largest item trustees and staff proposed to cut from the budget was the Meeker High School sidewalk project, for which the town had initially budgeted \$240,000. Trustee Pat Turner suggested pushing the project out another year, noting that MHS students “haven’t had a sidewalk there for over a hundred years.” Other trustees agreed the project wasn’t especially urgent, and that the cut was necessary.

Town Manager Lisa Cook, who put together the 2021 Budget, initiated discussions on many of the cuts. One of those was for the \$50,000 Business Grant program, which Cook said had “lost its luster over the years,” citing lack of participation with the program as one reason to cut it. Trustees agreed.

Cook later noted that the cut would not apply to funds that had already been granted in 2020, and that the program could come back or get “revamped” after 2021.

In discussing some similar discretionary and case-by-case expenditures, Trustees agreed to cut the Community Improvements budget in half, from \$60,000 to \$30,000. In 2020 the fund helped to pay for an SWCA River Design Study, contributed \$3,000 to the “Admin Playground” and put \$1,000 towards banners in the downtown area.

The marketing and economic development line item was also cut by \$20,000, from \$35,000 to \$15,000 for 2021. Trustee Scott Creecy said the original purpose of the line was “to piggyback on stuff the county was doing.” The Town has spent less than \$5,000, about half of which went to a promotional video for snowmobiling produced by a small YouTube channel. The town also purchased a quarter page ad in the 20th edition of the Northwest Colorado Hunting Guide.

Nearly \$24,000 in cuts were proposed for two items in the police department budget. First was for detox, for which the town had consistently budgeted \$3,700 annually, but Cook said the town has not paid for detox any time in recent years that she could remember, so it was cut entirely. Also

cut entirely from the PD budget was \$20,000 for employee recruitment. Instead, the town is budgeting a \$4,500 hiring incentive under salaries for the potential new-hire of Meeker’s would-be sixth police officer.

In the Public Works department, urgent Third Street improvement projects remain in the proposed budget, with others getting cut, for now. At the request of town staff, trustees chose to fund the water loadout building and welding hood projects next year, at a combined cost of about \$83,000. Trustees then cut \$63,000 budgeted toward an overhaul of the Public Works department’s Third Street shop.

In one of the only back and forth discussions of the evening, Lisa Cook asked trustees to consider if they’d like to continue subsidizing the recycling program at a cost of \$21,600 annually.

Trustee Wendy Gutierrez wanted to cut the subsidy entirely, saying, “We’re at a place now where if we’re going to start tightening our budget, and with the limited hours that they’re open out there, I’m OK with not subsidizing it any longer.” She elaborated on her lack of support by talking about how the recycling drop off location on County Road 15 was not open during hours that people needed to use it, like evenings or weekends.

Trustee Pat Turner argued that having a recycling program would be an important recruiting tool for bringing new residents to town, and suggested continuing the subsidy for at least another year.

Other trustees fell in the middle of the discussion, and ultimately it was decided that the recycling program subsidy would be cut by \$6,600 to a total of \$15,000 for 2021, assuming the (contractor) was willing to renegotiate.

Before the meeting ended, Trustee Scott Creecy asked Town Manager Lisa Cook about the proposed \$50,000 budgeted to contribute to maintaining the local dispatch center, asking if Cook believed that amount would be enough. Cook was uncertain, but warned trustees that if the town had to pay more towards dispatch, that it could “throw all of our hard work out the window.”

Town staff and trustees are still just getting started in the budget process. So far they have proposed just over \$400,000 in cuts to their 2021 budget. The proposed budget with trustee approved amendments goes back before the board Oct. 6, and a public hearing will be scheduled for November before final adoption.

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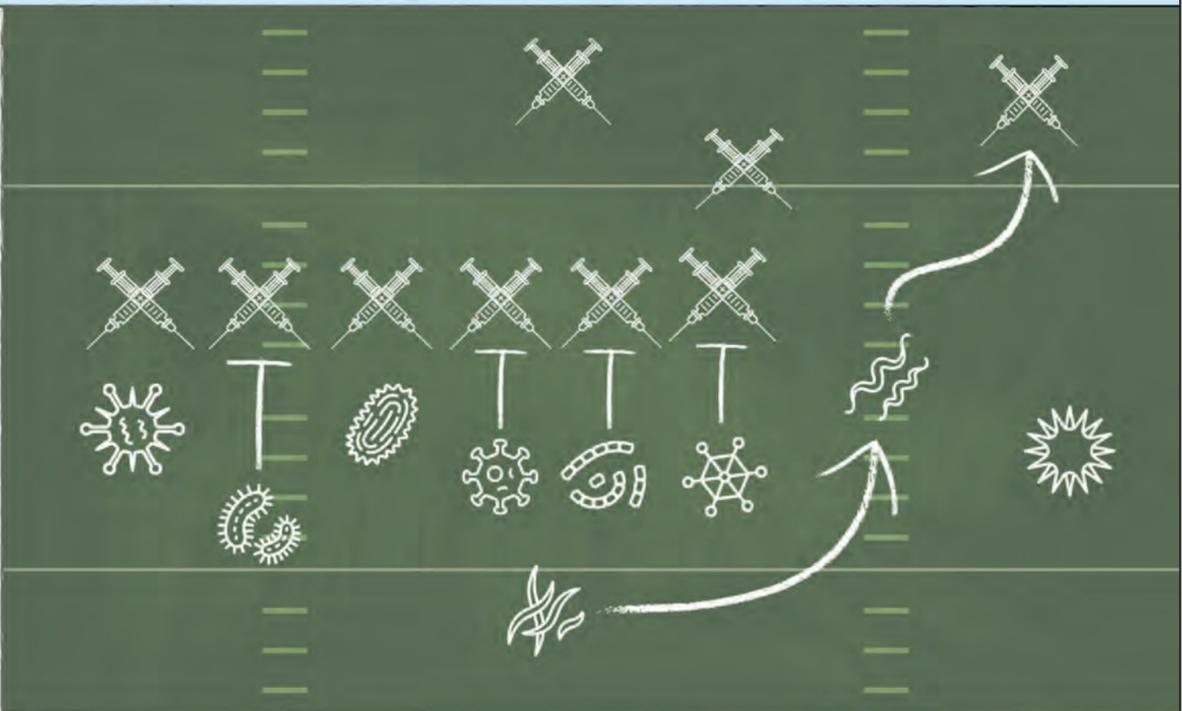
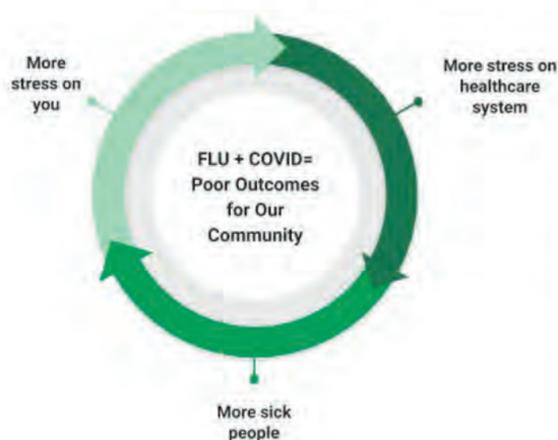
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"All options" on the table for budget balancing act

Four FT jobs and dispatch still up in the air, creation of a "commissioner coordinator" position discussed

By HT STAFF
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COUNTY BEAT

RBC | Commissioners are still considering "all options" (with the exception of reserves) as they endeavor to cut \$2.3 million from the 2021 budget. Those options include merging various departments to cut back on staff and meeting with Jeff Davis, Director of Public Safety Communications for the Colorado State Patrol, next Tuesday to continue the discussion about shifting the county's dispatch to the regional call center in Craig. Public response to that suggestion has been overwhelmingly negative.

By cutting 5% of each department's actual expenses, the county anticipates a savings of \$1 million. The other changes — consolidation of departments and cutting positions, as well as a one day a month furlough for county employees — are expected to save another \$700,000.

That will still require significant cuts to balance the 2021 budget. The county has \$17 million in reserves that commissioners have repeatedly said they don't want to dip into.

In a work session Tuesday, Budget and Finance Director Janae Stanworth asked the commissioners for direction on the consolidation of departments as she moves forward with budget planning. Departments named as subject to consolidation include building, planning, GIS, emergency management, natural resources, economic development, IT, communications and sales and use tax, according to the agenda for the regular meeting.

Commissioner Gary Moyer described what he would like to see in the restructuring:

"We need a go-to person that communicates with the commissioners and the department heads to keep us on the same page." Moyer said as a new commissioner it was difficult to determine who the "go-to" person was in each department.

"You are describing the role of a county administrator," commented County Attorney Todd Starr.

Rio Blanco County hasn't had a county administrator since Kimberly Bullen resigned in April 2013.

A county administrator/manager would cost the county about \$150,000 a year. Creating a new "commissioner coordinator" position is estimated at \$100,000-110,000.

Stanworth summed up that part of the discussion: "Your savings is going to come from not having an ED [Economic Development] department — with two people gone — but we're going to put in this new position that's going to serve as public information, commissioner coordinator and if you wanted it to, some ED."

Also mentioned in the work session was the possibility of asking the towns to subsidize the sales and use tax department, a position held by Deb Morlan for more than 20 years. Both town managers have spoken on behalf of the need for the sales and use tax department to remain in place.

How to combine roles like emergency management — a mostly grant-funded position currently held by commissioner-elect Ty Gates — and other disparate departments like

natural resources or economic development prompted additional discourse. Reducing the emergency management role to part time is under consideration.

Starr suggested keeping natural resources under the planning department. County Planner Leif Joy also serves as the county surveyor and GIS department head.

In the regular meeting, the board:

- Approved an event plan for the Mountain Dogs LLC event Sept. 18-20 at the fairgrounds.

- Agreed to continue to collect the employee portion of social security taxes instead of deferring payment for six months, an option made available by the federal government as a way to boost the economy. Employees would be held accountable for the taxes after the deferral period.

- Appointed Alice Harvey and Marcia Allread to the CSBG Board.

The commissioners closed another regular meeting in an executive session, "for the purpose of receiving legal advice on specific legal questions." Human Resources Director Laura Smith and Commissioner-elect Gates were included in the executive session Tuesday. No further details were provided.

The board has three special meetings scheduled for Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings. The agendas for the meetings list executive sessions followed by approval or disapproval of settlement terms with Utah Gas.



ROXIE FROMANG PHOTO

The annual Septemberfest car show drew 84 entries from Colorado and Utah. Results below. Scan the Zapcode for more photos, or click in the digital edition.

Septemberfest results

By ROXIE FROMANG
Special to the Herald Times

RANGELY | 2020 has offered up many disappointments but Rangely's 40th annual Septemberfest Labor Day weekend celebration was not one of them. From the Seaplane Splash-In Saturday to the annual Labor Day barbecue in the park on Monday, the three-day festivities really hit the spot. If you weren't fortunate enough to join the Rangely community during Septemberfest here is a recap of the contest and event winners:



FAST, FLAT & FREE 5K

1st place — Jack Richens and Mike Sanford

2nd place — Robby Elam and Ryan Elam

3rd place — Nate Terrin and Clark Edwards

B Division

1st place — Tim Webber and Destiny Fox

2nd place — Bryson Elam and Keyton Elam

3rd place — Lindsey Blake and Preslee Bunch

14 teams participated this year.

■ **Fast, Flat, and Free 5K**

Kids

1st place — Clay Allred, 13 with a time of 25.49

2nd place — Gage Fielder, 13 with a time of 26.04

3rd place — Miah Wren, 13 with a time of 28.40

Womens

1st place — Rebecca Davis, 28 with a time of 25.36

2nd place — Ashley Skelton, 28 with a time of 26.58

3rd place — Courtney Kent, 36 with a time of 27.44

Mens

1st place — Steve Green, 58 with a time of 22.30

2nd place — Quinton Kent, 38 with a time of 27.44

3rd place — Dylan Scott, 29 with a time of 27.58

Honorable Mention - The CNCC Men's and Women's Basketball teams

■ **Cribbage Tournament**

1st place — Jamie Allen

2nd place — tie between Luke Geer and Brandy Williams

■ **2020 Septemberfest Car Show Results**

Category

Original

Custom

1929 & older

Jeannie Higgins 1903 Olvera

Jim Fulkerson 1923 23T Ford

1930's
Ken Fuller 1934 Ford
Jim Baughman 1932 300 Coupe

1940's
Clarence Hamilton 1941 Clipper Packard

1950's
Jim Lee 1955 Crown Victoria
Gerald Ducray 1955 Chevy 2dr

1960's
Harry Bentzler 1961 Impala
Joe Madson 1967 Pontiac

1970's
Jay Edwards 1970 Challenger
Jerry LeBleu 1971 Chevy

1980's
Jerry Gustin 1987 GN
Rick Jones 1987 Pickup

2000's
Brennon LeBleu 2009 Shelby
2010 & Newer
Brennon LeBleu 2019 ZRI Pickup

Best Engine
Al Stowers 1959 Apache
Best Interior
Treven LeBleu/Sam Tolley

Best Paint
Treven LeBleu/Sam Tolley
1966 Corvette
Best In Show
Brennon LeBleu/Sam Tolley

2019 ZRI
People's Choice
Kent Hejl 1961 Chevy PU

The Septemberfest Car Show is a regional favorite among car show enthusiasts. Despite COVID-19 it still brought in 84 car entries from Rangely, Meeker, Grand Junction, Craig, Silt, Gypsum, Rifle, Loma, Dinosaur and Fruita, Colorado; Vernal, Rock Springs, Sunnyside, Myton and Roosevelt, Utah.



BBQ COOKOFF

■ **Barbecue Cook Off**

1st — Charlie Lohse

2nd — Robyn Bentley

3rd — Paul Lewis



CHILI COOKOFF

■ **Chili Cook Off**

Best Red Chili — Robert Moore

Best Green Chili — Beverly Hernandez

Best Overall/People's Choice — Beverly Hernandez

■ **Homemade Ice Cream Contest**

1st place — Rene Harden

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■ **1st Annual Cornhole Doubles Tournament**

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Rangely-hosted XC events set for Friday, Saturday

Special to the Herald Times

RANGELY The Rangely Panthers high school cross country team had the weekend off this past weekend, instead running the Uintah Invitational on Wednesday. The course was fast and just 3 miles as opposed to the typical 5K, circling through the grass of city park in Naples, Utah.

The five lady Panthers were again led by junior Mary Scoggins, who navigated the course in 20:22 to place fifth overall. For the first time this season, the Panthers were able to race all 11 harriers in the same race with Andrew Dorris leading the crew. Dorris finished in 23rd with a time of 18:30.

All 11 Panther harriers were able to run in the same race at the Uintah Invitational last weekend.

MATT SCOGGINS PHOTO



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Cowboy cross country team runs in Delta and at home

Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER Cowboy cross country split its runners between two weekend races, with the varsity runners traveling to Delta on Friday, and the balance of the team running at another home meet on Saturday.

Delta hosted six other teams at Confluence Park, with the girls running first. Brighton Bair was the first Cowboy to the finish line, earning a new personal record (PR) of 22:12, and 11th place overall. Savannah Mendenhall and Nora Gianinetti ran well together for most of the race, and pushed each other to great finishes, taking 22nd and 23rd places, at 23:59 and

24:00, PR's for both racers. Aiyana McCook and Sarah Kracht also had their best races so far, finishing in 26:17 and 27:14, for 29th and 33rd places respectively. The girls placed fifth as a team.

Meeker had great representation in the boys' race as well, with third place in team scoring. Gabe Richardson was the first finisher for the Cowboys, in 10th place at 19:37. Ethan Drake was right behind him, at 19:38 and 13th place, a PR, and his first sub-20:00 race. Shane Kobald followed in 15th place at 19:44, and Colby Clatterbaugh finished in 20:11 and 19th, his best. Spud White and Buzz Clatterbaugh raced each other to the finish, at 20:19.45 and

20:19.84, for 21st and 22nd, PR's for both.

"Delta's meets at Confluence are always fast, and this was no exception. It was great to see the work paying off in our times this week. All of our new runners had their best times so far, most by two or three minutes."

Meeker hosted another home meet on Saturday, drawing five other schools. The course began and finished on the practice field at the middle school, and included running around Paintbrush Park and areas of the fairgrounds. The girls raced here first as well, with Ainsley Selle and Alana Nielsen representing the Cowboys. Ainsley finished in 17th place, with a new

PR of 28:00. Alana took 24th place at 34:06. The boys race had five Meeker runners, with Gage Richardson having a great finish, fending off a handful of competitors for 31st place, at 23:44. Owen Hannemann, Ashdon Seibert, and Gabe Smithers finished 34th, 35th, and 36th places, at 23:59, 24:23, and 25:06, a PR for Gabe. Stephen Koenig had his debut race of the season, at 36:26, for 40th place.

"It was good to fit in another meet this weekend, and to see some new competitors. We had teams from as far as Ouray. It was

certainly a much harder course than Delta, but we got some positive feedback from our visiting teams, and will hope to use this course for future events," said head coach Marty Casey. "I was pleased with the efforts of our runners today, and how well they all managed the course!"

Meeker will be competing in both of the Rangely meets this coming weekend, with varsity runners starting at 5 p.m. on Friday, and JV races at 9:30 a.m. Saturday. Both meets will be held at Cedar Ridges Golf Course.

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The boys scored third as a team at the Delta race. Scan the Zapcode for a video of their start.

MHS softball splits games

By TIFFANY JEHOREK
Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER Cowboys softball had a change of venue Friday after a large storm moved through the region, but Saturday they were back on their home fields. The weekend ended up split, losing both to Delta, but run-ruling Aspen in just three innings in both games.

Friday the games went 4-9 and 0-10 the Panthers and Saturday 24-1 and 27-1 the Cowboys.

"Once again there was continual strong leadership at the mound by pitcher Hailey Knowles," commented head coach Brianna Williams.

Knowles had 17 strikeouts for the weekend and was a top hitter for the team alongside freshman Vivian Brown and Ryan Mergelman.

Tuesday, hosting at home once again to full stands, the team split their double header against Basalt. In game one the

top of the seventh the Cowboys were down by three with Basalt up to bat. With two outs and a runner on third, Basalt sent it to center field, fielded by Brown, she connected with Emma Knez ending Basalt's at bat. The Cowboys ended up going three and out in the bottom of the seventh and game one ended

8-5 Basalt.

Game two the team turned it around, another strong pitching game by Knowles, the final score was 18-3.

The 6-8 Cowboys have two games remaining in the season, a double header taking on Montezuma-Cortez at home on Oct. 3.



COURTESY PHOTO

Macy Ridgeway catches an infield foul ball on the third out in the sixth inning. Ridgeway, Hailey Knowles and MyKayla Wille led the team to a 1-1 evening against Basalt. Scan the Zapcode for more photos, or click in the digital edition.

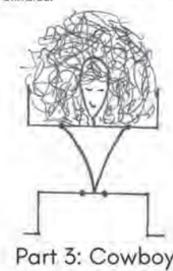
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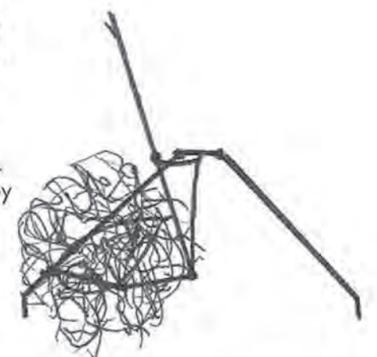
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You can continue with every breath, repeating this movement from side to side, or slow it down to spend more time on each side as long as it is comfortable.

MEEKER CROSS COUNTRY SCHEDULE:

- Sept. 18-19, Rangely
- Sept. 25-26, Craig
- Oct. 9, Regionals, location TBA
- Oct. 17, State, Colorado Springs

MEEKER SOFTBALL SCHEDULE:

- Oct. 3 @ HOME v. Cortez 11 a.m., 1 p.m. (V/DH)

Schedules are provided by school officials and may contain errors or omissions and be subject to changes without notice. Schedules for other sports will be published as they are received.

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



COURTESY PHOTO
MHS golfer Braydon Garcia.

Regular season wraps up; four golfers off to regionals

Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER I Meeker golf hit the greens hard after a small break during Labor Day with three tournaments in seven days.

“Without a doubt the boys are fun to watch,” commented head coach Willy Theos; continuing, “The team has improved, they all did; the scores have improved regardless of the course, they’ve come down considerably and consistently.”

On Sept. 9 the team traveled to Craig for the Moffatt County Invitational. “We have always stayed about the middle of the pack for team scores,” Theos said. In Craig they placed fourth. Craig was the first tournament of the year that the entire team was able to travel and play the course.

Individual scores from Moffat County Invitational

Varsity	
Peter Hanks	91
John Hampton Hightower	99
Ryan Phelan	102
Ryan Sullivan	108
Jake Blazon	113
Junior Varsity	
Zagar Brown	98
Braydon Garcia	100
Liam Deming	111
Porter Hossack	115
Jace Mobley	121
Chakwah Brink	122
Ty Goedert	129

Meeker Golf Course hosted a Meeker and Craig dual.

“I’d really like to thank Becky Ridings and her staff for hosting the dual and their amazing support of high school golf,” Theos said. “Also, Parts City—McGuire Auto Parts and Lamb Soap Company for sponsoring the lunch for both teams at the dual as well.”

The dual format was a little different than most tournaments. Two players from each team battled head to head; the top two from Meeker played against the top two Craig and on down the line, for a total of six teams on each side. The best ball tournament ended with Meeker winning 5-1 and taking the tournament.

Meeker Dual: MoCo and Meeker

Hanks	84
Mobley	96
Phelan	98
Hightower	102
Blazon	102
Sullivan	104
Garcia	104
Brown	108
Deming	112
Chakwah Brink	120
Porter Hossack	149
Ty Goedert	150

In the final tournament of the year before regionals Hightower, Hanks, Garcia, Phelan, and Sullivan played in Vail at the Vail Valley Golf Club Invitational.

“As a team placing once again about middle of the pack in a tournament where there were a lot of 4A schools, that is a success,” said Theos, “we are a 3A school but that is only because there is no 2A golf.”

The final regular season tournament Hightower played the best round on the team with a score of 88. Hightower is a junior at Meeker High School and golf has helped him find some normalcy “it has been a hard year but with golf around it definitely helped out a lot,” he said.

Golf isn’t an individual sport in practice and in a sense during a tournament, but the kids come together as a team and Hightower said his “teammates and coaches make everything much more fun and when you feel good you play good.”

Vail Valley Golf Club Invitational

John Hampton Hightower	88
Peter Hanks	93
Braydon Garcia	98
Ryan Phelan	102
Ryan Sullivan	103

The regular season is fully wrapped up and next Monday and Tuesday four boys: Hightower, Hanks, Phelan and Sullivan, will travel to Carbondale to compete in regionals. Monday is a practice day and the tournament begins Tuesday.

Barone Middle School runners host first meet of season

Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER I This past Friday Barone Middle School cross country runners ran in and hosted their first meet of the season. Soroco and Rangely joined Barone athletes for their first race as an official team. The races began and ended at the middle school practice field and consisted of roughly 1.8 miles. Among the three schools, 21 girls and 30 boys participated in the races.

The girls raced first and did well. Adi Selle was the first Cowboy to cross the finish line in sixth place with a time of 15:36. Reese Clatterbaugh finished in seventh place with a time of 16:28. Adi Knowles followed with a time of 16:52 and placed ninth. Emma Bauer and Haylee Steele completed the team placing 14th and 15th.

The boys also had a great day and won the meet. Clay Crawford

took first place and set the record for the course at 12:34. His teammates, Aidan Topia, Finley Deming, and Wyatt Rollins, followed with some great pack running placing third, fourth and fifth with times of 13:37, 13:39 and 13:41. Tyler Sanders and Connor Rose also placed in the top 10, in seventh and 10th. Sam Smithers placed 12th, Skylar Browning placed 18th, Drew Drake 21st, Cameron Hanberg 26th, Tristin Rollins 27th, and John Bair in 28th rounded out the team.

“The weather was beautiful and the course was full of rolling hills between the middle school and Paintbrush Park. The coaches, Briar Meszaros, Natoshia Clatterbaugh and I were extremely pleased with how the kids ran. They have been training hard since the start of school and we are excited to see how they will continue to improve,” said coach Kris Casey.



COURTESY PHOTOS
BMS runners Adi Selle and Clay Crawford.

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Rangely junior high cross country is underway, with 28 students competing.

COURTESY PHOTO

Rangely jr. high xc underway

RANGELY | Rangely Jr. High cross country is underway. The Panthers started their season a little over two weeks ago and have made huge strides. The team, made up of 28 students, competed in their first meet in Vernal, Utah. For their very first race, with very little training, the athletes did an amazing job. Their second meet came only two days later in Meeker, where the girls' team placed first. "I am very excited and proud that these kids have decided to go out and try something new. Running might not be their first love, but they are out participating, competing, having fun, and being great teammates," said Coach Wilkie. The Panthers next meet will be Oct. 2 in Rangely.



COURTESY PHOTO

The Panther's next meet is Oct. 2 in Rangely.

Meeker student receives honorable mention, \$400 scholarship from Alzheimer's Foundation of America

PRESS RELEASE
Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER | The Alzheimer's Foundation of America (AFA) named Adalynn Joy, of Meeker, Colorado, an Honorable Mention in its national 2020 Teens for Alzheimer's Awareness College Scholarship Essay Contest and awarded her a \$400 college scholarship. Joy was chosen from nearly 2,000 entries nationwide for her essay about her experiences as a Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) at a long-term care facility, as well as her experiences with her grandmother, who lives with Alzheimer's disease, and how this impacted her life.

"Adalynn's heartfelt essay about her experiences and the lessons she learned from those experiences will help raise Alzheimer's awareness and provide strength to other families who are dealing with the same challenges," said Charles J. Fuschillo, Jr., AFA's President and CEO. "We congratulate Adalynn, thank her for sharing her story, and are grateful for her efforts in the fight against Alzheimer's disease."

Joy's essay focuses on time

working with seniors in a long-term care facility connected to her local hospital as a CNA, as well as her experiences with her grandmother, who is living with Alzheimer's disease and how this impacted her. Joy forms relationships with many of the elderly residents at the Walbridge Wing. She writes that many of them can't remember their family members or many of their past memories, but they are able to feel love, so she tries to provide that care and compassion to them. Joy remembers one particular resident, who calls out for her husband who had passed away 10 years earlier. She feels lonely, but she feels comfort in knowing that Joy is there for her even if she doesn't always remember who she is. They squeeze each other's hand before the woman goes to sleep and tell each other, "I love you."

Joy has been touched by Alzheimer's in her family life, too. She describes her grandmother as a former successful businesswoman and a family-oriented person who beat cancer. It started slow, at first, as she would often repeat stories. As the disease progressed, she found

it more difficult to do simple, everyday tasks and she became less conversational. She may not remember a lot of things, but she is still able to show love and compassion.

These experiences have inspired Joy to pursue a degree in geriatric nursing. While studying, she plans on working in long-term care facilities because she wants to be "the light in someone's day."

AFA's annual Teens for Alzheimer's Awareness College Scholarship Essay Contest asks high school seniors to describe how Alzheimer's disease impacts their lives, what they've learned in the face of coping with it, and how they plan to help others who are affected by it. This year, AFA awarded more than \$41,000 in college scholarships to 59 students from across the country. Since the program's inception, AFA has awarded nearly \$300,000 in college scholarships to students affected by Alzheimer's disease.

For more information about AFA's Teens for Alzheimer's Awareness College Scholarship Essay Contest, call AFA at 866-232-8484 or visit www.alzfdn.org.

RANGE CALL ROYALTY ...



COURTESY PHOTOS

2021 Range Call Royalty attended the Septemberfest parade in Rangely on Labor Day. "We never get tired of the amazing community support we see around Rio Blanco County," said Karolyn Wakefield. Pictured: Junior Royalty Queen Dixie Hall and Junior Attendant Joslin Speith. Senior Royalty Princess, Olivia Olsen, 1st Princess Attendant Braydin Raley, 2nd Princess Attendant Kalee Ivy.

Colorado students invited to enter 2021 National Radon Poster Contest

Special to the Herald Times

RBC | The 2021 National Radon Poster Contest is now open, giving Colorado students ages 9 to 14 a chance to educate communities about indoor radon risks, win cash prizes, and have their artwork distributed across the state or country.

The contest is designed to raise awareness about the importance of radon testing and to inform people of the dangers of radon in their homes. Posters are first entered into the Colorado contest, with the winning poster representing Colorado in the national contest.

Students enrolled in a public, private, territorial, tribal, Department of Defense, or home school are eligible to submit entries. Members of a sponsoring club, such as a scouting organization or an art, computer, science, or 4-H club also are eligible. Posters must be submitted by Nov. 20, 2020 and only one entry per student (aged 9 to 14) is allowed. Poster contest submission forms, topics, rules, and prizes may be found online at www.coloradoradon.info.

Colorado entries will be judged based on content accuracy, visual communication of the topic, reproducibility, and originality. State winners are

awarded \$300 for first place, \$200 for second, and \$100 for third. Teachers of students with winning entries will each receive \$100.

The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, in partnership with the Conference of Radiation Control Program Directors, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, coordinates the contest each year.

Radon is a naturally occurring radioactive gas responsible for hundreds of Colorado lung cancer deaths each year. The colorless, odorless, tasteless gas can enter homes through cracks in the foundation or other openings and can accumulate unless properly mitigated. Long-term radon exposure is the leading cause of lung cancer in nonsmokers and the second-leading cause of lung cancer in smokers. In Colorado, about half the homes have radon levels higher than the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's recommended action level of 4 pCi/L of indoor air.

More information about radon, discount test kits and radon contractors is available at www.coloradoradon.info or by calling Colorado's Radon Hotline at 1-800-846-3986. For additional contest information, please visit the website or contact Chrystine Kelley at chrys.kelley@state.co.us.

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SUMMONS FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE To the Respondent named above, this Summons serves as a notice to appear in this case.

If you were served in the State of Colorado, you must file your Response with the clerk of this Court within 21 days after this Summons is served on you to participate in this action.

If you were served outside of the State of Colorado or you were served by publication, you must file your Response with the clerk of this Court within 35 days after this Summons is served on you to participate in this action.

You may be required to pay a filing fee with your Response. The Response form (JDF 1103) can be found at www.courts.state.co.us by clicking on the "Self Help/Forms" tab.

After 91 days from the date of service or publication, the Court may enter a Decree affecting your marital status, distribution of property and debts, issues involving children such as child support, allocation of parental responsibilities (decision-making and parenting time), maintenance (spousal support), attorney fees, and costs to the extent the Court has jurisdiction.

If you fail to file a Response in this case, any or all of the matters above, or any related matters which come before this Court, may be decided without further notice to you.

This is an action to obtain a Decree of: Dissolution of Marriage or Legal Separation as more fully described in the attached Petition, and if you have children, for orders regarding the children of the marriage.

Notice: §14-10-107, C.R.S., provides that upon filing of a Petition for Dissolution of Marriage or Legal Separation by the Petitioner and Co-Petitioner, or upon personal service of the Petition and Summons on the Respondent, or upon waiver and acceptance of service by the Respondent, an automatic temporary injunction shall be in effect against both parties until the Final Decree is entered, or the Petition is dismissed, or until further Order of the Court. Either party may apply to the Court for further temporary orders, an expanded temporary injunction, or modification or revocation under §14-10-108, C.R.S.

A request for genetic tests shall not prejudice the requesting party in matters concerning allocation of parental responsibilities pursuant to §14-10-124(1.5), C.R.S. If genetic tests are not obtained prior to a legal establishment of paternity and submitted into evidence prior to the entry of the final decree of dissolution or legal separation, the genetic tests may not be allowed into evidence at a later date.

Automatic Temporary Injunction—By Order of Colorado Law, You and Your Spouse are:

1. Restrained from transferring, encumbering, concealing or in any way disposing of, without the consent of the other party or an Order of the Court, any marital property, except in the usual course of business or for the necessities of life. Each party is required to notify the other party of any proposed extraordinary expenditures and to account to the Court for all extraordinary expenditures made after the injunction is in effect;
2. Enjoined from molesting or disturbing the peace of the other party;
3. Restrained from removing the minor children of the parties, if any, from the State without consent of the other party or an Order of the Court; and
4. Restrained without at least 14 days advance notification and the written consent of the other party or an Order of the Court, from canceling, modifying, terminating, or allowing to lapse for nonpayment of premiums, any policy of health insurance, homeowner's or renter's insurance, or automobile insurance that provides coverage to either of the parties or the minor children or any policy of life insurance that names either of the parties or the minor children as a beneficiary.
Date: 8/3/2020
/s/ Jeri Gilchrist
Published: September 10, 17, 24, October 1 and 8, 2020
Rio Blanco Herald Times

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.
Published: August 27, September 3, 10 and 17, 2020
Rio Blanco Herald Times

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 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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AMAZON, SPPLY, 1,963.93
ARBANEY CATTLE, OTHR CNTRCT, 3,060.00
ATMOS ENERGY, UTL, 29.01
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ATMOS ENERGY, UTL, 66.21
ATMOS ENERGY, UTL, 45.04
ATMOS ENERGY, UTL, 196.97
BIGHORN CONSULTING, PRCH SVCS, 1,500.00
BOYKO, SPPLY, 31.80
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OVERHEAD DOOR, RPR/MNTC-BLDG, 960.00
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RANGELY TRUE VALUE, SPPLY, 407.28
RBC LIVESTOCK SALE, PRCH SVCS, 1,956.00
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RESPOND FIRST AID, SPPLY, 104.89
RICHARDSON, FAIN, PRCH SVCS, 240.00
RB HERALD TIME, PRCH SVCS, 768.16
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SAMUELSON'S, SPPLY, 64.95
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TURNKEY CORRECTIONS, SPPLY, 11.63
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UNION, PRCH SVCS, 8,247.51
VALLEY HARDWARE, SPPLY, 677.75
VALUE WEST, PRCH SVCS, 2,260.00
VISUAL LEASE, PRCH SVCS, 22,529.91
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WHITE RIVER INN, OTHR CNTRCT, 415.00
US DEPT. OF THE TREASURY, FED W/H, 27,633.33
US DEPT. OF THE TREASURY, FICA W/H, 52,867.96
CO STATE WITHHOLDINGS, STATE W/H, 11,385.29
GREAT WEST, RETIREMENT, 40,529.66
COUNTY HEALTH POOL, INSURANCE, 113,909.98
FAMILY SUPPORT REGISTRY, WAGE ASNMT, 1,012.69
GENERAL FUND TOTAL: 458,472.82
FUND: CAPITAL EXPEND
VENDOR NAME, ACCOUNT NAME, AMOUNT
EMC PLUMBING & HEATING, R AP, 6,531.29
MVB-VISA, MNTC, 462.90
SAMUELSON'S, MNTC, 133.53
CAPITAL EXPEND FUND TOTAL 7,127.72
FUND: ROAD & BRIDGE
VENDOR NAME, ACCOUNT NAME, AMOUNT
CO DEPT OF PUB HLTH, PRCH SVCS, 605.00
HDR, CR 73 BRDG, 1,250.38
J&S CONTRACTORS SPPLY, SIGN MTRL, 2,431.25
MS&G, CLVRT INV, 122.20
MEEKER, TOWN OF, SPPLY, 24.00
MVB-VISA, TRVL, 57.24
PITNEY BOWES RSRV, PRCH SVCS, 23.35
RANGELY TRUE VALUE, SPPLY, 82.34
RB HERALD TIME, PRCH SVCS, 148.56
STRIPES-A-Lot, CNTRCT SVCS, 112,066.82
UNION, PRCH SVCS, 130.30
VALLEY HARDWARE, SPPLY, 139.99
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WESTERN IMP, SPPLY, 1,007.95
WREA, UTL, 85.20
US DEPT. OF THE TREASURY, FED W/H, 10,816.76
US DEPT. OF THE TREASURY, FICA W/H, 22,404.33
CO STATE WITHHOLDINGS, STATE W/H, 4,719.49
GREAT WEST, RETIREMENT, 17,465.16
COUNTY HEALTH POOL, INSURANCE, 61,541.46
ROAD & BRIDGE FUND TOTAL: 535,755.41
FUND: PUBLIC HEALTH
VENDOR NAME, ACCOUNT NAME, AMOUNT
ASD SPECIALTY HLTHCR, SPPLY, 7,170.40
CLIA LAB, PRCH SVCS, 60.00
FEDEX, PRCH SVCS, 61.43
LANGUAGE LINE SVCS, PRCH SVCS, 123.52
McKESSON MED, SPPLY, 3,361.70
ANA M. MORENO, PRCH SVCS, 36.00
MVB-VISA, PRCH SVCS, 358.71
PMC, PRCH SVCS, 500.00
R & S NORTHEAST, SPPLY, 100.59
RB HERALD TIME, PRCH SVCS, 990.00
STAPLES, SPPLY, 61.36

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MEL TRUJILLO, PRCH SVCS, 250.00
US DEPT. OF THE TREASURY, FED W/H, 629.38
US DEPT. OF THE TREASURY, FICA W/H, 1,723.19
CO STATE WITHHOLDINGS, STATE W/H, 276.15
GREAT WEST, RETIREMENT, 1,459.75
COUNTY HEALTH POOL, INSURANCE, 3,326.67
PUBLIC HEALTH FUND TOTAL: 20,488.85
FUND: DEPT OF HUMAN SVCS
VENDOR NAME, ACCOUNT NAME, AMOUNT
AMAZON, SPPLY, 219.12
PITNEY BOWES RSRV, CNTY EXPNC, 6.80
STEERMAN LAW, CNTRCT SVCS, 10,000.00
US DEPT. OF THE TREASURY, FED W/H, 3,656.31
US DEPT. OF THE TREASURY, FICA W/H, 6,890.50
CO STATE WITHHOLDINGS, STATE W/H, 1,645.03
GREAT WEST, RETIREMENT, 4,990.51
COUNTY HEALTH POOL, INSURANCE, 16,078.25
AP PAYMENTS, 5,410.81
DEPT OF HUMAN SVCS FUND TOTAL: 48,897.33
FUND: CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT
VENDOR NAME, ACCOUNT NAME, AMOUNT
T-O ENGINEERS, MA ENTLMNT, 54,611.34
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND TOTAL: 54,611.34
FUND: USE TAX
VENDOR NAME, ACCOUNT NAME, AMOUNT
ALL TEMP SVCS, PRCH SVCS, 470.69
CENTURYLINK-LD LN, MKR SFHS, 39.61
HENDERSHOTT, MELAINE, PRCH SVCS, 300.00
MOON LAKE ELEC, UTL, 328.00
MVB-VISA, SPPLY, 207.80
PITNEY BOWES RSRV, PRCH SVCS, 18.55
RANGELY AUTO, SPPLY, 94.07
RANGELY, TOWN OF, UTL, 106.16
RANGELY TRASH, UTL, 184.00
RANGELY TRUE VALUE, SPPLY, 91.49
RB HERALD TIME, PRCH SVCS, 75.00
SAMUELSON'S, SPPLY, 60.00
U.S. FOODS, FOOD SPLYS, 8,113.01
WATT'S, FOOD SPLYS, 394.10
US DEPT. OF THE TREASURY, FED W/H, 1,635.83
US DEPT. OF THE TREASURY, FICA W/H, 3,213.19
CO STATE WITHHOLDINGS, STATE W/H, 684.04
GREAT WEST, RETIREMENT, 2,404.61
COUNTY HEALTH POOL, INSURANCE, 9,233.66
FAMILY SUPPORT REGISTR, WAGE ASNMT, 420.00
USE TAX FUND TOTAL: 28,073.81
FUND: SOLID WASTE
VENDOR NAME, ACCOUNT NAME, AMOUNT
AMAZON, SPPLY, 76.49
CO DEPT OF PUB HLTH, CLSR & POS, 894.00
MCGUIRE AUTO, SPPLY, 340.00
MEEKER AUTO, SPPLY, 400.00
MVB-VISA, TRNG/DEV, 843.00
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RESPOND FIRST AID, SPPLY, 63.58
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UNION, PRCH SVCS, 56.28
VALLEY HARDWARE, SPPLY, 54.97
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WREA, UTL, 113.62
WHITE RIVER ENERGY, PRCH SVCS, 25.00
US DEPT. OF THE TREASURY, FED W/H, 1,159.09
US DEPT. OF THE TREASURY, FICA W/H, 1,937.14
CO STATE WITHHOLDINGS, STATE W/H, 451.00
GREAT WEST, RETIREMENT, 1,129.00
COUNTY HEALTH POOL, INSURANCE, 5,121.30
SOLID WASTE FUND TOTAL: 23,502.37
FUND: WEED & PEST
VENDOR NAME, ACCOUNT NAME, AMOUNT
COUTLER AVIATION, MSQTO CNTRL, 3,080.00
DULTMEIER SALES, SPPLY, 129.04
JULIUS AG, WEED CNTRL, 18,655.00
MEEKER AUTO, SPPLY, 70.55
OSBORN INDUSTRIES, WEED CNTRL, 38,935.00
PITNEY BOWES RSRV, PRCH SVCS, 6.10
VALLEY HARDWARE, SPPLY, 5.99
VAN DIEST SUPPLY, CHEM USED, 5,846.06
US DEPT. OF THE TREASURY, FED W/H, 947.03
US DEPT. OF THE TREASURY, FICA W/H, 2,105.60
CO STATE WITHHOLDINGS, STATE W/H, 533.00
GREAT WEST, RETIREMENT, 250.08
COUNTY HEALTH POOL, INSURANCE, 912.10
WEED & PEST FUND TOTAL: 71,475.55
FUND: COMMUNICATIONS
VENDOR NAME, ACCOUNT NAME, AMOUNT
KPE LOCATING, PRCH SVCS, 4,210.00
MAMMOTH NET, PRCH SVCS, 7,383.33
NOANET, PRCH SVCS, 544.50
PITNEY BOWES RSRV, PRCH SVCS, 3.00
RANGELY TRUE VALUE, SPPLY, 46.56
SAMUELSON'S, SPPLY, 94.99
UTILITY NOTIFICATION, PRCH SVCS, 132.61
US DEPT. OF THE TREASURY, FED W/H, 1,264.98
US DEPT. OF THE TREASURY, FICA W/H, 2,029.04
CO STATE WITHHOLDINGS, STATE W/H, 487.00
GREAT WEST, RETIREMENT, 1,591.40
COUNTY HEALTH POOL, INSURANCE, 3,523.00
COMMUNICATIONS FUND TOTAL: 21,310.41
FUND: FAIRFIELD
VENDOR NAME, ACCOUNT NAME, AMOUNT
ATMOS ENERGY, UTL, 74.06
BOYKO, SPPLY, 756.87
CRITTERS R US, PRCH SVCS, 150.00
K-D FLAGS, SPPLY, 155.30
MEEKER SANITATION, UTL, 40.00
MEEKER, TOWN OF, UTL, 588.00
MVB-VISA, RPR/MNTC, 398.74
OVERTON RECYCLING, PRCH SVCS, 250.00

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REGIONAL ASBESTOS, RPR/MNTC, 8,343.03
SAMUELSON'S, SPPLY, 500.61
SERVPRO, RPR/MNTC, 37,481.48
VALLEY HARDWARE, SPPLY, 34.08
WATT'S, SPPLY, 11.97
WREA, UTL, 1,948.83
US DEPT. OF THE TREASURY, FED W/H, 297.09
US DEPT. OF THE TREASURY, FICA W/H, 799.54
CO STATE WITHHOLDINGS, STATE W/H, 135.00
GREAT WEST, RETIREMENT, 627.08
COUNTY HEALTH POOL, INSURANCE, 3,016.70
FAIRFIELD FUND TOTAL: 55,608.38
FUND: CENTRAL SVCS
VENDOR NAME, ACCOUNT NAME, AMOUNT
ALL COPY PROD, CNTRCT SVCS, 343.16
PITNEY BOWES RSRV, PSTG, 46.25
ROCKY MTN COMPETITIVE, CNTRCT SVCS, 81.71
XEROX, CNTRCT SVCS, 71.75
CENTRAL SVCS FUND TOTAL: 542.87
FUND: FLEET
VENDOR NAME, ACCOUNT NAME, AMOUNT
A&E TIRE, TIRES, 3,979.74
ABI ATTACHMENTS, PRTS/ACCS, 1,093.35
BEST DEAL SPRINGS, PRTS/ACCS, 123.50
BOYKO, SPPLY, 136.55
CGRS ENVIRO, PRCH SVCS, 865.00
COLUMBINE FORD, PRTS/ACCS, 92.10
EATON SALES, PRCH SVCS, 1,713.81
GILBARCO, PRCH SVCS, 130.38
GRAINGER, PRTS/ACCS, 36.28
JAMAR TECH, PRTS/ACCS, 922.61
MASTER PETROLEUM, GAS, 7,521.80
MCGUIRE AUTO, SPPLY, 3,477.62
MEEKER AUTO, PRTS/ACCS, 7,996.42
MEEKER COLLISION, PRCH SVCS, 299.49
MOON LAKE ELEC, UTL, 41.24
MVB-VISA, GAS, 439.96
NORTHWEST AUTO, RPR/MNTC, 84,930.15
OFFICE DEPOT, SPPLY, 56.64
POWER EQUIPMENT, RPR/MNTC, 118.20
RANGELY AUTO, SPPLY, 1,364.10
RM MOBILE, PRCH SVCS, 475.00
VALLEY HARDWARE, SPPLY, 65.98
VICTORY MOTORS, CAPL OTLY, 44,100.00
WAGNER EQUIP, PRTS/ACCS, 598.00
WESTERN IMP, PRTS/ACCS, 877.94
WESTFALL O'DELL, PRTS/ACCS, 887.44
WREA, UTL, 218.44
US DEPT. OF THE TREASURY, FED W/H, 2,025.25
US DEPT. OF THE TREASURY, FICA W/H, 4,096.41
CO STATE WITHHOLDINGS, STATE W/H, 794.00
GREAT WEST, RETIREMENT, 3,748.09
COUNTY HEALTH POOL, INSURANCE, 8,335.24
FLEET FUND TOTAL 181,560.77
Total: \$ 1,507,427.63
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TOWN OF DINOSAUR DISBURSEMENTS FOR JUNE 2020
Gross Salaries, \$ 21,333.99
PERA, Monthly Contributions, \$ 2,416.08
Colorado Dept of Revenue, CWT, \$ 719.00
IRS, FWT/Med, \$ 2,145.68
FPPA & D&D, Contributions, \$ 2,223.60
Centurylink, Phone bill and new system, \$ 464.71
Moon Lake Electric, Town Electricity, Town House & School, \$ 1,516.70
Rangely Trash Service, Trash Service, \$ 92.00
Caselle Inc, Support, \$ 340.00
Lizard Analytical Lab, Wastewater tests, \$ 40.00
City of Grand Junction, Wastewater test, \$ 175.50
Comdata, Gas, \$ 586.34
CHP, Insurance, \$ 3,004.20
Rio Blanco Herald Times, Disbursements, \$ 16.08
Zions Bank, Bleach, postage, \$ 67.15
LR Gateway Services, Oil, \$ 23.96
White River Sales & Service, Shipping container, \$ 3,450.00
L. Elearton, Leveling kit, struts, \$ 495.72
Rangely True Value, Scrapper, sealant, screw, shower head, deck sprayer, \$ 204.23
Grand River Environmental LLC, Asbestos Insp. Bid procurement, \$ 15,353.00
S. Swofford, Intoxilyzer mouthpiece, \$ 76.76
Micro Plastics Inc, Name plates, \$ 61.77
NAPA Auto Parts, Grease, oil filter, valve cap, rags, cooler belt, \$ 214.13
Walmart, Shovel, \$ 9.68
Pollardwater, Pumps, \$ 1,364.80
Core & Main, Meter and parts, \$ 688.22
TOTAL ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: \$ 57,083.30
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Notice is hereby given that the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado will sit as the Board of Equalization on September 29, 2020, to review the assessment roll of taxable property located within Rio Blanco County, as prepared by the Rio Blanco County Assessor, and to hear appeals from determinations of the Rio Blanco County Assessor. Petitions for appeal may be filed pursuant to Chapter 39, Article 8, C.R.S. All hearings will be set by appointment and conducted in the Commissioner's Hearing Room, located on the 3rd floor of the Rio Blanco County Historic Courthouse, 555 Main Street, Meeker, Colorado. To schedule an appeal call (970) 878-9431. Dated this 17th day of September, 2020
Boots M. Campell, Clerk and Recorder.
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Date of Notice: September 11, 2020

NOTICE OF CHANGE IN TARIFFS ON LESS THAN 30-DAYS' NOTICE

Atmos Energy Corporation ("Atmos Energy")
1555 Blake Street
Denver, Colorado 80202

You are hereby notified that Atmos Energy has filed with the Colorado Public Utilities Commission of the State of Colorado ("PUC"), in compliance with the Public Utilities Law, an application for permission to file certain changes in tariffs, affecting all residential, commercial, interruptible and other consumers in its Colorado divisions to become effective October 1, 2020, if the application is granted by the PUC. The purpose for this filing is to change rates by revising the Company's existing gas cost adjustment tariff to reflect changes in the rates charged Atmos Energy by its suppliers for natural gas purchases. The present and proposed natural gas rates are as follows:

Class of Service by Division	Present Rates	Proposed Rates ¹	Percentage Change
	Total Volumetric	Total Volumetric	
North Colorado*			
Residential	\$0.61709	\$0.68630	11%
Small Commercial, Commercial	0.51275	0.58196	13%
Irrigation	0.49919	0.56840	14%
Transportation	0.12925	0.12903	0%
	Average Monthly Bill	Projected Average	Percentage Change
		Monthly Bill	
North Colorado*			
Residential	\$50.16	\$54.45	9%
Small Commercial, Commercial	225.98	252.55	12%
Irrigation	232.69	258.71	11%
	Prior Year's Peak	Projected Peak	Percentage Change
	Month Bill	Month Bill	
North Colorado*			
Residential	\$93.97	\$103.18	10%
Small Commercial, Commercial	453.12	510.36	13%
Irrigation	478.79	538.93	13%

*Notification Published in our North Rate Area Newspaper

The proposed and present rates and tariffs are available for examination at the business office of Atmos Energy Corporation located at 1555 Blake Street, Suite 400, Denver, Colorado, or at the Public Utilities Commission at 1560 Broadway, Suite 250, Denver, Colorado, 80202.

Anyone who desires may either file written objection or seek to intervene as a party in this filing. If you only wish to object to the proposed action, you may file a written objection with the Commission. The filing of a written objection by itself will not allow you to participate as a party in any proceeding on the proposed action. If you wish to participate as a party in this matter, you must file written intervention documents under the Commission's rules.

Anyone who desires to file written objection or written intervention documents to the proposed action shall file them with the PUC, 1560 Broadway, Suite 250, Denver, Colorado, 80202 at least one day before the proposed effective date.

Members of the public may attend any hearing and may make a statement under oath about the proposed change whether or not a written objection or request to intervene has been filed.

Atmos Energy Corporation has filed a separate gas purchase report in accordance with Rule 4607 of the Commission's Rules Regulating Gas Utilities and Pipeline Operators to begin the initial prudence review evaluation for the gas purchase year ended June 30, 2020.

Atmos Energy Corporation
Colorado-Kansas Division
By: Gary W. Gregory
President

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PUBLIC NOTICES

Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado
555 Main Street, 3rd Floor Hearing Room
Meeker, Colorado 81641
To participate by phone
please call 970-878-9432
September 22, 2020

- 11:00 a.m. Call to order:
 - A. Pledge of Allegiance
 - B. Changes to September 22, 2020 Agenda
 - C. Move to approve the September 22, 2020 Agenda including any changes.
 - CONSENT AGENDA September 22, 2020
Items of routine and non-controversial nature are placed on the consent agenda. Any Commissioner or member of the audience may request an item be removed from the consent agenda and considered separately on the regular agenda prior to action being taken by the Board on the Consent Agenda.
 - A. Move to approve the below listed items of the Consent Agenda.
 - B. Meeting Minutes of September 15, 2020. (All sign)
 - OTHER BUSINESS
 - A. Public Comment
 - B. County Commissioners Update
 - C. Move to go into Executive Session pursuant to §24-6-402(4)(b) to conference with the Rio Blanco County Attorney, Todd M. Starr, for the purpose of receiving legal advice on specific legal questions.
- Adjourn
The next regular Board meeting is tentatively scheduled for October 13, 2020 in the Rio Blanco County Historic Courthouse, 555 Main St., 3rd Floor Hearing Room, Meeker, CO. Please check the County's website for information at <http://rbc.us/186/Board-of-County-Commissioners>. If you need special accommodations please call 970-878-9431 in advance of the meeting so that reasonable accommodations may be made.
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PUBLIC NOTICE – REQUEST FOR DIRECTORS – YELLOW JACKET WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that by arrangement with the Clerk of Court, a hearing to appoint directors for the Yellow Jacket Water Conservancy District has been set before the District Court for November 6, 2020 commencing at 9:00 a.m. in the District Court Room, Rio Blanco Combined Court, 555 Main Street, Meeker, Colorado. Any party interested in serving as a director must submit an application and appear at the Rio Blanco County District court at such time or contact undersigned counsel to participate by telephone. Directors may serve at-large where there is a vacancy in a particular District and are not required to own property within a specific District. Preference will be given to applicants owning property within a particular District. The Districts for which applications will be considered are: Meeker District #4 and Upper White River District #7. To qualify, the Applicant must be a resident of the Yellow Jacket Water Conservancy District for one year and must own real property within the boundaries of the Yellow Jacket Water Conservancy District. Applicants should be knowledgeable in water matters and familiar with the beneficial use of water in the YJWCD's boundaries. Applications must be in writing with resumes showing background in water use and filed with the Clerk of the District Court, Rio Blanco County Combined Court, P.O. Box 1150, Meeker, CO 81641. Applications will be accepted by the Court until October 2, 2020. Please contact Scott Grosscup, Balcomb & Green, P.C., 970-945-6546, P.O. Drawer 790, Glenwood Springs, CO 81602, with any questions regarding director terms, map of the director district or other requirements.
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BEFORE THE COLORADO OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION
NOTICE OF HEARING
DOCKET NO. 200600156
TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AND TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:
Mary Catherine Prehoda filed a Payment of Proceeds Hearing Request (Form 38) pursuant to Rule 503.b.(10) and §34-60-118.5, C.R.S., for an order awarding payment of proceeds and interest due to Payee for production attributable to Wells operated by 31 Operating, LLC (Operator No. 200502).
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to §§ 34-60-101 to -130, C.R.S. and the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 2 CCR 404-1, that the Commission has scheduled this matter for hearing on:
Date: November 16, 2020
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Place: Colorado Oil & Gas Conservation Commission 1120 Lincoln Street, Suite 801 Denver, CO 80203
Deadline for Protests or Interventions: October 16, 2020
The Notice and Application for Hearing and related information is available at <https://cogcc.state.co.us/reg.html#hearings>. Look to right column for "Active & Pending Matters" "General".
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TOWN OF RANGELY BOARD TRUSTEE VACATED SEAT

The Town of Rangely will be accepting letters of interest to fill a vacated seat on the Town Board of Trustee's. The remaining term of office on the position will be until April 2024. Please submit all Letters of interest to the Town of Rangely, 209 E Main, Rangely, CO 81648, ATTN; Town Clerk, no later than September 30, 2020 by 5 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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.

Colorado Parks and Wildlife is now accepting Management Proposals for hay production and limited grazing on Rio Blanco Lake State Wildlife Area. Hay production and grazing will take place on the Roselund Unit located along Hwy 64 approximately 15 miles west of Meeker. Average annual hay produced is 350 ton. Information is available to all interested parties at the Meeker CPW Service Center located at 73485 Hwy 13. You can also contact Assistant Area Wildlife Manager Mike Swaro at (970)942-8275.

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New Eden Pregnancy Care Services - pregnancy tests, emergency supplies, guidance by trained volunteers, classes on pregnancy and child care, post-abortion support, referrals.
Meeker: Thursdays, Noon to 5 p.m., 345 Main Street, Meeker. Email: newedenpc@gmail.com or (970)878-5117
Rangely: Mondays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Thursdays, 1 p.m. to 7 p.m., 219 Sunset Avenue Rangely. Email: newedenrangely@gmail.com or (970) 675-2300. All services are confidential.

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.

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.

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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2020
Wednesday, October 22, 2020
Wednesday, November 25, 2020
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■ MLT/ML-Lab Shift 9:30am-6pm
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■ Certified Nursing Assistant-Home Health
■ EVS Technician

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WREA BOARD VACANCY
WREA Board member Richard R. Welle recently announced his retirement effective September 15, 2020 which results in a mid-term vacancy on the Board of Directors. Per the WREA Bylaws, a vacancy on the Board shall be filled by a majority vote of the remaining directors for the unexpired portion of the vacated term. The Director appointed to fill this vacancy must reside in the Town of Meeker, must be a WREA member with an active meter, may not be employed by WREA, may not be a close relative of a sitting Board member, and may not hold an elected office in which a salary is paid. Mr. Welle represented the Town of Meeker District and was elected in 2019 with two years remaining on his term. This seat will be up for election in September 2022. Members interested in being considered for appointment to the WREA Board of Directors are requested to submit letters of interest to the WREA Board by Monday September 28, 2020 at 5 pm. Letters may be mailed to WREA; Attention Mr. Hal Pearce - WREA Board President, P.O. Box 958, Meeker, CO 81641, delivered Attn: Mr. Hal Pearce, WREA Board President to hpearce@wrea.org. The Board will hold a special meeting to review all submitted letters of interest on September 30, 2020. Following its meeting, the WREA Board will notify the appointee and post the appointment on its website. Please call WREA at 970-878-5041 for additional information.

AUCTIONS

Estate Auction
Saturday, September 19th, 1:00 p.m.
1042 Park Avenue, Meeker, Colorado
4 wheeler w/ Blade and winch welder, snowblower, table saw, hand and power tools, antiques, tall oak bed, iron bed, gentlemen's dresser, wash stand, chairs, crocks, enamel ware, solitaire, coffee jars, pictures, cowboy hats, glassware, 2 guitars, old radios, wood folding sewing tables, etc. Estate of Thomas Maybury. For more info call Steve Claypoole, CP Auction Service. 970-260-5577 See web www.cpauction.com "Call us about a sale for you" 9/10-9/17

Estate Auction
Saturday, September 19th, 10:00 a.m.
767 Main Street, Meeker, Colorado
Hand and power tools, ladder, fishing items, runner sleds, piano, curved glass and square chinas, dining room set, dressers, furniture, photo items, painting items, glassware, deer head, Hoosier helpers, 2 park benches, snowshoes, several file cabinets, books, records, typewriter, Featherlite sewing machine, lots of coffee tables, trunks, dolls, keys, cap gun, boxing gloves, etc. Estate of Ethel Starbuck. 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" 9/10-9/17

AUCTION: Annual Fall Consignment Auction
Saturday September 26th, at 9 a.m.
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2 Family Moving Auction Saturday,
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Commercial office space available in Hugas Building, downtown Meeker. 878-4138.

SPACIOUS 2BD/1BA apartments available immediately. Owner pays trash, sewer, water and heating. Coin operated laundry on-site. \$550/\$600 monthly. 970-756-4895.

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Storage units for rent in Meeker.
Rocky Mountain Storage
1251 Market St.
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AVAILABLE NOW: Beautiful retail space downtown at 6th and Main in the historic Hugas Building. Call 970-878-4138 for details.

Avail. first part of Oct, 2 townhomes for rent, \$700+deposit. NS, NP, no drugs. 970-620-0917.

3 bdr trailer, fenced yard, for rent \$700/month. Avail. Oct 15. 970-620-0917.

STORAGE DEPOT 10x25 unit. 878-4808.

Furnished bachelors apartment available Oct. 1, \$425/mo+deposit. Call 970-260-8844.

RENTALS: RANGELY

Rangely Duplex for Rent 1 or 2 bedroom duplex -Newly remodeled & landscaped. Please contact Rodney 970-462-6538 or Sandy 970-462-6459.

2 BDR, central AC, \$550/mo, (970)629-3605.

SILVER SAGE RV PARK RV
314 E. Main Street.
RV Spaces for rent.
Managers: Dan & Debbie Shadlow
(970)675-2259 or cell: (253)222-3261 or (253)222-3469

WANTED

Experienced hunter displaced by wildfire need to salvage rifle season Elk hunt. Would prefer to self guide. bmatt73@me.com or 719-330-4143 9/17-10/1

YARD SALES

Sat., Sept. 19 only at 20285 County Rd. 8 (20 miles up CR 8) MEEKER from 8:00AM-4:00PM. Selling Saddles, Horse Tack, Tractor Blade, small Ditcher, 2002 Chevy Heavy 1/2 Ton Pickup, Jeep Doors, Large & Tall Water Holding Tank, Chain Link Gates, few Antiques, Pickup Rims, and much more. Please no early birds. Rain or shine as it is under cover.

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NEW! 960 Hill St.
2BD, 1 BA ranch style home with full unfinished basement. Original hardwood, large rock fireplace, loads of potential!
\$117,000 SALE PENDING!

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

★ **Ma Famiglia Italian Restaurant, 410 Market St. — Business & Real Estate.** ★
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!

COMMERCIAL
NEW! 680 Water St., Meeker - 19 Unit Apartment Complex that is approved for condominiums. 4 Lots with storage units, common areas and park with access to the White River. \$1,200,000.
975 Market St. - Commercial Property located on prime corner location on Highway 13. \$200,000.
Commercial Building on Highway 13 going through Meeker with 4 lots. Very nice building, fenced-in area in back, small garage. Realtor owned. \$395,000.

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FOR SALE IN MEEKER
CR 15 Ranch - A rarely available 390±ac property with 2 Wells+3BD/2BA/1,412 SF, log home...\$825,500
Bear Mountain Inn - Income producing Bed&Breakfast w/ Apartment Unit+Beautiful Yard▼\$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
660 3rd St.....SALE PENDING
1085 Pinyon St.....SALE PENDING
1085 Main St.....SALE PENDING
738 5th St.....SALE PENDING
880 Cleveland St.....SOLD
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± sqft. 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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Sleepy Cat Ranch-40± Acres, Lodge & Riverfront	\$7,900,000	474 S. Hwy. 317	SOLD	435 Cleveland St.	PENDING
NEW 1157 Rd. 57-Riverfront, Meadows and Home	\$2,290,000	1301 Sage Ridge Rd	PENDING	NEW 7.46 Acres, E. Market St.- Highway Frontage, Great Traffic	\$249,000
2204 Rd. 7-618 Acres, 2 Homes, Shop, Grazing Permit	REDUCED \$1,660,000	1368 Juniper Rd.	SOLD	NEW 815 Sulphur Cr.	PENDING
40± Unencumbered Acres-1,449' Riverfront	REDUCED \$1,650,000	1036 Lance Cir.	PENDING	870 4th St.	PENDING
Elk Creek Ranch Lot-Exclusive Fishing & Amenities	\$1,600,000	45304 Hwy. 13	PENDING	117 6th St.	PENDING
Elk Mountain Inn-21 rooms, Bar, Restaurant, Courtyard	\$975,000	NEW 1159 Mimi Cir.	PENDING	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.	PENDING
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.	PENDING	2 Sage Hills Lots - Panoramas, Build Your Dream Home	\$59,000
319± Acres, Rd. 77-Colorow Cabin, Well, Grazing Permit	\$640,000	1113 Mark Cir.	PENDING	Ridge Estates Subdivision - 20 Rural Residential Lots	Starting at \$45,000
431 E. Market St.-22± Acres, Shop, Office, Living Quarters	\$549,000	555 8th St.	SOLD	2 Vacant Lots, Andrea Cir. - Great Views	\$29,000 each
455 8th St.	PENDING				

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