

# FIRST TASTE OF FALL ...



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It's the most wonderful time of the year if you're a dendrophile (a person who loves trees.) Foliage is just starting to change upriver and around town.

## RBC Dispatch switch more complicated than expected

By **NIKI TURNER**  
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**RBC** Transferring dispatch services from the Communications Center in Meeker to the Colorado State Patrol's (CSP) regional call center in Craig won't be as easy as simply signing a contract and pushing a button, RBC Commissioners learned Tuesday in a work session with Jeff Davis, director of CSP's communications branch; Elaine Moe, Craig Regional Center director and the deputy director of the Craig center. The Craig call center currently serves 12 different entities.

Neither Davis nor Moe knew exactly when the Craig center went "live" online, but believed it was in the early 2000s.

In the informational work session, the commissioners had a list of more than 20 questions for Davis, ranging from the length of response times to how calls are charged. Questions generated additional questions, and by the end of the session, the board agreed there is "a lot of legwork" still to be done. Both the board and Davis said public health and safety is at the top of the priority list, trumping financial considerations.

David supplied additional information, noting that hiring and training the additional staff for the Craig dispatch center to handle RBC's current call volume (five or six full time employees), would take at least 10 months, defusing the notion that transferring dispatch services to Craig could make up a portion of the anticipated \$2.3 million 2021 budget shortfall.

While some tasks could be accomplished simultaneously in a transition, Davis explained, others would be sequential, including hiring and training.

"You could throw money at me today and point a gun at my head and I'd say I'm sorry, I can't do it," Davis said when

asked if Craig's call center could take on Rio Blanco County's needs right away.

Moe commented on the experience of other communities around the state in combining their public safety answering points (PSAPs), who "all recently went through transitions to bring PSAPs together and it took a couple years and they wish they'd spent more time on it. There were hidden costs, all the personnel issues, there's a lot to consider, along with the expectation of the service you're getting now and the realistic expectation of what we can provide." Gunnison and Jefferson counties were mentioned specifically.

The general idea of transferring dispatch services to Craig is still open for consideration, however. The department consumes close to \$600,000 of the county's annual budget.

According to Davis, the five regional CSP call centers currently dispatch for 80 different entities around the state. In Moffat County, for example, the Craig Center dispatches for the sheriff's office, but not for the Craig Police Department. Transferring the services Meeker and the county rely on would include not just the sheriff's office, Meeker Police Department, and Meeker Volunteer Fire and Rescue but also Search and Rescue, Safehouse, Road and Bridge, jail services, animal control, and the school district. School bus drivers regularly radio in road hazards and more to the county's dispatch. Those additional services would add costs to the overall costs, which are calculated by call per agency. RBC dispatch also responds to informational calls and administrative calls for the entities they serve.

Several local entities still use VHF radio technology, which would require an additional cost for the Craig center to manage. RBC Sheriff Anthony Mazzola said BLM and U.S.

**"There's always a benefit from having regional expertise, from people that live in that ZIP code dispatching ..."**

~ CSP Director of Communications Jeff Davis on transitioning Rio Blanco County's dispatch services to the Craig regional call center

Forest Service, which are called upon for wildland fires, still use VHF as well as the Meeker fire department.

Asked about the future of dispatch call centers in general and improving technology (ESINET and NextGen 911, which involve improved cell phone tracking, at a minimum), Davis said, "There's always a benefit from having regional expertise, from people that live in that ZIP code dispatching, but technologically, one entity could theoretically dispatch for the whole state," Davis said.

## OHVs, AGNC and more in Rangely

Special to the Herald Times

**RANGELY** At the Rangely Town Board of Trustees meeting Tuesday, trustee Alisa Granger reported on the public safety committee meeting held Sept. 21 with Police Chief Ti Hamblin. The main agenda item was the town's OHV ordinance. Golf carts have been added to the list of vehicles approved to drive on roads within the city limits. A helmet requirement for 18 years old and under will be going to the board for a vote.

Ellis attended an Associated Governments of Northwest Colorado meeting last week and shared with the board about upcoming state legislation and ballot initiatives reviewed during the meeting and how those will fiscally impact the state, specifically the Western Slope.

Robie attended the Rio Blanco Board of County Commissioners meeting in Meeker and gave an overview of the discussion of budgetary items including consolidating positions within the county to save money.

During the supervisor's report Gas Department Supervisor Kelli Neiberger reported an increase in gas usage for the month of September. Financially she says the department will be on track in 2020 unless there is an unusually warm November and December. Neiberger thanked the board for their support of the Rangely Emergency Dispatch Center, telling them how vital their expertise of the town is to her operations. Neiberger reports that they are using the new meter reading software which has been challenging.



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**Rangely mayor Andy Shaffer presented departing trustee Tyson Hacking with a token of appreciation for his service.**

Approximately \$22,000 worth of meter reading equipment will need to be purchased next year for their current system to continue to function past December 2021. Of that, \$11,000 in funding will come out of the gas department and \$11,000 from utilities. She intends on ordering the equipment by spring 2021.

The Town of Rangely Gas Department received a 2019 American Public Gas Association Safety Award. Her department resumed periodic meter changes which they had ceased doing during the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic because of the need to enter residents' homes. A study is being done to determine the financial feasibility for the Town of Dinosaur to install a natural gas system. The Town of Rangely Gas Department may need to play a critical role should the project become reality. She sees this as a good opportunity for the town to boost their income for years to come with them pos-

sibly installing, maintaining gas services systems in Dinosaur, and providing operator qualification. She reported that residents at White River Village will soon have a new covered smoking area away from doors and windows.

During new business, the August 2020 financial summary was moved for approval by Hacking, seconded by Shaffer, and approved unanimously.

Rangely Area Chamber of Commerce Executive Director McKenzie Webber was appointed to the vacant position of the RDA/RDC Board.

Prior to adjourning the meeting, Mayor Andy Shaffer presented departing Trustee Tyson Hacking with a token of the town's appreciation for his service to the community. Hacking, who is relocating with his employer to Oklahoma, was just into his second term on the Rangely Town Board of Trustees and had served as a trustee for nearly five years.

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The Milk Creek Battlefield Park is located 18 miles northeast of Meeker on County Road 15.

## Tuesday, Sept. 29 marks 141st anniversary of "Meeker Incident"

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**MEEKER** Tuesday, Sept. 29 will mark the 141st anniversary of the "Meeker Incident" (<https://coloradoencyclopedia.org/article/meeker-incident>).

That sad day in early autumn was the culmination of more than a decade of rising tensions between the Utes and the federal government after six Ute tribes signed a treaty in 1868 ceding their tribal lands on the Front Range to the ever-encroaching white settlers moving West and relegating the Utes to a reservation in Western Colorado. The federal government established two Indian Agencies, one near present-day Meeker and one in southern Colorado. For the next decade, treaty promises made were broken by the government as food and supplies failed to arrive on the reservation.

Government's policy toward the Native Americans was to "assimilate" the indigenous people into white customs and

The Rio Blanco County Historical Society will hold its quarterly meeting on Sunday, Sept. 27 at 2 p.m. in the courtyard between the White River Museum and the Garrison. Bring your own complete picnic for yourself and your family. Entertainment will be provided and the museum will be open to guests.

The Rio Blanco County Historical Society board of directors will hold its monthly meeting prior to the picnic at the Old West Heritage Culture Center, starting at 1 p.m.

culture, a task often attempted by Christian missionaries who began to be assigned as Indian Agents. Nathan Meeker, a devout Christian who wanted to start a utopian Christian society, was the perfect fit for the White River Agency. Appointed by President Rutherford Hayes in 1878, Meeker set out in early 1879. By the end of September he and 10 of his men were dead, Meeker's wife and daughters were being held captive, and a five-day standoff at nearby Milk Creek would end on Oct. 5, 1879, with the loss of life of 14 U.S. troops, three Army teamsters and 23 Ute warriors.

The "Meeker Massacre" — so-termed by newspapers across the state — became a catalyst for public pressure that eventually led to the White River Ute tribe being driven across the state line into Utah.

A monument at the site of the White River Agency can be found just west of the junction of Highways 13 and 64. The Milk Creek Battlefield Park, with monuments dedicated to the lives lost on both sides of the battle, and interpretive signs that tell the story of the incident, is located 18 miles northeast of Meeker on County Road 15.

# Benefits, mask usage and more at BOCC meeting

By **NIKI TURNER**  
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**RBC** Commissioners and budget and finance director Janae Stanworth discussed the possibility of making changes to the county's employee benefit plans in a work session Tuesday. Currently, the county pays 100% of the monthly health insurance premiums for staff, with a \$1,000 deductible. The monthly premium for an individual is \$870, for an individual plus one it's \$1,632, and for a family it's \$2,003. The cost of health insurance benefits for the county was listed as \$2.85 million annually in a recent presentation.

Stanworth presented various options, including changing to a higher deductible plan: \$1,500 or \$2,000, which would reduce the monthly premiums slightly, or having employees contribute a percentage of the monthly premium. If staff paid 25% of their health insurance premiums, savings for the county would be about \$600,000.

Calls to neighboring Moffat and Garfield counties to compare benefit plans had not been returned as of press time Wednesday.

By way of comparison, an individual health insurance plan to cover "medium" health care needs (four doctor's visits, one day in the hospital per year) through Connect for Health Colorado has monthly premiums of between \$450 and \$800 with a \$1,400 deductible.

Also discussed was the possibility of reducing the county's 6% retirement match to 4 or 5%, which would provide between \$70,000 and \$140,000 of additional savings to the county, and the previously discussed plan to have a one-day-a-month furlough for county employees, estimated to save \$300,000.

Stanworth said she would prepare a survey for staff, which

the commissioners asked to review, regarding the different benefit options.

### PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATE

RBC Public Health Director Alice Harvey spoke with the commissioners about the current status of COVID-19 in the county. The case count remains stable, with no hospitalizations. The county is in good shape with testing capability and supplies, and expects to receive some 48-hour saliva tests from the state that can be used in the schools, as well as continuing to pursue the purchase of a rapid-testing device that can provide results in 15 minutes.

RBC was one of the first three counties in the state to be certified by the governor for "Protect Our Neighbor" status. "We're very, very proud of our community, because this is a team effort," Harvey said.

The new status encourages increasing local control over public health guidelines, Harvey explained. "The biggest thing we need to talk about today is the mandated face coverings. We are able to request an exemption from that state mask order. If we were to do so, my suggestion and proposal would be that we replace it with a local public health order that would address how we would like to approach the face covering orders."

Harvey explained that the current algorithms that allow schools to stay open to in-person learning, the hospitals and opening nursing homes to visitors again are all contingent on the continued use of face coverings by the general public.

"What I'm suggesting is that we require the use of face coverings in settings that are most at risk. Our success is completely contingent on that piece [masks]," Harvey said. For example, because children in schools are wearing masks, entire

classrooms or grades don't have to be quarantined in the event of a positive case.

"The big purpose for this is to support our stakeholders. Schools are a perfect example. Should we request an exemption from the statewide mask mandate — schools, hospitals, businesses are already under pressure — there could be pressure from the public. There is potential for that to be misinterpreted as not needing to wear masks."

"We've spent a lot of time adapting the rules to our county, but we're still encouraging face masks and should be requiring them in certain settings."

Harvey presented the commissioners with a rough draft of a local public health directive. The commissioners agreed to review it with guidance from legal counsel.

Harvey also reminded the commissioners of two upcoming drive-thru flu shot clinics, one in Meeker on Oct. 1 and one in Rangely on Oct. 6. See the ad below for details.

### REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting, commissioners approved the "posting" of six county positions in line with the plans to consolidate several departments. The six positions include a Director of Public Affairs, Emergency Manager, three IT positions and an administrative specialist for the combined departments.

Asked about the Director of Public Affairs role, Stanworth explained, "This is that new department that will be presented in the proposed budget. It will be over the natural resource regulations, some of it will be a commissioner coordinator type of duty and there may or may not be some economic development duties, and public information. There will only be this one position under this one department."

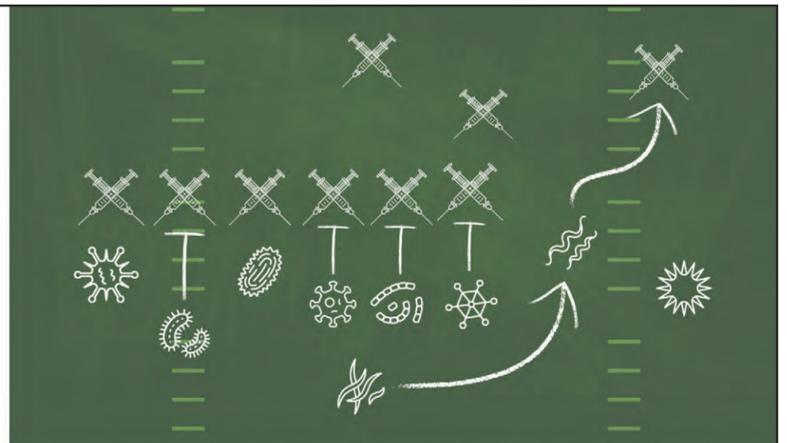
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**RANGELY: Tuesday, Oct. 6**  
4:30-6:30 p.m., 101 E. Main St.  
(between the library and PH office building)

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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.

## ERBM pool closure

**MEEKER** | As of Monday, Sept. 21, the Meeker Recreation Center pools will be closed until further notice due to roof repairs and pool maintenance. For future updates on reopening dates, visit [www.ERBMrec.com](http://www.ERBMrec.com).

## ERBM program updates

**MEEKER** | Registration deadline for Perfect Pooch is Sept. 29. This beginner level dog obedience training takes place on Tuesdays, Oct. 6-Nov. 10 from 6 p.m.-7 p.m. at the RBC Fairgrounds.

Registration deadline for Tiny Tots is Sept. 25. Join your 2-3 year old in creating autumn-themed arts and crafts projects on Thursdays, Oct. 1-22 from 10-10:45 a.m. at Meeker Rec Center.

Registration deadline for Girls Meeker Youth Basketball (MYB) is Sept. 25. For third and fourth graders the program runs Oct. 6-Nov. 21 on Tuesdays and Thursdays. For fifth and sixth graders the program runs Oct. 5-Dec. 5 on Mondays and Wednesdays. Both age groups' practices are from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at MES gym. Because no other community in the league is able to play basketball, we will not have a competitive team this year.

## Fairfield grant apps due Oct. 1

**MEEKER** | Deadline for semi-annual Freeman E. Fairfield grant applications is 5 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 1, 2020. Applications may be mailed to PO Box 2302, Meeker, Colorado, 81641 or delivered to Diane Dunham, 438 East Market. Mailed applications must be received — not postmarked — Oct. 1, 2020.

## 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.

## 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.

## 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, October 12th at 1:00 p.m. All are welcome to join in the fun.



# OLD GLORY FLIES HIGH AT COAL CREEK ...

With the assistance of White River Electric Association, the Rural Schools Committees of the Rio Blanco County Historical Society installed a flag pole at Coal Creek school.

You can visit the school and check out the new flag, as well as all the other renovations the committee has completed, at 617 County Road 6.

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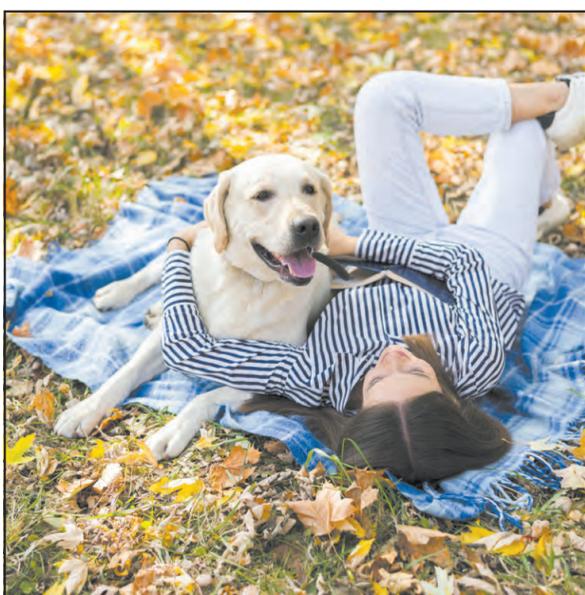
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# EDITOR'S COLUMN

## A long way to go

**Fight for the things that you care about. But do it in a way that will lead others to join you.**

~ Ruth Bader Ginsburg

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It's hard to believe that just 50 years ago, a woman couldn't get a credit card without having her husband co-sign the application, could be fired from a job for getting pregnant, couldn't attend a military academy, had no legal recourse for sexual harassment at work, couldn't serve on a jury, couldn't own a bank, and more.

It's only been in my lifetime we've witnessed the first

woman CEO of a Fortune 500 company — Washington Post publisher Katherine Graham in 1972; the first American female astronaut, Sally Ride, in 1978; and the first Supreme Court Justice, Sandra Day O'Connor, in 1981. The ad slogan for Virginia Slims cigarettes, "You've come a long



way, baby," rings true.

Whether you agree with her politics or not, the Supreme Court — and the nation — lost a powerful voice for equality this week with the death of Ruth Bader Ginsburg, the second woman ever to serve on the Supreme Court. As women, we should remember that many of the freedoms we now enjoy and often take for granted, have only been won in the last 50 years. We've come a long way, but we've still got a long way to go.

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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### No dispatch shift

Dear Editor:

In reference to shifting the county's dispatch to the regional call center in Craig, the commissioners were overwhelmingly responded to with negative public input.

Rightly so! I witnessed a classic example this past weekend on County Rd. 8. I don't know any details of the incident, but a Flight For Life helicopter landed in a pasture across the river from my house, waiting for someone. The State Patrol whizzed by my house, lights flashing, several houses too far (on a county road that's more than a few blocks) and had to turn around and come back past my house again.

As I said, I don't know details as to whether or not it was an emergency, (but Flight For Life is certainly an indication it was) but if it had been, not knowing the area is a valid reason for not moving 911 call center to Craig, let alone having the State of Colorado involved in our business.

If a 911 call had to come out of Craig a few years ago when I developed complications a few hours after I was discharged and home from surgery, it was an emergency as I was losing blood faster than they could pump it in. If the driver hadn't known the territory and had been delayed, I might not be here today to be writing this.

And you're talking about hiring another person to be "go-to" at the cost of \$150,000 per year. Come on! Surely you are smart enough to find a "go-to" in each department. How many choices could there be? And it wouldn't cost \$150,000!

I think the writing is on the wall when you're each up for another election if you go for this ridiculous 911 move to Craig.

Patricia A. Haas  
Meeker

#### Thankful for local fuel prices

Dear Editor:

Have you folks noticed how our local fuel prices have come down lately? Like many of you, I have been critical of paying a premium on fuel here in town for a long time now. As a result I purchased as little fuel locally as possible. But in the interest of giving credit where it is due, I would like to bring attention to the recent reduction of fuel prices here in town. I for one appreciate it and would like to thank our local suppliers for that effort. I hope many of you will join me in showing that appreciation by buying locally whenever you can. I'm happy to say that in the past few months I have made it a point to fill up here before and after each trip in support of their efforts in reducing our prices. I certainly wasn't able to do that in the past!

Tom Allen  
Meeker

#### Kudos to Ducey's Electric and WREA

Dear Editor:

Over the past two years ERBM has worked with Ducey's Electric and the WREA to retrofit and upgrade the Paintbrush Park softball and baseball fields with new state-of-the-art MUSCO LED Lighting Systems. This system has significantly improved the visibility and playability of these activity areas, while also minimizing spillover light. This efficient system provides both energy and maintenance savings over the lifespan of the product. ERBM would like to recognize and appreciate the tremendous work and collaboration of both Ducey's Electric and the WREA in accomplishing this project. Both of these great

local partners were able to save valuable taxpayer dollars with their hard work and integrity to complete this project under its contracted budget, upgrade utility equipment, and secure significant energy rebates to further off-set costs. Thanks for all you do to make our community better, your efforts and partnership are greatly appreciated!

In thanks,  
ERBM Board of Directors  
Meeker

#### Dignity and respect, please

Dear Editor:

Before Ruth Bader Ginsberg has reposed in state or been buried, before her family and friends can mourn, the news is all about her replacement on the Supreme Court. Please, can't we have some days of respect and a sense of dignity?

One of the things I appreciate about Meeker citizens is an overwhelming observance of respect. When our veterans march in a parade, we salute them. When taps are played for commemorative services, we listen. At public events, the local crowd is very civilized, quiet, and respectful.

We know the respectful ways of supporting those who die and their loved ones. Support and food is provided. Attendance at funeral services is huge. Loved ones are not forgotten or overlooked.

Whatever one's politics, let's take time to respect and mourn an American icon.

Kaye Sullivan  
Meeker

#### COVID-19: the virus' hidden toll

Dear Editor:

One of Colorado's most

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## Mark your calendars!

# October 3, 2020

- **Online Registration:** Opens September 21, visit [www.pioneershospital.org](http://www.pioneershospital.org)
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vulnerable populations, elderly with dementia, was locked up with no opportunity to touch or see their loved ones, except via a telephone or video call, for months. As we've heard from other families suffering the same fate, our mother felt abandoned, unloved, completely alone, pleading with us to please come visit her. Finally, Governor Polis decided that visiting these dear, sweet human beings could occur outdoors ... in the triple-digit heat, wind, and in our case, smoke from the raging wildfire, for 45 minutes, six feet apart, no touching, no comforting. But it was better than nothing, and at least we could visibly check that she was treated well ... when she wasn't too afraid to come outside. In the meantime, we felt the hypocrisy of government at its best as the facility was allowing prospective new renters to enter and view a unit, but we were not allowed to enter and hug our mother; the facility allowed movers to come in and move renters out or move in new renters, but we were not allowed to enter and hug our mother; staff, maintenance and others were allowed in on a daily basis, and while we knew we had not been exposed to COVID-19, we did not if all the others entering the facility could have been exposed. We saw that Gov. Polis has recently decided to figure out a way for families to visit their loved ones safely. We don't know what that will look like, but perhaps will be similar to our suggestions sent to Polis, K.C. Becker, and other representatives back in April/May. Polis didn't answer the phone message or emails, but maybe someone read it. Why not treat families the same way care staff who take care of our loved ones are treated? Namely, take the temperature of the person coming in, ask the same questions the care staff get, and wear a mask. We presume that we are being at least as careful as any of these young people going in and out of the facility on a daily basis, bringing our mother's food, giving her medication, helping her dress, shower, etc., all within a closer distance than six feet. Heck, we would even take a COVID test. Jared, just let us see our mom. Well, that's at least how we felt in early August. We all just returned home from our mother's funeral service. Her health deteriorated significantly from the lack of interaction with her family. If we had been able to hug and converse in person, we believe her final months would not have been wrought with such fear and shocking sense of abandonment ... perhaps she would still be with us. Governor Polis, if your mother had dementia and was confined, as was our mother, would you be able to see your mother? We think the answer is, yes. No doubt, the COVID lockdown is taking lives. #KilledMyLovedOne

Julianne Belland, Jeannine Harrington, Keith Poole  
Rio Blanco County

## Great Septemberfest

Dear Editor:  
To the Rangely community: what an awesome 2020 Septemberfest! A big thank

you to Tim Webber and the Western Rio Blanco Park and Rec. District crew! The three-day marathon is always a big win every year. We at the museum have a big thank you list and please know we can't do the Ice Cream Social without your help and how much it is appreciated. The town of Rangely crew who prepared the East End Park, my board members Mike Miller who donated the prize money and helped with crowd control and our safety plan, Dan Fiscus was my MC and his band Fiscus and Gravy was our entertainment, Cheryl Robertson for her donation to purchase supplies, Tom and Dorothy Collins for overseeing the buildings, Rita Lancaster for running sales in our main building, my staff for all their help with set-up and tear down. Keith Peterson, Angie Miller and Kathy Kottenstette for running the greeting and sign in table and managing the crowd and monitoring our safety plan. James Caldwell for all of his photography during the social. Bill Hume for his donation of ice and ice cream, Belinda and White River Market for their supply donation, Heath Gebaur for his donation of homemade ice cream. My judges, who will remain anonymous, for their tasting skills. René Hardin was our first place winner with rhubarb crumble and second place winner with mango berry, and Chloe Noel was our third place winner with caramel chocolate cookie. The ice cream social was very well attended this year. We had approximately 248 people attend and enjoy some ice cream and lemonade great weather and better company.

Best Regards,  
Diana Sizemore  
Rangely Outdoor Museum  
Director

## Thanks for piece on Eskelson

Dear Editor:  
I just wanted to thank Kaye Sullivan for expressing my thoughts about Judy Eskelson. It's what I wanted to say but didn't write.

Sincerely,  
Jean Wood  
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## WRITERS ON THE RANGE

# A clear warning about the Colorado River

By **DAVE MARSTON**  
*Writers on the Range*



Dave Marston

**RBC I** For the West this summer, the news about water was grim. In some parts of California, it didn't rain for over 100 days. In western Colorado, the ground was so dry that runoff at first evaporated into the air. And in New Mexico and Nevada, the rains never came.

Bill Hasencamp is the manager of California's Metropolitan Water District, which provides treated water to 19 million people. What was most unfortunate, he said, was that, "the upper Colorado Basin had a 100 percent snowpack, yet runoff was only 54 percent of normal." In 2018, a variation happened — light snow and little runoff, which doesn't bode well for the future.

What everyone wants to know, though, is who loses most if severe drought becomes the norm.

Gary Wockner, who heads the nonprofit Save the Colorado, predicts that western Colorado ranchers and farmers will be among the biggest losers: "In any crisis situation, Colorado laws gives municipal water priority over farm water."

He added that "If push comes to shove, farmers on the Western Slope, might get a very hard ask to stop diverting. That hard ask will involve a vast amount of money." Which might explain why so many deep-pocketed speculators are buying up Colorado ranches and farms, especially near Grand Junction, Colorado. Speculators include a New York hedge fund, Water Asset Management, along with Michael Burry, a Wall Street trader made famous in the movie, "The Big Short."

Wockner thinks selling water rights to the highest bidder is a dangerous idea. "Any time you try to monetize a natural resource, the resource will get further exploited."

What makes the Western Slope of Colorado most vulnerable to drought is a pact among seven states signed in 1922. It bound the states to give priority in a water crisis to the Lower Basin states of California, Arizona and Nevada, potentially leaving the Upper Basin states of Colorado, New Mexico, Utah and Wyoming high and dry.

A crisis could be approaching. The two giant reservoirs on the Colorado River are both below 50 percent of capacity. If drought causes even more drastic drops, the Bureau of Reclamation could step in to prioritize the making of electricity by the hydro plants at lakes Mead and Powell. No one knows what BuRec would do, but it would call the shots and end current arrangements.

Before that happened, California could "call" for the water it is owed — 4.4 million acre-feet annually. In that case, Wockner said, ranches and farms would be forced to go dry before city residents suffered.

For now, California has avoided flexing its muscle to get its fair share of the Colorado River. To stop the Colorado River's reservoirs from dropping to "dead pool" where power generation fails, California acts as if serious drought never ended. Since 2000, when the punishing drought began, California has cut annual water consumption by 30 percent, using both carrot and stick.

California charges the highest water rates in the West and also pays for

efficiency. Under a program called Cash for Grass, "A good size lawn removal can net a homeowner \$30,000," said Rebecca Kimitch, who works for the Metropolitan Water District.

The state also invests in smarter irrigation, piping leaky ditches in the Imperial Valley, the Colorado River's biggest irrigator. And it invests in desalinization plants and reuses some of its water via a program that was first derided as "toilet-to-tap." More recently, statewide laws restrict personal daily consumption to a measly 55 gallons, declining to 50 gallons by 2030.

As for the Upper Basin, states continue to push not for water conservation but for more dams and reservoirs that would drain water from the basin, such as the proposed St. George, Utah, Diversion from Lake Powell. John Fleck, Director of the water resources program at the University of New Mexico said, "it's not a binary question of: Is there enough water? The way we need to think is that the system is at risk, and every time you take more water you create risks for existing users."

Meanwhile, California is king of the Colorado River and wants you to know it.

"We'll never give up that right — our first priority among all Colorado River water users — and never say we'll give up that right," Hassencamp told me. "That's our fallback position, though we'll set it aside for now and try to work out a solution."

For Colorado, Utah, Wyoming and New Mexico, this is a clear warning. As Hassencamp put it: "We recognize the pie is shrinking for good."

Dave Marston is the publisher of *Writers on the Range* ([writersontherange.org](http://writersontherange.org)), a nonprofit dedicated to spurring lively conversation about the West.

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## CONSERVATION CORNER

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

As the smoke begins to clear and mitigation efforts are set in motion to address the resource impacts from the mega wildfires in the western United States, we must consider options to prevent these fires in the future. According to the Colorado Wildfire Risk Assessment (CO-WRA), the western portion of Rio Blanco County is one of the highest risk areas in the State.

The White River and Douglas Creek Conservation Districts' (Districts) are partnering with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), U.S. Forest Service (USFS), landowners, Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW), and Non-governmental organizations to proactively manage the rangeland on public and private lands. The Districts are facilitating the development of Coordinated Resource Management Plans (CRMP) that are primarily focused in the Piceance Basin (heart of the high risk area) to plan and conduct vegetation treatments that will reduce the risk of these mega fires.

Once a CRMP is completed, the BLM can expedite the required reviews and paperwork that will allow appropriate vegetation treatments and the respective project is then considered "shovel ready". Then, when a funding opportunity becomes available through BLM or other means, the project can be implemented and fire risk is reduced. The Districts and other partners are all working to identify funding opportunities.

This is one more way the Districts are working to improve the natural resources in Rio Blanco County and implementing their mission statement, "To provide guidance and technical assistance to encourage and promote the wise use of all the natural resources within the District by private landowners and government land management agencies."

For additional information on the CO-WRA and/or see other conservation measures being taken in Rio Blanco County, please visit [www.douglascreek.org](http://www.douglascreek.org) or scan the Zapcode below.



## Ministering to One Another (3)

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

... ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister. (Heb. 6:10)



Dr. J.D. Watson

**I**N matters of equity between man and man," wrote theologian, logician, and hymn writer, Isaac Watts, "our Savior has taught us to put my neighbor in place of myself, and myself in place of my neighbor."

Fourth, we admonish one another: "And I myself also am persuaded of you, my brethren, that ye also are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge, able also to admonish one another" (Rom. 15:14). This "one another" comes right on the heels of and is a fitting sequel to "receive one another" (v. 7), which we considered yesterday. "Admonish" is the verb *noutheteō*, which appears eight additional times in the NT and is filled with meaning. It combines *nous*, mind, and *tithēmi*, to place. It is, therefore, placing before the mind, that is, imparting understanding, laying on the heart, setting right, reminding, and warning.

There is a huge emphasis on counseling nowadays, which actually takes one of three forms. The first is the totally secular approach of psychology, which is, in all its many varieties, completely humanistic and contrary to God and His Word. Another is foundationally the same but adds some Scripture so it can call itself "Christian." The result is a staggering contradiction that ultimately denies biblical sufficiency. Tragically, this approach is epidemic in Christendom today. The third type is true biblical counseling and is the only one we find sanctioned in Scripture simply because it is the only one that relies solely and completely on God's Word. It doesn't rely upon techniques, rather upon Truth.

What we see before us, then, is the latter type. Long before there were seminars, training courses, and certified counselors, there were

Christians who were so saturated in the Truth, so solemnly obedient, so spiritually attuned, that they were competent to admonish one another. "Experts" today say that even pastors are not qualified to counsel, much less lay Christians, and that only those who are specially trained and licensed are competent. But we cannot help but wonder how Paul, or even Jesus Himself, was ever effective in ministry without being certified.

We also hear much today about "psychological problems," but again, Scripture does not support this concept. Whatever problem arises in a person, it is either *physical* or *spiritual*; there is nothing in between. As an earthly physician can care for the former, only the Divine Physician can cure the latter.

So, while there will be times when more serious problems arise that demand pastoral attention, every Christian should be "competent to counsel" those who desire it and seek it. Obviously, it must not be done self-righteously or judgmentally, nor should it involve "rebuke" (this is pastoral only: 1 Tim. 5:20; 2 Tim. 4:2; Titus 1:13; 2:15). Rather it is an opportunity to humbly remind another of the Truth and warn them of consequences.

**Scriptures for Study:** What do you observe in these other instances of *noutheteō*: Colossians 3:16; 1 Thessalonians 5:14 ("warn"); 2 Thessalonians 3:15.

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

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# Perspectives on the new Meeker High School building

## From an MHS alumnus ...

By JAY SULLIVAN  
1967 MHS Graduate



Jay Sullivan

**MEEKER** I Fifty-three years ago, I graduated from Meeker High School. Yesterday I went back for a sneak peak at the future of education. One member of our tour crowd asked, "Are you feeling nostalgic?" We were standing in front of the class pictures that line the hallway on the south side of the gym. Well, yes and no.

Nothing about the new school building resembles the high school I attended. Yet, there were the pictures of the people I had shared the first 18 years of my life with. Chris Selle, our tour guide and the Superintendent of Schools said that this hall was the most popular stop on the tour. "Take your time," he said.

One person quipped, "You know you're old if your picture is black and white. Most of us on this tour were in black and white class photos. Groan."

The first thing I noticed was a workstation for the school secretary at the front door. "It's a security measure. We have to have someone there," Selle said. "Times they are a changing." (Song from the '60s, Bob Dylan)

While looking south, we were in the main lobby. It is also the entry to both the gymnasium and the auditorium. This is the public space of the school where the people of Meeker gather to cheer on our students and welcome visitors from out of town. Plus, this space doubles as seating for the cafeteria. Stone pillars and walls of glass give us a great view to the west.

The long hallways that held my dreams of skateboards flying out of control and wings of classrooms are gone. Chalk boards are out and white boards are in. Giant screens connected to the internet are now prominent in each learning space, something we didn't have in the 1960's. Who knew?

The old gym, now referred to as the alternative gym by Mr. Selle, has new bleachers and fabulous new lighting. There is also a batting cage suspended from the ceiling. It is almost as though the designers knew it would snow in the first few days of September this year. The baseball team undoubtedly grinned while recently hitting practice homers in the gym.

Selle says that this is the best alternative gym in the state. We continued our tour around the gym. We saw the new locker rooms and went into the new wrestling room and weight room. In the wrestling

room I was asked again if I was experiencing a moment of nostalgia? I felt the thickness of the wrestling mat and said I thought that the new mats

were thicker than the old. How many guys does it take to roll up a wrestling mat? Answer: all of them.

Our tour continued into the track above the new gym. Yes, Selle said, there have been talks about opening the track up to people in the community to walk where it is warm in the winter. Check with the Rec Center for final access decisions. As for now, it is still under construction.

Standing on the track and looking down I did experience a moment of nostalgia. It reminded me of the gym in the old junior high.

Our next stop was what we in the old days would have called home economics. Everything about that space shouted, "Cooking done here." One woman said, "I wish I had those pots and pans in my kitchen!" Perhaps I just imagined the pangs of hunger that teenagers around like wolves.

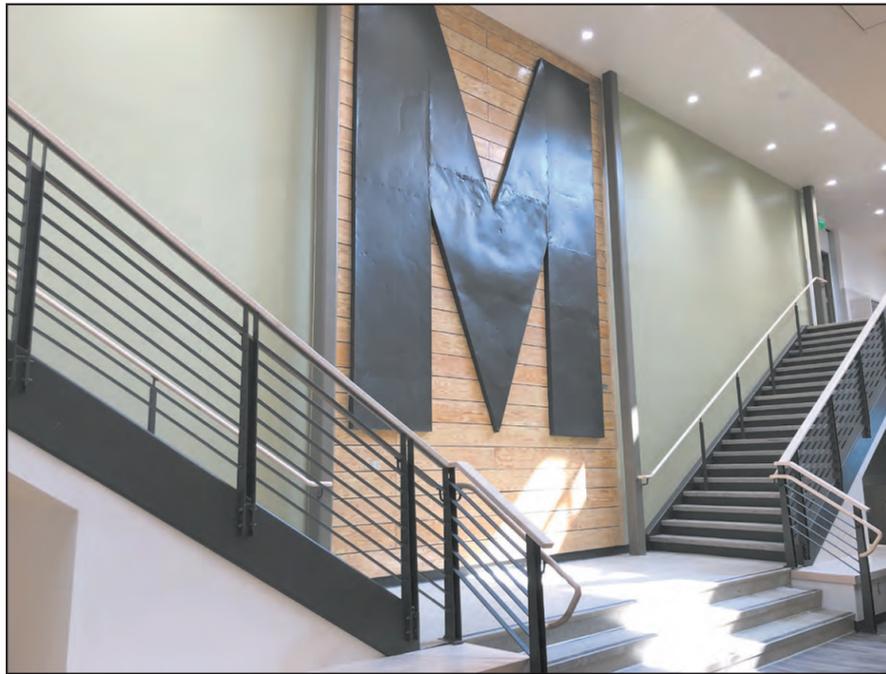
Then came the wood shop and metal shop. Selle kept saying that the total square feet were less per subject matter, but the useable space is more. "What can you make in here?" someone asked. "Anything," was the answer.

"In the shop, someone asked, can they change the oil in a car?" "They can rebuild the engine!" Selle responded. The thought struck me that the high school is equipped to give students the fundamental skills needed to make a living in Meeker and beyond. I

felt a lot of local heritage in this building.

Looking at the art room I wondered if my mother had taught the first art classes in Meeker High? There was no art room when I went to school. But here is the space to create, an environment in which to create beauty. Some of the work I saw that students were doing is world class. I thought they are so dog gone lucky and I hope they know how fortunate they are.

The classrooms have a phenomenal view to the south and to the east. Selle says there is no bad view from any classroom. To me, the view is expansive. Light to illuminate knowledge and a tremendous view of the world to use that knowledge within. Every advantage is given in a state-of-the-art environment for students to gain the tools they need to succeed. There is so much more here than when I went to school.



The iconic "M" that graced the exterior of the old high school building for many years was repurposed to decorate a portion of the renovated building's interior.

It is hard to imagine a better place.

Tours are scheduled every week with reservations and masks required. Just call the school office to reserve your spot. I encourage you to visit because there is so much more to see than what I have described. The old school is gone and the new school is a place of pride for us all.

As one person quipped when we were leaving, "I'm ready to go back to high school." Maybe just a touch of nostalgia, you think?

By SOPHIA GOEDERT  
Special to the Herald Times



Sophia Goedert

**MEEKER** I This is a year of firsts for many in the district. First time in a school environment, dealing with COVID-19 precautions at school, and for many, it's the first time using the new high school properly.

We've heard in-depth from some staff members about the new school and I'm sure you've heard whispers from students about it, but they haven't been asked out right yet and the answers are not quite what you'd expect.

Whenever you build something that has as much public use as a school, you will always have the few people who aren't totally happy with aspects. Even though they are grateful and realize why it was needed, critiques are always going to be

it vaguely reminds them of a hospital or hotel. It was a common consensus in all the people I interviewed. One saying, "I would like to add more decorations so it doesn't feel as empty and sophisticated."

Being a freshman in a new school is totally different. Venturing into high school is a feat in itself, add a new school on top and it can get scary. "At first the school seemed gigantic and scary, but as soon as you walked in, it felt like walking into a cool and collected house," a resident freshman said.

The school does have a lot of aspects that are highly favored among students. Around the school, little breakout rooms with unique chairs are placed to optimize group learning. Which in the old school, there wasn't a lot of. Another thing that will also probably be liked by Meeker alumni is the use of the old "M" that is placed in between the staircases. It adds a memory of the old school that is appreciated by the upperclassmen.

Transitioning into being a senior in a new school with a lot of new precautions is sometimes disheartening. These last few years we have made memories in old school and didn't really expect to have to try and make new ones without it. We looked forward to having our senior

agreement with Pitt Roofing for the Rangely roof project not to exceed \$75,140.

## BOCC: posting positions, updates, exec. session

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Posting the positions in advance allows for them to be included in the proposed budget.

The positions — if they are included as part of the adopted budget — will begin Jan. 1, 2021.

Woodruff voted yes on the Director of Public Affairs position, "only because it's just a posting."

In other business, the board approved an annual DOLA block grant application that offsets the costs of the senior nutrition program, and approved an

agreement with Pitt Roofing for the Rangely roof project not to exceed \$75,140.

In commissioner updates, the board said they spent two days in tax abatement discussions with Utah Gas last week. Those meetings were done in executive sessions.

"I don't know that we will win this hearing or lose this hearing," Woodruff said, "But we put up a wall of defense."

The last time the county had hearings with Utah Gas about taxes owed was in 2018. The results of this hearing won't be

known for two months.

The board went into executive session for the purpose of receiving legal counsel on specific questions and personnel matters with attorney Todd Starr, Road and Bridge Director Dave Morlan, and Human Resources Director Laura Smith.

Starr stated "although it is possible decisions may be made during the course of that meeting" those decisions would not be made in executive session function, but in day-to-day supervision of an employee function.

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## Community HOSPITAL

### Community Hospital Welcomes New Medical Staff Member

**Peter Shorten, MD**  
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# Rangely Chamber hires Webber for executive director position

By ROXIE FROMANG  
Special to the Herald Times

**RANGELY** McKenzie Webber is the new face of the Rangely Area Chamber of Commerce after the executive director position was vacated by Richard Smith. Webber spent the summer as an intern at the Town of Rangely helping promote the town and town events with marketing coordinator Jeannie Caldwell.

She is the daughter of Tim and Annette Webber of Rangely. The Rangely High School alumnae was active in many facets of the community before attending college including serving as the Rangely Jr./Sr. High School Student Council President. In just three years, she graduated from Grand Canyon University with a bachelor's degree in government with an emphasis in policy.

She looks forward to giving back to the community and helping the chamber propel forward. In a short time she has dived into her new role and is collaborating with other organizations to bring new events to the community, with the soonest being the National Night Out with local law enforcement on Oct. 6 at Elks Park followed by Oktoberfest slated for Oct. 24. Webber's love and passion for her hometown is evident. Excited for this opportunity, she says she hopes to inspire other youth to return and contribute to their communities.



McKenzie Webber is the new face of the Rangely Area Chamber of Commerce. She is a graduate of Rangely High School and Grand Canyon University.

# Data breach compromises personal info. of veterans

PRESS RELEASE  
Special to the Herald Times

**RBC** The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Office of Management today announced a data breach involving the personal information of approximately 46,000 Veterans and actions taken by the department to prevent and mitigate any potential harm to those individuals.

The Financial Services Center (FSC) determined one of its online applications was accessed by unauthorized users to divert payments to community health care providers for the medical treatment of Veterans. The FSC took the application offline and reported the breach to VA's Privacy Office.

A preliminary review indicates these unauthorized users gained access to the application to change financial information and divert payments from VA by using social engineering techniques and exploiting authentication protocols. To prevent any future improper access to and modification of information, system access will not be reenabled until a comprehensive security review is completed by the VA Office of Information Technology.

To protect those Veterans, the FSC is alerting the affected individuals, including the next-of-kin of those who are deceased, of the potential risk to their personal information. The department is also offering access to credit monitoring services, at no cost,

to those whose social security numbers may have been compromised.

Veterans whose information was involved are advised to follow the instruction in the letter to protect their data. There is no action needed from Veterans if they did not receive an alert by mail, as their personal information was not involved in the incident.

Veterans or Veteran next-of-kin that receive notification their information is potentially at risk from this incident can direct specific questions to the FSC Customer Help Desk to VAFSCVeteransSupport@va.gov or writing to VA FSC Help Desk, Attn: Customer Engagement Center. P.O. Box 149971, Austin, TX 78714-9971.

# Meeker Chamber of Commerce welcomes new board members

PRESS RELEASE  
Special to the Herald Times

**MEEKER** The Meeker Chamber of Commerce board and staff are welcoming new board members.

The Chamber held an election to fill two new open board positions, and those have been filled by Andrea Gianinetti and Chance Walker. Additionally, to fill a retiring board member position, Lori Smith has been selected to the Chamber Board.

Andrea Gianinetti will fill a term from September 2020-September 2023. Andrea and her husband Nick both grew up in Meeker and started Gianinetti's Powersports Rentals in 2019. Andrea is also president of the Board of Directors for New Eden Pregnancy Care Services. She teaches piano lessons, is a volunteer youth sports coach, and a substitute teacher for Meeker School District. Andrea says, "I love all that our community has to offer. At the Chamber, I hope to support local businesses to thrive, rather than just survive!"

Lori Smith will fill a board term from September 2020 - September 2022. Lori is the Chief Financial Officer for Pioneers Medical Center. She and her husband Derek moved to Meeker 1-1/2 years ago, which has brought them closer to their grandchildren and has given them the opportunity to continue living in a small community. "Meeker has been very welcoming, and being involved in the community is important. Being a part of the PMC team has given me the opportunity to not only represent

the hospital but also be a part of the community. Serving on the board would be an opportunity to help the community continue to develop and grow."

Chance Walker will fill a board term from September 2020-September 2022. Chance has lived in Meeker for 14 years, less a short stint on a ranch near Rifle. He transitioned careers from corporate operations to working for his family's local small business last year, and it was the best decision he has ever made. He works with his family who owns the *Rio Blanco Herald Times* and Son's, Inc., a service company, and says, "Small businesses are the lifeblood of a community. I've watched the ups and downs of Meeker's business economy since living here at a young age. I want to be part of stabilizing and developing Meeker to ensure a bright future for my children and future generations".

Board member Marie Hooks has been appointed as the Board President and says "I am excited for the opportunity to be a president of the Meeker Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors and for the board to work together to serve the Meeker Community through our vision, mission, and goals." Cheryl Houser is the Vice President and Sabine Murray is the Treasurer.

To view a description of all seven current board members and staff please visit our website [www.meekerchamber.com](http://www.meekerchamber.com)

The Board and staff appreciate the time and dedication of the Board members who have left, Diana Jones (2011), Jan Nye (2017), and Kitty Clemens (2018).



Andrea Gianinetti, Gianinetti's Powersports Rentals.



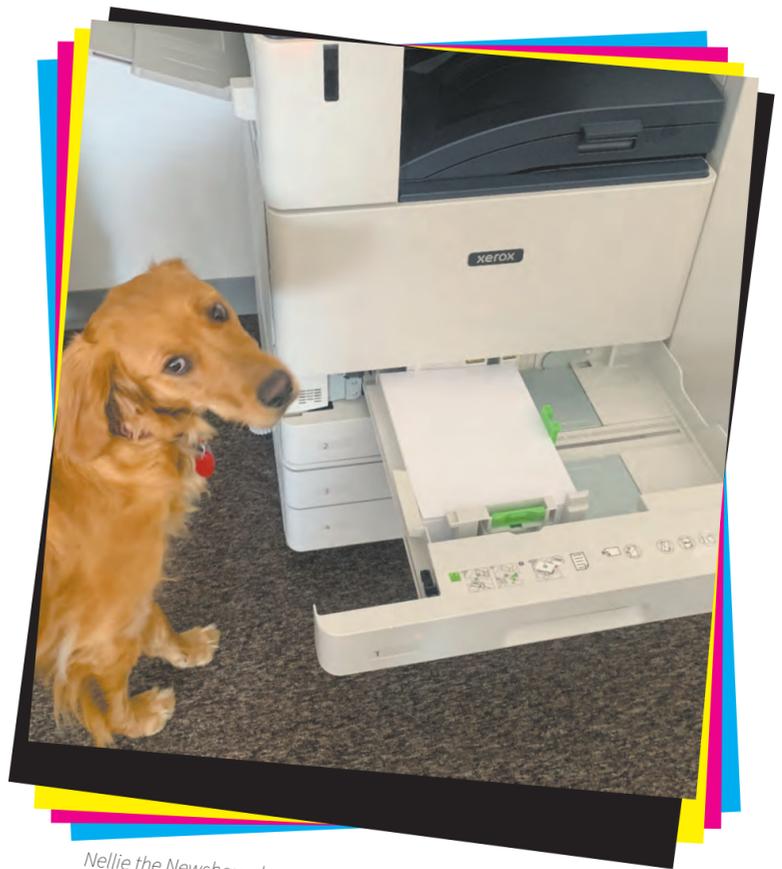
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## OBITUARIES

## Scott R. Mackay

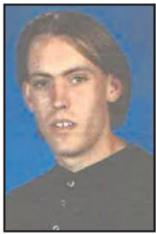
Sept. 23, 1977 ~ Aug. 23, 2020

On Aug. 23, 2020 Scott R Mackay said goodbye to this world after a battle with pneumonia and moved onto his next journey with our loving God.

Born on Sept. 23, 1977 in Rangely, he lived, went to school, and worked here his entire life.

In school he treasured his friends and played in all the sports, but football was the one that put a sparkle in his eyes. He always talked of junior high and how they went undefeated all three years.

In high school he joined the travel group and went to England and Scotland. Since he is of Scottish descent he found a sense of pride being able to go and see for himself the land his great grand-



Scott Mackay

fathers came from. He had a love of adventure and enjoyed hunting, trapping, fishing, camping, skateboarding, snowboarding, and golfing. Playing Madden with a friend, giving a helping hand, friendly smile and a daily walk just to get out and about. Many would stop to ask if he would like or need a ride and he would smile and say, "No thank you, I enjoy walking." He worked odd jobs here and

there but found a job with NT Coating where he enjoyed the job and the people.

He leaves behind his grandmother Carlene Gardner, parents Janet and Bryan Mackay, sisters Calista Mackay and Cheyenne Steel-Mackay, brother Byron Steele-Mackay, niece Braydin, nephews John, Kaylen, Ben, and many aunts, uncles, and cousins.

We will miss your laugh, your smile, and your wild stories. You will always be in our heart.

The family will be holding a memorial at the Rangely Cemetery Sept. 25, 2020 at 11 a.m.

We would like to thank this loving community for many prayers, cards, and acts of kindness.

## Vernon Chris Murray

July 23, 1946 ~ Sept. 12, 2020

Vernon Chris Murray, 74, of Rifle, Colorado passed away unexpectedly Sept. 12, 2020, while doing what he loved, hunting on the Flattops.

Vern was born was born the second of eight children in Roosevelt, Utah, on July 23, 1946, to Chris Murray and Hilda Hopson. Vern spent his early childhood in Roosevelt and Price, Utah, before moving to Grand Junction, and spending the remainder of his life in Silt and Rifle, Colorado.

He met his beautiful wife of 50 years, Martha Kehr, in 1969, and three short months later they married on Sept. 20, 1969, in Rifle, Colorado, where they lived and raised two sons, David and Wayne. Vern loved his morning coffee and cigarettes with lifelong friends at Order Up where he was a part of their family. He loved his grandchildren Keelee, Ely and Auri with all his heart and enjoyed family camping trips, hunting, riding his side by side and with Vern there was always a good chance a prank or two was in the works.

Something few people knew was Vern was an accomplished



Vernon Murray

drummer and played in a band for a short time in the late '60s. He would spend much of his time in the outdoors where he was at peace.

He loved boating and fishing at Flaming Gorge, snowmobiling in the Colorado high country and just about anything that would take him to the great outdoors.

Vern was someone who was always willing to help out anyone in need whether it be family friend or stranger. In his early life he spent time working with his dad Chris as a stone mason prior to starting his career as equipment operator. He started his equipment operating career with Bob and Chub Squires for many years prior to going to work for the Garfield County Road and Bridge Department where he retired after 30-plus years. He was an accomplished equipment operator and his specialty was the motor grader. In 2005 he won the

Colorado state equipment rodeo motor grader state title. He was a volunteer firefighter early in his life and there wasn't anything he couldn't fix with rivets, duct tape and a welder.

His humor, infectious smile and laughter will be missed by many. He was an amazing husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle and friend. We love you, Vern.

Vernon is survived by: his loving wife Martha of 50 years, son David Murray (Westy) of Meeker, Colorado, son Wayne Murray (Alison) of Rifle, Colorado, sister Charlene Parker of Rifle, brother Randy Murray of Rifle, sister Pamela Murray of New Mexico; grandchildren Keelee Murray, Ely Murray and Auri Murray.

Vernon was preceded in death by father Chris Murray, mother Hilda Hopson, brothers Jimmy Murray and Roger Murray, sisters Donna Hardy and Linda Murray.

*When I enter through the Pearly gates and come into Your glory land, instead of The mansion you promised, Lord how about just an Old tree stump on the mountain And my ole green coffee cup*

## Joe Papez

Oct. 12, 1934 ~ Sept. 15, 2020

Longtime Meeker resident, Joe Papez passed away on Sept. 15, 2020, at Pioneers Medical Center. He was 85. Upon Joe's request, private family services are being held. He retired from the Division of Wildlife with many years of service. He is survived by his loving wife Patricia Papez; two sons, Gerald (Sherry) Papez and Greg (Maggie) Papez; his mother Alvina

Papez; and two sisters, Ann Morrelli and Donna Spock. He is further survived by two grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his son Glen Paul Papez; and his father Louis Papez. In lieu of flowers and food, the family suggests memorial contributions be made in Joe's memory to HopeWest Hospice.



Joe Papez

## Missing woman's body identified

By NIKI TURNER  
editor@ht1885.com

**RANGELY** | A body discovered near County Road 23 on Wednesday has been positively identified as that of Rangely resident Laurie French, 34.

According to a Facebook post from the Rangely Police Department on Sunday, Sept. 12, French was last seen on the evening of Tuesday, Sept. 5. Her body was found on Wednesday, Sept. 16, at which time the Rio Blanco County Sheriff's Office and the Colorado Bureau of Investigation took the lead on the case.

On Facebook, citizens have raised questions about how the search for French was conducted,

or if enough was done to locate her.

Rio Blanco County Sheriff Anthony Mazzola told the HT on Thursday that until official toxicology reports are received, his office cannot answer additional questions about the case in order to avoid jeopardizing the ongoing investigation.

French's body was discovered by searchers from the Rio Blanco County Sheriff's Office along with a Mesa County Sheriff's Office K9 team, located about 50 yards off the road at approximately mile marker 1.5 on County Road 23 on Wednesday, Sept. 16.



Laurie French

The Colorado Bureau of Investigation (CBI) was requested to process the scene and conduct the investigation surrounding French's death.

At this time, foul play is not suspected, but further toxicology testing is being conducted by the Rio Blanco County Coroner.

The family of Ms. French has been notified.

Details of the timeline of the case will be released upon the completion of the investigation by the CBI and the Rio Blanco County Coroner's report.

## Interview with Karl Hanlon

By LUCAS TURNER  
lucas@ht1885.com

**RBC** | Long time northwest Colorado resident and Glenwood Springs-based attorney Karl Hanlon is running for Colorado's 8th Senate District this election. The district encompasses six counties in northwest Colorado, including Rio Blanco County.

Karl Hanlon described SD8 as large and diverse, noting that resort communities like those in Garfield and Summit counties face different challenges than communities in Moffat or Rio Blanco counties. But he said even with those differences, people throughout the district have expressed concerns about the economy.

"What was on the mind of really everybody I talked to is what's going on economically. How do those policies affect them? Is Denver or D.C. really thinking about them? I think the answer is not the way they should be. That's part of what I want to bring to the table, we need to be advocating harder for our rural communities," said Hanlon.

Hanlon's message of connection and dedication to rural communities can be linked to his upbringing. He grew up on a working cattle ranch in Jackson County, north of Walden.

"[My parents], they were World War II generation and they really instilled in me a commitment to both hard work, but also to helping your neighbors. That's been a core value for not only myself but for my family forever," he said.

His upbringing also influenced Hanlon's career decisions. After spending four years as a seasonal park ranger for Colorado, he decided he wanted to have a bigger impact, and went on to study law in Oregon. More specifically, Hanlon's ranching background is what interested him in practicing water law.

"I mean, water is everything out here if you're in ag. Some of

my earliest memories are trying to stretch the water as far as it'll go in the dry years, and trying to figure out what to do with it when you're trying to dry out the hay field in the wet years. It's just the core of who we are out here really, it defines us in so many ways," he said.

After getting his law degree, Hanlon came back to the mountains to Glenwood Springs to be closer to the water division responsible for the Colorado River Basin.

Since that time Hanlon has represented the City of Glenwood Springs, and his law firm has worked with other municipalities on the western slope on issues like water law, land use and everything in between. He is also currently leading the legal team fighting the proposed limestone quarry expansion just outside of Glenwood Springs, a public lands and local jurisdiction issue that has received national attention.

He sees the quarry expansion as an example of how small rural communities have to fight for their values, even when broader state and federal powers may not understand the situation on the ground. Hanlon also made this distinction when discussing other issues, especially water, saying "we need to be more aggressive" about protecting western slope water.

To Hanlon, part of protecting western slope water is also moving forward on specific types of small-scale projects to store and conserve water, increase resiliency of municipal water systems and improve stream health.

"All of those things improve both quality and quantity and availability to the rest of us," said Hanlon, adding, "the Yampa and the White [rivers] are not as over appropriated as the Colorado is, and everybody's looking to them to be the next big solution, and I think we need to push back."

In the same vein, Hanlon shared thoughts about how local



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Karl Hanlon.

communities will be necessary to lead the charge in combating the environmental and economic effects of climate change, such as less water, and decreasing tax revenues.

"I think one of the things we lose sight of is that there are probably a lot of people in these communities, whether it's Meeker or Rangely or Craig, who have a lot of great ideas about what they could be doing but maybe they need a little bit of capital to get started. They need a little help with planning. They have the will and the knowledge to get there. We need to figure out how we can help them do that."

"I think one of the mistakes we make is chasing large corporations around thinking that's gonna be our savior, whether that's in the extraction industry or otherwise. We need to start with the people that we have and find out what their vision is for themselves, and help them be successful instead of trying to impose some top-down kind of approach to all this."

Hanlon also spoke about reducing healthcare costs and pushing for a public option, protecting public lands and more. You can hear the full interview or read the transcript in our podcast feed. Just search for "Rio Blanco County News" in your favorite podcast app, or visit us at [soundcloud.com/herald1885](https://soundcloud.com/herald1885)

## DEATH NOTICE

## Richard Raymond Garcia

Richard Raymond Garcia, 54, of Dinosaur, died at his home on Sunday, Sept. 20, 2020. He leaves behind his wife, Sandra G. Garcia. A memorial service will be held Friday, Sept. 25 at the Bible Baptist Church in Rangely, Colorado, at 11 a.m.

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## HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL IS BACK!

### Cowboy practice starts Thursday

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

**MEEKER I** The boys of fall are returning to Starbucks Stadium. The Colorado High School Activities Association (CHSAA) voted 12-3 last Wednesday to let schools make a choice to play football in the fall (Schedule A) or in the winter (Schedule C).

Superintendent of schools Chris Selle decided early last Thursday to let the Cowboys return to the field in the fall. Practice begins today, Sept. 24, with the first games set for the weekend of Oct. 8-10. Superintendents have until next Monday at 10 a.m. to declare if they are playing or not.

This year's format, like all of the other sports, has changed.

Each team will have six games in regular season and one game in post season. The top eight teams in the state will move on to the playoffs and any teams not making the playoffs will schedule games against one another.

The Colorado High School Activities Association (CHSAA) released tentative football schedules for all classes and teams that have opted in to playing football during schedule A.

The exact dates and times are each game are still to be determined as the schools will need to talk and formalize the schedule.

#### ■ Cowboy 2020 Football Schedule

Week one at Ignacio, TBA

Week two at home against Gunnison, TBA

Week three at Hotchkiss on Friday, Oct. 23 at 7 p.m.

Week four at home against Cedaredge on Friday, Oct. 30 at 7 p.m.

Week five at Olathe, TBA

Week six at home against Paonia on Friday, Nov. 13 at 7 p.m.

Week seven to be determined.

Week one is the weekend of Oct. 9-10, there are no bye weeks, the final regular sea-

son game is the weekend before Thanksgiving and game seven will be the weekend after.

The top eight teams selected for the playoffs will be determined by the coaches poll, RPI, MaxPreps and Packard. This year the top team of the league is not guaranteed a berth into the playoffs so the non-league opponent is very important especially when considering strength of schedule. If a team goes 6-0, sweeping its league but their non-league opponent is 0-5 or 1-4 they will not be ranked as high as a team with the same record whose non-league opponent was 5-1.

The Cowboy's non-league opponent is the Ignacio Bobcats, last year they finished with a 2-6 record and graduated five seniors. The team had nine juniors, now seniors, and a group of 11 sophomores and freshmen. Ignacio graduated HWT state qualifying wrestler Randy Herrera but still has two sophomores, now juniors, Clay Campbell and Jeremy Roderick topping 200 pounds on the line.

Playoffs will begin Nov. 21

State championship will be Dec. 5

The players will remain six feet apart on the sideline and must wear a mask.

The players box has been extended from the 10 yard line to the 10 yard line.

Currently, Meeker, Hotchkiss, and Cedaredge have declared to play. In our league that leaves Paonia, Grand Valley, Gunnison, and Olathe that have not officially declared either way. Roaring Fork, who is new to the league this year, has opted to play during Schedule C.

"They (CHSAA) will try to keep Meeker on the western slope and from traveling too much," commented Meeker High School Athletic Director Klark Kindler, "I expect that as in years past we will be playing some 2A school such as Coal Ridge."

Information on stand capacity, spectators, and cheerleading has not been released.

## SENIORS ...



## Panther football officially underway

Special to the Herald Times

**RANGELY I** Panther Football is officially underway Thursday and the Panthers are excited and have good reason to be. With 10 players who started on one side of the ball or the other last year the team is ready to go.

Rangely had an early out in the playoffs last year with a young group that was riddled with injuries. They have stayed focused through all the chaos this year has provided and continued to show up to non-mandatory workouts in hopes that this year would happen.

"If you get the opportunity please come out and

support the boys this year on Friday nights. We will be posting the schedule as soon as it is solidified," said head coach Paul Fortunato. "Here's to another great year of Panther football. Bleed Green!"

Above, senior Panthers playing this year are Sidney Cole, Gabe Polley, Anthony Lujan, Ryan Richens, Austin Davis, and AJ Garner (not pictured).

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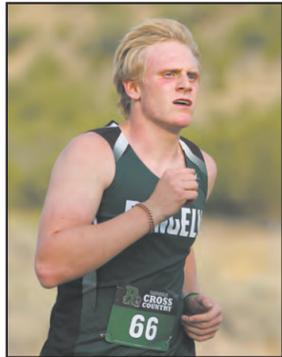
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## Rangely hosts home meets

Special to the Herald Times



(Top) Timothy Scoggins helped the boys varsity team finish first in Friday's home meet.  
(Bottom) Brooke Filfred ran in Saturday's JV race in Rangely.

**RANGELY I** The Rangely Panther cross country teams were busy this past weekend, playing host to a six team varsity meet Friday and then hosting another four teams Saturday for a JV meet. The course was deceptively challenging, running over rolling hills in the grass of the beautiful Cedar Ridges golf course.

"It was fun hosting a meet here in Rangely, we had a lot of support from the community as they came out to watch. It was especially nice having the college girls basketball team come out and help too. I'm hoping that we can host more cross country meets in the future," head coach Beth Scoggins said.

Mary Scoggins, who keeps working hard and getting better, continued to lead the girls team, finishing ninth overall in 23:08. Dixie Rhea, Annika Cantrell, and Adelynn Halcomb rounded out the varsity runners on Friday, finishing with times of 26:20, 29:23, and 32:31, respectively. Macy Morgan finished strong on Saturday in a time of 34:19 as Brooke Filfred came in at 40:27.

The boys team again proved to be a tough group of harriers, finishing the meet as the top 2A team on Friday. Andrew Dorris and Alex Black led the pack of eight with top 10 finishes, plac-

ing 8th with a time of 20:09 and 9th in 20:12, respectively. Colton Noel finished shortly after in 21:12, as Fisher Winder (22:46), Kevin Wren (22:52), Timothy Scoggins (23:38), Anthony Dorris (25:18), and Gabe Polley (23:32) all finished strongly to help the team. Brent Cantrell and Ashton Bennet raced for the Panthers on Saturday, getting through the course in times of 33:52 and 34:45, respectively.

The Panther harriers received some bittersweet news this week, as CHSAA has decided to allow football to start up this fall. While Rangely is excited to get back to playing football, the boys who gave cross country a shot will be greatly missed on the cross country team. Several of the boys will be running their last meet this weekend before they head back to the football field.

"We will miss having the football boys around, they have been a really positive addition to the team. I wish them the best during their football season and am thankful to have gotten the chance to coach them," coach Scoggins said.

The Panthers will travel to Craig, Colorado, for a JV meet on Friday at Loudy Simpson Park. The varsity teams will then run the same course the following morning. Coach Scoggins again would like to thank everyone for their help and support this past weekend.

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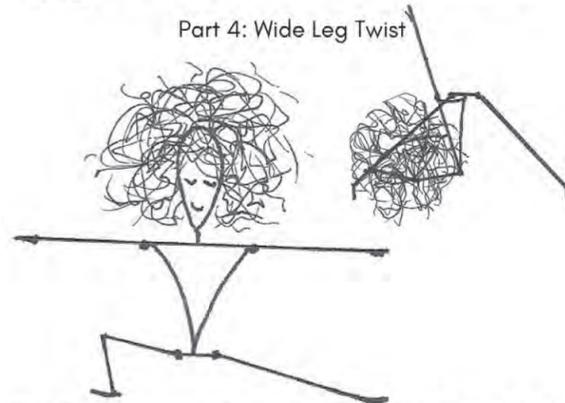
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First Steps To Every Pose

1. Lengthen through the crown of your head, tucking your chin in just a smidgen to straighten out your cervical spine, stand, sit, or lay tall.
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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. 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.

# TRUE VALUE ...



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Rangely True Value received \$400 from the True Value Foundation's Educational Heroes Safety Campaign and provided Rangely schools with cleaning supplies and safety masks.

# Cowboys run in Rangely

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

**MEEKER I** Meeker Cross Country made two trips to Rangely on Friday for a varsity meet, and again Saturday morning for JV races. We had some scheduling conflicts and a bit of illness this week, which affected some of the runners for each race. The boys

ran first at both meets, and Friday's race had Shane Kobald as Meeker's first finisher, taking 21st place, at 21:11. Gabe Richardson was close behind, at 21:19 and 23rd. Buzz Clatterbaugh had to fight the last 100 meters for 26th place, just edging out his competitor, at 21:32. Colby Clatterbaugh, Spud White and Ethan Drake all finished in quick succession, with Colby at

22:21 for 34th place, and White and Drake at 22:23 for 35th and 36th. The boys tied with Soroco for sixth place in points, but had a fifth runner for the tie-breaker.

In the girls' race, Brighton Bair had a solid performance, 11th place, at 24:07. Savannah Mendenhall continues to run well, finishing in 25:18 for 22nd place. Aiyana McCook ran hard to her finish at 28:48 and 37th. Sarah Kracht was two places behind, finishing in 29:43, helping the girls to fifth place in team scoring.

On Saturday, Ashdon Seibert was the first Cowboy finisher in the boys' race, at 23:18 and 11th place. Gabe Smithers had a great race, and a new personal record at 24:02, for 14th. Owen Hannemann was one place behind him, at 25:16, and Stephen Koenig was Meeker's fourth finisher, in 21st place at 37:02. The boys were fourth as a team.

Meeker had three girls race on Saturday, not enough for a team score. Individually, however, Nora Gianinetti had a great race, finishing in third place at 25:55. Ainsley Selle moved up in the field throughout the race, crossing the line in 26:04, a new PR, and taking fourth place. Alana Nielsen finished in 16th place, at 33:15.

"We saw some great racing over the weekend. Great efforts, and very strong finishes," said head coach Marty Casey. "Shane and Buzz both had to fight right to the end, and Ainsley held off three competitors all the way to the line." Meeker will be competing in Moffat County this weekend.



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At Friday's varsity meet in Rangely, Sarah Kracht recorded a time of 23:43 and Savannah Mendenhall recorded a time of 25:18. The girls team placed fifth in overall scoring.



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The Cowboys finished out their season at the River Valley Ranch golf course in Carbondale. "I was proud of our team for hanging in there and not giving up. It was difficult to keep positive momentum going during the seven-hour round," coach Willy Theos said. The team placed 13th.

# State releases guidance for all organized sports

**PRESS RELEASE**  
Special to the Herald Times

**RBC I** The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) today released guidance for organized sports including organized youth recreational and adult amateur leagues, club sports, interscholastic, and other organization-sponsored athletics. The guidance includes information for each phase of the State's new dial framework, released yesterday and addresses key topics like facility considerations, spectators, as well as tournaments, transportation, and travel.

Participating in sports, in any capacity during this pandemic, holds an inherent risk of possible infection for participants and risk of transmission to other individuals, such as their household members. Stakeholders must consider the risks and benefits of participation in their plans for resuming organized sports.

Adherence to public health guidelines is essential to minimize risk and disruptions to athletic activities. In addition, The risk of COVID-19 spread can be different depending on the type of activity which is based on:

- Number of people a player or coach interacts with;
- Type of physical interaction;
- Length of time of the close interaction;
- Sharing of equipment across multiple players;
- Environment of play (e.g. indoors, outdoors); and
- Layers of protection that are in place, including:
  - face coverings,
  - physical distancing,
  - hand hygiene,
  - cleaning and disinfecting commonly touched surfaces, etc.

Physical exertion, including sports, involves forced exhalation, which may increase the risk of transmission, similar to that seen in singing or playing certain musical instruments. Therefore, increased physical distancing of participants and spectators beyond a minimum of 6 feet is reasonable. Infection control measures applied collectively, such as screening, physical distancing of coaches and spectators, hand hygiene, and facial coverings where appropriate are especially important given that many sports involve close contact of individuals at various times during training or competition.

Teams that desire to practice and compete without disruption are strongly advised to take these recommendations seriously. Athletes, teams, and organizations should hold each other accountable to follow guidelines and ensure compliance with infection control measures during and beyond play. Behaviors and decisions of participants outside the sports setting may impact the ability of the entire team to participate in training or competition if a single athlete or coach becomes exposed or ill.

These guidelines can be applied to other settings where physical activity and forced exhalation occur, and parks and recreation staff (or their equivalent) and state sporting governing bodies are encouraged to enforce these guidelines.

Sports settings such as professional or collegiate entities should adhere to the specific guidelines for their governing body and specifications in public health orders. Sports with school age kids need to follow the school case investigation/outbreak guidance.

The full guidance is available online. Continue to stay up to date by visiting [covid19.colorado.gov](https://covid19.colorado.gov).

# Golf wraps season

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

**RBC I** The Cowboy golf season has wrapped up for 2020 at the close of the regional tournament. This year's team was Peter Hanks, John Hampton Hightower, Ryan Phelan and Ryan Sullivan. The tournament itself is only one day long but the team gets an opportunity for a practice round the day before.

"We had two great days of golf," commented head coach Willy Theos. "The practice round on Monday was fun to play as a team and the kids learned a lot about the course."

This year's regionals were held at the River Valley Ranch

(RVR) in Carbondale. "It is a very nice golf course," continued Theos, "but it can be tricky with some blind landing areas off the tee; the more you play it, the better prepared you will be."

Meeker plays golf in class 3A as 1A and 2A do not have teams. The bigger schools often have access to more courses to practice on including ones similar to RVR. In team placement Aspen won, Vail Mountain was second, Vail Christian third, and Basalt was fourth. Aspen and Vail Mountain will send their entire team to state.

The day was long and Cowboys had to wait through two lightning delays and slow play. "I was proud of our team for

hanging in there and not giving up," said Theos. "It was difficult to keep positive momentum and rhythm going during the seven-hour round."

Hanks shot the best for the Cowboys with an 88; 86 was the cutoff to qualify for state. Hightower played well but had a couple of inconsistent stretches as he finished at 94. Phelan and Sullivan had some great holes but struggled overall shooting 105 and 110. As a team the Cowboys finished in 13th ahead of Salida, Delta, and Limon.

"It was great having Coach Hooks at the tournament to help coach the kids," wrapped up Theos. Kyle Hooks is the Cowboy assistant golf coach for 2020.

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# Leaf peeping season kicks into high gear

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Special to the Herald Times

**RBC |** As fall officially begins and the aspens start putting on a spectacular show, Colorado's "leaf peeping" season also kicks into high gear. While the stunning display is worthy of the annual crowds drawn to some of the state's most scenic trails, Colorado Parks and Wildlife reminds those on the search for the state's specific autumn gold to keep trail etiquette and caring for Colorado top of mind.

When heading out to the vast outdoors to find the perfect view of colorful Colorado, it's important to note that many of the Care for Colorado principles apply before you make the drive.

### Know Before You Go

Spend some time planning your trip and avoid any potential disappointment. Think about the following questions and do some research before heading out to our parks and trails.

- Are the colors at their prime?
- Where is the best spot for your abilities and available timeframes for viewing?
- Will you need a daily vehicle pass or permit?
- If the parking area is full, move on to the next designated parking area.
- Ensure you've downloaded the Colorado Trail Explorer (COTREX) app to find a great

Plan B if you need one!

### Stick To Trails

While it's tempting to find a new and unique spot to photograph, or to move to areas with a few less people, it's important for our plants, trails and visitors that you stay the trail.

■ Help natural areas stay natural by sticking to designated trails.

■ Respect trails closed for maintenance, vegetation projects or wildlife reasons. We all love our flora and fauna, so keep them healthy for your family's future hikes!

■ Don't be tempted to take shortcuts — that extra time in nature is what you are there to enjoy.

### Trash Your Trash

If you'll be spending time wandering through Colorado's colors, you're likely to need a drink, a snack or to tend to your pet's needs. Don't bring anything with you that you can't pack out.

■ Peeping for color doesn't include wrappers or bottles along the trail. Put litter, dog waste, and even crumbs, peels and cores in the nearest waste/recycling bin — or pack it out until you can find one.

■ Bring an extra bag or two to help leave the area better than you found it.

### Leave It As You Find It

In this busy season, it's especially important to only park in designated areas — undesignated parking destroys

vegetation and encourages those coming up behind you to continue the trend. With over 40,000 miles of trails in Colorado, you can be sure to find the right spot by planning ahead.

■ Leave plants, rocks and historical items as you find them so others can experience the same joy of discovery.

■ Carving or hacking plants and trees may kill or disfigure them, and also impacts the experiences of your fellow hikers and leaf peepers for years to come!

### Keep Wildlife Wild

While you may be hoping to spot the perfect cascade of yellow aspens, part of your experience may include seeing wildlife in their homes. Enjoy the moment by keeping your distance, using your zoom and letting our wildlife be wild!

■ Never feed wild animals — from the smallest chipmunk to the largest bear, feeding them human food alters natural behaviors and can make them sick or dependent.

■ Harassing wild animals may also increase the chance of a poor interaction including charges or attacks, feeding wildlife may expose animals to predators, and either case may even lead to euthanasia.

### Share Our Trails and Parks

Please be courteous and patient when on your journey! This is one of the busiest times of the year on our trails, so please be patient with other

visitors and the staff working to help everyone have a great experience outdoors.

■ You're out to mine gold, not to people watch, so try out some new or lesser — known paths and sites found on the COTREX app.

■ Be considerate when passing others on the trails and yield to the uphill hiker and biker — they need the momentum and good etiquette is always in season.

■ Remember to bring face coverings and hand sanitizer, and try to move to single file or take your time to leave six feet of space between hikers if possible.

"We want everyone to have a great time experiencing the colors and the natural resources our whole state has to offer," said Farrow. "No matter where you plan to peep, be respectful of those resources, the staff helping you have a great experience, and your fellow recreationists out searching for Colorado gold."

For additional tips on planning for fall's color changes in Colorado, visit [cpw.state.co.us](http://cpw.state.co.us).



LUCAS TURNER PHOTO

**It's officially fall and Colorado trees will be putting on a spectacular show over the next few weeks. Enjoy responsibly: know where you'll be going, pack out your trash, leave the woods as you find them, keep wildlife wild and don't forget to be considerate of others.**

## GOODBYE/HELLO ...



COURTESY PHOTO

(Top) Doug Overton and Sherri Halandras received plaques as outgoing Fire District board members (their terms were up in May 2020).

(Bottom) Fire Chief Luke Pelloni, EMS Director Louis Corbeil, and Board Chairman Steve Allen. Corbeil was approved as the new EMS Director at the Sept. 10 meeting. He is a critical care paramedic who recently moved to Meeker from Texas.

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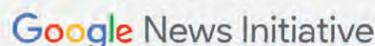
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The roads have recovered from the effects of the late storm and the stages are now making excellent time.

The tourist travel in the White River valley is greater this season than ever before; but, how long will it continue if some protection is not afforded the game interests in the county.

Soap bubbles are round because every part of their surface is equally pressed by the atmosphere.

*The Meeker Herald*  
100 years ago

Every Voter should read the notice on this page, which calls for the vote at the November election to authorize the County Commissioners to erect a Court House. This is one thing on which every person should vote yes regardless of politics for it is not a party measure. This county has one of the worst Court Houses in the State. It is in every way a discredit to the county.

Next Friday, October 1st, is the first day of the hunting season. According to reports there is a man (with a gun) in the hills laying for every remaining deer. This season will about wind up the White River County.

*The Meeker Herald*  
50 years ago

Two candidates, T.R. Rasmussen of Rangely and Bill

Brennan of Piceance Creek this week joined the 1970 political race contest for County Commissioner, District 1.

No more beautiful setting for any golf course could be imagined than the one to be enjoyed by golfers at the Meeker golf course just south of town. And with this good news comes the announcement that the course will be open for limited play most fairways this fall, playing winter rules, a situation that earlier had not been expected until late next spring.

*The Meeker Herald*  
25 years ago

Meeker High School students are above both state and national averages in English, reading, and science reasoning, and below both state and national averages in mathematics.

The old and the new apparently have collided head-on in rural Meeker, and the collision has the Rio Blanco County Commissioners scratching their heads. The consternation began at the commissioner's regular meeting on Sept. 25 when John Jump, of rural Rio Blanco County, came to the meeting to complain about the county's subdivision regulations. The problem seems to be that when the county was originally surveyed and platted early in this century, the surveyors used equipment and practices that were far less accurate than the lasers and satellite positioning systems in use today.

Mary Strang, Cathie Dolan, Nancy Madison, Dave

McGraw, Jeanne Herter and Ed Coryell were running for school board.

*The Rangely Times*  
50 years ago

Rangely's city council, with all members present, met with architect Blake Chambliss and members of his staff Monday night to discuss site questions and other matters pertaining to the new municipal building planned here.

Principal William H. Bell has announced that one student at Rangely High School has been named semifinalist in the 1970-71 National Merit Scholarship Program. The student is James E. Mitchem, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Mitchem.

Thirty years ago our textbooks said that the chemicals in the human body had a commercial value of about 98 cents. Today, experts say, those chemicals are worth about \$800.

*The Rangely Times*  
50 years ago

The Rangely Development Agency took a field trip last Friday, Sept. 22, to inspect a potential business for the DUCO site on Main Street.

An unidentified man was airlifted to St. Mary's Hospital in Grand Junction early Tuesday evening after falling off the roof he was working on at the Escalante Trail Motel at 117 S. Grand Ave. late that afternoon. Local hospital officials and the police department would not release the man's name.

**CROSSWORD**

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  - One of Egyptian christians
  - Nary a soul
  - Dot-com address
  - Pretend, two words
  - Flogger's tool
  - Romanian money
  - Dostoyevsky's masterpiece, with The
  - \*Royal Brewery in Munich, a.k.a. \_\_\_\_\_, München
  - \*Original Oktoberfest location
  - Tree juice
  - Cathedral part
  - Lysergic acid derivative, acr.
  - Children's author Roald
  - Bivouac
  - Heroic poem
  - Taro or cocoyam, technically
  - Relish tastebuds' sensation
  - Russian governmental agency
  - Musketeeers' weapons
  - Presidential "No!"
  - Make corrections
  - Kind of palm
  - A in B.A.
  - Indian Ocean's saltwater inlet
  - Carvey or Plato
  - "Sesame Street" watcher
  - One-horse carriage
  - Sunday newspaper inserts
  - \*Kind of Oktoberfest band
  - \*Salty snack
  - Meltable abode
  - Go wrong
  - Sore spot
  - African prairie
  - "Wheel of Fortune" vowel request
  - All-season ones, on a car
  - Affirmatives
  - Beaver's construction
  - Noise of contempt
- DOWN**
- Egyptian hieroglyph for "life"
  - "You're not allowed!" to a baby
  - Mistake
  - Spurns
  - Between triad and pentad
  - Comic strip Moppet
  - Anger management issue
  - Economic crisis
  - Ghana monetary unit
  - Ear-related
  - Tubby little cubby
  - Ted Turner's TV acronym
  - Bedding and towels
  - Lickety-split
  - Wear and tear
  - "So soon?"
  - \*\_\_\_\_\_hosen
  - Sea foam
  - Like United States Capitol
  - \*Flower used in beer-making
  - Spanish sparkling wine
  - Deflect
  - "O'zapft is!" or "It's tapped!"
  - "Cheers!"
  - Without, † Paris
  - Start of something big?
  - Echo sounder
  - Joseph Stalin was one
  - "Eureka!"
  - Experts
  - In the lead
  - "Beer garden mug
  - Curved molding
  - Paella pot
  - '60s British teenagers
  - "Hunger Games" sister
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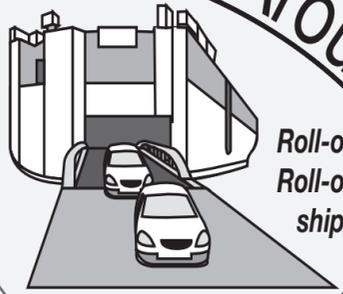
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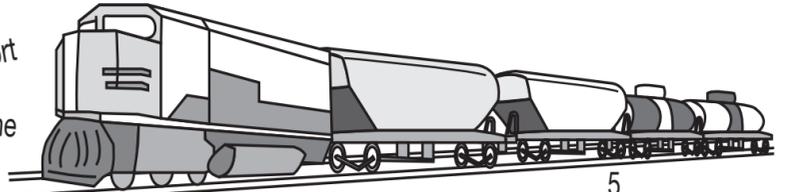
how all the goods in your local stores got there and where they came from? Do you know where the food is grown or the products are made? Let's learn about shipping goods!

## Moving Goods Around the World



Roll-on/ Roll-off ship.

export  
plane



Read the clues to fill in the puzzle:

Read the clues to fill in the crossword puzzle.

- sending goods out of a country to trade or sell
- special section of train that can hold liquid
- a semi-\_\_\_\_\_ truck can attach long boxes full of cargo to a hitch
- a \_\_\_\_\_ truck can travel on the roads carrying liquid in a large container
- factories and warehouses are often built near its tracks
- what we move from place to place; freight
- packaging cargo for safe shipping
- a cargo \_\_\_\_\_ carries very heavy items long distances over water
- a car \_\_\_\_\_ is a vehicle that can hold up to 12 cars
- series of tubes used to move oil over great distances
- where people check cargo before entrance is allowed
- business of moving items from one place to another
- carries cargo quickly through the air

shipping  
hauler

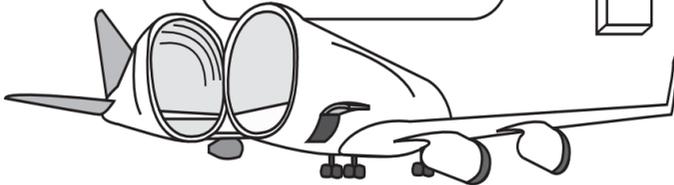
unload

train

ship

Goods are moved

- through the \_\_\_\_\_ r
- across \_\_\_\_\_ t \_\_\_\_\_
- over \_\_\_\_\_ n \_\_\_\_\_

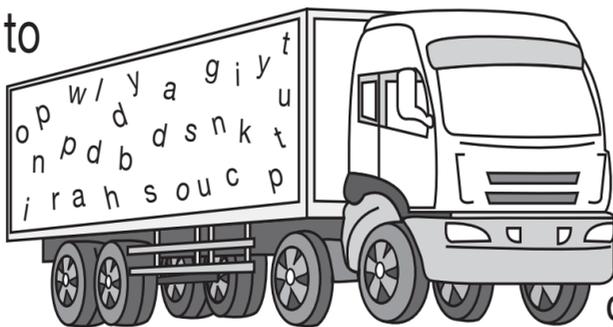


## What is Needed to Ship Goods?

People want to ship goods, trade with others, and have well-stocked stores. We all know that it takes vehicles to do these things. But, what else is needed?

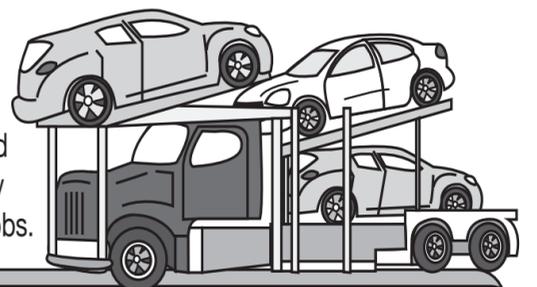
Warehouses, train stations, airports and ports on waterways have to be built. **Fill in the missing letters to name the support systems or "infrastructure" needed for shipping.**

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## Who Moves the Freight?

To move cargo around the world it takes many people doing a lot of jobs.



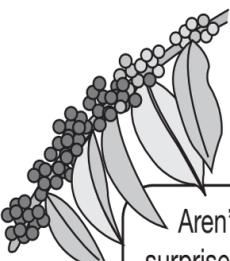
Can you find and circle these workers in the puzzle?

- truck driver
- train engineer
- dock worker
- traffic clerk
- dispatcher
- pilot
- ship's captain
- forklift operator
- cargo inspector
- car hauler

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## Where Does it Come From?

People all over the world grow food and make things to sell. Where do foods and goods come from? Match the goods below to the country that is the top (or one of the top) exporter for that item:



- coffee
- bananas
- tea
- olives
- cocoa beans
- beef
- cars

- Ecuador
- Brazil
- Brazil
- Spain
- China
- Germany
- Côte d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast)



- rice
- apples
- electronics
- cotton
- sugar
- clothing
- coconuts

- China
- Brazil
- U.S.A.
- China
- Indonesia
- China
- Poland



Aren't you surprised that Poland is one of the largest exporters of apples?



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Case Number: 20DR12

**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](http://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

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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:**

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Date: 8/3/2020  
/s/ Jeri Gilchrist  
Published: September 10, 17, 24, October 1 and 8, 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.  
Published: September 3, 10, 17 and 24, 2020  
Rio Blanco Herald Times

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITIONER FOR THE ORGANIZATION OF THE RIO BLANCO WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT**  
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Case Number: 1990CV26  
**NOTICE**  
TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:  
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a Motion has been filed in the above-referenced action requesting the appointment of Directors for Division A to the Board of Directors of the Rio Blanco Water Conservancy District (the "District").  
Said Motion requests that a Director be appointed for Division A for the remainder of a four-year term to expire on March 31, 2023 or upon the appointment of his/her successor pursuant to these proceedings.  
THE COURT will hear said Motion on Wednesday, November 18, 2020, at 1:30 p.m. in the Rio Blanco County District Court, 455 Main Street, Meeker, CO 81641. All persons desiring to attend may do so by calling in to the Court at (970) 928-3095. Any person seeking appointment to the

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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:  
**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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DISTRICT COURT, RIO BLANCO COUNTY,  
STATE OF COLORADO  
Court Address:  
455 Main Street, P.O. Box 1150, Meeker, CO 81641  
(970) 878-5622 telephone  
**IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITIONER FOR THE ORGANIZATION OF THE RIO BLANCO WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT**  
Attorneys for RBWCD:  
Name: Edward B. Olszewski, #24723  
Address: P.O. Box 916, 1204 Grand Ave., Glenwood Springs, CO 81602  
Phone Number: (970)928-9100  
Fax Number: (970)928-9600  
E-mail: ed@ommpc.com  
Case Number: 1990CV26  
**NOTICE**  
TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:  
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a Motion has been filed in the above-referenced action requesting the appointment of Directors for Division A to the Board of Directors of the Rio Blanco Water Conservancy District (the "District").  
Said Motion requests that a Director be appointed for Division A for the remainder of a four-year term to expire on March 31, 2023 or upon the appointment of his/her successor pursuant to these proceedings.  
THE COURT will hear said Motion on Wednesday, November 18, 2020, at 1:30 p.m. in the Rio Blanco County District Court, 455 Main Street, Meeker, CO 81641. All persons desiring to attend may do so by calling in to the Court at (970) 928-3095. Any person seeking appointment to the

**BEFORE THE COLORADO OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE AND APPLICATION FOR HEARING DOCKET NO. 200600158**  
TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AND TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:  
Pursuant to Rule 522.e., the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission Staff has applied to the Commission for an Order Finding Violation against Chevron USA Inc (Operator No. 16700), to adjudicate allegations in the Notice of Alleged Violation No. 402319636.  
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 and Gas Conservation Commission 1120 Lincoln St., Suite 801 Denver, CO 80203  
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" "Enforcement".  
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Board or any person suggesting the appointment of any person to said Board shall so advise the Clerk of said Court and shall file with said Clerk a Petition for Appointment and a Statement of Qualification of any such person by the close of business on Monday, October 19, 2020. The address of the Clerk of the District Court is 455 Main Street, Meeker, CO 81641. A copy should also be provided to counsel for the District. Olszewski, Massih & Maurer, P.C. at P.O. Box 916, Glenwood Springs, CO 81602. A form of Petition for Appointment may be obtained from the Clerk of the District Court, (970) 878-5622 or at the District's office, 2252 E. Main St., Rangely, CO 81648 (970) 675-5055.  
Any person applying must have resided within the District and within the Division for a period of one (1) year prior to appointment and shall be the owner of real property within the District and shall be knowledgeable in water matters with a background reflecting the agricultural, municipal, industrial, or other interests in the beneficial use of water within the District.  
RIO BLANCO WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT  
By: /s/ Edward B. Olszewski  
Edward B. Olszewski, Atty. Reg. #24723  
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**MEEKER HIGHLAND CEMETERY BOARD MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS 265 COUNTY ROAD 4, MEEKER, CO 81641 Thursday, October 8th, 2020, 8:30 a.m.**  
1. Call to order  
2. Approve agenda  
3. Approve minutes Regular Board meeting September 10th  
4. Approve bills and deeds  
5. Public Input  
6. Old Business  
a. Water and sprinkler system  
7. New Business  
a. CEBT renewal  
8. Staff Updates  
Adjourn  
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Skyway Towers is requesting comment concerning a 60.7-meter (overall height) self-supporting lattice type telecommunications tower. The tower location is 4544 CR 104, Dinosaur, CO 81610 (near 40 15 39.9N, 108 41 52.3W, NAD 83). The tower is not lighted. The FCC Form 854 File Number is A1174013. Interested persons may review the application by going to [www.fcc.gov/asr/applications](http://www.fcc.gov/asr/applications) and entering the Form 854 File Number. Interested parties may raise environmental concerns about the proposed action by filing a Request for Environmental Review (RER) with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The FCC strongly encourages interested parties to file RER online; instructions can be found at [www.fcc.gov/asr/environmentalrequest](http://www.fcc.gov/asr/environmentalrequest). However, if an online request is not possible, interested parties may mail their request to: FCC Requests for Environmental Review, Attn: Ramon Williams, 445 12th Street SW, Washington, DC 20554. Comments may be sent to David McGlothlin of NewFields, LLC at [dmcglothlin@newfields.com](mailto:dmcglothlin@newfields.com) or 3265 N. Fort Apache Road, Suite 110, Las Vegas, NV 89129. Mr. McGlothlin can be reached at 828-450-0055. [Massadonna - CO-04016]  
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Skyway Towers is requesting comment concerning a 60.7-meter (overall height) guyed type telecommunications tower. The tower location is 7517 CR 103, Rangely, CO 81648 (near 39 55 23.0N, 108 37 32.7W, NAD 83). The tower is not lighted. The FCC Form 854 File Number is A1174067. Interested persons may review the application by going to [www.fcc.gov/asr/applications](http://www.fcc.gov/asr/applications) and entering the Form 854 File Number. Interested parties may raise environmental concerns about the proposed action by filing a Request for Environmental Review (RER) with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The FCC strongly encourages interested parties to file RER online; instructions can be found at [www.fcc.gov/asr/environmentalrequest](http://www.fcc.gov/asr/environmentalrequest). However, if an online request is not possible, interested parties may mail their request to: FCC Requests for Environmental Review, Attn: Ramon Williams, 445 12th Street SW, Washington, DC 20554. Comments may be sent to David McGlothlin of NewFields, LLC at [dmcglothlin@newfields.com](mailto:dmcglothlin@newfields.com) or 3265 N. Fort Apache Road, Suite 110, Las Vegas, NV 89129. Mr. McGlothlin can be reached at 828-450-0055. [Diamond - CO-04017]  
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**MEEKER SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1 Board of Education Regular Meeting 555 Garfield Street Meeker, CO 81641 September 28, 2020 - 7:00 p.m.**  
**Community members wishing to observe the work session may do so by using the following Google Meet link:** <https://meet.google.com/rmq-pfng-hbd?hs=122&authuser=0>  
**Community members wishing to attend the work session in person are asked to RSVP to chris.selle@meeker.k12.co.us no later than 72 hours prior to the meeting. An alternative meeting location may be selected to ensure physical distancing, if needed.**  
1. Call to Order and Roll Call  
2. Pledge of Allegiance: Mr. Amack will lead the Pledge of Allegiance  
3. Welcome of Guests  
4. Approval of Agenda  
**Student Celebrations:** Meeker High School Art **Staff Recognition:** n/a  
**General Public Comment Session:** (comments limited to three minutes)  
**Public/Committee Reports:** DAC, Meeker Education Foundation, BOCES  
**Principal Reports:** - Attached  
**Superintendent Report:** - Attached  
**Consent Agenda:**  
1. Approval: Minutes from Regular Board Meetings on June 22, 2020 & August 24, 2020  
2. Acceptance: Financial Reports and Check Vouchers for August 2020  
**Action Items:**  
1. Approval: Personnel  
a. MS Cross Country Volunteer Coach - Natasha Clatterbaugh & Briar Meszaros  
b. Certified/Classified Substitute - Molly Turner & Kelli Henry  
c. Classified Substitute - Marty Casey  
2. Approval: CASB Recommended Policy Update - Online Link (2nd Reading)  
3. Approval: Acellus Academy Quote (Elementary School online learning vendor)  
4. Approval: Resolution in support of Proposition EE - Tobacco & Vaping Tax  
5. Approval: Resolution in support of Amendment B - Gallagher Amendment Repeal  
6. Approval: 2020-2021 Superintendent Goals  
7. Approval: Updated Student Fee Schedule  
**Other BOE Information:**  
1. Construction Update  
2. COVID-19 Precautions for BOE Meetings  
3. Finance Update  
**Executive Session (if needed): Adjournment**  
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**RIO BLANCO COUNTY 2020 BRIDGE MAINTENANCE PROJECT REQUEST FOR BID**  
**PROJECT NAME, LOCATION AND GENERAL SCOPE OF WORK**

2020 Rio Blanco County Bridge Maintenance Project. Three structures are involved: County Road (CR) 12 Mile Post (MP) 0.08 Bridge over White River, CR 12 MP 2.47 Bridge over Marvine Creek and CR 15 MP 16.75 Bridge over Milk Creek.

**CONTRACT DOCUMENTS**  
Contract Documents shall be available on-line at [www.govbids.com/scripts/co1/public/home1.asp](http://www.govbids.com/scripts/co1/public/home1.asp), or on the county's website at <https://www.rbc.us/bids.aspx> or at the Rio Blanco County Road and Bridge Dept. 570 2 nd Street, Meeker, Colorado 81641 on September 24, 2020.

**VENDOR QUALIFICATIONS**  
Vendors must be listed on the most current CDOT Pre-qualified Contractor Listing. Vendors must provide a current and valid copy of their Certificate of Good Standing issued by the State of Colorado Secretary of State.

**PROJECT SUPERINTENDENT AND QUESTIONS**  
Van Pilaud, County Engineer, (970) 878-9590, Fax (970) 878-3396. All Bidders are advised to examine the sites and become familiar with all conditions. Any questions regarding this Project are to be directed in writing to Van Pilaud before 4:00 P.M. on October 6, 2020 to [van.pilaud@rbc.us](mailto:van.pilaud@rbc.us).

**WORK SCHEDULE**  
Work shall begin on or after October 14, 2020 and be complete by November 30, 2020. Contractor schedule shall be included with bid.

**MANDATORY PRE-BID MEETING**  
Bidders must attend the mandatory pre-bid meeting: Monday, October 5, 2020 at 10:00 A.M. at the Rio Blanco County Road & Bridge Dept., 570 Second Street, Meeker.

**Due to the COVID-19 pandemic,** attendees must RSVP by 5:00 P.M. Friday, October 2, 2020 to [van.pilaud@rbc.us](mailto:van.pilaud@rbc.us). Attendees will be screened at the door, must wear face masks (self-provided) until seated, and shall maintain 6 feet between themselves and others.

**BID SUBMITTALS**  
Bids shall have Vendor's name and address and "2020 BRIDGE MAINTENANCE PROJECT" written on the sealed envelope. All required documents shall be included with the bid or it shall be rejected. Each bid must include a certified check or cashier's check in the amount of not less than five percent (5%) of the total bid, made payable to Rio Blanco County, or by a bid bond in like amount executed by a surety company.  
**Mailed bids:** Do not depend on overnight delivery. Due no later than 4:00 P.M. on Wednesday, October 7, 2020. Rio Blanco County Commissioners, Attn: Lori Zentmeyer, P.O. Box 599, 555 Main St. 3 rd Floor, Meeker, CO 81641.

**On the date of bid opening:** Hand-delivered bids will be accepted until 11:00 A.M. on October 8, 2020 at the bid opening location, Rio Blanco County Courthouse, 3 rd Floor Commissioner Meeting Room, 555 Main St., Meeker, CO 81641.

**BID OPENING**  
Bids shall be opened and read in public at 11:15 A.M. on Thursday, October 8, 2020 at the Rio Blanco County Courthouse, 3 rd Floor Commissioner Meeting Room, 555 Main Street, Meeker, CO 81641. Bids submitted after 11:00 A.M. shall be returned unopened. Bids submitted and opened shall not be withdrawn for 30 days thereafter.

**BID PREFERENCE**  
C.R.S. 8-19-101, et seq. shall be observed on all construction contracts on public projects. The law states that when a construction contract for a public project is to be awarded to a bidder, a resident bidder shall be allowed preference against a nonresident bidder from another state equal to the preference given or required by the state in which the nonresident bidder is a resident.

**COLORADO LABOR**  
C.R.S. 8-19-101 states "whenever any public works project financed in whole or in part by funds of the state, counties, school districts, or municipalities of the state of Colorado are undertaken in this state, Colorado labor shall be employed to perform at least eighty percent of the work. The governmental body financing a public works project shall waive the eighty percent requirement if there is reasonable evidence to demonstrate insufficient Colorado labor to perform the work of the project and if compliance with this article would create an undue burden that would substantially prevent a project from proceeding to completion".

**TITLE VI COMPLIANCE**  
The Rio Blanco County Road & Bridge Department is committed to compliance of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and related statutes.

**BID AWARD**  
The Rio Blanco County Board of County Commissioners reserve the right to reject any or all bids; to waive any informalities in bids; and to accept the bid that, in the opinion of the Board, is in the best interest of the County of Rio Blanco, State of Colorado.  
RIO BLANCO COUNTY  
Dated: September 24, 2020  
By: Jeff Rector, Chairman  
Published: September 24 and October 1, 2020  
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**Eastern Rio Blanco County 911 Emergency Telephone Service Board Rio Blanco County Sheriff's Office Training Room 355 4th Street, Meeker, CO 81641**

**Board Meeting - October 1, 2020 at 12:00pm**

**Proposed Agenda**  
1. Call Meeting to Order  
2. Approval of Agenda  
3. Approval of the Previous Minutes

**Financial Report**  
**Old Business**  
1. 911 CPE purchase  
2. Phone log purchase  
3. Bylaws

**New Business**  
1. 911 Update  
2. HB 20-1293  
3. 2021 Budget Discussion  
4. Bookkeeper / Payment  
5. Bank Account Signers

**Other Business**  
1. Move to go into Executive Session to discuss contract negotiations.  
**Adjournment**  
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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 <sup>1</sup>	Percentage Change
	Total Volumetric	Total Volumetric	
<b>North Colorado*</b>			
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 Monthly Bill	Percentage Change
<b>North Colorado*</b>			
Residential	\$50.16	\$54.45	9%
Small Commercial, Commercial	225.98	252.55	12%
Irrigation	232.69	258.71	11%
	Prior Year's Peak Month Bill	Projected Peak Month Bill	Percentage Change
<b>North Colorado*</b>			
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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**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

**Lifeguards**  
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For details and an application, go to [www.ERBMR.com](http://www.ERBMR.com) or 101 Ute Road, Meeker CO. 970-878-7417  
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**MEEKER SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1 Employment Opportunities**

**Barone Middle School**  
• Co-Head Coach Volleyball  
• Co-Head Coach Boys' Basketball

**ADA/EOE**  
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For details and an application, please visit our website at [Meeker.k12.co.us](http://Meeker.k12.co.us) or Meeker School District Administration at 555 Garfield St., Meeker, CO  
**970-878-9040**

PUBLIC NOTICES

## 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**  
**mcox@rangelyco.gov**  
**970-675-8476**

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

**FOOD BANK OF THE ROCKIES**  
Monthly Food Distribution  
Rio Blanco County Fairgrounds  
@11:30 AM  
**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2020**  
Wednesday, October 22, 2020  
Wednesday, November 25, 2020  
Wednesday, December 23, 2020

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

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.

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

**AUCTION: Annual Fall Consignment Auction Saturday September 26th, at 9 a.m.**  
2368 S. 1500 E. (Hwy. 40) in Vernal Utah.  
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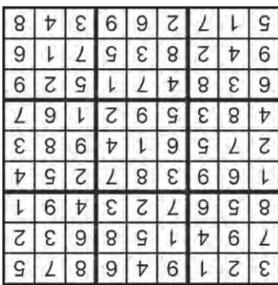
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8 a.m. to ?

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**\$252,000**

- ◆ 960 Hill St. — 2BD, 1 BA ranch style home with full unfinished basement. \$117,000 SOLD!
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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  
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1042 Park Ave - Classic 2 story 3BD/1BA/2,340 SF home w/ rustic barn, 3 Lg. lots+fruit trees...\$195,000  
10 E Market St...SALE PENDING  
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+ sq.ft. Home includes 3BD/2BA, has both living room and family room, beautiful finishes throughout, large fenced-in back yard with mature trees, plus an oversized two-car garage with built-in shelving...\$230,000  
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- \*395 6th St- Residential/Commercial corner lot near post office. 2 story, 4 BR, 2 BA, beautiful hard wood floors, basement. Previously used as offices, retail and residential. Great location. \$225,000 SALE PENDING!
- \*2101 Meath Dr.- 35 acres in Little Beaver Estates 8 miles east of Meeker. Good pasture. Great views. \$89,900.
- \*1751 Bright Water Lane- 39 Acres with White River, irrigated hay meadow, and great home sites. 5,000 sq ft barn with power, septic & cistem. Borders BLM. 14 miles west off of Hwy 64. Great hunting area. \$375,000. SOLD!
- \*5807 CR 7- Vacant 20 acre parcel, 9 mi. North, on Strawberry Creek. \$75,000. SALE PENDING!

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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!

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NEW HOME UNDER CONSTRUCTION!  
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Sotheby's INTERNATIONAL REALTY Suzan Pelloni 970.623.2900 <a href="mailto:YourMeekerExpert@gmail.com">YourMeekerExpert@gmail.com</a> View listings online: SuzanPelloni.Realtor	1157 Rd. 57-Riverfront, Meadows and Home	\$2,290,000	1301 Sage Ridge Rd	PENDING	7.46 Acres, E. Market St.- Highway Frontage, Great Traffic	\$249,000
	2204 Rd. 7-618 Acres, 2 Homes, Shop, Grazing Permit	\$1,660,000	1368 Juniper Rd.	SOLD	815 Sulphur Cr.	PENDING
	40± Unencumbered Acres-1,449' Riverfront	\$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.	SOLD
	Elk Mountain Inn-21 rooms, Bar, Restaurant, Courtyard	\$975,000	1159 Miami 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	\$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.	SOLD	Ridge Estates Subdivision - 20 Rural Residential Lots	Starting at \$45,000
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